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CATHOLIC CALENDAR For November, 1880.

THURSDAY, 18.-Dedication of Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. FRIDAY, 19.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow. St. Pontian, Pope and Martyr. SATURDAY, 20.-St. Felix of Valois, Confessor.

SUNDAY, 2I.—Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost Presentation of the B.V.M. Less. Ecclus. xxix. 14-16; Gosp. Luke xi. 2*-26; Last Gesp. Matt. xxiv. 15-35. Bp. Barry, Savannah, died, 1859. Monday, 22 .- St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. TUESDAY, 28 .- St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.

WEDNESDAY, 24.-F*. John of the Cross, Confessor. Cons. Abp. Lamy, Santa Fe, 1850.

THE "POST. for the reason that it was only on Saturday the Manager of the Post Printing Company concluded arrangements for the purchase of a press, and it will take time to take its component parts asunder, pack and transmit them, and put them together again in our offices so promise the first number of the resurrected the 8th of December.

The interregnum between the 22nd of May and the 8th of December has more than ever convinced the Irish of Canada in general, and Mentreal in particular, of the absolute necessity of a daily paper such as the Post. Never a day passes that the general reader does not take up some one journal or another in which his susceptibilities as an Trishman or an Irish Canadian are wounded, and wounded all the deeper because he sees no way in which to defend himself or his counanswer to an attack in our very impartial daily press. We see whole pages of our leading papers dedicated day after day to Anglican synods, Methodist conferences and Preswith contempt by our Canadian journals, ex. | thankfully received. cept in a few rare instances. If then we be asked, as we have been asked, what are you starting such a paper as the Post for the foregoing is our answer. If Montreal, if Canadian, papers were as just to Ireland as | in Rome with the sanction, if not by the they are to England, as impartial towards the authority, of Pope Leo the Thirteenth him-Catholic as they are to other creeds, then there would surely be no necessity for the Post. | started to supply a want long felt in the holy We appeal, therefore, for the support of the city, and its mission is to discuss the affairs general public, but especially to our own peo- of the day -religious, political and scientificple in Montreal, and Canada at large, for we in a manner approved by the Catholic contend that the Post is as useful as a defen- | Church. At all events we may feel assured sive organ to the English-speaking Catholic | that nothing anti-Catholic will creep into the in Toronto, in Halifax, in Sarnia or in Aurora, and also that it is the organ of the | "Island to Point St. Charles, a distance of | States are: California, Alabama, Arkansas, Hamilton, as to his co-religionist in Mont- | Pope, for such it has been proclaimed and | "9,000 feet from bank to bank, by 900 feet | Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky. real.

they had been paid, in fact, the original press, would never have left this had no voice in the political affairs of the friends of the enterprise to step forward and greater control than any other individual. show the faith that is in them. Let the recal- To forcibly realize the necessity for such an citrant stockholders pay up their calls, let our s dvocating patrons settle their accounts, member the numerous cablegrams which and above all, let our country subscribers | reach this continent from time to time telling fo ward the amounts due at once. It would surprise some of them to know the many thousands of dollars due the TRUE WITNESS from those well able to pay. This money is chiefly due from farmers who were perhaps pressed for cash in the few past years, but whom Providence has this year blessed so bountifully with a harvest that the excuse of not being able can no longer be considered valid. The TRUE WITNESS is the cheapest paper of its class on this continent, and competent critics count it also one of the best, so that our backward subscribers cannot say they do not receive the worth of their money. It prompt answers from a good many of our country friends, but not commensurate with our legitimate expectations, and if we ask them once more, one and all, to remit the amounts due, it is not that we are fond of asking, but that it is a duty we owe the Com pany and the party who advanced the funds for the sake of a daily paper. Let our agents then make one bold effort, and, now that the harvests are garnered and sold, we feel sure their demands will be cheerfully met. We also request the stockholders to come forward and show the same amount of confidence in the Evening Post and its future they manifested when they signed the stock list.

PARNELL DEFENCE FUND.

