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V.G. Roscoe, and a large gathering of the Rev. clergy of the diocese. The proceedings were in the highest degree creditable to the pupils and the nuns, and consisted of recitations in three or four languages, theatricals, music, vocal and instrumental, in which the children particularly distinguished themselves. The Bishop gave a very excellent address at the conclusion in which he heartily congratulated the good nuns and the scholars on the success which marked the course of the academic year; and wishing all a happy vacation, the proceedings terminated with a grand overture played with the best effect. The Superiores (Madame Bland), and Assistant Superiores (Madame Scully), and the Nuns, entertained the Bishop and Clergy to a sumptuous breakfast.—Jb.

United Kingdom is a matter of course, and to be placed in the same category as a bill for regulating the sale of petroleum or the continuance of a turnpike act.—I have the honor to be, sir, your faithful servant, ISAAC BUTT.

in the action brought by Father O'Keefe against Dr. Moran, Bishop of Ossory, the jury, after a two days trial, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, with £50 damages and costs. An action for damages was brought by Father O'Keefe against Dr. Keatinge, who had presided as Chairman of the Callan Schools Committee, at which the Bishop of Ossory was instructed to prepare a document for the Commissioners of National Education in relation to those schools, and which implied that the documents forwarded ten years previously to the Commissioners were not genuine. A verdict for £15 was given.

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except the Catholic Church? And why? Because no power could oppose a tyrant unless the man or the Church is prepared to die for its principles; therefore the Catholic Church is the only power that any power crowned or uncrowned, trembles at (Cheers). Now, consider what the world has gained by throwing them over. Every single principle that I have laid down has been upset and subverted by the spirit of our age. First of all, rebellion in the various States of Europe. Disregard of the Catholic Church has made the law of divorce. The wife has no longer a right to her husband; but by a trumped up accusation on the testimony of false witnesses may be driven out from the house—and a stranger younger than she, may take her place. That's the law of divorce. It is all very well to say it is only done in certain cases. Ah, when they wanted to prove crimes against the Son of God they found witnesses to swear to them. It is easy enough, if he sets his heart upon another adulterously, falsely, it is easy enough for him to weave his schemes and machinations if he has made up his mind to get rid of his wife. The only way to meet him is to tell him, in the words of the Catholic Church, that never, so long as there is a God in heaven, can he be faithless or inconsistent to that woman (Cheers). And the consequences is, and in virtue of the law of divorce, that except in Catholic Church society has gone back to the first element of ancient paganism. The Christian woman to is in terror as much as the woman who, in ancient days Greece or Rome, had never heard of God. She has lost the palladium of Divine law and of justice everywhere except in the Catholic Church (Cheers). Education to please this age of ours, must be Godless. We are seeing to draw the children from under the hands of the Church. Catholic education is looked upon as another name for bigotry.

YESTERDAY, in the presence of a large assembly, the Right Rev. Dr. Delany laid the foundation stone of a new orphanage on the Wellington-road. The institution has been founded and endowed at a cost of several thousand pounds by Mr. N. Murphy. It is intended to accommodate forty orphans of the better class, and the benevolent scheme of the founder includes a provision for giving the inmates a start in life, to enable them to earn their own subsistence. At the close of the ceremonies the Bishop delivered an eloquent address, explanatory of the objects and value of the institution, which is about to be erected. Cork Examiner, July 30.

“43 Parliament-street, July 17, 1874. “SIR—I am requested to call your attention to my letter of the 24th June, and to ask the favor of being informed on or before the 31st inst., whether it is your wish to become an original member of the Liberal Club, in reference to which I have to bring under your notice the enclosed resolution, passed at a meeting of the provisional committee for the organization of the club.—I remain, your obedient servant, “ISAAC BUTT, Esq., M.P.” To this communication Mr. Butt returned the following spirited reply:— “LONDON, 22nd July, 1874. “MY LORD—In reply to your lordship's circular of the 17th ult., only received this morning, I beg to say that I am, with regret obliged to decline the honor which your lordship has been good enough to propose to me of being enrolled as an original member of the Liberal Club, now in course of formation. I am one of the fifty-nine Irish members pledged to the cause of Home Rule, who have entered into an engagement with each other that our Parliamentary action shall be independent of all English party combinations. The publicity which that engagement has received is, of course, enough to assure me that the managers of the new club do not consider such an engagement as inconsistent with its membership. I can well understand the anxiety of high-minded English gentlemen to disconnect themselves from the insults offered to Ireland in the rejection of some of our members when proposed at the Reform Club. I can also perfectly understand the feeling which induces those represented by your lordship to believe that a common sympathy in many Liberal opinions might be sufficient to counteract the effect of the differences between us even on a subject so important as that of Home Rule. Sympathizing as I do largely with these feelings, I cannot at the same time fail to see that the Club is projected for the purpose of uniting in political action different sections of those who are supposed to constitute what is called the Liberal party. Apart altogether from the question of Home Rule, I do not see that we have yet arrived at any common understanding as to the sense we are to put upon Liberal policy as applied to Ireland. No doubt a large number of English Liberals have most cordially and generously supported us in our efforts to obtain free and constitutional government for Ireland; but in these efforts we have not met with the general or combined support of the Liberal party or their leaders. With the feelings I entertain on this subject, I should not feel justified in committing myself to any action that might be involved in membership of a Liberal Club without a much more distinct understanding as to the meaning of Liberal opinions and Liberal policy as applied to Irish affairs. I trust I shall be forgiven if I add that even if I were not impressed with these considerations as strongly as I am, I should feel some difficulty in observing that it is not proposed to place on the committee of the new club any one of those who represent the opinions of the great majority of the Irish Liberal members as well as of the Irish nation. I may observe that if Home Rule members are to be reckoned as members, they constitute one-fifth of the whole Liberal strength. In writing this letter I express only my own opinions. It is a question on which every man must act on his own judgment. For myself, upon the best consideration I can give to all existing circumstances, I have a clear and decided opinion that I best consult the position in which I am placed by declining to join in any general party combination—even one so liberally planned as that in relation to which your lordship has been good enough to address me. As the matter is one which must be more or less of public interest, I presume your lordship will not see any objection to the publication of the letter.—I have, &c., “ISAAC BUTT.

