

If I have sinned against my countrymen in the States, as they are so constantly told by their misleaders, at all events it never was in this base way. I may have given many a sore shake to their fanciful and groundless self-satisfaction ; but if the truth, as I know it, is bitter, or if the relish for it is destroyed by a surfeit of stimulants, am I, therefore, to shirk my duty ? I would rather never raise a public voice, nor put pen to paper again, than betray them, and dishonor myself by such flagrant denials of the known truth, as, I grieve to say, are too common among them, when the subject is, their own position in Republican America.

This very Fenian organization in the United-States, what does it really prove, but that the Irish are still an alien population, camped but not settled in America, with foreign hopes and aspirations unshared by the people among whom they live ? If their new country was their true country, would they find time and money to spare in the construction of imaginary Republics beyond seas ? If their leaders were real rulers at Washington, would they be playing at governments, think you, in Moffatt's pill-box ? * It is because the active spirits are conscious that, being Irish, they have no hopeful public career in the land of the " Know-Nothings," and the rank

* The " head-quarters" of the O'Mahony republic in New York, so-called from a notorious maker of patent-medicines who built it.