

The Press and General Review.

THE PAPAL HIERARCHY IN ENGLAND.

The agitation continues to increase, involving now political as well as ecclesiastical functionaries. The different incidents may be divided under the following heads:—

LORD JOHN RUSSELL'S LETTER.

Simultaneously, on Thursday, the Times and Daily News published the following letter by Lord John Russell to the Bishop of Durham: It appears to be a reply to some letter or other in expression of the Bishop's opinion which has not been made public.

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Durham My dear Lord,—I agree with you in considering "the late aggression of the Pope upon our Protestantism" as "insolent and insidious;" and I therefore feel as indignant as you can do upon the subject.

I not only promoted to the utmost of my power, the claims of the Roman Catholics to all civil rights, but I thought it right, and even desirable, that the ecclesiastical system of the Roman Catholics should be the means of giving instruction to the numerous Irish emigrants in London and elsewhere, who without such help would have been left in heathen ignorance.

It is impossible to confound the recent measures of the Pope with the division of Scotland into dioceses by the Episcopal Church, or the arrangement of districts in England by the Wesleyan Conference.

There is an assumption of power in all the documents which have come from Rome—a pretension to supremacy over the realm of England, and a claim to sole and undivided sway which is inconsistent with the Queen's supremacy, with the rights of our Bishops and clergy, and with the spiritual independence of the nation, as asserted in Roman Catholic times.

I confess, however, that my alarm is not equal to my indignation. Even if it should appear that the ministers and servants of the Pope in this country have not transgressed the law, I feel persuaded that we are strong enough to repel any outward attacks. The liberty of Protestantism has been enjoyed too long in England to allow of any successful attempt to impose a foreign yoke upon our minds and consciences.

Upon this subject, then, I will only say that the present state of the law shall be carefully examined, and the propriety of adopting any proceedings with reference to the recent assumption of power deliberately considered.

There is a danger, however, which alarms me much more than any aggression of a foreign sovereign. Clergymen of our own Church, who have subscribed to the Thirty-nine Articles, and acknowledged in explicit terms the Queen's supremacy, have been the most forward in leading their flocks, "step by step to the very edge of the precipice." The honour paid to saints, the claim of infallibility for the Church, the superstitious use of the sign of the cross, the muttering of the Liturgy so as to disguise the language in which it is written, the recommendation of auricular confession, and the administration of penance and absolution—all these things are pointed out by clergymen of the Church of England as worthy of adoption, and are now openly reprehended by the Bishop of London in his charge to the clergy of his diocese.

I have little hope that the propounders and framers of these innovations will desist from their insidious course. But I rely with confidence on the people of England; and I will not bate a jot of heart or hope so long as the glorious principles and the immortal martyrs of the Reformation shall be held in reverence by the great mass of a nation which looks with contempt on the mummeries of superstition, and with a scorn at the laborious endeavours which are now making to confine the intellect and enslave the soul.

I remain with great respect, &c., J. RUSSELL.

Downing-street, Nov. 4.

MR. DISRAELI'S LETTER.

The following letter has been addressed to the Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Buckingham by Benjamin Disraeli, Esq., the county member:—

My Lord,—I have received numerous appeals from my constituents requesting that I would co-operate with them in addressing your lordship to call a meeting of the county, in order that we may express our reprobation of the recent assault of the Court of Rome on the prerogatives of our Sovereign and the liberties of her subjects.

I think it very desirable that a meeting of the county should be called for that purpose, but as I can gather from what reaches me, great misapprehension is afloat respecting the circumstances which now so violently, but so justly excite the indignation of the country.

Men are called upon to combine to prevent foreign interference with the prerogatives of the Queen, and to resist jurisdiction by the Pope in her Majesty's dominions.

But I have always understood that, when the present Lord Lieutenant arrived in his Vice-royalty, he gathered together the Romish Bishops of Ireland, addressed them as nobles, sought their counsel and courted their favour. On the visit of her Majesty to that kingdom the same prelates were presented to the Queen as if they were nobles, and precedence was given them over the nobility and dignitaries of the National Church; and it was only the other day, as I believe, that the government offered the office of Visitor to the Queen's Colleges to Dr Cullen, the Pope's delegate, the pseudo Archbishop of Armagh, and to Dr McHale the pseudo Archbishop of Tuam.

The fact is, that the whole question has been surrendered and decided in favour of the Pope by the present Government; and the Ministers who recognised the pseudo Archbishop of Tuam as a peer and a prelate, cannot object to the appointment of a pseudo Archbishop of Westminster, even though he be a Cardinal. On the contrary the loftier dignity should, according to their table of precedence, rather invest his eminence with a still higher patent of nobility, and permit him to take the wall of his Grace of Canterbury and the highest nobles of the land.

