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### CATHOLIC HRONICLE.

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ABBEY LIFE IN OLD ENGLAND. England is covered all over with the trace of a religious life, that has altogether passed away from among us. We do not speak of the ancient piles of Westminster, Canterbury, Winchester, York, Durham, and such-like, which are consecrated to uses, very different from what was intended by those who erected, and originally worshipped in them. But we refer to the old abbeys, monasteries, and priories, the ruins of which are found in all parts of England, lying in green, sheltered valleys, often far retired among the clefts of the hills, or rising up amid the fertile campaign country, embosomed in majestic and venerable trees, or, perched upon gray promontories, looking out upon the sea, and still serving as landmarks, by which the pilot steers his storm-driven vessel. There is scarcely a nook or corner of the land in which you cannot find traces of those ancient religious sites-sometimes far off the beaten highways of men, difficult to reach, little frequented, and known only to a few admirers of old ruins and love scenery. For, the scenery in the neighborhood of these ruins is almost invariably fine; and you rarely by any accident discover a ruined abbey, the neighborhood of which is unpicturesque, or the land infertile.

The men by whose means, and for whose accommodation these old religious houses were reared, were the first class men of their time; that is, they cultivated the highest and purest tastes, they were lovers of the beautiful—aye the beautiful in the noblest sense, and dedicated all their powers to the service of Him whom they worshipped. Who are the architects of modern times, that have excelled those monks of the "dark ages?" Where is the modern pile that can compare with Westminster Abbey or York Minster? But these old monks were more than artists; they were teachers, preachers, writers of books, students of science; Friar Bacon is our Father of Chemistry! They were the only literary class of their time; through them were handed down to us the great thoughts of the ancient thinkers; they were the repositories of all art, science, and knowledge. At a time when the titled lord of a hundred manors, could neither read nor write, and was wont to sign his name, as only the rudest boor does now, with his mark, these men acted as secretaries and chancellors, as well as priests and father-confessors. By reason of their greater intelligence, they ruled the rulers, though they could not, it may be, tame down their wolf-like ferocity, nor allay their savage thirst for blood. It was the greater knowledge which prevailed among the religious men of these olden times, which sufficiently accounts for their great power in all countries in which we find them to have been planted. They represented the moral will and intelligence of society, as it then was. They were the moral lights, and the only public opinion of their time. Mailed knights, who dared to do the most fiend-like acts, trembled before these highly gifted and learned pale-faced church-men. In the midst of a savage epoch, when a rude animal will prevailed throughout society, these monks were paving the way for the reign of an universal justice. During an age of furious rapine and violence, they were pious and peacemakers. They pursued the arts of industry, and cultivated science in the midst of their religious meditations; alone representing the intelligence and moral will of those times. They were the forerunners of the civilisation of after times, when the mass at length became impenetrated with the knowledge and the religious truth, which were so faithfully and tenaciously preserved by these men through many long ages of ignorance, warfare, and bloodshed.

Power so great was, no doubt, in some cases abused—as where is power not abused ?—but assuredly, we owe much to the pious monks who dwelt in the abbeys, monasteries, and priories, whose ruins we now tread over, and admire as we tread; and we would not wish to disparage the many blessings and privi- those times, were oftener won by the sword than by leges which we owe to them. In appreciating the | honied words-and thus William de Meschines secured civilisation, the freedom, and the mental stature of a double hold of Craven and its Saxon population. sure of justice to the men of other times.

the Abbey Life in England, some centuries ago, was | Scotch army, headed by William, son of Duncan, the recently brought to life in the "Chronicles of Jocelin of Brakelond," published by the Camden Society, and which afterwards formed the text of Carlyle's "Past and Present." There we obtained some remembered with pleasure the beautiful valleys of eloquent glimpses into the ancient foretime of England, and saw how the concerns of the great abbey district. That was in a comparatively rich and well- Fitz Duncan and Adeliza de Romille, "the boy of into Edmondbury free of toll at all times. In all while he took the leap, and dragged him into the in the neighborhood. respects, that neighbourhood was an improved one, boiling pool beneath, where he was drowned. The But the inhabitants of the priory were often rudely lication of so monstrous and incredible a story, proves

take the reader into a more remote district of the country, and by a few glimpses into the life of the prior and monks of Bolton, as exhibited in their Compotus, or household book of Bolton Priory—a manuscript in the possession of the Duke of Devonshire—show something of the kind of life led by a more retired community, at the same remote period.

The Craven district, in which Bolton Priory is situated, was wild and bleak then as now. people who dwelt in the little dales, among the rifts of the hills, must always have been a poor, and comparatively, primitive race; the ruggedness of the country, the want of roads, the morasses, wastes, and woods, which covered the low grounds, shut them out, in a great measure, from the prevailing influences of early time. The country is one of fastnesses, and the conquered Brigantes, Danes, and Saxons, after being driven from the lower and richer grounds, by the dominant parties which successively overran Eugland, would naturally resort thither to seek shelter in the almost inaccessible retreats which they afforded. Hence the marked predominence of Celtic, Saxon, and Danish words in the dialect of West Yorkshire, and especially of Craven, to this day. The names of most of the villages, hills and rocks, are yet Saxon or Danish; the features of the people are more rough and massive, and their bodies generally are built on a larger scale than characterizes the inhabitants of the lower-lying and more accessible districts of England. Down even to a very recent period, there were no roads in West Yorkshire, save for packhorses. There was no route for carriages or carts, save of the rudest possible description. Henry VI. took refuge in Bolton Hall, in Craven, immediately after the battle of Hexham, so fatal to the Lancastrians; and in this obscure retreat, he lay as much concealed as a fugitive at this day would be in the remotest of the Shetland Islands. Large tracts of land, which are now grassy heaths, were then covered with wood, and dense forests lay along the valleys, well stocked with deer, boars, and wild cattle. These the feudal lords, for some time after the Conquest, preserved" by a great force of keepers; but the wild population of the district, strong in their Saxon love of game, could not be hindered of their sport; and collisions between the lord's foresters and the village deerstalkers were of frequent occurrence. Wild boars abounded in the neighborhood of Bolton; Burden, a little above it on the Wharfe, taking its name from this circumstance. Wolves committed great ravages among the flocks of the Bolton canons, even as late as the fourteenth century; for we find in the Compatus the entry of a sum paid "to a certain man who had killed a wolf." Eagles also hunted the aristocrat, sometimes even royal guests, and dispensed hills and rocks of the upper districts of Craven; and hence we find Arnchiffe Erncliffe, from a Danish numerous body of visitors were entertained in the word, signifying the haunt of eagles, still characterising large guests' hall, which was open to all comers. a folly limestone ridge, where the ancient inhabitants the north; Hetlafield, the holy mountain; Gastrills, and the defence of the priory's rights against encroachthe hosts' streams; Skrattafell, the mountain haunted common all over Craven.

The priory of Bolton was founded amidst the rugged wildness of lawless times, shortly after the Norman conquerors had planted themselves in the district, and one of these built Skipton Castic, and entrenched himself and followers behind its strong keep-the old period, that shortly after, in 1138, when the daughter An exceedingly curious and interesting picture of of de Meschines had grown up into womanhood, a flocks and herds. Returning to Scotland, William Craven, and at the lapse of fourteen years he assembled another foraging expedition, and started again

sad fate, returned with a sorrowful heart to his mother, but scarce dared to break the dreadful news some irreparable calamity shadowed in the face of her lost child's attendant, replied, in a shricking voice,

"Endless sorrow!"

