tered. Do you not see the gulf which is yawning to swallow you up! Do you not see the butchers who are waiting with hellish eagerness for their victim? But no; you listen not; it is as if the hand of God Himself were sweeping you forward on the path of destruction, in punishment for your long, wilful blindness. Ab the punishment I fear will be terrible, for you have not feared, in your rathness, to lay your hand upon the Lord's anoisted."

The old man fell weeping upon his knees, pouring out fervent prayers for God's pardon for miserable Italy.

His prayer was long and earnest. At last he rose, and returned to the Hermitage, to resume his place by Victor's sick bed.

The morning dawned, and found him still watching there. When he at last entered the room where Joseph and Martin had passed the night, he found them both already dressed and quite recovered from their fatigue.

This was a great satisfaction to the good bermit, and he now made many irquiries of the young men concerning their country, their families, and, above all, concerning the late battle and their bappy escape.

Joseph fully satisfied the curiosity of his host, who was moved to tears by his simple narrative of the noble bearing of the three Zouaves.

Joseph was still in the middle of the battle of Castelfidardo, when the door was gently opened, and a young girl came in, who, at the sight of the strange soldiers, drew back timidly with an in voluntary ' Accidente !' the favorite exclamation of all Italians on any unexpected occurrence.

Come in Marietta, said Fra Paolo, smiling at her terror. 'You need not be afraid; these are brave men who have come to defend our Holy Father.

At these last words, which entirely removed ber fears, Marietta came forward, and gave the two Zouaves a friendly greeting.

Good morning, Fra Paolo 'said she next to the Hermit. . Mother has sent me to inquire after your bealth."

Brave, my child, was the answer. Are they all well at home?"

· We are well in health,' answered Marietta; but we were terribly frightened by that fearful battle. Were these signori engaged in it?'

Yes, Marietta; and I have been happy emough to afford them a shelter after the defeat. But you see they cannot remain in my poor Hermitage, especially as I have taken charge of a third—their wounded companion. I have thought of your family, Marietta, as likely to belp me in the work of charity.'

Oh it was a good thought, good Fra Paolo. How pleased my parents would be to do anything for our Holy Father's defenders.'

'Is your brother Lorenzo at home?' · He was obliged to go with a message to Loretto; but he will be at home again at mid-

day.' · Very good; we shall be sure to hear tidings. Tell him, Marietta, to come to us this evening, and after nightfall to guide our two Zouaves to your house; and take care that when they are with you, they may have no reason to complain | bad just fulfilled the orders of their commander." of your hospitality."

The girl made no answer, and remained for a

few moments lost in thought. What are you thinking about?' asked the

Hermit, ' you seem to be dreaming.'

I was thinking of the wounded Zouave, Fra Paolo. Could I see him?' " Certainly, child,' said the good old man; and

he led her into the room where Victor was asleep. They were followed by Joseph and Martin.

The wounded Z wave was still sleeping peace fully, and there was a slight color on his noble countenance.

Marietta fell on her knees by the bed, and looked at the sleeping soldier with a mixture of reverence and compassion.

Poor young man!' said she with a sigh. And then turning to Fra Paolo-

'You will cure him, will you not, good Paolo?'

your prayers for his recovery.' Oh, assuredly. Whenever I kneel before the image of our Lady, I will pray for him to the Heart of the good Mother of Compassion, and 1 will offer up my Communion for him next Sunday. Poor young man.'

Victor just then opened his eyes, and looked round him in amazament; but he soon saw his two friends, and recognized the Hermit

'Thanks, thanks, good man,' said be ; 'you have snatched me from the jaws of death. 'No more of that,' answered Fra Paolo,

rather tell me how you feel.' 'God he praised,' was the answer. 'I feel

already much relieved by your remedy.? Well, then,' said the Hermit, 'I expected as much. This is not the first time that my balsam has produced good effects. But I must not let you speak much; it would tire you and might have worse consequences. Shake bands, then, with your brave companions, and compose your-

self again to rest; it cannot fail to do you good." Joseph and Martin gave him their bands, which he pressed affectionately.

Rest in peace, my son, said Fra Paolo, as he left the room; 'we will soon return to see whether you want anything.

