

—the less you will be trusted, if, on no other account, than you can't trust your own statement without the vicious guarantee."

I close, by entreating all swearers to mark their debasing habits in the several aspects in which it is to be deprecated. Its *vulgarity*, the lowest scamp being your match at the weapon; its *stupidity*, which mistakes for emphasis the wretched slang which foils your impression; its *indolence*, slouching itself in the threadbare verbal slops of profligates, rogues, and vagabonds, instead of taking the pains to clothe your ideas

in your own terms, measured and fitted to the occasion; its *uncharity*, which wantonly assaults the scruples of mere conscientious neighbours; its *bad example*, prompting others to join in the same abominable sin; its *fearful peril*, "for curses, like chickens, always come home to roost." And finally above all, its *virtual sacrilege*, in using Divine names and things for the service of the devil, as Belthazar drank out of the sacred vessels of the temple, and its thankless violation of the Saviour's absolute prohibition, "Swear not at all."

—Rev. J. B. Owen.

ORATION.—The oration lately delivered in St. Mary's Chapel, Halifax, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Connolly, on the late fearful and lamented occurrence which took place in Ottawa, will (D.V.) receive our attention in the next issue of "The Rose of Sharon." The sermon, in point of ability, is characteristic of the learned Prelate who delivered it. There are a few points in it to which we will beg leave to take exception, and we cannot but regret that they were delivered by the distinguished Doctor on the solemn occasion referred to, as they are calculated *only* to effect evil in the minds of the Irish peasantry, who by such teaching are disposed to be disaffected to the institutions of their country, which institutions are designed for

their own benefit, as well as of other portions of Her Majesty's subjects in the Dominion and Empire.

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