It was in such sudden bereavements as this, that many of the religious houses of the period were founded. The mother resolved to dedicate to the memory of her lost son a monument of her love, and the priory of Bolton was reared, about a mile below the Strid, where the valley opens up sufficiently to allow a space for building. The choir, the ruins of which still stand, was erected and finished at one effort, and dedicated to St. Mary and St. Cuthbert. As the wealth of the foundation increased, and additional gifts flowed in from successive patrons, the principal of whom were the Cliffords and the Percys, many additions were made to the building. Permanent residences were erected for the monks, with ample dormitory, refectory and cloisters; and as the more luxurious tendencies of abbey life developed themselves, cellars were dug, and a kitchen was built, with its huge oven, eighteen feet in diameter-so large that a stray flock of sheep, in recent times, concealed themselves there, and were given up for lost. Nor were the state and comforts of the prior neglected; for, the line carved timber lodgings were now reared for his use, with the adjoining prior's chapel and offices. Then the guests' great hall was reared, apart from the rest of the building, for the entertainment of visitors and travellers. The massive gateway was added, in which the priory records were kept; gardens and terraces were laid out; fish-ponds were dug; the priory mill was built; as also sundry outhouses for the accommodation of the armigeri and bowmen, velleins, garciens or slaves, and the numerous

servants of the house. Now, look at the life within the priory, and the various offices which the heads of the establishment had to perform. The chief of the house was the prior, who governed the whole establishment; and he was aided in his duties by the sub-prior, who governed in his absence, while he attended the installation of bishops at York, or visited the court of the sovereign, or the parliament at London, or travelled abroad, to wait upon the Head of the Church at Rome. The prior had his chaplain and his clerk (generally trained in the law), and he had his separate body of armigeri and servants. He inhabited the commodious Prior's to them liberally of his hospitality. The more

of the country would find a secure retreat. There is landlord of the house and their estate. He kept the also Arnberg Scar, or the Eagle's Hill. But there great-seal of the priory, managed all the monies and are some other names, equally characteristic of the estates of the house, dispensed the church patronage district, and throwing a light upon its ethnological in its gifts, saw to the repairs of the property, the history. For instance, there is still Thorgill, the improvement and enlargement of the domain, the stream of Thor, the great god of the old Pagans of enclosing of the parks, the preservation of the game, ment. We find him on several occasions buying by demons,) from which the common term of "Old manors, negotiating for loans with the Lombard Scratch," may possibly be derived;) and many other merchants for the purpose, and then proceeding to names, of pure Teutonic derivation, which are still Rome for a Bull from the Pope, to enable him to hold such additional lands for the good of the house. He rebuilds farm-houses when they have been destroy-

ed by his savage neighbors, the Scots.

Under the prior and sub-prior were many other officers; the sucristan, who was a kind of treasurer, taking charge also of the concentrated church plate Norman towers still standing thera. This Conqueror and utensils, the repair and lighting of the church, the married the nicce of the Earl Edwin-for ladies, in due performance of religious services, and receiving all fees, gifts, and donations, made at the high altar. The cellarer, or bursar, was styled "the second father of the convent," for he looked after the subour own times, it is only fair to do an adequate mea- But it is a curious illustration of that barbarous stantials. He superintended the hospitality of the house, and was purveyor and master of the refectory, kitchen, cellar, and bakehouse. The hospitaller, or guest-master, took charge of the guests' hall, and did nephew of David, then king of Scotland, burst into the honors of the house to the visitors, saw that they Craven, ravaged the country, and carried off all its had food and drink enough, and that the mats were properly spread at night,—for, in those primitive times, beds were as yet unknown. Then the infirmarer took charge of the sick in the infirmarium; he was usually well skilled in diseases and their treatment, of Bury Saint Edmund's occupied the ambitious, the for Yorkshire, conquered the district, took possession and monks were the best doctors of that time. The laborious and the prayers of its occupants, -how it of Skipton Castle and its heiress, Adeliza, whom he dwellers in the priory, over whom these exercised was managed and governed,—and how it formed the married, and thus summarily took possession of the their offices, consisted of from fifteen to eighteen centre of the social order, and religious life of a large honor of Skipton and Craven! It was the son of canons, or cloister monks, besides three or four conversi, or lay brethren, generally artists, and who peopled district, not very distant from London; for Egremond," who was drowned while crossing the did the skilled work of the establishment, as well as we find the Londoners then claiming a right of entry | Strid, with a greyhound in leash, which held back | gave their occasional services to the wealthy families

and comparatively civilised. But we now propose to forester who accompanied the boy and witnessed his interrupted in their peaceful pursuits, by the wild forays of their herce neighbors, the Scots. They broke in on them again and again; drove off their to her. He hesitated,-but asked, "What is good cattle; destroyed their crops; descerated their house, for a bootless bene!"—in other words, what avails and carried off their utensils,—the monks being on when prayer is useless? The mother, discerning several occasions, entirely dispersed, and the priory several occasions, entirely dispersed, and the priory deserted. At this time of day, when York is only an hour's journey from Scotland, by the iron-road, it is with difficulty we can realize to our minds a period. not so very remote, when border arrays and destructive invasions, by breechless barbarians, were of regular, often of almost annual occurrence !

The rude and barbarous times, however, have now entirely passed away; the Scots are civilised, and breeched like their neighbors; the two countries are now firmly and peacefully united as the county of York and Lancaster; and no one now fears a border foray or a Scottish raid. The old monks too, have departed; the sound of their chains no longer rises up from the priory in the valley; armigeri, villeiur slaves, and bowmen, have disappeared; and only the mouldering wreck, "an osseous fragment, a broken. blackened shin-bone of the dead old ages," remains to point out that such things have been.

#### ANGLICAN LIBELS UPON THE HOLY SEE.

(From the Catholic Standard.)

A few weeks since we had occasion to expose a wanton and foul calumny in a dissenting organ, on the Catholic priest at Birkenhead. To-day it becomes our duty to notice a still more infamous slander upon the Court of Rome, by the weekly (query weakly) organ of Anglicanism. We have seen too much of the malignity of the print in question, to be surprised at its taking liberties with truth, in its puny efforts to maintain the unholy alliance of Church and State; but we had not, we own, anticipated so astounding an ouslaught, not only upon veracity, but upon common sense, as the following, which professes to be an extract from the letter of a correspondent:

"On one occasion, one of the Cardinals observed to my informant, that 'he was glad to hear by the report from England, that the principles of Catholicism (Popery) were rapidly reviving and spreading in that country. To this my friend replied that he hoped the principles of the truly Catholic Church of England were becoming more valued and better understood. The Cardinal replied that he did not mean those principles; but the doctrines and practices of his own Church-that Catholic Church of Rome in connection with the Papal See; and, he added, 'you must not wonder much at this progress of our cause in your land. We fully expect it, and have long looked for it. We have had men preaching in the pulpits of your Establishment who have received dispensations from the Pope to remain within The prior, who was elected by the canons, was the its pale and conform to its rights; while they are the children of the Pope and in secret communion with the chair of St. Peter. And besides this, we have had for years students in your University at Oxford, whom we have permitted to take the oaths and pledges and conform to all the academical rules required by that University, and whose expenses in passing through it have been provided by the Sacred College de propaganda fule. This had been going on now for a long time, and the progress of Catholic principles in England is but the natural result of this sacred concern of the Holy See for the spiritual interests of your deluded countrymen, now estranged from the common mother of all the faithful.' These are merely the ipsissima verba of the account contained in the letter to me, and you may publish them as actual and undeniable facts."

The editor declares his credence in the report of his correspondent. Now we not only declare from internal evidence of falsity, furnished by the paragraph itself, that it is a flagitious calumny in every part, but we unhesitatingly charge the Anglican organ with either inventing the story or inserting it with full knowledge of its scandalously false and libellous character. If the story be true, let him name his correspondent, and the Cardinal referred to. If these names be withheld, after this challenge to the proof. the public will be at liberty to pronounce the tale, as undoubtedly they will pronounce it, "an ingenious device" akin to the for ged encyclical perpetrated by Parson Todd, and published by Parson McGlice, at Exeter Hall, in 1830-which the honest Mr. G. Pinch indignantly pronounced as an iniquitous mode of sustaining what he conceived to be truth, by weapons stolen from the armory of Satan. No sane man can, of course, believe upon every line of it. If the Propaganda were as base as they are here represented, it is not very likely that a Cardinal would proclaim the disgraceful fact, and that too in conversation with a Protestant clergyman, who according to the writers showing, is no "Romaniser." The pub-

one thing very clearly-namely, the extent to which that the only atmosphere in which it could flourish Anglican writers feel assured the minds of their party are besutted by prejudice, when it is conceived probable that such glaring falsehood will pass current among them, and escape their censure. We give our contemporary fair notice that we will not let this matter drop. He must vindicate himself by publishing the names, or he shall be held up to public execration as an odious calumniator.

