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Now, nothing can be plainer than the teaching contained in the above extracts, and the whole chapter from which they are taken, respecting the Divine appointment of St. Peter, not only as supreme ruler of the Church, but as its constituted centre for the maintenance of unity.

JOHANNES SCOTUS ERIGINA.

It has become so habitual with British writers to rob Ireland of its most distinguished men, not even excepting those still living, that we are not astonished at their claiming the remarkable man whose name heads this article, as a native of the "Sister Isle."

John Scotus Erigena was born in the beginning of the ninth century. His studies were chiefly classical and philosophical, and in these he excelled, considering the times he lived in.

John removed to France about the year 845. He was for some time after his arrival there connected with Prudentius, before the latter became bishop of Troyes. John was never in holy orders, and some authors say that he was not even a monk.

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It is said that Charles, being unwilling to offend the Pope, advised John to return for a while to his own country, which he did in the year 864. In 883 he came into England with St. Grimbald, and two years afterward the university of Oxford was founded, its first president being St. Neoth, an abbot and able divine.

Esisto the works already mentioned. John drew up a translation of the Greek scholia of St. Maximus, on difficult passages of St. Gregory Nazianzen. According to Usher he also compiled the "Excerpta concerning the differences and agreements of the Greek and Latin verbs," which are found among the writings of Macrobius, seven Latin poems of his, mixed with Greek lines, are still extant.

The time and place of Erigena's death are both involved in obscurity, some writers asserting that he died in France, and others that he returned to Ireland in his latter days and breathed his last in his native land.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

Heresy was established by law in Ireland in the earlier half of the sixteenth century, but was disestablished in a similar manner by the Irish Church Act of 1869 after a barren failure of 333 years to convert any material fraction of the natives.

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ment of long-delayed justice; and who, from his previously high character and clear intellect, would seem to be the least likely to be drawn into such an impious crusade.

ST. PATRICK'S GRAVE.—To the Editor of the Universe.—Sir, Your correspondent "Amicus Justitia," in last Saturday's issue of The Universe, in speaking of the correspondence of "Erin-go-Bragh" in reference to St. Patrick's grave being in a state "by no means creditable to Irishmen," forgot to tell your readers, or more probably, did not know anything of it, that many years ago the monument which was placed over the grave of our dear national apostle...

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF IRELAND.—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KERRY DIOCESAN DIANOR.—In accordance with a resolution adopted at a recent meeting held in Killarney, a meeting of Catholics was held on the 2nd instant at The Palace, Killarney.

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The deaths registered in the Dublin Registration District, during the week ending 7th November, represent an annual mortality of 26 in every 1,000 of the population, by the Census of 1871.

A largely attended meeting of the Roscommon Home Rule Association was held in the county courthouse, on the 11th ult., at which the O'Connor Don and the Hon. Chas. French attended.

The attention of the Ballineen Farmer's Club was directed yesterday to the prospect held out of a factory for the production of beet root sugar being established in the neighbourhood of Cork.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

Among the public correspondence arising out of Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet is a letter from Lord Camoys, expressly repudiating the dogma of Papal Infallibility.

A London correspondent alleges that an effort is about to be made to establish an "Old" Catholic congregation in London.

At a meeting of Home Rulers in Birkenhead on Monday night, it was resolved to make the question of Home Rule a test question in the election rendered necessary by the death of Mr. Laird.

It is stated that the present value of wheat is the lowest within the memory of any living farmer. Last week, at the local corn markets in Surrey, good samples of wheat were sold at the unprecedentedly low price of £1 per sack.

THE NEW WOOLWICH INFANTRY.—This tremendous gun, which will be ready about next June, will be 24 feet long, the diameter will be 16 inches, and the projectile will weigh considerably over half a ton.

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your life at the eleventh hour." Ah, say your readers, an extreme man in name and deed. No! If "recommendation to mercy" there must be (as I, for one, say there ought in certain cases, to be) let such be given by the jury in private, either by writing, or viva voce to the judge, and let not prisoner or prisoner's friends know of such. Sir, it has been my comfort to hear from many dying murderers the last whispered, "God bless you for what you have done for my soul!" to feel the last pulse of thankfulness from the hand which would beat no more; but I can never read a "recommendation to mercy" without saying, "You know not what you do."

SUPPOSED DISCOVERY OF THE BODY OF KING STEPHEN.—We read lately in the Daily Telegraph as follows:—"According to our contemporary the British Architect, antiquarian discovery of great importance has been made at Dover. In carrying out some excavations under the pavement of the Old Tower of St. Mary's church something like a large sea chest was found about a foot beneath the surface, enclosed in which was a leaden coffin very carefully packed, with a small amount of earth to keep it in its place.

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UNITED STATES.

LARGE EMIGRATION TO EUROPE.—The N. Y. Tribune, Nov. 23, says:—"The feature of ocean travel last week was the large number of steerage passengers who left this city for Europe. The immigration was large for the time of year, but the emigration exceeded it by several hundreds. This is accounted for by the fact that the demand for laborers in this country is at present small, and growing less day by day, it being estimated that 70,000 persons in this city are out of employment. On the other hand there is an extraordinary demand for help in England and Ireland. Letters are being constantly received by persons in this country from their relatives and friends on the other side of the water, and the result has been a large exodus of steerage passengers. During the week which ended on Saturday, there arrived at Castle Garden 2,216 immigrants, of whom 360 were Mennonites on their way from Russia to Dakota. The City of London, of the Italian line, which sailed from this port on Saturday, carried 26 cabin and 300 steerage passengers. The Ethiopia, of the Anchor line, sailed with 20 cabin and 335 steerage passengers. The Hohenzollern, of the North German Lloyd's, carried 28 cabin and 106 steerage passengers; and the Baltic, of the White Star line, had on board 91 cabin and 325 steerage passengers."

The destitution in Nebraska from the ravages of the grasshoppers extends, it is said, to twenty thousand people; and Kansas has nearly forty thousand short of their supplies by clouds of grasshoppers. Kansas, however, has still comparatively an abundance of corn, wheat, and bacon; while Nebraska, with her much smaller population, is short and calls for help for her thousands of industrious people from the verge of starvation. The neighboring States should be drawn upon by the State authorities for their immediate necessities, and the States themselves should meet the emergency, and without further delay. A court martial has been ordered by Gen. Terry for the trial of Lieutenant Hodgson, who was captured by General Sherman's army at the battle of Gettysburg, and who was taken to New Orleans, Louisiana, and then to Cuba, where he was captured by the Spanish forces. The court martial is to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, and the trial is to be held on the 11th inst. The court martial is to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, and the trial is to be held on the 11th inst.