

keeping all the schools of these parishes in repair. In short he acted in every way the part of a munificent proprietor in this locality. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labours, for their works follow them." May he rest in peace.

I remain, my dear Mr Lucas,

Yours truly,

JOHN HEALY, P.P.

MR. JOHN O'CONNELL PROCLAIMED LEADER.

The many voices that speak a people's will are hourly becoming more numerous in proclaiming John O'Connell heir to his father in the sovereignty of the Irish heart. To-day, the stern determination of the far North is announced by the patriot prelate of Derry, the Rt Rev Dr Maginn. In a letter addressed to Mr John O'Connell, his Lordship says:—

"Both Clergy and people will support you for your father's sake. He has left you his precepts and example, and to none other than you shall we hearken.—*Belfast Vindicator.*

IRELAND.

Notwithstanding the present poverty and misery of Ireland, her churches are ever thronged by her faithful children when called upon to celebrate the glories of her Patrons and Protectors.—Last Friday the 16th instant being the Festival of the ever blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, the the Carmelite Church, Knocktopher, was the scene of one of those holy gatherings of the pious votaries of Mary. Hundreds from all the surrounding localities participated in the Holy Sacraments on that day. High Mass, with the usual splendour was celebrated by three of the secular clergy, and the sermon of the day was preached by the Rev M Scally. A rapid glance at the trials of poor Ireland during the past year; an enumeration of the glories of Mary and an exhortation to undeviating confidence in her holy protection and patronage, constituted the discourse. After the sermon followed a grand Procession and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament; and thus concluded the solemn and inspiring devotions of the 16th July, 1847.—*Tablet.*

OBSEQUIES OF O'CONNELL.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES IN MARLBOROUGH STREET, METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

The arrangements now in progress for the fitting celebration of the last ceremonies over the remains of O'Connell are of the most magnificent description. The metropolitan Church, Marlborough-street, is being clothed from floor to ceiling with sable drapery. The pillars surrounding the nave are covered with

black cloth—the arches between the pillars are to be festooned with the same material—the windows are to be partially darkened by a lighter description of black drapery. The entire of the church interiorly will be clad in solemn mourning except the white marble altar, which will be left uncovered with its marble seraphim on either side and its appropriate ornaments, in full contrast to the dark canopy covering the walls and pillars.—The catafalque, on which will rest the remains of the Liberator, has been designed and finished in the most superior manner. It consists of a dais, elevated on four steps, covered with fine black cloth, from which spring four pillars, supporting a canopy surmounted by a plain cross at either end. Upon the dais, and between the pillars, is placed the platform, shaped upon the model of a Grecian altar, the mouldings being imitated by puffed trimmings, the pillars are decorated by spiral wreaths of black bombazines trimming. The canopy, which is of most tasteful design, supports a magnificent fall of curtained drapery, looped with rich black tassels. To each pillar is attached a splendid ormolu chandelier, so arranged that the light from each will fall within the canopy, and directly to the coffin. To each side and at each end of the dais will be affixed escutcheons of white satin, bearing in black letters inscriptions similar to those displayed on the occasion of the ceremonial at the Basilica in Rome. The catafalque when placed in the church will occupy the centre of the choir, midway between the high altar and the lower end of the nave, where will be placed the seats of the arch-bishop and the prelates assisting at the holy office.—Immediately in front are the desk and seats for the leader of the choir, and at either side ten deep forms will be placed for the clergy from all parts of Ireland, England, and the continent, many of whom have already arrived in Dublin anxious to be present at the last rite of the Catholic church over the mortal remains of the Liberator of her altars, and eager to mingle their prayers with those of the Irish people for the eternal repose of Him whose life was a succession of sacrifices for the faith and liberty of his country, and whose death was worthy of his noble career, and is but the beginning of his immortality.

BIRTHS RECORDED,

AT ST. MARY'S.

August 21,	Mrs. Eccles of Son.
23,	" Butler of a Son.
23,	" Hayes of a Daughter.
23,	" Grace of a Son.
24,	" Kenny of a Son.
24,	" Hancock of a Son.
24,	" Nowlan of a Son.
24,	" Apleby of a Son.
24,	" Flynn of a Son.
25,	" Hutt of a Daughter.
26,	" Doran of a Son.
26,	" Fagan of a Daughter.
26,	" Lonergan of a Son.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

August 21,	William Hanegan to Ann Griffin.
24,	Patrick Lawrowith to Flora McDonald.