



FROM AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

General Proscription of the Irish Catholics by the Puritans.

Continued from last week.

When, in May, 1642, the Earl of Clanrickard induced the citizens of Galway to submit, and took them under the King's protection, he received a reprimand from the Lords Justice, declaring that he should have persecuted them with fire and sword.

Sir Charles Coote was one of the leading champions of Puritanism in Ireland and of him in particular, and his associate officers McGeoghegan writes: 'There were no exceptions in the barbarous orders which they gave to their soldiery, when letting them loose to make their bloody hunts amongst the Irish Catholics.'

One instance of his cruelty will for the present suffice. He received an order from the Council in Dublin, in 1641 to proceed to the County of Wicklow, against the O'Byrnes.

His troops killed all that came in their way, both man, woman and child; nay, they would murder women in their very travail.

One of his troopers carried on the point of his spear the head of a little babe which he cut off, after killing the poor mother, which Coote observing said that he was mighty pleased with many such frolics.

Sir Simon Harcourt, another of the Military leaders, was no less remarkable for barbarity and hatred of the Church. He gave orders for the indiscriminate slaughter of the Irish, not even the infirm and decrepit or the woman and children were to be exempted from this cruelty.

The supplement to the Alithnologia states that, at Trim, Sir Charles Coote the elder caused the statues of S.S. Peter and Paul, which were held in great veneration to be hewn in pieces, and thrown into the fire.

When the Government and Chief officers were so bent on cruelty we can no longer be surprised at individual deeds of barbarity perpetrated by the soldiery on the defenceless inhabitants; it is thus we find them deliberately knocking out the children's brains against the walls at Clonakilty, County Cork; we find them turning the Irish into their houses, to which they then set fire, as in Bantry, to enjoy the screams and agony of their victims; we find them, at Bandon Bridge and Newry, tying the Catholics back to back, and casting them from the battlements of the bridge to perish in the river beneath.

One of the first acts of the Irish Confederates was to forward an address of loyalty to the King, in which they declared that before appealing to arms they had, with all submission, addressed themselves, by petition to the Lords Justice and Council, for a timely remedy against the then growing evils, but that therein they had found, instead of a slave for their wounds, oil poured into the fire of their discontents.

here, in the inhuman murdering of old decrepit people in their beds, woman in the straw, and children of eight days old, burning of houses, and robbing of all kind of persons, without distinction of friend from foe, and digging up of graves and then burning the dead bodies of our ancestors, have not deserved that justice from us."

Dr. John Lynch, Archdeacon of Tuam, and for some time Vicar-Apostolic of Killala, was eye-witness of many of these outrages, and in his invaluable work entitled 'Cambrensis Eversus' thus depicts the excess of Cromwellian barbarity: 'Al the cruelty inflicted on the city of Rome by Nero and Attila, by the Greeks on Troy, by the Moors on Spain, or by Vespasian on Jerusalem—all has been inflicted on Ireland by the Puritans Nothing but that pathological lamentation of Jeremias can appropriately describe her state.'

Some of our priests they put in chains and dungeons—that was the most lenient punishment—others they tortured with stakes and strapadoes; some were shot to death, others hanged or strangled. From the priests they turned their fury against all sacred things and places consecrated to the worship of God, which were first sacrilegiously pillaged, then all the painting and images were destroyed, the statues were cloven in pieces with the axe, and either thrown into the flames or consigned to stables; and brethels. Those temples where the priest performed his sacred functions, where the sacred canticles of the Church ravished the ears of the faithful, and sacred orators encouraged the people to piety by their ceaseless exhortations, where the people often poured forth their prayers to God and devoutly attended all the functions, and mysteries of religion; these now resound with the yells of drunkards, the neighing of horses, the barking of dogs, the clamors of quarrelsome soldiers, and the howling of women.

PARENTAL GOVERNMENT.

In all well regulated households: the father of the family exercises a watchful care over his children. He notes their various phases of temperament and disposition, their hopes and fears, their anxieties and disappointments; their physical developments and moral progress, and he becomes in a measure answerable to society for their good conduct.

