

Archbishop Bruchesi Will Make Known New Arrangement For St. Patrick's Next Sunday.



HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESE.

On Sunday next, the 29th March, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, will visit St. Patrick's Church, and during High Mass will dispose, in an official manner, of all the rumors concerning the great central Irish parish, that have been of late given free circulation in a sensation-loving

press. In a word, it is the intention of His Grace to inform the parishioners of the decisions reached in regard to the future of the parish. We are not in a position, at this moment, to give any forecast of what the Archbishop is likely to say, nor would it be proper, on our part,

to indulge in any comments. His Grace will lay before the congregation all the details of the measures to be taken for the future spiritual and temporal direction of the parish. No parishioner, who can possibly attend should be absent on this occasion.

Ethnology Of the Irish Race.

HAVING completed that learned essay of Davis on the Ethnology of the Irish Race it will be advisable, in order to complete the subject, to take a couple of extracts from Dr. Wilde's lecture—which was the source of the comments which were given last week. Before proceeding, however, it may interest the reader to know that Dr. Wilde was the husband of Lady Wilde, the sweetest singer of the "Nation"—her verses were an inspiration, and her non-deplume "Speranza," will live as long as Irish literature survives. Dr. Wilde had travelled all over the world, wrote much on antiquarian subjects, in which he took a special delight. As far as Ireland is concerned he was as great an enthusiast on Irish antiquities as his gifted wife was on Irish emancipation. The two extracts which follow will afford at once an idea of Dr. Wilde's style, and of the results of his study and observation. The first extract shows the uncertainty of the observations made, and the second the imprudence of all generalities in such matters. Dr. Wilde says:— "This leads me to the last locality in which bones of the ancient Irish people are said to have been found—I allude to the round towers, particularly to that lately excavated at Drumbo, in the County Down. Much interest has, as you are aware, been lately excited by this discovery; from the supposition that these human remains would offer some clues as to the origin and uses of these strange monuments, or to assist in determining the probable era of their erection. The enchanted palace of the Irish round tower will shortly be opened for our inspection, and therefore, say, even a passing opinion as to anything connected with it would be out of place. Here, however, is a very beautiful cast of the skull found within the round tower of Drumbo; and the moment it was

presented to me, I felt convinced, that if it is of a contemporaneous age with the structure beneath which it was found, then the Irish round tower is not the ancient building we suppose it to be; for this, compared with the other heads which I have laid before you, is of comparatively modern date. Now, nearly all round towers are in connexion with ancient burial places, and this one, in particular, was so; and I need only dig around and without it to find many similar remains. We read that the skeleton was found at full length, imbedded in the clay, within the ancient structure. Now, I respectfully submit it to the antiquarian world that, if the round tower was erected as a monument over the person whose skeleton was found within it, it certainly would not have been buried thus in the simple earth without a vault or stone chamber, such as the enlightened architect who built the tower would be thoroughly acquainted with. Moreover, I do not believe that a skull thus placed loosely in the earth, without any surrounding chamber, would have remained thus perfect for the length of time, which even the most modernising antiquaries assign as the date of the round tower. At Lerne, in the County Antrim, a skeleton was lately discovered, which from the iron sword and other connexion with it, appeared to have been that of a templar; and similar remains were, not long since, discovered at Kilmainham. This templar's skull, found at Lerne, although it has an Irish physiognomy, and a Fir-Bolg from a head, cannot be traced back farther than the eleventh or twelfth century for its date. "N. B.—Since this lecture was delivered, I had the gratification of receiving several communications from different parts of the country, on the subject of tumuli and human remains; so that one of the objects for which it was undertaken—that of calling attention to the matter—has been attained. Among these communications, I had the honor of receiving one of special interest, from A. N. Nugent, Esq., who lately opened a sepulchral mound in the neighborhood of Portaferry:—There was, he writes to me, a circle of large stones, containing an area of about a rood. Between each of these stones, there was a facing of flat ones, similar to the building of our modern fences. The outer coating was covered with white pebbles aver-

aging the size of a goose egg, of which there were several cart loads—although it would be difficult to collect even a small quantity at present along the beach. After this was taken away we came to a confused heap of rubbish, stone and clay, and then some large flag stones on their ends—the tumulus still preserving a cone shape. In the centre we came to a chamber about six feet long, formed by eight very large upright stones with a large flag stone at the bottom, on which lay, in one heap, of a foot in thickness, a mixture of black mould and bones. These bones, some of which were kindly forwarded to me, are all human, and consist of portions of ribs, vertebrae, and the ends of the long bones, together with pieces of the skull and some joints of the fingers of a full-grown person, and also several bones of a very young child; none of these have been subject to the action of fire; but among the parcel forwarded to me are several fragments of incinerated or calcined bones, also human. Either these latter were portions of the same bodies burned, or they belonged to an individual sacrificed to the names of the person whose grave this was; and I am inclined to think the latter is the more probable, from the circumstances under which similar remains have been discovered in other localities. Evidently this tumulus is of very ancient date—long prior to the authentic historic period—and was, I should say, erected over some person or family of note in that day. There were no urns, weapons, or ornaments discovered in the field in connexion with it; but my informant states, that in the field in which the barrow was opened, there have been at various times, small stone chambers, or kistvaens, discovered; and in one of these the skull of the long, flat and narrow character, was some time ago dug up. A farmer in the vicinity, likewise, told Mr. Nugent that many years ago, while ploughing in the same field, he turned up a stone chamber of the same kind, and that it contained a portion of hair of a deep red color attached to it." This indicates the care and enthusiasm with which men, like Dr. Wilde, studied every link that could be said to belong to the chain which binds us to the past. And these extracts also go a long way to explain the purport of the couple of essays which, in former numbers, I quoted from the pen of Davis.