#### THE LAW OF MARRIAGE. (From the same.)

The bill for the amendment of the law of marriage, which was introduced into the House of Commons last session, by Mr. Stuart Wortley (now Recorder of London), was, as our readers will recollect, delayed to so late a period in the Lower House, where it passed the third reading by a large majority, that it was never carried up to the House of Lords. In the ensuing session, we have reason to believe, the measure will be introduced into the House of Peers by an influential member of their lordships' house; the promoters of the proposed amendment of the law having resolved no longer to waste their strength in the House of Commons, but at once go to the House of Lords, where the Act of 1835, which first made marriage between a widower and the sister of his deceased wife absolutely void, originated. The bearing of this question upon the interests of the Catholic body will at once be seen by a perusal of the evidence of his Eminence Cardinal Wiseman, who was examined before the commissioners appointed by the Crown to examine the Law of marriage in the year 1848. From the reign of Henry the Eight down to the year 1835, marriage between a widower and the sister of his deceased wife was voidable only, and not void, and unless the marriage were called in question while both the husband and wife were living; it was valid to all intents and purposes. By the statute 5 and 6, Will. IV., c. 54, all such marriages are declared to be absolutely null and void from the beginning; and of course it is obvious that this law interferes directly with the discipline of the Catholic Church. The Church, as a general rule, forbids marriages of the kind mentioned, but she does not hold that they are contrary to the word of God in the new law, and, on consideration of special circumstances, admits them on dispensation. So that while the Catholic Church case? The Catholic Church had lost at times-lost says that the sacrament of matrimony may lawfully be celebrated where a dispensation is first had, the law of the land says, that as a civil rite it is null and void! Two Catholics may be united together either in England or some foreign country, in lawful matrimony, according to the laws of Holy Church, and yet ration or little more, and then it settled down with no by the law of England their issue would mevitably be illegitimate. An anomalous state of things such as this could hardly have failed to produce mischief, and Cardinal Wiseman has mentioned numerous cases, where the greatest hardship and suffering have been occasioned by the present law; adding that the clergy are often placed in the most painful perplexity, between their duties to the Church and to the law. The marriage bill makes no alteration whatever in the laws of the Established Church, and that being so, we are at a loss to know on what principle of justice members of the Church of England claim to impose "their laws" of marriage on Catholics, Protestant Dissenters, and Jews. That there is no social argument of any weight against the proposed amendment of the Law, the report of the Commissioners we think amply proves; on the contrary the Commissioners report, that on social grounds an alteration of the law of the population. Now, this was an important test is imperatively called for.

### CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

CARDINAL WISEMAN ON CONVERSIONS TO CATHOLICITY.

Wiseman, at St. George's, Southwark, on the subject of conversions to the Catholic Faith. The lecturer commenced by showing that if there was one characteristic more than another which the present age was ambitious of obtaining, it was that of being an age of unceasing progress and advancement. In every deunceasing progress and advancement. In every department under the control of human activity there shoulders, or promised to teach them the true Faith, was a desire to advance, impatience of delay, and unity of dectrine? What hope had they that if they little or no reverence for experience. Everything joined this Church, she would do anything for them? was shifting and experimental, and nearly all were looking with anxiety towards the future. In the midst of all this change there stood one power which had stability for its very essence, which had the past had stability for its very essence, which had the past for as they were? Were they to be loved and to calm and guide it; and was secured by an unfailing instructed as they were? Could the Church of promise. This was the Church of God-the Catho- England hope that she would bring the whole body of lic Church—which in principle was unchangeable, Dissenters and Catholics into her communion ? No, which, admitting the great doctrine of infallibility as and he would tell them why. He did not believe the basis of all its dogmas, prevented progress or that there was in the Church of England the consciadvance in what related to the great truths once committed to it. Therefore it was that to many that Church was an object of hatred and offence. They assurance is an heirloom of the one only Catholic saw that though the whirling, boiling forrent might go Church of God, and was incommunicable to any other around it, and fret against it, yet it trembled not, and body. The total want of power in the Established removed not, but remained as it was before-the rock of ages. Strange to say, while this was the Church. There was a small phalanx of learned men only stable element, there was nothing in the age that was making more progress, or was always more completely up to the level of the development of the human mind. Literature and science, however they brought these men to the Catholic Church? Why, might advance, found Catholics in their foremost almost invariably the feeling that there was no common ranks, ready to compete with others in research, in intelligence, in practical wisdom. Colonies were every variety of circumstances. They found, too, planted in the extremities of the earth, where there that there was no food for their souls—that there was could be no barrier to free and independent thought; none of the ardent spirit of piety circulated or practhe Catholic was there before, or with others, and tised which their souls longed for; and they at length before the infant Republic had assumed its shape, the found that there was no resource for them but to to release its Prime Minister from all solicitude Catholic worship was established in a pile which, come to the Catholic Church, and there seek for all respecting their physical sufferings and privations, and the warmth with which they may flatter the caprices perhaps, towered over the huts and cottages of the carry settlers. To listen to the popular theories England lost, therefore, not merely for want of fervor respecting the Catholic religion, one might believe in itself, but by the actual defection of its most little of its light, and much of its noisy strife, while measured. Did I not appear to be officious, in speak-

was one congenial to the darkness and gloom of superstition and ignorance; that in order for it to reach its maturity and its perfection, fetters must be placed upon the mind, and the reasoning powers of man be chained down to servile obedience. Well, the experiment had been tried. France had declared itself a Republic, and the Clergy of that country would tell them that there had been a great gain to religion since the form of government was changed. And was it not strange that at this very moment, when their religion had been more harsbly dealt with in this country than at any previous period within their memory—when it had been held up to contempt, and even execration-when from every extreme of the press, from every pulpit of the church and the meeting-house, from every platform of every city and fearful denunciations-denunciations more terrible than any which even inspired writers had ventured to use respecting Heathenism-was it not strange that at that moment conversions should be multiplied, and persons of intelligence, and sense, and education, and high character, should be embracing, day after day, the religion of a sect which, like the early Christians, are everywhere contradicted? "Why is this?" was a question which everybody must naturally be asking himself. Of the fact there could be no doubt, and little did those who had been agitating the public mind know the calm and confident look with which the Catholic had gazed upon all that he had witnessed. The certainty which Catholics felt that their religion must and would make progress, not only in spite, but in consequence, of all that had been done to prevent Church of God a period of progress far beyond what they had yet seen. Why, then, was the Catholic religion making visible progress in this country? One simple reason was this, that in every age and in every place where two systems of thought stood in antaby law was losing. He did not say that this was a test of truth, but it was a reality. If in politics or toleration, or anything else, which divided men into parties, one side was naturally losing ground, and the other as certainly gaining, that might be a transition from truth to error. But how stood the present most deplorably; but even at that great epoch, when this country separated itself from the communion of the whole Catholic Church, there was a violent action, a wrenching off by force of one branch of the tree. The Reformation was the work of one genefarther power of progress, but rather, in later times, with a constant tendency to dissolution. In like manner, at the close of the last century, the Church of France sunk as a prey to infidelity; but there was no other system to gain ground-all was chaos and disorder—and no sooner did the time for building up arrive, than the Catholic Church returned to its place. It pleased God to keep a germ still alive in Sodom and Gomorrah, utterly destroyed. It was certain that for every one that the Catholic Church gained, the Church of England lost; there was a distortion of equilibrium, which passed from the one side going to the other, and weakening it. Moreover. from the Church of England, and not from the Catholic Church, had sprung that multitude of religious of the truth of a religion. If it were in a state of constant loss and diminution, the question naturally jealous of exceptions; it had again called upon Catholies, through its official organs, to join in communion with it, and had denounced them as schismatics, for refusing to do so; but had it come to them as the shepherd seeking the lost sheep, tracking them through Why, it was acknowledged that in this very metropolis there were hundreds of thousands of people who had no religion whatever. Were they to be cared ousness, the assurance, that what they were doing, what they were teaching, was the work of God. That Church, was, then, one source of gain to the Catholic who had left the Church of England after mature deliberation, though such was not the case, perhaps, principle among their teachers to guide them under

