

the whole was wound up by Mr. O'Loughlin in a rapid synoptical review of all that had been said on either side. His peroration could hardly help touching both parties among the auditors :

"I wish to direct a few words to my Protestant brethren, as it is probably the last opportunity I may have of addressing them. They have had, during this discussion, an opportunity of knowing what they did not heretofore know, the doctrines of the Catholic Church. You must now perceive that she is not that erroneous, superstitious, idolatrous Church which you were led to believe she was, but that One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church with which Christ will remain to the end of days. If there be among you one from whose mind divine grace has removed the veil in which it has been enveloped by prejudice, harden not your hearts against the divine influence, but humbly exclaim, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do, and follow the directions of the holy admonition, To you, also, my Catholic brethren, I address myself; you must be filled with consolation and holy joy on hearing a reason for the faith that is in you. You have heard how groundless are the misrepresentations so unsparingly used against our holy Church, of superstition, error and idolatry; on the contrary, that she is pure, holy, Catholic and Apostolic; that she is directed by her divine founder, *Jesus Christ*, who speaks to you by the voice of her pastors—never deviate from her decisions; they are the decisions of the Holy Ghost, who preserves her doctrine pure and undefiled. She is always armed against every error, and all the powers of earth and hell will not prevail against her. Be therefore firm and constant in the faith; be strengthened by the divine aid against all impostors and the ungodly; in the words of St Paul, 'Watch, stand in the faith, act manfully and be comforted.' (Cor. 16 : 32.)"

Never was text of Holy Writ more applicable to a people, than that sentence of St. Paul to the Catholics of the North of Ireland,—“Watch, stand in the faith, act manfully, and be comforted,” was not cited to them in vain. They had borne for a hundred and forty years