THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.—FEB. 9, 1877.

the Protestants say about the Book of Revelation, the better for their arguments. This argument of referring to Scripture was a dangerous one. A certain doctor once argued that Peter was never in Rome, because he never said he was. It was not a very logical conclusion, but it was the best he could draw. If Scripture was absolutely relied upon how was it Sunday was regarded as the Sabbath at the present time, when the Bible commanded Saturday? Why did we pray to the Holy Ghost when Scripture said nothing about it. This appealing to Scripture was like the Australian boomerang, it flies away, but returns again to the feet of the thrower. Besides Catholics were not obliged to look at Scripture for their faith. Their Church existed before the Scriptures. The Scriptures came out of the Catholic Church, and not the Catholic Church out of the Scriptures. But the question is again urged, are not these prayers to saints injurious to the mediatorship of Jesus Christ? This was confusion of ideas again. The prayers of saints only obtained answer through Jesus Christ. If Catholics expected saints to obtain anything for them independent of Jesus Christ, then their prayers would be derogatory to Him; but they did not. Where then the injury? When the apostles asked each other's prayers, as they did when on earth, was that injurious to the mediatorship of Jesus Christ? Certainly not. How then could it be in-jurious for us to ask their prayers when dead? But again it is said, why not pray direct to Christ at once? In reply he would say : for the same reason that impelled the poor publican, when he went to the temple to pray, to stand afar off, and not so much as raise his eyes to heaven. It was because they felt their unworthiness to approach the spotless Saviour. How could the saints hear our prayers? In reply he would ask, would you give the Devil more liberty than the saints. Scripture says that the Devil goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Would you then give him liberty, and lock the saints up. Did not the Bible tell us that the saints heard our prayers, where it says, " there will be joy in heaven over one sinner doing penance, than over ninety and nine just persons who require no penance."

The rev. gentlemen continued his eloquent discourse, of which the above is but a brief outline, at some further length, and was listened to by a most attentive and appreciative audience .- Port Hope Times.

CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

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DEATHS OF CARDINALS .- Five Cardinals died during the year 1876, and during the Pontificate of Pius IX. 114 Cardinals have died.

The Catholics of Marseilles have resolved to present a golden throne to the Holy Father on the day of the celebration of his Holiness' "golden wedding" to the Episcopate.

According to letters from Rome, it has been decided by the Propaganda not to take any steps for the present towards filling the See of Ross, vacant by the death of the Right Rev. Dr. O'Hen.

Alabama, was dedicated to the worship, of God on Sunday, January 21st, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., by Right Rev. Bishop Quinlan.

CATHOLIC ACADEMIA IN THE UNITED STATES.-St. Paul, Minn., U.S., has been established the first Catholic Academia in America. Arrangements have been made for a free library and reading-room in connection with it.

SUMMONED TO ANSWER .- The Diretto announces that the officer of the Roman Correctional Tribunal has served Archbishop Ledochowski with a copy of the indictment and summons to appear before the Posen tribunal to answer for breaches of the German law.

DEATH OF A COLONIAL BISHOP .--- 'The French' papers record the decease of Mgr. Le Turdu, Bishop of Coreyra, in partibus, and Vicar Apostolic of Malaysia. Mgr. Le Turdu died at Hong Kong, whither he had gone for the the benefit of his He was a native of the diocese of St. health. Briene.

