

DEATH OF THE REV. D. NOLAN, OF LEIGHLIN.—This worthy priest died at his residence on the 29th ult. His declining health had prepared him and his friends for his departure, but yet the announcement of his demise caused deep sorrow to the very large circle to whom he was justly endeared by the many virtues which adorned his character.

ATTACK UPON A POLICE BARRACKS.—The police of Clare have this short time back been vainly on the alert in quest of some two recognized members of a large party of midnight rovers, who were daring enough to pay a hostile visit to a country police station, at a place called Curranure, in the wilds of that county. The unmeaning reticence of the police renders it very hard to ascertain the exact facts; but the main outlines of this remarkable outrage have come to the knowledge of your correspondent, and may be regarded as strictly within the limits of the actual facts.

AN ORANGE LEADER IN TROUBLE.—On Monday Captain William Wolsey Madden, Grand Master of the Monaghan Orangemen, was brought before the Magistrates at Manchester, charged with a ferocious and unprovoked attack on two gentlemen, at the Queen's Hotel, in that city, on Saturday evening. It appears that Captain Madden has been staying at Manchester some time, and has been addressing Orange and Conservative meetings in that city and neighbourhood.

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ceasingly beneficial influence of the Catholic priesthood over their flocks. Yet these very statesmen—enlightened and judicious upon every point where their judgment is not biased by their Protestant prejudices—have set themselves, as it were of malice aforethought, to lessen the Catholic clergy in the sight of their parishioners, and to cause the children of all Ireland to be brought up, as far as Government money could be made to affect education, without God in the world.

THE STATE OF IRELAND.—The state of Ireland is very far from being consoling to those who take a deep interest in her honour or her welfare. No recent outrage has filled us with disgust or amazement; but as if to keep alive the sensations which outrage causes threatening letters are published now and then, each of which is in itself a grave offence not only against the law but against morality.

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of lawlessness and violence. Judging, however, by the character of the people, by the patience and long suffering which have marked the greater number under circumstances calculated to awaken despair and rage, recollecting their freedom from miscellaneous atrocities which distinguishes them from their neighbours, we feel abundant confidence that once the stimulus to passion is removed, the solitary stain upon the good fame of Ireland will have been wiped out.—Cork Examiner.

New military stations are about to be established at Ballshadereen, County Sligo, and Kanturk, County Cork.

A demonstration of sympathy with Mr. John Madden was made on Wednesday night, at Lurgan, under the auspices of the local Protestant Defence Association.

INFAMOUS.—Spies are at present moving about the country under various guises seeking to turn a penny on the passing excitement of the times. Those merciless bloodhounds, who have long feasted on the adversities of poor Ireland and her children, are always ready to earn the wages of sin regardless of truth, honour and virtue.

An investigation into the circumstances of the death of Mr. Achnincloch at Derriglen, who is supposed to have been murdered near Baniskillen, has been made by Captain Butler, resident magistrate.

IN REFERENCE to a recent case of four Catholic children whom the watchful zeal of the Arran clergy had snatched from the hands of cunning proselytisers, it is our welcome duty to record this week a generous and well-timed act of charity on the part of his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam.

WE confess that we are sorely disappointed by the measures introduced by Mr. Gladstone. We were led to believe that he was resolved to attend to the wishes of Ireland in framing his measure.

THE THORNCROFT RIOTERS.—The following threatening letter has been addressed to Mr. Chambers, one of the owners of the colliery:—'Prepare to meet thy God, as I insist on thee being a dead man if thou meanest to let us claim and starve. We mean to have it out of thee, as thy days are numbered. Prepare to meet thy God.—Yours truly, 'ONE WHO WISHERS YOU HELL FIRE.'

A SUCCESSOR to CALCAFR.—The increasing age of Calcafr readers is desirable that a successor to his post should be provided. The fact that there was likely to be a vacancy in this department of public service having become generally known, as many as 134 candidates applied for the office, one of them being a stalwart laborer in the Devonport Dockyard named Toll, who resides with his wife at Wilton street, Stoke, and has been employed in the dockyard for many years, earning now 15s per week.

'her Majesty's commission.' Toll has no family, and is now working in the boat-house as a laborer. He is popularly known as a 'clever pig killer,' having followed that avocation before entering the dockyard.—Western Morning News.

The following good story is told of a zealous English reporter, who nearly got himself into serious trouble by his efforts to get a 'beat' on a rival sheet:—He lived a mile or so out of town, and on the side of the road, for a considerable part of the way, was a thick grove. As he was returning home, late one night, after having seen the paper to press he observed that one of the trees near the roadside had an unusual appearance.

LOUIS BLANC ON JOHN BRIGHT.—In the Temps of Saturday last, M. Louis Blanc writes.—'Who would ever have thought of seeing Mr. Bright pining at a reform considered to be necessary? He is in despair at having to climb, with the load of Ireland on his back, to the top of a hill which appears to become steeper and steeper the nearer one approaches it.

THE TIMES ON EMIGRATION.—If, as some advocates of Emigration desire or imagine, the Colonies would gladly aid in the importation of able-bodied workmen from the teeming labour-markets of the Old World, will they give practical proof of their good intentions by supplying the necessary funds for the expenses of the outward voyage?

GREAT BRITAIN. Mr. Williams, of Oarphilly, has bequeathed a large fortune—a quarter of a million, it is said—to the Marquis of Bute, of whom he was no relative or connexion.

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and incense as heretofore. He is also declaring loudly for the severance of the Church from the State. In fact the present condition of the National Church is as deplorable as anything can be. The funds amongst its members, and their opposing views, are rapidly tearing it to pieces.

A most important discovery has been made in the land of Moab. It recently came to the ears of Captain Warren, the agent of the Palestine Exploration Fund at Jerusalem, that there existed a stone covered with writing at Dibon, the ancient Dibon, on the east coast of the Dead Sea, in the heart of the country of Moab.

OUR IRONCLAD SHIPS.—There are few subjects on which a popular book, written by a master hand, was more wanted than that of ironclad ships of war. Englishmen are justly proud of their ships, and are, perhaps, prepared to spend more money upon them than on any other national object that could be named.

UNITED STATES. Philadelphia has a claim to consideration in the divorce business, 330 couples having been disposed of this year.

A BOSTON paper mentions an individual there who clasps his hands so fervently in prayer that he cannot open them when the contribution-box comes round.

WASHINGTON, Feb 25th.—Every day that passes, strengthens the belief that a new basis for the settlement of the Alabama claims has been suggested.

A FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Mr. Whalley has become an advocate of the separation of the Church of England from the State, a circumstance which, in the minds of some persons, will recall Mr. Newdegate's charge that the member for Peterborough is in the pay of Rome.