The servant-girl problem has been solved in Norway to the satisfaction of all concerned. In large cities like Bergen and Christiania there is a central employment bureau under the direction of the municipal government, and twice a year—one week before New Year's Day and one week before the 24th of June, there is a general change of servants by those who are dissatisfied with existing conditions, and engagements are made for the ensuing six months or the year. Families who want servants all out blanks setting forth what is required and the wages they are willing to pay. These are filed at the employment office and are noted in a conspicuous manner upon a blackboard.

Women or men in search of employment go to this bureau during the weeks named, examine the blackboard and apply to the clerk in charge for further information. If they desire to apply for a particular position they submit their recommendations to the clerk, and if he is satisfied he gives them a card to the lady of the house. That card is good for the day only and must be returned by the lady of the house before the close of office hours. If the girl is enegaged the blanks upon the card are filled out with a general statement as to her duties, the term of service and the wages agreed upon, and the card is filed away for reference if necessary.

If the lady of the house is not satisfied with the applicant she sends her away and returns the card marked "not satisfactory" to head-quarters with a request that other applicants be sent to her. If the applicants is satisfactory the lady of the house pays her a bonus of 1 kroner or 2 kroner, called "hand money," that is she crosses her hand with silver as an evidence of good daith—and the girl agrees to report for duty within one week after New Year's or midsummer's day, as the case may be. This is to allow her present employer an opportunity to fill her place.

The law protects both the employer

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Attended by several members of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Dr. Long now proceeded up George of treet, followed by a goodly portion of the crowd, which the police vainly endeavored to keep back. At the approach of the Doctor the larveys "sheered off" from the various stands, until there was a long procession of hackney cars moving a class of the larveys and the larveys with the larveys with the larveys and the larveys and the larveys with the larveys and the larveys and the larveys with the larveys was gone through by the police, but to no immediate purpose. Eventually the Doctor saw the uselessness of persisting in his endeavor to hire a hackney car, and vacated the seat after occupying it for nearly half-en-hour. He then proceeded to his destination on foot, the crowd and policemen diminishing in number as he went.

It is said that Mr. Forrest, City High Constable, has announced his intention of prosecuting Dr. Long for creating an obstruction and endangering the public peace. Mr. Forrest's view is that Dr. Long should merely have taken the carman's number and brought the matter before the proper authorities in due fourse.

After Mass the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, who spoke from the altar steps, preached a sermon of great power and eloquence. He took his text from the 83rd Psalm. "How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord." His Lordship said that nowhere in the world was the House of God held in deeper veneration than in Ireland, and there was one spot in every church which was held a special veneration. That was the altar. The altar held that paramount place in the church that the heart held in the human frame. Their separated brethren were now feeling the want of an altar and a sacrifice. A section of them were trying to restore it, but for a sacrifice a sacrificing priest was required, and they could not have a sacrificing priest unless the powers of Holy Orders were conferred upon him. What was the duty of the people at the present time? It was to make an honest effort to follow in the footsteps of their forefathers, and to do whatever was in their power for their Faith and their country.

MR. WIDDOWS IN BELFAST.—
During the recent session of the House of Commons, Mr. Dillon referred to a character whose history is well known to our readers. In referring to this notorious individual Mr. Dillon asked the Chief Secretary to the Lord Leutenant of Ireland whether he is aware that the man Widdows, who delivered a speech against Roman Catholics at the Belfast Custom House on Sunday, is the same Widdows who has been twice convicted for unnatural crimes, whether any prosecution has since been instituted against him for obtaining money under false pretences; whether any shorthand writers were present on behalf of the Government at Sunday's meeting: whether collections were taken up on the occasion; and whether it is intended to allow such proceedings to continue.

Mr. Wyndham—It is true Widdows was convicted-in London in 1888 of the offence referred to and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude. (Nationalist cheers.) In July 1875, he was convicted in Toronto of an attempt to commit a similar offence, and sentenced to five months' imprisonment, (Nationalist, cheers.) He has represented himself to be an exmonk. He never was a monk or friar—(Nationalist cheers)—and it is believed never was an ordained clergyman. No prosecution has as yet been instituted against him. The question whether any criminal proceedings can be taken is under consideration. No shorthand writer was present on the occasion mentioned, but notes in longhand of his remarks were taken.

Mr. Dillon—I desire to ask the Chief Secretary whether. MR. WIDDOWS IN BELFAST.

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