

various ways in which different temperaments are affected by the same thing. What in picturesque beauty of dress, by infinite variations of the same dress, affected by variety of action, which is the result of different sensation acting on the figure, and by harmony of colour and by arrangement, he has made it little less full of attraction than any other of the cartoons.

Christ is the first figure which attracts, standing in an unaffected and simple manner, not resting on one leg and throwing the whole behind, like the eternal action of the run of antique figures, but as all men generally stand when they are not standing to be seen, and only as their convenience or ease induces them. His expression has a mixture of melancholy and pathos, beautifully touching: it is the finest head of Christ in all the cartoons.

He is pointing to a flock of sheep, indicative of the text, and to the keys in Peter's hand, as connecting him with the Catholic Church, St. Peter being the head of it.

St. Peter is on his knees, watching with eagerness the looks of his Divine Master, and listening with an inquiring submission to the utterance of his will.

St. John presses forward, full of anxiety and affection, his hands up, as if in adoration; his nose, eye, and mouth, motion, action, and expression, denoting regard, as lovely and as delicate as the soul of the divine painter who conceived and painted him.

Though Raffaele's St. Johns are built on the St. John of all the great painters, from Cimabue downwards, yet Raffaele added a beauty they all missed, and which would have rendered all representations of him incomplete without this addition. He seems to say, "Do not think I have less love of thee than another; believe me as intensely devoted, O Divine Master, as the apostle to whom thou hast committed this charge."

Another apostle, by his side, seems to lift his hands in rather envious astonishment; the one behind is rather pressing forward towards Christ with affection; the next turns round to his companions with simple wonder and inquiry, and, without scrutinizing vigor, first to ascertain what the other thinks by his air, before he ventures an opinion; while the other, with graceful simplicity, is holding his robe, and expressing also surprise, but mingled with pleasure.

The one immediately behind this last is too far off to comprehend or hear exactly what is passing, and, with his head half dropped, he seems in a breathless mixture of half eye and half ear to make out as well as he can what is passing in front; he is so placed that he could see Jesus between the heads of the others, but is scarcely near enough to hear him,

Of the remaining three, the hair only of one is seen; and the faces of the two others denote no particular emotion. This skillfully exhibits the interest dying away, as it were, the further it is removed from the cause of excitement.—*Haydon's Lectures on Painting and Design.*

GREATNESS OF MAN—Man is but a reed—the weakest reed in nature: but he is a reed that thinks. There is no need that all material creation should rise against him to crush him. A vapour, a drop of water is enough to kill him. But even if all material creation were to rise and crush him, man would be greater than it; for he would know that he was crushed; and the matter which destroyed him would know nought of it.

Thus all our dignity consists in thought. It is by it that we must rise, not by our bodily power, not by our length of life. Let us then strive to think well. This is the first principle of morality.—**PASCAL.**

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IRELAND.

THE SYNOD.—MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PRELATES.—The following prelates attended the Synod:—The Most Rev. Dr. Crolly, Primate; Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin; Most Rev. Dr. M'Hale, Archbishop of Tuam; Most Rev. Dr. Slattery, Archbishop of Cashel, and the following Bishops:—Right Rev. Drs. M'Gettigan, Raphoe; Denvir, Down and Connor; Cantwell, Meath; Browne, Kilmore; Blake, Dromore; M'Nally, Clogher; Haly, Kildare and Leighlin; Kinsella, Ossory; Murphy, Cork; Kennedy, Killoe; Ryan, Limerick; Foran, Waterford and Lismore; Crotty, Oloyne and Ross; Browne, Elphin; French, Kilmacduagh and Kilsnora; O'Donnell, Galway; and Feeney, Killaloe. The following six were absent:—Right Rev. Drs. Keating, Ferns; O'Glen, Clonsfert; Egan, Kerry; Higgins, Ardagh; M'Loughlin, Derry; and M'Nicholas, Aclonty. At a meeting of the Prelates of Ireland, convened in the Presbytery House, Marlborough-street, Dublin, 23d May, 1845, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Murray in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—Moved by the Most Rev. Dr. Slattery, seconded by the Most Rev. Dr. M'Hale—"Resolved—That having maturely considered the Bill now pending before Parliament for the extension of academical education in Ireland, and giving credit to her Majesty's Government for their kind and generous intentions, manifested in the endowment of the College of Maynooth, we find ourselves