' Povero giovane,' said Marietta, with a sigh. In the evening appeared Lorenzo, Marietta's brother, according to the Hermit's desire. He was a powerful young man, with an open

countenance. hery eyes and black bair. His bearing was simple, but free, and he held his head erect, with a certain air which seemed

to say that he was not afraid to look an enemy in the face. He greeted Fra Paolo respectfully, and then

shook hands heartily with the two Zouaves.

Brave voi, cried be. 'You and your comrades are brave soldiers. We may well rejoice in having you in the midst of us. But, Fra Paolo, where is the poor wounded man? Ma rietta has talked to me so much about him that I am all eagerness to shake bands with him.

'Come to the next room,' was the answer.

the course on which you have so recklessly en- (the door, here is a new friend come to see you.' Lorenzo was by the sick bed before Fra Paolo bad finished speaking, and embraced Vic-

tor with enthusiasm ' Caro ferito. He is a martyr of the Lord, Fra Paolo, is he not?"

But a martyr whom we shall cure, I hope. Victor, indeed, was visibly better, thanks to the skillul care of the Hermit, who had formerly practiced medicine. 'He knew not,' he said, how to express his gratitude for all the kindness shown him."

'There is no need of it,' answered Lorenzo. Who could be cold blooded enough not to feel the heroism evinced by the Pontifical troops, and their shameful treatment by the enemy?

'True, true, Lorenzo,' interrupted the Hermit. 'You have just come from Loretto; tell us all you have seen and heard there. First, has de La Moriciere reached Ancona in safety ?'

'Has he reached it? Yes, indeed; and the best of it is, he glided through their hands like an eel, and reached the fortress yesterday even-

How?' asked Joseph. 'Have our troops made their way through the body of the enemy?' ' No Signor. The commander alone, with a few followers, passed by Umana, where the way was open; the rest of the army retreated to Loretto.

Did the Piedmontese pursue them ? 'No fear of it; they had no desire to make any further acquaintance with your comrades' payonets, and they contented themselves with watching them from the top of our bills. It was only this morning that your companions entered into a treaty with the Piedmontese for the sur render of Loretto, on the promise that they shall be suffered to depart in freedom with arms and baggage.'

A gleam of satisfaction, lighted un Victor's face at the tidings.

But it is impossible to describe,' continued Lorenzo, what I saw at Loretto. I went into the Church of the Santa Casa. What a scene did it present. The floor was covered with straw and mattresses, on which lay a multitude of wounded soldiers; their bands rested against the bard wall or on the steps of the altar. They were victims for God, for whose rights they had fought and suffered. The Sisters of S. Vincent of Paul were carefully attending them, and all the time the Holy Sacrifice was being offered. As the Priests said their Masses, the offering of these noble heroes was thus united to that of the Heaven. No; as long as I live, I shall never

forget that sight.' Fra Paolo and the rest of the audience were deeply moved by the simple description of Lorenzo, who was obliged to stop for a moment to master his own emotion.

'Calmness and resolution.' he resumed. reigned in this sanctuary of suffering and of faith. Or, if it were broken for a moment by the involuntary groan of a wounded man writhing under the surgeon's hand, Christian fortitude soon recovered its mastery over pain. The wounded were calm and serious, after the manner of men who awaited the command of their God, as they

But,' interrupted Joseph, ' what, in the meanwhile, became of the dead? They have as suredly received the last duties of Catholic piety. To be Continued.)

IRISH INTELLIGENCE,

Mr D'Arcy, M.P., has received the following letter on the Land Question from the Right Rev. Dr. Far long, Bishop of Ossory, who is now at Rome : -

Rome, Irish College, March 7, 1870. Dear Mr D'Arcy, Most of the Irish Bishops now assembled in Rome having conferred together on Mr Gladstone's Bill, and being fully impressed with the belief that its provisions are totally inadequate to the attainment of the objects contemplated by it, deem it advisable to intimate their views on the subject to the members of Parliament from their respective districts, merely as suggestions, but not with the intention of interfering with any course of I hope so. Marietta, I am sure we will have action with regard to the bill which they may deem more prudent and more effective. The bishops desire that the bill should recognize and legalise for Ire land generally the right of all agricultural tenants to improve their holdings and to continue in occupation thereof unless just cause be abown in the Land Court for their eviction or for the presention of certain improvements 2. That the tenant, in case of an attempt to raise his rent, should have the right of appeal to the Land Court for adjustment. 3. That all agricultural tenants, on parting with their farms or holdings, whether voluntarily or otherwise, should have the right to sell in open market, the goodwill and improvements, such sale to be sobject to the approval of the landlord, or the sanction of the Land Court, as well as to the privilege of preemption by the landlord. 4. That all clauses against tilling any portion of grass farms be null and void

