

Jules Ferrette, an ex-Romish-Dominican monk, ex-Presbyterian missionary, ex-applicant-for-orders in the English Church, who lately appeared in England, magnificently attired, claiming to be Bishop of Iona (a part of the diocese of the Bishop of Argyle and the Isles) and offering to supply all the defects of our English orders by reordination ! The eager attention offered to this mountebank, with his absurd claims, bearing their own refutation on their very face, by the self-appointed leaders in the work of Christian Union, shows how little the real principles of Catholic unity are by them understood, and how utterly unfit they are to promote the high and difficult task they have undertaken.

Dr. Macdonnell, provost of Trinity College, Dublin, died on the 24th January, aged eighty. By his death, that University has lost one of its best scholars, and perhaps the most popular man who, for many years past, has held this distinguished office. He was remarkable for the exactness and elegance of his scholarship, and few among his contemporaries had so wide a range of reading, or was so thoroughly conversant with the various departments of literature and science. On several occasions he was offered and declined the episcopal office. Of his sons, one, Sir Richard Graves Macdonnell, is governor of Hong Kong ; another is Dean of Cashel. Dr. Macdonnell was uncle to two distinguished Canadians, Chief Justice Meredith, and Edmund Meredith, Esq., LL.D., the Assistant Secretary West.

It is sometimes asked what is the English Church doing for the spread of the Bible and the advancement of religious knowledge ? The means of answering this question are not placed as readily within our people's reach as they ought to be. It is not generally known that nine-tenths of the funds of the B. & F. Bible Society are contributed by members of the Church. But, besides this, our Church's own Bible Society, the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, is every year doing a very large and increasing work in this field. The report for 1866, shows that the Society issued last year : Bibles, 182,424 ; New Testaments, 156,353 ; Prayer Books, 505,981 ; Religious and moral Books, 2,530,734 ; Tracts and unbound books, 3,250,527 ; total, 6,625,719. Of these, a very large proportion are supplied gratuitously, or far below cost price. Last year, Bibles and Prayer Books in common bindings were sold below cost price, at a charge to the Society's funds of \$57,000. In addition to the books published by the Society of a directly religious character, large numbers are issued of a sound healthy moral tone, suitable for schools, lending libraries, working men's clubs and reading rooms, hospitals and gaols, also for the use of our soldiers and sailors. Free grants were made last year of the Society's books to the value of \$34,000. An excellent illustrated magazine of a popular character, for the working classes, is now being published, price a penny a week. The Society has also translated the Bible into many, and the Prayer Book into nearly all foreign languages. These are some of the good works of this noble Society, in which it was engaged for more than a hundred years before the B. & F. Bible Society was originated. Ought not our readers to be better acquainted with it than they are ?

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