The policy of the present Government is, that there shall be no distinction between England and Ireland. I am, therefore, rather surprised that the Cabinet are so "indignant," as a certain letter with which we have just been favoured informs us they are.

I have made these observations in order that if the county meets, the people of Buckinghamshire may understand that the question on which they will have to decide is of a graver, deeper, and more comprehensive character than in the heat of their laudable emotion, they may perhaps suppose.

I have the honour to be, my Lord, Your faithful servant, B. DISRAELI.

Hughenden Manor, Nov. 8.

Mr. C. GREVILLE has published a reply to Mr. Disraeli's letter, in which he says:—

I am surprised that such reproaches should be represented by a man so well informed as Mr. Disraeli, and so conversant with that recent political history in which he has himself acted such a conspicuous part. Whether the recognition of the status and precedence of the Roman Catholic priests was right or wrong, wise or unwise, it was an accomplished fact before the present government came into office, and therefore before Lord Clarendon went to Ireland. He found the thing done, and had only to conform himself to it. It was done, no doubt after mature deliberation, by the government of Sir Robert Peel (before the schism), and the recognition came forth in the shape of a formal instrument of the highest authority, bearing date the 13th of January, 1845. A warrant, or Royal Commission, approved by her Majesty in Council, on that day (to carry out the Charitable Bequests Act) runs as follows:—"Know ye that we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion and ability, do hereby, &c., by and with the advice of our Privy Council, appoint you the said John George Archbishop of Armagh; Richard Archbishop of Dublin; Archbishop William Crolly; Archbishop David Murray; John Hely, Earl of Donoughmore; Bishop Cornelius Denver; Henry Pakenham, &c., to be Commissioners, &c." This was (and was so deemed) a Royal recognition of the spiritual rank of the Irish prelates, and a concession of precedence corresponding with that of the prelates of the same degree of the Established Church. Such rank and precedence it was not in the power of the Lord-Lieutenant either to confer or to withhold—whether he were a Whig or an Orangeman it was his duty to treat them according to the dignity which it had pleased the Sovereign to recognise in their persons. And this is what Lord Clarendon did. He did not "recognise them as Peers," he neither sought their counsel nor "courted their favour," but he received them all with becoming courtesy and respect, and those prelates who were distinguished for their loyalty to the Crown, their attachment to the union, and their personal virtues, he treated with peculiar marks of regard and confidence.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, G. C. GREVILLE.

Bruton-street, Nov. 10.

DEATH OF DR DWIGHT.—The Rev. Dr. Dwight formerly President of Hamilton College, died in this city on the morning of the 30th Nov., at his lodgings.—No name in New England is better known than that of Dr. Sereno Dwight. He was a powerful and efficient minister of the Gospel—always popular as a preacher; is also well known as a writer, particularly as the author of the life of his relative, Jonathan Edwards, which caused him to visit Europe, having received from his father, the

President of Yale College, a dying injunction to spare no pains in making a complete memoir of President Edwards.

Ecclesiastical.

Canadian Wesleyan Methodist N. Connexion Church. MISSIONARY SERVICES. TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto City: Jan. 5th, 1851, Sermons, 11 a. m., and 6 p. m. Rev. H. O. Crofts. Jan. 6th, 1851, Public Meeting, at 7 p. m.

York Circuit: Yorkville, Jan. 5th, 1851, Sermon, 11 a. m., Rev. W. McClure. Yorkville, " " " " 6 p. m. Rev. J. W. G. Rogers.

Blue Bell, " " " " 11 a. m. Rev. J. W. G. Rogers. Blue Bell, " " " " 6 p. m. Rev. W. McClure.

3rd Toll Gate, " " " " 6 p. m. Rev. J. Hales. Yorkville, Jan. 7th, 1851, Public Meeting, 7 p. m.

3rd Toll Gate, 8th, " " " " 7 p. m. Blue Bell " 9th, " " " " 7 p. m.

Brook Circuit: Missionary Sermons, January 12th, 1851, by the Revs. D. D. Rolston, and J. W. G. Rogers; and Missionary Meetings from the 13th, to the 16th; arrangements to be made by the Superintendent Preacher.

Whitchurch Circuit: Whitchurch, Jan. 21st, 1851, Sermon, 10½ a. m. Rev. W. McClure.

Holland Landing, " " " " 3 p. m. Rev. W. McClure. Queensville, " " " " 6 p. m. Rev. W. McClure.

