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#### CALENDAR.

UALEN D'AK. JANUARY-1880. THURSDAY, 15-St. Paul, First Hermit, Con-fessor. St. Maur, Abbot. FRIDAY, 16-St. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr. SATURDAY, 17-St. Anthony, Abbot. SUNDAY, 18-Second Sunday after Epiphany. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Less. Acts iv. 8-12; Gosp. Luke ii. 21; Last Gosp. John ii. 1-12. MONDAY, 19-St. Canute, King and Martyr. SS. Marius and Companions, Martyrs. Bp. Baraga, Sault-St. Marie, died, 1863. TUESDAY, 20-SS. Fabian and Sabastian Martyrs. Martyrs. WEDNESDAY, 21-St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.

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As yet we have not received the names of

and address of a Catholid school teacher in any section of the Dominion, will take the trouble to send it to us plainly written on a postal card. We will continue receiving the names for some time longer.

#### Notice to Subscribers.

This is the most appropriate time to rcmind the subscribers of the Post and TRUE WITNESS that the beginning of the year is the most convenient time for settling accounts. subscribers in their different agencies. We cable news that out of 120 ejectments issued, also take this opportunity of thanking our only four have been served. If, therefore,

leaving for home.

HERR BISMARCK still keeps the war pot boiling, and though he talks of disarming, he is engaged in preparations of an extensive nature to wrest semi-German Provinces from Russia; he is, in fact, playing the same tricks he practised against Austria in 1866 and France in 1870, which is, while entertaining aggressive intentions himself, to make it appear to the world that it is the enemies of Germany who are assuming the offensive. The astute Prince knows very well that a struggle for supremacy between the Sclav and Teuton is inevitable, and he is anxious that it shall take place before himself and Von Moltke are gathered to their fathers. Russia, on the other hand, is determined she will not, like France and Austria, be taken unawares, and hence her warlike preparation for the great contest. The spring may, therefore, see Europe once more trembling under the tramp of vast armies. It is natural enough to suppose that France and Italy will side with Russia, while if the present Tory Government continues in power, England may go in with her ancient allies, the Prussians and Austrians, the more especially as Russia is threatening her possessions in the East.

#### Tus Irish landlords have at length realized that they are upon their trial before the public opinion of the world, and more especially the democracy of this continent. When the English sent Froude over some years ago to falsify Irish history, in order to take away American sympathy for the struggling Irish, Father Tom Burke was fortunately on the ground, and the great Dominican

made the "historian" fly from America with drooping wings and tarnished plumage. It is now the Irish, and let us add, the English sign on more than one occasion. Mr. landlords, who are on their defence, Mr. Parnell being the assailant. The columns of the New York Herald are daily filled with communications from lords and baronets, who tell America that the tenants in Ireland one-half the Catholic teachers of the Dominion. suffer no hardship from the present hand sys- of the Home Rulers, and did how want to doubticss because they have not seen our re- tom, while on the contrary Mr. Paraen says quest. We will feel obliged to any readers of it is the most accursed system ever invented for the oppression of humanity, and that the

best man in the world should not be entrusted the absentee Lord Dunraven, rather an erratic nobleman, and a great admirer of Beaconsfield. It is not difficult to anticipate the opinion of the American public on the points submitted to them. Parnell claims that the action of himself and his friends has already Having this object in view, we shall this week | led to the reduction of the rents by half a send our local agents a complete list of our million pounds sterling, and we now learn by

economy. He is a forcible speaker, possess- ment to the Church as one of its dignitaries, ng great natural eloquence, combined with a is possessed of fine literary tastes as well, dewonderful store of information. He is in pounced the Herald for the muserable trash America at present on private business, but | it furnishes its readers, never minding religion was requested, on leaving Ireland, to venti- or theology at all, we could scarcely blame nized by the sons of dukes who came hither late the Irish land agitation in the cause of him, for, of a surety, it is purely and simply the tenant. It is not unlikely he will deliver disgusting, and fitted to pervert the taste of for the most part by those who were a series of lectures on the question before any of its readers whose tastes are not already hewers of wood and drawers of water in the perverted. As regards the position the Post has assumed on the school question, nothing | sendants to-day may be solicitous of tracing has yet transpired to cause us to regret having given voice to the complaints of the Catholic taxpayers of Montreal, and we may inform the Herald that better results than we had even anticipated are likely to result from the agitation.

