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These, the words of a great churchman and great patriot, will sink deeply into the hearts of the faithful clergy and people of Limerick and we may say of all Ireland.

"Who can be more fully acquainted than your lordship is," they asked, "with the difficulties against which a priest has to struggle and the dangers to which he is continually exposed, and the safeguards which are needed to preserve in him the spirit of his calling?"

The Bishop's reply is a very masterly piece of refined thought, delicate expression, and dignified utterance.

"For nineteen years," says he, "I have gone in and out amongst you, and in the familiar and unaccustomed intercourse of fellow-priests I have had abundant opportunities of knowing the intimate life and character of almost all the clergy over whom, by God's mysterious Providence, I, the last and least of them, have been called to rule as Bishop."

Other interests will sometimes solicit our attention. The temporal wishes of our people will often fill our thoughts, but I believe that in our most effective cooperation with them in temporal affairs will ever be found to be the most efficient discharge of the duties which we owe them primarily as priests; make them better Christians, and you will make them in every relation of life better men.

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. BASIL. We regret to learn that the Very Rev. Father Vincent, for many years president of St. Michael's College, has found it necessary to resign.

McBrady is appointed director of Assumption College. Father Simas, of Assumption College, goes to the mission of Owen Sound, and Father Crespin, late of Amherstburg, to the church of Sandwich, while Father B. Granotier succeeds him at Amherstburg.

SNARLS BUT CAN'T BITE.

The sub-editor of the Ottawa Citizen is a deadly opponent of Home Rule. He can but occasionally give vent to his feelings, as when, in the issue of that journal of July 20th, he got off this paragraph:

"Perhaps the hugest electoral farce of the late contest was that perpetrated connected with Dublin University election. Two opponents to the Right Hon. David Plunkett, Conservative, and the Right Hon. Hugh Holmes, Conservative, were nominated. Mr. Plunkett received 1,668 votes, Mr. Holmes 1,658, and their opponents 61 and 40 respectively."

Now, it does strike us, that at the election last fall there was a Tory candidate in one of the divisions of Kerry who polled 30 votes only, that there were then many other elections almost as farcical, but the Citizen was silent.

If Mr. MacIntosh's political necessities did not necessitate "dignified neutrality" on the part of the Citizen on the Home Rule question, that journal had long since openly expressed the Ballykilbeg views of which the above paragraph gives an indication.

A BELGIAN CATHOLIC TRIUMPH.

On Tuesday, June 8th, the Catholics of Belgium achieved a glorious triumph that does them high honor in the eyes of the Christian world.

THE SOUTH TYRONE ELECTION. The defeat of Mr. William O'Brien in the southern division of Tyrone is one of the most painful incidents of the late electoral contest elected there last fall by a vote of 3,434 cast for him as against 3,383 given for Mr. Maxwell, the Tory candidate.

The Beerport ministry has been equal to the position and to its demands. Its leader has proved himself a wise, firm and far-seeing reformer. The victory of yesterday is his, and it is but the prelude of the triumph of tomorrow.

THE RESULT.

The result of the campaign in Britain, while far from reassuring to the lovers of peace and order, is in so far as an early solution of the Irish question is concerned, is not, however, of a character to drive the advocates of Home Rule into despondency, much less despair.

In the general election of 1882 the result was: Liberals 479; Conservatives 179. In the Liberal majority is included the repeal of the Union party led by O'Connell, numbering at least 35 Irish members. The other general elections till 1868 showed the following results:

At the left of His Eminence His Excellency the ablegate and His Excellency Count Gaxzoli, Sir A. P. Caron, Honorable Mr. Costigan, Mr. Leray, Mr. Fabre, Honorable J. A. Chénouet, Chief Justice Stuart, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. McIntyre, Honorable W. Laurier, Honorable Senator Baillargeon, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Cameron, Honorable Judge Casault, Honorable Judge Routhier, Mr. D. Racine, Mr. Cleary, Honorable Judge Andrews, Honorable Judge Gimon, Mr. Gravel, Mr. Q'Mahony, Honorable Frs. Langelier, P. B. Casgrain, M. L. J. Riopel, G. Anquet, Honorable Jean Blanchet, Honorable W. Lynch.

simultaneous polling which works so well in Canada and in the United States. It offers the only fair way of obtaining a true expression of popular opinion.

Canada's Cardinal. The ancient capital of Canada, the venerable and historic city of Champlain, was last week robed in her gayest apparel, and the heart of all Canada beat with joy because the ancient church of Quebec had been so honored by the selection of its archbishop to be a cardinal of the Holy Roman church.

PORTUGAL AND THE HOLY SEE. In an interesting review of the expressions and testimonies of sympathy regard received by the court of Portugal on the occasion of the marriage of the heir apparent to the Princess Marie-Amélie of Orleans, the Commercio do Portugal gives first and special mention to the Holy Father's paternal benevolence.

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