A disobedient son or daughter always creates unhappiness and ultimately brings dishonor to the domestic circle. A father is without power to govern his family if the mother thoughtlessly opposes him. It is utterly impossible to prevent evil results flowing from a conflict of authority on the part of the parents. The children are insensibly imbued with the spirit of disobedience and are quick to manifest it on the least exercise of parental authority.

Those carping critics who assert that the West produces no wonderful orators are entreated to note the following eloquent effort of an Indiana legislator, and

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MARTIN LUTHER ON THE INVOCATION OF SAINTS.

In the Jena edition of Martin Luther's works, vol. 1, page 165, we read: 'With respect to the intercession of saints, I say and I believe with all christendom that the saints are to be invoked and honored: for who will dare deny that, even in our days, God performs visible miracles over their bodies and over their tombs.'

Again: 'Oh how great and ineffable is this grace, that the Divine Majesty should deign to intercede for me and become my possession, that all his saints are my intercessors, that they interest themselves for my salvation that they take of me, that they serve and protect me.—Luther, vol. 111. pag e 160.'

Again: 'Can you ask after that, 'How are we to regard the Saints? Look upon them as your friends, and as if you were to address them thus: 'Pray to God for me; say also to St. Peter, 'Pray for me.'—Luther's Kirchenpostill —1544.'

Of the Blessed Virgin he says: 'We should invoke her, in order that God, through her intercession may grant us our requests; and it is thus we must invoke all the other saints.'

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THE FRENCH CANADIAN

A Letter in Answer to the Violent Slanders of the Toronto Mail.

To the Editor of the Toronto Mail:

Within the past fortnight there have appeared in the "Mail" a series of papers on the internal economy of the Province of Quebec, dated from the English Townships, and written by "An English-speaking Liberal."

In reply to your correspondent, I set out by at once denying that the French people of Canada are in anywise inferior to the inhabitants of the other provinces. They are different in origin, different in creed; different in speech; different in manner and customs...

Your critic is offensively severe on the clergy of French Canada and the education of its common people. The former require no defence from me or anybody else. Whoever has watched them as I have for the past fifteen years, in town and country, in school and college, in spiritual administration and in various civic duties will understand that they are, as Sir John Macdonald happily described them at a public dinner in London, the "greatest moral police in Canada."

With regard to common school education, the official records of the province are there to prove that it was made remarkable strides in the last score of years, and every year is adding to the improvements. I quite agree that the result is not as yet as satisfactory as we should desire, but that may be said of all other countries, and the disproportion in Quebec is not so great as to call for vindictive animadversion.

is second to none in the Dominion. The Quebec Legislatures will compare favorably with any similar body in the seven provinces. When the Montreal Diocesan Theological College bill was before the Legislature last session, I heard one gentleman express his agreeable surprise that instead of a lot of ignorant fogies whom he expected to meet, the measure was discussed in the Legislative Council before a body of middle-aged gentlemen who heard debate with intelligence and pronounced upon it in a fair and impartial manner.

It is very questionable policy—to say the least—this periodical nagging at the Province of Quebec, this quiet assumption of superiority, and lecturing a people who are just as good as the people who criticize them. Let the French-Canadians alone. They do not trouble you nor go about meddling in your affairs. They are doing very well, or certainly doing their best, and no more can in reason be demanded of them.

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**ROMAN EVENTS.**

On Sunday His Holiness received in special audience Baron de Pittet, Minister Plenipotentiary from Belgium to the Holy See, who leaves Rome for a short time. The fact is alone sufficient to give a practical denial to the telegram said to come from Rome and published in the Journal des Debats and copied into many English journals, announcing that His Holiness Leo XIII, was dangerously ill. The Moniteur de Rome says: 'This news is absolutely false; the Holy Father is enjoying excellent health.' The value of the information in the Journal des Debats may be better appreciated when it is known that the so-called Roman correspondent of that paper lives out of Italy.

