## Anglo-Irish Letter.

THE DERBY DAY.

The Religious Body and the Scamps.

THEBRADLAUGHAFFAIR

Scene in the House.

[F. om Our Own Coorespondent.]

London, May 27, 1880. Yesterday the Derby was run for, and on the breezy Surrey hills, known as Epsom Downs, thousands of pounds were lost and won. The Derby is the greatest gathering of every kind of rascality in the world. The gambler and the welcher, the pickpocket and the blackleg, the roue and his victim, the young man with less brains than money, in a word, a marvelous assemblage of people down from royalty to the starving cripples who crawl between the carriages to pick up the crumbs that fall from the temporary tatles of the numerous luncheon parties. The course is sixteen miles on the south side of London, and from the city is approached by several roads and railways. Yesterday every thoroughtare was crowded and every railroad strained to its utmost to take to Epsom the thousands who were, by the lovely weather, tempted to the Derby. This great race was founded one hundred years ago by an Earl of Derby, who resided at a magnificent mansion close by the course called the Oaks, thus the two principal races are called the Derby and the Oaks, and yesterday being the centennary gave the event greater prominence. Epsom is a smart country town of about eight thousand inhabitants. and almost connected with the metropolis by a succession of little villages and streets of a succession of little villages and streets of ruption in England. Five thousand pounds new houses which are springing up around a year for ex-Lord Chancellors, and two London on every hand.

THE RACECOURSE

occupies a piece of high table land, a mile from the town and covering an area of about two thousand five hundred acres. It is un-cultivated, and in Canada would be called prairie, but here such tracts of untilled land are called commons or downs. On the course there is a railway station and two in the town, and yesterday the crush at those stations was something terrible. On the course there is a grand stand, admission to which is one guinea, a second stand, admission to which is ten shillings, and some hundreds of yards of other stands to which prices were from five shillings upwards. There is also a printing office and police court, so that unfortunates taken on the course may be dealt with there and then without delay or ceremony. The soil is a chalky formstion, and in warm weather becomes light and dry, and as vesterday was scorching, the clouds of white dust was simply blinding. The scene on the course was indescribable-no pen could depict it-not even the versatile one of Myles O'Regan, the famous writer from Lachine. Standing on the highest point of the hill the sight was truly amazing, miles of canvas tents, thousands of vehicles of every kind, costermongers' barrrows the pony shay, the open Landau, the country waggon, the family carriage, the aristocratic tour-in-hand, in fact, everything on wheels or drawn by women telling fortunes, and Gypsey men the matter. On this subject there was quite playing cocoa nut shies, at three shots a penny; petting men at their stands shouting the odds on every race; poor forlorn looking men and women selling correct cards of the races, names, weights and colors of the riders; nigger minstrels giving their entertainments between each race; bulldog-looking young fellows, with bullet-heads, flat noses and short necks, giving sparring exhibitionshuman animals showing the manly art of self-defence; girls of the period, in loud costumes, intermingling with the crowd; nondescripts of every kind, from the shoeblack to the gammon who would, by his expertness, leave the dangling chain outside while he would make tracks with the watch.

THE TRULY COSM OPOLITON CROWD

in order multitudes of police are on the course, both mounted and foot, besides a host of detectives. A little after one o'clock there is a blending of glasses on the royal stand, for the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family has arrived. Several members of the Cabinet and of both Houses of Parliament are also knocking round, and as some of the most notable put in an appearance they are pointed out by those who know them to those who do not. Just before the Derby the scene is an animated one. The clerk of the course, in red hunting dress, riding down between the ropes cracking his whip, after him squads of police, horse and foot, clearing the course and chasing the irrepressible Derby dog; the grand stand getting crowded with men, most of dually ceasing; the crowd taking up every coign of advantage from which the great event could be seen. Some of the horses are led along the course to the saddling paddock, where the jocks are weighed and mounted At last they come along for the preliminary canter, the favourites being cheered by their partizans. Again re-entering the paddock, they quietly walk out at the lower end to the starting post, which is in a valley, the racecourse itself being like the letter U, the base of which would form the saddling paddock, and the two ends of the straight lines in the letter the starting and winning posts. Nineteen went to the scratch, and the starter got them fairly off at the first lowering of the flag. Every neck is stretched and every breath hushed. From the people on foot the horses disappear for a few seconds in the furze bushes on the crest of the hill. They again emerge into the open towards Tottenham Corner, where they seem all in a cluster, but in the straight run for home they widen out. As they approach the grand stand the excitement is intense; the jockeys ply spur and whip most mercilessly, and leaning over the horse's ears, almost lift him at every stride. The contest is a severe one, until, in the final struggle, the Duke of Westminster's Bend or is declared a winner by a head, the time oc-cupied in the mile-and-a-half being two minutes and forty-six reconds. 14 =

THE VALUE OF THE STAKES he is rather pendrious, and, it so, he will put leould not on any other evening in the week. structions accompanying each packet.

