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The London Spectator has a note lately on the condition of the disestablished Protestant Church of Ireland, which points to a state of financial distress within its once well-fed and prosperous ranks, that is all the harder to bear because, as the appended extract shows, it receives but scant sympathy and still less assistance from the property-holders who were once its obedient servants.

"The synods held by the Disestablished Church of Ireland are none of them encouraging, but some of them of them very much the reverse. At Ardagh the bishop of Kilmore has been telling a most dismal tale of the indifference of the land-owners to the welfare of the church."

SALF OF LIVES.—"My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." The reproach is to day as potent as when first uttered. We in Ireland are pretty well rid of the traffic in holy things which for centuries degraded the nation.

A very curious proceeding has come to an end at Dunmaway. For nine weeks two men named Collins, father and son, were brought up at the Petty Sessions as witnesses upon a prosecution for breaking of the windows of Kilmeeen Protestant Church, but refusing to give evidence, on the alleged ground that they feared to criminate themselves, they were sent to prison from week to week for the contempt.

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COUNTY OF ARMAH ELECTION.—There can now be no doubt that there will be a fierce contest for the County of Armaigh between the Orangemen and the Tories! against the continuance of whose domination there is an almost incredible Orange revolt all over Ulster.

THE STORM.—The storm has been productive of a wreck on the coast of Wicklow, attended with serious loss of life. It appears that about seven o'clock on Saturday evening a vessel named the John Scott, of Whitehaven, struck on a dangerous reef known as the Indian Reef, off the point of Ballygannon Point.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY A LADY.—Between eleven and twelve o'clock on Saturday night a lady named Mrs. Eliza Boyce, of 95 Lower Gardiner-street, Dublin attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself into the river at City-quay.

THE DISTRICT CORONER, Mr. John Cullinan, with Dr. P. M. Dillon, held an inquest to-day at Kilmamona, within a few miles of Ennis, on the body of John Linnane, aged 26, whose death occurred on Wednesday evening under the following circumstances:—It appeared in evidence that deceased had been invited to a wedding, held the night before, at the house of a man named Hegarty, and having drunk to excess, he went out into the yard, and stretched himself on a car, where he was found next morning by some of the party in an almost lifeless state, and died about four o'clock in the evening.

AFFRAY BETWEEN COASTGUARDS AND PEASANTS IN GALWAY.—A timber vessel was recently wrecked near Golden Head, Co. Galway, and the cargo was drifted ashore in great quantities, and a good deal of it was taken by the inhabitants.

FRAUDULENT ENLISTMENT.—On Tuesday at the police court, Limerick, Patrick Ryan was charged with fraudulent enlistment in the City Artillery Militia, having been previously enrolled in the Royal County Limerick Regiment of Militia.

THE EVENING MAIL (Orange) says it has good authority for stating that the Catholic Bishops have withdrawn their opposition to the rule of the National Education Board requiring three months' engagement between the National School managers and the teachers.

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THE IRISH TIMES says:—"Judging from the number of recruits arriving in Enniskillen nearly every day, for the 61st Regiment, one would suppose that the army is not altogether in such disfavour with the youth of the country as had been represented."

AN ACT OF KINDNESS.—In these times of distress and want of fuel, Mr. Stapleton kindly gave to the poor all the timber that could be conveniently spared on the Kildalkey estate.

AT BELFAST, Mrs. Strickland, in whose house Charlotte Rea was concealed, and Mrs. O'Hagan and her two daughters, in whose house some of the property of the two victims were found, have been committed for trial.

THE WEATHER.—Nothing could be more favorable than the weather continues to be for tillage. The ground is in capital order, and accordingly there is extreme and almost unprecedented activity through the country districts.

DISTRESS IN GORT.—There is a great amount of destitution in this poor district owing to want of work, and the hard winter. Several of the clergy, nobility, and gentry are exerting themselves like true Christians and keep positive want from the people, but their resources are small and need external aid.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS several Irish peers have made complaints of the operation of the Land Act, and especially of the want of any statutory definition of tenant right.

THE LIMERICK REPORTER says that the taxes paid by the citizens of Limerick yearly amount to £573,372, and that the city property is already mortgaged for £4,604,625.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND.—In the House of Lords, Lord Buckhurst drew the attention of the Upper House to a question which has recently attracted considerable notice in England. The subject which formed the theme of Lord Buckhurst's remarks was the treatment of Catholic children in English workhouses, in religious matters.

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A COAL-CUTTING MACHINE.—The present difficulty in England of getting a sufficient "out-put" or supply of coal from the mines, owing to the increased demand and diminished supply, will probably lead to the introduction of machinery for that purpose.

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