

A GREAT PRELATE.

To-morrow the venerable Archbishop of Tuam enters into his ninetieth year. He was ten years old when this century commenced. On the 25th of June, 1825, almost fifty years ago, he was consecrated Bishop of Killala. He was then only thirty-five years of age; but ripe in learning, wisdom, and all the attributes of men born to command. In 1834 he was translated to the See of Tuam in succession to Archbishop Kelly. It would be an exaggeration to say that he still retains his olden vigor unimpaired. Rarely does man surpass the three score and ten and still preserve considerable power of physical endurance. The Archbishop of Tuam has been blessed with a constitution of almost marvellous strength, and it has so far resisted the inroads of time that at the present moment he suffers from nothing more serious than the loss of force and activity natural at the age of ninety. It is not many months since he consented to delegate some of his administrative duties and seek at least partial repose. A year ago he went through his visitations without relaxing a rule or omitting a detail; and last Christmas Day he celebrated three Masses without leaving the altar. In all human probability he has yet many years of life before him, and millions of his countrymen throughout the world will fervently pray that the day he is to lay down his burden may be very far distant.—*Liverpool Times, March 25,*

—SPEAKING of the illustrious Father Lacordaire's loyalty to the Holy See, the *Catholic Universe* says: "No one can read his beautiful life without concluding that the great friar who re-established his order in France, and made the white tunic of the Dominican respected where not loved, and loved where before hated, was only true but tender in every beat of his heart to Rome. Indeed, it is evident that when higher French authority sought somewhat the ease of

the flesh-pots, it was the patience, the action, the burning oratory of Lacordaire that defended the liberties of Rome and the dignity of the Catholic Faith. He was better appreciated at Rome than in Paris; though Paris was the scene of his undying public triumphs. And, in Rome, he gave upon occasion the example of a cheerful unquestioning submission, which if it were the one act of his life, would stamp him, in our mind, as truly a man with a mission, and as truly a man of God."

BISHOP BEDELL ON EDUCATION.

Bishop Bedell, in the Church Congress said: Christian education must begin and be carried out to its best fulfilment in the family. The mother and the father are the true teachers. A deaf mute preacher had given him a valuable suggestion on this subject. In interpreting the parable of the prodigal son, he said that what brought him home was—not the husks and swine—but his early parental instruction. To educate the intellect without the development of the moral faculty, is to train up a devil. To educate the moral affections by neglecting the intellect, is to create a fanatic. True education is the leading out of all the faculties in harmony.—*Church Work.*

—Hath any wronged thee? be bravely revenged; slight, and the work's begun; forgive it, 'tis finished: he is below himself that is not above an injury.

—The true philosophy of the gospel system is this, to feel that much depends upon ourselves; but at the same time entertaining the loftier conviction that all depends upon God.

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