the money in his pocket, and lay under the Shortening the hours of labor has been more terrible denunciation of the Derby, by Sir the object of the great trade union bodies Wilfred Lawson, that it was the greatest organized rescality in the world. This he said the other night when moving an amendment to Bichard Power's (member for Waterford) motion that the House of Commons adjourn | it he is kept any unreasonable time waiting over Derby day. Sir Wilfred contended that this was giving the race a semi-official character, the most religious and illustrious body in the world recognizing the greatest assemblage of scampdom on the face of the earth. Mr. Power carried his motion by a large majority, but it is an extraordinary fact that most of those who voted with him are the men op-posed to Charles Bradlaugh, the Athelst member for Northampton, taking his seat. They were also the prominent advocates of the Afghan and Zulu wars; the Sepoy to be let loose on the Afghan; the Kaffir on the Zulu; men, women and children massacred to PARNELL'S RECEPTION. extend the British Empire, spread the Gospel, and for the glory of God.

CHARLEY BRADLAUGH,

the infidel lecturer, is now, in England, the man of the hour, the opposition he has met with in Parliament raising him to the very highest pinnacle of prominence. At the recent general election he was elected by the borough of Northampton to represent it in Parliament. He would have been elected for the same place seven years ago but for the opposition of the Catholic bishop, but since then he nursed the constituency, and at the last election he carried everything before him. On taking his seat he declined to be sworn on the Christian oath, declaring his willingness to make a personal affirmation, as done by Quakers and Moravians. This a portion of the House objected to, and the matter, at the request of Mr. Gladstone, was referred to a select committee. This committee had for chairman Mr. Walcole, generally known as "Crying Walpole," member for the University of Cambridge. He was Secretary of State, in a Conservative administration, when the Hyde Park railings were pulled down by the mob some years ago, and seeing that the people would be successful in carrying the Reform Bill of 1866, it is said he burst out crying, hence the above appellation. As an ex-Cabinet Minister he has a pension of ten thousand dollars a year, to which all our Cabinet Ministers, after four years service, are entitled; yet there are those who will say we have no official corthousand pounds per year for ex-Cabinet Ministers, after being four years consecutively in office, is a consideration for those men to vote down any innovation. On the Bradlaugh Committee the voting for and against him was even, and the highly-pensioned Chairman voted in opposition to

A TERRIBLE INNOVATION

as a man taking his seat without being sworn. After this decision by the Chairman's casting vote, Mr. Bradlaugh wrote a letter to the papers saying he would take the oath in accordance with the Committee's action, but it would not be as binding on bim as a personal declaration. He objected to the oath because he was, in politics, a Republican; because he could not, in justice to himself, promise to pay blind obedience to the successor of the present Sovereign. It was childish and inconsistent with common sense to do so. He be lieved in human progress, and an obsolete oath on the threshold of the most important Legislative Chamber in the world prevented it. The day following the appearance of this formidable letter Mr. Bradlaugh presented himself at the table of the House to take the oath. When the card was handed to him by the Clerk of Parliament, Sir Henry Drummond Wolf, Conservative member for Portsmouth, objected. This gave rise to an animated discussion, in which there was a good deal of accrimony on both sides. The Irish party were divided, on a motion by Mr. Gladstone, horse or donkey. To attempt enumerating the sights would be a labor in vain. Gypsey

between the new member for Galway, T. P. O'Connor, and Philip Callan, member for Louth. O'Connor characterized the Brad-laugh agitation as a petty persecution, to which Callan replied that the hon. member for Galway was tainted with the same brush. To this remark O'Connor retorted by the terrible hard out, that Ireland did not want a champion of faith and morals, more especially in the hon, member for Louth: that Keogh and Sadlier were out and out champions, and afterwards deep-dyed traitors-inferentially meaning that Callan would be one if an opportunity occurred. In debate Callan is no inatch for O'Connor, who is really a smart fellow. Callan was accused by A. M. Sullivan of getting money from the Hon. James Lowther Beaconsfield's Irish Secretary, and the charge has not been rebutted, so that there probably is something in it. O'Conner is a literary man of some merit, his life of Lord Beaconsfield being now, especially with the Liberals, a standard work. He is a young man, and for the last three or four years has practised in the various Democratic clubs and the highest degree. We shall not, of course discussion forums throughout the city. The Committee is again formed, meantime Bradlaugh is

MAKING ALL THE HAY HE CAN. Last Sunday evening he lectured in the Hall of Science, Old street, St. Luke's, and although a charge was made at the doors, and the building capable of holding nearly two thousand people, there were as many turned away as could be admitted. Yesterday, under whom are either very bald or very grey; the dis and clatter of the various itinerants gra- ing of the electors of Northampton was held, and a thorough vote of confidence passed in Charles Bradlaugh, and to-day his colleague, Mr. Labouchere, brought in a short bill to enable him (Mr. Bradlaugh) to take his seat without the oath. People who scarcely knew anything of this very able infidel are now in shoals purchasing his works, especially his impeachment of the house of Brunswick, and infidelity and atheism has received an impetus such as was never seen before, because men who knew nothing of Bradlaugh are now canvassing his merits and demerits, and all, of course, drawing more or less different conclusions.

is to receive on Saturday, the 5th of June, from the Irishmen of London, a grand demonstration of welcome. It is likely to be a magnificent affair, not less than twenty bands of music being expected to take part in the proceedings. Already the work of organization is going on, and every district is getting ready its contingent to march from a given spot to the general rendezvous in Trafalgar Square. An illuminated address will be presented to Mr. Parnell in St. James Hall, one of the largest public buildings in London, after which there will be a meeting, and a second, or overflow meeting in Trafalgar ulcerations, and burns are presently benefitted Square.