> The "Witness" Unseats the Wrong Man.

The Canadian Spectator severely criticises the daily papers of Canada for their pla. giarisms, and servile imitation of the English papers. They do not as a rule form opinions from information they possess themselves. They for the most part (says the Spectator) copy from London exchanges in composing their editorials, or hastily jump at an unconfirmed cablegram and take it for Gospel. Saturday's Witness is a laughable illustration of this. It seems that Mr. John George McCarthy-better known in Ireland as the "Holy Attorney"-was returned to Parliament, from Mallowat the last general election by the skin of his teeth. His majority was about half a dozen. When Mr. McCarthy got to London his head, like those of other pretended Home Rulers, foundation for obedience to the laws was was completely turned. "My dear McCarthy," some Lord Blarney would say to the poor idiot, "it is astonishing to see such a clever man as you are member of a crazy party. Come to Lord Blarney's ball on Tuesday night, and we shall have a little conversation on the matter. An revoir." John George was delighted at the invitation, and was converted at the dear Lady Blarney's ball. After this he voted with the Tories, and was admitted member of an aristocratic club. But, while he was delighted, his Mallow constituents were disgusted, and called for him to re-McCarthy, seeing a general election close at hand, and not willing to face a crushing defeat, has at length resigned, whereupon the veracious cable informs us that he resigned because he was disgusted with the bickerings have anything to do with Parnell. That is, of course, in itself a nice little B'e, but it does not content our pious contemporary, who in this fushion piles with the terrible power of the landlord. The Pelion upon Ossa, in an editorial of Saturlatest champion of the cause of landlordism is | day :-- "Mr. Justin McCarthy, whose accession " to the ranks of the active Home Rule party some months ago was hailed with satisfac-" tion by Mr. Parnell and his followers, has, it appears, become convinced of the unwisdom of that leader's policy, and has, in conse-"quence, resigned the representation of Mal-"low, to which he was elected. All who " have read Mr. McCarthy's account of the the Empire. That something like it will "O'Connell agitation, as recounted in his have to be done is as sure as fate itself,

so many among its democratic people to chime in with their ideas. We are right in saying a democratic people, for it is unnecessary to state that Canada has not been coloto spend large fortunes. It has been settled old country, and though some of their detheir descent from a long line of illustrious ancestry, (for proof of which see the Parliamentary Companion) certain it is that few of us are patricians. If the forefathers of our present population had found opulence in Europe they would have undoubtedly re-1 mained there. Having, therefore, disposed of this nonsense, how, we ask, can Canadians sympathise with the landlords in the struggle for justice now going on in the British Islands? How long would such a miserable system be tolerated in Canada before the people rose in rebellion? Though few of our Canadian editors would countenance the deeds of violence and bloodshed by which the great be found to regret that it finally resulted in the emancipation of the serfs and the distribution of the land amongst the people. Since then France has been prosperous and wealthy, and if the axiom that good Government consists in legislating for the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of people. Is accepted France has been well governed.notwithstand her numerous changes and revolutions. This has been possible only because the laid on a broad and just basis, namely, the happiness of the people. This fact is acknowledged by all writers and historians. The land system of Prussia was also changed, though in a more peaceable manner, through the exertions of Stein and Hardingberg, and the Prussians are also prosperous and contented. So with Belgium, and even the peasants of Russia — semi-barbarous Tartar Russiawhich we affect so much to despise, will ere long obtain the lands they cultivate to be their own and their children's forever, without the burden of a landlord. If, then, it is right and proper for the French, the Belgians, the Prussians and the Russian cultivators of the soil to obtain possession of the soil, why should the Irish be held guilty for trying to do the same? And why should Canadian newspapers cry down the moveinent now going on in Ireland with that | treal. object? The landlords have had full swing for centuries, and behold the results. Poverty, disaffection, discontent and degradation. But it may be asked, how effect a change if the landlords refuse to surrender their vested rights? Mr. M. P. Ryan, at the late meeting in Nordheimer's Hall, showed how the West