Mgr. Giovanni Battista Savarese, whose retraction from the sect of the 'Italian Catholic Church' and his return to the true fold was announced a few weeks ago, has published his retraction to incite other apostates to repent. It is as follows:—'In humiliation of heart and profoundly repenting for the grave errors and heresies held and propagated, as well as for the enormous scandals given for over thirty months in Rome itself, I, moved by divine grace, of my own will, propose to make amends. I retract and detest all the errors and heresies, all the maxims and practices professed and taught by me in the heretical congregation of the Italian Catholic Church. I reprove and condemn the pseudo worship and the abuse of sacred things and of the very Sacraments, practiced by me and by other apostates in the said congregation. I reprove likewise and condemn every writing of mine which contains errors and scandalous propositions; I chiefly reject the work published by me, 'The Excommunication of an Idea.' La scomunicazione d'una idea, and I submit heartily to the condemnation of it made by the Holy See. Illuminated by Divine grace, I humbly ask pardon of God, of the Sovereign Pontiff and of Holy Church, for the evil committed and the scandals given.'

**FRANCE AND THE VATICAN**

The relations of France with the Vatican on the Chinese question, are not satisfactory. The menaces of the anti Catholic organs of France are again repeated. The protectorate of France over the religious interests of the Chinese Christians is regarded as not having been always to the advantage of these Christians, but occasionally an obstacle to the diffusion of the Gospel in that country. The missionary was often looked upon as a political agent of France rather than the minister of peaceful and universal religion. The noble position occupied by France heretofore, will be occupied by the Pope, and French Freemasonry, which aimed at suppressing everywhere the influence of the Papacy, sees that this power has supplanted it in the extreme East. The act of the Sovereign Pontiff should serve as a lesson, not only to the French Government, but to all the powers who deem themselves humiliated by the Papacy. They will see that the Pope holds at his disposal a moral and social force which wins respect in all parts of the world. Whilst Christian Governments desire to isolate the Pope, idolatrous countries approach him and reverence him.

The Unita Catholica relates that the late Victor Emmanuel had, as his father Carlo Alberto also had, a deep affection for the Jesuits; and that there exists a letter written by Victor Emmanuel, a few days before his death, to one of his most trusted friends, in which that king records how the Jesuits always deserved well, not only of the Church and civil society, but in a special manner of his own family. 'And there will come a day,' continues the Unita, 'when this autograph and unconstitutional letter—because it was written without the knowledge and consent of his ministers—will be published, and if it does not absolve Victor Emmanuel; at least it will constitute an attenuating circumstance, in the very severe judgement that inexorable history is preparing for him.'

**BRITISH AFFAIRS**

**A Crisis Threatened.—Home Rule Education.**

Unless great care is taken a serious Parliamentary crisis is imminent. The speaker is a very autocratic gentleman, with high notions as to his functions and distinct anti-Irish prejudices. He takes a much higher view of his authority than his predecessor, having stopped several Irish members for irrelevance, and sharply and peremptorily silenced the temporary leader of the Opposition, Sir William Vernon Harcourt. The general opinion is that Sir William Harcourt

was within the right. The indignation against the Speaker, though suppressed as great. An ex-minister last night said "The man is losing his head." Mr. L. L. Selwyn, an old and much respected Liberal member, practically rebuked him. The Irishmen are determined to insist on a full discussion of the estimates. Therefore, if the Speaker persists in the rigorous assertions of his views, a number of sharp Parliamentary encounters are inevitable. Lord Randolph Churchill's somewhat indiscreet and ill tempered leadership adds another element of exasperation. Altogether the prospect is not reassuring.

The educational movement in favor of Home Rule creates much interest. Mr. Small, an old Cambridge professor, and leader of the university extension movement, has put himself at the head of the new propaganda. Young men of talent, with advanced political views, will soon be secured for historical lectures on the whole Irish question, leading up to Mr Gladstone's Home Rule Bill.