above institution, w week by a high mass sung in the chapel of the Seminary by Rev. Mr. Langes, and an able sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Lagace Principal of the Normal School. CARDINAL PATRIZI .--- The will of the late Cardinal Patrizi contains not a single bequest which is not of a charitable nature. To his chaplains and servants be left life annuities equal to the salaries they used to receive. All the rest of his property is given to the poor. The horses two in number, of his Eminence were sold for 600 lire, and his three carriages for 150 lire. DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH AT GREENSBORO. N.C.-Quite an impetus has been given to Catholicity in the Vicariate Apostolic of North Carolina, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Gibbons and his zealous co-laborers. The latest evidence of the growth of Catholicity in the Vicariate was at Greensboro, N.C., when on Sunday, January 21st, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gibbons dedicated a new church in that place. The new church was handsomely decorated and can boast of a fine painting of the Crucifixion. It will be attended every fourth Sunday of the month from Wilmington by the Rev. Father Gross. The pews are to be free and open to all. THE MARK OF CHRISTIANITY .- A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette writes from Scutari as follows: "The Roman Catholic women wear large scarlet cloth capes, with yellow silk embroidery on the back and shoulders. Formerly they used to wear black cloaks, like the Greek and Turkish women; but a Pasha, having fallen in love with a girl he saw passing, was so enraged when he discovered he could not marry her owing to her being a Roman Catholic, that he ordered, as a mark of his dis-pleasure, that in future all Roman Catholic women wear red capes to mark them in the streets as Christian women." ALSACE LORAINE .- The Catholic deputies for the Reichsland have published an address to their constituents giving a very brief account of what they have tried and failed to do in the Reichstag. A leading Berlin Liberal journal, the Vossische-Zeitung reprints the address, and characterises it as " very quiet and dignified." It notes that this address was first published in the Mainzer Journal, and that not a single newspaper published in Alsace Lorraine has copied it, or made the slightest allusion to it It says that this fact is a most conspicuous illustration of the state of things within that province, especially as regards the Press, and that it cannot fail to make an impression on thoughtful persons. THE PIETY OF FRANCE.-The Cardinal-Archbishop of Paris, in a Mandement prescribing prayers for the Chambers, says :- "I doubt not that the concourse of the faithful will again this year testify the sentiments of faith and religion which, whatever may be asserted, remain those of the French nation. May these acts of national piety be a kind of public protest against the torrent of impiety of which we are daily the afflicted witnesses! May this homage rendered to God turn away the chast's ments which the unmentioned outrages offered 66. to the Holy Church and to religion itself may call upon a country! Lastly, may depositaries of power of all grades be imbued with this grand truththat a nation which ceases to respect itself by exposing the most sacred things to scorn, runs the risk of losing the esteem of other people, and places itself on the brink of irremediable ruin !"

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BAPTISM OF FIVE CONVERTS -St. Bridget's Church Copake, one of the out-missions attended by the Rev. James J. Moriarty, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Chatham, (four corners) Columbia county, N. Y., was recently the scene of a very edifying and consoling ceremony, the reception into the true fold, of five converts. Their names are, Mrs. Douglass and her daughter, Miss Josephine Agnes Douglass, (of Fifth Avenue, New York) and Mr. Peter Armitage and his two sons, Isnac and William. Two of these converts were baptised on Sunday, January 21st, the feast of St. Agnes, and the other three on the following morning, Monday. The Rev. Pastoi was very careful to see that all were thoroughly instructed in the Catholic religion, a work to which he devoted himself with characteristic zeal. Mrs. Douglass' husband, the late Alfred Douglass, Esq. a lawyer of this city, was received into the Church by Father Moriarty, about three months ago, and an account of his conversion was published in the Freeman's Journal. Mrs. Douglass is a niece of the late Rev. Dr. Waterbury, a distinguished Presby-terian Minister, who died lately in Brooklyn, and also of the Rev. Dr. Scudder, a Presbyterian Missionary to India .- N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

BURNING OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ELMIRA, N.Y .- On Saturday, Jauuary 25th, a fire broke out in St. Mary's Church, Elmira, N. Y., Rev. James McManus, Pastor. The fire originated from one of the registers, the large centre one, it is thought, directly in front of the altar. The heat may have set fire to the wood work, or paper or some other inflammable substance must have lodged in the register. Rev. Father McManus was early on the ground and assisted in efforts to save the Church. He was first to approach the altar and at imminent risk to himself succeeded in carrying out in safety the sacred vessels that rested in the tabernacle. The altar was not burned. Quite a large section of the floor in front is burned away or cut into, to get at the fire, and about twenty costly seats fronting the altar, destroyed by the fire. The principal damage is from smoke and water, which defaced and blackened the walls which had been elaborately and elegantly frescoed at a large cost, and greatly injured much of the plastering upon the walls. Much of this will have to be retouched, or entirely repainted. The total damage, it is judged will be in the neighborhood of S2,500. There is an insurance of \$10,000 on the church. of \$5,000 in the Home, of New York and \$5,000 in the London Assurance Corporation .- Elmira Gazette, Jan. 25.