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to those of Moses and the prophets and the Son of God, and the consequence is that we are lapsing into ancient paganism, for the education of ancient paganism is defined by St. Paul to be simply this—they have every kind of knowledge, but they refuse to put God into their mouth. It is a going back 1800 years,—trampling upon the form of Him who ennobled whilst He redeemed us, and flinging away the lights of civilization that came to us from the cross of the Redeemer. Then the guarantee for honesty is gone. “If I could only get rid of my conscience,” a man said to me, “I think I would be the jolliest fellow in all America—[laughter]—but whenever I see the confessional, and when I go into a chapel, I begin to feel weak about the knees” [Renewed laughter]. As long as the Church was recognized, her action admitted, her power exerted, influence for the people, just laws prevailed. The theories of revolution have only become popular since the great revolution against the authority of God speaking in the Catholic Church; and finally, I need not tell you that the governors of Europe—of Christendom—are all the merrier because the power of the Church no longer overshadows them; because the hand of the Vatican is no longer lifted over them. “If you impose,” said one of the Popes to an Emperor—“if you impose unjust laws upon your subjects I will depose you, and command those subjects no longer to obey them.” “Swear,” says another Pope to an Emperor—swear to me in the presence of your God that you will repeal the unjust and excessive taxation you have put upon your people.” That voice now no longer speaks; or if it speaks, it is the echo of what it was. It is no longer heeded or regarded, therefore Bismarck has it all his own way, like a bull in a china shop [laughter]. I believe there is nothing in these facts or arguments—there is not one word that has fallen from my lips calculated to create in your minds the narrow, miserable, petty jealous, pedantic picture which should never find its place in the heart of the true Catholic. At the same time there is nothing I have said that is not calculated to make us proud of our religion, proud of our Church, proud of our race that has stood by that Church against every power of earth and hell for twelve—aye, for fourteen hundred years, proud of the Catholic Church, proud that we are her children, and only anxious that we may appear before all men, and in the sight of God in heaven, faithful children, and practical of so glorious and so holy a Mother [Loud and continued applause, amid which Father Bourke resumed his seat.]

“MONSIEUR KIRBY, Rector, Irish College, Rome.” His Grace Archbishop MacHale presided at the solemn ceremony of Religious Profession, at the Convent of Mercy, Westport, on the 16th ult. The religious who made her solemn vows on the occasion was Miss Carr, sister of the Very Rev. Dean Carr, Maynooth College. There will be joy in the hearts of bigots and of Orangemen, for has not a priest—a regular “popish priest”—just gained a victory over Rome, and thus advanced the “blessed” cause of the Reformation? The Rev. Mr. O'Keefe, out of his multitude of battles with the “emissaries of a foreign Prince” and other people, has at last won the day, and a jury of his countrymen have given a verdict in his favor in his action for libel against the Lord Bishop of Ossory. Not that the result is of much importance from any point of view—in a pecuniary sense, it is ridiculous. Damages were laid at one thousand pounds—the jury have assessed them at fifty—and it would be difficult to make a fair guess as to whether joy or sorrow most prevail in the bosom of the parish priest of Callan. In one pitiful sense he has gained the day; in another he has lost it—is the gain worth fifty pounds?—Liverpool Times.

“THE GREAT STRIKE IN BELFAST.—There is no appearance of a settlement. Funds are being collected, and the mill-workers seem determined to hold out. The female workers are anxious to accept the reduced wages.—Jb.

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IRISH INTELLIGENCE. The Rev. T. R. Shanahan, late C.C. of St. Michael's Parish, in this city, so long and so favorably known in Limerick for his priestly and patriotic virtues, was induced on the 22nd inst., by the Very Rev. J. O'Shea, P.P., V.G. to the united Parishes of Graun and Ballingarry. Father Shanahan has been for eighteen years on the city Mission, where he has won universal respect and esteem; and we believe that one reason for his promotion to this valuable appointment by the Lord Bishop is the confidence placed in his zeal and energy, as peculiarly fitted for the work of completing the new Church upon which £2000 have been already expended; collected by his excellent predecessor, Father Enright. We believe that the Rev. Mr. Shanahan leaves Limerick with very little of the world's wealth—a fact which his numerous friends will not forget any more than his other claims to respectful and affectionate remembrance.—Limerick Reporter, July 24.

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