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The Dead Prince. The Prince Imperial died like a soldier, wielding the sword of the great Napoleon while all the wounds of the gallant dead were "in front."

The Irish University Bill. Our words have come to pass. A Protestant Parliament has given the Irish Catholics an Irish University!

Moderation. Kindness is the most powerful, the most understood and the least used act in the world.

The Orange Hall. The morning papers gave an account of an alleged attempt to burn the Orange hall.

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our man, they will not be disappointed. A time may come when, in the interest of the Irish people, Mr. Costigan may be asked to come down from his position as a party man, and even go into Opposition, unless the claims of his countrymen to two seats in the Cabinet are recognized.

Mr. Parnell, M.P. The news of the "scene" in the English House of Commons, as published in the papers, would lead one to believe that Mr. Parnell, M.P., was a rowdy.

Distress in Ireland. The people of the west of Ireland have appealed for help. That appeal, if deserving, will not be made in vain.

The Autonomy of the Province. There appears to be a growing disposition, in certain quarters, to cultivate a belief in the inefficiency of the Local Legislatures, and to disseminate the doctrine of centralization.

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of affairs better, but the true remedy for Irish agricultural interests is to be found, in a peasant proprietary. But, to talk of accomplishing this by "extinguishing the landlords" is to talk in a manner that does the people harm.

Religion in Politics. The papers are discussing the question of Religion in Politics; but the subject is approached with so little frankness that no substantial good is being done.

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surely means "Disintegration of the Empire." Big words, meaning a want of knowledge of the Home Rule movement, Home Rule means nothing of the kind.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Quebec, 10th July, 1879. But now the conservative majority at Ottawa degrades the Dominion and makes this free Canada of ours a beggarly supplicant to Downing street.

LIBERTAS. Quebec, 10th July, 1879. O'HART'S IRISH PEDIGREES.—This work is one of the most exhaustive, and in its way, one of the most authentic works on Irish pedigrees ever written.

TO SURROUND THE PONTIFICAL THRONE WITH EMINENT MEN. In his first encyclical he told the episcopate how much it behoved the clergy to show themselves shining examples of piety and learning before all men.

DISTRESS IN THE WEST OF IRELAND. An Appeal for Assistance. The president of St. Patrick's society has received the following communication, which we commend to the attention of our readers.

The grand hall of the Vatican Library, where the greater treasures are kept, is, as most people know, divided along the length by massive pillars, which support the vaulted ceiling.

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from a soil the reverse of fruitful, often rendered quite sterile through absence of ripening warmth and an atmosphere, ruinously damp. When, therefore, following on several unusually bleak seasons, there comes such a season as this of 1879, hardly a sign of summer up to the middle of June, ceaseless rains literally washing out of the earth almost every seed placed in it, rendering all labor useless, sheep and cattle, especially young stock of every kind, starving in bitter winds and herbless pastures, it is obvious what must be the condition of a community wholly dependent on this one means of maintaining an existence at best hardly endurable.

It would be useless to fortify this statement by ordinary poor law and like details. Poverty has long gone beyond measurement by statistics. Figures far other than those of arithmetic would be needed to picture the sights that meet us at every turn in the highways; still more poignantly in lonely hovels amongst rocky interstices of the shore; worst of all in the numerous islands scattered for leagues along the wild Atlantic; gaunt hunger in many an eye, a prayer for food on almost every lip.

Yet is there no wrath in those eyes; no malice on those lips; no wishes for evil to imaginary evil-doers. The calamity is accepted as beyond human avoidance. Not only is there no tendency to exaggerate, there is anxiety to underrate, individual suffering. Only in direct extremity and then chiefly on the part of parents for their famishing and nearly naked children, does anguish find its natural utterance. To what is this mentioned writer bears the personal testimony of varied experience. It is on occasions of this nature that the proverbial qualities of the Irish peasant—and here he is Irish of the Irish—manifest themselves strikingly. Untemptable honesty; patience, and even cheerfulness under privations that would be incredible unless witnessed; above all ever-ready sacrifice of self where domestic and neighborly affection is concerned;—these characteristics were never more prominent than in this most sore trial. With emphatic truth may it be said of him that "The poor a morsel of their morsel give." His morsel has now, alas, reached vanishing point. It must abidingly disappear, and himself with it, in cases innumerable, for many a mile hereabouts, if relief be not forthcoming in the way sought. In none other can it be prompt, and therefore effectual.

Reluctantly it is asked for. Only the keenest exigency extorts the appeal. Ours are not an alms-seeking people. Assistance in their extremity does not stimulate to fresh importunity in any but truly exceptional times. The ever-felling heart and munificent hand of Lady Burdett-Coutts have frequently befriended our small regattas, bazaars, and other humble charitable enterprises; and, in particular, has she encouraged our most deserving but neglected fishermen, of whom no praise can be too high. Others, in England and abroad, have followed her noble example from time to time. But we are now driven to address those hitherto strangers to our position—the general public—whom, accordingly, we earnestly conjure to assist us in our pressing straits.

