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there does not exist any precedent for constituting that body an elective, and, consequently, a representative assembly, as far as I am aware, and I have looked into the subject with some carefulness. With this view of the assumed authority which you and the clergemen, who may meet together at Cadbury, propose to exercise, I must not only decline; as a beneficed Presbyter of this diocese, attending your Ruri-Decanal Chapter to vote for representatives, but I must solemnly protest against such a proceeding as: tending to subvert ecclesiastical order, and to create division and-discord at a period when union and har-mony are peculiarly desirable."

The Bishop of Exeter has made his triennial visitation to the clergy of the neighborhood of Plymouth, (one of the three districts into which the Archdeaconry'of Totness is divided). At the dinner, his lordship favored; the clergy with his opinion upon the regard in which they should esteem the laity. The laity have great-rights, great-privileges, and great-powers.-

"As in all cases in which privileges or powers belong to any description of persons, those persons must be prepared for the exercise of those powers and the enjoyment of those privileges—(applause). It is a great mistake to suppose that all those not in holy orders are the laity: the laity are the sound and faithful members of the Church not in holy orders; and those who act in defiance of the Church, in direct hostility to her governors, are not the laity—they are merely unordained persons. I do not scruple to say this, because it is not possible to be ignorant of the strong indication of feeling, on the part of persons who fancy themselves the laity, who fancy themselves Churchmen, but whose proceedings have been, in fact (I say it most seriously, yet most sorrowfully without a particle of irritation, from the bottom of my heart), and as I deem them, most sinful, because most schismatic—(applause). They are not the laity who dare attempt to raise agitation against their bishop and their clergy, in carrying into effect a measure which the bishop and his clergy believe to be lawful in the exercise of powers which belong to them; ay, and which these individuals themselves can hardly with any face declare to be unlawful; because we know it has been declared, from the highest legal authority, that this Synod is lawful - (hear, hear). I will not enter further into the question of the legality of the. Synod, but I must say that those who have been foremost to create an agitation of the most offensive, the most turbulent, and decidedly of an un-Christian character, cannot be called laymen of the Church of England, (applause).

The "sages of Exeter and Torquay" had said that the Queen was supreme both in temporal matters and in matters of faith. Not so thinks the Bishop of Exeter: "No man in this room values more, or would do more to sustain, the true rights of the Queen, in the exercise of her supremacy, than myself; but when I hear it said that the Queen is supreme in matters of taith, I repel the assertion with all the power which I can command? —(loud applause). The clergy, he could not help repeating, held the key to the sacred mysteries. "St. Cyprian, and all the ancient fathers, regarded the laity as so deserving of confidence, that they never did anything without consultation with them, except as respecting the guardianship of truth. That was a trust which they could not permit any other bodies than themselves to guard, the spiritual body being properly entrusted with the guardianship of the faith, and St. Cyprian, who was most anxious for the counsel of the presbyters and the concurrence of the laity, never dreamt of letting them decide matters of

faith; (hear).

BURNING OF THE KURRAMANY EAST INDIAMAN.-THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE LIVES LOST .- Last month we briefly announced the destruction by fire of the Kurramany East Indiaman, Captain J. Hogg, commander, on the night of the 7th of April last, a few hours after she had taken her departure for the and ship fever.—Ibid. Mauritius, from Calcutta Subsequent details just received not only confirm the truth of that announcesupposing that the slip was wilfully set on fire by some of the crew.— Tiblet.

The Enterprise, Cptain Collinson, left Hong-Kong on the 2nd of April o prosecute its voyage in search of Sir John Franklin.

M. Daniel O'Conor, the last surviving son of General Arthur O'Conor, and grandson of the celebrated Condorcet, died in the 26th ult., at his estate in the Loiret. He leves two sons. It will not have been forgotten that Lord Edward Fitzgerald and Arthur O'Connor wer the two leaders in the Irish rebellion

MURDER N BELGIUM. TRIAL OF THE COUNT AND THE COUNTISS-DE BOCARME, -The, trial of the Count and Couness of Bocarme has been some time proceeding in th Court of Assizes at Mons. A vast amount of evidece bearing upon the subject of the inquiry has been given. The Count and Countess were accused of pointing the brother of the latter, while on a visit at the chateau of Bitremont, for the purpose of obtaining possession of his property. The murder was committed on the unfortunate man, who was a cripple, by pouring nicothe down his throat as he was preparing to leave the huse after dinner. The trial came to a close on Saturdy, when the count was found guilty, and ordered to b executed; but the countess was

PHYSOLOGICAL DISCRIPTION OF THE PAPAL AGGRES-SION BILL.—The inset meastre seems to be abnormal without members and almost without life and now, receiving little legs and mandible through Mr. Wal-pole's attention, it ascends to a creeping and gnawing grub.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Fernary 7, noticing the arrival of the "Brothers? from Hoolalu, states, the two vessels had been discovered vrecked in St. George's Sound, supposed to be Sir hn. Franklin's. port of the citizens of Montreal and that two of her Majesty's brigs ere dispatched DOCTOR TUCKER'S address to ascertain the truth of the assertion.

UNITED STATES.

