

Sin trampleth on Christ.

When Pompey could not keep his soldiers in the camp by persuasion, he cast himself along the narrow passage that led out of it, and then bid them, "Go if you will, but you will first trample upon your General," and this overcame them. So it is that every sin makes God's head ache, as the rabbins were wont to tell their scholars, to scare them; nay more, we cannot go to commit sin, but we must trample upon the precious blood of Christ Jesus; for our sins crucify him rather than Pilate, crown him with thorns rather than the soldiers.—*Staughton.*

Notes of the Month.

IRELAND is still a subject of great concern to the wisest and most experienced of British statesmen. Society there is most unsettled, and the more rabid revolutionists have lately been thirsting for royal blood, as well as planning for the destruction of our monarchical government. Early in August, with the object of conciliating and awakening a loyal spirit among the Irish, a party of the Royal family, consisting of the Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur, Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, visited Dublin. The occasion was hailed by Fenian sympathisers as a good opportunity for craving the liberation of Fenian prisoners. With this object, a meeting was called—speeches were made, and, by representation to the proper authorities, the request was made that certain of their prisoners should be liberated.—This was refused. When the Royal party arrived in Dublin, the consequence of their refusal was soon seen in the reception which was given to them. The Vice Regal Lodge, in which the party was stopping, had the windows smashed, and the building in other respects badly damaged. The mob became furious. No one dared to show loyal feelings. Every window in private as well as public houses showing flags of loyalty to the Queen were smashed. There was great apprehension for the safety of the Royal party, but we are happy to have to state that no injuries were received, and that they were permitted to leave the city with nothing worse than the bitter re-

collection of the unwelcome reception which they received from the people.

SCOTLAND has been celebrating the Centenary of Sir Walter Scott. He was a great man, and his country did his memory great honour on the 9th of August. Though born on the 15th of August, that was the day celebrated by the citizens of Glasgow and Edinburgh as his Centenary. The celebration in both cities was a great success, and may be taken as an indication of the pride in which the memory of Sir Walter Scott is held by Scotchmen. Scotch airs were chimed by Church bells, and salutes were fired at daylight, noon and sunset. He was creditably remembered. In Edinburgh there was a public procession accompanied by bands dressed to represent characters in his novels, and a banquet in the Corn Exchange, which was numerously attended. There was also a banquet in Glasgow, at which the Duke of Argyll presided. From all quarters out of Scotland we have heard of his centennial being celebrated on the 15th of August with great enthusiasm. In New York, the corner stone of a monument to him was laid in the presence of an immense assembly. There were present all the Scottish Societies, with delegates from Boston, Albany, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. The streets and avenues of the city, as well as British steamers in the harbour, were decorated with flags. The memory of Sir Walter Scott is certainly worthy of all the honour which has been added to it on his centennial. It is truly said of him that "he has woven the rude traditions of his native land into tales of exquisite and everlasting interest to the civilized world." As long as they are read, he will never be forgotten in or out of Scotland.

ENGLAND has been startled with a few cases of cholera. We are not surprised that she should be, and that precautionary measures have been taken with reference to it in many seaport towns both in Europe and America. It has already travelled with rapid strides. It is only a few weeks since our attention was first called to it in Russia. Now it is reported that cases have occurred in Germany, Holland, France, England, and New York. It is said that the present year is remarkable for the number