

refer, and we do so with regret, to the case of
 tants, marrying Roman Catholics—an error
 which strikes at the very root of domestic
 and which those possessing influence in such
 ought to endeavour to prevent by every legitimate
 means in their power.

means in their power. After more than 20 years' observance, our experience enables us to say, that we are confident, nay certain, that the wane even in Priest-ridden Ireland. There are at this moment dozens of Priests, and thousands of their flocks, who are anxiously waiting for such opportunities to throw off the galling yoke of an intolerant, persecuting, and anti-christian Church. The names of some of the former, by whom the system has been renounced at the hazard of their lives, have been for some time before the public; but it should not be forgotten that a similar step has on several instances been taken by others, of whom the public have had no knowledge. One of these, a Roman Catholic Clergyman, of great respectability, unimpeachable character, and considerable literary attainments, residing in the county of Louth, procured from a neighbouring bookseller a copy of Dr. Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible. The voluminous and learned work he perused with due attention, and doubtless in a praying spirit; and the result was, that after the lapse of a few months from the period to which we refer, he suddenly resigned his charge and bid a final adieu to his native land—and is now in England, from whence he intends to proceed to Canada. The glorious work of the Protestant Reformation in Ireland is therefore in progress, and we doubt not, will proceed with accelerated speed.—*Drogheda Conservative.*

DILIGENCE.—Diligence is a duty that makes rich; therefore, be much about this duty. Take Solomon's verdict of it: "The soul of the diligent shall be made fat." Would you know why the Christians of the time are so much put to it, to cry, "Their learners their leanness?" Would you know why the christians are so much in sighing and going backward, and counting that their life is spent here in vain, they are not ascending like "pillars of smoke?" Even this; they are not diligent. O Christian. Who was it that you rose up in the "silent watches of the night" to pursue after Jesus? It is this that would make you rich: diligence would make a christian rich in experience; diligence would make a christian rich in love; diligence would make a christian rich in humility; yea, it would make a christian rich in all the spiritual things in heaven. I may compare diligence to Joseph. It is "fruitful by a well, whose branches hang over the wall." Nay, if you were diligent, I know not what you might not win.

POPERY NOT PROGRESSING.—It has been asserted, and in a recent number of the *Dublin Review*, an attempt has been made to *prove* that Popery is on the increase in various parts of the United Kingdom. That the Priests, and others interested in the perpetuity of the system, should endeavour to impress the public mind with the belief that this is the case, can easily be accounted for.—It has, however, been a matter of much surprise with us, to find that many Protestants entertain the like opinion, and that the premises from which the opinion is deduced are also common to both—namely, that the recent erection of numerous, splendid, and costly edifices, intended as Roman Catholic Churches, in England and Ireland, affords demonstrative evidence of the growth and prosperity of Popery. Now, this evidence appears to us to be inconclusive, and for this reason, that the edifices referred to have been chiefly built either at the expense of Protestants, (who have so far abandoned their principles as to contribute in support of places of worship which they believe to be idolatrous)—or by donations and bequests—donations from Members of Parliament, joints of Dan's tail—as the price paid down upon being put in nomination for their respective seats, of which we have an instance on occasion of the last general election, in a town not 20 miles distant from the place where we now write—and bequests of wealthy old maids and bachelors. The number of Roman Catholics in certain places has considerably increased of late years, we are free to admit; but has it not, we would ask, been owing either to an increase in the general population of these places, or to an influx of persons of that persuasion at a distance? How many hundreds, for instance, leave this country for England and Scotland every year, many of whom never return. There is, indeed, another source which occasionally sends forth a few obscure individuals to swell the ranks of our deluded countrymen. We

MANCHESTER.—*Female Courage*.—On Tuesday week, a young man, calling himself Edward Senior, was brought up at the Old Bailey, Manchester, charged with having attempted to commit a robbery, under the following circumstances :—on the preceding evening, as Miss Roscoe was sitting in her father's house, York street, Hulme, she was alarmed by hearing what she thought to be the snapping of the lock of one of the bed-room doors ; and, snatching up the candle, she proceeded to ascertain the cause. On opening her own bed-room door, she perceived to her consternation, that there was a man in the room. She immediately closed the door, holding it firmly, and gave the alarm to her sister, who was below. The latter immediately ran to the nearest lock-up ; and Beswick, the Beadle, and Pheniz, the officer, were quickly on the spot, and found the prisoner in the room. He had got into bed, and was endeavouring to conceal himself. On searching the room it was found that he had deposited a small crow bar and a number of skeleton keys in the fire place, and had a box of lucifer matches and a key in his pocket. It belonged to the room door in which he was found, and he had abstracted it therefrom after having

unlocked the door. He
offender, having been
to Lancaster Castle for
to the gaol in the New
He was this time commit
" for entering the house

NEWNHAM, (GLOUCESTER).—On the morning between five and six o'clock, a large flat rope worked. The poor men began to descend a few seconds reached the depth of 510 feet ! Mr. G., sole management of these mines, immediately after the accident informed that poor Edw. had dashed to pieces, (startled, expect,) to descend and assist them ; when, to his utter surprise, two men just landing from the shaft unhurt. It is impossible of surprise, gratitude, and across his mind at so recent making inquiry, he found the escaped entirely unhurt. The slight contusion of the knee, observation may be partially cured by Mr. G., a few years platform, nearly equal to the attached to the end of the shaft, early up and down, with a platform, without a cart, owing to the elasticity of the shock at the bottom was the poor men, having presented into the gateway, and especially by the large quantity of that followed in quick succession, that one of the men, a faithful, upright, and industrious, Protheroe, Esq., for able, zealous and acceptable leader in the Wesleyan cause. years. On being asked, he said at his dreadful situation, for I was uncommonly glad to pray ; I hope it will

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DISCOVERY OF A SHIP
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