

not what our ministers say they are, and that I'll stand to it!"

IRELAND.

Splendid Tribute to the Heroic Faith of the Irish People. Thrilling Incident of the Famine. Irish Confidence in the Rosary.

A few Sundays ago Rev. Dr. Duggan, Bishop of Clonfert, preached a sermon in which, referring to religious fidelity, he said there was a race which was to day a mystery and a paradox to the powers of earth. There was a race of heroes and of martyrs in the sacred cause. In the time of the Danes a wave of persecution passed over them from which they emerged with the motto, «What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and to suffer the loss of his own soul?» Centuries passed away, and then came three centuries of which he was about to speak with no bitter memories for they must have been in the designs of Providence for some purpose—three centuries for which there was no parallel in the history of the world but the three first centuries of persecutions which the early Church underwent. Irishmen were exiled; their property was confiscated, and they were put to death. The famine came, the horrors of which not the pen of a Milton could truly describe, nor the pencil of a Rubens paint in their colors, and which would never be revealed until the Day of Judgment. His Lordship then commented on the hardships and deaths which were then caused by the want of food, and on the system of proselytism which was carried out at the time. Apropos of this sub