

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DECREASE OF CRIME IN IRELAND.—The Freeman... The nineteenth annual report of the Directors of Convict Prisons for Ireland for the year 1872 has been published...

Recently we exposed this gentleman's falsehoods pretty thoroughly, using for that purpose the utterances of a Catholic paper, the Irish Times... The Belfast Home Government Association has published a letter discussing the charge delivered to the Belfast Grand Jury by Mr. Justice Lawson...

gully," and yet another instance, fortunately without ill-effects, a juryman refused to be sworn because he "hadn't done anything."... The announcement in the papers "that there is more than sufficient wheat awaiting shipment at San Francisco to employ all the available tonnage of the port till July next" is a very serious one to our wheat growers...

FitzJames Kelly, Esq., of Ballintea Park, Six-mile-bridge, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County Clare... ENGLAND AND THE POPE.—If we are modest and forbearing towards the strong, we display a noble disdain for the weak...

judges to order prisoners convicted of this abominable crime to be flogged... THE ATLANTIC.—The enquiry into the loss of the Atlantic was resumed at Liverpool on May 13th. The Government surveyor testified that he inspected the steamships bunkers before she sailed from Liverpool, and in his opinion the supply of coal on board was sufficient for the voyage...

IRELAND AND THE DIVORCE COURT.—To the Editor of Catholic Opinion.—Sir.—In your last issue (12th inst.) there is a modest paragraph in an unpretending corner, headed, "Ireland, and the Divorce Court," wherein we find that one of the points of "Reform" in the Greek Church (Russian National Church) to be adopted, is the extension of facility of Divorce by "Ordinary Tribunals"...

DROGHEDA, April 22.—The exodus of the Irish nation to the land of the Star-spangled banner is once again in full vigor. Every recurring spring-time brings with it an emigration stream which causes the depletion of the population, and the spring of 1873 already promises to outweigh any previous season in the outpouring of the nation's life-blood...

THE KINSALE FISHERY DISPUTE.—At the Kinsale Petty Sessions, Edward Lawrence, the fish buyer, who fired on the crowd during the recent riots, appeared to answer the charge of having a revolver in a proclaimed district without a licence. He was committed for trial, bail being accepted...

BRITANNIA'S LATEST-BORN "WATER-BABY"—the breast-work turret vessel Devastation—took her first public airing, a few days since, off the Isle of Wight. No four-masted ironclad ever made this youngest ship of the English navy seem good-looking—shapely as a coal-hulk, and to the eye too heavy as Noah's ark, the Devastation is a black mass of iron which might well frighten Amphitrite and her nymphs into fits...

UNITED STATES. From the Irish World of this week we Catholic Register, learn of the conversion of twelve Protestants, one of whom was a Methodist minister. It says: "A METHODIST MINISTER AND ELEVEN PROTESTANTS BECAME CATHOLICS. St. Mary's Catholic Church, corner of Leonard and south First street, Williamsburgh, was thronged on the afternoon of Sunday, April 20, on the occasion of admission to the Church of twelve converts...

INTERESTING CASE FOR HOME RULERS.—LEWIS v. MURDOCK.—A case of some interest to Home Rulers was tried on Tuesday week, the 15th inst., before Sheriff Murray, in his chambers, County Buildings, Glasgow. The facts briefly stated are these. Some time ago an application was made to admit James Lewis, 83 Kirk-street, Caltan, as a member of the Glasgow Home Rule Association. The application was refused by the Council, and Mr. Lewis, considering it an imputation on his character, took action for damages against Mr. Robert McKillop, the member of the Council who proposed his non-admission. The summons and plaint charged Mr. McKillop with having maliciously stated to the Council that pursuer was an informer and police spy, who had given private information to the authorities, which led to the conviction of Michael Barrett, who was hanged some years ago for the Clerkenwell affair...

A magistrate of Cork, Mr. Henry Unkles, has been prosecuted for having, while acting as the Conservative personation agent at the last election, disclosed by inadvertence he says, how an illiterate elector had voted. He was sentenced to one week's imprisonment.—If the evil that men do lives after them, as Shakespeare said, it is no less true that some special favorites of the devil have the privilege of witnessing, even in their life-time, the pernicious effects of their wicked courses. I do not envy the feelings of Mr. Justice Keogh—if he has not outlived such an Irish weakness—when the death of poor Father Peter Conway was not long since announced. This was the good priest, it will be remembered, who was so savagely assailed at the trial of the Galway Election Petition, when the truly eminent judge and profound lawyer above-mentioned, distinguished himself in such a remarkable manner as to entitle himself to the eternal gratitude of every miserable hound in England who hates the name, fame, and religion of the Irish Priesthood. But out of darkness comes light, so out of evil cometh good sometimes—and this is the moral to be drawn from a visit to the establishment of Mr. Kearney, of North-earl-street, in this city, who has just completed a beautiful altar which the good pastor and people of Headford, Co. Galway, are about erecting in the parish chapel of Headford, to the memory of the martyred priest, who died a victim, it is said, to the cruel and vindictive attack which was made upon his character in that scandalous, now notorious, harangue, to which I have referred. The Memorial Altar is an excellent work of art, in every way worthy of the designer, and of the sacred purpose for which it is intended.—The newspapers almost daily give fresh proof of the necessity for an alteration of the James Act, and were it not for the grave scandal and, frequently, injury to the parties charged on both sides, it would be amusing. In one case at the quarter session of Thurles, after the verdict had been given, one of the jury explained that he did not agree with it; in another, although the prisoner had admitted sufficient to convict himself, the jury returned a verdict amidst roars of laughter (!) of "not

Oh, brave, brave Irish girls— We well may call you brave— Sure the least of all your perils Is the stormy ocean wave, When you leave our quiet valleys And cross the Atlantic foam, To board your hard-won earnings, For the helpless ones at home." —Cor. of Dublin Irishman.

THE LAW OF DIVORCE.—The Times says.—The exclusion of Ireland from the new law of divorce was assuredly not the result of indifference to Irish interests, but a deliberate concession to Roman Catholic sentiments. No one has yet explained by what means an entire reformation has been wrought in the domestic life of the Irish people, but we know that it has been wrought. This being so, Parliament does wisely in letting well alone.

At an early hour, on the morning of April 21st, John Mahan, a resident of Trenton, N. J., was returning to that city, when he was accosted by two men who asked to be shown the way to the city. Upon reaching the bridge, over the race-way at Mill-ham, one of the strangers struck Mahan a sudden blow that knocked him into the stream. A watchman near by heard the cries of murder, and rushing to the spot, plunged into the water, just in time to save him from drowning. The villains succeeded in making their escape.