The Irish National Land League has made an appeal to their countrymen all over the world to assist them in the present crisis. They require twenty thousand pounds to carry on their defence against a Government and a class which have unlimited means at their disposal. The Government have secured the services of the leading counsel in Iteland, leaving Mr. Parnell and his associates the refuse, thus handicapping them from the commencement. The time-honored system of jury-packing will also be resorted to, so that the odds against the traversers is something fearful. Their chief dependence now, therefore is in the justice of their cause, and in the assistance of their fellow-countrymen at home and abroad. We cannot too often impress on the minds of our readers the fact that it is nor a creed, a class or a faction which is now being proceeded against: it is the entire Irish nation, through its representatives; so that the Government is trying its hand at what some writers allege to be an impossibility, namely, the indictment of a whole nation. There are few of the readers of the TRUE WITNESS who have not suffered either directly We are in this issue of the TRUE WITNESS | or indirectly through the curse of landlordenabled to make an announcement that will ism; to them no appeal should be necessary. be received with pleasure by our readers, | We have, however, among our constituents which is that, after a suspension of over six over two thousand Scotchmen and French months, the Evening Post will once more Canadians, who gave generously to our "Post enter the field of journalism. We cannot and TRUE WITNESS Relief Fuzd" who may name the exact day on which it will appear, | not be as ready to come forward in defence of the Land Leaguers, owing to the fearful accounts they have seen in the papers about the communistic doings of the Irish leaders. But they should bear in mind that the great majority of the Irish hierarchy and clergy support the land platform of the League and have as to be ready for use, but we can safely so impressed His Holiness Pope Leo NIH. with its justice, and the absence from it of daily will be sold on the streets on or before | the taint of socialism or communism, that his official organ, the Aurora, has come out and endorsed the Land League, notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear upon His Holiness by the English Government and the powerful Catholic aristocracy. When a question of eternal justice is up for adjudication the Pope knows neither rich nor poor, great or lowly, he knows nothing but right, and he governs himself accordingly. Let our friends capacity is a popular one in the city, and then come forward, according to their means, for it is most likely this is the last time poor Ireland will have to send round try. Experience teaches him how difficult the hat. If Parnell and his friends obtain done, though he confesses it will cost a large it is even to obtain insertion for a reply in justice—and they are on the high road to it— Ireland will in ten years be one of the most flourishing of the nations. We would, in conclusion, call attention to the fact that when the Tory organ in Ireland, the Daily a peninsula, deepening the space between it byterian conventions, in which the Catholic | Express, called for subscriptions to organize Church is sometimes abused, while it is the Boycott expedition, they received in a few phenomenally rare to see more than a few days several thousands of pounds more than line notice of a Catholic ceremonial. Parnell | were necessary. It is true we are not as rich and the Land League, the island of Ireland, as the landlords, but we can at least give acevery aspiration of the Irish people, every cording to our means, and, as the hackneved appeal for fair play and justice, are treated saying has it, the smallest donation will be

ROME AND IRELAND. It is within the knowledge of our readers that a Catholic journal has been established self. This journal, called the Aurora, was accepted. This is the age of newspapers. In dealing with this subject it may be ne- | Neither a pope, nor a king, nor a people can cessary to say a few words, halt in confidence. do without an organ, and when therefore The money necessary for the purchase of the | His Hollness Leo the Thirteenth recognized press, notwithstanding a third call had been the necessity of giving his sanction to the made on the Stockholders, was not forth- establishment of a journal which would reflect coming, and the Manager, sooner than delay the opinions of the Vatican on matters enany longer in such an important time, ad- tirely apart from the unchangeable doctrines vanced the money out of his private means. of the Catholic Church, he fell in with the As has been stated before more than once, spirit of the age, as his predecessors had done this would have been unnecessary if half the in their time. It would not be altogether amount due the Company for stock, adver- acting in good policy to let every "howling

Head of the Church alone stood silent, and establishmer at. It now therefore behooves the earth, over whose civilized population he has organ of opinion it is only necessary to reus how angry His Holiness was at the fact of Cardinal McCloskey receiving Parnell, and at the dissatisfaction expressed by the Vatican at the present agitation in Ireland generally. His Eminence contradicted those lying despatches at first, but after awhile they became so monotonous that he did not condescend to notice them, and there is no denying they had the intended effect on a good many simple people who are inclined to believefoclish souls-that anything they see in print is true, or has at least some foundation. It cannot fail to have been remarked how industriously the press hostile to Ireland and is true that our previous appeals have drawn | Irishmen bandled their despatches about and rung the changes on them ad nauseam, and how religiously they withheld any scraps of news which would give comfort to the Irish people. The enemies of those people hold possession of the wires and cables, and run the press all over the British world, and it is their own fault, for somehow or other they have not yet realized what a power is the daily press for good or ill. Hence it is that we only received contradictions of the bogus Vatican decrees by mail a considerable time after the mischief was done. It does, however, happen sometimes that the truth filters through, as we believe it has in the cablegram which follows:-

