

lows: If the atmosphere is dry, and the weather promises to be settled, the solid parts of the camphor in the liquid contained in the tube will remain at the bottom, and the liquid above will be quite clear; but on the approach of a change to rain, the solid matter will gradually rise, and small crystalline stars will float about in the liquid. On the approach of high winds, the solid parts of the camphor will rise in the form of leaves, and appear near the surface

in a state resembling fermentation. These indications are sometimes manifested *twenty-four hours* before the storm! After some experience in observing the motions of the camphor matter in the tube, the magnitude of a coming storm may be estimated; also its direction, inasmuch as the particles lie closer together on that side of the tube that is opposite to that from which the coming storm will approach. The cause of these indications is unknown.

ORATION OF THE RT. REV. DR. CONNOLLY, OF HALIFAX.

ON the 24th of April last the Rt. Rev. Father Connolly, in his chapel in Halifax, delivered an oration of a most extraordinary character, on the assassination of the late Hon. Thos. D'Arcy McGee. On that occasion the distinguished Doctor panagorised the learning, the great talents, the Christian virtues, and, above all, the deep Catholicity of his lamented friend. We admit the justice of the eulogy. We are free to acknowledge the great abilities of the fallen *leader*. And much as we admire the brilliant talents of the learned Doctor who delivered the oration, we must be excused while we express our regret that it was ever delivered at all; as we are well convinced it can be productive of no possible good, but of much and serious evil.

In the first place we take objection to the Bishop in profaning the House of God with the political squabbles of Ireland, or of any other country. Christ and him crucified was left in the shade, while perplexing politics, with an account of murder, treason and rebellion was made the grand subject of the oration, or sermon: and it also contains a defence of every wicked rebellion that ever disgraced the land that gave the speaker birth. The British go-

vernment was accused by the Right Reverend Orator of causing the most of all the evils with which the green Isle has been afflicted for centuries; and, indeed, one would infer from the language of the prelate that he was free to confess his sympathies with the rebels of '48, as well as with the Fenians of '68. It is true he admitted that the appeal to arms in both cases was a serious mistake, not, however, from its injustice, or impiety, but simply because the rebels were unable to cope with the gigantic power of England. From the Bishop's own words as published in the *Reporter*, we would judge that in every single point (physical force excepted) he is in heart, soul and mind one with the Fenians, and other haters of England. Not one single kind word did he speak to the people, of the British government; not one word of gratitude expressed by him for the manner in which both himself and friends have been pampered by our Protestant rulers, and that at the expense of loyal people. No! not one word does he utter upon that subject but condemnation of England and English institutions. On the contrary the distinguished prelate plainly tells his hearers that "when Mr. McGee was in early life