

THE "ROMISH" CHURCH.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

For some years past I have been before my countrymen in public life. I am not unknown in Great Britain, and I may claim to be well known in Ireland. Many and many a time in "that old kingdom by the sea," I have stood side by side with men of Irish birth, defending the honor of, or battling for, the Fatherland. I always rejoiced when I could raise my voice and exercise my mind in defence of the old, old cause, doing, I hope one man's share in the effort to make my country a nation once again. Throughout many a stormy chapter in the history of the last decade, I have taken my share of glorious toil, and have been more than rewarded by the generous confidence and constituted trust of my countrymen at large. The ever changing current of events produced a change in the spirit of my dreams, and some time since I found myself in Canada, here to seek a peaceful occupation and a home. At the hands of my countrymen here I received that cordial welcome which I interpreted as an endorsement of the policy I advocated in the old land, and as encouragement to pursue a somewhat similar policy here. I came here to be loyal to your laws, obedient to the constitution, and desirous of living in peace with Protestants and Catholics, Jews and Gentiles alike. If I am proud of my own land, and proclaim her glory from the house tops, if I occasionally dwell upon the time when Ireland was the land of