AN INCIDENT IN THE IRISH FAMINE.

By Patrick Sarsheld Cassidy.

I'' The first case I remember was that of an old woman who sat on the mouldy threshold of her hut as we went by, lifting up her hands as if in supplication, and crying, 'Nothing has passed my lips in twenty-four hours.' I never knew the value of a foaf of bread until that moment. When we gave her half a loaf, she took it with the eagerness of a famished dog. She trembled with age and weakness, for she was over seventy years of age, and hunger had reduced her to the likeness of a skeleton. There was a glare in the middle of the road and thanked God that Americans had not forgotten Ireland.' Official report, made March 10, by the Rev. George Hepworth, D. D.

Sadly she sat by the bleak wayside, At her fireless, foodless cabin door; Aged and wasted and guant, she cried, With the hungered voice of nigh four-

score:—
"Merciful God, the giver of all
The bountiful fullness the earth contains,
My heart is wrapped up in hunger's pall,
My limbs are palsied with hunger's pains.

"Mother and grandmother I have been;
Where are my children?—gone from meAh, some are laid in the churchyard green,
And some are banished beyond the sea.
Old and alone and nothing to eat—
The faintness of famine enfeebling age—
God of mercy, but death were sweet;
It would this terrible gnawing assuage!

"Gnawing and gnawing and gnawing again,
Gnawing this poor old heart away;
The terrible, endless hunger pain,
Gnawing by night and gnawing by day,
Famished and feeble and nothing to eat,
No blood in my heart—'tis cold as loam—
God of mercy, but death were sweet;
God, in Thy mercy, take me home!

"Hard through life have I toiled and toiled, And though there was want I was cheerful

But now old age has broken and spoiled
The health and strength that supported the

will.
I'm faint—ah, soon I will need no dole—
But, ah! the pain of this poor old head;
God of heaven, receive my soul!—
What's that you say, sir? a loaf of bread!

"And you're from America, far away,"
She raised her head and tottered up
On her feeble feet, while the famine ray
Gleaned out from her eye's deep hollowed
out." cup!
"I thank Thee, God!" and a feeble arm
She raised with pain to the cheerless sky,
"America hears our want's alarm,
And I reland's children shall not die!"

And she was an emblem of Erin there, Sitting alone by the great wayside Of the nations, plundered and famished and bare, Her life ebbing out upon famine's tide. But see! there's a strong and a succoring

The God of the Nations directs it well—
Stretched out to the fertile but famished land,

l-nerved hand of the brave Par-New York, March 13, 1880.

#### NEWS FROM IRELAND.

## ANTRIM.

A boat containing a number of work-men was swamped while crossing the river at Belfast on Wednesday, March 2d. Several were rescued, but it is feared many were drowned, the strong current rendering the work of rescue one of great CORK.

Canon McSweeney, P. P., communicated to the Bandon Board of Guardians on Wednesday, March 3d, a resolution passed by the clergy of the Deanery of passed by the clergy of the Deanery of Bandon, stating that deep and widespread distress prevail in each and every parish of the union, and asking the Board to exercise their powers of granting outdoor relief in a liberal spirit.

The numerous friends and admirers of

glass windows are fixed in, and men are employed at the tilling, so that in a short time it will be fit for dedication; but time it will be fit for dedication; but owing to the adverse and depressed times, the funds are now exhausted, and there is a great debt owing. Father O'Hea is a nephew of the late lamented and illustrious Dr. O'Hea, late Bishop of Ross.

The LATE DR. DONOVAN, SKIBBEREEN.

The lass of this contlanguage is described.

The loss of this gentleman is described to us as another heavy blow given to the Catholic community in that district, as well as a loss to the whole population in respect of medical skill. To the family of the deceased the affliction is one of the aviest kind. The only way in which it to the post rendered vacant by the depointment of Dr. John Denovan, now of Ballincoling, to the post rendered vacant by the death of his lamented brother. No question of competency can arise. Dr. John Donovan possesses in a high degree the vacant by the possesses. van possesses in a high degree the pro-fessional ability which has been so conressional ability which has been so conspicuous in his family, while his appointment would be not only a great benefit to the poor of the neighborhood, but would be a solace to the popular feeling

of sorrow.—Cork Examiner.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Kanturk on Monday, March 1st, some dissatisfaction was expressed at the cost of the proposed waterworks, but it was de-cided that the scheme might be proceeded with on condition that the guardians get the work done by contract so as to ensure that the outlay shall not exceed the engineer's estimate of £2,000.

A special meeting of the Mallow Relief

Committee was summoned on March 3d by Archdeacon O'Regan to consider Mr. Coote's recent statements in respect to the amount of the distress in Mallow.