radical defect in a system which threw off from itself whatever was most sound, vigorous, and healthful. But he should be doing an injustice to the Catholic cause if he represented it as gaining merely by the imperfection of other systems. That such was not the case would be evident on considering what were the instruments made use of in the work of conversion. It had often been said that a great many persons embraced the Catholic religion from a love of its ritual its solemn functions, its imposing ceremonial, what was termed theatrical display by persons who understood bound, leave to their legitimate guardians—the Bishops not what they saw in a Catholic Church. It was, and the Pope. How have the material interests of perhaps, a singular circumstance, that of those who the country prospered under your administration? were converted, by far the greater part, as far as his Depopulated villages and flourishing churchyardsexperience went, had never previously been in the poorhouses springing up, as the mansions of the gentry least degree familiar, or even acquainted with Cathocounty of the empire, there had come forth the most lie rites and ceremonies. Many had not a single people, which the instinct of self-preservation is Catholic acquaintance, and had never spoken to a pouring on the shores of England, and startling the Catholic Priest in their lives, until they came to ask minister with the fearful growth of that Popery from to be received into communion with that Church. A the image of which he recoils; these and similar great number of persons who were converted lived at results, alas! too palpable to require detailed recital, a distance from any Catholic place of worship; and are the sad monuments which have risen during the constantly were they receiving letters from persons in period of your delegated power. If, then, the growing the country, who were living in their families, and had structure of Catholicity alarms you in England, you never spoken to a Catholic, but who yet felt an have been yourself one of its most successful archiearnest desire to become acquainted with Catholic teets-you have been furnishing its materials in doctrines, or even at once to embrace the Faith. He abundance, by tearing up the rich and inexhaustible did not believe there had yet been one single convert quarry of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Why brought to the Catholic religion merely by what was not, then, close this quarry, by providing, if not for called the imposing effect of the Catholic ceremonial. | the prosperity, a state to which it would be presump-Again, it was supposed that there was some strange tuous in them to aspire, at least for the ordinary art, some fascination, by which Catholics, and the comforts and bare existence of the people at home? Catholic Clergy in particular, coiled themselves round As long as your lordship neglects this sound and it. He dated from all this warfare against the the mind of an individual, and dragged him into the necessary legislation, your surprise at the growth of Church without his having the power of resistance. On this subject a few simple facts would be better from the neglected sufferings of Ireland, and is, therethan any statements of opinion. He believed it to be fore, in a great measure, the work of your own hands. a peculiarity of the present times that conversion was no longer, as it frequently used to be, external, but gonism to each other, the loss of one must be the had its growth almost entirely within the mind of its dence, which turns to its wise purposes the most other's gain. The Church established in this country subject. In former times it was the reading of a astute counsels of hostile statesmen. The very controversial work, or the hearing of a sermon, that perseention which you menace—for, disguise it as you induced persons to think about the Roman Catholic will, it is rank persecution-will have the effect of religion; there was disputation and controversy; now the external work was little more than the individual's making a profession of Faith, and passing through the necessary steps. This, surely, did not result from falling ramparts of the Protestant Establishment, will any art of theirs; it must, humanly speaking, be the not fail to awaken attention to the congenial instruresult of the working of the mind itself, of thought, ments to which it has been indebted for its first reflection, inward conviction, and a careful examination of what was passing around. Humanly speaking he repeated, for it was the grace of God, and that alone, which made converts to the Catholic religion. Intellectual men whose researches, guided by humility They were astonished at the strange visitations, the and grace, will open to their view and their abhorrence irresistable calls, which impelled men to come to the those appalling scenes of lust, and cruelty, and Church to seek, not for ease, not for happiness, but sacrilege, and spoliation, by which, in an evil hour, for salvation. But it would be said, "Yours is an easy religion; it holds out so many temptations." It | With the increasing numbers of such converts, the would be difficult to convince men out of the Church | tide of Catholic immigration to your shores will more how false that view was. If a Catholic changed his religion to-day, he had only to take his scat in the parish Church, and curiosity to know who the new this country, which prevented us from being, like comer was, was the only trial to which he would be of Ireland addressing you from every quarter of subjected there. There was nothing compulsory on one who became a Protestant. On the other hand, what was the trial of the Minister who, after having been loved by his flock, and looked up to as its father, became an humble Catholic, submitted to confession, received absolution, and perhaps became dependent on the bounty of others? Was all this which they are threatened, we feel an additional denominations which constituted so great a proportion easy? Were there no sacrifices here? It was heart-rending at times to see the struggles through which the convert had to pass. Catholics well knew that they trusted far more for the conversion of any arose, what were its future prospects? The Estab- one, or for the conversion of a multitude, to the to your lordship for this candid acknowledgment; and lished Church claimed exclusively what had been so power of prayer, than to any amount of controversy, though the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, in On Sunday week a lecture was delivered by Cardinal discharge this tremendous responsibility? It was late years in England, they would reply to the fact, that the whole Catholic Church was combined, week by week, in prayer for the conversion of England, especially in what the Catholics considered the most solemn and efficacious form of prayer—that which cation. was embodied in sacrifices-prayer unceasingly offered up for the conversion of this once Island of Saints. He was glad that the eyes of the public were now opened with regard to most of the doctrines of their religion. Open, straightforward declaration was now the proper course for them, and he had no doubt that they would make satisfactory progress .- (From report in the Daily News.)

> TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD JOHN RUSSELL.

St. Jarlath's, Tuam, February 9, 1851. "A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour, is like a dart, and a sword, and a sharp arrow."--Proverbs.

My Lord-During the age of the recent tempest which was evoked by the incantation of your inausears would have been accessible to calm and reasonwin attention amidst the stormy atmosphere with which your lordship took care to be surrounded; and even still, though the fury of the storm has subsided elsewhere, it is only that it may be worked to a more been, even in this early stage, infused into the debates of the Legislature. Allow me, my lord, respectfully to inquire whether the condition of the people of the

valuable supports; and there must be an inherent and warring against the shadowy phantom of Papal

aggression.
To your lordship, the responsible adviser of the Crown, the care of her people is specially entrusted as to a faithful steward, that they be provided with food and the other material comforts of social existence in due season-a care sufficiently weighty for the shoulders of the most robust minister, without burthening himself with a superfluous solicitude for the spiritual requirements of the Catholic portion of the people, which every wise statesman would, as in duty are falling down-Ireland wasted of her perishing Popery in England is unnatural; for it is springing

In this policy, however, you are but the unconscious instrument of a higher and more mysterious Provispreading and consolidating the Catholic Church, against which its rage is to be directed. The brute force with which your lordship is about to defend the erection.

The consequence of this historical inquiry will be an increasing to the ranks of Catholics, of these that establishment was ushered into the world. than keep pace—an immigration sure to be as steady as the cruelty that continues to propel it will be untiring—until at length you hear the exiled Catholics England, in the language of Tertuilian—" We have filled your cities, towns, fields, armies, senate;" the conventicles" alone we leave to yourselves.

