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GLADSTONE, THE RITUALIST, AND THE ROMISH PRIESTHOOD.

At the recent elections in Ireland the Priests of Rome in that country distinguished themselves not a little as the friends and supporters of the arch traitor—the infamous Gladstone. And there are men to be found in this country that would feel highly insulted to be suspected of anything mean or dishonest, who unite heart and soul with this ecclesiastical robber and his fellow-knave John Bright, as if they were the most virtuous men in the realm.

The issue of the late Drogheda election petition has ended, and the presiding judge has declared that the Gladstone Radical, Mr. Witworth, was not duly elected, and that his election therefore is null and void. The common outcry of the Radical journals always has been against landlord influences, and the intimidation of agents and bailiffs, which they always sustain by drawing largely

on their vivid imaginations, when sober facts fail them. But what will they say now after reading the whole, or even part, of the evidence as published in the *Belfast Weekly News* of the 23rd of January last. The learned judge who heard it had no difficulty in deciding—the Radical candidate and his Gladstone agents were guilty of acts the most dishonourable and unjust; a system of fraud and intimidation was organized, and outrages committed by them calculated to defeat, and in fact did defeat hundreds of voters from exercising their franchise.

It is unnecessary that we repeat here any of the riotous and disgraceful scenes which occurred, when neither age nor rank could escape the violence of the Popish Gladstone mobs, who employed every sort of missile, and set on inoffensive Protestant Loyalists by certain Priests, whose phials of