CONVERSIONS .- A propos of the Old Catholics, we may mention the return of several of their priests. Besides Father Schoopf, of Sauldorf, Baden, three other Jansenistic priests have brought consolation to our holy Mother the Church, by their conversion which is believed to be sincere. The "Old" priest

of Epfenhofen, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, the priest Kufliski, formerly vicar at Gratz, in Posnanis, and Father Alphonsus, Conventual, of Ogger-sheim, have returned to the fold of their Mother, the latter, after holding a Jansenist appointment for two years, in Switzerland. He has even applied for re-admission into the order he was so unfortunate as to leave. It may also be of interest to mention among the Protestants who have embraced Catholicity, the two Barons Von Schierstaedt, one of whom was formerly a Lieutenant of Lancers at Posdam, and who made his abjuration some three months ago; and the other Hermann, is from Dahlm, near Goerzke, district of Magdebourg, in Paderborn. Baron von der Borch has recently become a Catholic at Munster, and the Chief Counsellor of the Regency, Franz, has followed the example of his family and made his abjuration at

Liegnitz, in Silesia. RHEIMS CATHEDRAL TO BE RESTORED .- The Minister of Public Works has authorized an expenditure of \$400,000 upon the restoration of Rheims Cathedral, which is classed among the Historical Monuments of France. The present building was begun in the year 1212 upon the site of the old cathedral, built in the ninth century, which had been destroyed by fire the year before, the architect being Robert de Coucy. The roof of the new cathedral was burned in 1421, and though it was replaced by another roof shortly afterward the building has 000 or more. since been mutilated in several parts, and it will be no casy matter to restore it to its primitive

OURBEC SEMINARY .- The feast of St. Francois de splendor. Rheims Cathedral is 457 feet long by QUEBEC SEMINARY.-Ine least of St. Francois de spieldor. Anerms Cathedral is 457 feet long by Salles, which happens to be the patronal feat of the 110 feet broad, the transepts have a total width of ens to be the patronal reat of the vas duly solemnized on Monday 165 feet. The height of the roof is 110 feet. The second sole of the stand of the stand glass windows, dating from the thirteenth century, are still in a perfect state of preservation. The windows in the choir each contain portraits of two French kings, and two archbishops of Rheims, while the rose window in the southern transept represents the twelve Apostles. The restoration of the woodwork and carving of the interior will cost a large sum; the organ placed in the cathedral in 1481, is still in an excellent state of preservation. Rheims Cathedral possesses, next to Paris, the richest collection of gold an silver ornaments in France. It may be added that Charles X, was the last French sovereign crowned there, Louis Philippe not having been crowned at all, while the Emperor Napoleon III, was crowned at Notre Dame .- Paris

recently with an address and testimonial, consisting of a purse with seventy sovereigns, from his friends in Ballingarry, where he minis-tered to the spiritual wants of the people for eight years.

It is rumoured that the Chief Justiceship of the Irish Queen's Bench was offered to, and refused by, both Baron Fitzgeralà and Lord Justice Christian. Differences of opinion are ascribed to the English and Irish Chancellors on the subject of filling up this vacancy.

By the inundations of the Shannon large tracts of the lowland adjacent to Killaloe and Castleconnell have been flooded, and in some instances the riparian cottiers have been obliged to abandon their homes. For the past few days, the heavy rains have ceased, but without any sensible diminution of the floods.