Paris Exhibition of all nations, and while its soaring. For our part, if his Lordship going on forever; but what surprises us is miles, until it either comes in contact with the three great national traits of patience, honesty and gratitude, and the Irishman, if at there studied what may be called universal. Bishop Duhamel, who, besides being an orna- that here on this continent they should find the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions or the point where the all decently treated has essentially a grateful and the infernal regions of the point where the poi claims of the antipodean begins. Hence, the practical agitator says, in effect, "stick to the land; it is more substantial than a song, and it will be time enough to remember the glories of Brian the Brave when hunger has ceased gnawing at your hearts." It is no wonder, then, that the British landlord press is exercised over the startling character of this Irish Lafayette, who seems so practical and so terribly in earnest. It is no wonder that the erratic Lord Dunraven goes raving into print, and, among other stupidities, charges Parnell with being a Saxon, while he (the said Dunraven) is a pure Celt! After the famine years, the London Times chuckled over the exodus of the troublesome Celts. "The Celts," said the Times, "are gone with a vengeance." The Thunderer was mistaken, one Celt remained in the person of the noble Earl. Well, well, he has the impudence of the very devil, has this same Lord Dunraven, thorough-going absentee as he is, to talk of Celts and Saxons at this time of the day. As if the gaunt angel ot famine would pass the one by and smite the other in his periodical tours through Ire-French revolution was effected, fewer still will | land. For our part we say, give us Saxons like Parnell before Celts like Dunraven every day in the week, and evory hour in the day. If the Celt Dunraven has retained the family property in Ireland it may be safely taken for granted it was through some dirty trick of his ancestors, perhaps through valuable information furnished the Castle. Most of our Canadian newspapers are at present engaged barking at Parnell just as dogs bark at the moon, when she is shining down most lustrously and with about the same effect, for Parnell moves along on his successful road heedless that such curs exist. If some of our contemporaries, the Gazette and Witness for instance, who are so prone to give the landlords' side of the question, would show their love of "British fair play," they prate so glibly about and let their readers hear the other side, people might give them credit at least for sincerity. Why can't they publish the magnificent speech of Parnell delivered the day after his arrival? No; but it matters not, justice long delayed will ultimately triumph despite the yelps of the London Press and the pitiful snarls of their humble copyists on this side of the Atlantic.

For the handy little work, called the songs and stories of Ireland, price ten cents, write to James McAran, 196 Murray Street, Mon-

# Irish Relief Fund

The Proprietors and Employees of the Post and TRUE WITNESS ..... \$100 00 Lady (per Mr. O'Leary)..... S. Gendron, Prothonotary ..... James Duffy ..... Francis Kennedy ..... John Kennedy..... Henry Harnett, of St. Vincent de Paul. A Friend..... James Foley, Esq., dry goods mer-20 00 chant..... James McArran, bookseller..... George Clarke..... Andrew Dunn ..... James Conroy.... A Factory Boy and comrades......

heart. Shall, they, not ;; then be helped in the day of their trouble? I am happy to see the Irish heart on this continent has been stirred to its depths, but it is an urgent case, not one to which "festina lente" applies. On the contrary, it calls for quick action. Therefore, committees should be organized in each city calling for subscriptions from the district as well as the city, and distinctly announcing the destination of the funds handed in. I consider Mr. Parnell's double mission as most mischlevous and unfortunate, and I quite agree with the strictures and advice of the New York World, as they appear in a late issue of that journal.