Besides the sympathy we owe to the Catholics of England as members of the same body, were we not to be included in the community of penalties with obligation to profier them assistance resulting from your lordship's avowal that the Irish Church, still more than the English Hierarchy, had a share in producing this ministerial exasperation. We feel indebted lately termed territorial jurisdiction; it claimed to of lecturing, preaching, writing, or persuasion. If his admirable reply to the Primate of Ireland, alludes, bave its Bishops considered the Pastors of the population of every city and every county. How did it conversions which had taken place so frequently of that may be brought upon the Church of Ireland, through the instrumentality of her sister in England, your lordship enables us to calm the anxiety of his Eminence on that score, and to take our share in the guilt or merit, as well as in the reward, of that provo-

Yes, Ireland's noble repudiation of the Infidel Colleges; the consoling exhibition of the majesty of its ancient and unbroken Hierarchy in the Synod of Thurles; its firm and unconquerable resolve to erect a Catholic University, in despite of the poverty to which it has been consigned, as well as the obloquy of the nominal friends but real enemics of educationthose are the crimes which have provoked your resentment more than the establishment of the English Dierarchy, if we are to judge by the foremost position which they occupy in your reported speech; and for those Ireland may well exclaim, " Ego adsum qui feci," nor refuse to share with the Hierarchy of England all the perils as well as the glory of the coming persecution.

But, my lord, the acts of that Synod should not have been distorted, nor its members held up to the reproach of the assembled Legislature. This is a privilege which even a Minister of the Crown should picious letter, it was not to be expected that your not enjoy. The address of that Synod, which, allow me to tell your lordship, was not the act of a mere able remonstrance. It would have been difficult to majority, as reported in your speech, breathed neither sedition nor the instigation to any crime; on the contrary, it was fraught with most generous counsels to all classes of society; and if these counsels were more faithfully practised, society would be considerably fatal excitement by the polemical acrimony which has improved. It is true, your lordship does not directly accuse us of a want of fealty to our Sovereign; but, by the insinuation of a contrast, you would fain impress on your hearers that the Primate and the present United Kingdom is so comfortable and satisfactory as writer should entertain thoughts more consistent with respect to the Throne and Legislature. It is not by

### THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

ing for an illustrious personage so competent to speak for himself, I would ask for the Primate, as well as myself, in what passages of our discourses or writings the slightest want of respect to the Throne, or its present revered occupant, our gracious Queen, could be discovered? No; through good report and evil report, the pastors of the Catholic Church have inculcated the double duty of giving unto Casar what belongs to Casar, and to God the things that are God's

But there are some deluded statesmen who are not satisfied with this equitable partition of the homage of subjects, without a monopoly of their entire and servile devotion. This is the rock on which the power of ministers mightier than your lordship has often broken. On the same rock you are about to precipitate whatever of influence you may yet possess. Wisdom counsels you to pause in your intolerant career. Parties panting to grasp the reins which are falling from your feeble hands will not fail to recal your past declarations of liberality, which were not, probably, as sincere as your present threats of persecution, and array against you a Parliamentary opposition which, aided by the indignant remonstrance of all Catholic Ireland, roused by your sad policy, will annihilate your power for ever-

I have the honour to be, your lordship's obedient † JOHN, Archbishop of Tuam.

Dr. Hughes, Archbishop of New York, preaches every Sunday at the Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte, to a large and most respectable audience of English and Irish residents. His discourses are controversial, and are attended by all the clitc of our Protestant countrymen. That he does much good in this way, no greater proof can be brought than that the Clergyman who officiates at the British Chapel has, it is said, forbidden his flock to attend such "dangerous lectures." The first discourse (on January 19th) was on several popular objections to Catholicism, such as veneration of saints and relies, prayer for the dead. &c. The second was on the Apostolicity, the third on the Unity of the Church.

On yesterday the Archbishop delivered a splendid discourse on the " Headship of Peter, and his Successors." He developed in a most powerful and luminous manner the different arguments, whether scriptural or traditional, which bear on the subject, pointing out the utter incomprehensibility of the texts in the Protestant system-nay, so manifest is this, that no Protestant has ever attempted to give any explanation of them. He set forth ably the iniquities of every schismatical and heretical communion which ignores the supremacy of the Apostolic Sec.

A particular point in all the Archbishop's discourses are the appeals which he makes to the heart and conscience of his auditors. His manner of treating subjects is in many respects entirely original, and well calculated to produce a deep and lasting impression. A short time since, a Mr. Butler, a young Irish gentleman of very high connections, called on Dr. Hughes, and after due preparation, was received into the bosom of the Church.-Roman Correspondent of Tablet.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS .- The giving the Pallium to the Most Roy. Archbishop Blanc took place on the 16th of February, in St. Patrick's Church. Bishop Portier, venerable in age as in character, presided, and gave the Pallium. Bishop Chanche preached the sermon.—Ibid.

The Rev. Father Soler, S. J., expired at New Orleans on the 14th of February. He had contracted typhoid fever in attending the hospital .- Ibid.

The ceremony of enthroning Dr. Briggs, Catholic Bishop of Beverley, took place on Thursday, the 20th ult., in St. George's Chapel, York.

Conversions .- We leave that Mr. Gibson, Rector of the pretty Episcopalian Chapel near West Point, announced to his congregation on Sunday last, that his conscience could no longer permit him to remain a Protestant, and that he was about to make his formal profession of the Catholic faith .- N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

The Rev. Henry Bedford, the Curate of Christ Church, Hoxton, has been received into the Church at St. John's, Islington.

Mrs. Charles Turner, wife of the Rev. Charles Turner, late of Hanwell Park, Middlesex, was received into the Catholic Church on the 14th ult., by the Fathers of the Oratory. Mrs. Turner is a granddaughter of the late Bryan Abbs, Esq., of Cleadon House, county of Durham.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

### FRANCE.

The approach of the anniversary of the foundation of the Republic has renewed the annual controversy between the Republicans and the reactionaires as to the mode in which that event should be celebrated.

The changes which the Government is making in the organization of the army of Paris give some uneasiness to those who look upon everything done by the Government as a fresh attempt on the part of Louis Napoleon to arrive at the Empire. The army of Paris has, within the last few days, been divided into four divisions instead of two. The opposition papers say that the effect of this measure has been to diminish by one half the number of troops under the command of General Forey, who is at the head of the troops intended for the defence of the Assembly. They also say that General Julien, who commands a brigade of the army in Paris, is to be removed, because in the course of a private conversation he made a declaration similar to the one which led to the removal of General Neumayer. In short, they insinuate that the Government is preparing the army in such a manner as to bring it to bear in favor of the cause of Louis Napoleon, whatever may be the determination of the Assembly with respect to the revision of the Constitution.

General Narvaez has arrived in Paris from Bayonne, where he has been residing since his sudden flight from Madrid.

The Austrian question is beginning to excite uneasiness in Paris. The projects of that Power, which, if carried into execution, must give to the old rival of France an immense preponderance in Europe. are attracting the most serious attention of French statesmen; and nothing that can be effected by negotiation and protest will be left undone to avert the execution of these designs.

#### GERMANY.

The Cologne Gazette contains the following on the runoured intentions of the Dresden Conferences: "According to a report which is heard on all sides, and which paralyzes daily more and more the commerce of the country, Russia, Prussia, and Austria entertain the project of commencing in the spring a war against Switzerland and Piedmont, and perhaps even against France, for restoring to those countries the old times and cradicating the baleful opinions of the present day. In order to give some show of truth to this report several circumstances are cited therefrom, is assured, given, or made applicable, or exwhich would seem to confirm it. It is certain that the fear of a war, which appears probable, unsettles very seriously the public mind, and causes great stagnation to trade and commerce." The federal army it is said, will consist of 100,000 men. Prussia and Austria will each supply 25,000 men, Bavaria and Wurtemburg 20,000, and the other States 10,000 men. The reserve will also he held ready for ser-

#### AUSTRIA.

The Algemeine Zeitung says that above 40 individuals have been arrested, on suspicion of having been concerned in the conspiracy. The nature of this conspiracy is not known to the public; but nearly all the persons who were arrested had been in the habit of frequenting the public-houses, and of talking unreservedly of political events, and loudly giving vent to their opinions. The chief individual is a wealthy citizen, who was arrested for abusing a soldier. His family offered to give a large security for his appearance, but the military tribunal not only refused to accept the bail, but all intercourse with him is prohibited.

