

in improvements recognized were seriously diminished. The concessions made to the Lords under these three heads will cost the Irish tenants millions of pounds sterling, but the Government will avoid the danger of dissolution and loss of office." The Land League is strong enough to thwart this mischievous enactment, but that peace which some had fondly hoped Gladstone would succeed to restore is as far away as ever.

The Catholic Members of the British House of Commons—all representing Irish constituencies—were not slow to make known to the Holy Father their heartfelt sympathy with him in his present afflictions, and their intense horror of the recent atrocious insults to the memory and attempted desecration of the remains of his illustrious predecessor. Their address, of which the following is a copy, was entrusted to Cardinal Manning for transmission to His Holiness:—

Most Holy Father,—We, the undersigned Irish Catholic members of Parliament, desire to give expression to the feelings of grief and indignation with which we have heard of the outrage and insult offered to the remains of your illustrious predecessor, Pope Pius IX., in the streets of Rome. This cowardly crime revolts the conscience of Christendom. It exposes to the world the worthlessness of the so-called "guarantees," and enables us, your children, to realise the perils that environ you as visible Head of the Church.

Most Holy Father, as representatives of an ancient Catholic nation, whose proudest boast is its historic fidelity to the Apostolic See, we tender to you our heartfelt homage and devotion and give to you the pledge that in any measures for the protection of personal safety and legitimate rights of your Holiness, which may be deemed necessary, faithful Catholic Ireland desires to be associated.

A general election has been held in France and in Spain, resulting in both countries in an overwhelming majority for the revolutionary party. In France Gambetta is sustained, and his policy of persecution endorsed. The only serious attempt to displace him was by the extreme Left, or petroleum-throwers, who, being aesthetes in their way, found him not "utterly utter" enough for their refined tastes. The Bonapartists, under Prince Jerome Napoleon, a man without any sense of honor, made a ridiculous show of fight, whilst the Royalists fled at the first smell of smoke. It is difficult to reconcile the conduct of the latter with their professions. They pretend to represent the cause of religion and order, and yet in the face of the common enemy they will not sink those differences between their rival Houses, which have proved as injurious to the Church in France as the Wars of the Roses were disastrous to the people of England. "A plague on both your Houses!" If they were Catholics and Frenchmen first and foremost, their monasteries would not

be closed, their religious orders expelled, their clergy "militarized" in barracks, and their children deprived of religious education.

The Right Reverend Donald McDonald, for over twenty years Parish Priest of Pietou, N. S., was on Sunday, August 21, consecrated Bishop, to take charge of the important diocese of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. This solemn ceremony took place in the church of Stella Maris, where he had so long and so faithfully ministered, and was performed by the Right Reverend Bishop Cameron of Arichat; his Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, and their Lordships the Bishops of St. John, Nfld., St. John N. B., Charlottetown and Chatham participating. It is said that the new Bishop will shortly proceed to Rome.

It is high time for the Provinces to adopt measures of some kind to regulate, or, better still, to prohibit the sale and use of intoxicating liquors on board steam-boats plying on our inland waters. The record of "horrors" for last month includes the details of a drunken orgie participated in by several hundred men and women on a lower St. Lawrence boat, resulting in the death by drowning of one of the party. During the passage between Montreal and Quebec, the bar, which must have been copiously supplied in anticipation of a big "draw," was constantly patronized by both sexes, and the scenes in the salons, according to some of the crew, rivalled the old Saturnalia. An inquest was held on the body of the unfortunate man who toppled over or was thrown into the water, but a Montreal paper makes the strange remark that not a single witness of his fall overboard was examined. The verdict was "accidental drowning," and no censure was passed on the managers of the excursion or the officers of the boat. The whole proceedings are not creditable to Montreal.

Ottawa too has contributed its page to the history of "outrages," and so well have the special correspondents performed their congenial task of "writing it up," that outsiders imagine the Capital is in the hands of a mob. The facts are that an old man—his second wife yet living in the States—went through the ceremony of a mock marriage with the relict of two husbands, and the same night was serenaded or "charivariated" by a crowd of boys and young men, whose morals were no doubt grossly offended. Stones were freely thrown at the house occupied by the obnoxious pair, which is situate in one of the suburbs of the city, but on the old man coming to the door in a bellicose mood, the crowd dispersed and fled. A few returning to the charge, he again came forth and again they fled. This time he started in pursuit, through the darkness. There was no further disturbance, and nothing more was heard or seen of him until the morning, when he was found dead by the road-side with marks of violence on his