

was reserved for an Irishman to bear away the high marks of literary distinction which have been conferred on Rev. Mr. Croko.

PROMOTION.

To the parish of Clonegad, Clare, vacant by the sudden death of the Reverend George O'Shaughnessy, the Reverend Mr. Brian, curate of Kilrush, has been appointed.—*Freeman*.

PROFESSION.

On the 24th ult., at Loretto Abbey, the solemn ceremony of religious profession was celebrated. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Murray assisted. A beautiful and instructive discourse on the virtues of the Blessed Mother of God, and the obligations of the ascetic life was preached by the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, of Waterford. The attendance was most respectable and numerous.

POETRY.

REFLECTIONS.

Days of my youth! ye have glided away,
Hairs of my youth! ye are frosted and gray;
Eyes of my youth! your keen sight is no more;
Cheeks of my youth! ye are furrowed all o'er;
Strength of my youth! all your vigour is gone;
Thoughts of my youth! your gay visions are
flown.

Days of my youth! I wish not to recall;
Hairs of my youth! I'm content you should fall;
Eyes of my youth! ye much evil have seen;
Cheeks of my youth! bathed in tears have you
been;

Thoughts of my youth! ye have led me astray;
Strength of my youth! why lament your decay?

Days of my age! you will shortly be past;
Pains of my age! yet awhile ye may last;
Joys of my age! in true wisdom delight:
Eyes of my age! be religion your light;
Thoughts of my age! dread not the cold sod;
Hopes of my age! be ye fixed on your God.

Take care lest you admit any suspicions into your mind, because they are the poison of friendship.

—*St. Augustine.*

Whenever you give anything, mortify not with harsh words. A sweet word excels whatever you can give; it is above all your other presents.

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AT ST. MARY'S.

- OCTOBER 30—Mrs. Burns of a Son.
31—Mrs. Gopley of a Daughter.
NOVEMBER 1—Mrs. McManus of a Son.
2—Mrs. Keys of a Daughter.
3—Mrs. Murphy of a Daughter.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- NOVEMBER 2—Austin Needham, native of Ireland, aged 61 years.
3—Mary Ann, Infant Daughter of James and Elizabeth Dalton, aged 3 months and 16 days.
3—John Kennedy, native of Carrick-on-Suir, County of Tipperary, Ireland, aged 54 years.

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