

PROTESTANT AGITATORS

ON TRIAL IN BELFAST.

A RECENT CASE in the criminal court of Belfast, that of four members of the Protestant Association, Arthur Trew, Richard Braithwaite, Robert Calvert and Thomas Greaves, who were tried and found guilty of conspiracy of inciting a certain class of bigots to attack the Corpus Christi procession in that city on June 9th, attracted much attention.

The following extracts from the address of Mr. T. L. O'Shaughnessy, K.C., who acted for the Crown, will give our readers an excellent idea of the facts of the case:—

CASE FOR THE CROWN.—Mr. O'Shaughnessy, in opening the case, said he represented the King's Attorney-General, and found it his duty to lay before them the facts of which the prosecution had arisen, and upon them he asked the jury to do that which he knew they would do—namely, to find the defendants guilty of the crime charged against them. He said that the facts of which the prosecution had arisen, and upon them he asked the jury to do that which he knew they would do—namely, to find the defendants guilty of the crime charged against them.

view. His mode of attracting was gross, unwarranted, and savage insult. Counsel had not the advantage of knowing a single face upon the street, but every one knew there was a large Roman Catholic population in Belfast, with their priests, and Bishop, whose worship, although it was not conducted in the open air, was at all events now lawful. There was a time in the history of Ireland that every man of map looked back to with a pang of horror, and tried to hide away, and none more than the manly exponents of the Reformation. But to-day every man of map looked back to with a pang of horror, and tried to hide away, and none more than the manly exponents of the Reformation.

THE FACTS.—It was his (counsel's) duty to lay the facts before the jury, and to ask them, for the honor of their own city, in the name of that which was dear to all—the personal liberty which our Constitution assures to all. He would proceed to show how the agreement came about between these men. He did not desire to go very fully into some of the language used by the accused, but he did not know whether there was any section that applied to what was said in the language used by the accused.

Agitation, Enniskillen, and the Boyne for our deliverance from Papal Tyranny. Rouse yourselves, Protestants, and see to it that Popery does not again gain the upper hand.—God save the King."

OUTRAGE AND INSULT.—Proceeding, counsel asked could they conceive anything more calculated to stir up riot and disturbance, or to describe a great old Christian faith in such a manner as would give offense to the vast majority of this and Continental countries gave adherence. It was done for the purpose of outrage and insult, and for the Government of this country were committing an outrage when they asked that this sort of thing should be stopped in the city. Then the outrage of putting at the bottom of the placard, "God Save the King," saved him by all means being distributed into the mire by such things.

A NEW ROCKET.—The very latest baby soother, one warranted to be the most energetic infant vocalist, has just been patented. It consists of an ordinary rocking chair, with a cradle attached; and the father has only to insert the child in the latter and seat herself in the former, and rock gently backward and forward, and the baby goes to sleep without unnecessary loss of time.

LIBERTY FOR ALL.—Now they came back to the offense with which the prisoners were charged. The Attorney-General was asked to disturb the peace was a crime. Counsel had a doubt that that agreement was entered into? Counsel would appeal to His Lordship, and ask him if he had any authority for the proposition of being an illegal procession, or any procession of a Roman Catholic procession or even a Pagan procession—constituted an illegal procession. If the Roman Catholic procession is illegal, you had a tremendous case against the hands of the authorities because then every procession that passes through the streets was an illegal procession, and could be stopped by the authorities. Who constituted Mr. Trew the legal authority of Belfast? The peace officers of the city were the persons who were responsible for the public peace. The common safety is the highest law, and even a lawful procession may be stopped if it appears to the authorities that there is life or danger might result.

necessary material for bedding is introduced, and to prevent it from being displaced, light ashens lathe cross the mattress at regular intervals, and the whole is kept rigid by a strong bamboo rod.

Through really simple, a raft of this kind requires to be constructed with care, for there are certain technical details which are sure to bewilder a landsman and the necessity of which only a sailor can appreciate. "This mattress boat," says the inventor, "can be used in place of the ordinary mattress on transatlantic or other vessels. In this way passengers can immediately lay their hands on a service to regular intervals, and the whole is kept rigid by a strong bamboo rod."

When not in use the cradle slides underneath the chair, and when this is done a rather handsome piece of furniture is the result. The inventor has also made provision for two young children by designing a double cradle, which pulls out on either side of the chair, one telescoping inside the other when not in use. With this apparatus two young specimens of infant humanity may be lulled to sleep at the same time, while the nurse or mother is comfortably seated on the chair, reading her favorite novel or magazine.

CHANGES IN ENGLAND.

A letter from England, comparing the country now with what it was as I knew it forty years ago, is inevitable, and in spite of one's self, somewhat reminiscential, says a correspondent to a New York daily newspaper. You cannot avoid conceding that you see now with what you remember.

At the time I refer to, the poor man in England who had ever left his home was somewhat of a prodigy; now nearly half of his substance goes in excursion fares. A dissenting minister used to be an object of abhorrence and contempt; now he is quoted in Parliament by politicians. A lord used to be an object of dread and reverence; now he is hardly better than a farmer. In the country, England that I remember, the class passengers on the then newly built railroads stood in boxes like cattle; now they sit on cushioned seats, and the first-class cars being so like the first-class of the continent have largely taken to using them. The levellest parts of the country at this summer season are thronged with excursionists, and it is fair to say that there are no longer secluded spots in England. The famous seat of the lake poets, Cumberland and Westmorland, is so overrun with tourists that the road through the fair, the small steamers on the lakes are thronged to their capacity. Unhappily is the place which has some touch of "Americanism" in its history. The railroads dump on it thousands of our countrymen, who poke their heads everywhere, cut chips of every wooden monument, and apply the hammer to every stone one, and almost compel the inhabitants to move out.

