

hard to conceive, unless this was intended as one of the many objectionable features with which the Bill bristled, and which amply rendered it, in the words of the Bishop, "not much less than an affront."

We cannot attribute it to any desire to advance the interests of proselytizing schools, yet there can be little doubt of its efficacy for that purpose.

How Ireland Under the Union Has Been Robbed.

Complaints have frequently been heard that under the working of the Act of Union Ireland has been systematically plundered. Some three years ago these complaints were deemed of sufficient weight to warrant the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland.

One—That Great Britain and Ireland must for the purpose of this inquiry be considered as separate entities.

Messrs Blake, Slattery and Sexton have brought in a separate report, which not only presents the fiscal injustice of the Union in all its nakedness, but shows that the act itself was violated in no less than eight different points, all facilitating the plunder of the weaker party, the unfortunate country that had been bought and sold in the business by corrupt politicians.

relations with Great Britain until the pre-Union debts of the two countries should be brought to the same proportion as their respective contributions to the common expenditure.

Some figures presented in the report of Messrs Blake, Slattery and Sexton sum up the excess of Irish taxation since 1801. Ireland has been robbed of £290,000,000. Her fair contribution to the Union ought to have been £8,000,000 annually; £6,000,000 have been squeezed out of her.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Daughters of Erin.

Auxiliary No. 1, Daughters of Erin, gave an ice cream social in Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening June 25th, to a large and fashionable audience.

MAGAZINE.

The most thorough and authentic study of William McKelvey's character and career that has yet appeared in periodical literature is contributed to the July Review of Reviews by Mr. E. V. Smallley, the well-known journalist, whose intimate knowledge of Republican party politics in Ohio renders him peculiarly adapted for such a task.

Mr. Maxion Crawford contributes to the Century for July the third of his four papers on Rome, dealing with St. Peter's, with illustrations by Castaigne.

In the July North American Review we find an important contribution to the literature of the day in a carefully prepared essay on "The Teacher's Duty to the Pupil," by his Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons. A consideration of the "Night of Privacy" is presented by John Gilver Speer.

Retreat at Loretto Abbey.

There are few ladies of the world who would not enjoy from time to time some days of freedom and respite from the cares of daily life and the importunate demands made by society upon time and patience.

Every preparation had been made, and no pains spared by the good Ladies of Loretto to contribute to the comfort of their guests and to render the "retreat" a successful and such (D.G.) we feel it has been, judging from the numbers who from early morning until late at night filled the Abbey chapel and the spirit of recollection and fervor with which every one seemed imbued.

The retreat closed on Monday morning with the Holy Mass at which all the ladies received Holy Communion.

Freemasonry in Italy. Signor Ernesto Nathan, having been elected Grand Master or Grand Orient (in the terms used to be convertible in Italy) of Freemasonry has issued a circular letter to his adherents.

St. Paul's School. The annual closing concert of St. Paul's School was given last Tuesday in the hall, Power st. There was an unusually large attendance; all the available space being occupied.

St. Mary's Catholic Truth Society. St. Mary's Branch of the Catholic Truth Society held a successful regular meeting in the afternoon of July 6th.

DEATHS.

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