ROME, November 10 .- The Aurora, the organ of the Vatican prints an article for orable to the Irish Land League, in which it says:-In consequence of the insupportable state of the Irish peasantry, the people must shake off their oppression. Crimes committed in Ireland are not attributable to the Land League. A radical reform is indispensable, otherwise Ircland will be compelled to choose between anarchy and

The Aurora is surely well informed this time, and the announcement it makes will not, for it cannot, have the effect of making the Irish people more fervently affectionate towards the Holy See, but it will make them understand that Leo the Thirteenth-whom may Heaven long preserve-has at last begun to draw his information from other and better sources than English cardinals, or expectant cardinals living near Dublin Castle. There is a powerful Catholic aristocracy in England who are not friendly to those who emancipated them ferty years ago i.e., the Irish people. There is always a colony of them at Rome, and heretofore it managed to impress its views upon the Cardinal-Secretary for the time being. But Leo the Thirteenth is an energetic statesman who understands thoroughly the state of Europe without receiving his information from the English foreign office through the aristocratic Catholic colony. He knows the character of the Irish people, he knows they are neither Socialists nor Communists, and he knows it is no trifling grievance causes them to take their present spirited stand. They have suffered long and they have suffered horribly and it is time their suffering should end. At all events their oppressors will find no sympathy from the Pope. The clouds above Ireland are breaking away, or where they not they are assuming a golden border. It is not Archbishop McCabe, the tavorite of England, who is to be made cardinal, but Archbishop Croke, the beloved of Ireland, the defender of the Land League, and this, together with the utterances of the Aurora, should be to the Irish people matter for the deepest rejoicing. Hagnue est veritas et prevalibit.

THE idea of making Montreal a Peninsula and thereby increasing its commercial would be a grand one if possible of being carried out. Mr. Shearer, the originator of the scheme, is sanguine that the thing can be sum of money. His plan is to make the south shore of the St. Lawrence a place for a good harbour, as well as the north, which could be done by making the Island part of and St. Lamberts, and making an embankment out of the excavation to extend to Point St. Charles, and thus prevent the periodical flooding of Griffintown. Mr. Shearer claimed that it would also prevent the annual shoving of the ice. This is how Mr. Shearer himself puts it in his letter to the Harbour Commissioners :-"I beg to submit the following plan to "remove for ever the shoving of ice opposite "the city, flooding of Griffintown, and blocking "up of ice at Isle Ronde, caused by Moffatt's "Island and other projections in the main channel between the Island and St. "Lamberts, which is twice as wide as Isle Ronde. I propose to have all the obstruc-"tions removed, leaving a level bottom and clear run for the entire St. Lawrence to pass on the southeast side of St. Helen's Island, and with the material taken out for the "channel build a peninsula from St. Helen's "wide, thus raising the water two feet in the Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri "river and lowering it two feet in the harbour "making a still-water harbour, removing St. "Mary's current and giving a head of four feet | Virginia. The Democratic States give Hanfor mills, elevators and factories, and cock a majority of about 510,000 and he retransporting of freight, and would give ceived more than 30,000 of the popular vote ample accommodation for railroads along all over, so that he would have been elected it to Isle Ronde, a distance of three if there was no such institutions as an miles. It would also give a roadway across | Electoral College. As regards the College, "the river for all coming traffic by a bridge Garfield received 214 and Hancock 155, "from St. Helen's Island to St. Lamberts, making in all 369. California was the only

"way from the city to St. Helen's Island and elected on the State ticket, so that the power and pure water for the city could be obtained from the St. Lawrence. The facilities this enterprise " would afford, not only to this city and har-"bour but to the whole country, are beyond the comprehension of any one of present. It must be confessed that the enterprise advocated by Mr. Shearer is a difficult one, but if difficulties were allowed to stand in the way of engineers, we should have heard nothing of the Suez Canal, Victoria Bridge, or the great Pacific Railroad.

