

THE ERA OF O'CONNELL.

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But O'Connell did not die in time, and his memory offers as that of most men's suffer, when the agents of grand movements long outlive their work.

If O'Connell had died immediately after the success of the Catholic claims, I can hardly name the man in public affairs in this century to whom posterity would count him second.

I will mention, briefly here, one illustrious fellow-worker of O'Connell—that at one period took full share with him in past days of effort and of toil.

Moore is, in verse. He clothes burlesque in as mocking a gravity; his irony is as bitter and as elegant; his ridicule is as polished in its banter, and as flying in its wit.

I have only as yet considered O'Connell as a man of action, and before, I proceed to regard him as a man of speech, the few remarks that can be made, consistently with the space allowable to this paper, can be most appropriately made now.

how far the change was wilful or was reasonable, would demand an analytical estimate of the political history of the time. He was vain and boastful, but so was Cicero; yet it would be hard to think what such men could truly say of themselves—after the manner of men—that others should call vain or boastful.

Other matters, and very important ones, in the life of O'Connell, I must here leave unnoticed—partly because this journal is an unsuitable place for the discussion of disputed topics, and partly because, if it were not, this article is already so extended as to forbid the introduction of subjects which would require a very ample examination.

LAMARTINE—CATHOLIC CHARITY. (From the Charleston Catholic Miscellany.) Among the ways by which the good of the humbler

classes of society may be promoted, one, if not of the most efficient, at least of those most lauded and urged in our day, is mental culture or education.

To show the true condition of the education of the humbler classes in England, it would be sufficient to refer to statistics published by the authorities of that kingdom. From them it appears, that in no other country perhaps, of all Europe, can there be found such a frightful state of ignorance, as is presented by these official reports.

But the Church contributes more than an indirect share to the cause of education. Knowing the disadvantages and dangers of mere secular learning, when not influenced and accompanied by a religious spirit, knowing the craft of her enemy, the world, that seeks by every artifice to appropriate exclusively this domain, she spares no endeavor to bring under her own direction the whole course of education.

THE MARCH OF THE LEAGUE.

On the Debatable Land of the Ulster Border, in the pleasant old County of Louth, the League met on Thursday. The venerable and influential Parish Priest of Louth took the chair.

\* As regards Wales, in particular, see an article in the last London Quarterly. † Such is the description given in her Journal, by Mrs. Kirkland, of the whole class of English country laborers. Even granting it to be an exaggeration, and making all due allowance and deduction from it, such, no sensible man would venture to employ such language, even by hyperbole, to the country laborers of France.