Itinerary of Archbishop

- About the middle of May next His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal will commence the pastoral visitation of a portion of his diocese. The following is a list of dates and places to be visited:— May 17.—Sunday, Saint Lambert. May 17.—Sunday, Longueuil. May 19.—Tuesday, Boucherville. May 20.—Wednesday, Sainte Julie. May 21.—Thursday, Varennes. May 23.—Saturday, Vercheres. May 24.—Sunday, Ste. Theodose. May 25.—Monday, Contrecoeur. May 27.—Wednesday, St. Hubert. May 28.—Thursday, St. Bruno. May 29.—Friday, St. Basile. May 30.—Saturday, Chambly. June 2.—Tuesday, St. Jean. June 2.—Tuesday, St. Sean. June 12.—Friday, L'Acadie. June 13.—Saturday, St. Blaise. June 14.—Sunday, St. Paul. June 15.—Monday, St. Valentin. June 16.—Tuesday, Lacolle Chapel. June 16.—Tuesday, Lacolle. June 17.—Wednesday, St. Cyrien. June 18.—Thursday, St. Jacques-le-Mineur. June 19.—Friday, St. Edouard. June 20.—Saturday, Sherrington. June 21.—Sunday, St. Michel. June 25.—Thursday, Laprairie. June 27.—Saturday, St. Philippe. June 28.—Sunday, St. Constant. June 29.—Monday, St. Isidore. June 30.—Tuesday, St. Remi. The parishes of l'Assomption will be visited in September, the dates to be fixed later on.

Irish Catholics and Public Affairs.

In England as in Canada and elsewhere Irish Catholics must look closely after their interests in public affairs. In April next the electors of Gorton will be called upon to choose representatives to look after their interests on the Gorton Urban District Council and the Gorton division of the Choriton Union Board of Guardians. Amongst the gentlemen who have to retire, and who are going forward for re-election are:—Councillor John R. Judge and Councillor Michael Bushell, both Irish Catholics, the former to represent the Town Hall Ward in the District Council, and the latter for the Board of Guardians. Both gentlemen in the past have done exceedingly well as public men, and have shown beyond any dispute whatever that they are eminently qualified for the positions they hold, and, therefore, they reasonably expect to be returned again. But in the whirling of political strife nothing is certain until the day of the poll, and while there is time it is hoped that the Catholics of Gorton will take an interest in the campaign about to be entered upon, and do everything to ensure the safety of the two Catholic gentlemen named. On the Gorton District Council, where the interests of Catholics will be at stake in connection with the education question, it is necessary that the Catholic body should be well represented, and on the Board of Guardians, too, where our poorer brethren are at the mercy of "dispensers of charity," our representation thereon should on no account be allowed to become less. Two important duties are, therefore, awaiting the Catholics of Gorton.

About Rulers of The Church.

On March 2 His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. entered on his ninety-fourth year. In the past six centuries there has been no ruler of men who has attained such an age. The Emperor William I., King of Prussia, completed his ninetieth year, and was then held as a marvel. But Pope Leo has gone not only beyond that; one has reasonable hopes that he may reach into his century, as Pope St. Agatho. Of the line of St. Peter, Leo XIII. is third in order of years, Pope St. Agatho and Pope Gregory IX. having been 108 and 98 respectively. How small must feel the prophets of 1878, who declared that the new ruler of the Church would not see twenty-five years of sway. And if sincere in their estimation of his then supposedly physical weakness, how glad they must be in the falsification of their fears.—London Universe.

Religious Orders In France.

A despatch from Rome says:— Rev. John A. Zahn, provincial of the congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Ind., and Rev. Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, started for Paris a few days ago. Father Zahn has been negotiating with the French and Vatican authorities, on the subject of the members of the religious orders remaining in France. It is asserted that if the laws are strictly applied about 200,000 persons belonging to fifty-three different communities will be expatriated. Father Zahn is going to Paris to make provision for those who belong to his order in France, numbering altogether about four hundred brothers and six hundred sisters. It is proposed to transfer them to various colleges and parishes in the United States and Canada. The sisters have already moved their mother house to New York, and have appointed an American mother superior. Father Zahn has arranged for the transportation of nearly one hundred other French sisters to the western and southern States.

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Old Lett

One from Richd. Dalton V The Irish Patriot and P (By a Regular Correspondent) The atmosphere of St. Day is still around us, and that serves to illustrate the of the Irish race is timely season. Although the short letter, if taken in its should have been given to us a month ago. I have well to reserve it for the occasion. While it is of little