I am very familiar with the relations. I should rather say want of relations, between landlord and tenant as they existed a quarter of a century since; between those two classes there stood a wall of adamant ; that wall was the "Agent." As a matter of fact no tenant could personally reach his landlord, or if by chance such a meeting occurred, he would be told-courteously, no doubt-but still told, "I never interfere with my agent." Now, sir, in those days there prevailed the vicious system of what might be termed a general agency, that is to say, one man of good standing and known means could acquire just all the agencies he pleased to accept, and he would accept all that were sufficient security for the advances he knew he would be called upon or had agreed to make. Sir A. calls upon an extensive agent. "Mr. B., I want £10,000, my estates are £8,000 a year, take the agency, advance me the money, and make me an allowance sufficient to decently keep me at Baden or elsewhere.', Such, sir, was the system which left a peasantry entirely unrepresented as between them and their natural guardians, the landlords. Is it any wonder that under such a system the whole rotten fabric collapsed at the first note of disaster in the failure of the potato crop? Surely notthe peasant could not pay his rent; the land. lord could pay neither interest nor principal the Encumbered Estates Court became an established fact; estates were sold; first morf. gages were paid off; second mortgages partly so or not at all ; agents, well not often. and as the agents tell, they carried with them a crowd of confiding friends whom they had obliged (I am not speaking ironically), by taking their money on deposit, paying there-for five per cent. This, at the time, wasIreally doing a favor, capital and credit being unlimited with these gentlemon.

But above and beyond all this was the evil shadow of absenteeism, and the tenant natu rally felt it to be a hardship that he was al. together debarred from communication with him who ought to be at once master and friend; a just and kindly master; a friend who would see to the prevention of all injustice or small tyranny Ch the part of subordinate officers, under which head I class all sub-agents, clerks in offices not under the immediate eye of the agent, bailiffs, their drivers, and all the numerous class of parasites who have been made fat by the mismanagement of Irish estates and the impunity with which they were able to carry on their nefarious practices, and when the crash of 1848 came, who held up their heads? who were found to have 4 00 quietly added house to house, and field to field in fee farm for ever? Who but those sub-5 00 1 00 agents and clerks who had drawn from the 50life blood of the wretched peasant their property in the shape of eggs, chickens, ducks, 502 00 pigs and the miserable half-sovereign they might have hidden in the old stocking, and 1 00 in return would they not give them that bit of bog, that neighbors field and time for the rent. To that extent it is unfair to charge all 00 1 00 actual misery upon the landlords ; but where 00 such practices as I feebly delineate were in 50 force, then I say those in whose hands the charge of these poor people rested, in the sight 2 00 of heaven were guilty of a gross breach of trus 1 00 and their punishment has but commenced. 2 00Meantime, I denounce the conduct of any 1 00 who, by mere words or fiery advice, would 10 00 inflame the passions of these much wronged 3 90 countrymen of mine; they are as impulsive as they are generous, and above all nations require to be dealt with at once firmly and gently. As well fire to furze in the heats of August, as inflammatory words to these peopleat such a time as the present : that the landlords should be compelled to realize the position is right and just, but human nature is weak, and landlords are sometimes not above the weakness of remembering injuries, be they real or imaginary; therefore for both sides it should be remembered how wise is the counsel of moderation. Of one incubus the Irish have been rid, the iniquitous tithe system, and with it perished that excrescence upon humanity, the Tithe Proctor. The picture of a Protestant Rector distraining upon the morsel of property of a Roman Catholic (or any other for that matter) to recover his two, three or five shillings of tithe was a foul blot upon humanity, and an insult to God and the Gospel : It was but a question of time to wipe that on and just here I take occasion to say that from that day the landlord, not the tenant, paid the tithes on government estimate; thenceforward they were known as "Rent Charge," not as tithes. I speak from experience, and give a flat contradiction to those in this country who have made statements to the contrary. There are some who have done so, but that iniquity is completely wiped out. I could largely supplement the list of absentees and the value of estates, as given by you on the 5th, without leaving the West of Ireland, but it is needless, and I have already trespassed on your patience sufficiently. Of Sir Charles Knox (not Xnox) Gore's merit as a landlord, I know as little as why he or any other of his class should appeal for endorsement to the New York Herald; his fathor, Sir Arthur, had the reputation of being a good landlord. That farseeing nobleman, the Earl of Lucan, as long as thirty-five years since, commenced to clear his Castlebar estates of a tenautry who had subdivided their holdings to their utmost tension, the result being deteriorated lands, a debased and poverty stricken tenantry and rents unpaid for periods varying from five to twenty years. This could not last-it was bad for both parties-so, with characteristic vigor, he ejected the recalcitrant tonantry, forgiving all arrears and assisting liberally towards their emigration. The result is that, where want and misery reigned, there are now large, well fenced and cultivated farms, nor bas his Lordship's name appeared in connection with any of the troubles now raging in the county of Mayo. Certainly public opinion was at the time outraged, and the London Times poured upon Lord Lucan its vials of wrath; but his wisdom has been amply vininto tears over the song of "Kathleen Mayour- of silver on the pommel of my saddle, ride in dicated, and his property greatly increased in value, and, doubtless, many of these men or their descendants now bless the day they were compelled to exchange their wretched tenements for the green fields and pastures new of the States and of our Dominion. If a clearer insight into the national characteristics of Irishmen as a nation, and a stronger interest in their present need, and the neces sity of contributing to its immediate relief by

