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CHAPTER XII.

The excitement produced by an Irish fair can hardly be imagined by those who have never experienced it. If the fair be held on the "patron day"—the anniversary of the saint to whom the parish is dedicated—the day of the fair is observed as a holiday; but if it be the great business fair of the season, few engage in servile labor, and though it be not a holiday of obligation, young and old of both sexes, who are not obliged to attend business, fly away to "the green," to enjoy the fun and frolic with which it always overflows. The village, in which the fair in the present instance was held, consisted of a double row of wretched cabins, such as distinguish villages contiguous to the residence of lords who never give leases, and discourage, nay, prohibit improvement or progress in the stagnant population of Ireland. Two rows of dilapidated huts, with dung-heaps opposite the doors, constituted what was termed "the main street."

This street was intersected at right angles by another double row of huts more wretched than the former, which was also by courtesy designated a "street." On the large open space, where both "streets" met, stood at one time the "Market Cross," said to have been a piece of exquisite workmanship; but the fanatic usurpers of the estate had long since caused the cross to be demolished, as an emblem of superstition. The waste outskirts of the village were appropriated by the lord of the soil as a stand for the sale of horses, cows, sheep, and pigs; the custom, or tax for admission to these stands yielding his lordship no inconsiderable revenue. The view of an Irish fair, to the eye of a stranger, presents an extraordinary aspect. Ranged on both sides of the wide street of the village or

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IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

At such a crisis in the affairs of the Papacy it was not to be expected that the Royal College of Maynooth would remain silent. The following is given as a translation of the Latin address forwarded to the Pope by the superiors and students of the institution:—

"Most Holy Father, We, the President, Vice-President, Masters, Professors, and Students of the Royal Catholic College of St. Patrick, Maynooth, prostrate at the feet of your Holiness, humbly offer to you the assurance of our profound reverence and filial affection.

"The hereditary loyalty to the chair of Peter, the centre of Catholic unity, which the Church of Ireland has ever cherished unchanged through all her vicissitudes of fortune, has received a fresh impulse from the dangers which surround your venerable throne, and from the malignant and unworthy Catholics with which your Holiness is daily assailed. In the midst of your Holiness's trials it may, we humbly trust, afford you some consolation to be assured that every calumny directed against your august person and Government, and every attempt against the rights of your sacred sovereignty, fills the hearts of your children with grief and indignation.

"Knowing, as we have ever known, the tenderness of your paternal love for your people, we have heard with profound sorrow that a portion of your subjects, carried away by extreme and visionary theories, or misled by the evil acts of the enemies of religion and order, have risen in revolt against a prince, the purity of whose life is acknowledged by his worst enemies, and whose anxious solicitude for the happiness of his children was evinced from the very commencement of his reign by the large and liberal measures which he proposed, and which only failed to realize his benevolent intentions through the machinations of ungrateful and discontented men, who, seeking not justice, but revolution, wickedly turned against their Sovereign the very liberty which he himself had bestowed.

"We regard the august and ancient monarchy with which the successors of St. Peter is invested as a sacred and venerable institution, designed by Providence as a security for the splendour and majesty of religion, for the independence of the ruler of the church, and for the full and perfect freedom of that spiritual jurisdiction which he is called to exercise throughout the entire Christian world.

"We have seen therefore with admiration the paternal and temperate firmness with which, relying on the strength of your Divine Master, and supported by the enthusiastic voice of the Catholic world, your Holiness has maintained against every assailant the ancient and sacred rights of the Apostolic See. And while we earnestly assure your Holiness of our reverent and affectionate sympathy, we humbly pray the Almighty Father, through whom kings reign, and lawgivers decree just things, that He may deign again, as in other and more painful trials, to interpose in behalf of His faithful servant, to make manifest to the world the truth and justice of your Holiness's cause, the purity of your motives and the sincerity of your love for your children, and mercifully remit to ruler and people in the same happy concord with which your reign was inaugurated.

"Again prostrate at your Holiness's feet, we humbly beg the Apostolic benediction. "Your Holiness's most humble, most devoted, and most obedient: Children and Servants."

