THE WEEK IN IRELAND.

AN IRISH SYNOD.—It is a wonderful thing how prome are some Protestant religione bodies, especially in Ireland, to allow politication to sway their deliberations. It would almost make one believe that the main object of Protestant Christiamity, and that the salvation of souls was a matter of small moment of the profession of the same and the salvation of souls was a matter of small moment of Belfast would be congenial for the members of the Synod, and that they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom any dread flow, and they would be free gom and the flow of the synody present could distinguish it (the Synod) from any ordinary Orange meeting." This is, to say the least, not very suggestive of the work generally supposed to belong to surface and supposed to belong to surface and surface and the supposed flow of the flow of the

uage of the Coronation Oath. This was a fruitful subject for anti-Papal invective. In frct, it was a rattling fine opportunity for a number of reverend delegates to hold forth upon a question that comes within the range of their erudition. This must have been a lively debate; the only trouble being the absence of any antagonists. There is no real fun in beating the air and fighting an absent enemy, although it may be very much safer than wrestling with a foeman in real earnest. From the Coronation Oath, the Synod passed to the consideration of Trinity College, and declared most emphatically against the nationalization of that institution.

that institution.

So all this politics, under the mark of religion, means simply that the Synod of Down, Connor and Dromore would prescribe ocercion for the needless of Indian and Indiana. more would prescribe coercion for the people of Ireland, and in order to make use of having that whip lash the fellow-countrymen of its reverend members, it would foster the well-known anti-Irish spirit of old Trinity, and prevent the vast majority of Irishmen—who happen to be Catholics—from having any opportunity of escaping the ordeal. We are not told that the Synod took up any other questions; however, we may safely surmise that it closed with prayers to Heaven, asking the Almighty to bless the very Christian and very charitable intentions of its members.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE. — An important circular has been issued from the headquarters of the United Irish League, 38 Upper O'Conneil street, Dublin, from which we take

from the headquarters of the United Irish League, 38 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, from which we take the following extracts:

The United Irish League having created the present opportunity, and the only existing means of grappling with and destroying the demon of alien rule, from which our misfortures spring, no man claiming to be a Nationalist can any longer find an excuse for standing outside the ranks of this Nationalist organization. In view of the magnitude of the task, and the urgency of Ireland's need, the Standing Committee desire that every branch of the League should convene a full meeting of the Nationalists of its parish, and afford to all an opportunity of joining the League, and taking part in the good work of saving this ancient mation, and promoting the interests of country and individuals. While our comprehensive claim for national self-government entitles us to the support of all who hold the faith of Ireland a Nation, the details of our broad and generous programme give us an additional claim upon all who wish to see wrongs redressed, conditions improved, industries revived, emigration stopped by the opening of a home prospect for youth, a university in the advantages of which Catholics can participate, the Gasife language and literajure cultivated, and peace and prosperity scentry or class can be proved sincere only by promoting mad actively scenarized and determined agitation. Trofessed benevolence towards country or class can be proved sincere only by promoting mental actively joining the sele organization capable of reducing benevolence to curtice and causing urrest until access is attained.

Though we are strong in the possible of a sole and faithful party in Tailiament, who will do what

all the adult Nationalists in a parish have been enrolled as members of the branch the secretary should fill up and return to this office the accompanying card, so that a complete census of effective Nationalists may be drawn up. Let us hope to receive this card from you soon. bearing a number entitling your branch to rank among the strong ones.

A VIOLENT STORM. -Probable A VIOLENT STORM.—Probably no more violent storm has swept over the North of Ireland since the great one of 1894 than the tempest which raged from an early hour on Nov. 12 till early next morning, and affected Belfast with particularly serious results, says the "Irish Weekly." The city suffered severely in many respects, and to add to the in many respects, and to add to the general confusion and wreckage caused by the fury of the winds and general confusion and wreckage caused by the fury of the winds and rains, another destructive element stepped in, and fire capped the citmax most effective. The condition of the city last night showed the very heavy mark which the ravages of the storm had left on it. The streets were strewn with broken slates and glass, and many signs of the violence of the winds were to be seen on the less-protected house property. From an early hour in the evening, and indeed during the major portion of the dry, the sire twere deserted of parsengers, and but for an odd straggling tramcar, and now and then a couple of policemen or a stray wayfarer, very few signs of life were visible. In the central portions of the city and in the neighborhood of the Castle Junction, the thoroughfares ordinarily crowded with traffic were almost desolate. Few cared to brave the many dangers which attended the passage through the city, and the accidents, fatal and otherwise, which had happened in the earlier part of the day were not calculated to inspire the nervous with any further courage. The amulance was fer the day were not calculated to in-spire the nervous with any further courage. The ambulance was fre-quently requisitioned during the day and evening, and the Foyal Fospital authorities were kept busy dressing the wounds of these who had come to grief in their conflict, with the elements.