the further increase in circulation of the Post and TRUE WITNESS.

THE programme of the places Mr. Parnell decided to visit during his American tour includes Montreal, where he will lecture early in February if certain emergencies do not arise which may require his presence in the Imperial Parliament.

At a meeting of Repealers held in Dublin in 1845, James Gordon Bennett, father of the present proprietor of the New York Herald, was present, but was refused recognition by Daniel O'Connell on account of the position his paper took on the slave question and left in a huff. The animus of the son against Parnell, the successor of O'Connell, can therefore be easily understood.

possession of Ghuzni, an important post between Cabul and Kandahar, which the British thought secure. The cable news also informs has broken out in India.

THE contest between Dr. Bergin and Mr D. B. McLennan is now occupying the attention of the electors of Cornwall. Though expressing our preference for the late member, Dr. Bergin. During his parliamentary career he has been distinguished as an able and eloquent speaker, and as an influential member. A Catholic and an Irishman, his liberal and tolerant views have long made him share the confidence of his fellowcountrymen of other faiths. He is a representative Canadian of culture and ability, and his re-election will be a graceful tribute from his old constituency to his ability and worth. The small number of Irish Catholics in the Ottawa House at present should prevent an opposition to Dr. Bergin at all, in fact.

MR. PETER O'LEARY will lecture at Oshawa on Tuesday night next on the Irish Land Question, on the invitation of Rev. Father

agents for their zeal and promptitude, and of Parnell never does any more, Ireland and requesting them to make a fresh effort for humanity will owe him a debt of gratitude.

#### A Snarl from Ottawa.

A great calamity has befallen the EVENING Post; it has, as the complete letter-writer would say, through circumstances over which it has no control, lost the confidence of the Ottawa Merald. So long as that influential organ of public opinion buoyed us up with its support we cared not what the rest of the

world said or did, but alas! it has withdrawn the light of its countenance and we are plunged in melancholy darkness. The only consolation left us in our misfortune is that been so busy with the festivities of the season as to forget to draw their usual amount of inspiration from its spirited columns, or its two newsboys may have quartelled and left

ALLEMING news from India once more. the subscribers without their paper for the Mahommed Jan is again in the field, this time being. Such accidents as these have time it is supposed with a disciplined army before this happened to journals like the and a fair share of artillery. He has taken | Herald, and their subscribers been none the wiser or more ignorant of current affairs. Our esteemed little contemporary having adopted the *role* of an anti-Catholic journal, us that alarming and startling news from for reasons best known to its pitiful self, India led to a Cabinet meeting. This would brightened up when the Posr commenced lead to the suspicion that another rebellion ventilating the School question and fondly hoped it had found a companion in its ridi-

