

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin, in a letter addressed to the clergy, secular and regular, of the diocese of Dublin, accompanying an appeal of Mr. Woodcock on behalf of the collection for the Catholic University, says: "The question of Catholic education is of paramount importance at the present time. In almost every country in Europe attempts are made to poison the sources of knowledge, and to imbue the minds of youth with the most pernicious principles of Atheism or indifference to all religion."

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Table with 3 columns: Representation, Catholics, Seats, Cath. Memb. Total. 4,141,933

This summary is creditable to Irish organization and energy. Of these 39 Catholic members, Ulster with 894,523, or more than one-fifth of the Catholics of the Kingdom has not even one Catholic amongst its 29 representatives.

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The following placard has been posted on the Catholic churches of the city:— "By order of his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, the finders of deserted children are to have them brought in the first place, and without delay to the nearest Catholic church for baptism, in order that they may be registered Catholics in admission to the workhouse."

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The late J. F. Maguire.—From all quarters fresh tokens are being received of esteem and regret at the death of Mr. Maguire. A private letter says that in France his loss is deeply felt. Masses were celebrated for him at the cathedral church of Notre Dame, at St. Sulpice, at the church of the Oratoire, at the Irish college, Paris, and at the cathedral church, Orleans, as well as in Rome, Belgium, and Switzerland.

The Irish Historical Monks.—In the year 1632, in a humble dwelling within the enclosure of the Monastery of Donegal, of which there is nothing now left but the ruins, four Franciscan Brothers sat themselves down to weave out the thread of Irish History, from the mass of tangled fact and fiction, tradition, legend, and song presented.

We are glad to be able to announce that a requisition is in course of signature to the Lord Mayor, to convene a meeting for the purpose of aiding in raising a fund to make permanent provision for the family of the late member for Cork.

The nomination of the Catholic Bishop of Waterford took place on the 16th Nov. The Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Carrick-on-Suir, the Rev. Dr. Power, Clonmel, and the Very Rev. Dr. Murray, Catholic Bishop of Meathland, were nominated.

Mr. Dr. La Poer, M.P.—The Daily News says there is no truth in the rumor that Mr. Dr. La Poer, member for Waterford county, has entered, or is about to enter, a religious order.

Anglicanism.—What that sect really becomes, as soon as the wholesome restraint of the civil power is removed, even the Standard reveals in the following graphic description of its Irish offshoot:— "The stormy character of the debates in the Dublin Synod has elicited comments from the Roman Catholic journals, which are so far deserved as to forbid any answer from the Church papers."

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the lobby. A few nights afterwards Mr. Disraeli quizzed the member for Londonport by a mistake in a Latin quotation a mere lapsus lingue. Mr. Dowse rose after the leader of the opposition, and said, "The right honourable gentleman may find bad Latin on this side, but there is one thing he never will see, as we saw the other night, 'the tail dragging the head into the lobby'."

Mr. Dowse reminds us that the unpleasantness of the connection has been mitigated in many ways by the importation into English politics of Irish genius and Irish fun. The historical oratory of Parliament would miss some of its finest gems if we took out the best speeches of Burke, Sheridan, Grattan, Curran and Shiel.

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER AND THE CATHOLIC POOR CHILDREN.—Some of the public bodies in London have been making great efforts to take from the Catholics the guardianship of poor Catholic children. In order to carry out their plans with more success they have tried to blacken the character of the several Catholic educational institutions.

NEW READINGS OF THE ENGLISH MARRIAGE SERVICE.—A Hampshire clergyman lately reported in an evening contemporary some of the blunders he had heard in the marriage service by that class of persons who have to pick the words up as best they can from hearing them repeated by others.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Five hundred of the strikers employed in the London Gas Company, who are now on strike, have been summoned to appear before the Police Court, under the Masters and Servants Act.

THE CALLAN DISTURBANCES.—Judgment has been given in Dublin, by Mr. Justice O'Brien in the suit brought by Father O'Keefe against the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, relating to the management of the National School at Callan.

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WANTS TO BE A MARTYR.—The good Dr. Cummings, of London, has recently been making some very pleasant remarks about his own infallibility and goodness, and the foolishness and wickedness of the Pope.

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nature have also been called to mind by the discovery.

The Jesuit Fathers at Dition are preparing to receive some 60 or 70 German Fathers and schoolmasters. One effect of persecution in Italy and Germany is to teach the English language to hundreds of learned and holy priests, from whose ministrations the English-speaking races will reap the benefit.

AGRICULTURAL STRIKES.—It has been determined to form an agricultural association in Cambridgeshire, to resist strikes, and to defy the efforts of professional agitators.

THE TICHBORNE TRIAL.—It is stated that Mr. Digby Seymour, Q. C., will be the leading counsel in the case, Mr. Sergeant Sleight's health being too delicate to enable him to undertake so prominent a part in the proceedings.

CHALDEAN ACCOUNT OF THE DELUGE.—The London Telegraph has received from the accomplished discoverer—Mr. George Smith, of the British Museum—the subjoined most interesting account of the record of the Deluge, which he has lately deciphered from the Assyrian monuments.

UNITED STATES.

The Memphis Baptist has unearthed a new cause of alarm to quaking Protestantism. Father Burke provokes its last cry of fear. In an agony of distress it wakes up its readers to a full appreciation of the dangers which threaten them by this stirring information.

"DARKNESS AHEAD.—Our Philadelphia letter this week develops a startling fact that should awaken every American, and especially every Baptist. Father Burke is the recognized general-in-chief of the Jesuits, and by a word can command millions of men, who, at an hour's notice, day or night, in this country or in Europe, will act, regardless of all nationality, or civil obligation, or oath, or ties of blood, or God, or man, in obedience to his orders."

[It will certainly surprise the Rev. Father Burke to learn that he is a Jesuit, and the General of the Jesuits. However, it is to Protestants that we must go to learn the latest news.]

As men who live on the breath of popular applause always side with majorities, we are not surprised at Mr. Froude's characteristic inability towards the citizens of the United States when speaking history according to American ideas.

A Signal Service observer was stationed at Boston for the purpose of observing atmospheric phenomena connected with the great fire in that city. His report, just issued, contains some curious information. The induced currents of wind to take the place of the heated air rising from the fire, flowed inward toward it through adjoining streets with great velocity, so much surpassing on the lee side that of the prevailing wind that the fire itself was driven to windward.

ABOUT "LIBERALISM."—A school-boy told his comrades that his father was a "Liberal," and that he intended to be one, also.

"What is necessary, in order that one may be a Liberal?" asked an inquisitive lad. "To eat meat on Friday, not to go to Church on Sunday, and right heartily to abuse the priests," was the reply.

The latest instance of misplaced confidence on cord is that of a Connecticut man who rescue another from a watery grave, only to find that instead of his long lost brother, it was a person to whom he owed three dollars and a half for turnpikes.

Jones wrote to a friend, and closed by saying, "I am glad to be able to say that my wife is recovering slowly."