

EXIT MISS EDITH O'GORMAN.

"Here comes a very strange beast!"

SHAKESPEARE.

Miss Edith O'Gorman—which her name is Biddy—has come and gone, and the Evangelical world is uplifted with this crowning dispensation.

Come, sweet Evangelicals, tell us what Miss Biddy said! Privately, of course, for there are some things, you know, not for the public ear;—things,—not to put too fine a point on it—are rather tough.

"One wild and windy night At two o'clock in the mornin', Bold Biddy abquatulated, bolted, mizzled, skeddaddled, took her flight, All vows and weather scornin'!"

Really Miss Biddy must be held responsible for our "dropping into poetry" as Silas Wegg was wont to observe. There is something uncommonly epic about Biddy's escapade.

But, "on we to our theme" as Babbington Macaulay says. Let our Evangelical poet select for his model convent, some blood-curdling abode, as, for instance, the Bastille, one of Mrs. Radcliffe's hair-raising castles, or, if it so like him, that ogreous palace from whose accursed turrets "Sister Anne" bawled such discouraging answers to Mrs. Blue-Beard as throw nurseries into consternation and send little heads under the bed-clothes when the light is gone.

Now, let the heroine appear at a lofty casement—don't say "window;" it is unpoetic and vulgar,—She is not a beauty, is Biddy. She has a very open countenance as to the mouth, and her nose lifts its haughty point decidedly skywards.

To descend to every day prose, did Miss Biddy, may we ask, relate to her pious audience her delightful dream of a man to whom she was destined to be married? We judge no one for a good or bad dream, per se, but what a nice specimen of a professed! nun must have Miss Biddy been when she accepted in her waking moments, that devil's temptation as an oracle and,—we have been told by persons perfectly reliable—fainted when the hero of her dream appeared.

The difficulties of Biddy's escape may be appreciated by the non-Evangelical world, when we explain that the religious at Hudson City are now, and always have been, perfectly free to go out from the convent when and whither they please.

Unfortunately determines to go to the devil by the path of pride, lust or self-will, the Catholic Church will never use coercion. One may earn hell at the bottom of a dungeon as well as in the unhalloved precincts of the Thermoe.

Let Evangelicals read the poor, unfortunate woman's despairing letters to the Superior of her convent, and then, perhaps, they may understand the amount of confidence to be placed in the statements of the "Escaped Nun." As to making a heroine of her, it is just as appropriate as to sing poems over the success of an escaped convict.

Is it not astonishing that people pretending to the slightest morality will persist in encouraging any dirty, vile vagabond, male or female, priest or nun, who may throw off the restraints of religion and virtue, and give himself or herself up to the gratifying of the vilest passions.

Now, let us ask those pious Evangelicals one question. Did you ever hear of any Catholic man or woman ascending a public platform for the express purpose of vilifying your belief, your institutions or your ministers? Is it not after forbearance ceases to be a virtue that a Catholic writer will return a blow in pure self-defence?

We know there are thousands of Protestants who have too much common sense and self-respect to be hoodwinked by the peculiar moral school of Miss Biddy O'Gorman, Monsieur Chiquiny and strolling performers of that stripe.

Let us, for a moment, take a glance at the crowd who sit under the ministrations of such luminaries as Miss Biddy & Co. First, there is the elect on the platform, conspicuous in black coat and white "choker." The species is generally fat, flabby and uncouth,—Reverend Chabbands all. They listen with lack lustre eye to Miss Biddy, until she comes to the more filthy and prurient portions of her "outpouring."

Ring down the curtain, put out the lights, let them steal away in the dark, that men and women may not look upon each others faces in their worst and most degraded moment.

Keep your temper, pious lambs, bottle up your indignation, and charge us with FALSEHOOD at the last great day. We shall be there as well as you. Be ye patient.

In conclusion we have a little question to ask:—Can any Evangelical explain how it happened that Miss Biddy O'Gorman could "escape," alone and unaided, from her tremendous fortress of a convent, while, subsequently, it required the utmost efforts of four stout brakemen to hoist the lone-lorn victim on to the cars at the St. Paul, Minn., depot.