IN THE HOUR OF DEATH

The shortest and salest means of discovering the habits needed to make us ready for death is to discovering the habits needed to make us ready for death is to discover the characteristics that belong to the act of death ineit of all these, strely the one thit must first, and most forcibly, strike every thinking mind, is that of its absolute solitude. We hear talk, not unfrequently amongst the 'houghtless, of people's 'happy deaths,' because such persons' death-beds have been surrounded by relations or 'riends, by loving care, and genuine grie at their loss; and, correspondingly, of 'sad deaths' in the case of these who have died alone, and uncarefor as regards human care. But a moment's serious reflection shows that such expressions are utterly shallow; that they do not truly apply to death at all, though they may be perfectly true as to dying. Such talk arises from the fact that so many forget to distinguish letwen these two acts; forget that-closely though one may affect the other—they are at shifted reparate. In short, people who talk thus cannot stop to reflect what the act of death really is; that the belongs simply and solely to one single moment, that moment when the, soul actually departs from the body it has inhabited throughout 1'fe.

True, up to the surreme moment human help may avail us; human love, and human prayers and ministrations may make our death-bed honored, and help us in our dynnats. But when this moment does

come, then all else must go. We may be surrounded, if married, by husband or wife, children, and 'children's children to the third and fourth generation; "if single, by our dearest friends; if religious, by a whole community, offering the purest prayers; we may have the Church's sacraments, and her final words sending forth the Christian soul, and calling those gone before to our aid. Yet, this cannot alter the absolute and utter loneliness in which the soul—be it that of prince or pauper, cleric or layman, genius or idiot—must needs go forth, the very instant it is called, to meet its God. This is the bare and simple truth, which it is useless to try to gloss over, and the thought of which is so awful when realized even for a few moments, that the strongest soul trembles before its.

The one consideration, practical to our present purpose, that springs irresistibly to mind, in view of that terrible moment, is surely this: For whose opinion shall we care when we find ourselves standing thus naked and alone, face to face with the Redeemer, who is to judge us? Certainly not for that of the friends, tenderly loved and deeply revered as they may have been, whom we have had to leave behind. Their judgment of anything can no longer affect us in the smallest degree. One feeling only will surely, then, possess every

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in life, will most correspond to this awful characteristic of lonelines at death? Undoubtedly, the habit of looking straight at God, of thinklooking straight at God, of thinking only of His judgment, and not
of our fellow-men's, in everything
we do; of living, in short, as though
our souls were already alone with
Him as they will be when they
leave the body. This is, of course,
absolutely impossible outwardly.
Seeing that most of our duties here
relate in some way to our fellowrelate in some way to our fellow-creatures, we cannot avoid deferring in much of our conduct to their wishes and opinions without positive abandonment of that duty. This deference, however, concerns, so to speak, only the superficial part of mind and soul. There is an inward habit attainable which, even though but imperfectly practiced, will go far towards producing such a sense of "solitude with God" as is here in question, and which, when attained in its fullest degree, has enabled many a saint to live a life devoted to the most distracting and active works for his fellow-creatures' benefit, with the eye of his soul fixed upon God, and seeking His verdict almost as clearly and undeviatingly as though it was already freed from the body.