Tecumseth, " " " " 10½ a. m. Rev. J. C. Warren. Brownsville, " " " " 3 p. m. Rev. J. C. Warren.

Queensville, 20th, Public Meeting, Holland Landing, 21st, " " " " 22nd, " " " " Brownsville, 23rd, " " " " Tecumseth, 24th, " " " "

Trafalgar Circuit: Jan. 26th, 1851, Sermons, by the Revs. D. D. Rolston, and C. Curry: Public Meetings, from the 27th to the 29th; arrangements to be made by the Superintendent Preacher. DEPUTATION, Revs. W. McClure, J. Hales, D. D. Rolston, and C. Curry.

Caledon Circuit: Jan. 26th, 1851, Sermons, by the Rev. J. Hales: Missionary Meetings, 30th, and 31st. DEPUTATION, Revs. W. McClure, J. Hales, D. D. Rolston, and C. Curry.

two or three cases, the General Committee have deemed it expedient to make arrangements, although destitute of sufficient information to enable them to announce all the details. It is hoped, however, that in order to render our Missionary operations increasingly successful, the Superintendents of Circuits will lose no time in furnishing lists of appointments for Missionary Services on their several Stations, for insertion in the Watchman.

T. T. HOWARD, Sec. Mis. Com.

Toronto, Nov. 5th, 1850.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Henryburg Circuit: Union Street, Missionary Meeting, February 12th. Bogion, " " " " 13th. Covey Hill, " " " " 14th. Henrysburg, Mis. & Qrtly " " 15th, & 16th.

DEPUTATION, Revs. F. Hunt, and J. Histon.

Dunham Circuit: Tibbetts Hill, Missionary Meeting, February 10th. Farnham Chapel, " " " " 11th. Scott's Neighborhood " " " " 12th. Dunham Chapel, " " " " 13th. Sutton Flatt, " " " " 14th.

DEPUTATION, Revs. O. Whitcome, J. Bursell, and T. Ogden.

Bolton and Potton Circuits: Carrier's S. House, Missionary Meeting, Jan. 13th. Page's S. House, " " " " 14th. Chapel, " " " " 15th. Potton Chapel, " " " " 16th. Sweet's S. House, " " " " 17th. Coolege's S. House, " " " " 18th.

DEPUTATION, Revs. L. P. Adams, O. Whitcome, and H. Bursell.

Stukely Circuit: Ralstone's S. House, Missionary Meeting, Jan. 21st. Stone's S. House, " " " " 22nd. Sargent's S. House, " " " " 23rd. Stukely Mills, " " " " 24th. Lawrenceville, Mis. and Qrtly " " 25th.

DEPUTATION, Revs. L. P. Adams, H. Bursell, J. Austin, and F. Hunt.

L. P. ADAMS, Chairman. F. HUNT, Secretary.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Barton Circuit: Thirty Mile Creek Chapel, Sermon, Jan. 26, 1851, at 10½ a. m. Albion or Mud Street, " " " " 6 p. m. Lake Chapel, " " " " 10½ a. m. Mountain, " " " " 2½ p. m.

Note.—We insert the above without stating the name of the deputation; which, as the Committee has already held its meeting, we think the Rev. F. Browne had better arrange with those preachers whom he wishes to assist him.—Ed. Watchman.

Welland Canal Circuit: Missionary Sermons, Sabbath, Jan. 19, 1851: Grantham Chapel, Miss. Sermon & Collection, 10½ a. m. Bethel " " " " 10½ " Pelham " " " " 10½ " Union " " " " 2½ " Jordan " " " " 10½ "

Pelham Missionary Meeting, Jan. 21st Grantham Chapel, " " " " 22nd Bethel Chapel, " " " " 23rd Union " " " " 24th Jordan " " " " 25th

DEPUTATION hopefully expected: Rev. T. Brown, F. Weaver, F. Haynes, D. Savage, T. Rump.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

Lansdowne Circuit. Robinson's S. H., Jan. 23, 1851, Missionary Meeting. E. London's S. H., " 29, do. Mallory Town, " 30, do. Stone Chapel, (Young,) " 31, do.

A punctual attendance of all the preachers in the district will be expected. F. E. POWERS.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 1850.

DEAR SIR,—I send you the list of appointments for the Missionary Services in the London District. I take this opportunity also of reminding our Superintendents that it is now high time I heard from them respecting the work of God on their respective Circuits and Stations.

I remain yours, most respectfully, H. O. CROFTS.

The Missionary Services will be held in the London District in the following order. The Superintendents are requested to make the necessary arrangements.

Malahide Circuit. January 5, 1851, Preacher Rev. E. Williams.

