

land many able men who in all the fervor of their eloquence urged the justice of the stand taken by the American Colonies ; and to-day when Canada voluntarily taxes her population, and sends her flesh and blood abroad in support of the flag, it is not surprising to see how London welcomes the idea of colonial representation in the Home Parliament.

A peculiar winter this ! Rain follows frost, and sunshine, shower without order or apparent reason. We have long expected to be told that the Gulf Stream has changed, or that under-currents come express from some warm country to effect the change in our climate ; but these explanations not forthcoming, we are inclined to attribute the changeableness of the weather to pure cussedness to excel in capriciousness anything within the memory of the oldest inhabitant !

IRELAND PAST AND PRESENT.

Over two thousand miles to the east of our fair Canada there lies amid the foaming billows of the Atlantic an island, sad but majestic, that presents subject matter for many a thought this day, when Irishmen the world over commemorate their national feast and do honor to St. Patrick, the glorious patriot of their beloved island. This morning, throughout the length and breadth of the Old and the New World, with the first rays of the rising sun, there ascended from earth to heaven, from the trembling lips of millions the sweet prayer of " God save Ireland." Those words first lisped at a loving mother's knee, repeated later in life, give rise to memories of the Ireland that was, and breathe a prayer for the Ireland that is to be.

For ages the school-house of the world she alone, with her neighboring sister, amid the ravages of Vandal and Goth saw Christianity unmolested when the dense cloud of northern