5. That tenants have the right to sub-divide their farms in favour of their relatives within such reason able limits as the Land Court may approve. These are some of the improvements the bishops would wish to see introduced into Mr. Gladstone's Land Bill. Of course the difficulty of recasting the bill in that form is such as to render the task well nigh hopeless, yet the bishops deemed it desirable to intimate to the Irish members their own sentiments. that they might carry them out as far as it might be found practicable, if according to their own views. As I am at the present moment very busily engaged, I regret that it is not in my power to communicate directly with all the members for the county Wexford, but I take the liberty of asking you to present it to each of them for perusal, and to bespeak their kind consideration in regarding it as addressed to himself .- With kindest regards to all believe me, dear Mr D'Arcy, yours fuithfully.

+ J. FURLONG. Dr. Leaby, Bishop of Dromore, 18 silent on the Land Question, but elequent in his denunciation of the Fenians, whom he calls 'apostles of evil, who, under the mask of patriotism, are striving to alienate the hearts of the Irish people from their pastors.' Several of the Catholic hierarchy have now spoken out on the subject.

The Roscommon Gazette says-During the past week 20 or 25 persons left this immediate neighbourbood for America. About two years ago a woman left this t wa, and last week her husband received a letter from her enclosing passage 'ickets for himself and three children. This fact speaks volumes. A Cork policeman recently furnished a definition

of the crime of being disorderly, which it may be useful to record. He brought up a man whom he

what he meant by disorderly, the policeman replied, faith . . Well, yer Honor, he was shouting out Death or glory

The Committee of the Land and Labour League baving sent a memorial to Mr. Gladstone, in the same of the League, protesting against the provisions of the Irish Peace Preservation Bill, some of the clauses of which they stated they consider tyrannical and oppressive, have received from Mr. Gladstone a reply to the effect 'that the bill is not intended to restrict the freedom of the Irish people, but only the disturbers of Ireland's peace.

It is a suggestive fact that very few of the late victims of agrarian outrages have been landlurds. Most of those threatened or otherwise molested belong to a comparatively inferior rank in society, and there is an opinion prevalent that some of the fortureloving landlords have contributed to the propagation of murderous secret societies in order to make political capital out of the disturbed state of the country.

The heavy sentences pronounced on the Killacney rioters at the Assizes have not deterred others from following their example On Friday night a crowd collected and threw stones at the police barracks. Two of the ringleaders have been arrested.

It is said that two large ricks of hay, about forly tons, the property of a farmer and hay dealer, named Foran, residing near Castlerickard, were burned down on Sunday night, 20th ult. There was no clue to the perpetrator.

A correspondent of the Leeds Mercury writes: - It is rumoured that the report of the Commission on Irish Education is in the hands of the Government, but that for sufficient reasons there is no intention at present to make it public. It is alleged that, with one exception, the commissioners report in favour of the denominational scheme advocated by Cardinal Cullen. The House of Commons is hardly prepared for the extension of the denominational system to Ireland, but it is no secret that the views of some of the most influential members of the Government coincide with those of Cardinal Callen upon this

Government spies and detectives were never so numerous as at present. Every town and village in our county-in Ireland-is visited by those scorpions of society, and the people must needs be on their guard lest the poisonous sting of those 'honest lagoes' dare disturb their peace, or bring suffering into their domestic circ'es. They are like unto a legion of locusis, with all the voracity of vultures, and-like demons of fury-they pounce upon the timid and unwary 'like a thief in the night, when they are least expected.' We therefore tell the people of Mayo in particular to-Beware! Those prowling wolves of degraded humanity are once more upon the march they are disgused in every conceivable manner, and the only possible preventative the public have to ward off the 'contagion' disseminated by those unhallowed sycophants of the Head Con stable Talbot class, is - to use caution !- Mayo Tele graph.