**THE POPE**

**A Protestant Scientist makes a Candid Acknowledgment.**

Mr Richard A. Proctor, the eminent English scientist, comes forward in his magazine, Knowledge, with an argument to prove that from the Catholic standpoint there is nothing illogical or absurd in the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope. As a rule Protestants are apparently incapable of grasping the very idea of Papal infallibility: It is at first sight so impossible to their method of thinking that they cannot even be persuaded to consider the evidences. For this reason the candid acknowledgment of a sensible Protestant author, who has a world-wide reputation as an exact and well-informed writer on matters connected with astronomical science, is well worth notice.

Mr. Proctor writes: "The doctrine of Papal infallibility, as commonly understood, is, of course, preposterous on the face of it. But the common mistakes about the doctrine are themselves preposterous. One hears an ignorant, most zealous Protestant talk such nonsense as this. 'How can the Pope be infallible when such and such a Pope was notoriously unwise, and such another a man of evil life?' It would be just as unreasonable to say how can we believe David to have been inspired when we find that he behaved not only villainously but most foolishly in regard to Uriah the Hittite and his wife? Not quite so absurd, though quite as incorrect, is the idea that Papal infallibility is disproved by the decision (supposing for the moment it received the Papal sanction against Galileo; it is fairly matched by the mistake of supposing that a reasonable doctrine as to Bible inspiration would be shaken by the mistake of Matthew in asserting that all kingdoms of the earth could be seen from some exceeding high mountain.

The fact really is that the doctrine of Papal infallibility, as it is really taught by the Catholic Church, is almost a corollary on the doctrine of Bible inspiration. According to the latter doctrine, in its only reasonable form, men like Moses, David, Solomon, Ezra, Isaiah, and the like, in no sense to be regarded as perfect either in wisdom or in conduct, were inspired as respects certain matters which they addressed to men in regard to religion. The former doctrine in the only form ever adopted by the Catholic Church, asserts that the Popes though in no sense to be regarded as perfect either in wisdom or in conduct have always been and always will be so guided or restrained as the case may be, that if, or when, they address the whole Church ex cathedra, on matters relating to morals or doctrine their teaching will be true.

In conduct a Pope may be imperfect or even wicked; in regard to science, art of literature, he may be ignorant or unwise, in the theological matters, even dealt with by a priest or a doctor of the Church, a Pope may make serious mistakes; but no Pope, let his personal qualifications be what they may (let him even be as overbearing as Moses, as unscrupulous as David, as selfish as Solomon, as ignorant as Matthew, as contentious as Paul) will ever address to the whole Church, ex cathedra, false teaching as to morals or as to doctrine.

"The Catholic doctrine on the subject is perfectly definite; and it is absolutely certain that the decision in regard to Galileo's teaching, shown now to have been unsound, does not in the slightest degree affect the doctrine of the infallibility either of the Pope or of the Church. The subject matter belonged neither to morals nor to faith; the decision was neither ex cathedra nor addressed to the whole Church; in not one single point

does the case illustrate this doctrine of Papal Infallibility as defined by the Vatican Council which pronounced that "The Roman Pontiff when he speaks ex cathedra i. e., when in discharge of his office as pastor and teacher of all Christians he in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, defines a doctrine of faith or morals to be held by the Universal Church, is by the divine assistance promised to him in the Blessed Peter, endowed with that infallibility wherewith our divine Redeemer willed that His church should be endowed in defining doctrines of faith and morals."

This is of course the teaching of history and the judgment of common sense. But how many Protestant writers can pass by the case of Galileo without a sneer, and how many have troubled themselves to ascertain the facts connected with it before pronouncing judgment on the Church? Mr. Proctor does not accept the doctrine of the Infallibility of the Pope, but he deals with the facts relating to it as he would deal with other facts, and the result, of course, is that the everlasting Galileo difficulty is disposed of at once. It seems odd that such a treatment of such a subject should be rare, but it is unfortunately the fact that in hardly any case will a Protestant condescend to inform himself as to what Catholics really do believe, or to weigh the facts or test the statements on which he does not hesitate to convict the Catholic Church, not merely of falsehood, but of inconceivable folly.

