

THE IRISH BISHOPS AND MR. GLADSTONE.

Important Pronouncement in Reply to the De Vesci Circular.

On Thursday week the members of the Catholic hierarchy who had come to Dublin to attend the ceremonies held on the anniversary of the death of the late Cardinal McCabe resolved on placing their views on the great questions of the day before the Prime Minister by means of the following letter, to which is appended Mr. Gladstone's acknowledgment of same:—

4 Rutland square, Feb. 17th, 1885.

THE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE.

Sir.—Your letter to Lord de Vesci, which was published in the Dublin newspapers of yesterday, has been under the consideration of a large and representative body of Irish Catholic bishops assembled here to-day on important ecclesiastical business. The prelates so assembled substantially represent the whole Irish episcopacy. At the request of their lordships I beg to lay before you in response to your expressed desire, the views they entertain regarding "the wants and wishes" of the Irish people.

There are, as you observe, three great Irish questions demanding the immediate care of the Government—namely, self government, the settlement of the land question, and social order.

1st. As regards "self-government" or Home Rule, it is our firm and conscientious conviction—a conviction based, as we believe, on the fullest, most varied, at the same time, the most reliable information—that it alone can satisfy the "wants, the wishes," as well as the legitimate aspirations of the Irish people.

These wishes and aspirations have been expressed with unmistakable clearness by the constituencies of the four provinces of Ireland at the recent elections. We venture to remind you that immediately before those elections you had appealed to the people of this country to speak out their mind on this great question, and that in so doing you clearly laid down the lines within which you believed it to be a question of practical politics. We regard the issue of the elections as the answer given by the Irish people to that appeal. We are fully satisfied that the demand for Home Rule, has put forward in no way transgresses the constitutional limits marked out by you. Its concession cannot trench either on "the supremacy of the Crown," or on "the unity of the empire nor can it interfere with the maintenance of all authority of Parliament necessary for the consolidation of that unity. This being so, we feel convinced with you that the granting of Home Rule within those limits will be, "not a source of danger but a means of averting it," as furnishing "a new guarantee for cohesion happiness, and strength."

2^d As regards "the settlement of the land question," we have no hesitation whatever in stating that, in our opinion it now imperatively calls for a final solution, and that this cannot be better effected than by some measures as that which certain English journalists and statesmen have recently advocated—that is, the purchase up by Government of the landlord interest in soil, and the reletting of the latter to tenant-farmers at a rate very considerably below the present judicial rents.

In addressing one of the foremost financiers, as well as most enlightened statesmen of the age we do not presume to go into the details of this weighty and no doubt complicated subject but are perfectly satisfied to leave to your own sense of what is due to the equitable claims of existing landlords on the one hand, and of the future tenants on the other. We desire however to have it perfectly understood that the Irish people do not aim at the confiscation of any species of property, but only ask for fair play as between man and man, or what has been well described as the right to "live and thrive" in their native land.

3rd. As regards "social order," we shall confine our remarks to two aspects of the case—public outrages, namely, and what is called personal intimidation or, as you otherwise express it, "the fulfillment of contracts and personal liberty of action."

It is our deliberate opinion that no just cause of complaint on either head will, or indeed, can, exist after the settlement of the land question on the basis which supposes the utter effacement of that system of landlordism which has so long and so ruinously existed in Ireland. In point of fact, every disturbance of social order that has occurred for years amongst our people has arisen from the sense of wrong entertained by a large majority of these occupiers of the soil owing to the remorseless exaction

of needy or extravagant landlords.

Even now the peace of the country is seriously imperilled by the fact that very many landlords, as if making a final but fruitless effort to collect impossible rents, have entered on an ill-considered course of eviction against their unfortunate tenants.

We would, therefore, earnestly and most respectfully urge that, pending the final settlement of the land question, which we are confident, is now near at hand, the power of eviction be suspended in Ireland; at the same time that in the most impoverished districts some provision, in the shape of remunerative labor, be made out of the public purse to support the starving poor in the present, and help them on to better times.