It is stated that, a few days ago, a letter of a mis chievous nature, containing some fulminating com Lamb of God, and ascended as one sacrifice to pound, was sent to Lord Strathnairn. It lay for some time without being opened, and got damp, so that no explosion was produced by the act of break ing it open. - Dublin Express.

> A petition has been presented against the return of D C. Heron for County Tipperary, on the grounds -1. That certain persons who voted were legally incapacitated from voting 2 That certain voters were employed as agents &c. 3. Undue influence 4. Bribery 5. Treating 6. That defendant, his agents, and other persons did procure interruptions and delays in the transmission of telegrams, &c., 7. Personation. The petitioners are two in number. They have until Monday next to give the necessary security for the costs of the proceedings. - Mail of

> On Saturday night two of the Ki'sheelan constabulary, Constable Balman and Sub Constable Ph lips, were walking outside the village, and observed a man attempting to conceal himself under a hedge They interrogated him, when he decamped; both pursued him. On Philips coming up near him he fell across a drain, and on recommencing pursuit the fugitive fired on him, but without effect. The man afterwards made his escape to Gurteen Wood, and has not since been heard of.

> A sharp lesson was administered to railway servants in a trisl at the Kildare Assizes. John Hoey, a guard on the Great Southern and Western Railway. as convicted of having caused the death of a porte named Walsh at Newbridge in July last, It was proved that the deceased went between the carriages to secure the couplings, and the prisoner, without giving him proper warning or seeing that all was right, as it was his duty to do, had the train set in motion, and the man was instantly killed. The jury accompanied their finding with a strong recommendation, which the Chief Baron complied with. and sentenced the prisoner to two months' imprisonment.

> SLIGO, TUBEDAY .- A seizure of arms has been made in the town of Tobercurry, under very extraordinary circumstances. On Saturday last a large barrel arrived, per goods train, at B. llymote Railway Station, purporting to come from Messra Rawlinson and Co. Leeds, and directed to Mr. Robert Clarke, Toher curry That day the carrier plying between Bally mote and Tubercurry brought it to Mf. Clarke's establishment in the usual way. Mr. Clarke bimself being from home. When he did come home, he was surprised to see the barrel, as he did not expect such goods, and on opening it, he was still more astonished to find it fall of rifles, swords sword-bayonets, and several rounds of ammunition. He at once communicated with a magistrate, by whose advice he sent for the sub-inspector of the district, who took charge of this extraordinary consignment. As it is well known that Mr. Clarke would not have any dealings with such articles, it is supposed that they were directed to him to avoid suspicion, and, by some miscalculation, the consignee did not come in time enough to the Station for the cask .- Evening Mail.

CONSTITUTIONAL AGITATION VERSUS PHYSICAL FORCE -We Catholic Opinion have already said how deeply we regret that it was thought necessary to enact exceptional legislation for Ireland, on account of violence and threats of violence such as no Go vernment can treat with impunity without forfeiting its claim to the respect of the governed. Ireland has won her emancipation, so far, not by acts of violence - these have only been the occasion of deferring the triumph of her cause. She has won her way by the invincible providence of God, by the inherent justice of her cause, and by the nower of legitimate agitation. We quote from Father Bourke's magnificent oration at the translation of the remains of O'Connell the following passage, sublime in the eloquence of true wisdom. 'Two ways opened before him,' said Father Rourke, standing by his tomb; one was a way in which many had trodden in former times - many pure and high-minded men; it was a way of danger and of blood. which the history of his country told him had ever ended in defeat and in greater evil. The sad events which he bimself had witnessed warn. ed him off that way; for he saw that the effort to walk in it had swept away the last vestige of Ireland's national legislature and independence But another path was open to him, and wisdom pointed it out as 'the right way.' Another battle field lay before him on which he could vindicate all the rights of his religion and of his country. The armoury was furnished him by the inspired Apostle when he said.

