

hearers, the Rt. Rev. gentleman added, "he did nothing in '48 that I and thousands of my countrymen would not have done under the same circumstances." We again are compelled to express our regret that Dr. Connolly did not allow the dead to sleep in peace, without obliging us to refer to this most painful subject.

Delivered in the house of God, the political oration of the Doctor would have been unchristian, even if all Ireland were traitors to the government; but he quite well knew the reverse to be the fact. He is very far from being ignorant of the truth, that a large majority of the wealth and intelligence of Ireland have been, and are to-day, warmly loyal to England. But when the Doctor comes to be fairly understood by the Irish people, he means the subjects of the Pope in the island, for Protestants, although natives of the country, have no right to the soil; and the good Bishop regards them as strangers, aliens, and foreigners!!!

It is very ominous indeed, and should arouse the suspicion of every Englishman, that Doctor Connolly cannot so much as deliver a funeral oration without calling in question the authority of the venerable establishment of the country, and denouncing her as an "intolerant nuisance." The celebrated Dr. Milner once said that if they could only cripple the Church of England they would have no fears of overcoming the influence of all other Protestant bodies; and it appears the Halifax chief is of the same opinion, therefore the "intolerable nuisance"! He spoke about the injustice of Romanists being obliged to support the Protestant establishment. Shall we tell the learned gentleman that the Church of Ireland is supported by her own property, and not by any tax whatsoever. If the Right

Rev. gentleman should lease to tenants his own houses or lands, he without doubt would consider us very uncourteous to call him an intolerable nuisance because he received a fair and reasonable rent from his tenantry for value received. She owns the tythe, and she consents to take from the tenant about *one third* the value of her lawful claims. Had not the good Doctor been a little prejudiced against the Church, he never would have given utterance to the statement that the Irish Church was "forced upon a reluctant and downtrodden people."

One thing is abundantly certain that upon this subject the Archbishop and the Fenian Head Centres think precisely alike, except on the physical force question, and if he thought there was a fair probability of success, we will just quote his language, and leave our readers to judge his opinions upon that question also. He said: "To begin and not succeed, like Poland and the Southern States, would only *dye their hills with the blood of the martyrs*;" and so the Fenians taken in arms against the Government would be only martyrs after all.

In another separate article we promise our readers a reply, or at least a notice of Dr. Connolly's ideas of the supernatural power of his clergy, as contrasted with the human authority of the Protestant ministry.

We rejoice to learn by the oration that the learned Bishop and his Romish friends have been taught a lesson from the past. He said they tried their hands upon different occasions before, but that in every case they were unsuccessful, that in every single case they were worsted and put to flight. This he attributes to their physical weakness, but we attribute it to the power of God, as exerted in behalf of his Church and people. In 1690 alone the Romanists were to the Protestants as three to