THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

Emigration has had its effect on the fortunes of the London shopmen. A meeting of the Early Closing Association was held on Tuesday; and, according to the secretary, the men are now free agents: wages had risen; their demands for early closing had been widely listened to ; and a probable meeting of employers was announced. The Association had a balance of £500 at the bank.—Spectator.

SCARCITY OF MEN FOR THE POLICE .- On Wednesday there were vacancies for thirty men in the police force at Scotland-yard, when only 7 were eligible for that service. This is said to be owing to the immense number of young men that have left this country for Anstralia, and gone to the diggings.

ELOPEMENT IN HIGH LIFE .- Miss Blair, a ward in Chancery, and a rich heiress possessing between £800 and £1,000 a year, eloped on Wednesday morning from Taunton, with Garret O'Moore, Esq, of Queen's County, Ireland. The young lady, who was residing with her mother and stepfather, Captain Meagher, and who is extremely beautiful, as well as highly accomplished, is only seventeen, while the fortunate Irish gentleman is verging on forty. The affair has created the greatest excitement at Taunton, and amongst the lady's relatives in London .- Globe.

THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER OUTRAGES .- The London correspondent of the Oxford University Herald writes as follows :-- " It is to be hoped that the fifth of November this year will show a great diminution in those absurd and often blasphemous outrages on the religious sentiments of a large portion of the community, which have been so unhappily revived on the two last anniversaries of 'Gunpowder treason and plot.' The interest which will be elicited among all classes respecting the public funeral of the late Duke of Wellington will tend to divert the attention of even the urchins of London streets to a more solemn and profitable subject : at any rate, one which will not inflame the ignorant bigotry of the infidel rabble. 1 am glad to observe that at Excter the Dean and Chapter have already addressan appeal to the inhabitants of that city, imploring them to desist from those disorderly proceedings in the cathedral yard which have been customary on the night of the fifth of November. The year befora last, you may recollect, the Exeter outrages were among the most disgraceful of those which were stirred up by the " Durham letter of Lord John Russel ; and last year, two lives were lost in the desperate commotion which took place. Let us trust that the appeal of the Capitular Clergy, too the good sense and Christian feeling of the people of Exeter, will not be without effect. If the example were followed by the authorities in all our towns, we might have good hope that customs so much " more honored in the breach than the observance? would be discontinued. The effort would steadily discourage such vulgar prejudices as are embodied in the Guy Fawkes' orgies, it would redound to their credit

Gavazzi at a Discount.—This miserable pretender's recent second visit to Scotland has been, we have reason to know, a complete failure. The Padre's former visit to the Land o' Cakes, having filled his bag with many a thousand Scotch simpleton's " brae siller and gold," the templer allored him to try a second effort at Sandy's pockets by returning to Scotland, and holding a further series of meetings in the principal towns; fortunately for the guid folks they had now acquired some experience of the " unco" fellows grab-bing propensities. Mr. Larkin, of Newcastle, had in one of their ain churches at Dumfries painted the chiel with such a graphic similitude to Auld Nick, and which description had travelled far and wide in the press beyond the Tweed, Sandy everywhere buttoned up his breeches pocket, and now wad nae give a skiver to hear a fellow gabber in a style far too braid, and awfu queer for them to understand—hence his meetings have nearly all been failures. The press which formerly painted him as an angel of light, now wad nae back. Even the witness, his former patron, disposes of his second visit to Auld Reckie in a paragraph of a dozen lines. It is curious to observe the arch impostor carefully shuns Newcastle; he hies a second time to the north, and by a circuitous rout visits the midland district ; but remembering that in the once fine old Catholic town of Newcastle that there is a man who dared in open meeting to denounce and expose his tricks, he wisely keeps a respectful distance from the banks of the Tyne.