. and take unto you the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God,' O'Conneil knew we'll that such weapons in such a hand as his were irresistible; that girt round with the truth and justice of his cause, he was clad in the armour of the Eternal God ; that with words of peace and order on his lips with the strong shield of faith before him and the sword of elequent speach in his hand, with the war cry of obedience, principle, and law, no power on earth could resist him,

'Such a battle once begun Though beffled oft, is ever won;'

for it is the battle of God, and nothing can resist the Most High. Accordingly be raised the standard of the new war, and unfurled the banner on which was written, freedom to be achieved by the power of truth, the cry of justice, assertion of night and the omni potence of the law. Religious liberty and perfect legal equality was his first demand. The new apostle of freedom went through the length and breadth of Ireland. His eloquent words revived the hopes and stirred up the energies of the nation; the people and their priesthood rallied round him as one man; they became most formidable to their enemies by the might of justice and reason, and they showed themselves worthy of liberty by their respect for the law Never was Ireland more excited, yet never was ireland more peaceful.

The Evening Standard of Thursday gives publicity to the following report, which 'needs confirma-tion':-We have just learned that a most extensive seizure of arms was effected this day, at the Quay, North Wali, by the detective officers of the G division. There seems very little doubt, from the manner in which the weapons are consigned, and other suspicious circumstances connected with them, that they are of a convraband character. The particulars connected with the seizure we have been unable to obtain, nor are they likely to transpire for a few dava

The 'Standard' remarks that in Ireland, after the passing of the Land bill in order to protect himself from absolute confiscation, the landlerd must charge the incoming tenant with the compensation paid to his predecessor; and the result will be that every small holding will be burdened in perpetuity with a tenant-right varying according to size, and largest on the smallest holdings. Therefore, no man will hereafter be able to obtain land unless he is prepared to pay five or seven years' rent down At present, even in some parts of Rogland, and much more generally in Ireland the diligent, industrious, skilful. and saving agricultural labourer may become a farmer. The hope of rising in this way keeps a whole class conten ed, raises their moral tone, improves their character and gives them hope. under this bill no Irish labourer need ever hope to become a farmer; for an entrance fee of £5 an acre, more or less, will be demanded on admission to every holding under £100 a-year. The position of the labourer will therefore be greatly deteriorated by the bill. He will feel that, unless be emigrates, he wust be a labourer for life, and a labourer for low wages on the lands of poor and needy employers. He will have no prospect, however vague, of bettering his condition.

At a meeting of the Tipperary Tenant League, held in the town of Tipperary on Tuesday it was resolved that, inasmuch as the Government Land Bill was a defusive measure, and all attempts to bring it up to the requirements of the people were resisted by the Government, any further labours for its amendment on the part of the League would be perfectly useless. It was agreed that there was nothing now left for the people but to agitate for a Repeal of the Union The Rev. Dr O'Neill, President of the League delivered a very impressive speech on the subject, in which he strongly denounced the traitorous conduct of the mejority of the Irish members, and he concluded by declaring the association, as a Tenant League,

It is reported that on Thursday night a party of armed men went to the house of a tenant of Sir Percy Nugent, a popular landlord in the county Westmeath, and, presenting a pistol, warned bim not to pay a sum of 30s, which is in dispute in the settlement of his rent The prohibition is one which quite talls in with his own views. Some time ago a person told him that his farm contained one acre less then he was paying rent for. When the next half year's payment became due he deducted 30s for the missing acre, and the rent was refused. He has since persisted in his refusal to pay, although it is necessary to say he is not charged for more land than he holds.

Died, March 17, at her residence Timmonerian Aughlim, county Wicklew, in her 100th or 101st, year, Mrs Margaret Carey. For upwards of six:y years the deceased resided at the above address, and during more than two-thirds of that long period she had to work her way singly through the world without the sid of busband or son, for the former is dead about forty years, and God never blessed her with the latter. Deceased enjayed most robust health until within the last twelve months In April last she, or the first time, took constantly to bed, her vigorous mental faculties gave way, and the childlike period of dotage came on.

The progress of the Irish Land Bill in Committee is excessively slow. After more than twelve hours only the first clause has been passed; but two cr three points were settled last night of cardinal importance, and we may hope the Divisions upon them will exercise considerable ir finence over subseque t discussions. It seems probable also that the members of the Government will become better acquainted with the principles of their Bill as the Committee proceeds At present it is impossible to disguise the truth that much time has been lost because those who have the conduct of the measure have not been perfectly agreed on the meaning and scope of its provisions .- Times.