THE CASE OF THE HOLY SEE.—With France and Austria resolved on this point, and the urgent sympathy of Catholic Europe, it would, in our judgment, be impossible for all the enemies of the Pope combined to effect anything prejudicial to the just rights of His Holiness. In such a case, however, everything that prudence and foresight suggest should be done to prevent evil, and mar the designs of reckless men actuated by deep-rooted prejudices and fanatical passions. For that reason we earnestly counsel the holding of meetings throughout Ireland, to adopt addresses of sympathy to the Pope. That is a duty which the Catholics of Ireland now owe to themselves to perform. On the pretence of zeal for liberty, a movement is in progress against Pius IX.—the Sovereign who had been so much distinguished and lauded, in 1847, for setting an example to the rest of Europe in practical and comprehensive political reforms, which a bad faction in the dominions of the Pope basely and ungratefully used to overthrow their benefactor. It is for the Sovereign Pontiff, thus endeared to every friend of rational freedom, that the Catholic people of Ireland are now called upon to meet in their respective localities; and they ought to bear this in mind, that the manifestation of public opinion at such a crisis, would be the fitting and most effectual mode of sustaining the Pope, and preventing serious trouble in Europe.—Free Press.

ELECTION OF A COADJUTOR BISHOP.—The Belfast correspondent of the Freeman writes, under date of Tuesday night:—"In consequence of the declining health of the Most Rev. Dr. Denvir it became necessary to elect a coadjutor bishop to assist his lordship in the administration of the affairs of the diocese of Down and Connor. Accordingly, upwards of forty parish priests assembled to-day in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal-street, and proceeded with the election. The following is the result:—

Rev. Dr. Russell, Mayo, dignissimus. Rev. Mr. Dorian, Loughensland, dignior. Rev. Mr. Fitzsimons, Cusabendall, dignus.

"The votes, I understand were—16 for Doctor Russell, nine for Mr. Dorian, and four for Mr. Fitzsimons. After the election all the parish priests were entertained at dinner by the bishop. I need not inform you that Dr. Russell is the President of St. Patrick's College, Mayo, and the able and accomplished biographer of Mezzofanti."

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CHARTER.—The Munster News says:—"The charter demanded by the Hierarchy is asked with too much 'whispering humbleness.' The Bishops have the means of organising a power which would soon put a muzzle on the defamatory mouth of sectarian acrimony, and show the British Government that the right thing would be the expedient thing, and that the just thing is that which must become inevitable. What! with forty or fifty Liberal members in the House of Commons, with tolerant and enlightened English Protestant members in that House, and right around, before and supporting all—are we to suppose a charter for the one Catholic University could not be procured? We affirm it could be; and if our Hierarchy will take a vigorous and bold position, and urge others to follow their high example, Catholic Ireland is neither so feeble as to fail in the enterprise, nor the blindness and bigotry of England so pigheaded or powerful, as to prevail."

THE SCHOOLS OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, LONDON.—On Saturday last the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, the Catholic Bishop of this Diocese, in appealing to the people of that persuasion in Londonderry on behalf of the Christian Brothers' Schools, made some statements which may interest our readers. Having culogised the mode of instruction pursued in these schools, and bore testimony to the good effects which had flowed from their establishment, he said that the Christian Brothers did not charge anything for the instruction of children. The teachers are supported by the parish in which they are stationed, and the tuition is given gratis. His lordship mentioned that the building at the Brow of the Hill, Londonderry, in which the Christian Brothers reside, was paid for by the clergymen of the diocese. The male children were educated at the institution. As to the female children, they are instructed by the nuns, who taught in the schools lately erected, at a cost of £1,000, close to the new Catholic Church, Great James's Street. Dr. Kelly stated that several other parishes had followed the example of Templemore. In Strabane, the Christian Brothers have an excellent school, in a building purchased for them by the spirited Catholics of that town at a considerable cost. The people also pay the rent and taxes of the private residence used by the teachers. Great exertions have been made at Omagh to furnish the same facilities for instruction to the male children, and one benevolent individual has given a sum equal to £1,500 in connection with this charitable object. The gentleman referred to has given ground for the schools, a parochial house, and other buildings required for the use of the parish.—Londonderry Journal.

A meeting in Dublin of the Christian Doctrine Confraternities, was held on Monday 4th inst., in the Carmelite Church, in Whitefriar-street, for the purpose of adopting an address to the Pope. The Rev. Dr. Bennet, the Provincial of the Carmelite Order, presided, and concluded a long and inflated address in these terms:—

"The bigots of England hate the Pope—they detest the Papacy. They see the immense progress Catholicity is making in every part of the globe. (Cheers.) They see that the standard of Catholicity is now planted and growing—nay, more flourishing, when only a few years ago it was depressed and trampled under foot. (Loud cheers.) They