After hearing the Archdeacon and Mr. Coote the committee decided that the controversy was one into which they had better not enter lest st should give rise to

The Bill in reference to the Ulster ten ant right, which recently received a second ant ight, when recently received a second reading with the assent of the Govern-ment, enacts that all holdings within the district where the tenant right exists shall be presumed to be subject to it it dess the be presumed to be subject to it is less the contrary can be shown by the andlord, that the compensation shall no longer be limited to the amount fixed by the rules of the estate, and that tenants under leases shall be entitled to claim compensacontrary can be shown by the andlord, that the compensation shall no longer be limited to the amount fixed by the rules of the estate, and that tenants under leases shall be entitled to claim compensation on the expiration of their terms. The anxiety shown by the Marquis of Hamilton and Lord Castlereagh for the Marquis of the Bill shows what a processor of the Bil Hamilton and Lord Castlereagh for the

has made among the Ulster Tories, and the serious apprehensions with which they are looking forward to the general election.

election.

Speaking of the memoir just published of the late Bishop of Raphoe—Right Rev. Dr. McDevitt—Cardinal Newman says; "The Irish Church has had some great losses lately, which were beyond all expectation. It is a high gratification to me to find that the deceased prelate took so much interest in what I have written. I am now close on eighty, and have brought my writings to an end. It is a serious thing to have written so much, and therefore the more valuable is the and therefore the more valuable is the favorable judgment of men of name." We are very glad to be able to record this high testimony in reference to a book which has been truly described as "interesting alike to the pastor of souls, the statesman, the patriot, the primary teacher and the pious Christian. The story of the great prelate's life is told with a fascinating grace, and with a deep. with a fascinating grace, and with a deep-felt veneration for the subject of it—a circumstance which makes it difficult to circumstance which makes it difficult to decide which to admire most—the pre-eminent merits of the deceased prelate, who, unconsciously to himself, has left his 'footprints on the sands of time,' or the grace and modesty in which that ex-emplary and holy life is, as it were, photo-graphed in the pages before us."

#### GALWAY.

On Saturday, the 6th of March, the Archbishop of Tuam entered on the ninetieth year of his age, in the enjoyment of wonderful vigor of mind and body. As evidence of his energy we need only mention the fact that on last Christmas provise his Green as years and endly stated. morning his Grace, as usual, celebrated his three Masses without leaving the altar. Fervent prayers, we have no doubt, will be universally offered upon Saturday morning for the prolongation of a life devoted from the day on which the first letter of Hierophilos was written—viz., the 29th of January, 1820, in good report and evil re-port, without turning to the left nor to the right, to the vindication of the liberthe right, to the vindication of the inter-ties of the Church, of the necessity of an education entirely free and Catholic for the Catholic people, and of the indepen-dence of his down-trodden country. An extraordinary outrage has taken place in Galway. Seven acres of grass land at Cloobern, on the estate of Major Vesey were duy up and repudered worth.

Vesey, were dug up and rendered worth-less as pasture in a single night. The land formed a portion of a farm held by a ten-

## TIPPERARY.

A crowd of laborers rushed into the Tipperary Board room on Wednesday, March 3d, while the Guardians were sitstarve. A boisterous scene occured, the men refusing to allow the Guardians to leave until they had ordered them outgreat difficulty, and an assistant relieving officer appointed

## WATERFORD.

At a meeting of the Corporation on Tuesday, March 2nd, the Mayor said that as the city was now scheduled on the dis-tress list, he had got Mr. R. H. Ryan to draw up a list of sanitary works which were necessary, and for which they could borrow the money at one per cent. Mr. borrow the money at one per cent. Mr. Ryan had handed in a list, chiefly of sewerage works, which would cost £3,280. sewerage works, which would cost £3,280. He thought they might apply for £4,000 or £5,000 to carry out approved sanitary works, which would give the desired employment. Alderman Redmond moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded—"I hat the Town Clerk be directed to apply for a loan of £5,000 for sanitary works, at one per set." The resolution was carried on a ent." The resolution was carried on a

An application was made to the Master of the Rolls on Wednesday, March 3rd, on behalf of the contractors for the Waterford, Dungaryan, and Lismore Railway for the appointment of a receiver to col-lect the amount of the baronial guaranbote the committee decided that the introversy was one into which they had stern not enter lest st should give rise to ssensions injurious to the interests of e poor.

DONEGAL.

The Bill in reference to the Ulster tenatright, which recently received a second the company, and that it was payable only to the shareholders who had advanced their money on the faith of receiving it.

The application was accordingly rejected.

Padre Pio Mortara, once the Jewish boy Edgar Mortara, but now a priest in the Congregation of the Lateran Regular Can-

#### IRISH VALOR.

A SPEECH FOR ENGLAND TO CON-SIDER IN THIS HOUR OF IRELAND'S DISTRESS.