The 'Times' asks - Is the Irish Press to be fettered or strangled? Not a bit of it. It will be just as free as the English Press, and has only to content itself with that equality to find a function and power of its own There is room enough for activity with out sedition. There is scope for the advocacy of the broadest possible reforms after all these seditions appeals have been dropped. Irishmen may be instructed in the arts of political and social progress without being advised to make Government impossible by riot, conspiracy, and murder. Short of incitement to violence and revolt, there is hardly a limit to the doctrines or principles which the Press may inculcate or defend. Within the bounds of the Constitution and the lines by no means ' hard and fast'-of the law as administered, an frish journalist has an ample field. He has only to renounce a single purpose he slready knows to be unlawful. though he may have succeeded in pursuing it in defisnce of the law. On that condition the Irish Press will be as free as ever, and Irishmen know it.

A vast amount of excitement was created in Ennis in consequence of a party of constabulary having visited the shops of all the newsvenders, outside of whose premises the announce-placards of the 'Flag of Ireland' and 'Weekly News' were exhibited and destroyed them. Crowds were eagerly perusing the startling and attractive headings of the bills at the time the police were executing their orders. The objectionable placards having been also displayed on the dead walls, were either torn down or be-smeared by the constables The following were the most prominent lines - 'The Reign of Terror:' 'The New Penul Law;' ' Message of War;' Shelving the Land Bill; 'Who are the Renegades?' 'Gagging the Press,' &c. Mr. Thomas Scanlan, newsvender, Brethren, our wrestling is not against principalities and powers.

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Therefore take unto you as the police represented as objectionable, provided the was allowed to keep the placards outside the about with truth, and having on the breastplate of shop, but he was told if he again exhibited them in *Come to the next room, was the answer. charged with this offence, and which the prisoner justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of any shape he would be taken at once before a mawould be impossible for us to obtain any expression botly denied. Asked by the magistrate to state the Gospel of peace, in all things the shield of gistrate, and punished.—Saunders.

The 'Cork Examiner' of a late date says:-The exodus has again begun, and there is every brosbect of its brobostions pend daits as Breat as of past years. The steamers which sail twice and three times a week take their full quota of passengers, and they even leave some behind. The Aleppo, of the Conard line, left yesterday; she took two hundred passengers. They were exactly of the same class, apparently, as that which has contributed the major portion of the emigration from this country for years past. Two more steamers will sail to-day, and one to-morrow. For all, a large number of passengers have been booked.

On the 23d ult, a party of police under Head Constable McNally, searched several houses in Cork, with what intent was not known. Nothing of consequence resulted from the search. It proved not a little annoying to some of the townspeople, inasmuch as they were obliged to leave their proper business to unlock their boxes, trunks and drawers for the full inspection of those functionaries

Judge Longfield has examined the Government Land Bill very minutely in a letter to an Iriah mem, ber of Parliament, and has criticised with great severity its three first and main clauses. The first which legalises Ulster tenant-right, is, be declares impracticable; and he applies the same remark to the second, which relates to tenents in other parts of Ireland holding under the usages by virtue of which compensation is made to outgoing leasnts. Under the third he shows that great injustice may be done -as, for instance, that a man may live seven years on a farm, and if he is to be paid a sum equal to seven years' rent, it would follow that he has held the farm rent free Judge Longfield reverts to his proposition for a Parliamentary tenant-right under which there shall be no notice to quit for improving tenants, who shall also, if the landlord give notice of an increased rent, have the option of paying it or of receiving a sum equal to seven years, value of the

It is reported that a gentleman living near Killensule, Tipperary, who was murdered on Monday night was a landlord who had recently evicted some

The chairman of the quarter sessions for the division of Newton-Butler, Fermanagh, congratulated the grand jury on there not b. ing a single criminal case for trial.

