

Pope Pius VI, first Bishop of the Island, and has had as successors Bishops Lambert, Scallan, Fleming, and the present learned and accomplished incumbent, Dr. Mullock. There is now a second Episcopal See—Harbor Grace. Strange as it may seem, Bishop O'Donnell's greatest difficulty was to induce the royal Admirals and Governors, of eighty years ago, *to permit* his flock to winter on the Island, instead of returning to Ireland or the American mainland. For his services in suppressing a mutiny among the troops under command of Colonel Skerret, this Bishop received a small annuity (£50 sterling for life), from the Imperial Government, and on resigning his See, in the 70th year of his age [1807], he was presented with a superb silver urn, with an appropriate inscription, which it was the privilege of the present writer to inspect, in possession of the Rev. Mr. O'Donnell, of Bradford, Yorkshire, [a nephew or grand-nephew of the Bishop], in 1865. Ever since Dr. O'Donnell's time, the Catholic Bishops have borne a very important part, not only in the moral government, but in the material advancement of the people. The 13,000 of a floating population in 1753, have become a fixed people of 130,000. The Irish Catholic laity have quite kept pace in education and influence with the increase of the Church.* Of these, we need only mention the Hon. L. O'Brien, who has been Administrator of the Province; Chief Justice Brady; the Hon. Mr. Kent, the former, and the Hon. Mr. Shea, the present Premier.

* Two Lectures on Newfoundland, by the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock. New York, J. Mullally. 1860.