

and was, with Cardinal Manning, the most conspicuous in advocating the expediency of promulgating the dogma of the Papal Infallibility. In Rome as in Ireland, in public as in private, he was ever true to the great trust placed in him as a guide and a bulwark to the Irish Church. His great work accomplished, his task fulfilled, he has gone to receive the crown of glory of "immense weight" promised to the faithful followers of Christ his Master: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few I will place thee over many; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

OUR MANCHESTER LETTER.

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE RECORD IN ENGLAND—
THE GLASGOW BANK—GRAND VOCAL SOCIETY,
ETC.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Manchester, England, Oct. 17, 1878.
Two days ago I received the first number of the RECORD, and I must acknowledge that I was unexpectedly delighted with the excellent manner in which it has been issued. The type and paper are both good, and the reading matter is the best of its kind. I sincerely hope that this new venture will receive the hearty and unhesitating support of all Catholics who desire not only that their real opinions may be disseminated, but who also wish to have literary matter in their homes beneficial alike to young and old. I have no means of even guessing how many subscribers will be sufficient to make the RECORD a financial success, but I do trust the Catholics of your town will not be lukewarm in their efforts to make it a permanent property. As a general rule our newspapers and books are dear owing to their limited sale. Catholics who ought as a matter of duty to support newspapers specially directed to their wants, yet often prefer to spend their money on publications inimical to their interests and injurious to their morals. A little support given at the proper time will enable Catholic editors to secure the services of able writers on the various topics of the hour. To my mind you have secured enough of talent to make the RECORD acceptable in any society, and I hope that ever for minor interests, apart from the higher aims of Catholicity, you will meet the support you deserve. Even in this vast city we have no Catholic newspaper! It is true that our local Catholic news is given through the press, but the newspaper specially appointed to detail it is printed in Liverpool, 30 miles away. We have three morning and two evening papers, besides a few weeklies, all valuable properties, but as yet we cannot boast of having a Catholic newspaper, so that you see in one respect you may consider yourselves as far ahead of the Catholics of old Manchester.

The cable messages will have conveyed to you the terrible disaster of the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank. You will also have learned how injurious this stoppage has been on large mercantile firms, thus inducing fresh disasters. A panic seems to prevail in every branch of commerce. Investments held to be of the best possible kind are suddenly held in suspicion, and this feeling is growing so rapidly that it is hard to tell what stocks or shares may not become ruinous any day. One very large Indian house here suspended payment on Friday last, and already rumors are doing the rounds. Even while I write a run is being made upon one of the largest Building Societies in the city, and if this is initiated upon the others a general collapse of these excellent institutions for investments must ensue, as their capital is locked up in land and buildings.

In the day time, on change and in the city, uneasiness about business is manifested, but at night, judging by the crowded places of amusement, you would think us the happiest and most light-hearted of peoples. Independent of the numerous singing halls which are always well patronized by the working classes, we have our three theatres crowded each night by the middle classes and gentry. I don't think such a circumstance has happened for many years. You may generally calculate that one of these theatres is well supported, but now they all have hanging houses. Certainly the attractions must have something to do with it. For at the Royal—our chief theatre—we have Henry Irving giving a variety of his impersonations, while at the Princess, Madge Robertson, with a London company, are giving the new favorite piece, "Diplomacy." The Queen's, which we consider our minor theatre, has secured Barney Sullivan to portray the very best of Shakespeare's heroes, so that the rival houses, instead of suffering from such an embargo of richness, are really profited. By the way, this rivalry is not so great as might be supposed, at all events as affects two of the theatres, for the Royal and Princess are now owned by one "limited company." This company is composed of some of the leading and wealthy men of Manchester, who have for one grand object the preventing as far as possible the degradation of the stage. Shakespeare and the standard plays of other authors have been given in place of the weak, trashy, and often vile "opera-bouffes," which up to very recent times had such a run. The reformation of the stage has, however, slow, and in this case has been costly for the management at the Royal last year, £10,000. This year there will be a much better result. For the high prices claimed by "Stars" have not been given lately, owing to the proprietors of the Royal having bought the Princess, which was always a jealous rival. If a "Star" or London company wished to visit Manchester negotiations were set on foot with both theatres, and the result was an engagement with increased terms at one of them. This is now altered, exceptional terms not being listened to, so that instead of all the profits going to the actors, the proprietors get their customary proportion.