ATROCIOUS MURDER AT STOUTHRIEF. NEAR ABER-DEES.-A correspondent of the Edinburgh Witness states that one of the most brutal murders ever perpetrated in the north of Scotland was committed on Monday evening in a lone house at Kittybrewster, about half a mile from the town of Aberdeen. About ten o'clock on that evening, a man was seen under suspicious circumstances in the neighborhood, and shortly afterwards the bodies of the inmates-an elderly woman named Ross, and a boy, her grandchild, from four to six years of age-were discovered. They had apparently been brutally murdered by means of an axe, and their bodies are said to bear the most hideous marks of violence. The supposed murderer has been arrested in his own house, Lower Denburn, Aberdeen. He is said to be a native of Skene, in the county of Aberdeen, and is about fifty years of age. A most painful sensation has naturally been created in the locality. A SWINDLER.- There is no way so easy of access to the heart, and thence of course to the pocket of a minister of religion, no matter of what faith he be, or of a zualous lay member of a christian church, as reprerenting yourself as a convert to his opinious. There is no doubt something flattering to your own notions that a person should come to you and tell you that after reading, and study, and enquiry, you and you only hold the right view. This is "the soft place" through which the artful make an entrance. It may be natural to " rejoice over the repentant sinner," but those who rejoice the most over " conversions" are led to believe incredible stories, and the police cases of the metropolis show the "good living" that such fellows make who go about the country " recanting their errors" to every good-natured minister no matter of what denomination. There has been for seven weeks past in Preston, a young man living upon the bounty of one of our clergymen, on the strength of his having been a Stonyhurst student who had "seen the error of his ways," and it was discovered that the scoundrel had never been at Stonyhurst in his life. Means were taken to have him apprehended, and he was lodged in the lockup. A month's sojourn at the House of Correction under a summary conviction as a "rogue and vagabond" would perhaps do the fellow good. This exposure will we fear have but little effect so long as there is such an anxiety to obtain "converts," and such a desire to hear from students reclaimed from another faith the secrets of their former "prison-house."

have saved the pocket of a worthy townsman to a con-siderable extent.- Preston Chronicle.

EPISCOPAL CHANGES .- There are some whisperings astir of certain rather startling changes being about to take place in the Episcopal bench. The contemplated retirement of a distinguished prelate is likely to give rise to certain important translations, one of which may aflect the diocese of Oxford ; while another is expected to lead to the elevation of a popular divine. - Oxford Herald.

ENGLAND'S DIFFICULTIES. (From the Dublin Weekly Telegraph.)

Every Irishman remembers who first uttered the idage, "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity." It has an ungracious sound, but that is the fault of England, whose bigotry only yields to necessity; and, yielding to that, is deprived even of that slight title to respect which even intolerance may derive from conscientiousness. It cannot be a sense of religion t can only be a love of persecution which gives way to the pressure of circumstances; and we despise an intolerance, proof against anything but inconvenience. So it has been, however, with England, in regard to Catholicity-for O'Connell's maxim has a wider scope of application than to Ireland. When he spoke, and even at this time, Ireland is the citadel of British Catholicity; and the penal laws, pressing upon frishmen, were chiefly laws directed against them as Catholics; and ever since the Revolution the bigotry of England towards the Church has been in proportion to her prosperity, and her persecution has kept pace with her power. So soon as James 11, was totally deeated, the Treaty of Limerick was broken by the Dutch deliverer; and directly his power was estab-lished, new penal laws against Catholics were enacted and enforced. When the Separation of America and the Revolutionary wars had weakened or frightened England, these penal laws were relaxed, and, from dread of civil war, were finally repealed by the Duke who now lies dead. But when the peace had quieted England's apprehension, and the growth of her commerce had stimulated her proud self-confidence, the penal laws were revived, and in the last year, which vitnessed that climax and culminating point of Engand's pride and prosperity, she recommenced her course of persecution and penal legislation. It was in the year of the Great Exhibition that the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill passed. It was when, like Tyre or Babylon, she sat enthroned in earthly power as a queen amidst the nations, drunk with worldly pride and material prosperity, and blinded to her awful moral depravity and degradation-it was then she passed incolent and worse than heathen laws against the religion which had laid the basis of all that was great and good within her, and the religion of well nigh all the rest of Christendom. From her past conduct we may draw prophecies as to the future, and may predict that she will retrace her steps, and retract her hateful policy of bigotry, only when she is driven thereto by the slavish policy of apprehension and ne-Nor are there wanting many signs to indiressity. cate that the hour of England's necessity is not far At this moment, when the organs of her public opinion are doing their utmost to excite feelings of hatred towards the religion of one-third of her subjects, and of nine-tenths of those of European nations, she stands estranged from all other states-the object of listrust, dislike, and suspicion-with Austria and France consolidating their power under the influence of the Church; America rapidly populating with hostile Irishmen; and Russia, with her vast legions, looming, like a dark cloud, over the east. And when he war comes, which she has done her best, by her insolent stupidity, to provoke--it will be a war in which she will find her bigetry has done its worst to weaken her. At this moment, to such an extent has emigration proceeded-that while her manufacturers are crying out to foreigners to fill up the vacant places of Englishmen-the army finds difficulties in enlistment, which it never felt before. We happen to know, pon military authority, that there is a greater difficulty in getting recruits for the army, than has ever been known; and that, in Ireland especially, hitherto an tant England follow the example of Catholic France unbounded resource for recruiting, this difficulty is or Belgium? Or is it, that justice to all is incompa-even greater than in England. Here is a difficulty tible with a Protestant constitution? for England, which she will not so easily get over as

