

OUR DECISION.

Elmira, N. Y., April 21st, 1881.
EDITOR CATHOLIC UNION.
DEAR SIR:

I am one of a party lately engaged in a warm debate as to which part of Ireland has produced the greatest men.

The above is a verbatim copy of a note which has been personally addressed to the Editor of this journal.

Now, with all due respect for our correspondent, we beg leave to plainly tell him and those in whose name he writes, that we regard with utter loathing and contempt all such discussions as well as the sentiments that lead thereto.

It is not about time that all true Irishmen frowned down this low and offensive littleness? "What part of Ireland did you come from?" is a question we have made it a rule never to ask; nor shall we answer it, unless there are special reasons.

Unhappily, this business has lasted too long, and we now call on all true Irishmen to use their influence in crushing out forevermore this rude, ignorant, vile spirit of clanishness.

May be who would seek to perpetuate those geographical distinctions and thus rend the seamless green garment of Erin, forevermore be accused in the heart of every sincere lover of his country.

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Bright advised Bradlaugh to retire, but Bradlaugh declined.

Northcote asked him to withdraw. Bradlaugh declined, on the ground that the resolution was illegal.

Northcote asked for instructions, and Northcote asked Gladstone whether he intended to move to carry out the resolution.

Gladstone declined, saying that he could not take the function out of the hands of the majority.

farms; other Scotch nobles have cleared hundreds of square miles to make room for deer. A few months ago we were told the sad story of the eviction of the Crofters who had lived all their lives on land recently bought by Mr. Pirie, of Aberdeen.

THE BISHOP OF MEATH ON THE COMING LAND BILL.

The Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, has addressed a letter to the clergy and laity of his diocese on the Land question.

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EASTER RITUALISM.

The intense interest felt therein a few years ago by us.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The 1881 New York correspondent writes: "Novelty of action in this neutral community do not wear very long."

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THE POPE ON THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY.

Rome, March 21st.—Yesterday the Pope granted an audience to the Cardinal Secretary of State, and the Cardinal Secretary of State, and the Cardinal Secretary of State.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS.

The wintry wind blows cold and keen, The leaden woods around, And to escape the death of frost, The herds to shelter throng.

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