The enormous fees claimed by "star actors" now, are quite new, more than equalled by those paid to "star singers." Very few of our leading English singers will accept an engagement for a concert for less than thirty guineas, while in exceptional cases much more is demanded. Among the exceptional cases must of course be named Sims Reeves, Lantieri, Madame Patey, and a few others. Sims Reeves will not visit us at all for less than 100 guineas per night, and I have known an instance where he was offered even 200 guineas, but in vain! These terms, great as they undoubtedly are, pale before those claimed by foreigners. Madame Nilsson has been paid more than £200 per night, but this sum was reached by Aldina Patti years ago, and now her demands are something fabulous. I was present at a concert here on Saturday last for which

she received (in conjunction with Nicolini) £550. Of course the prices had to be doubled and the hall to be crowded in every part (which it was) before the entrepreneurs could see themselves out of danger of loss, for independent of the two singers named, a special concert party was engaged, consisting of Morosini, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Maybrick, the composer of "Nancy Lee" and other favorite ballads. There are very few people who would take the risk of engaging such an expensive number of artists as here named, but the occasion was the opening concert of the season of Mr. De Jong's series. It is not likely he will repeat the experiment on such an extravagant basis, for he has also a large hand to pay. The concert was successful in every way so far as it concerned the public, as Adeline Pattison with an amount of power and sweetness which perfectly swayed the audience. Of Nicolini the verdict was not favorable. He has a great reputation on the lyric stage, but his singing in the concert room seemed harsh and unmusical. We have now begun our musical season in earnest, for last night the Vocal Society commenced the first concert of their twelfth season. The choir numbers now about fifty voices, picked and trained, many of them frequently heard in our local concerts as professional voices. This large body still, as it is in the beginning, does without a leader or conductor, and yet it succeeds in winning praise from the strictest of musicians by their wonderful singing of the most difficult vocal compositions. At each concert some special large work is given, sometimes introduced to the English public for the first time, or but rarely known even in the Metropolis. All Bach's Motets have already been sung by the choir, whose reputation for mastering such difficulties is now well known throughout England. Last night Spohrs Vocal Mass was given with wonderful effect, and this, he it observed, without the aid of any instrument whatever except that given by the piano in striking the chords for each separate movement. There was a sprinkling of the Catholic clergy present, who must have been gratified beyond measure in hearing the well-known words of the mass sung to such marvellous music and interpreted by a choir unsurpassed perhaps in the world. The press here feels itself inadequate when praising these concerts, which, though entirely vocal, yet are interesting to musicians of every kind.

The great instrumental concert given by Charles Halle has not yet commenced, but when they do, Manchester may then be said to float on a musical field, and as the stream generally carries me with it, I hope to have something interesting to say about these concerts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WOODSTOCK.

October 27th.

A small dwelling house on Wilson street was burned to the ground on Thursday evening, 24th ult. It belonged to Mr. C. Dash, and was unoccupied when burned. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Insured for about \$100. The fire alarm sounded when the fire was about out, as usual.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

The cantata of "Queen Esther" was presented to a full house on Friday evening, 25th ult. The leading characters were taken as follows: Queen, Miss Carrie Peck; King, A. D. Lane; Zeresh, Miss Jennie Peck; Haman, Jas. Pendergast; Mordecai, Goff; Hamanah, T. T. Confort. The acting on the whole was an improvement upon the previous exhibition of this oratorio, and gave great satisfaction to those present. The performance was for the benefit of the Amateur Band, which had kindly given its services to Prof. Laney on previous occasions.

BASE BALL.

A very good game of base ball was played on the Promenade Park on Tuesday afternoon, 22nd ult., between the Blacksmiths and Grocers. As usual the grocers won the game, the score standing in their favor by 12 to 8. The grocers will now consider themselves the champion bowlers of Woodstock.