culous onslaught on the Church, but when it realized that our mission was an educational the distress in Ireland, and "udee", in Engone and that we had the sympathies of the Catholic clergy and laity with us, it ground the Post is not enthusiastic in the interest of its poor teeth and snarled in the following either political party, we cannot refrain from | fashion :--- "We saw that by some accident, or whilst under the influence of some couragegiving draught, the Post plunged into a warfare which it discovered, when it awoke | like others before the advancement of ento its senses, it had not the courage to fight | lightened public opinion ; it is 'as fated as the to a successful issue, and the sole object | slave trade and that other unomaly, the Es-"which we had in view was to bolster up our weak-kneed contemporary as best we could. We patted it on the back, and told it to "pile in,' that victory was sure to perch on "its standards, but when we saw that to It is only natural that those . noblemca, "work it up into anything approaching an "aggressively belligerent mood it would be "necessary to pull its ears, slap its chops, in the system perpetuat of the system perpetuat of should wish to "then that it would turn tale at them to live in idleness "the first favorable opportunity and demns the toiler to pov "flee, we thought it time to cease." | times, to starvation ; This elegant extract is given to show the dies and his heir ; McIntee, and probably no Irishman living, kind of intellect the ecclesiastical authorities and social positio including even Mr. Parnell, is more capable of Ottawa would suppress. The literary ist and his son of doing justice to the subject. Mr. O'Leary genius of the Herald was cramped and con-gether with a has travelled over the globe, and, keen ob- fined so long as its writers pretended to be- from mornir server as he is, took special notice of the land lieve in the doctrines of the Church, but the aristocrat i system of the different countries he visited. | moment it freed itself from "superstition" it | is but na' He was present as a Commissioner at the source, and the above is a fair specimen of sire to r

" history of our own times, will not be sur- despite the protests of Lords Devon and " prised at Mr. McCarthy's action. Mr. Mc-Carthy is clearly convinced that so soon as

" it became apparent to the rank and file of " the revolutionists of that day that no un-" lawful resistance or aggression was contem-" plated by O'Connell, the great agitator lost " his influence, and the agitation ceased en-"tirely." The above is a fair specimen of journalists who are so fond of abusing Mr. Parnell and the Land Agitation. press, but still worse when they seize upon a cablegram for inspiration. Now, everyonewho should know anything-knows that have, as well as those who have not, read Mr. McCarthy's account of the O'Connell agitation, will be very much surprised, indeed, when the Witness informs them that he has resigned his seat. If the opinions of the Witness on Parnell's mission are based on the same knowledge as it exhibits on the McCarthy business, that gentleman need entertain no fears of the ultimate result.

The Land Agitation.

One can easily understand how it is ' that the Irish landlords and the same (ABS in land and Scotland as well, though for obvious reasons in a less de gree. This distress, as shewn by Mr. Par \_\_ell, springs from the lar.d system, a syster a which is one of the last relics of the foundal times. This abuse, though venerable from its antiquity, will he we to fall tablished Church of Ireland, each of which had as eloquent defenders in its day a s Lord Dunraven or the Earl of Devon, two, of the absentee champions of the Irish ' andlords. see the system perpetuat ed which enables and luxury and conerty, insecurity and, at is well. The landlord ucceeds to his opulence 1; the tenant ceases to extakes up his burden, and, to-

Duaraven, and the silly arguments of news papers on both sides of the Atlantic.

#### The Agitator Parnell.

India planters had also vested rights, which

the British Government purchased, without

their consent, for twenty million pounds

sterling, and freed the slaves. Let the same

action be taken in behalf of the Irish tenantry,

and it will remove a standing menace from

At the present moment Mahommed Jan, the Afghan general, is by far a more popular person with the British world than Charles Stewart Parnell, the member of Parliament the profound ignorance of those Canadian for Meath County. One united howl arises from the throats of the English press against the great lacd agitator, which is caught up It is bad enough when they steal and echoed over the colonies far and near. their editorial ideas from the English There is no mercy shown him, he is a political monster who must be held up to implacable hatred. And for what reason? Simply this: He wants to the immense number of our contemporary's Justin McCarthy is member for Longford bring about such a change in the accursed and not for Mallow. People, therefore, who land laws of Ireland as will prevent periodical famines in the country he loves so well. O'Connell had his admirers in England, and even the poetry of the Young Irelanders and their impaissioned oratory were read by millions who could appreciate poetry and eloquence of a dreamy, harmless kind, because they were not really dangerous. But here 'somes upon the world's stage a pale vor ag man who is neither poet nor orator,

