

PROTESTANT CHAMPIONS.

NO. IV.—MRS. PHELAN (CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH).

Let us now turn to [the Letters from Ireland] the interesting and highly creditable performance of a female writer upon the state of Ireland.

Mrs. Phelan then proceeds to express her own clear and capacious views on that stiffly contested point, the origin of Irish evils.

We could call passage after passage from this truly valuable volume, corroborative of the position we have laid down that the pregnant source of Ireland's misery is emphatically "Popery," and illustrative of the fact that every nerve is now stretched by Rome to grasp Ireland as her own.

"Whatever tends," writes Mrs. Phelan, "to rivet the fetter of Papal domination on the necks of the Irish poor, builds a barrier against every species of improvement."

[Church of England Quarterly Review.

A CAMP-MEETING.

I was informed that a camp-meeting was to be held about seven miles from Cincinnati, and anxious to verify the accounts I had heard of them, I availed myself of this opportunity of deciding for myself.

the trees, and plentifully provided with forage. Such were the general outlines of a most interesting and beautiful scene.

Where, indeed, could so magnificent a temple to the Lord be raised as on this lofty hill, crowned as it was with such majestic verdure?

The major portion of those not in the area were cooking the dinners. Fires were burning in every direction; pots boiling, chickens roasting, hams seething; indeed there appeared to be no want of creature comforts.

But the trumpet sounded, and in days of yore, as a signal that the service was about to re-commence, and I went into the area and took my seat. One of the preachers rose and gave out a hymn, which was sung by the congregation amounting to about seven or eight hundred.

When I first examined the area, I saw a very large tent at one corner of it, probably fifty feet long, by twenty wide. It was open at the end, and being full of straw, I concluded it was used as a sleeping-place for those who had not provided themselves with separate accommodation.

Some wrung their hands and called for mercy; some tore their hair; boys laid down crying bitterly, with their heads buried in the straw; there was sobbing almost to suffocation, and hysterics and deep agony.

It was a scene of horrible agony and despair; and when it was at its height, one of the preachers came in, and raising his voice high above the tumult, intreated the Lord to receive into his fold those who now repented and would fain return.

Gregarious animals are by nature inoffensive. The cruel and the savage live apart, and in solitude; but the gregarious, upheld and stimulated by each other, become formidable.

I was told that the scene would be much more interesting and exciting after the lamps were lighted; but I had seen quite enough of it. It was too serious to laugh at, and I felt that it was not for me to condemn.

Whatever may be the opinion of the reader as to the meeting which I have described, it is certain that nothing could be more laudable than the intention by which these meetings were originated.

THE SOCINIAN CONVERTED.

An instance occurs to me here of the effect and success of his preaching, which deserves to be recorded.—A club, chiefly composed of Socinians, in a neighbouring market-town, having heard much censure and ridicule bestowed upon his preaching, sent two of their body,

whom they considered the ablest to detect absurdity, and the most witty to expose it, to hear this strange preacher, and to furnish matter of merriment for the next meeting.

LAY-READERS.

On Sunday I accompanied my hospitable entertainers to Church. The Episcopallians were few in number, and had not yet been able to secure the services of a clergyman.

The Garner.

Who can comprehend the manner in which the all-powerful hand of God forms the body, and creates the soul of an infant, in the womb of its mother? Who can conceive the prodigious variety, and at the same time the perfect union, of so many parts?

IMPERFECTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTeousNESS. The enemy that waiteth for all occasions to work our ruin hath ever found it harder to overthrow a humble sinner than a proud saint.

EDUCATION. MR. HUDSPETH, Classical Teacher in the U. C. Academy, will, at the close of his engagement there on the 15th Oct. next, open classes in Cobourg, for the usual branches of a liberal Education.

THE SACRIFICE OF MARRIAGE. It is incumbent upon the ministers of the Established Church frequently to remind their congregations that marriage is a divine institution; to tell them that, whatever the light in which it is viewed by the law of the land, by the Church of Christ it has always been regarded as a holy ordinance; and that, in the first ages of Christianity, before the state became Christian, the consent of the Church was always obtained previously to the celebration of marriage between Christians, and the benediction of the minister was always pronounced upon the parties.

THE MEASURE OF SIN. No commandment is trifling which has God for its author; no prohibition is to be despised which He has set forth; and no sin is pardonable here which He hath not pardoned.

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THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH. We dare not indeed say that God might not preserve amongst us a pure christianity, if the National Church were overthrown.—But we are bold to affirm, that hitherto has the Church been the grand engine in effecting such preservation; and that we should have no right to expect, if we dislocated this engine, that results would not follow disastrous to religion.

NATURE AND MAN CONTRASTED. One cannot go forth of the crowded city to the fresh and the fair of rural nature, without the experience, that, while in the moral scene there is so much to thwart and to revolt and to irritate—in the natural scene, all is gracefulness and harmony.

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