WILD GESE.

On Friday evening, 25th ult., about six o'clock a large flock of wild geese were seen flying over the town in a southerly direction. They continued passing over the town for fully five minutes.

A GOOD STEP.

The sidewalks on the east side of Vanastir street, between Hunter and Dundas streets, is being placed in a state of repair. This has been much needed of late as the boards in many places had become broken and loose. Our Street Commissioners are doing their work nobly.

ELOCUTION.

At the amateur band benefit last Friday evening—above mentioned—at the conclusion of the cantata, Miss Carrie Peck recited that beautiful piece, "The Bells." Her recitation of it was perfect, and it is seldom indeed that our citizens are treated to such perfect elocution.

COURT OF CHANCERY.

The Fall Chancery Sittings for the county of Oxford, will be held here on Monday, the 11th of November. Quite a number of interesting cases are to be tried at this Court.

There was considerable excitement here yesterday over a prisoner who escaped from jail, but they succeeded in capturing him and bringing him back again. His name was John McDonald.

Prince Bismarck is said to take much better care of his life since it was attempted by Kullmann. When in Berlin he confines himself almost absolutely to his house and garden, which are carefully watched at all times by policemen in plain clothes; if compelled by his official duties to visit the Palace he drives thither and back in a close carriage with the windows up, sitting well back, so as to be invisible to passers-by. Varnia is as carefully guarded and as difficult to penetrate as Mecca itself; and at Launceburg his park has just been surrounded by a high wall, shutting it completely in from the public ken.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Big Sale.—The cheapest and best place to buy Boots and Shoes and Rubbers, is at Pocock Bros., No. 133 Dundas street. They keep the largest stock in the city. Give them a call.

LOCAL CLEANNINGS.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, beg to acknowledge the receipt of twelve Dollars and nineteen cents, being the proceeds of the Concert held for the benefit of their Orphanage by the Young Irishmen's Society of this city.

We learn from our exchanges that Thomas O'Brien Esq., Solicitor, has removed his Law office to Parkhill. To such of our readers as may require the services of a practical, clever and reliable lawyer, we most cordially recommend Mr. O'Brien. In the conveyance of real estate, our friends in Parkhill will find it to their advantage to secure his services. In a young and flourishing community a good lawyer may be considered a *Sine qua non*, and Mr. O'Brien has our best wishes for his success.

A correspondent asks us who is the author of the poem which appeared in last week's issue of the RECORD. Correspondents should know that we cannot give the names of our contributors without their permission. As the poem in question has been so generally admired we have asked and obtained permission from the author to publish his name, viz: Rev. W. Flannery, P.P., St. Thomas.

The Catholics of West Williams were greatly disappointed on Sunday evening the 27th ult. Father Egan was to lecture at St. Columba's Church, but the inclemency of the weather prevented the Rev. lecturer from fulfilling his engagement. Father Egan who is now on his way to the U. S. where he is likely to remain for some time is an eloquent speaker, and the congregation that may be blessed with his ministrations can consider that kind Providence has given them an affectionate priest and an energetic and zealous worker in the cause of religion. COM.

About five o'clock on Sunday morning the 27th ult., the people of St. Thomas were awakened by the clanging of bells and the legions of screaming of the C. S. R. yard engine. The alarm was caused by the discovery that the old Catholic Church, which has been used as a school house since the erection of the new church, was on fire. As the building was a wooden one, and being old and dry it was soon completely enveloped in flames, and entirely demolished before the water was brought into play. A valuable library was burned up. The building was insured for six hundred dollars. The fire is supposed to have been either the work of an incendiary or some tramps who are said to have slept in the building. The new school and convent are being hurried on to completion.

We are indebted for our verbatim report of Father Stafford's lecture to the exceeding kindness of Very Rev. Dean Northgraves, to whom we tender our sincere thanks. In connection with this we are happy to inform our readers that the lecture proved a financial success. The objects of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be decidedly enhanced, the deserving poor of the city benefitted, and much suffering and hardship considerably mitigated. Had it not been for the inclemency of the weather the receipts would have been more than doubled; as it was a fair sum was realized. The truly charitable should bear in mind that this society pays no regard to denomination, but relieves the deserving of all creeds.

