

JUNE 20, 1885.

ENGLISH INTRIGUES.

CONSTANT EFFORTS MADE TO PETER IRISH BISHOPS.

The Right Rev. M. J. O'Farrell, D. D., Bishop of Trenton, N. J., delivered recently in New York a most able and interesting lecture on "Ireland and Rome," in which he forcibly sets forth the close relations that have ever existed between the Irish Church and the Holy See.

THE FIRST RELAXATION OF THE PENAL LAWS.

You know what was the history of Ireland. I will not go through it, my brethren, for it would be a long and painful subject. But at last, after some three hundred years of penal laws, you know how from the battle of Bunker Hill in this country sounds of freedom and of liberty were wafted over to Irish soil.

ENGLAND INTRIGUING AT ROME.

But now, here in what I wish you would remember in connection with this, that whilst they tried to make the Catholics in Ireland accept a veto, they also worked in Rome upon the Holy See. Now you must remember that this was a time when the Pope was in prison, when Napoleon had dragged him from his own See in Rome to France and kept him there a prisoner, and under the pretence of sympathizing with the Pope the English sent their agents to persuade the Holy Father that it was no matter of importance to grant the right of veto.

IRELAND REJECTING THE QUARANTOTTI LETTER.

Now I will say to you this before we go further—that it was very natural for the Pope, if he were convinced that the concession would not hurt the Church of Ireland—and so it was represented to him—that he in compassion and pure love for the Irish people would release them from all their bonds, and that he would try to put no obstacle to their emancipation, if, as was said to him, that emancipation only required a simple permission that he could grant.

THE HOLY FATHER, WHEN HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON, UNDERSTOOD THIS SO WELL THAT HE NEVER INSISTED ON THE LETTER, BUT RATHER BLESSED THE EFFORTS OF O'CONNELL, AND YOU KNOW HOW, AFTER A FEW DAYS, WHEN O'CONNELL WAS DYING IT WAS TO ROME HE LONGED TO GO.

ENGLISH INTRIGUES CONTINUED.

But though the emancipation was granted, the English Government did not cease their efforts to try everything against the independence of the Irish Church. It had time, my dear brethren, I could mention other authorities that had been published. I could quote precedents of the Duke of Wellington, and from the life of Lord Palmerston give many instances where they did their utmost to keep Irish priests, who were known to be patriotic and full of nationality, to keep them from being appointed by Rome as Bishops of Ireland.

THE CELEBRATED "VETO" CONTROVERSY.

But here is a sad story that it is well that you should know, and it will serve as the key to so many things that are going on around us to this day, and may serve to enable you to understand many intrigues that you may hear of yet through the public press—England had never wanted to grant full emancipation. When forced by Grattan and Plunkett and other Irish Protestants to admit that the Catholics had their claims that could no longer be ignored, they determined, if possible, to neutralize these claims by insisting on the right of veto for Irish Bishops; that is, they claimed that no priest could be appointed a Bishop in Ireland unless he were approved of by the English Government, so that the English Government should be sure that his loyalty was beyond all dispute.

THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE.

Well, my dear brethren, the people have awakened to such a spirit as before, perhaps never animated them before. In the days of O'Connell they were great and powerful, but they did not know what was the most useful for the land; and O'Connell, in those days when Ireland was best united, was too old to be their leader as he would have been

in his early days. The famine came on, too, in 1845 and 1846, and decimated the land, and Ireland became like a lazaretto, like a large cemetery where the corpses were thrown. And the very roads were strewn with the dying, and the people were rushing from Ireland as if struck with the plague. Emigrant ships were packed with poor people trying to escape to some land of freedom. Two millions of people were lost to Ireland in a few years. Ireland, that had eight millions of people in 1841, dwindled down in 1851 to six millions, dwindled down more again as time went by, and in ten years a million a decade was said to be lost to Ireland. It is down to five millions and a few hundred thousands now, while it was eight millions forty years ago. Forty-two years ago England had sixteen millions of population, Scotland had one million, and Ireland had eight millions. And now, after forty years, England has over thirty millions, and Scotland has about four millions, and Ireland only five millions. Ireland is down to nearly one-half of what she had in 1841, while England has doubled and Scotland has trebled what she was then; and all from the terrible laws of the Penal.

THE RISE OF THE PRESENT NATIONALIST MOVEMENT.

You know the history of these latter days and I shall not dwell upon them—how out of starvation the people got new spirit again; how various efforts were tried. The Tenant League was established. Gavan Duffy and Lucas and other heroic men tried, but tried in vain, to make the people determined on securing their rights. It was only, as you know, when the last famine visited Ireland in '78 that it came at last to be understood that the chief interests of the people consisted in rooting them in their native soil. Then the great League, the Land League, arose and a man was sent by Providence, though not a Catholic, but seemingly endowed with gifts that were rare in Irish leaders, a gift that apparently almost disqualified him by his coolness and his want of enthusiasm as well as his religion, from being a leader of the Irish people. For a time, as you know, divisions existed. Many doubted him. The greater number trusted him. At last, last year, all the Bishops of Ireland by unanimous voice, in their meeting in Clonilla College, Dublin, decided that they would entrust the cause of education well as the cause of the land to Mr. Parnell and the Irish band of members that were with him.

IRELAND IS STILL AS CATHOLIC AS EVER.