enemy of the religious orders, has received his first severe check in France. His popularity is on the wane, and if he does not mind himself he will be relegated to the sphere simple member of the Chamber of Deputies, instead of dictator of the fair land of France. He is one of those men who possess a certain amount of ability with an enormous quantity of cheek, one of those men who frighten assemblies by the loudness of their voices and the magnitude of their pretensions. It was Gambetta who urged, nay commanded, the Ministry to carry out the decrees against religious houses, and it is Gambetta who creates prime ministers and uses President Grovy as a puppet. It is he who in fact rules France without shouldering any responsibility. But this state of affairs cannot continue. The nation is becoming restive and the President unruly. He dismissed De Freycinet to please the dictator, but he new finds that it is possible that he may be giving Mr. Gambetta credit for more popularity than he really possesses. It is said that Gambetta, who is a great friend of Sir Charles Dilke, advised that statesman mot to accept office, as it would take from his real power, an advice which shows his own ideas of power and responsibility. His idea is to keep away from ministries until the time arrives when he can jump at one bound into the Presidential chair, but if the Chambers continue to grow refractory it is doubtful if he will not be forced to form a ministry himself, and after a trial descend into Lethe with the other score of ex-premiers which have humbugged France in so many years. He has certainly lost control over the Chambers, and may never regain it. It is said that when he wants to frighten the Chamber into submission to his imperious will he threatens it with mysterious hints of a disunited France before Germany. The threat, however, will only answer its purpose for a time; it will by and by become as monetonous as the cry of wolf. When knaves fell out it is said honest men come by their own, and it may turn out that the Catholics will grow tired of such squabblers as Gambetta, Ferry fields and work like ordinary mortals. But & Co., and oust them from power and in-

reland must find it paying at the present time, on account of the vast number of threatening letters passing through the post office which have, of course, to be stamped. Everyone-receives a threatening letter almost, and they are becoming a perfect nuisance. The reports in English papers from their correspendents in Ireland cannot finish very well without the announcement that "Lord So-and-So has received a threatening letter." As a matter of course, foolish people do write such letters, but as a general rule they are the class who never carry out their threats, and the old saying that " threatened men live long" is as true in Ireland as elsewhere. But the vest majority of threatening letters are forged, and are written by parties to bring odium on the people's cause. An agent for an absentee landlord, for instance, often finds it convenient and profitable to write himself a threatening letter, as it must enhance his value in the eyes of his master. These reports still continue, though several of the most prominent gentlemen, who are alleged to have received them, contradict them over their own signatures in the London papers. The latest instance of this is Lord Lucan, one of the heroic survivors of Balaclava. He is a Mayo landlord, and the report concerning him was that the poor, aged nobleman could not ride or walk over his own property without an armed escort. The aged lord now contradicts this point-blank, and says he has never during his life received the slightest molestation or a threatening letter. Lord Annesley's hasty flight from Ireland, owing to a threstening letter sent him by his wife's French waiting-woman, is another instance of this scare and the false alarms prevalent in Ireland.

HER MAJESTY'S POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT in

the Republican candidate is elected. The this is improbable. Democrats, it is true, talk of counting out New York, but this is all nonsense. The States which voted for Garfield are: Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowas Maine, Kansas, Massachussets, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin, giving the Republicans 480,000 majority, while the Democratic Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West

succeed them are relieved from their sus-

THE Star has a peculiar way of advocating a policy or striking an enemy. It thinks, for instance, that Mr. M. P. Ryan should not be made Collector of Customs, because he is not has in turn challenged James Redpath, the a freemason. At least, that is how we translate its article of Saturday. It also implies that it is funny Mr. Simpson should be superannuated to make room for Mr. Ryan, who is of the same age as he. Perhaps the Star Monsieur Leon Gamberta, the dictator of does not think a matter of twelve or thirteen France, the friend of the Prince of Wales, the | years of any importance, but let it ask Mr. Simpson, and he will say it is of the very greatest. As regards the Hon. Mr. McKenzie Bowell we think it is disgraceful his name should be dragged forward when a Catholic for which he is so eminently fitted, that of a appointment is in question. He may be an Orangeman, and an ex-grand master, but that is none of any one's business. We have information from those most concerned in Ottawa, that the Hon. Mr. Powell is one of Saturday's Star. It is an extract from an inthe fairest and most impartial members who have ever held a portfolio in Canada. And forsooth because Mr. Simpson is a freemason, and Sir John A. Macdonald is another, Mr. Ryan cannot become Collector of Custems. Pretty logic that.