PRESENTATION.

Very Rev. W. Gleeson, V.G., Administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo, and cousin to the Rev. W. Flannery, of St. Thomas, was lately the recipient of a flattering address accompanied with a substantial proof of the high estimation in which he is held by the clergy of the diocese. The *Catholic Union* gives the following particulars of the pleasant surprise:

Last Wednesday, after Father Gleeson had, as he brought the day's work to an end, the clergy gave him a genuine surprise by presenting him with a purse of a thousand dollars with which to purchase a horse and buggy. As time did not permit them to make a suitable selection, they handed him a check for the amount of money raised. Rev. Henry Leddy read the following brief address:

VERY REV. FATHER GLEESON:—
Around you stand a few of your well wishers. Not all. Large indeed should be the building that could hold them all. They are in fact all who know you; since to know you, is to admire, esteem and love you. Of this vast number some few took a special pride in you, from having been brought in nearer contact with you in the ministry of this diocese. All these, then, wish to give outward expression to their feelings of thankfulness for the honor you have done them and your country throughout your whole distinguished career. But how in a suitable way?

Their first thought was to give to the funds that have sustained you so ably nearly a quarter of a century of unvaried exertion, their fitting support, in an appropriate vehicle with its usual accompaniments. But more mature consideration led them to conclude that the will that has so long found out the way to please all should in this instance please itself and be furnished with the means. These means your brother priests now, through me, present, and they only regret that they are not better able, more fully to recognize your worth.

Father Gleeson replied in his usual happy and characteristic style. While expressing his deep and sincere thanks for the expressions of esteem to which he had listened, and for the liberal donation which accompanied and emphasized them, he protested most vigorously that he was unconscious of a single ground upon which he was entitled to such kindness. But the priests of the diocese know many such reasons. They know that although he disclaims being poor, his large-hearted generosity and charity towards the poor have kept him from being rich.

Richard Chapman, Kilna Castle, Connemara, Kelly, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace of county Westmeath.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

ANTRIM.

The amount of duty paid at the Belfast Custom House for the week ending September 28 was £33, 16s, against £29,937 previous week, and £27,459 same time last year.

ARMAGH.

Scarlatina is at present raging to such an extent in Lurgan and Portadown that several schools in both places have had to be closed.

Armagh Fair, held September 26, was well attended by both buyers and sellers. Stock exhibited was of a fine quality.

CAVAN.

Annual appeal on behalf of the Christian Brothers' schools, Cavan, was made Oct. 13 by Very Rev. Dr. Finigan, ex-President of St. Patrick's College.

CARLOW.

Carlow Guardians have taken a contract for the supply of bread at 1d. per 4 lb. loaf less than last year.

DERRY.

Samuel Allison, aged 80, died September 26, at Drumahaire, Magilligan.

Draperstown Crossroads Fair, held September 27, was well stocked with cattle and largely attended by buyers.

DOUGAL.

Fairs were held in the following places during the week ending September 28: Aghagalls, Killygordon, Derrybeg, Monday; Ballynacarrack, Kilmacrennan, Tuesday; Ballyshannon, Dunfamlugh, Wednesday; Ardara, Saturday.

DOWN.

John Camavan, aged 66, died Sept. 26, at Malden, Gilford.

Margaret, wife of Wm. McCartney, died at New Place, Downshire Road, Holywood, on September 26.

A house situated at Warrenpoint, and owned by a woman named Clark, was completely destroyed by fire recently.

GALWAY.

County Galway County Sessions commenced in the town of Galway Oct. 21.

A regatta in Mannin on Sept. 25 was largely attended. The Clifden races also came off on the same day.

Dominican Convent School, Mount St. Joseph, Galway, commenced recently with a large attendance of pupils.

KERRY.

Killarney Town Commissioners have resolved to procure fire ladders for the use of the town.