Bye bye Miss Biddy. We hope the receipts—base and filthy lucre,—were satisfactory. Come again, and don't forget the Professor next time. The ladies are anxious about their unprotected husbands, so be sure and bring him on, or "any other man."

SHOOTING OF THE EARL OF LEITRIM, HIS CLERK, AND CAR-DRIVER.

THE CAREER OF THE DECEASED NOBLEMAN AS AN EXTERMINATOR.

FULL PARTICULARS FROM THE IRISH PAPERS.

Lord Leitrim possessed large property in the county Donegal. His Lordship was born in Dublin in 1806, and succeeded his father in 1835. He was M.P. for Leitrim from 1839 to 1847.

The Irish Times correspondent gives the following version of the affair:—

The Earl of Leitrim this morning, about half-past eight o'clock left his house at Manor Vaughan, near Carrigart, en route for Milford, thence to go to Londonderry. He drove on a post car, accompanied by a newly appointed clerk named Mechan, from county Leitrim. A second car was occupied by the earl's valet and a country peasant.

LORD LEITRIM AS AN EXTERMINATOR.

(From the Derry Standard)

William Sydney Clements, third Earl of Leitrim, succeeded his father in 1854, and within a few years of his accession to the title and to the estates in Donegal, Leitrim, and Kildare, his name had become a symbol of terror over his vast possessions, which comprised nearly 90,000 acres of territory.

fish ry would be worth till the crack of doom. His form was as similar in the law courts as that of the chairman of the county, for he was always present to superintend the conducting of his own case.

STATEMENT OF THE EARL'S VALET.

Interviewed by our reporter, Wm. Kincaid, his lordship's valet, stated that about half-past eight o'clock in the morning two cars set out from Manor Vaughan, Lord Leitrim's late residence.

THE INQUEST.

The inquest on the Donegal murder was opened on Wednesday, and adjourned after identification. It seems that Lord Leitrim's revolver had been taken from him and used against himself.

WHAT A REPORTER OF THE FREEMAN SAW.

I have seen the bodies of the murdered men. His lordship is so battered about the left side of the head that it is difficult to say if he has been shot there. His left arm is broken, and he has evidently been shot in the chest.

As far as we remember, the Earl of Leitrim was third Irish Peer who met his death by violence within the present century. The first was Lord Kilwarden, who perished in Emmet's rising. The second the Earl of Norbury, slain under such mysterious circumstances in his own demesne.

PERSONAL.

SERBIA—Serbia has decided on remaining neutral under all circumstances.

TWEED—The judgments against Tweed are said to involve a total of twenty-two million dollars.

ST. LAWRENCE—The inhabitants on the shores of the St. Lawrence, near Cape Rosier, are reported as being in an almost starving condition.

TWEED—The great "Boss" Dr. "ex Boss" died on Friday at the age of 65. He was originally a chairmaker in a very humble way.

FLEMING—The Daily News, a lively little sheet, edited by Mr. Fleming, made its appearance in Montreal last evening.

O'CONNOR—Mass was first celebrated at Listowel, Ont., last week by Father O'Connor, of Stratford. It is proposed to erect a Roman Catholic church.

DUFFERIN—Lord Dufferin was presented with an address from the Senator and members of the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

MEGG—The ruffian "Citizen Edmond Megg" who commanded the party who murdered the Archbishop of Paris in 1871, is prosecuting his work in New York.

NEWMAN—Dr. Newman has brought out a new edition of his "Essay on Development," which, he says, he must consider at his age the last print or reprint on which he will ever be engaged.

STORER—Professor Storer whose walk of 100 miles was postponed from last Friday, will commence his task in the Victoria Rink Montreal, on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock.

CAMPBELL—The debate in the Senate last night on Hon. Mr. Campbell's motion condemning the action of the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, in dismissing his Ministry, was carried by a vote of 37 to 20.

SICKNESS—The Russians are suffering from sickness. In the camp before Constantinople, and inaction and disappointment at not returning home has created great fretfulness and dissatisfaction at the present situation.

