

and that this was enough for him, rushed down from the tribune to his seat, caught up his hat, and, hurrying to the reporters' row, seized a pen and commenced then and there furiously writing out what was generally supposed to be his resignation.

THE PIETY OF THE GERMAN.

An original defence of the Emperor William's pious philosophy is volunteered by Mr. Arnold Ruge. It amounts in substance to this: the phrases objected to are not meant to be understood as anybody in Germany believes in God, and the Emperor is not more religious than his countrymen; but the use of religious language has been retained longer after the faith which gave it meaning has ceased to exist.

Trudo Bauer, a notorious antagonist of Christianity, had written against Johann Jacob's famous pamphlet, "Four Questions." The latter, nevertheless, when he came to Berlin, paid him a visit, and found him sitting before his door at Charlottenburg.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

The New Irish Prelates.—The Freeman's Journal speaks thus of the new Bishops: "Intelligence, which we believe to be correct, arrived in town on Friday evening, that the vacant Sees of Ardagh, Raphoe, and Clontarf had been filled up, and the approval of the Holy Father given to the selections that had been made."

PEACE IN IRELAND.—A return moved for by Lord John Manners with respect to the outrages in Westmeath, Meath, Tipperary, and King's County from the 6th of April, 1870 (when the Peace Preservation Act was passed), to the end of last month, was issued yesterday.

The Bishop of Kerry on the Council.—The Bishop of Kerry in his Lenten Pastoral, after a few masterly pages on the Temporal Power, speaks of the Vatican Council, and especially of the Definition of the 18th of July.

Freedom of the Ministry.—The great majority of the Bishops felt that they were acting in harmony with the past, that they were expressing in word what was the constant practice and belief of the Church, when they drew up the decree contained in the last chapter of their Dogmatic Constitutions.

LOCAL LEGISLATION FOR IRELAND.—Mr. McMahon's bill, entitled "Local Legislation (Ireland) Bill," is one of the many indications daily presenting themselves of that yearning for home rule which affects Irishmen so powerfully.

and dear brethren, supposes a contrariety of will in those who compel, and those who are compelled.—No man compels himself. No man is compelled to do what he wishes to do. Now the greater number of the prelates desired that this decree should be proposed. A still larger number wished that when it was proposed, it should be affirmed.

Freedom of Debate.—But was there freedom of debate? Most certainly. And the plain proof is, that a minority acting throughout with the purest intentions, and urged by a conscientious conviction, that it was for the good of the Church to leave the question untouched, prolonged the discussion for eight months.

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DEBILIS, March 10.—The progress of the Judges through the assize towns continues to afford satisfactory evidence that peace and order prevail in the country, except in the districts which are to be the subject of special inquiry by a Parliamentary committee.

The Irish Judges of Assize have in their charges spoken favorably of the state of the northern counties, but in Tipperary Mr. Justice Morris referred to the lawlessness existing in some districts, which had necessitated a very large increase in the police force.

At the Nenagh Assizes three men were indicted for the manslaughter of a man named Healy, who was murdered on his way home from a fair. No motive could be assigned for the crime, as no grounds of personal hostility could be shown.

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EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.—The British Medical Journal declares its opinion that the charges which have been put forward of explosive bullets having been used by the commanding armies have been groundless; and is inclined to believe that the Articles of the St. Petersburg Convention have been faithfully adhered to, notwithstanding the mutual recriminations to the contrary by both French and German Governments.

ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE DURING THE WAR.—In an article on the above subject the Paris Times says:—We are unjust towards England. We forget that she sympathized strongly with us from the moment that the war became one for the defence of our soil.

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How TO CURE THE DOCTOR.—A soldier, a patient at Herbert Hospital, Shooters Hill, a few days ago wrote the following advice to comrades:—Previous to going to hospital rub your face with chalk, ready for the word. Put out your tongue; then, when the doctor is going to feel your pulse, be sure to knock your elbow against the wall, and it will beat to any number in a minute; then, if you wish to persevere to be invaded, be on the look-out for a friend to bring you a bit of raw bullock's liver every morning, in order to spit blood for the doctor; of course, have a little bit of the liver in your mouth under your tongue, fresh, ready for him when he comes round the hospital ward, and have a good piece ready to spit out for him when he approaches your cot; then give a great sigh and a groan, and you are sure to be ordered lamb chops, chicken rice pudding, port wine, Guinness's stout—in fact, you may live on the fat of the land for the remainder of your soldiering which will not be long; but, dearest, don't you be sure of a pension, even under ten years' service. We hope there are not many in hospital quite so clever as this "old soldier!"

The whole of the facts as to the alleged burning of a captain of frames-firers by German troops near Dijon have just been made public in a letter to a medical officer of the Baden Division, which first appeared in the Freiburg Gazette. The witness recounts the arrival of the body in Dijon, where it was found after the German troops had captured and evacuated that place.

UNITED STATES.

BRIST BUTLER.—ANOTHER PAGE OF HIS HISTORY.—A correspondent who professes to know a great deal about the history of Gen. B. Butler, writes to say that the chief reason for Butler's animosity against England was the comments of the English journals, and more especially of Lord Palmerston, then Prime Minister of England, upon Butler's celebrated woman order issued while he was in command of New Orleans.

They run the franking system in the United States not wisely but too well. A little while ago the hon. James Brooks made himself a beautiful renown by a free legislative distribution of the hand-bills of a certain chicken-show towards which in the hours of certain his gigantic intellect was wont to unbend.—Now we have the hon. J. M. Cavanaugh, Delegate from Montana, franking the printed circulars of a Washington tavern-keeper.