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POWER STREET.

On the evening of the 10th inst., we wended our way to Power street, with the expectation of hearing the Bishop of that region, but were doomed to the infliction of a second edition of the Rev. Father Sheehan. Prior to commenting on the effusion of the Reverend Father, we will venture to communicate an idea, which the perpetual genuflections *in front* of "the altar" suggested, while waiting for the oracular utterances of the pulpit. Every one may be supposed to know that the bending of the knee on the part of all Roman Catholics, *in front* of what is termed "the host," constitutes the most prominent feature of their worship, and that this is done on the assumption of the consecrated wafer having become the body and blood of the ascended Redeemer. It is obvious that if that be the case, the same reverence should be bestowed in passing *behind* "the altar," where man cannot see, as where he can. To judge of the rapidity of the steps behind, which

could be heard, the reverence paid *behind* the altar, is of a widely different character to that which is visible in front thereof; but that is a question one may be content to leave to the reflection of those whom it specially concerns. "The gospel for the day" was selected by the officiating priest, as the subject for his sermon; the gospel extended from Luke vii, 11, to ver. 16. The subject of the sermon was therefore supposed to be the restoration to life of the son of the widow of Nain; it may be well to give a few words in description of what remains of Nain, as recorded by the late Dean Stanley: "On the Northern slope of the rugged and barren ridge of little Hermon," says the Dean, "immediately west of Endor, which lies in a further recess of the same range, is the ruined village of Nain. One entrance alone it could have had, that which opens on the rough hill side in its downward slope to the plain." The priest relieved himself of a remarkable series of senti