her patriotic rulers expect, with reference to the defi-ciency of labor. Foreign workmen may do well

A very little enquiry in the present instance would religion of the rest of Christendom-they are objects of aversion and oppression in their native land. the present fruits of this precious policy, we behold the most valuable portion of our population leaving a land they have ceased to love-our factories filling with foreigners, who have come to a land they never cared to love-our army with difficulty recruiting its ranks-and our financiers perplexed how to sustain their resources. And all this in time of peace! If the difficulties of peace are so great, what may be expected from those of war? And if the Catholies of Great Britain get nothing but oppression in time of peace, what have they to fear from war? And is it their fault that the injustice they endure drives them to anticipate the time of their country's humiliation as the hour of their own liberation? Is it they who thus put Catholicism in opposition to patriotism, or rather render it the best patriotism to lament that the country should only by disaster be convinced of the impolicy of persecution and the danger of disunion?

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY IN IRELAND. (From the Glasgow Free Press.)

We are glad that a movement in the right direction has been commenced in Ireland for the reformation of one of the greatest abuses that even allieted a nation. We do fervently hope that the agitation which has commenced will not be allowed to subside, except with the complete destruction of that huge injustice. When we consider the outrageously disproportioned application of Ecclesiastical revenues, and other funds appropriated to the support of Protestantism in Ireland we will have a fair specimen of the equal rights said to be enjoyed by Catholics under the British constitution.

We find from a report of Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Revenues, made 16th April, 1835, that the estimated amount of the tithe compositions of Ireland was £668,888 14s. 2d.; estimated amount of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commissioners, £83,440 3s. 3d.; net amount of Episcopal revenue, on an average of three years, ending December 31st, 1831, £128,808 8s. 3d. In the space of thirty years the following sums were expended :-- For Protestant Charter Schools, £741,773; for Protestant Foundling Hospitals, £899,295; Protestant Society for Discountenancing Vice, £124,721; grants to the Board of First Fruits, £595,382; Royal Bounty, £25,400. We have not here enumerated the enormons revenues of Trinity College, Dublin.

Now, if we take the entire sums granted to Charter Schools, Foundling Hospitals, the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and the Board of First Fruits, and add to this the sum of the separate items applied aunually to the support of Protestantism in Ireland, we shall arrive at the astounding and apparently incredible fact, that under the free and equal laws of Britain, the state appropriates, for the support of the religion of one-eighth of the entire population of Ireland, above one hundred and seven times the sum that was annually voted to the remaining seven-eighths. The Catholics of Ireland constitute seven-eighths of the ontire population, and their numbers will enable us to form some idea of the amount of their contributions to the purposes of the state. Of course, they have a right to expect a proportionate share of advantages in return. Yet when, on a late occasion, there was question of appropriating a miserable £1,200 to repair a Catholic college, it was carried with very great difficulty through this justice-loving parliament of ours by a bare majority of two, amid the growling bigotry or contempluous indifference of the inveterate ensmiss of Catholics. This is an injustice to which the eyes of the community will be opened, as soon as the anti-Papal frenzy shall have subsided.

We are told that this is a Protestant country, and is, therefore, justified in not voting money for Catholic purposes. But why, then, we ask, take Catholics' money for state purposes? If Catholics are compelled to pay a proportionate share of the taxes of the state, why not allow them in return a proportionate share of the advantages? Britain is not more Protestaut than France or Belgium is Catholic. Yet both these countries give a liberal allowance of the public funds to the support of Protestantism. Why does not Protes-

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