

striving to alleviate the dreadful distress of their brethren in Ireland. Were the means at my command more extensive, I should not limit myself to the little I have done in a cause in which I feel the warmest sympathy. To supply the want of a larger contribution, I shall pray with fervour to the Almighty beseeching Him to look with mercy on his people, to remove the scourge that afflicts them, and to give peace, happiness, and abundance to the country."

Mr Harford presented the members of the committee individually to His Holiness, who received courteously the respectful salutation of each.—When Mr. Whiteside was introduced, Dr. Cullen mentioned to His Holiness that this gentleman was distinguished for eloquence at the Bar. The Pope instantly observed, that eloquence was a faculty bestowed by God. "You have received," said his Holiness to Mr. Whiteside, "one of the choicest gifts of Heaven. It may be improved by cultivation, but as a gift, what can be compared with the wonderful power by which an individual sways the minds of thousands? The art of persuasion is indeed a noble art when well employed.

The Pope also observed, on the concluding words of Mr Harford's address that the British was indeed an extensive empire, reaching to all parts of the world, as he had lately received three English Catholic Bishops in Rome, whose Diocesses were under the British Crown, and in the most remote parts of the globe.

His Holiness evinced a great readiness in making happy and suitable observations on whatever subject was touched upon. The committee were highly gratified by their gracious reception.

Fifteen Catholic Churches will be opened this year in the diocess of Pittsburgh; ten more will be commenced with the next year.

A cathedral Church of ten altars, 120 feet broad in its west front, and 200 feet long with a roof 75 feet from the ground, is to be built in Philadelphia to be completed ready for the Catholic service in five years. Its cost will be 150,000 dollars. Bishop Kenrick blessed the first stone in the presence of 10,000 persons.

DUBLIN, MARCH 20.—All the provincial Journals received, express the most serious alarm respecting the discharge of a fifth part of the army of labourers employed on the public works, amounting to 140,000 persons, which is to be carried into effect to-day, in accordance with the instruction issued by the Government to the officers of the Board of Works in the various counties. If the new relief measures were fully in operation, this transition would be far less perilous.

Sir Montagu Chapman, Bart., has fitted out, at his own expense, 120 emigrants from Clonmellon and its neighbourhood, and has procured them a free passage to Australia, where he purposes to colonise them on his estate near Port Adelaide. It is, we learn, his intention to send out a similar number in the beginning of May.—*Westmeath Guardian*.

TENANT RIGHT—MEETING IN COLERAINE.—On Saturday a meeting was held in the Town Hall of Coleraine, for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the state of tenure of land in Ireland. Several resolutions were passed with reference to the unsettled state of the tenure of land.

NEW RELIEF ACT—THE RATIONS.—We have now to state the rations allowed under the order. They are as follows:—"One ration may consist either of 1lb of bread, or 1lb of biscuit, or 1lb of meal or flour or any other grain, or one quart of soup, thickened with a portion of meal, according to any known receipts, and one quarter ration of bread, or biscuit or meal, in addition. Persons above nine years of age to have one ration—under nine years a half ration in the day.

AMERICAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The Remittances from America, received within three days by the Central Relief Committee of the Society of Friends in this City, amount to nearly Nine Thousand Pounds, and very large consignments of provisions, as free offerings, are on their way.—*Tablet*.

## INTERMENTS.

### AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

- MAY 15—Bernard, Son of John and Elizabeth Garrity, aged 6 years and 8 months.
- 16—Mr. Michael Egan, Native of the Connty Tipperary, Ireland, aged 38 years.
- 18—Mr. Michael Bennet, Native of the County Tipperary Ireland, aged 84 years.
- 18—Catharine Daughter of David and Mary Horagan, Native of the County Cork, Ireland, aged 18 years.
- 19—Margaret, infant Daughter of Patrick and Mary Mannigan aged 6 days.

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