

a throbbing hope that ere another anniversary had gathered those who were grateful to O'Connell around the alters he emancipated, the eventful period should have arrived when the Rev. Dr. Miloy said his panegyric could be pronounced—the time when Ireland should be a nation.—(From the *Dublin Freeman*.)

The Cross;

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JUNE 3.
IRELAND.

The news by the last packet is most encouraging. The 'base, bloody and brutal Whigs' were defeated, and the popular cause was daily becoming more triumphant. No verdicts have been given by the Juries in the cases of Smith O'Brien and Meagher. So far the Crown Lawyers are check-mated. Mr. Butt delivered a very remarkable Repeal speech in his defence for the Traversers—a speech that will work wonders for the national cause. REPEAL IS COMING to a certainty. It seems the peddling Whigs offered to sacrifice the Irish Protestant Church if the Catholic Leaders would abandon Repeal. The proposal was indignantly spurned. The result of the trials will damage the Whigs immensely. We are still of our former opinion. The Whigs will be ignominiously kicked out, and Peel will come in and do the needful for the salvation of the State. This cannot be done too soon, as the chances of a general European war are every day increasing.

The doom of English tyranny, robbery, and murder in Ireland is AT LENGTH SEALED. None but a madman can doubt this. From the very bottom of our hearts we offer up our thanksgivings to the Great God of Justice for this glorious manifestation of his attributes. Irishmen, and descendants of Irishmen rejoice! *The trumpet of your country's resurrection has sounded. The death knell of England's accursed tyranny has rung.*

TRIDUUM FOR IRELAND.

The Three Days of Prayer and Supplication on behalf of the afflicted people of Ireland will commence in this Diocese on Monday next the 5th. On each of those days there will be Masses at St. Mary's at 7 and 9 o'clock, and at St. Patrick's at 8 o'clock. There will be Evening Prayers, at 7 o'clock, on Monday and Wednesday Evenings at the Cathedral, and on Tuesday Evening at St. Patrick's. An opportunity is thus afforded to all, of being present at those Prayers, and of thereby gaining the Indulgences granted by the Sovereign Pontiff Pius IX. Now is the time to render effectual assistance to Ireland by petitioning the Throne of Mercy in her behalf.

"If a famine arise in the land, or a pestilence, or corrupt air, or blasting, or locust, or mildew, if their enemy afflict them besieging their gates, whatsoever plague, whatsoever infirmity, whatsoever curse or imprecation shall happen to any man of thy people Israel, when a man shall know the wound of his own heart, and shall spread forth his hands in this House." Then hear Thou in heaven, in the place of thy dwelling and forgive . . . that they may fear Thee all the days that they live upon the face of the land which Thou hast given to our fathers." 3 Kings viii. 37. 40:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

This beautiful Church was filled with large congregations on Sunday last. The Bishop preached at the Ten o'clock Mass, and the Rev. Mr. McIsaac, the resident Clergyman, delivered an excellent Sermon in the evening to a very crowded audience. This is certainly a vast improvement since the days of the old Barn at Dutchtown. The progressive increase of Catholicity in Halifax must be highly gratifying to the friends of religion; and yet, what has been done, is, we trust, but the precursor of still greater changes. We hope the Catholics of the city at large will make a united and generous effort to liquidate the debt incurred in the erection of St. Patrick's and the purchase of the ground, on which it is built.

We have heard with great satisfaction that the Male and Female Schools connected with this Church are meeting with much encouragement, and that the progress of the children is gratifying. No thanks to our Liberal Parliament, who refused a grant of £50 for the education of 1200 children.

ROGATION DAYS.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last, the Prayers of the Saints, &c. were chanted in procession by the Bishop and Clergy at the Cathedral before Mass.

*The Temple of God.

FATHER MATTHEW.

We are much grieved to hear by the recent accounts from Ireland, that this distinguished and eminent philanthropist had a severe attack of paralysis or apoplexy, from which he was slowly recovering. His extraordinary labours in the cause of Temperance during the last ten years would have been sufficient to break down the strongest constitution. The fatigue he underwent in his long and rapid journeys, in his incessant addresses to tens of thousands of the people under the open air, and his constant administration of the Pledge by day and night, would be incredible to those who have not witnessed it. Like every great and good man, Father Matthew was not without his trials, and we can well conceive with what anguish he must have read a recent attack in a paper which for years had professed the warmest admiration for his character and principles. Father Matthew was surely entitled to hold his political opinions as well as any other public or private individual. And even if he conscientiously differed from the majority of his countrymen on the question of Repeal, great respect and deference should have been shown to so signal a benefactor of Ireland. Taking into account therefore his invaluable services, and especially the recent alarming change in his health, we think the Editor of the *Freeman's Journal* must regret that he was betrayed into the publication of such an attack as the following:

THE REV. T. MATTHEW—AMERICA—ENGLAND.

