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KIRWAN'S LETTERS TO BISHOP HUGHES.

Causes of early Misgivings .- Confession .- Holy Wells .-Prohibiting the Bible .- An Incident.

My dear Sir,—In my last letter I commenced a statement to you of the causes which, in early life, caused my misgivings and distrust as to yours being a true Church, and as to its holding the true faith. I referred to some incidents connected with the claims of your priests to miraculous power, with the doctrine of Purgatory, and with praying to the saints. I shall now proceed with a statement of some more of those causes.

The doctrine of confession is one of the primary doctrines of your Church. It requires every good papist to confess his sins to a priest at least once a year. If any sins are concealed, none are forgiven. This doctrine makes the bosom of the priest the repository of all the sins of all the sinners of his parish who make a conscience of confession. Hence the common saying in Ireland, "You carry as much sin about you as the priest's horse." And this is one of the sources of the fearful power which your priests have over your people; and

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TYPOGRAPHY BY JOHN ROSS, TEACHER OF MUSIC, CHARLOTTETOWN.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE RELIEF OF LUCKNOW. (From the Bombay Times.)

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In our last we mentioned the arrival of Grant's column at Cawnpore, on the 27th of October. After crossing the Ganges, they arrived at Alumbagh, on the 1st November. It had now become known that Outram and Havelock were not only holding their own, but were suffering comparatively little interest from the almost unceasing fire kept up on them by the enemy. They were provisioned for weeks, and as there were understood to be above 100,000 rebels in arms around, Sir Colin Campbell wisely resolved to delay the final attack until the force at his disposal should have assembled in sufficient strength to be irresistible. His Excellency and staff reached Cawnpore on the 3d, having, as formerly stated, narrowly escaped being captured by the enemy on the road. Although it was known in August that 30,000 men were on the way from England, the arrangements for pushing them on apit was known in August that 30,000 men were on the way from England, the arrangements for pushing them on appear to have been deferred till close upon their arrival. To this source of detention the teasing delays that followed are mainly to be ascribed. Troops were now mustering in force at Cawnpore. On the 9th the 5th, 53d, 84th and 93d, with portions of other regiments, crossed the Ganges, and were speedily followed by the Naval Brigade, who dragged their twenty-four guns along with them as if they had been toys. Large supplies of provisions had by this time been sent into Alumbagh, and arrangements of all sorts were made which the caution required and deliberation permitted by the occasion. Sir Colin Campbell left Cawnpore on the 11th, and rode forty miles at a stretch in the direction of Lucknow. The sick and wounded, left by Havelock at Alumbagh, were sent into his camp, with the view of returning to Cawnpore, under a guard of Sikh horsemen, an arrangement that nearly proved fatal. As they approached the British camp they were mistaken by the seamen of Peel's Naval Brigade for the advanced guard of the enemy, when the guns, loaded with The state of the control of the property of the property

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