Mr. Mitchell Henry, M.P., in a letter to a Dublin contemporary, urges the desirability of holding immediately a new Irish Party Conference. He says that the Conference held by the Irish members last year, just before the opening of Parliament, was of very great service, and assures Mr. Butt that if he calls a similar meeting he will find a willing and disciplined party around him.

The report of the directors of the Cork Improved Dwellings' Company for the half-year ended the 31st December has been published. The revenue account shows a net profit of £763 12s. 8d. on the half-year, which, with a balance brought from last year enables the directors to declare a dividend of 31 per cent. for the half-year, making 6 per cent. for the year, and to carry forward to the credit of the next account a sum of £200 12s. 3d.

The house-to-house canvas on the Sunday Closing Question has just been completed at Clonmel. Voting papers containing the following query :-Are you in favour of the entire closing of publichouses, beershops, taverns, and spirit groceries in Ireland on Sunday ?"-were left with the head of each family. On being collected the result stood thus:-For Sunday closing, 1,289; against 74; de-clined to vote 253. The 98 licensed traders in the town voted thus :- For, 37; against, 23; declined, The population of Clonmel in 1871 being 38. 10,112, occupying 1,378 houses, the poll must be considered a very exhaustive one.

A large and very important land meeting was held at Tralee, Co. Kerry, on the 9th ult. There were fully 10,000 persons present, and the attendance of M.P.'s and clergy was unusually large. The chair was taken by the Very Rev. Dean Mawe, P. P., of Tralec. The two most important resolutions adopted by the meeting were as follows :---

1st-"That the compensation given to the tenant under the Land Act of 1870 is altogether inadequate to recoup him for his outlay or improvements, or to encourage him to invest his capital in the soil; we are, therefore, of opinion that a measure such as that of Mr. Butt's is absolutely necessary for the permanent pacification and prosperity of the country." 2nd—" That in the opinion of this meeting pro-

vision should be made by the Legislature for the allocation of suitable plots for bona fide agricultural labourers, and facilities afforded for the erection of cottages thereon, in the spirit of the clause expunged from the Land Act of 1870 by the House of Lords."

The house-to-house canvass in favor of Sunday closing has just been completed in Ennis, the result of the vote being as follows-For Sunday closing, 869 ; against, 108 ; declined to vote, 144; total house holders canvassed, 1,122. The licensed traders voted thus-For Sunday closing, 30; against, 49. The population of Ennis in 1871 was 6,503.

Almost all that can be said of the effect of the recent storm in Dublin has been said but something may be added with respect to the injury which the Clontarf township suffered in the space of twentyfour hours. The roadway from the railway arch to Dollymount afforded evidence that the tide of Wednesday, Jan. 2, had overspread it, and caused an amount of damage which may be estimated at ± 1 ,

