

victions may be respected. Whilst we are free candid, and generous, let us demand full freedom, justice, and impartiality, for ourselves, our children and our country. Mr. B. sat down amidst great applause.

Dr. McKee moved the adoption of a petition to the House of Commons. In so doing he read documents to show that the characters and liberties of the people of Ireland were at the mercy of those insolent and overpaid officials, the Poor Law Commissioners; they were not satisfied with intermeddling with the religious feelings of the people of Ireland but they attacked the medical profession through Mr Hancock. Having read these documents, he moved the adoption of the petition, which having been agreed to, and Mr. John O'Connell taking the chair, thanks were voted, to the Lord Mayor, and the meeting adjourned.

MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC PRELATES.

We are happy to find that the disputes among the Roman Catholic Prelates, concerning the Charitable Bequests Act, have been amicably settled, so that there will not be any longer, a misunderstanding on that interesting subject.

From the commencement of this controversy among the Roman Catholic Prelates and Clergy of Ireland, it was admitted on both sides, that some modifications of the Bequests Act were desirable, and the Government did not deny that some alterations should be made, for the greater satisfaction of the Roman Catholic Commissioners.

Accordingly the assembled Prelates at their present meeting took the subject into consideration, and the result of their deliberations is, that Protestant and Roman Catholic Prelates may cordially co-operate in this important work of Christian charity. So far from censuring those Prelates who are at present members of the Board they are encouraged to continue their useful labours, and a petition is to be presented to both Houses of Parliament, praying that the four Roman Catholic Archbishops, or in their places, four Roman Catholic Prelates, one from each of the four Provinces, may be constantly Commissioners for the purpose of assisting in carrying out the Charitable Donations and Bequests made by pious persons in this country.

The assembled Prelates having ascertained that the Commissioners already appointed had passed a bye-law for the more perfect protection of the integrity and of the discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, in the distribution and just application of Charitable Bequests and Donations made in favour of the clergy in Ireland implore

the Legislature to incorporate this bye law in the amended Act, so that as it has hitherto acted on, it may be hereafter legally enforced. This is a deserved compliment paid to the present commissioners, which must afford them a very high gratification.

As the section of the Act which regards the devise of Lands, is not well understood by, or pleasing to the people of this country, the Prelates agreed to petition for the repeal of that section of the Bequests Act.

Such are the satisfactory and wise modifications of this important Act, recommended by all the Prelates unanimously, which will put an end to the popular delusion so long continued on this question.—*Dublin Evening Post.*

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A. J. RITCHIE.

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- DECEMBER 6, Lucy, Daughter of the late Patrick Kelly, aged 16 years.
- 7, William Mehan, Native of Waterford, aged 48 years.
- 8, John Cullen, aged 3 years and 6 months, Passenger in the Ship Tennessee, Native of the County Tyrone, Ireland.
- 8, Thomas Cullen, aged 1 year and 3 months, Passenger in the Ship Tennessee, Native of Tyrone, Ireland.
- 9, Ann, Daughter of Michael and Johanna Dillon, aged three years and 4 months.
- 10, Mary, Wife of William Kehoe, Native of Carlow, Ireland, aged 38 years.

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