WITHOUT CATHOLIC BLOOD AND CATHOLIC VALOR NO VICTORY COULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

The Duke of Wellington in 1829, ad-

The Duke of Wellington in 1829, addressing the House of Lords in favor of Catholic Emancipation, observed:

"It is already well known to your lordships that, of the troops which our gracious sovereign did me the honor to entrust to my command at various periods during the war—a war undertaken expressly for the purpose of securing the happy institutions and independence of the country—that at least one-half were Catholics. My lord, when I call to your Catholics. My lord, when I call to your recollection this fact I am sure all further eulogy is unnecessary. Your lordships are well aware for what length of period and under what difficult circumstances they maintained the empire buoyant upon the flood which overwhelmed the thrones other people; how they kept alive the spark of freedom which was left unextinguished in Europe; and how by unprecedented efforts they at length placed as not only above danger, but at a place of the spark of the s us, not only above danger, but at an eleva-tion of prosperity for which we had hardly dared to hope. These, my lords, are sacred and imperative titles to a nation's gratitude. My lords, it is become quite needless for me to assure you that I have invariably found my Catholic soldiers as patient under privations, as eager for the combat, and as brave and de-termined in the field as any other portion of his majesty's troops; and in point of loyalty and devotion to their king and country I am quite certain they have never been surpassed. I claim no merit in ad-mitting that others might have guided the storm of battle as skilful as myself. We have only to recur to the annals of our military achievements to be convinced that few indeed of our commanders have not known how to direct the unconquerable spirit of their troops and to shed fresh glories round the British name. But, my lords, while we are free to acknowledge this we must also confess that without Catholic blood and Catholic valous less as pasture in a single night. The land formed a portion of a farm held by a tenant named Geraghey, who, being in arrears, had been forgiven his debt and made to surrender this part. He was left in possession of a piece of land which was thought sufficient for him, and the rest was given to two other tenants.

LIMERICK.

The Grand Jury of Limerick county were sworn in on Wednesday, March 3d, Mr. J. B. Massey being foreman, and the High Sheriff announced that the commission would be opened on Thursday. At the instance of the Limerick Corporation the Grand Jury consented to enterinto a contract with the Limerick Industrial School for the reception of twenty-five boys in addition to the number already sanctioned.

LONDONDERRY.

The Distress at Culdaff.—The picture, "Entrance to Lough Swilly," given

Bandon, stating that deep and widespread distress prevail in each and every parish of the union, and asking the Board to exercise their powers of granting outdoor relief in a liberal spirit.

The DISTRESS AT CULDAFF.—The picture, "Entrance to Lough Swilly," given by Miss Harvey, Queen street, Derry, in do of the Culdaff Relief Fund, was raffled on Thursday, Feb. 26th, and won by B. J. Darcus. A small drawing, added in a few weeks, for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new church of the Immaculate Conception, When finished, will be one of the finest ecclesiastical structures in the South of Ireland, and worthily rank among the grand cathedrals of our country. The three altars are erected, the fine stained plass windows are fixed in, and men are glass windows are fixed in, and men are large are rected against out-door relief. The picture, "Entrance to Lough Swilly," given by Miss Harvey, Queen street, Derry, in do of the Culdaff Relief Fund, was raffled on Thursday, Feb. 26th, and won by B. J. Darcus. A small drawing, added in a few weeks, for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the cauchy funds funds for the completion of the new checks for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new checks for the troops would undoubtate the honor of the Butting funds fo Union in Monaghan were on Thursday, March 4th, besieged by deputations from the ratepayers, who wanted to present memorials against out-door relief. The memorialists were greatly excited at the prospect of having their burdens increased and attacked the Master and the relieving officer, who had to lock themselves up. Ultimately the Guardians called to the police.

The memorialists were greatly excited at the prospect of having their burdens increased and attacked the Master and the relieving officer, who had to lock themselves up. Ultimately the Guardians called to the police. debt of gratitude upon me—greater per-haps than has ever fallen to the lot of any individual: and, however flattering the circumstance, it often places me in a very painful position. Whenever I meet (and it is almost an every-day occurrence) with any of those brave men who, in common with others, are the object of this bill, and who have so often borne me on the door relief. They were pacified with great difficulty, and an assistant relieving. allegiance, still degraded beneath the lowest menial, and still unfit to enter beneath the pale of the constitution, I feel almost ashamed of the honors which have been lavished upon me. I feel that though the merit was theirs, what was so freely given to me was unjustly denied to them, that I had reaped though they had sown; that they had borne the heat and burden of the day, but that the wages and repose were mine alone. My lords, it is a great additional gratification to me to advocate these principles in conjunction with a distinguished member of my family so lately at the head of the Government of his native country—a country ever dear to me from the recollections of boyhood, the memory of her wrongs, and the bravery of her people. I glory, my lords, in the name of Ireland; and it is the highest pleasure I can ambition to be thus united with the rest of my kin dred in the grateful task of closing the wounds which seven centuries of mis-government have inflicted upon that un-fortunate land."

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