Jut an inflexible, practical politician, who, puts a brake between the spokes of the wheel of the Constitution and orders it to stop. And behold it stops, and he says to England and elsewhere should mai , an effort the tenants, "don't pay your rents and stick to to destroy the sympathy which as evoked by your lands," and they, obey him as strictly as ine hundred Roman soldiers did their centurion. This man Parnell névér mentions Malachi is said to have won from the proud invador. If he did the land aristocracy would be deligitted, for well they know that people who go about spouting poetry are pretty mfe, they are ust danger ous, they have not at eye to the ladit and do long as they mercly give vent te their fuelings in quoting from Moore, they do not require watching. In former times it was difficult to find 'at. Irish patriot addressing the electors who did not manage to bring into his speech somowhere or another the touching lines of the Irish National

> | bard :---Rich and rare were the gems she wore And a bright gold ring on her wand she bore. Mais nous avons change tout cela. Parnell has changed all this. Parnell is aware that countessos and duchesses who would melt her own proper person shivering by the roadside after eviction and would pass the girl hundred others like him, work with haughty scorn. Parnell knows that an g till night that the pampered acre of land is more tangible than a song, be any riot in luxury. We repeat it it never so beautiful. An acre of land is an ourd the privileged class should de- immense amount of property, for, besides its lieve us." Here then, with death, or at best, weithis state of things flourishing and superficies, it reaches down four thousand half starvation before them, shone brightly their more fortunate brethren on this conti-

James O'Mara, Albert street..... Canadian, Grenville, P. Q..... John Cantwell, apprentice ..... M. P. Ryan, M.P..... E. L.....

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Distress in Ireland.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS and Post. Dear Sir,-Can you explain the cause why some forward movement is not being made here to relieve the distress now existing beyond all doubt? Are we waiting to see how long our people can subsist without food, fuel and clothing? Such does appear to be the case, judging from the apathy shown in this Are our poor, famishing people in Irecity. land not worthy of assistance? Surely Then why wait until death reaps its ves. terrible hervest? Do we not already know that it this very moment hundreds are aciually starving for the merest necessaries of life? Let us be up and doing before it be too late. Why not at once organize a house-to-house canvass or some other means of raising funds? There are many who are prepared to give their mite, but not seeing any regularly organized plan hold back. Enclosed is my subscription to the Post Fund of \$1. A FRIEND.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS and POST.

Sin,-As an Irishman and one who has had good deal of experience agong the Irish, I naturally take great intgreat in the present position of that unfortunate and too often oppressed courtry, and having carefully read your article of the 5th-" Landlord and Tenant"\_I Consider it on the whole a very for synophies of the present position, and I Brian Beru or the collar of gold, which | cannot without horror contemplate the possibility of a recurrence of the heartrending scenes of 1847-'48. Verily they were appalling and never to be forgotten by those who witnessed them and who felt how utterly incompetent they were to stem the torrent of misery, disease and death; and the poor people, how patient, how uncomplaining, only the beseeching look from the ghastly shrunken face which bore too plainly the imprint of coming death-All this I remember as though it were yesterday. God forbid it should be repeated in 1880. Then the Government stepped in and established a system of what were called Public Works. Squads of engineers appeared and ran lines to direct the course of the roads that were to be. Hills were levelled or half levelled, and gold flowed like water, still stalked the fever and still died the victims; and at this point, and as another bright spot in the Irish character, I have to tell that many a time, at the close of my own office day's work, I, then a lad, would mount my pony, and taking a hundred pounds

neen" could see the aforesaid Kathleen in the gathering darkness, quite alone, miles into the country to relieve some overtasked paymaster, and minister to the wants of these perishing creatures, feeling as safe in person and property as if I had been in my father's house. Of how many countries under like circumstances could this be said? It was only "God bless you, sir, for coming to re-