**THE BODY AND ITS HEALTH**

Regular eating.—Half of all ordinary diseases would be banished from civilized life, and dyspepsia become almost unknown, if everybody would eat but thrice a day at regular times; and not an atom between meals, the intervals being not less than five hours, that being the time required to digest a full meal and pass it out of the stomach. If a person eats between meals, the process of digestion of the food already in the stomach is arrested, until the last which has been eaten is brought into the condition of the former meal, just as if water is boiling, and ice is put in, a whole ceases to boil until the ice has been melted and brought to the boiling point, and then the whole boils together.

But it is a law nature that all food begins to decay, to rot, after exposure to heat and moisture for a certain time. If a meal is eaten, and in two hours another, the whole remains undigested for seven hours, before which time the rotting process commences, and the man has his stomach full of carrion—the very idea of which is horribly disgusting; but that such is the case the unendurable odor of the belchings demonstrates.

As, then, all the food in the stomach is in a rotting condition, in a state of fermentive decay, it becomes unfit for the purposes of nutrition and for making good, pure blood. Small wonder is it that dyspeptics have such a variety of symptoms and aches and complaints in every part of the system, for there is not one drop of pure blood in the whole body; hence the nerves, which feed on this impure and imperfect blood, are not properly nourished, and, as a consequence, become diseased. They 'complain,' they are hungry—and, like a hungry man, are peevish, fretful, restless. We call it nervousness, and no one ever knew a dyspeptic who was not restless, fretful, fidgety, and essentially disagreeable, fitful, and uncertain.

The stomach is made up of a number of muscles, all of which are brought into requisition in the process of digestion. But no muscle can work always. The busy heart is in a state of perfect repose for one-third of its time. The eye can work twice in a second, but this could not be continued five minutes. The hands and feet must have rest; and so with the muscles of the stomach, they only can rest when there is no work for them to do—no food in the stomach to digest. Even at five hours, interval, and eating thrice a day, they are kept constantly at work from breakfast until the last meal is disposed of, usually ten o'clock at night. But multitudes eat heartily within an hour of bedtime; thus while the other portions of the body are at rest, the stomach is kept laboring until almost daylight, and made to begin again at breakfast time. No wonder is it that the stomach is worn out—has lost its power of action. Many girls become dyspeptic before they are out of their teens, in consequence of being about the house and nibbling at everything they lay their eyes on that is good to eat.

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**IRISH NEWS.**

**FERMANAGH.**

On the 10th of August, at Enniskillen as a young man, employed as booking clerk at the railway station, was crossing the line to the up platform, the Dublin train dashed in, and the engine and several carriages went clean over him. He had the presence of mind to throw himself on the ground, and thus managed to escape unhurt.

**GALWAY.**

On the 6th of August, the Most Rev. John McEvily, D. E., Archbishop of Tuam, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean McLoughlin, arrived in Clifden, from Letterfrack, where he had been administering confirmation on the previous Wednesday. The Archbishop officiated at the profession of a Sister of Mercy at the Convent Chapel, Clifden, at 9 o'clock a. m. There was a large attendance at the ceremony. The young lady who was received into the sisterhood was Miss. Murphy, in religion Sister Paul. All the clergy of the deanery and surrounding districts were in attendance.

**QUEEN'S COUNTY**

At a meeting of the governors of the Maryborough Lunatic Asylum on the 11th instant, the Earl of Rosse presiding, the appointment of a visiting physician in the room of Dr. David Jacob, J.P., resigned, took place. There were two candidates, Dr. W. G. Jacob, son of the retiring physician, and Dr. Thos. Higgins, county coroner. The former was declared elected.

**SLIGO.**

The artisans and laborers of Sligo are a patient and long suffering class. Were they of a different temperament they would long ago have gone in a body to the Council Chamber and pulled the beads or otherwise ill-treated the bodies of the 'City Fathers' for their intolerable and scandalous negligence in regard to Artisans' Dwellings. It is now beginning to be a matter of history that the Cadger's Field was bought, and that £8,500 were borrowed from the Local Government Board for the purpose of erecting Artisan's Dwellings in Sligo; yet no practical step has yet been taken to secure the immediate commencement of the work.