#### RUSSIA AND POLAND.

The Emperor has issued two ukases, which materially affect the Jews. By the former, which refers to the recruiting system, the ukase commands that, in consequence of the great irregularity which prevails in raising conscripts among the dews, if the number be not completed within the given time, three Jews over and above the one that is wanting, shall be forcibly levied in that community; the age of the men must be above 20 years. By the second ukase, those Jewish communities which have not paid the tax imposed upon them, shall give up an adult Jew from their own community for every 2000 roubles which are not paid if the taxes are in arrears.

GREECE. Letters from Athens state that the wife of the

Minister of War, M. Mavromichalis, has been denounced as an accomplice in the assassination of M. Korfistakis, the late Minister of Justice, and that the legal authorities are investigating the charge. CAPE OF GOOD HOFE .- DREADFUL MASSACRE

IN DAMARALAND .-- A letter has been received from the Rev. Mr. Hahn, Missionary of the Rhenish Society, stationed at New Bremen, in Damaraland, giving an account of the atrocities which have been committed by the Namaqua robber, Jongen Afrikander, and his people-it is dated 6th September. He fell upon the Kabitjanes, who lived on Mr. Kolbis's station-numbers were killed-feet of defenceless men cut of, as well as the hands of defenceless children.

### ASSUMPTION OF ECCLESIASTICAL TITLES.

The following is the "Bill to prevent the Assumption of certain Ecclesiastical Titles in respect of Places in the United Kingdom," which has just been introduced in the House of Commons by Lord John Russell. (The words printed in italics are proposed to be inserted in committee) :-

Whereas, by the act of the 10th year of King George IV., chap. 7, after reciting that the Protestant Episcopal Church of England and Ireland, and the doctrine, discipline, and government thereof, and likewise the Protestant Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and the doctrine, discipline, and government thereof, were, by the respective acts of Union of England and Scotland, and of Great Britain and Ireland, established permanently and inviolably, and that the right and title of archbishops to their respective provinces, of bishops to their sees, and of deans to their deaneries, as well in England as in Ireland, had been settled and established by law, it was enacted, that, if any person, after the commencement of that act, other than the person thereunto authorised by law, should assume or use the whereas it may be doubted whether the recited enactment extends to the assumption of the title of archbishop or bishop of a pretended province or diocese, or diocese of any archbishop or bishop recognised by law; but the attempt to establish, under color of authority from the see of Rome or otherwise, such pretended sees, provinces, or dioceses is illegal and void, and the assumption of ecclesiastical titles in respect thereof is inconsistent with the rights intended to be protected by the said enactment: and whereas it is expedient to prohibit the assumtion of such titles in respect of any places within the United Kingdom; Be it enacted therefore by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same nent assembled, and by the authority of the same rules this portion of the Church.

Happy it is for the Catholic Church that, in the madof the peasantry, who ness of their pride, the infatuated Whigs thought to means of emigrating.

than a person thereunto authorised by law in respect of | include Ireland in the net of their persecution. Their an archbishopric, bishopric, or deanery of the United Church of England and Ireland, assume or use the name, style, or title of archbishop, bishop, or dean of any city, town, or place, or any territory or district under any designation or description whatsoever). in the United Kingdom, whether such city, town or place or such territory or district, be or be not the see or the province, or co-extensive with the province of any archbishop, or the see or the diocese, or co-extensive with the diocese, of any bishop, or the sent or place of the church of any dean, or co-extensive with any deanery, of the said United Church, the person so vided by the recited act.

2. Any deed or writing made, signed, or excented after the passing of this act, by or under the authority of any person, in or under any name, style, or title which such person is by the recited act and this act, or either of them, prohibited from assuming or using, shall be void.

3. Where by an assurance, transfer, will, limitation or declaration of use or trust, or other instrument, made or executed after the passing of this act, any real or personal preperty, or any profit or advantage to be had pressed, or intended to be assured, given, or made applicable, directly or indirectly, for or towards the endowment or maintenance of any archbishoprie, bishopric or deanery, intituted or in anywise designated or described as an archbishoprie, bishoprie or deanery of any city, town or place, territory or district in the United Kingdom (except the archbishopries, bishopries and deaneries of the said United Church), or for any purpose connected with or referring to the maintenance or continuance of any archbishopric, or bishopric, or deanery (except as aforesaid) so initialed, designated, or described, or of the titular province, see, or diocese, or limits thereof, or whereby any such assurance, transfer, will, limitation, declaration, or other instrument, any real or personal property, profit or advantage, or any power, nathority, or discretion (whether for private or personal benefit, or for charinable or other purposes), to be exercised over or in relation to any real or personal property, or such profit or advantage as aforesaid is assured, given, or vested, or expressed or intended to be assured, given, or vested, to or in any person by any name, style, or title of archidistop, bish-op, or down, which by the recited act and this act, or either of them, such person is prohibited from assuming or using, or to or in any person who in such assurance, transfer, will, limitation, declaration, or other instrument is in anywise designated, mentioned, or referred to as being or claiming to be, or as being called or known or reputed to be archbishop, bishop, or down, under any name, style, or title which such person is so prohibited from assuming or using, or to or in any other person therein described as chaplain or other subordinate of the person so designated, mentioned, or referred to, or to or in any person in mywise described by means of a reference to a name, tyle, or title of which, by the said act and this act or either of them, the assumption or use is prohibited, all the real or personal property, profit, or advantage aforesaid, or such estate or interest therein, as but for this enactment would have been in anywise applicable to any of the purposes aforesaid, or would have vested in or enured to the use of the person to or in whom the same is so expressed or intended to be assured, given. or vested, shall, without any office or inquisition found vest in and enure to the use of her Majesty, and shall and may be disposed of and applied as her Majesty shall be pleased by warrant under her sign manual to direct, whether such direction be to apply the same according and pursuant to the intents and purposes declared in and by the instruments hereinbefore mentioned or otherwise; and all such power, authority, and discretion as aforesaid, so far as the same but for this enactment might have been exercised by the person in whom the same is so expressed or intended to be vested, may be exercised by such persons and in such manner as her Majesty may be pleased by warrant under her sign manual to direct.

4. Every person who may be liable to be sued for any penalty imposed by the recited enactment and this act or either of them, shall in any suit or proceeding in equity in relaton to any such assurance, transfer, will, limitation, declaration of use or trust, or other instrument as hereinbefore mentioned, or in relation to any sceret or other trust, or other matter whatsoever, be compellable to answer upon oath, notwithstanding his liability to such penalty, in the same manner as if no such liability existed; provided, that no answer of such person in any such suit or proceeding as aforeaid, nor any matter disclosed or made known only by means of such answer, shall be admitted as evidence against such person in any action for the recovery of such penalty.

### IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

THE MOVEMENT IN IRELAND.