The Dublin Irish Times of Jan. 6, thus describes the effects of the recent floods in Antrim-For miles the county of Armagh has all the appearance of an inland sea, the course of the river and canal in many places being blended with the immense flood, thus destroying all traces of their individuality. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant have the floods risen to such a height, and nothing is heard on every hand but doleful complaints of the endless rain. As a proof of the terible fury of the blast it may be mentioned that between Portadown and Tandragee no fewer than forty-two telegraph poles were blown down along the railway. On the railway between Enniskillen and Londonderry as many as 242 poles came to grief. After the Presentment Sessions, recently held at Carndonagh, county Donegal, an influential meeting assembled and discussed the project of a line of railway from that town to the city of Londonderry. The chair was occupied by Geo. Miller Harvey, Esq., D.L., and the following, amongst other resolutions. was adopted viz .- That considering the large and increasing traffic between Carndonagh, Moville, and Londonderry, an in order to develop the resources of this part of the country, it is desirable that steps should be taken immediately to connect Carndonagh and Moville with Londonderry by railway." A treasurer having been appointed and a vote of thanks passed to the chairman the meeting separated. An influential committee has charge of the project. Speaking of the recent floods in Fermanagh the Dublin Freeman of January 6 says: "Thursday's downpour of rain has again risen Lough Erne to a greater height. In Enniskillen the Militia Barracks n Queen street, Main Barracks, Messrs Clark's Spool Mill, the back rooms and yards in the new row, and many other houses near the lake are all flooded. The rush of water through the West bridge is very great, it being about a toot higher on the upper part than on the lower side. The lake has not been known to be so high since the deepening of Portroe Channel, some thirty years ago. The Silies river has flooded the country along its whole course, and many people have had to leave their homes, and others sail from place to place in a cot. Many of the roads are also flooded, and in some place impassible. A despatch from Ballinasloe, dated Jan. 4, says-In consequence of the heavy downpour which has prevailed in this and adjoining districts almost without intermission during the past week, pasturage and particularly low lying lands are flooded. It is deplorable to see a large area of low-lying districts adjacent to the banks of the Suck inundated by the water of that mischievous little river. The low-lying land situate between the Workhouse and the station of the Midland Railway Company presents the appearance of a huge lake. On the County Roscommon side of this town, between the bridges at Lancaster's Mill and the village of Poolbeg, the River Suck has overflowed its banks to an alarming extent, so that the little town of Ballinasloe is now nearly converted into an island. The Connaught Telegraph of January 6, says "We regret to have to announce the death of Missi Charlotte MacDonnell at her residence, Cahir House, Aughamore, on Tuesday morning last, after a very brief illness. The deceased lady was so well and so widely known throughout the entire county that her sudden demise has caused universal grief. Killing bunaloss and proserves as thousand buffaloes Miss MacDonnell succeeded her sister, Mrs. Oaven-Miss MacDonnell succeeded her sister, Mrs. Oaven-are killed in one day. that her sudden demise has caused universal grief. dish, in the proprietorship of the Mayo Telegraph, are killed in one day. and conducted that journal for many years with

mained to the very last faithful to the motio of the paper, "Be just and fear not," and advocated the rights of the people with the same fearless vigor that characterized the members of her family whom she succeeded in the position."

ENGLISH BLOOD-HOUNDS IN IRELAND .- One thing must be said of English landlords in Ireland, and that is, that they never go back on their oppressive agents. On this account we were agreeably surprised to find from our Irish exchanges that Mr. Buckley, the English parvenu millionaire who became proprietor of the Mitchelstown estates, and who employed the notorious Bridge as his slavedriver and whipper-in of his poor Irish tenant serfs, had at length discharged his miserable tool and flung him aside when his dirty work was done. It appears, though, that the news was too good to be true, and that Mr. Buckley not only retains Legre, but also praises him for his noble conduct in trying to root out the mere Irish and in bringing unfortunate Crowe to the gallows. The Nation of the 8th of January says: "We regret to observe that the report regarding the agent of Mitchelstown, circulated by the Central News telegraph agency and copied into our columns last week, has proved incorrect. Mr. Sargent, who was Mr. Bridge's solicitor in the recent proceedings in the Court of Queen's Bench, has written to the papers to say that Mr. Bridge has not been cashiered by Mr. Buckley; and this intelligence has been confirmed by the publication of a letter from Mr. Buckley to Mr. Bridge, in which the writer pronounces the story about his intended change of front unfounded ' from beginning to end.'" Of course it was unfounded, for who ever heard of an English blood-hound giving up his prey, particularly when he was an unfortunate Irish tenant.