The Party Processions Act, against which the Northern Orangemen have been keeping up so vigorous an agitation, and which they so often trempled upon defiantly, is not to trouble them much longer. A Bill for its repeal, brought in by Mr J haston of Ballykilbeg, was read a second time on Wednesday night with the consent of the Government. But while the Orangemen are thus to be set free from restrains they consider galling, a new measure is to be brought in to put a stop to national demonstrations in all parts of the country. This new Coercion Bill is to be introduced shortly after Easter Its design, as stated by Mr Fortescue, is 'to give certain powers to the Government for de-ling with procession in Ireland everywhere and under all circumstances.' There had been in the course of the debate as well as in previous debates on the same subject, various references to the O'Connell procession the M'Manus Funeral, the Fureral of the Mancheeter Martyrs, and other processions of a patriotic and national character; and when on Wednesday evening the Solicitor General assured the House that the new measure would 'remove all sense of inequality as between one class of her Majesty's subjects and snother,' it was easy enough to know the meaning he intended to convey. The long and short of the matter is that our unfortunate country is in for a regular scourging at the hands of the Gladstone Government. - Nation.

On the 8th ult., Dr. John McFadden, Coroner, assisted by Dr. Sharpe, medical dispensary officer of the district, held an inquest or the body of a young man named Sheils, aged 23 years, in the townland of Kiletee, parish of Drumgoon (better known as the Glebe) about three miles from Cootebill. It arpeared that he had only been a few months married to a widow named Watson, alias Grabars, aged 35 years, whose husband died some short time previously, and had left her in comfortable circumstances. They lived unbappily, and he was heard to easy he feared her. On the 7th ult, she called him to dinner, after eating which he got sick and vomitted during the space of half an hour when he died. A dog, which licked up some of his vomiting, also died. Suspicion was aroused, search made and is said arsouic was found on a pan which was in the kitchen! The stomach of the man and dog were sent to a chemist for analysis .-Mre. Shells is under arrest, to await the result of the inquest which was adjourned to the 30th nlt. On the 24th uit., an investigation was held in the

Ballsjamesduff court-house into a charge of Ribbonism against four respectable young men, named respectively Jame Gillick, John Mullen, Robert Reilly, and Pat G. finey. It was charged that they with others visited the bouse of a farmer named Edward Lynch, of Kilnacrott, and forcing an entrance beat Lynch severely and made bim swear be would give up a farm be had purchased five years ago from a man who went to America. The crown prosecutor asked for a remand, but the court ruled that they would discharge the prisoners, there being actually no evidence against them. The partles then left the court and were warmly received by respectable friends who had manifes ed much anxiety in repudiating the charge preferred against 'hem. Our Dingle correspondent writes : - A gentleman

and been here recently on an Antiquarian excursion. Among the interesting objects which mostly attracted his intention was, a very important Druidical stone, that has escaped the notice of all the antiquarians who have visited this district This remarkable stone lies fl. t in the middle of a oaws-field; it is eight feet long; four feet broad; and about two feet in thickness In the middle of it is a hole fourteer inches square, and as many inches deep-which is neatly cut with a chisel; and the lower end of it is coming to a point, or tapering from top to bottow. The gentleman is o' pinion that it is a real Druidical stone; and that the hole so neatly cut in it was used for holding their 'blessed water.' The same geatle-man has also explored, but with some difficulty owing to the narrowness of its entrance - the very remarkable cave on the lands of Aughacarrible, and has taken copies of the f or Ogham inscriptions inride in it; two of which are on the two angles of one upright - which is a very rare thing to be met; and of the two crosser, each within a circle, both having been neatly carved on the face of one of the standing pillars which are holding up the huge flags that cover the said cave. Owing to its very narrow inlet, very few have attempted to explore the remarkable cave alluded to above. Neither tradition nor history has brought to light that any person, either in ancient or modern times, has explored the 'cave' on the land of Aughacarrible, near this town, but the following Antiquarians; - The late Richard Hitchcock (who was the first discoverer of it), the Earl of Dupraven, 'twice - first in 1851, and secondly in 1860; the Right Rev Dr. Graves, Bishop of Limerick and Arufert ; Dr Stokes, of Dublin, who went very near sticking in its mouth, and who must have endured great hardship, when passing in and out through its narrow inlet; and Dr. Busteed, of Castlegregory; and your Correspondent. - Examiner.

At the last assembly of the Cork Farmers' Club, a letter from Mr Butt, in reely to a suggestion for a national conference was read by the President to the meeting. The following gives its substance:-'I thick it would be difficult to fix a meeting of a conference under present circumstances with any prospect of its being of use. Ministers appear determined to press on the bill as rapidly as possible, and it of Irish opinion which could exercise the slightest