

observations were not applicable. It may also prove interesting to learn here that the Bishop had pledged himself to the interests of his Diocese, not only on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop, when the ring (a type of his union or alliance with that Diocese) was placed on his finger, but also in his Pastoral Address of 1845, where he speaks thus: "Our hearts being filled with the warmest affection for you, we have not ceased to offer up our most fervent prayers to the throne of God in your behalf—and shall, with God's assistance, always feel the deepest interest and solicitude for your spiritual and temporal happiness." It is satisfactory to know that he fully redeemed this pledge, as the Diocese itself can testify, or as the stranger, if there be one, can have observed during the perusal of this little work. As one periodical remarked: "For a period of thirteen years he discharged the onerous duty of Bishop of Kingston, with a zeal and fervour beyond the power of man adequately to portray." "He was," says the *Mirror*, with the *Dublin Tablet*, "a warm declaimer, an eloquent preacher, a benevolent citizen, a most loving Bishop; but he was, before all, a venerable senator, a Prelate combining in his administration and functions the majesty and dignity of a Prince of the Church with the humility and tenderness of a Father of the Faithful, and with the patriotic fire of a Bishop inspired with the memories of the famous councils of Kilkenny." As the *True Witness* very justly observed, he was "indefatigable in his labors for the good of his flock. His Lordship was always regardless of himself. No one ever better exemplified in his own person the words of Our Lord about the 'Good Shepherd,' who 'gives his life for the sheep.'"

HIS DEATH.

I have at last come to that sorrowful moment which caused such pain to the Diocese—that moment in which this worthy and distinguished Bishop was snatched away, leaving behind him a sorrowing clergy and a mourning laity—that moment which, though actually past and gone, is yet apparently present to many, whose grief is still as fresh, as when the tolling bell conveyed its meaning, or the gloomy cenotaph received its prize. It would be superfluous on my part to attempt now to convey even a faint idea of the sorrow and feelings of distress with which the people of Kingston and of the Diocese were affected, when the sad and painful news of the Bishop's demise reached their ears. The few extracts which I will produce, and which have reference to his death, will speak more fully than I can do the sentiments of the people at the time, and show how Protestants as well as Catholics felt the loss of the saintly Bishop.

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