Wishing you every success in your renewed efforts to restore peace and prosperity to our long-tryed and much-loved country, I have the honor to be, sir, your very faithful servant.

WILLIAM J. WALSH,
Archbishop of Dublin, Chairman of
The Episcopal Meeting.

REPLY

10 Downing street, Whitehall.
Feb. 20, 1885.

My Lord Archbishop—I have the honor to acknowledge your Grace's communication to me on the 17th, of the views entertained on pending questions with respect to Ireland, by yourself and your episcopal brethren. And I request your Grace to accept my sincere thanks for this communication.—I remain, my Lord Archbishop, your most faithful servant.

W. E. GLADSTONE.

The most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin.

THE WORLD'S TWELVE MASTERPIECES.

The twelve masterpieces of painting sometimes called the "World's Great Pictures," are: Raphael's "Transfiguration," Raphael's "Madonna di San Sisto," Correggio's "Night," Guido's "Aurora," Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper," Michael Angelo's "Last Judgement," Titian's "Assumption," Fra Angelico's "Coronation of the virgin," Murillo's "Immaculate Conception," Holbein's "Madonna" Rembrandt's "Night Watch," Rubens' "Descent from the Cross." There are several other great pictures which might easily compete with some of these although the majority of this list must remain indisputable.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Apple Batter Pudding.—Put into a bowl half a pound of flour add a pinch of salt and stir in very gradually half a pint of new milk. Beat it until smooth, then add three eggs. Pour about half the mixture into a buttered pie dish and put in the oven to get firm. Then nearly fill the dish with apples pared, cored and sliced and slightly stewed with a little sugar and lemon rind. Pour the rest of the batter over them, return to the oven and bake one hour and a half.

Baked Hominy.—One cupful of cold hominy, two cups of milk, one large tablespoonful each of butter and sugar a little salt and two eggs. Work the melted butter well into the hominy, mashing all lumps, then the beaten yolks; next sugar and salt; then gradually the milk; lastly the whites. Beat until perfectly smooth, and bake in a greased pudding dish until delicately browned. Serve in the bake dish.

Shirred eggs.—Use small earthen dishes, each one large enough to hold one egg, place them in a dripping-pan, put in each a small piece of butter and one raw egg, taking care not to break the yolk, dust a little salt and pepper over the eggs, set the pan in a hot oven, and just harden the whites of the eggs; then serve the shirred eggs, one dish to each person, sending the dishes to the table set upon pretty plates.

Ham Croquettes.—Chop a pound of cooked ham very fine with two raw eggs one teaspoonful each of salt and powdered sage, half a salt-spoonful of pepper, and a half a pound of stale bread soaked in cold water until soft, and then squeezed dry in a towel; when all these ingredients are thoroughly mixed, wet the hands in cold water and make the mixture into little cork-shaped rolls or croquettes into flour-seasoned with salt and pepper, and then fry them brown in frying-kettle half full of smoking hot fat. When the croquettes are brown, take them out of the fat with a skimmer, lay them for a moment on brown paper to free them from grease, and then serve them hot.

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We earnestly appeal to all our Parishioners to attend and make this Mission for: Behold now is the accepted time. Behold now is the day of Salvation.—11 Cor. vi. 2 Seek ye the Lord while He is near; let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unjust man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God for He is bountiful to forgive.—Isaiah, lv. 7.
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L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
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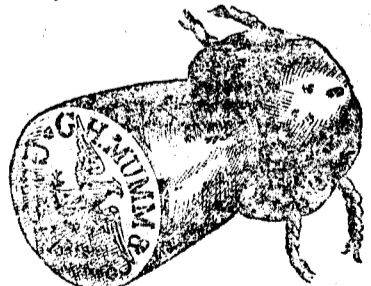


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