**KERRY.**

On Saturday, August 7th, a body of Mrs. Bateman's Purty tenantry, headed by their popular priest, the Rev. Wm. Casey, of Abbeyfeale, met the agent, Mr. Robt. Fitzgerald, at the Courthouse, Listowel, with a view of availing themselves of the purchase clauses of the Land Act. They did not come to terms. The tenants offered sixteen year's purchase, at the valuation, but Mr. Fitzgerald would accept nothing less than eighteen year's purchase, at the present rents, which average two valuations.

**KILKENNY.**

Some of the 'Caravat' and 'Shanavest' adherents were brought before the magistrates at the last Ballynonty Petty Sessions, and charged with having assaulted one another, and uttered party cries at the last Balligarry fair. Fines of one pound or fourteen days imprisonment and downwards were imposed.

**LIMERICK.**

Some time since the Rev. Mr. Drew, son-in-law of Mr. Gladstone, while staying at Cruise's Hotel received from Mr. James Flynn a valuable specimen of Limerick lace enclosed in a handsome casket for presentation to Mrs. Gladstone. Mr. Flynn has received a most grateful acknowledgement from Mrs. Gladstone for his gift, which, she writes, she greatly appreciates as coming from Ireland.

**LOUTH.**

A meeting of the Drogheda Board of Guardians was held on August 12, Alderman Mangan presiding. There was a numerous attendance of Guardians, both ex-officio and elected, the reason being that an election was to be held for the office of matron of the work house, consequent on the resignation, through ill health, of the late matron, Mrs. Farrelly. Miss Dullaghan was elected.

**MAYO**

Among the gentleman who passed their first professional examination for the Letters Testimonial of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, under the new scheme, at the meeting of the Court of examiners, held on July 27th was Mr George M. Laing brother of Mr. Laing of Belmullet, who obtained a good place.

**DUBLIN**

The owners of the Great Eastern steamship have offered that if the Port authorities of Dublin will grant favorable conditions, the huge steamship will pay them a visit. She would be able to arrive in October, and the owners would permit her to remain, if 'business justified it', of for several months. The 'business' of course, means simply 'show business.' The mammoth English steamer would be simply 'on exhibition,' hav-

ing failed in every other role.

**WATERFORD**

Mr. Maurice Healy, M. P., has been instructed by Mrs. Gardiner, widow of the late Head Constable Gardiner, of Cappoquin, who was killed during the Belfast riots, to commence proceedings for the recovery of 3,000 pounds for the loss of her husband. The claim will be made against the Belfast Town Council, under the Grand Jury Act.

**WEXFORD**

The following tenants on the agricultural holdings of John Percy Waddy, Esq., and Mrs Waddy, acknowledge with gratitude the granting of a second unsolicited abatement of 20 per cent on their rents: Stephen Prendergast, Taghmcn; Wm. Farle. Jno. Roche, J. Keating, Michael Martin, John Dunne, Patrick Dunne, Thos. Roche, Widow Magee, Matthew Kelly, Marke Browne, Thos. Murphy, Rev. Wm. Murphy, Thos. Fortune and Walter Furlong.

**MONAGHAN.**

Mr. Luke Lambe died on the 27th of July, at his residence, Annalitten, Castle Blayne, in the 71st year of his age. Throughout his life he was deservedly respected by the people amongst whom he lived, for his honesty and straightforwardness. He had been ailing for about a month.

**TIPPERARY.**

Tipperary has taken the initiative in promoting the erection of a suitable monument over the grave of Charles J. Kickham.

**TYRONE.**

At the Dungannon petty sessions on the 9th of August, before several of the local magistrates, seventeen Nationalists and ten Protestants were charged by District Inspector McGovern with causing a riot in the town of Donaghmore on the 19th of July. Mr. Patton represented the Tories; and Mr. Quinn appeared for the Nationalists. The magistrates discharged all the Protestants, and bound three of the Nationalists, Joseph Ogle, Thomas McCausland, and James Curran, over to keep the peace, themselves in £5 each and two securities of £2 10s.

