

cerely glad to hear it, though we are hardly so sanguine as Mr. Gall. This Presbyterian prophet continues as follows:— "The most alarming circumstance of all, however, was the steady progress of Romanism, which, during the last 50 years, from being almost nothing, had succeeded in planting itself as a great religious and political power in our land."

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF IRELAND.—At the council meeting held recently, the Earl of Granard president of the Union, stated that he had received a communication from Rome informing him that the Holy Father warmly approved of the Union, and had expressed himself deeply gratified at its formation.

DUBLIN, Jan. 21.—The high price of fuel is producing one good effect in this country. It is stimulating invention and enterprise in making local resources which have long been neglected available to supply the demand.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLAX SUPPLY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND was held in the Chamber of Commerce, Belfast, on Friday last, under the presidency of Mr. J. Mulholland, J.P.

THE LAST BELFAST RIOTS.—Our readers cannot have forgotten the riots which took place in Belfast last August, when several persons were killed, nearly one hundred wounded, and when two hundred and forty-seven houses were wrecked or injured.

THE LAND ACT CONTINUES TO BE A THEME OF GENERAL DISCUSSION. Recent decisions in the Appellate Court have more distinctly shown that the spirit and letter of the Act are in favour of the tenant; and it is believed that the effect will be to inspire greater confidence among the farmers, and to deprive the agitators of their great desideratum—a substantial grievance.

SOME SEVERE INJURY TO PROPERTY has been caused by the continued wetness of the season. In Cork the rivers were flooded yesterday to an extraordinary height, and the adjacent lands are inundated.

RE-APPEARANCE OF SMALL-POX.—Yesterday considerable consternation was experienced in Clonmel, owing to the somewhat sudden outbreak in several districts of small-pox. Several of the cases proved fatal, and new ones continue to occur.

LISTOWEL QUARTER SESSIONS.—His Worship in addressing the Grand Jury, said he was happy to find that the crown business was extremely light at the present sessions. There were only two bills to be sent up for their consideration, one person charged with stealing a bag containing some flour out of a car in the public street two days before Christmas.

A VILLAGE INUNDATED.—Mr. John Mackey, sanitary officer for Mooncoin district, Co. Kilkenny, reports that village to be in a deplorable state through the inundation of water. Mr. Hamilton, Poor Law Inspector, and the County Surveyor for Kilkenny, have both visited it within the past few days.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLED on the 6th instant. The following are the salient points in the Queen's speech:—England is at peace everywhere. The great powers have promised to co-operate effectually for the suppression of slavery on the east coast of Africa.

THE ENGLISH CATHOLICS.—Dr. Ullathorne, the Catholic Bishop, addressed a large meeting of Catholics at the Town-hall, Birmingham, on the occasion of the annual Catholic reunion. The meeting was presided over by Sir Charles Clifford, and the Earl of Deuigh was present.

THE EMPRESS EDGEMAN'S INCOME.—The London correspondent of the Birmingham Post writes:—I hear from a well informed source that the Imperial family at Chislehurst are left with an income of about £12,000 a year.

INTEMPERANCE IN ENGLAND.—The Saturday Review finds it impossible to doubt the growing intemperance of the working classes in England. Personal observation on such a point may sometimes be misleading, but the same story comes from all parts of the country.

observe how much greater has been the excitement in this country on the occasion of the death of the late Emperor of the French than that created by the death of Napoleon I. at St. Helena in 1821.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT has addressed a well-timed letter to the Irish magistracy, calling attention to the great increase in the number of children under detention in the industrial and reformatory schools.

THE GALWAY PROSECUTIONS.—In the Court of Queen's Bench Jan. 24th, counsel on the part of the Lord Bishop of Clonfert moved that the venue in the prosecution instituted against him at the suit of the Attorney-General, be changed from the county Galway to the county Dublin.

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THE SCARCITY AND DEARTH OF COAL in Great Britain are likely to lead to the development of the coal mines in Ireland, several companies for working them being in course of formation.

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A FEMALE POOR LAW INSPECTOR.—Women's rights (says the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian) have at length been recognised in high quarters. The Local Government Board have recently appointed a lady poor law inspector, at a salary of £400 a year, to report upon the domiciles and the treatment of children who are boarded out, after the system which is generally adopted in Scotland.

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