CORKNEN TO THE FRONT .- The following is extracted from the annual report of a Cork literary association :-- Men bred in common schools of Cork hold their own to-day with the best culture of Oxford and Cambridge in literature, in science, and in art, at the bar, and in the House of Commons. The son of a shop-keeper in Patrick street has just stepped into the front rank of English poets. The son of a trader in Dominick street has just shewn that he can wield the sceptre of vice-royalty with the firmness of a pro-consul-bearding the strong, protecting the weak, upholding the right. A county Cork man has achieved the one great success of the present Parliament. A Corkman is the first of living actors. A Corkman is amongst the first of living composers. Better portraits are painted on the South Mall than in Pall Mall. A Corkman is among the first of living novelists. A Corkman wields the thunders of the Times. A Corkman is one of the ablest of London lawyers. A Corkman is an American Chief Justice. A county Corkman brings the ripest learning and the soundest sense and the readiest eloquence to the old See of Cashel. When Gladstone assailed the Church he was answered by a Corkman with a logical force that not even Newman or Manning surpassed. The Cork pulpit has men worthy of the best days of pulpit oratory. The Cork press is second to none in the empire. Amongst a hundred prelates, where will you find one sounder in scholarship, larger in culture, courtlier in presence, or priestlier in heart than your own?

GREAT BRITAIN. -:0:---

Eighty-six deaths from small-pox occurred last veek in London.

Oneen Victoria treated all the members of the roval household to free vaccination the other day, those alone being excepted who had small-pox or been vaccinated with the last seven years.

Prince Ernest Leiningen, the Queen's cousin, has been promoted to the rank of admiral for his distinguished services in running down the Misletoe in the Solent, while in command of the royal yacht,

The coroner's inquiry respecting the Abertillery colliery accident which caused the death of 25 men. has concluded with a unanimous verdict that the occurrence was totally accidental. The jury added to their verdict a recommendation that a rule should be observed and strictly adhered to henceforth compelling the firemen to go down the pit in each turn and report the condition of the mine before the colliers descended.

BAD TIMES IN ENGLAND.correspondent savs so that in case of fire, or other accident, they may leave the buildings in the best order and in the shortest possible time.

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The Minnesota farmers have taken hold of the business of planting trees in earnest. Over ten millions of cuttings were set out during the past year, most of which are doing well.

A number of gentlemen, residents of the Pacific coast, have formed a company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, gold coin, to get out lumber in Alaska for ship building and other purposes.

The people of Massachusetts took out of the save ings bank some \$2,400,000 more last year than they put in. Hence the question, do savings banks save ?

Oakland, California, has just passed an ordinance prohibiting all persons, except railway employes, from jumping off trains in motion while passing through the city, and affixing as a penalty a fine of from \$5 to \$50 for each offence.

The farmers of Utah who plowed up their ground after the grasshoppers had deposited their eggs, find that the eggs have been entirely destroyed by the heavy frosts. This will shorten the hopper crop several million, but there will undoubtedly be enough left to go around next spring.

The jury in the inquest on the Brooklyn Theatre fire have returned a verdict finding the management of the theatre responsible for the disaster, in neglecting to furnish necessary appliances for extinguishing fire and to maintain proper discipline.

CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY .- The Herald's Columbia S.C., special says Hampton having pardoned a convict and a sheriff refusing to release him, Judge Mackey rendered a decision which holds that Hampton is Governor. The pri oner was discharged. An appeal to the Supreme Court is taken.

PROSELYTISM .--- Since the foundation of the New York Juvenile Asylum, a quarter of a century ago. 19,156 children have been received. During the past year 802 children have entered the asylum, of whom 485 were discharged to their friends and 154 sent West. There are now in the asylum 789 children. Only the recording angel knows how many of these children lost the faith. Charity is too often a mask for proselytism.

President Grant has signed the Electoral bill, and says he will send a special message to the Senate announcing his approval of the bill. The president in his message approving the act providing for the count of the electoral vote, says he believes the hill gives assurance that the result of the election will be accepted without resistance by the supporters of the disappointed candidate, and that the highest officer shall not hold his place with a questioned title of right.

INCREASE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT .- The total public debt is reported at the colossal figure of \$2,229,-922,520,35-in round numbers Two Thousand Three Hundred Millions of Dollars! And the increase during the month of December just passed, directly attributable to prostrate industry and business consequent upon the attempt of the Republican leaders to steal the Presidency, is over three and a half millions \$3,585,142,39 : With four thousand millions of indebtedness-national, state and municipal-and government and railroad bonds untaxed, the problem for the country, and for the laboring class (who pay their taxes as far as they go, and produce the country's wealth, if they don't have it), becomes a serious one.