" Our Cheerful Friend," a Canadian biographical and family journal, in its last issue contains a sketch of Mr. Matthew Ryan, one of the justices of the Northwest, which does that gentleman ample justice. There was a cabal raised in Winnipeg against Mr. Ryan, which charged him with partiality to certain has the following:litigants. This cabal was formed by a mounted police officer (says the Cheerful Friend) who endeavoured to substitute military for civil authority. An enquiry this with no indication of the context which was instituted at Ottawa, and so strongly were the people of the district in which the Judge administers convinced of his impartiality, that all classes and denominations united to express their appreciation of his conduct in an address, which appears in a Winnipeg paper of June last, signed by ninety of the most influential residents of all | Ireland in this country, as foreshadowing one creeds and politics. Mr. Ryan need not regret the formation of the cabal, since it is the means of vindicating his character so completely and showing his friends and foes how he is esteemed by those who have the best opportunities of knowing him.

THERE is an awful lot of sympathy poured cut on the head of Captain Boycott, Lord Erne's agent, just now, and perhaps he deserves it in many respects. He is romantically described as a shepherd, while Mrs. Boycott is a shepherdess, and the highly nurtured pair are compelled to go into the when we Irish people of Canada were giving according to our means to keep our brethren in the old land from dying of hunger but scant sympathy was extended the victims by the critics of the Land League. And yet they would have been only too happy to descend into the fields and reap what they had sown, too happy if it were permitted them. Alas! it seems that in this world all the sympathy is given to those who do not require it. It is men like this Captain Boycott and his master, Lord Erne, who have brought Ireland to its present condition. It is men such as they who produce artificial famines, and hence they must not be surprised if once in a | tion of that country if he were on the other way their chickens come home to roost, or side of the Atlantic, as he considered it more that they are compelled to reap as they are sewn. If Lord Erne, or Mr. Boycott and his wife-romantic couple that they are-were in danger of dying of hunger, one would be happy to subscribe for their relief. But they are not. It is their serfs who are in danger.

A CAUSE for pleasant surprise is that after all the landlords shot in Izeland there is a solitary individual of that much oppressed class left. Threatening letters have doubtless saved some of them, for the moment the landlord receives one he packs up immediately landlord receives one he packs up immediately gone the way of the Kilkenny cats. Then and starts off to London. Lord Annesley's the country would be filled up with English Ireland and its barbarous chateaux. She is a bright inventive young woman, and no sooner did she learn that it was the intention of Lady Annesley to pass the winter in Ireland than she wrote the Earl a threatening letter. It was a stroke of genius. It acted like magic. A few hours after its receint Lord Annesley and suite, armed to the teeth, including the charming French waitingmaid, were to be seen travelling to Dublin as fast as an express train could carry them, and thence to England by steamer. It is even alleged that some of the landlords write THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS are over, and | threatening letters to themselves, but surely

> We learn with much pleasure that the Hon. Mr. Justice Doberty, of Sherbrooke, will shortly be requested to take a seat on the Bench of the Superior Court for the District his hands, would be at once transmitted 'co of Montreal. We are quite sure that the news will be read with satisfaction by all our readers, and that the change will be a most acceptable one to the Montreal public generally. The Bar have long felt the necessity of additional assistance on the Bench in the city, and we are sure will be glad to have the want supplied by a gentleman of the learned Judge's acknowledged ability, and one who was so long a prominent member of their body, and as such enjoyed the general esteem of his confreres.

MR. JOHN O'FARRELL, the Quebec engineer charged some time ago with what is known as the Holman robbery, has not only vindicated himself fully, but has recovered damages "which is 2,700 feet, thus obviating the State which did not send a solid number of against the Quebec Chronicle to the amount of tisements, job printing or Taue Wit- dervish" scatter his opinions broadcast over "making of a tunnel at Hochelaga or a bridge electors to vote for one candidate, one of the \$150 for libel. He now intends proceeding Protestants who have not actually joined are MBHS subscriptions had been paid. If the world by mail and telegraph, while the wat late Ronde. It would also make a high. Democrats having been scratched and five against Detective Skeffington for talse im. giving assistance

prisonment. This will make newspapers and "St. Lamberts. This embankment would Golden State is singular in its action. The police officers a little more careful in future give a site for water works with pumping army of 100,000 officials now breathe ficely, in tearing the character of a respectable man while the Democratic patriots who hoped to to pieces, and placing his body in durance

> O'Donnell has come once more to the front. this time posing in the attitude of a hero, un. like when, if report is true, he refused the challenge of Challemel-Lacour's friend. He correspondent, and we presume that energetic gentleman is laughing at him. And yet Mr. O'Donnell pretends to leadership,

Messrs. J. D. Gillies, S. W. Budge, Mabou N.S.; Patrick de Vine, Kings Cove, Newfoundland, and Timothy Gorman, Bulger, are agents for the TRUE WITNESS in their respective districts, and are empowered to enroll subscribers and collect money for this

"Ireland is like an hysterical woman, and is not to be quieted by soothing carenses, but rather requires first that the cold water bedashed in her face."-Pall Mall Gazette.