We understand that the Rev. Theobald Matthew, the great Apostle of Temperance, visits America this month. We trust that the Irish in America will receive him as he deserves, in his capacity of *Temperance Apostle*, and that the Rev. gentleman will not be tempted, through his unwisdom to the British Government, to travel out of his proper province, and use his high name to influence the political sentiments of the Irish exiles whom he visits. We respect and reverence the man and his mission in Ireland; and it is one of our causes of deepest regret that he should have sullied his high name by associating himself with the cause of his country's oppression. That he has done so in Ireland and England is, alas! too true. May an all-wise Providence guard him from committing a similar error in the free land which he is now about to visit. His visit to America ought to be solely as the Ambassador of Temperance, and in no wise as the secret ambassador of the British Minister.—*Freeman's Journal*.

LECTURE BY THE HON. MR. DOYLE.

The Hon. Mr. Doyle, though evidently laboring under the painful and debilitating effects of a rather prolonged and severe attack of Rheumatism, delivered a very interesting and instructive Lecture on Friday evening last, before the members of the *Catholic Literary Institute*, and a respectable assemblage of our Citizens. The subject "*The Botany of the middle ages and the wild vegetables of Nova Scotia*" In opening, the Lecturer referred to his infirm state of health and consequent inability to do ample justice to a subject, in every point of view, so interesting and so useful,—and then turned to the inestimable value of that boon which the Religious Brotherhood, the Monks of the darker ages, in which there were no regular Physicians, conferred upon their species by the formation and careful culture of *Botanical Gardens*—out of which humane efforts for the amelioration of the numerous physical afflictions which man is heir to, had originated the popular Medicines of our own times, whilst the deeply seated, fervent piety of those humane and pious men was referred to in graphic terms as indicated in the very names by which they had distinguished many of the more valuable plants arranged in a sort of *Floral Calendar*. For instance the Cross-flower and the Mary-gold, &c. The broad field for an interesting study and investigation offered to the Student in Botany by the wilds of our own Land—the peculiarities of the "*Acer Rubrum*," or Red Maple, of the "*Indian Cup*," and other indigenous plants and shrubs, were pointed out, and some of their more valuable qualities as applicable to the purposes of domestic economy and comfort, insisted upon at some length. Of a Lecture delivered by Mr. Doyle it were superfluous for us to add that there was no lack of brilliant coruscations of Metaphor, and anecdote. The thanks of the Institute for his entertaining and useful discourse were conveyed to the hon. gentleman by an unanimous vote.—Sun.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The letter signed *A Protestant* may or may not be, genuine, for aught we know or care. At all events the writer has not given us his name, and he cannot expect its insertion. Moreover he dis-

cussed a subject with which we have no inclination to meddle, viz., the new *Chapel of Ease*. When some allusion was made last year in the *Cross* to that Chapel we wrote under strong provocation from what we then conceived to be the organ of our fellow-Christians who belong to that Chapel. All this however has passed away, and we will not, unless it be forced upon us, renew any angry discussion with any portion of our fellow-citizens. This observation equally applies to political and religious topics. If attacked as *Catholics* either in Religion or Politics, we will defend ourselves; but as a general rule, we would much prefer to give temperate and well-reasoned expositions of our own creed than to assault that of our neighbour. Though ready to repel we confess we do not apprehend an attack. Some short-sighted Politicians unwisely raised the *Nu Popery* cry against us last year. If they were paid for counteracting their own views they could not have adopted a better plan. We dare say they will act more wisely next time, for their experience has been dearly bought. In the letter which has called forth these remarks a *Protestant* says he "cannot understand why there should not be a large gilt Cross inside as well as outside the Church, in order that Christians at their devotions might be helped to godliness by the sight of the emblem of man's redemption."

He complains that there is "no Altar" in the new Church, but "a large Dissenting Pulpit stuck up where the Altar should be." With regard to the gilt Cross, we confess we are so pleased at seeing one outside, that we cannot interfere in the interior dispute. As for the "Altar Board" we deem it unreasonable in a Protestant to complain about it. What does the Church of England want of an Altar when she has no *Sacrifice*? To be sure we might ask for the same reason, what does she want with a *Priesthood*? *Sacrifice, Altar, and Priest* are inseparable terms. The principal function of a *Priest* is to offer *Sacrifice*, and it is for this oblation that an Altar is required. When the English Reformers of the sixteenth century abolished as far as they could, the Unbloody Sacrifice of the New Law which had been offered up in England for more than a thousand years, they were consistent in abolishing the *Altars* likewise.

A *Protestant* has put us some questions touching our own doctrine and practice which we will answer provided he gives us his name. We promise him that he may do so with confidence. We shall be always ready to give an explanation to any sincere enquirer.

AN IRISHMAN APPOINTED RECTOR OF THE COLLEGE OF PROPAGANDA.