And so for the first time there is indeed a determined spirit in the land. And I can say to you from my own observations that never before in the same time a more thorough Catholic spirit. It was said that the young men in Ireland were becoming infidels. It was said that they were throwing their religion aside and that Ireland was no longer a Roman land. It was false, brethren, in every way. The young men felt indignant sometimes because of a want of sympathy, or an apparent lack of gifts that were necessary for the cause of Ireland on the part of some priests and some Bishops. But they have kept true to their faith, and I never saw the churches better crowded with young men, and I received from the testimony of the worthiest priests wherever I went that it was false that the Catholics of Ireland the Catholic young men were proving untrue to their faith. Yet it was so represented in Rome. It was said that Ireland was becoming communistic and accepting social doctrines that were un-Catholic. But Rome? with the wisdom of eighteen hundred years? never has and never will decide against Ireland.

THE HOLY FATHER'S LOVE FOR THE IRISH.

I spoke to Pope Leo XIII. in this very week last year, and I spoke to him of the cause of Ireland. I told him that I had been thirty years away from my native country and that I had no other interests but the interests of truth and religion to induce me to speak to His Holiness. And the Holy Father listened and spoke with me for fifty minutes, and entered warmly into the questions of Ireland. And I can state to you here what I publicly stated in Rome, in the American College, and what I allowed to be published in the Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, that the Holy Father declared to me that Ireland had her rights and she was bound to maintain them. "And how could they say," said he, "that the Pope does not love Ireland? I gave Archbishop Moran to Sydney, because the Irish people there wanted a Bishop of their own nationality, and although every effort was made that no Irishman should be appointed." And I told him that we had no doubt about the love that His Holiness had for Ireland; that His Holiness well knew that there was no land that loved Rome as Ireland did, and that here in America, people even born in this land, of Irish parents, loved that land of Ireland so truly that anything that would wound them in Ireland would wound us in America. And I said to him: "You will not be surprised, Holy Father, that the people, the poor people, who have been ground down for centuries under the penal laws, should feel suspicious when they hear that their enemies are approaching your Holiness in order to get an opinion from you, or a decision against what they believe to be their natural rights." And the Pope spoke with true indignation: "How could they suppose that the Pope of Rome would allow any of those men to infuse the FIRMNESS OF CHARACTER."

THE PRESENT POPE'S FIRMNESS OF CHARACTER.

And I tell you, my brethren, with all the sincerity of my soul, that I am convinced that there never was a man who can be less influenced against his conscience and against truth than the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. He is not a weak man whom flatterers could gain over. He is not a man whom money could buy. He has braved all the powers of Europe. He has spoken out for the Poles to the Emperor of Russia. He has spoken out for the Catholics of Germany against Bismarck. He was offered concessions if he only would condemn the Central party in the German Parliament, but he would not do it. On the contrary, he blessed Windthorst and Schorlewer, and they are to day the leaders of that party

WHAT THE FAITH MAY YET DO FOR IRELAND.

May God give this grace to us, and let us pray that the Holy Father may receive strength to enable him to do all this to help Ireland and Rome to be ever united. In our hearts we will pray for Ireland that the faith may grow and prosper, and the people may be rooted in the land and may no longer be scattered over the face of the earth, wandering everywhere away from the homes of their fathers and the graves of their mothers, but may remain in the land and become a prosperous nation and great, to be one of the great Powers of Catholicity in other days. And so it may be that while other nations are falling and a multitude of troubles are coming upon England on every side, that Ireland, who is still young, may rise to become a great, glorious and free First flower of the earth and first gem of the sea.

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against Bismarck. And Bismarck declares that he will make no more concessions until Rome makes them. And if Rome wanted to get power in Germany the Holy Father need only say one word and Bismarck would make any sacrifice to grant it. Pope Leo XIII. has braved all the infidel power of France, and has warned the Government of France, even though the Bishops of France seemed to keep quiet. And you may be sure, brethren, that now when the Bishops of Ireland are face to face with the Holy Father, that the voice of Ireland will ring out clearly in his ears; that, even were he other than Leo XIII., he would not sacrifice the rights of Ireland.

FURTHER ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE POPE'S CHARACTER.

But we have in Leo XIII. a man with a will so strong that no one in Rome can shake it. No Cardinal or influential person can get him to sanction any measure unless his own conscience approve it. And I spoke to many Irish Bishops; when asked, "what will the Pope say to us in Rome?" I answered: "I can only say that the American Bishops were asked what would be the best for the interests of America, and that when we laid down any propositions unconditionally, their propositions were accepted by Rome." And after their departure I heard on my arrival praises universally given to the American Bishops: "There is no place where the truth can be better heard than in Rome. There is not one monarch reigning in this world who loves truth like the Pope, and you have only to make known your cause to the Holy Father for you to gain it. But," I said to them, "you must enlighten the Pope; you must leave the task of giving him information to English sources, but you must make known the full state of Ireland. And you may be certain," I said to them, "that you will gain the triumph over all the enemies of the Church and of Ireland."

THE IRISH BISHOPS IN ROME.

Now, they are there, brethren, in Rome, and we should pray that God may guide them, guide the head of the Church and guide the Bishops, that the full truth about Ireland shall be presented, and that the Holy Father shall grant to that land that loves Rome so well all the privileges that it is in his power to give, and that he will send us Bishops who are filled with the spirit of religion and the spirit of nationality, faithful to their country and faithful to the Church—for the two go together in Ireland; no man can be false to religion in Ireland without being false to his country, and no man can be false to his country without being false to his religion—and that God may guide the Pope amidst all the enemies that he has to contend with, against all the influence of the British Crown, that he may send men who will stand up as Lawrence O'Toole stood up, under God, to rally all Ireland, to unite them under his cross and to lead them to a glorious victory for faith and fatherland!

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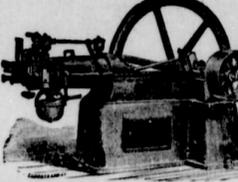
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