

Church of Rome,—(loud cheers,)—and to show how useful the Catholic Institute could be made in the advancement of their holy religion.—(Cheers.)

**BISHOPS AND ELDERS—SURPLICES AND GOWNS.**—Extract from the *Times* of Tuesday, May 30:—"We are rather of opinion, too, that the less the whole bench or body is elevated above the other elders of the Church, except by piety, assiduity, and learning, the better for the Establishment, the greater will be its utility, and consequently its permanence, more secure. If the elders of the Church had been consulted on a recent occasion, we should not now have had to witness a dispute almost below contempt between surplices and gowns; blacks and whites; whether a certain prayer should be read twice almost in the same breath; whether the parson or clerk should give out the Palm.—'Let us sing,' though the clergyman, having then generally retired for a moment's repose and a glass of water, is the only person that does not sing."

**OXFORD.**—The Rev. T. E. Morris, of Christ Church, has been admonished by the Vice-Chancellor for the sermon preached by him before the University on Ascension-day. The sermon has since been published, and it is understood the following is the passage which drew down the admonition:—"Laud the martyred archbishop, who, let us trust, still intercedes for this Church, whose enemies he resisted unto death, and for this ancient seat of prayer and holy contemplation, for which he did so much while yet with us, has placed among his private devotions the Apostles' Creed, and a more expanded form of it, and also a yet more concise statement of the principal mysteries in the economy of Redemption, by which they may be called to mind at any moment: 'Caro factus et conceptus est; Natus; Passus; Crucifixus; Mortuus; Sepultus; Descendit; Resurrexit; Ascendit; Assedit; Revertetur; Retribuet.'"

**COMPANY.**—I feel that all I know, and all I teach, will do nothing for my own soul, if I spend my time as most people do, in business or company, even the best company. My soul starves to death in the best company; and God is often lost in prayer and ordinances.—'Enter into thy chamber,' said he, 'and shut thy door about thee!' Some words in Scripture are very emphatical. 'Shut thy door,' means much; it means, shut out, not only nonsense, but business; not only the company abroad, but the company at home. It means, let thy poor soul have a little rest and refreshment; and God have opportunity to speak to thee in a small still voice, or he will speak in thunder.—*Extract from a Letter by Cecil.*

**BOUNTIFUL DONATION.**—A messenger recently entered the rooms of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions in New-York, and counted out *ten one thousand dollar bank notes*, saying it was for the mission to China, and no questions were to be asked as to the donors. What an evidence this that the hearts of men are in the hands of God, and what an encouragement that the great work of benevolence shall be carried forward.—*Am. Messenger.*

**BOISTEROUS PREACHING.**—A celebrated divine, who was remarkable in the first period of his ministry for a loud and boisterous mode of preaching, suddenly changed his whole manner in the pulpit, and adopted a mild and dispassionate mode of delivery. One of his brethren observing it, inquired of him what had induced him to make the change? He answered, "When I was young, I thought it was the *thunder* that killed the people; but when I grew wiser, I discovered that it was the *lightning*—so I determined to thunder less and lighten more in future." It is a pity all preachers had not made the same discovery.

**THE BIBLE THE BASIS OF NATIONAL GREATNESS AND FREEDOM.**—"It has been said with very much veracity, that the felicity of the American colonists consisted in their escape from the past. This is true so far as respects political establishments, but no farther. They brought with them a full portion of all the riches of the past, in science, in art, in morals, religion and literature.—*The Bible came with them. And it is not to be doubted that to the free and universal reading of the Bible is to be ascribed, in that age, that men were much indebted for right views of civil liberty. The Bible is a book of faith and a book of doctrine—but it is also a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity and his equality with his fellow man.*"—*Webster at Bunkerhill.*

**FIRST FRUITS OF MISSIONARY LABOR.**—In less than one year, five hundred pounds have been paid by the converts to Christianity in the Island of Tahiti, to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for only a part of the first edition of the Bible. The natives, so recently reclaimed from heathenism, are represented to be so anxious to receive it, that they were ready to pay for a single copy a piece, three times the amount of that which many of our reluctant countrymen are willing to pay.

**ANTI-DUELLING ASSOCIATION.**—An association has been just formed for the suppression of duelling. It consists of 326 members, including 21 noblemen, 13 sons of noblemen, 16 members of Parliament, 15 baronets, 30 admirals and generals, 44 captains, R. N., 23 colonels and lieutenant-colonels, 17 majors,