Right Rev. Dr. McCarthy, Bishop of Kerry, visited Lixnaw on Sept. 27 and confirmed a large number of people.

Rev. John Murphy, C. C., of the parish of Eyeries, has been transferred by Rt. Rev. Dr. McCarthy, to the parish of Killorglin, County Kerry.

KILDARE.

There were 257 persons in the Athy workhouse at the last meeting of the Guardians.

KILKENNY.

Sister Mary Dymna Power, an accomplished nun of St. Bridget's Convent, Gorebridge, died on the 27th ult.

KING'S.

Clara Fair, held September 26, was well stocked with cattle, horses, and sheep. The attendance of buyers was large.

LEITRIM.

Thirteen pounds was collected at Preston, Enghad, for the Leitrim Prisoners' Defence Fund.

Longfield Fair, held on October 10, was well stocked with cattle, but the attendance of buyers was small.

LONGFORD.

Granard Fair was held on October 1. There was a large supply of stock, and buyers were numerous.

LOUTH.

William Bannion, merchant, West street, Drogheda, and Teresa, daughter of James Smyth, Ballykilbeg, county Down, were married on September 29 at St. Peter's church, Drogheda, by Charles McEvoy, C. C.

LIMERICK.

Mission held at Shanagolden by the Augustinian Fathers, ending on September 29, was well attended.

John McDonnell, J. P., it is stated, delivered one of the most vigorous speeches heard for a long time in the Limerick Union Workhouse Board Room against increasing city rates and taxes.

MEATH.

County licensing sessions were held on Oct. 15, at Kilminkham. There were 66 applications for licences, confirmations, and transfers. The city licensing sessions were held on September 12. There were 164 applications for licences.

MAYO.

Westport water works are progressing favorably. Expenses are expected to amount to £2,000.

John P. Heenan, of St. Michael's Seminary, Ballinasloe, passed a successful examination recently at Maynooth College.

QUEEN'S.

The contractors for carrying out the drainage works in Maryborough have commenced operations by cleaning the bed of the Triogue river, and placing the pipes for use.

ROSCOMMON.

Patrick, son of the late Patrick Dwyer, merchant, died October 2nd at Elphin.

Joseph H., son of Hubert and Mary Riscoe, died September 25th, at the Dublin House, Roscommon.

SLIGO.

Sligo Fair, held Oct. 9, was well stocked with cattle, but the attendance of buyers was small.

TIPPERARY.

The organ of the Nenagh Catholic Church has been reconstructed.

Borrisokane Fair, held on September 26, was largely attended by buyers, and the stock was of a good quality.

WATERFORD.

Mission held in Nenagh for the week ending September 29, was largely attended. It was conducted by the Dominican Fathers.

Mr. Percy, R. M. Parinima, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace of Nenagh District, rendered vacant by John Fleming.

John Slattery, a sweep, living in Mall Lane, off Main street, Clonmel, was found dead in his bed on Sept. 24.

WICKLOW.

There were 859 persons in the Watford workhouse at the last meeting of the Guardians.

WICKLOW.

Mary, wife of William Clarke, died September 29 at Lower Rosanna, Wicklow.

WEXFORD.

A new life boat has been launched at Wexford Station. Her dimensions are—length, 32 feet, and breadth, 8½, and she is, of course, supplied with every requisite for life saving purposes. The Civil Service, when on her station, will be manned by a crew of 13 men, and in addition she is fitted to accommodate between 30 and 40 individuals.

WESTMEATH.

Trin Fair, held October 1, was largely attended by both buyers and sellers.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Oct. 29.—The enquiry made by the Board of Trade into the Princess Alice disaster has resulted in the acquittal of the captain and engineer of the Bywell Castle, and in the censuring of the mate of the Princess Alice for carelessness.

London, Oct. 29.—A dispatch from Simla states that a movement of Russian troops in the direction of the Afghan frontier is reported, which will prevent the Amer from withdrawing troops from Menat to reinforce Candahar.