SUCCESS OF HAMPTON'S STATE GOVERNMENT. Hampton's government is now nearly complete. The appointees throughout the State are in the main exercising the functions of their respective offices and he is daily receiving the best assurances of loyalty from the masses of the people. Already under the call for ten per cent, of last year's tax levy, Hampton's treasurer has received \$35,000, nearly half of the whole amount, from nine counties only. The charitable institutions and Penitentiary have been provided for, the Judges have been paid their salaries, and the entire machinery of government is in thorough working order. Chamberlain officials are unable to collect taxes, and if the company of United States troops now in the State House was withdrawn the farce of a dual government would be ended. THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION .- The following work has been done by the Board of Commissioners of Emigration since its establishment in 1847. During the 29 years of its existence, up to the first of January, 1876, it superintended the landing of 6,009,000 emigrant passengers with their baggage. Within the same period the Commissioners cared for 1,717,838 emigrants for a longer or shorter period during the five years subsequent to their arrival in this country, and treated and cared for 547,209 patients in the various hospitals. Temporary board, lodging and pecuniary assistance was supplied to 485,669 and 400,187 were procured employment, through the labor bureau at Castle Garden. The number of emigrants returned during the same time at their own request was 58,122, and 226,561, were relieved and provided for in the various counties and institutions of the State, the sum of \$1,411,474 having been expended by the Commissioners for that purpose. THE U. S. PRESIDENCY .- The Electoral Commission, at its adjourned session, discussed the subject of rules with regard to hearing argument, &c., and adopted the main features of those governing proceedings of the Supreme Court. Sessions for hearing arguments are to be held in public in the Supreme Court room. The duration of oral arguments is limited to two hours for each side on objections, and four hours for each side on the main points at issue in each case. The limitation as to number of counsel who will be recognized as conducting the case is two for each side. All these limitations, may, however, be enlarged at the discretion of the Commission, whenever the majority deem a point in controversy of sufficient importance to warrant more extended argument. The rules are comparatively brief, and, after being revised in print, will be made public. The report of the majority of the Florida House Committee states that it is difficult to conceive a more wanton attempt to defeat the will of the people, and impose on the State and country officers not their choice, than is here presented. Florida will give 90 majority for Tilden and Hendricks beyond dispute. WHAT OUTSIDERS SAY OF THE UNITED STATES .- Mr. Thomas Connolly, a visitor to the Centennial, has written a long letter in the London Times, on what he observed during his visit to America. He strongly advises British manufacturers who may propose to transfer a portion of their business not to do so, chiefly because of the commercial and industrial depression. But he adds: "I am convinced this country (the United States) cannot long remain in its present state, and that it will in due time regain its wonted prosperity, for the politicians cannot steal away, its unbounded natural resources, and the people are laborious and industrious." He adds: "They are thoroughly loyal to their country and its republican form of government, notwithstanding any apparent defects in it." In Mr. Connolly's closing sentences some practical advice is conveyed. It runs thus : " In conclusion; I desire to state that the only emigrants required in Americs at present are agricultural laborers and persons who would purchase land and settle on it. They could easily suit themselves in the Western States, Western Virginia, or Texas; but artisans and gen-eral laborers are far better at home for there are twice as many of those classes, here as can get em-