Norwich Circuit. January 5, 1851, Preacher Rev. J. Oates.

Malahide Circuit. Missionary Meetings, 6th and 7th January.

Norwich Circuit. January 8th, 9th, and 10th. DEPUTATION Preachers on Sabbath, with Revs. J. Jackson, B. Haigh, and J. Kershaw; these are to perform the duties on the two last named Circuits.

Howard Circuit. January 12th. Preachers, Revs. J. Wilkinson, and J. Breckenridge. Missionary Meeting, January 13, 14, 15. Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Revs. J. Caswell, and J. C. Watts.

St. Thomas Circuit. January 19. Preachers, Revs. J. Jackson, W. Bothwell, H. Coates. Missionary Meetings, January 20, 21, 22, 23. Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Revs. H. O. Crofts, and J. Kershaw.

London Circuit. January 26. Preachers, Revs. H. O. Crofts, J. Caswell, J. C. Watts, and J. Kershaw. Missionary Meetings, January 27, 28, 29, 30. Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Revs. J. Oates, B. Haigh, and H. Coates.

London and Blanchard Circuits. February 2. Preachers, Revs. B. Haigh, and J. Kershaw. Missionary Meetings, February 3, 4, 5. Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Rev. H. O. Crofts.

Waterford Circuit. February 9. Preacher, Rev. J. Caswell. Missionary Meetings, February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Revs. H. O. Crofts, J. Jackson, J. Wilkinson, and W. Bothwell.

The General Superintendent will (D.V.) preach in Nassagaweya Chapel, on the evening of Jan. 8, at Mr. Bunton's on the Owen's Sound line, on the 9th; at Mr. Orchard's, on the 10th; will hold a Quarterly Meeting; on the 11th and 12th at the most convenient place on the line; and will preach on three evenings on his return the following week. The Rev. W. Preston is requested to make the necessary arrangements.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Nassagaweya Circuit. Sermons, Feb. 2, 1851. New Hope and Waterloo, Rev. A. Wilkinson. Nassagaweya; Rev. T. Browne. Missionary Meetings, Feb. 3, 4, 5.—Deputation Preachers on Sabbath, with Rev. J. Brennan.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

Prince Edward Circuit. Sermons, Jan. 26, 1851, at North Port, 10; A. M. Pictou, 4 P. M. Conger's Mills, and Wellington, at 7 P. M.

Missionary Meetings, Monday, 27; Wellington, Tuesday, 28; Long Point, 29; Black Creek, 30; North Port, 31; Pictou, Feb. 1; Melville: all at 7 P. M.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Ancaster Circuit: Sermons at Cummins's Chapel, Jan. 5, 10 a. m. " Tabor " " 2½ p. m. by Rev. T. Browne.

Sermon at Copestown, " 10 a. m. " Van-Syckles, " 2½ p. m. " Hall's S. H., " 6 " by Rev. C. Childs.

Sermon, Ancaster, Zion's Chapel, " 10 a. m. by Rev. T. Goldsmith. Ditto ditto " 6 p. m. by Rev. F. Weaver.

Sermon at R. Decker's S. H. " 10 a. m. by Rev. F. Weaver.

Missionary Meetings held at Zion Chapel Jan. 6th. " " " Copetown, " 7th. " " " Cummins, " 8th.

DEPUTATION.—Revs. T. Goldsmith, T. Brown, C. Child, F. Weaver, with the Ministers resident on the Circuit. The Brethren of the deputation are respectfully requested to attend both at the Sabbath appointments and the ensuing week-night meetings.

H. WILKINSON.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

Cavan Circuit: Jan. 11 and 12, Qrtly Meeting, Newcastle Mission, Lent's Chapel, Rev. W. Gundy.

" 13, Miss. Sermon, Hope, Rev. W. Gundy. " " " S. Staples, Clarke, Rev. T. Reed.

" 14, Missionary Meeting, Clarke. " 15, do do Broadroad Chapel, Manvers.

" 16, do do Manvers Chapel, Sam'l Staples, North Manvers. " 17, do do "

" 18 & 19, Qrtly Meeting, 9th Con., Cavan. " 20, Missionary Meetings, Emily. " 21, " " 9th Conces. Cavan. " 22, " " Millbrooke Chapel.

Newcastle Mission: Jan. 23, Miss. Meeting, Lent's Chapel, Newcastle. " 24, " " Baltimore Chapel. " 25, " " Paroh Chapel. " 26, Qrtly Meeting in Parcy. " 27, and following days, for the Prince Edward Circuit, as may be arranged by the Superintendent.