

The English government feel that the settlement of the Irish church leaves little time for mere debate on other affairs, and consequently does what it can to limit the proceedings. Accounts from London speak of a determination to business as a characteristic of the administration. They are described as avoiding unnecessary discussions and pushing on measures in a speedy and effective way.

THE LAY ELEMENT IN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCILS.—A manifestation of muscular counsel is recorded by the Freeman's Journal as having taken place the other day at Moy, near Dungannon. The rector, in repairing and renovating the roof of the church, caused a portion of it to be decorated with golden stars over a blue ground, and a text from the sacred Scriptures to be painted on the wooden framework supporting it.

THE POLITICAL ANSWER.—Regret is felt that Her Majesty's clemency is not to include all the political prisoners. The course taken by the Legislature is an acknowledgment of the existence of grievances, and the length of time these grievances have remained without even an attempt to redress them, is a justification for the discontent, dissatisfaction, almost despair which impelled those men to their rash and foolish enterprises.

There recently died in the South Union Workhouse, Dublin, a man named Matthew Pheton, at the very advanced age of 103 years. The deceased had been in good health up to within a few days of his death, and had occasionally worked at his trade, as a carpenter, until quite recently. A week before his death he told his daughter, herself an aged woman, with whom he resided in Fisher's-lane that, for the first time in his life, he felt unwell, and, therefore, he would go into the workhouse to die, that she might be spared the expense of burying him from her slender means.

The Earl of Dunraven has read at the Royal Irish Academy a paper descriptive of an ancient vase and brooches dug up recently at Ardagh, county of Limerick. The tradition is that a battle was fought on the spot before the time of Brian Boroiame, and a number of human bones have been found from time to time.

THE PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT.—Orange Ulster is uncommonly quiet at present. The 'brethren' have, as it were, changed their nature, and transformed themselves from rabid wolves into docile lambs. Neither beat of drum nor partisan note from rifle or whistle offends the Catholic ear.

Persons Per Cent. 4,505,265 Catholics . . . . . 77.7 693,357 Established Church . . . . . 11.9 523,291 Presbyterians . . . . . 9.0 76,661 Protestant Dissenters . . . . . 1.4 393 Jews . . . . . 0.0 5,700,967 Total.

Viewed in the aggregate, irrespective of local distribution, Anglican Protestants are less than 12 per cent, or below one-eighth of the whole population.—[Tablet.] GREAT BRITAIN. London, March 15.—In the House of Commons last night a Bill was introduced by the Solicitor General to repeal certain tests and other certain statutes affecting the Constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge was debated at length, and after much opposition was read for the second time.

fraternize with their Catholic neighbors, and live in peace, then the law of which the 'brethren' complain, may be repealed, but certainly not till then.

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result of the trial, as the magistrates required time to consider the momentous question.

MARCH 18.—In the House of Commons to-night, on the second reading of the Irish Church Disestablishment Bill, Mr. Disraeli made a long and eloquent speech against the measure, and moved the six months' adjournment.

ARMY AND NAVY SAVINGS.—It is generally believed in well informed circles that the saving which Mr. Childers will propose to effect during the financial year of 1869-70 will be from £900,000 to a million sterling.

THE RITUALISTS.—A most explicit statement of the Catholic faith in the Real Presence and Sacrifice of the Mass is contained in the form of a petition to Government, and is being largely signed by Anglican Clergy and Laity.

PAPERISM.—The number of paupers returned each week for the metropolis, shows on each occasion a decrease in the number in the corresponding week last year, but a considerable increase upon the return made in 1867 and 1868.

THE LONDON STANDARD (Conservative) says:—If Englishmen would refrain from making admissions of wrong doing on behalf of their country, which studiously ignore these facts, Americans would more readily perceive the unreasonableness and absurdity of the pretensions they are now disposed to advance.

CHEAP MEAT.—Austrian meat seems at last to be arriving in England in large quantities. It was stated at a dinner given to about 200 gentlemen by the Messrs. McCall, that the Australian Meat Company had in 1867-68 exported 1,164,970 lb of beef preserved by enclosures in hermetically sealed tins.

ALLEGED FRENCH REVENGE.—On Friday, at Manchester, John Noon was charged with an assault on John Griffiths, who, it may be remembered, was a prominent witness in the trial of the Fenians for attacking the police-van and killing Sergeant Brett.

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CATHOLIC ADVICES TO RITUALISTS.—In common with the rest of the Catholic body in England, we should feel greatly obliged in fact, take it as a personal favor.—If Anglican clergyman of the Ritualistic school would abstain from wearing the peculiar neckcloth known as the 'Roman collar,' they cannot plead that to do so is 'Sarum use,' for it is in every possible sense of the word of Rome, Romish.

of things? Why can't they leave us alone? They—at least their numerous private popes—profess to hate us; why, then, forever copy and ape us? They have lately committed a most base and brazen piracy in printing what they call a *Vade Mecum* Prayerbook, for which Messrs. Burns and Oates ought to prosecute Mr. Palmer. That, however, is their affair.

