

ASSIST AT MASS.

Watchman of a recent... requested to give of the Church touching assisting at mass.

The Voice of the Poor.

BY SPERANZA (MRS. M. B. WILDE). Was sorrow ever like to our sorrow? O God above! Will our night never change into a morrow...

WHY POOR IRELAND?

A BAPTIST MINISTER ON THE CLAIMS OF IRELAND.

But why poor Ireland? No country has a finer climate, none a more fertile soil. It is fittingly called the "Emerald Isle" for singular natural advantages...

OF INEQUITY.

seems fashionable among all its poison has constructed a system of so-called "liberal" law in revelation...

innumerable collection of little garden spots; as we would call them, truck patches. You may ride for a day and see only here and there a village, or a hamlet...

It would be very unfortunate if the blindness of England and the cupidity and injustice of the Irish landlord should necessitate a revolution in Ireland such as the revolution of 1789 in France...

A BOYCOTTING REMINISCENCE.

Quebec, 13th Jan., 1881. To the Editor of the Irish Canadian.

DEAR SIR—Reading so much lately of the well-organized system of "Boycotting" now being carried out in the old country...

BOYCOTTING NOT NEW.

Written for the Irish Canadian. It was early in the 40's—I think about 1842—that there was a contest as to who should represent at Westminster the "free and independent" of the County Mayo...

THE CONVERSION OF LADY STAFFORD.

Lord Stafford was a good Catholic, but his wife was a strict Protestant; he had been living several years in Abberville, France...

of all things, has fully proved, to justify his being styled the popular candidate. Yet after events more fully proved that the ever to be lamented George Henry Moore was one in every way qualified...

The voting in those days, if we be well to explain, all took place in the County town—Castler. In Ballina, where the events I am about to relate occurred there were two large chartered markets, places where, and where alone, cattle, pigs, &c., could be offered for sale on the market-day, Monday, and the tolls from which were considerable.

It was not until the election of 1879 in France; but a revolution must come—perhaps the world as it may, for if it must, and the longer it is delayed the more terrible it will be.

How peacefully to solve this problem is the question for the statesmen of England, and no greater problem has ever been presented to any cabinet.

AN EMINENT IRISH LITERARY MAN AND M. P.

(Edward King in Boston Journalist.) Shortly after my return from Ireland, I called upon Mr. Justin McCarthy, the eminent Irish literary man and member of Parliament.

Mr. McCarthy, who is now in America, where he has made several long stays, and has a host of interesting and valuable acquaintances. He is a phenomenal man in his capacity for labor in letters, that which in ordinary men is a pastime, is to him a delight.

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ment, where all that he says is sensible and to the point. Mr. McCarthy has a son and a daughter—the son has already made his way in literature, and might himself be in Parliament if he had not had the courage to refuse to stand, on the ground that he was too young to be of real service.

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