We cannot allow the present number to go forth without a few words to assure our English brethren that the movement in Ireland has fairly begun, and promises to be formidable. Perhaps the just indignation of the Irish people was at first thought to be slow in manifesting itself. We never despaired on this account, but rather felt encouraged, knowing how intense was the Catholicity of Ireland, and how vehement, how constant, how thoroughly to be depended upon, was that feeling, when once thoroughly aroused. name, style, or title of archbishop of any province, li was only gathering strength by its seeming tardibishop of any bishopric, or dean of any deanery, in the mess it was adding to the sternness of principle the England or Ireland, he should for every such offence of the control of the sternness of principle the forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds: and English nation, may assure themselves that the popular mind of Ireland is making itself up for resistance against this daring attempt of the Minister, with a silent strength that will make him repent of the flame archbishop or bishop of a city, place, or territory in the has enkindled. The metropolis has met in all its England or Ireland, not being the see, province, or parishes to resist this mad attack on the civil and religious of any problem. gious liberties of the Church. As we write, a noble meeting is being held in the Rotundo, at which the Very Rev. Archdeacon Hamilton has already assured the assembled Catholics that the objects they had in view had the sanction and the blessing of his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, and all his Clergy. He also stated that the venerable Archbishop is at this moment preparing a Pastoral, denouncing the penal measure, and directing his Clergy to preach against it from the altar. Thus will the enemics of the Church of God discover that they must not mistake the known gentleness and meekness of the holy Prelate who

counsel shall thus be brought to nought, and the Roly Church will emerge brighter and more free than before. Weak as Ireland is, for her Holy Faith she is strong; she is even dangerous to those who dare meddle with it, and that they know, or might know, so well, that we can ascribe it to nothing but to a judicial blindness, such as Almighty God sends upon the wicked to accomplish His designs, that they were ledto include Ireland in their nefarious projects.

We do believe that the very breath, the very echoof the indignant murmur of this Catholic people will so intimidate the Whigs, cowardly as tyrants ever are. offending shall, for every such offence, forten and pay that they will attempt, without more ado, to sneak out the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered as pro- of their proposition so far as regards Ireland. But what? Do they imagine, for one moment, that after this deadly insult to the Faith of Ireland, the Irish people are going to let them insult and trample on the iberties of the Catholies of England with impunity? Do they not know that this attack on the Catholic Faith, this during attempt to fetter and confiscate Catholic charity, and, perhaps, to imprison, or to hold up to public scorn, to place in the dock of a court of stice, boly and venerable men, the Princes of the Church, cannot but affect the whole course of events for a long while to come? A nation's Faith is not has to be trilled with, nor is even the attempt easily to be passed over or forgotten. The means of a moral and yet a most effectual resistance are in the hands of the English Cathelies; and they may depend upon it. the Irish Catholies feel their own position too well not to assist them to the very utmost of their power.—

> THE PENAL LAWS .- MEETING OF THE IRISH PRE-LATES .- We are enabled to state that a meeting of all he Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland has been convenened, for the purpose of deciding on the course most advisable to adopt in order to defeat the penal measures introduced and threatened by the Government. The meeting will be held in this city in the course of a few days—at farthest, on Tuesday, the 25th instant.—Tublet.

> Very Rev. Mr. Leahy, D.D., of Thurles College; Rev. Mr. Cooper, D.D.; and Very Rev. Mr. O'Brien. Waterford College, Sceretaries of the Synod at Thurles, have published the following document:-A statement, ascribed to the Prime Minister, to the effect, that the Address of the Synod of Thurles was adopted by a bare majority of one, having appeared in the published reports of the proceedings in Parliament, we, the Secretaries of the Synod, feel it our duty to declare that such statement, is, wholly devoid of foundation, the said Address having, as already described, been read in full Synod, and unanimously adopted in our presence by the Fathers, and by them rdered to be published.\*?

> Mr. John O'Connell has addressed a second letter o all Irish Catholics to petition against penal laws. CATHOLIC MOVEMENT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BILL.—The discontent among the Catholic population, ay as well as clerical, has been rapidly increasing with the progress of the debate on the Papal aggression Bill, is now finding vent in an agitation. Some of the Catholic bishops have been engaged in consultation on the course to be pursued, and they are endeavoring to get up a movement throughout the country. Some meetings have been already held, and more are to fol-

The Linerick Examiner hints at a serious result which may follow repressive measures against Roman Catholies :- "We feel as firmly convinced, as we do of our own existence, that so far from trenching on the religious freedom of the Catholies of Ireland, we shall ere long render it an extremely doubtful case, whether a single shilling of what is called Tithe shall be paid by the people of this country."

The Leicester Mercury remarks that in the hubbab hat nightly reigns in the House of Commons :- "Few, far too few, point to the equality of all sects in the eye -to the re-distribution of our enormous eeof the lawelesiastical revenues—to the proper application of our perverted wealthy educational endowments and to the emoval of all the fetters and restrictions on the diffuon of wholesome mental food among the community.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. PATRICK BELLEW. - Died, at his residence, the parish chapel-house of Monaghan, on the 5th instant, in the 95th year of his age, the Very Rev. Patrick Bellew, P.P., of Monaghan, (nucle to the exiled T. B. M'Manus, Esq.,) Vicar-General of the diocese of Clogher, Catholic Dean of the chapter, and first President of the Catholic seminary of the diocese.

Government intend to bring forward a general Municipal Bill for Ireland, assimilating the Corporations to the form in Dublin, thereby concentrating all local boards in the municipal body .- Limerick Chronicle.

In a few days the government loan of 300,000l, will be given to the Waterford and Limerick railway company. It is expected that the railway will be opened to Cloumel by the end of the present year.

A curious fact, little known in Ireland, in connection with the No-Popery how! in England, is, that the movement is in its origin a newspaper speculation. On the return of Cardinal Wiseman to London, as Archbishop of Westminster, the conductors of the Times held conference as to whether they would support or oppose the organization of the Catholic hierarchy. It was deemed the more profitable speculation to stand by the ultra-Protestant prejudices of the British Lion; and the phrase "Papal Aggression" was invented, to excite the No-Popery bigotry of England. Happy and illustrious nineteenth century! Monied Jews keep the sovereigns of Europe in pay, and control the measures of Cabinets. A millionaire Press in London excites the whole country to the madness of party strife, and restores the unholy regime of religious scendancy.—Nation.

PROGRESS OF EMIGRATION.—The accounts from all parts of the country state that vast numbers, including farmers, country traders, and several of the smaller gentry, are preparing to "try their fortune in the new country;" and before the close of the present month. the emigrant agents at the various outports will be in full occupation. In the port of Dublin there are vessels receiving passengers to proceed direct to America; some ships have already sailed and considerable numbers take their departure daily by steamers for Liverpool. In Waterford and other ports the quays are crowded with emigrants, many of them farmers of the better class, who take the Liverpool route. The remittances from Irish settlers in America are rapidly increasing, and considerable sums are paid by the banks of Dublin and the branch banks in the country towns, chiefly amongst the humbler classes of the peasantry, who are thus provided with the

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#### CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

MONTREAL, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1851.

The arrival of the English journals has confirmed the telegraphic report of the resignation of Lord John Russell and his crew. Whether the tendered resignation will be accepted, is another, and a very different affair. Indeed, we do not see how it is possible, in the present state of parties, to compose a ministry, of which Lord John Russell shall not be leader in the House of Commons. Next mail will solve the mystery, and perhaps bring confirmation that the resignation was but an "artful dodge" to enhance his value, as shewing that there is none save Lord John, who can manage the vessel of the State in the present critical circumstances. The new Penal law, of which we produce a copy, has completely failed in satisfying the bigotry and prejudices of the Protestants of England-but has, we rejoice to say, roused a spirit of deep and determined opposition on the part of the Catholics of Ireland. God speed them, say we. They have suffered so much from that foul and accursed Protestantism, and its persecutions, that now, when the beast begins to lift its head again, they are determined to crush it. War-war to the knife, against all Penal laws, and all who attempt to re-impose them, should be the rallying cry of the Irish Catholics, the watchword of every true son of Erin. We hope that all minor differences may be forgotten, and that the Irish will assume an attitude sufficient to convince the Protestant Government of England, that the day is past for ever, when Catholics will submit to have their faith reviled, or their clergy insulted. It is not with thirty thousand, or twice that number of troops, that the peace of Ireland will be preserved, if the Irish do but make a proper use of the occasion, the folly and bigotry of Britain's rulers has presented to them. Besides, if we are not much mistaken, a majority of these same troops are Catholics-thank God.

