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The Catholic press is a power for Catholicity, and every Catholic worthy of the name should support it. Therefore, get a Catholic paper into your house at once, and your sons and daughters, by perusing it, will become better citizens and better Catholics.—REV. ARNOLD DAMIEN, S.J.

Notes.

HIS GRACE the Archbishop of Toronto arrived home last week. He is much benefited by his trip.

THE *Weekly Register*, speaking of the efforts of Messrs O'Brien and Dillon to effect a compromise in the Irish quarrel, efforts which, unfortunately, have proved abortive, says that they would have averted civil war at almost any cost; and they believe that the cause of Home Rule has been sacrificed to wild words. "The reward of peacemakers," it says, "is not in this world; and we do not suppose that theirs is now a fate superior to that of most peacemakers. What Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Dillon will feel is the apparent indifference of Committee Room No. 15 to the supreme interests of peace in Ireland and good will among Irishmen. That they have done their difficult duty to serve peace must be their consolation."

THE following telegram from Mr. William Johnston M.P., of Ballykilbeg notoriety, appeared in a late issue of the *Belfast Evening Telegraph*. It is a fine specimen of enlightened Orangeism:—

"The 1st of April is fixed for the visit of Sir Henry James to Belfast. He has spoken and voted in favour of Mr. Gladstone's Bill to open the British Chancellorship and the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland to Roman Catholics. Let no Protestant or Orangeman attend his meetings. Leave him to be received by those who share his views."

AMIDST a large attendance Trinity College, Dublin, has formally conferred the degree of L.L.D. upon "*impigerrimum forissimumque virum, Arthurum Jacobum Balfour*"; disguised in which learned appellation and a scarlet gown appeared the Irish Chief Secretary. During the reading by the Public Orator of the Latin address the students—and those of Trinity are a traditionally merry set—broke at intervals the solemnity and formality of the occasion by such interjections as "Do you understand that Mr. Balfour?" but in the main the proceedings passed off with due academic dignity.

MR. BALFOUR appears to have made a graceful speech in reply, at the close of which he said that the history of Trinity College

"is bound up with the more splendid traditions of the Irish nation," and that the services which its sons had rendered, "not merely to Ireland, but to the world of learning—a world not confined to the bounds of any particular locality—are known to every student of literary and scientific history." We need scarcely say that the trouble with Trinity has chiefly been that it is both a Unionist and Protestant stronghold, and that those professing the faith of the majority of the Irish people have been unable to avail themselves of its great educational privileges. It is not surprising therefore, in view of the enthusiasm of the students, on the occasion of Mr. Balfour's visit, which assumed a certain party meaning that it drew some ironical remarks from the Nationalist papers, one of which was led to say that "Dr. Balfour left Kingston for London yesterday evening."

ARCHBISHOP WALSH, of Dublin, has addressed to his clergy an energetic letter in regard to the attitude to be assumed by them towards the National League as at present controlled. Referring to a circular which, it seems, Mr. Harrington, the secretary of the League, issued a short time ago to the branches, the Archbishop writes:—

"It becomes, then, my duty to address, without delay, some words of advice for the guidance of those priests of this diocese who are members of the National League, more especially of those who happen to hold any responsible position in any of the local branches of that organization. The circular to which I refer requests the various local branches of the League to take a certain line of action, technically described as re-organization. In the circumstances, this process of re-organization is equivalent to an endorsement of the policy that has been pursued during the present crisis by those members of the Nationalist party who are at present in possession of the central offices of the League, and who consequently control its operations. This bold attempt to turn to account, for partisan purposes, the present lull in the storm raised by the publication of the proceedings in the London Divorce Court last November, is anything but creditable to its authors."

AFTER speaking of the efforts of Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon to effect peace within the divided party, Archbishop Walsh goes on to say that his concern is with those members of his clergy who, in the exercise of their individual liberty in political matters, have become members of the National League. In the face of the embarrassing situation that has been created for them, the Archbishop's advice to them is "to refuse with the utmost firmness" to allow themselves to be in anyway involved in the League's proceedings; to withdraw at once from any meeting of a local branch of the League at which the adoption of the Parnell programme may be resolved upon; and finally, "to keep themselves clear generally of all contact with the central organizations of the League in Dublin," until that organization is set free from the control at present exercised over it by some few of its more prominent members, especially, he adds, by two of its members, "whose language of unbridled insolence towards the bishops of Ireland it is no longer possible to overlook."

ARCHBISHOP WALSH of Dublin has written a letter to the newspapers in that city, in which he says that six priests responding to an official invitation to assist in the administration of the Zetland-Balfour fund attended a meeting of the Belmullet relief committee at Belmullet, county Mayo, but upon learning that they would not be allowed to have effective control of the distribution they withdrew. The Archbishop says the same action will be taken by other priests in other districts.