London, Oct. 29.—A Simla correspondent denies the report of the backwardness in the preparations for war. He states that a valuable contingent of 5,000 men has been obtained from the native princes.

London, Oct. 28.—Lord Dufferin, late Governor-General of Canada, who arrived to-day, was welcomed by the Mayor, High Sheriff, and a number of other gentlemen, who presented an address of welcome and the freedom of the city. Earl Dufferin, in returning thanks, said he had left Canada as contented and loyal as Great Britain could desire.

A Vienna dispatch says it is reported that the Russians so far from resuming the retreat on Adrianople, are reoccupying the places they had evacuated, especially Kashi, near the Gulf of Saros.

Dublin, Oct. 30.—The obsequies of Cardinal Cullen yesterday in the Cathedral were solemn and impressive. They were attended by an immense gathering, including almost all the Bishops of Ireland and six hundred priests. There was no sermon, but a panegyric will be preached by Father Tom Burke at the month's memory. It was intended that the internment should take place at ten last night in strict privacy, at the church of the Holy Cross, Clontarf, but the Catholic people were too much afflicted to allow this. The coffin was simply on an open hearse, drawn by four caparisoned horses, a long line of carriages and immense crowd following to the church. It was intended to admit only a few privileged persons, but several hundred got in. After Bishop Moran, a nephew of the Cardinal had pronounced absolution, the coffin was borne out to the vault. The benediction was chanted, and holy water was sprinkled on the coffin, which was then placed in the vault.

CANADIAN.

Windsor, Oct. 29.—Mr. White has been elected for the North Riding of Essex by 600 majority as far as heard from.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—The Toronto Lacrosse Club have challenged the Shamrocks for the championship, and hope to have another chance to regain their lost laurels this season.

Port Huron, Oct. 27.—At 2 o'clock this morning the grocery and butcher shop of Phenix Bros., on Butler street, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$4,000; insurance, \$3,000. Fortunately it rained all night so this fire would have resulted in a large conflagration.

Two hours later a barn owned by J. B. Charleston, on Christina street, Sarnia, was burned to the ground, together with the complete outfit of the schooners Southampton and China, which were stored in it. Loss, \$5,000; partially insured.

Parkhill, Oct. 27.—A fire occurred here about four o'clock this morning, a building owned by Simeon McLeod, on Main street north, and occupied by D. Forbes, tailor shop, and E. J. Phippen, photographer gallery above. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that nothing was saved. Phippen's loss is fully covered by insurance. Forbes' loss is about \$300; no insurance. McLeod's loss is heavy; insurance light. The fire was the work of incendiary.

MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED TO THE HOUR OF GOING TO PRESS.

London Markets.

GRAIN.			
White Wheat, Deliv. 100 lbs.	.....	\$1 29	to 1 49
" " " " " "	.....	1 29	to 1 49
Red Wheat, " " " "	.....	1 30	to 1 50
Spring Wheat, " " " "	.....	1 10	to 1 20
Corn, " " " "	.....	0 90	to 0 95
Oats, " " " "	.....	0 80	to 0 85
Peas, " " " "	.....	0 85	to 0 90
Barley, " " " "	.....	0 80	to 0 85
Buckwheat, " " " "	.....	0 80	to 0 85
Beans, " " " "	.....	1 50	to 1 75

WHEAT AND FEED.

XX Fall Wheat Flour, 4 Cwt.	.....	2 50	to 2 75
Fall Flour, " " " "	.....	2 50	to 2 75
Mixed Flour, " " " "	.....	2 25	to 2 50
Spring Flour, " " " "	.....	2 00	to 2 25
Cracked Wheat, " " " "	.....	2 25	to 2 50
Cracked Wheat, " " " "	.....	2 25	to 2 50
Barley, " " " "	.....	0 80	to 0 85
Brans, per 100	.....	0 60	to 0 65
Shorts, per 100	0 60	to 0 65

PRODUCE.

Eggs, Store Lots, 4 doz.	0 15	to 0 16
" " " " " "	0 18	to 0 19
Butter, Cream, " " " "	0 18	to 0 19
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