

ferent standpoints, I take the liberty of giving my impressions of

A CITY THAT OUGHT TO BE THE METROPOLIS OF A NATION, but is only that of a province. Any one who has seen the bustle and business of an English or Canadian town, would be surprised at the want of either in Dublin. Here all the railway systems are concentrated, yet there does not seem to be much traffic in the streets or along the wharfs; there are scarcely any four-wheeled vehicles used in the transit of goods, a striking evidence that there are no heavy manufactures of any sort; it is true there are some very fine buildings, but they were all erected when Dublin was the seat of an Irish Parliament, the Custom House, the Post Office, the Law Courts, the Exchange, the Bank of Ireland (formerly the Parliament House), and Trinity College, structures which would adorn any capital in Europe, but, on the other hand, an air of decay seems to overhang the entire city. In Dublin there are a great many whiskey shops and public-houses, which must be

A SOURCE OF POVERTY AND CRIME,

and, in my opinion, the sooner a large number of them are shut up the better. This is a hard sentence against a trade licensed by the State and returning to it immense revenues, but I am fully impressed with its truth, my experience teaching me that wherever they abound the poorer the place, and that they are the greatest drawback to the well-being of a community, certainly if they are any benefit at all, Dublin is pretty well blessed or cursed with them, as the case may be. Centuries ago a feudal baron would carry fire and sword into a town or territory, he would kill and burn on every hand, and often not spare age or sex; then, when the fear of an offended Creator would creep on him with old age, he would found a monastery and endow it lavishly, or else build a splendid church, or perhaps do some other pious act to cover a multitude of sins; this is almost the case with

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in our own day, as most of them affect philanthropy in some way; one preaches to a Sunday school, another gives