

'And would you like your husband to love you thus, Lucille?' he exclaimed looking eagerly at her. 'Certainly—if he could—if I could,' stammered the young girl, who alternately smiled and sobbed.

you a treasure, and you shall have it; with this difference only, we shall not go to Spain in search of it. 'What do you mean, Sir?' 'You shall soon know.'

Ireland; it touches his rights, his property, we might even say his life. It involves his peace, his comfort, the happiness of his family; it will decide whether he is to live a slave, at the mercy of his landlord, subject to continual plunder and to all sorts of oppression, or to live a free man, enjoying the fruits of his own industry, and able, as the expressive phrase has it, 'to call his soul his own.'

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The Weather.—During the week Dandalk and its neighbourhood have been refreshed by several showers of rain which have rendered great service to the crops. On yesterday evening one of the heaviest showers experienced for a long time continued to fall for about half an hour after which the atmosphere became quite sultry. The streets in some places were flooded.—[Dundalk Democrat, July 24th.]

'You knew this?' said the young man. 'Most assuredly I did, because I saw it with my own eyes,' replied the old man, with the most imperturbable good humour.

The Irish people cannot afford to be inactive while that measure is under the consideration of Parliament. They should find some way of making their wants and wishes known, some way of expressing their opinion on every clause and every word of the Bill that Messrs Gladstone and Bright are about to introduce into the House of Commons.

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Mr. Pierce Ronayne the sole survivor of the ten who founded the Catholic Association has sent in his subscription to the Mayor of Waterford for the painting of O'Connell whom he names pathetically his 'dear old friend and liberator.'

The Choirs.—The reports from all parts of Ireland as to the state of the crops are highly encouraging. The general appearance of things has been greatly improved in the north by recent rain. In the south, wheat, but wheat generally looks well; potatoes are good; turnips promise a fair return. The high harvest is not likely to be very early one, but great hopes are entertained that it will prove a full average.

POPULAR ACTION.

From the Dublin Nation.

The political events of the time through which we are now passing are destined to exercise a great influence on the future of Ireland. The condition of the Irish nation must necessarily be changed by the operation of the series of measures on which the present Government have entered. It could no more remain the same after they shall have come into play than the aspect and condition of nature could remain the same after the inclemency of winter has been succeeded by the genial temperature of summer.

THE IRISH PROTESTANTS AND THEIR RELIGION.

All these fierce Irishmen at Chesterfield House and elsewhere, keep asserting and howling over the inevitable ruin of Protestantism in Ireland. They take it as indisputable that their religion must die out unless it is provided by the State with an enormous amount of money. They speak of themselves as if they were converted Jews at Jerusalem, and could only be kept converted if they got their piastres regularly.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

MAGHERAFELT CHURCH.—On Sunday last, the Very Rev. Dean Slane, Danganon, was present at Mass in Magherafelt Catholic Church. The dean's venerable and patriarchal appearance was the subject of very general observation and respect, and the congregation was much moved to see a priest so advanced in years still engaged in the accomplishment of the great works of religion.

NEW CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KINGSCOURT.—On Sunday, the 25th inst., the Feast of St James the Apostle, the Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Lord Bishop of Meath, will lay and bless the foundation stone of this sacred edifice. The sermon suitable to the solemn occasion will be preached by the Most Rev. Dr. McCabe, Lord Bishop of Ardagh, whose earnest eloquence and arduous labours for the salvation of souls in Kingscourt, many years ago, are still gratefully remembered and carefully treasured in the hearts of the people of this and the surrounding parishes.

CHARLWELL MOATS.—On Friday was witnessed in this locality a demonstration so absorbing, so solemnly impressive, and so beautifully illustrative of the surpassing grandeur of the ceremonies of the Catholic Church, that any attempt at description would be as futile as, perhaps, unnecessary. Friday being one of the most solemn festivals in connection with the Carmelite order, the Convent Chapel presented a spectacle so fraught with everything tending to its due celebration that it is impossible to conceive how any person present at the awe-inspiring soul stirring rites could bring him from that solemn scene other than the most reverential respect for religion and the sincerest regard and most endearing affection for its sacred ministers.

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