

RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE STATE OF IRELAND.

The condition of Ireland is still alarming. Intimidation and assassination are still rife. The High Sheriff of one of the most important counties has asserted that the public are not made acquainted with more than one quarter of the crime committed in connexion with the anti-rent agitation. Meetings of the Land League are held in all parts of the country, at which the most inflammatory speeches are made. It is becoming more and more apparent that the objective point aimed at by the leaders of the movement is nothing short of a repeal of the Union for which O'Connell and his allies agitated so much some years ago. It is utterly vain to hope that any land measure, however liberal in the interests of the tenants, will secure quietude to Ireland. The anti-rent agitation is only the cover of a deeper scheme which aims at the entire disruption of the legislative union with England and the establishment of an Irish Parliament, which, being interpreted, means Romish ascendancy in Ireland. What is to be the result of the excitement it is hard to say. It is to be feared that the State trials will only serve to clothe the leaders with the character of Martyrs, and give them more influence over the public mind. It is not likely, that any evidence of guilt that can be brought forward will secure from an Irish jury, such a verdict as will be a sufficient vindication of law and justice, in the present excited state of the country. Our comfort is that *Messiah reigns*. He sits above the floods of human passions, and can make the wildest excitement subserve the evolution of His plans and the coming of His kingdom.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

Since the accession of Queen Victoria she has witnessed some remarkable changes. She has outlived every bishop and judge whom she found seated on the benches in Scotland, England, and Ireland. She has witnessed the funeral of every Premier under her rule except Mr. Gladstone and Lord Beaconsfield. Not a single Cabinet Minister of her predecessor's day now survives. Four only of the Privy Council who, in June, 1837, administered to her the oath are still living. She has received the homage of four Archbishops of Canterbury, four Archbishops of York, and five Bishops. She has twice appointed Chief Justices. She has received the addresses of four Speakers of the House of Commons. She has entrusted the Great Seal of the kingdom to no less than nine Lord Chancellors. Twice she has escaped assassination. And she still lives a model mother, and the most illustrious lady that ever graced a throne.—*Intelligencer*.