THE HALF HOLIDAY

on Saturdays is a great boon to the working people of London. It enables them to do irritation of the bowels, and averts dysentery was six thousand three hundred and seventyfive pounds, but that sum in comparison to
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trades only work fifty-one and a half hours per week. Immediately on a Saturday a man's work is done his money is ready, and he can, in law, sue for the time. In all England it is weekly payments, and, the truck system and contractors keeping shops, being, by act of Parliament, abolished, a man can, early in the day, take his week's wages to where he may get the best value. He can wash and clean up, and, if so disposed, may, for a trifle, go into the country to recruit his health or enjoy the beauties of nature. The Committee is wise in having the demonstration on the Saturday, for men will on that day be able to come long distances. All Irishmen are not united as to the fitness of Parnell for party leadership, but in opinion they are as one man about the services he has rendered to poor, famishing Ireland, and this the London Irish will show an Saturday, the 5th of June.

THE WEATHER

is exceedingly dry, and farmers everywhere are calling out for rain, more especially in respect to the hay crop, which, for the waat of moisture, is at present short and yellow, but a few showers would make it all right.

CELTO CANADIAN.

#### Review of Books.

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#### PASTORAL LETTER

From the Bishop of Quebec

ON THE RESPECT DUE TO THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

And when the Sacrament of Penance is in question, religion adds a new weight to this reasoning.

What does a penitent do who comes before a civil tribunal and testifies against bis confessor, whom he accuses of having unjustly refused him absolution? He accuses in a cowardly manner a man who cannot defend himself; he exposes to public derision the Sacrament of Divine Mercy; he submits a case essentially ecclesiastical to a judge who may be a stranger to the faith, an infidel, an implous man, an atheist, . . . and who in any case does not possess that theological science necessary to see clearly into questions intimately connected with consciences, and in which the Church herself cannot interfers otherwise than in accordance with the rules prescribed for confessors. In order to judge thoroughly of the merits of the case, one should know the ins and outs of the case, one should know the ins and outs of the conscience of the accuser himself, and would he be willing to make these facts all known in a civil court?

At the tribural of Penance the penitent is more interested than anybody else in telling the truth, and nothing but the truth, and mothing but the truth, for his frankness is of itself, a mark of his good disposition and contributes to merit for him that pardon which he solicits: But at the tribunal of human justice would he make a similar avowal to justify his complaint?

And when it is a matter of politics, there are in the world, and expecially in our days, too many blind partizans who imagine that all

means are good which contribute to secure the triumphs of their party. We have already contemned this monstrons error; we have specially sought to banish perjury, and to inspire a horror of that erime; and with that object we have made it a reserved case, and have instructed the pastors of the faithful to explain the maliciousness of that offence twice every year. These presumptions should, it seems, suffice to destroy the credibility of evidence given under such circumstances, and to prove that it would be neither just, prudent, nor reasonable for a civil tribunal to permit the production of a witness and to sak him if absolution had not been granted him by his cenfessor, and if not, for what reasons it had been withheld.

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OF PENANCE.

We, by the Grace of God and of the Apostolic See, Archibalop and Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebe. Archibalop and Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Carlotte of Quebe. Health and Benediction in our Lord:—

Already, our very dear Brothers, in our common pastoral of 22nd September, 1873, oproposition of 22nd September, 1873, oproposition of a more advanced character, and which intended in the Intelligence of the Church. We then said: "Jesus Christ, said the Apostle Paul, so cloved His Church that he gave up His life for her (Sph. v. 25). After the example of our Plotted Missier and Model, andting ought to be said: "Jesus Christ, state it is an example of our little and the proposition of the Church of which we are members under the saine Head, which is Jesus Christ, Shie is our Mother, since shie has aggendered in us a life of grace. We ought to be public, we see her dignity and her liberity may be always ready it raise our voice in her defence, When, therefore, we see her dignity and her liberity min has been pattern, in respect to the defence, when, therefore, we see her dignity and her liberity min has been pattern, in respect to the defence, when, therefore, we see her dignity and her liberity min has been pattern, in respect to the defence of the pattern, in the control of the care of of th

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Given under our signatures, the sail of the Archdiocese, and the countersign of the Secretary of the Archdiocese, the first day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty, tE. A., Archbishop of Quebec, tl. F. Bishop of Three Rivers.

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