



FROM THE DUBLIN MIRROR

Review—Travels in the British North American Provinces in 1838-9. London, Bentley, 1839.

(CONTINUED.)

The debate on King's College, which I want to bring up on the Report of a Committee, and introducing a bill, for altering its Charter. The whole affair was so extraordinary that I shall give an account of it at length.

The Committee of Assembly was one nominated by the Speaker, who is a Churchman whenever politics do not interfere; but under the influence of an ascendant Conservative, the members are all and sundry a dissonant; and for several years voted himself champions for the Virtues of his Church, the Church, which he belongs, and the institutions connected with it.

The Committee consisted of a Chairman (the only one in the number who has received an Academic education), a Methodist, a Universalist and a Quaker. The Chairman refused to sign the Report which had been drawn up by the Methodist, so that it became actually that of a Methodist, Universalist, and a Quaker—a fine trio to report on a College Charter, and suggest amendments to it.

The Methodist, who is lawyer, and whose attention had not been diverted from his profession by politics, might have been a smart Attorney, and the management of the business of the Assembly did not receive a College education, which in any other country would have been considered an indispensable qualification for an member of College Charter; while the two colleagues the Universalist and Quaker, knew, I should imagine, nearly as much about Colleges, Literature, and the learned languages, as they do of the language in which they were to be employed.

It is a specimen of these amendments: it was proposed to take the Vestibule on the part of the Crown from the Bishop, because he belongs to a particular Church, and his presence is a source of inconvenience to the conscientious sectarians.

the demands of political expediency, or the murmurs of ignorance, vanity and presumption, will soon make itself felt, and exercise a salutary influence first upon the college, and through the college upon the country at large; the place in which it will be felt will be the House of Assembly itself—because the constituencies will go on returning members that seem to have come forward as an educated representation, till the country be more extensively educated.

(To be continued.)

IRISH LIXEN TRADE WITH FRANCE

The Northern Whig publishes the following portion of a Circular from the French Delegation, now in Paris, on the part of the French hemp and linen manufacturers:

It is with the deepest grief we write, to give you an account of the unfortunate and unexpected issue of the mission you have confided to us. You know that at the end of the last session, the ministry had entered into a solemn engagement, before the chambers, to increase, by ordinance, from the close of the session the duty on foreign yarns, linens, and hampes, in order that the French spinning and weaving manufacture might be placed under effective protection. This solemn engagement was renewed at different times and intervals, by ministers, in presence of the delegates of the Chambers, and so recently as the 11th of September, in an audience granted by the Minister of Commerce, in the presence of the delegates of the Chambers, and announced, that the ordinance would appear in eight days; and permitted them to communicate the same to their correspondents in the Chambers.

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