We take the above precious item from cendiary letter which the Pall Mall Gazette prints, while strongly condemning. The meaning of it is that before all Ireland should be brought to her senses by cold steel. Why does not the Star, instead of crediting the item to the Pall Mall Gazzte, tell its renders that it is an extract from a letter written by an Irish landlord?

ALL of the American papers do not believe in the cablegrams sent across the ocean about Mr. Parnell. The American, a new and very able journal, in its issue of November 6th.

"It is quite impossible to place any implicit confidence in the cable dispatches in regard to Ireland. They take at times a soutence or two from Mr. Parnell's speeches, and send us is needed to explain it. Not long ago they telegraphed a couple of sentences which sounded like a proclamation of a war for independence, as about to break out if the League's leaders were arrested. Had Mr. Parnell said exactly and merely what these words amounted to, he would have been arrested within three days. As it was, they caused serious uneasiness to the friends of of those hopeless insurrections in which so many Irishmen have lost their lives.

THE Herald, in its issue of the 8th instant. in its report of the papers represented at the lunch to Mr. Forbes, the "renowned" war correspondent, included the TRUE WIT-NESS. This was a mistake, as there was no representative of that paper present to welcome the calumniator of the Irish people. The Manager and Editor of the TRUE WITNESS were invited, and would have been glad, if their conscience allowed them, to accept, not merely for the sake of Mr. Forbes, but because of their wish to align themselves with the staff of the city papers, than which there is no more agreeable or liberal body of lournalists in any other city on the continent. We could not, as a matter of course, expect that those gentlemen would view Mr. Forbes and his lectures through our spectacles; he was, in their eyes, but a brilliant journalist of whom to be proud, and they governed themselves accordingly; but if they were Irishmen, and read the following extract from the Halifax Mail, October 22nd, they, perhaps, would not be so cordial:-

"We consulted Mr. Forbes, during his recent visit, on the Irish question, and he said he would be taking a look at the situawarlike in its aspect than any other portion of the old world. He would, he said, give the leaders plenty of rope, and keep quiet until the agitation developed into an emente, and then he would lay so heavy a hard on rebellion that the country would become calm. 'If there were no loyal British subjects there to be protected ' he grimly said, it would be best to withdraw our garrisons altogether, and leave the people to govern themselves, taking only the precaution to keen cruisers on the coast to prevent one faction calling in foreign aid against another, and then, after the lapse of a few months, we would find only two or three survivors limping around, the rest of the population having wife has a French maid who has a borror of and Scotch emigrants, and be at rest there-

> If Mr. Forbes were more modest he would be more respected; if Mr. Forbes were less bigoted, he would get along better. But at all events he cannot expect that an Irishman can listen to him complacently. There was, by the way, an Irish correspondent, with still more genius and courage than Forbes who never would think of going around lecturing about the kings and emperors with whom he was so intimate, and that was poor McGahan, whose shoe latch this Scotchman was not worthy of tieing.

THE LAND LEAGUE.

The Montreal branch of the Land League held its usual monthly meeting in the St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday last. Seventy-six new members were elected, and it was announced by the Treasurer, Mr T. Buchanan, that the sum of two hundred dollars, now in Ireland to aid the fund for the defence of Mr. Parnell and the other traversers awr iting trial for trying to lift their country out, of the slough of despondency. A good mr ay more collectors were appointed to canvass the wards for subscriptions, and so me of those already appointed gave encouraging reports of their success.

The speakers of the evening were Mesers. Frank Quinn, Fleming, Murney and Whelan, all of whom suggested the necessity of making strenuous exertions in aid of Ireland at this crisis in her history.

It was moved by J. B. Lane, seconded by-J. P. Whelan, that a mass meeting of citizens in sympathy with Ireland in her constitutional struggle be held at un early date, and unanimously carried, after which the meeting adjourned. We may add that several of the new members were ladies, who were represented by proxy, that several Irish Protestants and a few French Canadians have joined the League, while the collectors report that