**ANTRIM.**

Dr. T. H. Purdon died on August 6<sup>th</sup> at his residence, Wellington place, Belfast, in his 81st year. The deceased was the eldest son of Dr. Henry Purdon, staff surgeon, who was well known to the older inhabitants of Belfast, and was highly respected.

**ARMAGH.**

The wife of a small farmer named James White, residing in the townland of Meigh, recently gave birth to three children, and Queen Victoria sent her the usual "gratuity" of three pounds. It used to be five pounds, in such cases, formerly; but "her Majesty," in view of her own large family, has grown economical.

**CAVAN.**

On Monday, August 9, the remains of the Rev. Peter Smith, P. P., Killinkere, were placed in the parish church, Killinkere, in their last resting place. Father Smith was in failing health for many years, and was transferred to the parish of Killinkere by the Most Rev. Dr. Conaty, with the hope that the change might improve his already broken constitution; but the relief was unavailing, for after a long illness, borne with Christian resignation, he breathed his last on Saturday, August 7. A large congregation of his beloved parishioners thronged the church to offer a fervent prayer for him they truly loved. A large number of the clergy of the diocese also attended the obsequies.

**CLARE.**

A melancholy accident occurred on the 10th instant, near Liscannor. An old man named Timothy O'Leary, while returning from Miltown, fell off the car and received a fracture of the skull. A medical doctor was immediately in attendance, but all his efforts were fruitless, as the unfortunate man expired in a few hours.

**COEK.**

On the 10th of August, the illustrious Archbishop of Cashel, Most Rev. Dr. Croke, visited Fermoy. When the people were apprised of his presence in their midst, the Fermoy brass band turned out and paraded the principal street in his honor. Subsequently the band accompanied by a vast multitude eager to get a glimpse of the venerated Prelate, visited the Presbytery and played some choice selections of national music. Afterwards the Archbishop addressed the people, thanking them for their manifestation of welcome.

**CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA**

America is the most democratic country in the world, and it is at the same time according to reports worthy of belief the country in which the Roman Catholic religion makes most progress. At first sight this is surprising. Two

things must be here accurately distinguished: which equally inclines men to wish to form their own opinions; but on the other hand, it imbues them with the taste and the idea of unity, simplicity, and impartiality in the power which governs society. Men living in democratic ages are therefore very prone to shake off all religious authority; but if they consent to subject themselves to any authority of this kind, they choose at least that it should be single and uniform. Religious powers not radiating from a common centre, are naturally repugnant to their minds; and they almost as readily conceive that there should be no religion as that there should be several. At the present time more than any preceeding one, Roman Catholics are seen to rise from infidelity, and Protestants to be converted to Roman Catholicism, if the Roman Catholic faith be considered within the pale of the Church it would seem to be losing ground; without that pale to be gaining it. Nor is this circumstance difficult of explanation. The men of our days are naturally little disposed to believe; but as soon as they have any religion, they immediately find in themselves a latent propensity which urges them unconsciously towards Catholicism. Many of the doctrines and practices of the Roman Church astonish them, but they feel a secret admiration for its discipline, and its great unity attracts them. If Catholicism could at length withdraw itself from the political animosities to which it has given rise, I have hardly any doubt but that the same spirit of the age, which appears to be so opposed to it, would become so favorable as to admit of its great and sudden advancement. One of the most ordinary weaknesses of the human intellect is to seek to reconcile contrary principles, and to purchase peace at the expense of logic. Thus there have ever been, and will ever be, men who, after having submitted some portion of their religious belief to the principle of authority, will seek to exempt several other parts of their faith from its influence, and to keep their minds floating at random between liberty and obedience. But I am inclined to believe that the number of these thinkers will be less in democratic than in other ages; and that our posterity will tend more and more into two parts—some relinquishing Christianity entirely, others returning to the bosom of the Church of Rome.

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