

In the Gospel of Christ. May Heaven protect Ireland from the philosophy of the German schools and preserve our rising generation from the sopor of being considered learned by reading the insane rhapsody and wild profanation of modern German religious literature!—*Dublin Irish Advocate.*

### MANCHESTER.

**ST. IGNATIUS' SICK AND BURIAL SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner of this the oldest Catholic Sick and Burial Society in Manchester took place on the 4th instant. It was established by the never-to-be-forgotten Father Broomhead, who formed the rules and regulations by which the Society is governed on purely Catholic principles. No one can be admitted member unless he produce a certificate that he is in the Church, and he must satisfy the members that he continues so by producing a certificate every year of having complied with his Easter duty upon failure of which he is excluded the society, and not permitted to be present at the annual Feast. Grace was said by the Rev. J. Boardman, the President of the society; and, dinner being over, the first toast was "His Holiness Pope Pius IX.," the next that of "the Queen," and "Prince Albert, and the rest of the Royal Family resident in England" followed.—Dr. Eager, the medical adviser of the society, proposed "the Health of the Bishops and Clergy of the Lancashire District," which was drunk with rapturous applause, and three cheers for the Bishops and Clergy. The Rev. J. F. Whitaker of Saint Wilfrid's, returned thanks. The President next gave "Daniel O'Connell." His heart and soul (he said) were with O'Connell, the moral force regenerator of his country, and though politics were no part of his profession, yet (he said) he should always adhere to moral force, and made no hesitation in saying that he belonged to the Old Ireland School; that it was a calumny to say that he bore no sympathy for the sister country. It was true he took no public part in politics but nevertheless he was a Repealer, and as far as his means would permit he would be behind none in assisting O'Connell to achieve the great object of his wishes—the Repeal of the Union, and trusted that Providence would spare that great man to see his work completed—the Parliament restored to Ireland,"—drunk with rapturous applause. "The Health of the Rev. J. F. Whitaker," having been drunk with three times three, he returned thanks, and proposed 'the health of Dr. Eager,' whom he had known for many years in a foreign country; he was happy to call him his intimate friend, and was rejoiced to meet with him in Manchester. The Doctor returned thanks, "The Health of Mr Boden and family," having been

drunk and responded to by him, the Clergy left the room amidst hearty cheers, and the rest of the evening was spent by the members, their wives, and friends, in the greatest mirth and conviviality.—*Correspondent.*—At Saint Augustin's Catholic Church the Festival of the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin was kept on Sunday last, Aug. 16, with a solemnity and religious grandeur surpassing all former occasions since the Protestant era. The members of the Guild of the Blessed Sacrament connected with St Augustin's evinced their devotion to our Blessed Redeemer in the Holy Sacrament, on this festival, by procuring flowers and handsomely decorating the sanctuary and the pulpit, and forming triumphal arches, covered with a profusion of fragrant flowers across the side and the centre aisles. Through these the Blessed Sacrament was carried in solemn procession on Sunday evening. On Sunday morning the members of the guild in their guild dresses attended first Mass at eight o'clock, and devoutly and edifyingly received the Holy Communion. They also attended last Mass, and heard an excellent sermon from the Rev Mr Rimmer on the Life and Virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her dignity in Heaven, and on the interest she takes in the spiritual welfare of her clients. An additional altar was erected for the service of the evening. It was against the wall by the west door, nearly opposite the high altar. The service began at half-past six. The guild and a crowded congregation were assembled. A solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament commenced from the vestry and went along the side aisle, passing through three of the flowery arches to the temporal altar, where Benediction was given. The procession then moved up the centre aisle, passing under four other arches, to the high altar, from which Benediction was again given, and the evening service concluded.—*Correspondent.*

### IRELAND.

**THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN.**—On Tuesday last his Grace the Most Rev Dr Murray completed the annual visitation of the extensive archdiocese of Dublin, after having made the circuit of the counties of Dublin, Wicklow, and part of the county of Kildare. In the course of this visitation his Grace administered the holy Sacrament of Confirmation to upwards of fifteen thousand six hundred persons, preached an eloquent and instructive discourse before and after the ceremony in each parish, and went through the laborious duties of his ministry with all the spirit of youthful energy and vigour.—*Freeman.*

**WATERFORD.—RECEPTION AT ST. MARY'S CONVENT.**—On the 11th instant, Miss Purcell, daugh-