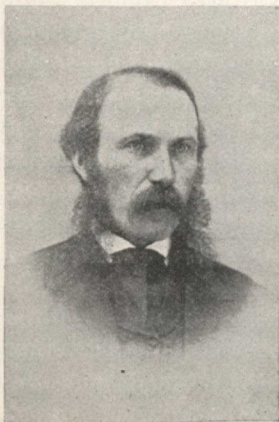


## Newspaper Life and Newspaper Men.

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ANOTHER writer connected with The Patriot at this time was Mr. Patrick Rielly. I do not know that he was a paid assistant on the editorial staff, but I do know that he was a regular contributor to its columns. Mr. Rielly was not without ability, but his best efforts were marred by his unfortunate habit of dipping his pen in gall and lashing without mercy those he did not like. He was an adept at calling names and hurling venomous philippics against his enemies. His style was closely modelled after that of the Irish agitators of 1848. He would have made an effective writer if he had had a little more consideration for the opinions of his opponents. But like every



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other man of violent temper and strong convictions, he failed to realize how those who did not see eye to eye with him could be honest. He belonged to the same school of politics as Mr. Currie, and like him was probably sincere and honest. While Mr. Laird used to get the credit for the ability manifested in some of these articles, yet he had often to suffer the penalty for their abusive and unwarranted attacks on the character and actions of those they assailed. Speaking for myself, I never charged Mr. Laird with the

authorship of the violent articles that at that period appeared in his paper. The milder articles I always attributed to Mr. Laird, the personal ones to Mr. Currie and the vitriolic ones to Mr. Rielly.

Of Mr. Laird I always held a high opinion. Personally, I liked the man. Politically I did not. He was a man of high