

their labours on a yet more extensive scale."

All success to the operations of this valuable Protestant society, that, under the guidance of the Rev. Dr. Begg, has already done great good.

We still in this country are in uncertainty as to what the Government may do this year in regard to the Irish Education question. Mr. Gladstone fears to offend his English and Scotch Parliamentary supporters, by at once yielding to the demands of Cardinal Cullen. But, from the late spasmodic movements of the Radical Education League at Portadown and Belfast, it is easy to see that the Government are in some underhand-way about to attack our educational institutions. The Rev. Messrs. John Scott Porter, and Lowry E. Berkeley, of Lurgan, are not politicians in whom the Protestant laity of Ulster put any confidence, and their identification with the Birmingham Education League, that goes in for *mere secular instruction* in all State supported schools, has given a death-blow to their Irish League, which this evening has to be satisfied with the Ulster Minor Hall for its annual meeting. The *Northern Whig* attempts to-day to defend Mr. Gladstone's policy as to Irish Education. The imposture won't succeed. Here are some of the Premier's "pronunciamentos" on the subject. In the debate in the House of Commons on the 1st of April, 1870, on Mr. Fawcett's motion respecting Trinity College, Dublin, Mr. Gladstone said—"The Government has taken office for a variety of purposes connected with the profession of

what is called the Liberal creed in politics; but the first and the greatest of those purposes was to find a solution for the Irish Church, the Irish Land, and the Irish Education questions—the latter including especially the subject of higher education in that country. These questions were pointed out for solution by previous decisions of the House, and in acceding to office on the understanding that they were to be settled, if possible, the Government acted strictly in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution." Again—"With respect to the future, I have not the smallest scruple in saying, that if the time of Parliament admits of our dealing with the question of higher education in Ireland, *we shall deal with it in the same spirit* in which we have endeavoured to deal with the question of the Church and the land in that country." The nature of that language is obvious. "The same spirit" means subservience to Ultramontanism, and carrying out the views of Cardinal Cullen. The loyal men of Ulster should strictly watch and see that no change is made in the National Schools. The Irish Education League advocates state that they will keep aloof from "the No-Popery party." They ignore religion, and, for my part, I hope to see their society going down, as it deserves to go down.

The Rev. Hugh Hanna intends to reply to the indecent attack made on him and his lecture by the Rev. A. Robinson of Broughshane. Mr. Hanna will smite his opponent hip and thigh. He will be able to make a terrific exposure of his assailant's bad history, bad logic, bad principles and bad manners.