Correspondence Pall Mall Gazette. APPEAL OF THE NOBLE FAMILIES OF ROME .- The following circular is from a number of nobles, men and women in Rome, and is as follows :-- "This year another event of deep interest will take place in connection with the august person of His Holiness, Pope Pius IX. The 21st May, 1877, will be the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the dignity of the Episcopate. Divine Providence seems to have ascreted the inexorable hand of time from that precious life, which in this stormy cra is,

indeed, the beacon of salvation to the whole Catholic world. The Romans, who have the enviable privilege of possessing within their walls the person of this august Pontiff, have resolved to make an appeal to all Catholics in every part of the world to unite in celebrating an event fraught with such interesting memories. A committee has been formed for this purpose. They invite all those who belong to the Catholic Church to concur by sending such presents or offering to the Holy Father as will be acceptable to him. May neither distance nor any other difficulty present an obstacle to the zeal of Catholics, but may they vie with one another in

counterbalancing, as far as lies in their power, the efforts of the wicked, who take such active part in the fierce combat now waging against the Church of Jesus Christ. In order that the Father of the Faithful may on that day have the consolation of being surrounded by his children from all parts of the world the undersiged committee beg that a deputation may be sent from each country as its representatives on this auspicious occasion ; also, that the signatures of those who take part in this offering be sent in time to have them bound in the album which on that same day will be presented to His Holiness. So many proofs of devotion and affection are being offered every day to the Vicar of Jesus Christ that the members of the Roman committee entertain great hopes, and almost a certainty that the present appeal will find a generous echo in the hearts of all Catholics throughout the world, for which reason they even now offer up their thanks to the Most High."

IRISH INTELLIGENCE

A marriage recently took place in Westmeath, the bride being 85 years of age, and the bridegroom

The biggest sail in the world has just been made at Dublin. It is rectangular in shape, and in size 180 feet by 60. It will be used in raising sunken vessols.

PRESENTATION TO A PRIEST .- The Rev. Thomas

I never recollect the time when the domestic trade of England was in so depressed and wretched a state as it is now. Go where you will, and ask whom you will, and you will hear the same thing. 'There is nothing doing; we think ourselves lucky if we can pay our expenses." As for the demand from the United States for English goods, it seems to be almost a thing of the past. The great steamers go out from Liverpool or London in ballast week after week.

A DEADLY POOL .- Some remarkable statements were made recently at an inquest held at Bury, in Lancashire, Eng, respecting a mill-stream, known as "Old Charley's Lodge," or "The Hatter's Cemetery," in which a young woman, nincteen years old drowned herself. The lodge, it seems, is in the midst of a thickly populated neighborhood, and is not protected by any fence. The water being warm, it offers unusual temptations to suicide, and owing to its unguarded condition, it is also the scene of many fatal accidents to young children who fall into it while playing on its banks. The coroner said he considered it "a public scandal" that "Old Charley's Lodge" was not fenced off some way. He had himself held inquests on the bodies of from fifteen to twenty persons who had met with their deaths in that lodge, and he understood that altogether upwards of fifty bodies had been taken out of it. He did not think that there was another place in the kingdom to equal it.

MR. CARLYLE ON "DARWINISM."-The Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald publishes the following extract of a letter written to a friend by Mr. Carlyle :-'A good sort of man is this Darwin, and wellmeaning but with very little intellect. Ah, it is sad, a terrible thing to see nigh a whole generation of men and women, professing to be cultivated, looking around in a purblind fashion, and finding no God in this universe. I suppose it is a reaction from the reign of cant and hollow pretence, professing to believe what, in fact, they do not believe. And this is what we have got to. All things from frog spawn ; the gospel of dirt the order of the day. The older I grow-and I now stand upon the brink of eternity-the more comes back to me the sentence in the Catechism which I learned when a chid. and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes. What is the chief end of man ?- To glorify God. and enjoy Him for ever.' No gospel of dirt, teaching that men have descended from frogs through monkeys, can ever set that aside."

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The State of Maine pays five dollars bounty for every bear killed within its limits. Last year was apparently a good, or rather a bad year for bears, for 544 were killed, costing the State \$2,720.

A two-horse wagon was driven across the Mississippi River at Hickman, Kentucky, the other day. This is said to be the first time that any person ever crossed on ice at that place.

Fifteen hundred men are said to be engaged in killing buffaloes and preserving their hides and

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