OPPRESSION OF CATHOLIC SOLDIERS IN THE U.S. SERVICE.—Before the General Court Martial, which assembled at Fort Columbus, N.Y. harbor, on 22d ult., agreeable to 3d department order, No. 8, current series, and at which Brevet Colonel J. L. Gardiner, Major 4th Artillery, is president, was tried Private James Duggan, of Company A, 4th Artillery. Charge: disobedience of orders. Plea: not guilty." Finding of the court and sentence. "The court finds the prisoner." guilty as charged, and does sentence him, private James Duggan, to forfeit to the U.S. \$5 of his pay per month, for six months; two months in solitary confinement on bread and water; the other hours at hard labor, with ball and chain at his leg." The disobedience charged against Duggan, deserving, in the opinion of Colonel Gardiner, and the court over which ne presided, the severe sentence pronounced against him, is simply his refusal to attend Protestant service. -Boston Pilot...

PREDICTION.—Amongst the articles deposited in the corner stone of the new Pittsburgh Cathedral, is a copy of the Pittsburgh Gazette containing a prophecy of the speedy decline of Popery and the approaching downfall of the Papal power. When, in some future age, our descendants, happy residents of a country completely converted to Jesus Christ, shall take this stone from the ruins of the building which we are now about to raise, and examine its contents, what will they know of the already decaying, though recently organized sect, to which our Prophet has the misfortune to belong? Will the Methodists and their short lived superstition be known, even by name, to the cotemporaries of the traveller from New Zealand, who is to take his stand upon a broken arch of London bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's ?-Pittsburgh Catholic.

The Pensylvania Whig State Convention have, by acclamation, selected Mr. Johnston as a candidate for governor and nominating Gen. Scott for the next presidency.

A rousing murderer, John B. Harding, lately hung by Lynch law in Florida, with a negro, for murder, confessed the crime, and asked no favors. Among other things, he stated that he had twenty wives, and had killed sixteen men. His father and brother were both hung, and to him repentance and remorse appeared to be strangers. We doubt the truth of this history.—Boston Pilot.

The great libel suit between Rev. Joy H. Fairchild, of S. Boston, vs. Rev. Nezemiah Adams, of Essexstreet, for slander, was before a grand jury of referees in Boston last week. The parties are all accredited and acceptable agents of the Orthodox church. Joy claims \$10,000 damages, and if he gets that number of cents we think he will be lucky. The charge against Adams is, that he caused to be entered upon the Suffolk South Association of Orthodox ministers that Fairchild had been found guilty of adultery and seduction when such was not the true state of the case. We remember to have read the testimony, in the case referred to, and we thought it most scandalous and black, and one eminently calculated to bring into dispute some of the prominent fellows of the Orthodox church.—Ibid.

Burglars are "plenty as black berries" in Boston. Three stores were broken into in one night last week.

Over one million and a half of dollars, in bank notes of broken banks of New York, were burned at Albany last week, by order of the Legislature. They were first cut up, by a straw cutter, and then set fire to. The process occupied five days. A grand commentary this on the old banking system in that state. Ibid.

The authorities of Cincinnati have established a quarantine below the city on account of the extensive prevalence of the cholera on the boats from below. The hospitals are full of patients sick with the cholera

DEATH UPON THE STAGE .- During the performance of Jack Shepherd, at the St. Louis theatre on the 6th, ment, but communicate, we regret to say, a most frightful loss of human le, upwards of 365 persons slipped from its fastenings, and fell to the ground, having perished by the jurning of the ill-fated ship. striking Mrs. Shea, on the top of the head. She The event has caused the deepest sensation amongst uttered a faint "O my G—d;" and in a moment fell those connected with the East India trade, more dead upon the stage, which was soon covered with her particularly as there openers to be every reason for blood! Of course the performance was immediately suspended, and the money returned. Mrs. Shea came to America as Miss Kemble, and is the grand-daughter of Stephen Kemble, and grand-niece of the famous Mrs. Siddons. Her husband is at present in New

The rapid increase of steamers on the Pacific is remarkable. A San Fancisco paper states that on the 1st of January last, forty-six steamers were engaged on-the rivers, where eighteen months previous not a

single smoke-pipe was to be seen.—Boston Pilot.
HORRISLE MURDERS ON THE CHAGRES RIVER.—The Panama News of the 25th ult., gives an account of some horrid murders on the Chagres river. This paper states that passengers arrived at that place from Chagres, brought information that the bodies of several Americans were seen floating on the river, bearing unmistakable evidences of having been murdered .-One of the bodies had been taken from the water and buried by Mr. Joseph King, engineer on the Panama Railroad. Several other bodies had been recovered, bearing marks of violence. These victims are all supposed to be returned Californians. Their clothes had been rifled of all valuables. There has been nothing about these bodies by which they could be identified.

HILLED BY AN EDEPHANT .-- A lad was killed by a blow from the trunk of one of the elephants attached o Raymond & Co.'s menagerie, in Darby, Ct., during the exhibition there on Wednesday. A crowd of boys were feeding the animal with nuts, apples, &c., when in the order of its met morphoses; instead of beginning the deceased wantonly punctured the trunk with some as a legislative ovilm, and lassing through higher sharp instrument, which enraged the elephant. The developments till it prived at the powers of flight and keeper cautioned the lad too keep, away after this aggression, enjoyed by the perfect creature; it was started into life upon the wings of a speech that swept over. Europe; it then fell into the chrysalis state, within reach of the elephants trunk from which he givnn to the warning; and soon after, he approached within reach of the elephant's trunk from which, he received a blow on the head which prostrated him and soon after caused his death .-- N. Haven Pall.

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