Contributions in money, post office orders, cheques (crossed National bank), stamps, clothes for children or adults of either sex, any kind of covering, or whatever items benevolence may suggest as likely to be serviceable, to howsoever small a degree, will be thankfully received by

ANNIS E. EYRE. Clifden Castle, Galway, Ireland, June 27th, 1879.

THE LEONINE AGE. The Thirteenth Leo Presiding at a College Thesis.

We find in the Roman correspondence of the London Times, dated June 10, the following interesting account of an intellectual tournament, presided over in the Vatican by so accomplished a scholar as Pope Leo XIII., who forces even from the enemy testimonies of his transcendent abilities. We utilize the admission, in the midst of some silly sneers, to show on non-Catholic testimony what we have already had on that of Catholics— that there is no change in the illustrious successor of St. Peter, when Pius yields place to Leo:

"A noteworthy scene was enacted in the Vatican a few days ago, which still more fully reveals the means by which Leo XIII. would endeavor to restore not only the ecclesiastical, but, if he can, also the temporal glories of the Papacy. It is evident that from the very beginning of his reign he formed the determination of doing all in his power to elevate the Roman hierarchy and priesthood to the highest practicable standard of morality and learning; and

In his first encyclical he told the episcopate how much it behoved the clergy to show themselves shining examples of piety and learning before all men, and he has repeated the same charge more than once. In creating his first batch of cardinals he has chosen from among the men most noted for the qualities and attainments he had commended, and a day or two ago he gathered about him in the Vatican a number of these most distinguished students in the various colleges, and sitting in the library, presided at a disputation on philosophy, and rewarded the disputants with mero objects of gold and silver medals—not the of devotion generally bestowed by Popes, but medals having for their meaning the reward of merit only. No such scene has been witnessed in the Vatican for many long years, and, as described to me by one who was present, it somewhat recalls the days when a former Leo was

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Cesarotti, college; and Omero Montesperelli, of the Phamilly college in the Roman seminary. Leo was drawn up to which should develop the theses given and which should comb the arguments used, the subjects being two in metaphysics: "Idea innata non sunt adhibenda;" and "Dantur ideae universales ad habendum fundamentum in re;" and two in ethics, "Philosophica ratio demonstrat obiectum humanam felicitatis in Deo esse collocandum;" and "Ezstet lex eterna ordinem naturalem servari jubens, perturbari ventana, per lumen rationis hominibus participata.

MUCH DISPLAYED by the young disputants, and after each had silenced his antagonist, he had to combat further against such objections and subtleties as any of the prelates or professors present were inclined to raise; and among those who put the students to this further and more crucial test were Don Ermete Binacchero, professor of canon law; Don Francesco Segna, professor of dogmatic theology; Mgr. Fatacci, Bishop of Troade, in partibus; and Mgr. Gabriele Boccali, recently in Perugia, but now newly attached to the Pontifical household. When the Pope was cardinal archbishop of that see, Mgr. Boccali's abilities attracted his attention, and now he has called him permanently to Rome.

THE POPE HIMSELF. Leo XIII. is gradually surrounding himself with a new world. The customary names are falling into the background and others are taking their places. Of the new cardinals, Hergenrother leaves the university of Wurzburg, and Almonda his bishopric of Albona, to take up their residence in Rome and directly participate, together with Zigliara and Pecci, in the Pope's councils. The celebrated Casparati, who it will be remembered, was what may be called the nominee for the archbishopric of Naples, being instead to Mgr. San Felice, has been called to fill the office of under, or in other words, acting librarian of the Vatican Library. Mgr. Boccali has been summoned from Perugia also to take part in the Pontifical doings of the present, while, with an onward view to the future, the Pope calls into his presence and applauds the most promising minds among the youth in the universities. Nevertheless, although Almonda, Casparati, and others are men of enlarged, as contradistinguished by narrow, minds, it would be altogether a mistake to suppose that Leo XIII. has the slightest intention of abating one jot or little of what he considers to be the inalienable rights of the Pontificate. He is not calling the best talents of the church around him to help him to yield or find some means of conciliation, but to strengthen himself in maintaining what he holds to be his rights in such a way as may be best calculated to insure his regaling them.

took no direct part in the discussion, but at its conclusion—it lasted three hours—he rose and made a short discourse. He expressed his satisfaction with what he had heard, and hoped that the theological disputation to be held in the same manner at the end of the month might be equally praiseworthy. It was his intention, he said, to hold these trials of ability each year, in order to encourage the students in their studies, and stimulate them to greater exertions for the glory of the church and the good of mankind, and he further proposed to have similar competitions in canon law and in Greek, Latin, and Italian literature; and with that he gave the medals I have mentioned and his benediction.

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