

## AN IGNORANT TORY QUESTION ANSWERED AFTER THE IRISH FASHION.

The helpless imbecile of the Guardian cannot comprehend how the Papiests should pray to the blessed spirits in heaven, because he says they do not know what happens on earth.—He asks whether prayers to saints and angels do not imply that they are omniscient?

Whether it is possible for the friends of God to know what takes place here below?

To which we return this Irish answer.

Did not our Saviour declare in the Gospel that there is joy amongst the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance, nay, more joy than upon ninety nine just who need not penance? How could the angels of heaven rejoice at one single conversion of a sinner on earth, unless they were acquainted with the particulars of that conversion?

And as conversion cannot be known by outward signs, but is principally the work of the heart must not angels be acquainted with the interior dispositions and sincerity of the converted sinner, before they can legitimately rejoice at his conversion?

If the angels have this actual knowledge, is it not possible for them to be acquainted with what happens in this world?

If they are aware of the *internal sentiments* of a converted sinner, what difficulty is there in believing that they are also acquainted with the outward and visible fact of the Christian's prayer to invoke their intercession?

If it be lawful to ask the prayers of a fellow sinner on earth, how can it be unlawful to ask the prayers of God's favorites in heaven?

If Protestants, in their churches, ask the prayers of each other, and believe that it does not derogate from Christ's merits, how can they blame Catholics for soliciting the prayers of the Saints?

Those whose prayers we ask on earth may be one day, devils, as we are not assured of their final perseverance; what crime then can it be to invoke the aid of those who are confirmed in grace and glory?

### VERY LIKE A WHALE!

That crawling Serpent, y'clept the Christian Messenger has lately discharged some of its foul Tory venom in the publication of an extract on confession purporting to be taken from a work on Popery "by William Hogan, Esq., formerly a Catholic Priest." The Serpent says that it cannot recommend the perusal of this infamous Book, as there are such strange passages in it. This however, we look upon as sheer hypocrisy and Bunkum, and an intended stimulus to that low, nasty bigotry which loves to wallow (in the Protestant and gentlemanly phraseology of the *Times*), amidst "guts and garbage" and other "gutter vomitings."\* In the published extract, William Hogan, Esquire, (but no gentleman) gravely asserts that all the Restitutions made to Protestants through the salutary influence of the Confessional, are paid by the Priests out of their own pockets. And for what? To ingratiate themselves with unsuspecting Protestants, and to get invited to their houses!!!

This Protestant friendship must often cost the priests dearly, as it sometimes happens that those Restitutions amount to several Hundred Pounds.

\*See *Times* on the Eucharist.

How very like a whale! No Liberal Protestant could ever swallow such a bouncer as that; but no "garbage" comes amiss to your true Tory stomach.

We have heard that 600 copies of Wm. Hogan's infamous book were imported lately from Boston to fan the flame of anti-Catholic prejudice for the political benefit of the Tories. What do they care if the book be a whole tissue of lies, so loosely woven together that they fall to pieces on the slightest examination? What is it to them that Hogan has been an ill conditioned vagabond for more than twenty years, and that all the Protestants who at first patronised him in the United States have long since abandoned him in disgust as a besotted drunkard, an obscene monster, a brazen faced and convicted calumniator? Mr. Johnston and his friends of the Messenger care very little about all this, provided the Book will keep up the Tory steam until after the 5th of August. However we will not envy them all the votes they can catch by this new Orange coloured bait.

If the art of Printing had been discovered in our Saviour's time, and that Judas the Traitor after he had sold his Divine Master, sat down to write an abusive pamphlet, instead of going to hang his cursed body, what a torrent of invectives and calumny he might have let loose on Christ and the eleven faithful Apostles! What a rapid sale such a volume would have had in Jerusalem! and with what voracity it would have been swallowed by the Scribes and Pharisees of the Day! Verily, the wise man was right when he said,

"There is nothing new under the Sun."

### GRAND ORDINATION IN PARIS.

At the Ordination held in the Church of St. Sulpice by the Archbishop of Paris, on last Ember Saturday, no less 235 clergymen received various orders; twenty four received Tonsure—thirty seven Minor Orders,—sixty nine, Subdeaconship,—forty one Diaconship,—and forty four the plenitude of the Priesthood. Eleven students of the Irish College were amongst the number. In addition to the above, twenty eight students were ordained at the seminary of the Holy Ghost, by his Lordship the Bishop of Langres—thus giving a total of 263—including 56 Priests, in one day.

### THE JUBILEE AT CHEZZETCOOKE.

This was a happy week for the simple-hearted Acadians at Chezzetcooke. It was the week of the Jubilee. On Monday the Bishop and Vicar General went down to that beautiful settlement to give the French Catholics there an opportunity of complying with the conditions of the Jubilee. The whole population hastened to avail themselves of this precious opportunity and the Confessionals which were filled by the Bishops, Very Rev. Mr. Conolly, and the Rev. Mr. McLeod were constantly surrounded with penitents. On Tuesday morning there was a Pontifical High Mass, at which the Vicar General preached in French and English. In the evening, His Lordship gave Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament and addressed an earnest exhortation to the French Catholics on the necessity of educating their children, as well as on the principal mysteries of religion. On Wednesday morning, at the Bishop's Mass nearly 200 persons received the Holy Communion, and nine were confirmed. The foundations of an addition to the Church were afterwards marked and the first stone laid and blessed by Dr.