CROSS—Mr. Cross has informed Mr. O'Connor Power, M.P., that the cases of the Fenian prisoners Goudon and Melody will be considered at the expiration of fifteen years from the date of their conviction.

ALEXIS—A sensational despatch comes from Cronstadt, to the effect that a Russian privateering fleet is being organized in the United States, to be manned by sailors of the Russian Baltic fleet, and commanded by the Grand Duke Alexis.

POWER—Mr. O'Connor Power, M.P., called Judge Keogh a religious and political firebrand. Being called to order he apologized for having used the words. However, he only told the truth for all that.

DUFFERIN—L'Acadie says that the Very Rev. Dr. Hamel, Superior of the Quebec Seminary, has received from Lord Dufferin, a copy of the Greek reply made by His Excellency to an address presented to him by a collegiate institution in that language.

O'NEILL—A respectable young woman named O'Neill was found dead in her bed in St. Johns, on the morning which was to see her a bride. It is said that she told a friend that "she would rather die than be married."

BEECHER—TILTON—The great scandal is on the boards again. Mrs. Tilton has written a letter to say that the charges against Beecher are true. There is food for three months scandal in this confession.

BARRY—Mr. Barry, the lawyer who is defending the Catholics in the trials of Cooney and others, has received a threatening letter. If he had received as many as the editor of the True Witness has, he would learn to value them at their worth, which is nothing.

PRINCE CHARLES—of Roumania is joining the headquarters of his army. The whole Roumanian militia has been called out. The feeling against the Russians is intensely bitter and the Government promise to do all in their power to prevent foreign occupation.

MURPHY—We have observed with much satisfaction that the Committee of Investigation have completely exonerated the Mayor of Quebec, Mr. Murphy, from the charges made against him in connection with the loan negotiated by Grant Bros & Co., of London.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

RIDICULOUS.—We often see ridiculous rumours about Ireland and Irishmen, and the following is one of them:—"Despatches from Glasgow report a threatened serious riot in that city between the Protestants and Catholics. The Irish Ribbon-men threaten to shoot the Protestants for burning the Pope's allocation respecting the Scotch Episcopate."

ORANGISM—The Protestant clergymen of Montreal have requested the Orangemen not to walk in the city on the 12th of July, and the Young Britons of Toronto, have heroically opposed the action of the Protestant clergy. The "Britons are determined "never to be slaves" but they would like to make serfs of every Catholic in the country "Croppies lie down" you know, and the rest.

RUSSIA—It is said Russia will be governed greatly by Austria's attitude. If she is neutral, Russia will undoubtedly seize the Bosphorus; if hostile, it is doubtful whether Russia will hold anything south of Adrianople—probably attacking Austria from Galicia, Roumania and Bosnia. The Turks have 70,000 troops around Constantinople and 17,000 at Gallipoli. Turkey's attitude is expected, and it is thought she will abide by the San Stefano Treaty, observing neutrality and defend it if menaced.

O'DONNELL—Mr. O'Donnell who was, it appears by the telegram, supported by Mr. Gladstone denounced the conduct of the government as "unconstitutional" when they placed the neighbourhood of the murder of the Earl of Leitrim, under the peace preservation act. Mr. O'Donnell is not supported by all the Home Rule M.P.'s forthwith all the papers announce, in large type, a split in the Home Rule Camp. How eagerly the hostile press grasp at a straw. But there is no "split" because Mr. O'Donnell's motion had nothing to do with Home Rule, and the M.P.'s were not expected to be united upon it.

BAKER.—The London correspondent of the Cork Examiner.—says:—I am informed that Miss Dickenson, the young lady whose charge against Colonel Valentine Baker was the cause of that officer's dismissal from the army and imprisonment in jail, has taken an extraordinary step. The colonel, whose military talent and personal bravery in the Sultan's service have made him a social lion in London, has been honored by her Majesty with an invitation to Windsor, while the Prince of Wales has introduced him to the Marlborough Club, and otherwise patronized him. Miss Dickenson has, therefore, returned the Royal portrait sent to her by the Queen as a mark of sympathy at the time of the assault, and requested that her own, which she had the honour by command to present in return, should be sent back."