By the latest accounts from Rome we find that that eminent Divine and distinguished oriental scholar, Monsignore Cullen, D. D., for many years the respected Superior of the Irish College at Rome, has been recently appointed Rector of the Collegio Urbano, at the Propaganda. This is a just tribute to his meritorious services in the cause of Religion for many long years, and an appointment of which Irishmen may justly feel proud. We sincerely trust that it is but the harbinger of still higher promotion.—Hundreds of respectable travellers of all religions from England, Ireland, Scotland, and America, will remember with gratitude the urbanity and kindness of the ex-Rector of the Irish College, and will be delighted to hear of his deserved elevation. But those who know him intimately, and that rare modesty and humility which accompany, in his case, so much sterling talent, erudition and virtue, will conceive the highest hopes from his promotion. The Irish and American Churches especially will be glad to hear that Doctor Cullen is once more in the Halls of the Propaganda, where he formerly discharged the duties of a Professor with so much credit and success. We hope we shall yet see him Cardinal Cullen. His elevation to the Roman Purple would be an auspicious event for the Irish Church.

The Right Rev. Dr. Chanche, Bishop of Natchez, sailed yesterday in the *Caledonia* for Europe, on his way to the Eternal City. He was accompanied by his Chaplain. His friends in the United States will be glad to learn that his Lordship was in excellent health and spirits. Three new Bishops are to be appointed in the United States. We have not yet heard of an appointment to the widowed See of Toronto, which has been vacant since October last in consequence of the death of our ever-to-be-lamented friend and towneman the good Bishop Power.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

COLLECTED BY JAMES KELLY AND JOHN TUOHILL. P. McNally, 5s; a Friend, 2s 5d; Mrs. Doorcey, Michael Tuohill, Edmund Ryan, Mr. Gallavan, and Mr. Purvis, 1s 3d each; David Moffett, Mrs. Dillon, Mr. Casey, and Mrs. Mackey, 7d. each.

BY PETER MORRISSEY AND E. BARBER.

Miss Warren and Mr. Fitzgerald, 3s 1d each; Mrs. Barbor, Mrs. Laughlan, James Duggan, William Cavanagh, 2s 6d each; Mrs. Connors, 1s 10d, Messrs Dillon & Mulhowney, Cornelius Sullivan, Mrs. McGrath, M. Gunter, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Quirk, and James Luddy, 1s 3d each; Mrs. Mahony, M. Donovan, John McGrath, J. Mahony, Mrs. Vaughan, J. Tobin, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Marks, Miss Doyle, 7d. each.

BY MESSRS. PIERSE RYAN AND W. WALSH.

Mr. George Smith, Thomas Burke, Michael Morrissey, John Quan, David Hogan, J. Dunn, Patrick Golden, Timothy Dunn, Andrew Saul, M. Mosley, and M. Somers, 1s. 3d. each; L. Connors, Mrs. Maher, Purpil, Webb, and Fitzpatrick, 7d. each.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered up in the above Church on to-morrow morning at half-past ten o'clock.

30TH MAY.

Pursuant to notice given, the Irishmen of Halifax, and the friends of Ireland, met at Mason Hall last evening, and after appointing a Chairman and Secretary, adjourned to meet again as soon as an answer is received to the address to Smith O'Brien, passed at the meeting of the 2nd inst.—Sun.

DIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

We condense the following particulars from the *Propagateur Catholique*:—

On Sunday, the 19th March, the new Church of St. Joseph in the city of New Orleans, was opened to public worship, several clergymen and a great concourse of people being present. The blessing of the Church was performed by the Very Rev. Mr. Pousseton, the Vicar General of the Diocese, after which the Rt. Rev. Bishop Blanc officiated pontifically, and during Mass, conferred the Order of the Priesthood on Cornelius Moynihan, and that of Deaconate on Charles Samson. An appropriate discourse was preached by the Rev. Mr. Mullen, on the occasion.

On Saturday, 25th of March, at the close of a spiritual retreat, given by the Rev. Mr. Jamey, and which effected a great deal of good, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Blanc administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 85 persons, in the church of St. John, of which the Rev. Mr. Lucas is the Pastor, at Ouest-Baton-Rouge. More than 200 persons approached the holy Communion on that day.

From the parish of Ouest-Baton-Rouge, the Bishop went to Iberville, where he confirmed 46 persons, who had been previously prepared by their zealous pastor, the Rev. Mr. Dupuy; and thence the Prelate proceeded to East Baton-Rouge, where he likewise confirmed a large number of persons.

On Sunday, the 26th of the same month, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Odin, being yet at that time in Louisiana, gave Confirmation in the church of the Bay St. Louis, and blessed the corner stone of the new church at that place. The Bishop of Galveston left New Orleans on the 2d of April for Texas.

An ordination was held in St. Patrick's church by the Right Rev. Bishop Blanc, on the 9th of April, when Charles Samson was promoted to the Priesthood, and M. Chambost to the Subdeaconate.

A NEW CHARITY HOSPITAL.—We are much pleased to learn that a new Catholic Hospital is likely to be opened in Nashville, under the auspices of its excellent Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Miles. He has authorized the Rev. J. Schacht to convert the old Catholic Church of the city into an Hospital under the care of the Sisters of Charity from Nazareth, Kentucky. We sincerely trust the charitable project may prove successful, and that no narrow prejudices will throw obstacles in its way. The Nashville Republican Banner of the 14th ult., publishes the proposition of the Rev. J. Schacht, with a commendatory editorial notice.—*Catholic Advocate*.