SOME VIGOROUS EFFORTS are at last being made to introduce into this country the manufacture of sugar from beet root. Some samples have recently been exhibited in the market and sold at current prices, although they possessed the characteristic drawback of sugar expressed from the beet, viz., a peculiar and offensive odour.

VERY FEW WEEKS—probably six—will now see the completion of the great engineering undertaking of forming a direct line of railway between the south of Scotland and the west coast of Cumberland by means of bridging the broad estuary of the Solway Firth.

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PRAYER FOR LENT. (From the North Western Chronicle.) "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights. He was afterwards hungered. And when the tempter came to Him he said if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be bread."

Prayer and fasting, Oh, my Father, Nearer let me come to Thee; Let the angels whisper ever In my ear, Getsemane.

Ab, my baffled heart has fasted Till it faints with hungry wail; Yet if Thou wilt me, Saviour, All my loss I count as gain.

Humbly let me kneel before Thee, With affection crucified, With thy spirit, contrite, broken, Healed of all his human pride.

Keep my tongue from evil speaking, Keep my ears from foolish praise, Keep my heart from Satan's whispers, Keep my feet in wisdom's ways.

Thou, who seeest all my weakness, Thou who knowest I am dust, Pity me, and keep my treasures All untouched by 'morn and rust.'

When thou wert abridged Saviour, Satan whispered in thy ear; Now unto my human weakness He is standing very near.

And when in the cold, blind darkness, Cries my hungry heart for bread, Close the tempter drawn unto me— Offers wayside stones instead.

Kingdoms of the world he shows me, Fame, and wealth, and human pride, Tempts me to forget the anguish Of the holy crucified.

Ab, the kingdoms spread before me, Royal castles in the air, Gleaming turrets full of grandeur, Hidden chambers of despair.

Lead me, Father, for I stumble, Satan's band is very near, And a broken reed he offers While he whispers in my ear.

Bids me know Thou art above me, Far beyond my human cry; Taunts me with my desolation; Bids me curse Thee, Lord, and die.

Close and closer, oh, my Saviour, "In the shadow of Thy wing." Let my wearied spirit nestle With the peace that faith can bring!

DEATH OF BISHOP LEFÈVRE.—Among the sad events of the past week, we have to record the death of Rt. Rev. P. Lefèvre, administrator of the Diocese of Detroit. He was consecrated Nov. 21st 1841, his Episcopal career thus extending over a space of almost 28 years.

stands, the Diocese of Detroit, before the establishment of the See of Milwaukee in 1844 (extended westward to the Mississippi river). What surprising changes the good prelate was witness of, during the time of his labor in the Northwest! Where at one time he saw but two or three priests scattered over an immense territory, with sparse settlements embedded here and there in the woods and on the prairies, flourishing towns have arisen; stately Cathedrals point their spires heavenward; priests are numbered by the hundreds.

LITERATURE is so scarce in Louisville that the very burglers esteem books as a treasure. The other night two of the gentry were overhauled emerging from a house where they had stolen a bible, a prayer-book, a history of the United States, and a life of Washington.

AN AMERICAN EXCHANGE says:—'The mob of office hunters now in Washington is far greater than it was when Mr. Lincoln was inaugurated eight years ago. They spend their time particularly in borrowing, intriguing, drinking and blowing.—It is a demoralizing business, both for the individual and the country.'

CHILD MURDER IN THE UNITED STATES.—The census of the State of New York for 1865 discloses some curious facts upon this subject. The method of taking this census was different from all others in this respect, that it was taken by families. The census reported in 1865 a total of 780,931 families—196,802 families living without children, 142,208 with only one child, 240,572 with two, and 107,342 with three children.

KNOW-NOTHINGISM.—We learn from an exchange in New Hampshire, that Know-Nothingism is being revived under another name, and with a more secret organization throughout New England? Just as we are in need of the industry of the Irish, the French, and the Germans more than ever, the fanatics, finding the slavery hobby played out, are endeavoring to get up a new persecution of the Catholics and foreign born citizens.

A CONTINENTAL 'DAM'—A correspondent in Atlanta, Ga., offers the following plausible explanation of this term. He says:—I do not claim to be versed in slang phrases; but I must confess that my knowledge of them is sufficient to explain the origin of an expression of this nature, of which Mr. Richard Grant White admits he can give no account.

DON PLATT says:—With Boutwell in the Treasury, and the House organized by Mr. Blaine in the interest of the New England monopolists and Pennsylvania pig iron, we, of the agricultural interests of the West, may hang our heads upon the willows, and suffer outrage and wrong for the next four years.

THE CUBANS ASSISTED FROM THE U.S.—New York, March 15.—The World's special says: The Spanish legation report that the insurrection in Cuba has been kept alive by expeditions from New Orleans, New York, and Boston, and that a serious question is about to arise between the two Governments. They request our Government not to take any action in recognizing the insurgents until they have heard from Señor Roberts. The Spanish envoy from Spain has just arrived.

THE WORD DEBT is composed of the initials of Adam every body twice. O read it is formed of the initials letters of 'call regularly every day—'Ill trust.'