FROM MOTHER IN IRELAND.

The following poem in a recent number of the "Catholic Youth" is attracting much attention. It is expected that a story connected with this poem will be circulated shortly:

FOR MY FIRST MASS.  
The joy has come, alanna,  
That I watched for through the years;  
And my heart is full of blessing,  
But my eyes are full of tears,  
The joy has come, alanna,  
And I am far away—  
The mother will not see her boy  
Upon his first Mass day.  
Sweet day of all my longings!  
Sure, why should I complain?  
I'd bear, to have my son a priest,  
A thousand years of pain,  
But, oh, to see you with the cup,  
In vestments gold and white,  
Dear Lord, this would be heaven  
To a poor mother's sight.

To watch you read the Book;  
And when you turn around to pray,  
Observe your holy look,  
And, oh, my child, to hold you when  
At that most solemn hour,  
When our dear Christ is present  
Unto your words of power!

Some say I would not know you now,  
You are so changed, asthore;  
Oh! I would know you, darling,  
If an angel's wings you wore,  
Little they feel a mother's love,  
Who doubts, when face to face,  
That twenty years of waiting  
Can live in one embrace.

Now do not feel alone to-day,  
Ma bouchal stor machree!  
For Christ is more than mother  
And son to you and me,  
Sure, if I thought you'd shed a tear,  
I'd wipe the seas I'd roam,  
With a little shamrock and a sod,  
To make you feel at home.

'Tis true, asthore, I'm with you,  
And tho' the worlds should us part,  
When Christ's look into your eyes,  
My heart beat as your heart,  
I'm with you near the holy rail,  
Your kiss is on my cheek,  
I feel the blessing of your hand,  
I hear you laugh and speak.

Oh, darling, were I nearer,  
I think my heart would break;  
Such blessedness steals o'er me now  
And rapture for your sake,  
Enough, enough to breathe my name  
When Christ is in your hand—  
Oh, don't forget your father's grave  
And poor old Ireland.

The morn is come, alanna,  
And I'm kneeling where you knee;  
The little shrine of Mary  
Used to smile on me and you,  
I've placed the flowers and candles  
For the Mass that might have been,  
But my eyes, agra, can't find their rest,  
My joy is all within.

I'll make my heart your altar,  
And my breast a house of prayer,  
And Jesus at your holy word,  
Lifted to smile on me and you,  
I'll wait for you at morn,  
And I'll pray with you till noon,  
And every eve I'll dream of you,  
My own Soggarth aroon.

Father Lambing Speaks About Vocations to the Priesthood.

Rev. A. A. Lambing, of the Pittsburg diocese, referred on a recent Sunday to the dearth of vocations to the priesthood. It was the thirty-second anniversary of his ordination, and he said that during his



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pastorate at Wilkesburg, covering half that time, not one young man had entered the ranks of the sacred ministry.

"There must be some reason for this regrettable state of affairs," continued Father Lambing, "and I think it is to be found in two conditions: Some are too worldly-minded to think of entering the ministry, and others are deterred by their parents, who think they are too poor to afford giving their sons the necessary education. To the first I will say, you do not appreciate the things of God sufficiently. You must think less of the world and set your affections on heavenly things.

"To those who think they are too poor to go ahead and study for the priesthood, and whose parents are unable to give them financial assistance, I will say, if you feel that you are called to the ministry do not allow poverty to deter you. If God will call you to the ministry, He will see you through. Consider my own case as an example. No one was poorer than I when I undertook to educate myself for the ministry. My father was a poor shoemaker, and about all that I ever received from him was a good, robust constitution. He was unable to help me through college and the seminary way through, and was eventually ordained as a priest. It was a hard struggle, but it is such struggle that develops strength in a man, and it did me good. People talk about work making them down. I don't think so. And yet I have done a prodigious amount of work in my lifetime. I began work when I was but seventeen years old, and toiled for fifteen hours a day in an oil refinery. I have been working ever since.

Father Lambing has had a remarkable record. One day in thirty-two years, December 16, 1900, is the only time he has been off duty. "I have great faith in boys," he said in conclusion, "give them a chance. If they have good intentions, encourage them. If they want to enter the ministry, help them to get there. Boys are better disposed than most people give them credit for."

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TREW, THE LEADER.

The learned counsel for the Crown then dealt with the speeches of Trew, and said there was language in some of them which one would hardly expect to be used at any meeting at which the Gospel of Christ was preached. This was followed by placards posted through the city, and hand-bills similarly distributed, with the one object, viz.—to incite that most awful and dreadful and execrable of human feelings, that bitter unfeeling bigotry, that denial of our fellow-citizens of what we claim ourselves. It is for that, and that alone, that these men were called upon to account. Mr. Trew (here counsel pointed to the individual named) had been engaged in coming to Belfast every Sunday, and had eventually settled in the city, where he conducted open-air services at the Custom House, in common with other people. If those services had been confined to praise and worship and the gathering together of those prepared publicly to worship their God in their own way, all he (counsel) could say was that he should never have been interfered with, never could have been interfered with.

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