

With every sentiment of true personal regard and Christian affection,

Yours very faithfully,

RALPH WARDLAW.

We are glad to learn that a powerful opposition to the contemplated endowment of the Roman Catholic priesthood is about to be organised. We quote *Evangelical Christendom* :—

We are gratified to perceive, from the organs of the different religious communities, that this subject is awakening very general attention. All parties appear resolved to offer a determined resistance to the iniquitous measure, should it be proposed to parliament. We sincerely hope, that whatever course may be respectively adopted by churchmen and dissenters, a good understanding will be preserved, so that their efforts may not be damaged by collision between themselves. And we have reason to think this will be the case. Meetings, we understand, have taken place, in which members of various religious bodies were present, with a view to a frank and friendly interchange of sentiment in relation to it. The opinion prevails, that the opposition will be best carried on by each community acting separately, but simultaneously, and in harmony with all the rest. In all cases where conscientious principle is involved, persons must of necessity adopt their own course. A Christian cannot ask his fellow-Christian to surrender what he holds to be truth, nor to act in opposition to what he deems the imperative obligation of duty. All must be left to choose for themselves the grounds on which they will carry on the conflict, and none should be offended if he should find that principles which he deems scriptural, and arguments in which he confides, are rejected by others as untenable and even erroneous. But, with this freedom mutually conceded, there should be an equal concern not to weaken each other's hands, but rather, by a wise concert, so to manage the independent lines of action as to bring them with the greater force against the common foe. It is one of the infelicities arising out of our divisions, that the great body of the Protestant people of this country cannot form themselves into one united phalanx to resist the encroachments of Popery; but it will be alike foolish and criminal to aggravate the evil by discord. Let us, at least, refrain from contention, if we cannot act in combination. Committees, we presume, will be formed by the different bodies of Nonconformists, as well as by members of the National Church. Some are already in course of formation. As soon as they are organized, friendly communications will, we trust, be

established between them, and such steps be taken, either through the medium of a General Committee, instituted for the purpose, or by occasional conferences, as may secure the greatest amount of co-operation which, under existing circumstances, may be attainable.

### Ireland.

Our Island has within the last few days been visited by the Lord Bishop of Tuam, &c. His Lordship, who is President of the Mission, arrived here on Saturday, the 9th instant, and remained until Tuesday the 12th. During his stay at the Missionary Settlement he visited our Hospital, Orphan House, Schools, &c., and expressed the greatest gratification at all that he witnessed at these several institutions, as well as all that he heard of the progress of the true faith throughout the entire parish.

On Sunday, the 10th instant, his Lordship occupied the pulpit of the Colony Chapel, and preached a most instructive and useful sermon on the mediatorial office of our Lord Jesus Christ, clearly exposing the errors alike of the Romanist, the Antinomian and the Socinian on the subject, and lucidly explaining the true Scriptural doctrine of the grounds of a sinner's reconciliation with God, "solely for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." His remarks on this important subject were founded upon the 7th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and 25th verse.

The inhabitants of the Colony testified their gratitude to his Lordship for coming amongst them by a general illumination on the evening of his arrival, as well as by bonfires, &c.; and on the occasion of his leaving the Island he was met by the masters and some portion of the scholars of our Irish Schools, and presented with the following address :—

To the Right Honourable and Right Rev. Thomas, Lord Bishop of Tuam, Killybeg and Achoury.

MY LORD,—We, the Inspectors and Teachers of the Schools of the Island of Achill, do most respectfully approach your Lordship, and return you our sincere thanks for visiting our Island at this time, and for expounding to us the words of life and the message of salvation, and we earnestly and humbly pray the Lord, who of his divine providence has placed you over us, to prolong your Lordship's life, which is the fervent prayer of your Lordship's humble and obedient servants.

The schools contain about 2000 children.  
—*Achill Missionary Herald, September.*