This habit is one called in Catholic spiritual language "a pure intention." It is a habit misunderstood, or but partially understood, by many' but when once made clear, immediately seen to be necessarily a powerful help to preparing the soul for that inevitable moment when

immediately seen to be necessarily a powerful help to preparing the soul for that inevitable moment when the approval of our Maker will be literally the only thing that matters to us. What the habit is, exactly, and how it may be confused with another and much easier one, will best be told by a quotation from the Benedictine edition of that wonderful book "The Spiritual Conflict and Conquest," in which the subject is so clearly put that no-body could misunderstand it. "Spiritual writers draw a disting-

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tion between a 'pure' and a 'right intention. A pure intention is when the beginning, prosecution, and con summation of an action is performed solely for the glory of God, without the alloy of any human motives, so that the action is altogether superent and the control of the utmost rarity, and is found only in perfect souls. A right intention is found where the main substance of an action and its chief aim are directed indeed to God, yet not so perfectly as to exclude the entrance of human or selfish motives, which detract from the supernatural merit of the goad action and render it proportionately impure and unpleasing to God."

This passage is taken from a "note" to a chapter which treats fully of the direction of the will towards God, to the whole of which chapter any reader—not already knowing the book—may turn, with great profit, for a full and beautiful drawing out af the point in question. But the short extract here given is enough to show how the mere desire to possess such a habit of soul as this—which means desiring the grace to wage a censeless war against inward vanfties and human respect—must, in its If, he some preparation for the time when hu-

ing the grace to wage a ceaseless war against inward vanities and human respect—must, in its if, te some preparation for the time when human blame or applause will make no difference to us; and that if, when the grace comes, we have the courage to use it, even intermittently, it must produce in us by degrees a sensitiveness as to what God is thinking of us, which will grow stronger and stronger as life goes on, thus making our fear of human judgments weaker, and our souls solitary and independent.

Surely, then, with the solitude of death before us, we cannot do better than let the first "Hail Mary" of the week be said for the grace of purity of intention in all our actions. If, for some time to come, our prayer only enables us to aim more successfully than before at a "right" intention, it will not be wasted.—Martin Peaks.

The War in South Africa And Its Problems.

The London correspondent of the New York "Herald," Herbert Paul, in his regular weekly contribution, presents some features of the heated and lively discussion now going on and lively discussion now going on in England in connection, with the war in South Africa as follows:— He says the announcement, which, though not official, is understood to be authentic, that Parliament will meet on January 16 takes nobody by surprise.

The date is nearly a month earlier than usual, but the financial necessities of the Government are pressing.

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Indeed, high authorities say that

Indeed, high authorities say that they are unable to see how the way in South Africa can be carried on after the end of this month without an application for money to the House of Commons.

At the end of last session ministers contemplated the reduction of the British troops in South Africa by seventy thousand men.

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The cost of the war cannot be less than the familiar million and quarter pounds sterling a week, if it has not now risen, as many believe, to a million and a half.

But the Chancellor of the Exchequer is a careful man, and probably reckons upon a Parliamentary indemnity if he has gone beyond the strict letter of the law.

The conservative whips have no apprehension of any serious revolt in their party. There are some discontented men, typified by that exceedingly clever, independent gentieman, air. Gisson Bowles, but the tory rank and file are regarded as certain to vote with the Government in any event.

The case of Sir Redvers Buller threatened at one time - to make trouble, for the popularity of Sir Redvers with the working classes is unbounded, but the plea that the House of Commons should not interfere with military discipline is likely to prevail with the discontented ministriality, as it did in the case of Sir Henry Colville. It must be remembered that this Parliament was elected on one issue and one issue only.

The majority of the electors who went to the polis last year vote for concluding the war by annexing the South African republics.

The Liberals say plausibly enough—that the people, were deceived by being told that the war was over when it was not. The Liberal Imperialists condemn the "khaki election" and the false pretences on which it was fought quite as strongly as those who have been from the beginning against the war, the condemning the conduct of the Government. And the false pretences on which it was fought quite as strongly as those who have been from the the past.

Whatever may be thought of the trick from the recent proceedings of the Liberal party until the past.

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whatever may be thought of the trick from the moral point of view, from the political point of view it succeeded.

Men elected on a policy of unconditional surrender are not going to endanger their seats by running the risk of another dissolution.

Sir Henry Campbell Parameters

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Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's specches at Flymouth and Bath have given great satisfaction to advanced Liberals, and, as I helieve, to the immense majority of the party which he leads, but it would be useless to deny that there are eminent, influential Liberals who do not agree with him, for, while he accepts as inevitable the annexation of the republics he insists upon the offer of reasonable terms to the Boors, and he repeats his protest ngainst the methods of borbarkm which are given as an excuse for the concentration camps.

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