A Despatch has been received by his Excellency the Governor-General, from Earl Grey, dated the 27th of January, upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves in this colony, from which we extract the following:---

"I have now to instruct your lordship to inform the House of Assembly, when it shall again be called together, that their Address to the Queen, which was transmitted to me in your despatch, has been laid before her Majesty, and that her Majesty has been pleased to receive it very graciously. You will further inform the House that while her Majesty's servants greatly regret that a subject of so much difficulty as that of the Clergy Reserves should after an interval of some years have again been brought under discussion, it has appeared to them, on mature deliberation, that Tertullian says. Now, as the Apostles could obtain want of space compels us to defer them to another ASSCINDI in this Address ought to be acceded to, and they will accordingly be prepared to recommend to Parliament that an Act should be passed, giving to the Provincial Legislature full authority to make such alterations as they may think fit in the existing arrangements with regard to the Clergy Reserves, provided that existing interests

Upon this the Montreal Courier waxes exceeding wroth, giving vent to his indignation in the following terms :-

"So let it be. But, let it be understood that from this present moment, no ecclesiastical property shall be held sacred. Let all be converted to the use of the State, whether for education or otherwise. Let no title, no length of possession, be allowed to interfere with the popular right of confiscation. Let the Protestants, on the principle that what is fair in one case, is fair in the other, demand the restoration to the State of the Seigniory of the Island of Montreal, and all other property held by the Roman Catholic Church, for the title by which that property is held, is not one whit more sacred than that by which the Reserves were set aside for religious purposes."

As, with the exception of the vilest portion of what is nicknamed evangelicaldom, our Protestant brothren have generally manifested a desire to act justly and instructions of that divinely-appointed body of teachhonorably towards their Catholic fellow-citizens, we can hardly suppose that the editor of the Courier was serious when he penned the above precious rhodo-

either by purchase, or else by gifts, from private pointing out two, as amply sufficient, though many individuals. The Seigniory of the Island of Montreal, more might be given-Apostolicity, and the claim of was bought by the Sulpicians from the Company of Infallibility. By apostolicity, we mean, a regular the "Hundred Associates," at a price far exceeding unbroken descent of the present body of teachers, the "Hundred Associates," at a price far exceeding unbroken descent of the present body of teachers, its value in those days. The title by which that from the Apostles themselves. This is a very simple property is held, is therefore as sacred in the eyes of affair, involving no intricate question of dogma, but as all honest men, no matter of what creed, as is any easy to ascertain, as the regular succession of the property held by the editor of the Courier, which he has bought, and paid for. It is the same with the ties, as the descent of Louis XVI. from Hugues property held by the other religious communities, Capet, or of Queen Victoria from the Dukes of which consists of gifts from private individuals, lands | Bavaria; easier indeed, far easier, for what is history purchased with hard cash, but in no instance of a grant from the State. The peaccable enjoyment of fortunes of the Church? in which the destruction of their property, is moreover guaranteed by the most solemn of engagements on the part of the British dynasties, the discovery, conquest, and rapid progress Government, by international treaties—the faithful of new worlds, figure but as comparatively unimportant observance of which, on the part of the said government, is the only claim which it possesses to the allegiance of its Franco-Canadian subjects. We trust that Protestants will not allow, as in the present instance, the difference of their religious tenets, to changed, and passed away upon the flood of time, blind them to the first principles of justice and which sweeps off all things earthly, she alone remains common honesty. For our part, we say, that we have no objection to see our Protestant brethren, no | yesterday, to-day, and for ever. matter of what denomination, acquire property for the use of their respective congregations, or for the relief of their poor, in the same manner as the Catholic Church in this country has acquired its property; and when that day arrives, we are sure that no Catholic will be so foolish as to talk about its having been granted by the State, or so dishonest as to recommend its power, and Almighty wisdom would never do such confiscation for any purpose whatsoever. We would beg of the editor of the Courier, before writing again upon the subject, to give himself the trouble to guides to lead the blind, in order that both might fall ascertain how the Catholic Church property was acquired, and by what titles it is held. We have established by Christ, was, is, and must be infallible. too good an opinion of his candor, to think that he and if infallible, conscious of her infallibility, and if will then repeat, "that these titles are not more conscious of her infallibility, not slow to proclaim it." sacred than that by which the Reserves were set Now, as we know from the Christian Scriptures, aside for religious purposes."

"When we read the TRUE WITNESS," says an evangelical cotemporary, "we are forcibly reminded of Luther's times"; that is to say, the Montreal Witness opines that the subject of controversy between the Church and Heresy, between truth and life. He might have gone much further, and said with equal truth, that the controversy now raging between Catholicity and Protestantism, forcibly reminded him of, because in all important points identical with, the contest carried on by the Church against the Protestants of an earlier period,—Albigenses or Donatists,—or the sectaries of any of the other heresies with which, from time to time, the devil has another, they have at least all agreed in one particular—in rejecting her authority. It is this denial which constitutes the offence of heresy, and against which the Church ever has, and ever will have to combat, until the consummation of all things, when the Lord Himself shall appear, to destroy all heresy with the brightness of his coming, that all may be judged who doctrine, as one of the marks of the Church, because, have not believed the truth.

truth? "Omnis doctrina, quam ecclesia ab apostolis, what false, except by the teaching of the Church. apostoli a Christo, Christus a Deo accepit." All If man could ascertain the truth by himself, there doctrine whatsoever which God, through Christ, would be no need of a Church; consequently, like delivered to the Apostles, and the Apostles, under rational beings, Catholics take their dogmas from the the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taught to the Church, and not their Church from their dogmas. Church, whether by writing, or by word of mouth. Some other remarks we had to make upon the alleged " Tum viva voce, quam per epistolus postea," as errors of doctrine and practice in the Church, but a knowledge of the truth, only through the direct Revelation of God, and as the Church could attain to the same knowledge only through the teaching of the Apostles, so, in like manner, the sole means which men at the present day have of arriving at that knowledge, is through the teaching of the Church. If there be given unto man, but one name under heaven whereby he may be saved, so also is there given unto him, but one way by which he may be received the following communication: made wise unto salvation, and whosoever obstinately refuses to have resource unto that mode of instruction, and will not listen to the Church, is unto Catholics, in compliance with the express injunctions of Christ, as a Heathen. And this leads us to the question—What science to make known to the public the real state of is the Church, to which, under the penalty of eternal the case. For this reason, we beg you will be kind damnation, we are commanded to listen? a question to which we have been defied to give a distinct and rational answer. We will, however, make the at-

By the word "Church," we intend to denote, that body of teachers appointed by Christ Himself to teach all nations, and with whom He promised to be ever present—as also the whole body of the faithful, living in communion with, and in obedience to, the montade. The title by which the Catholic religious their belief in "unam, sanctam Catholicam et corporations, and more especially the Seminary of Apostolicam Ecclesiam." This is their sole rule of Montreal, hold their properties, not more sacred than faith, the only authority they recognize in matters of that by which the reserves were set apart for religious religion. What the Church teaches, we know, -for purposes! Why, what is the man talking about? we have no opinions in the matter, more than about There is not the most remote analogy between them. the relative value of the angles at the base of an The Clergy reserves were set apart for certain isosceles triangle,—we know to be true, and what she purposes, (whether wisely or not, we will not stop to condemns, we know to be false; without this certain discuss,) by Act of Parliament, and what an Act of knowledge, we might have prejudices, impressions, Catholic Church in this country, is not indebted to be grasped even by an evangelical intellect, and we up as a teacher of the Gospel. Although it was the State, or government, whether French or British, will therefore proceed to indicate the marks by which, ruled by the President of the assembly, that the

for one particle of the property which it at present through the Grace of God, we are enabled to discover reverend gentlemen was quite in order in making these The whole of such property was acquired the true Church. We will content ourselves by princes of the Merovingian or Carlovingingian dynassince the time of Constantine, but a record of the episodes. If one fact stands out on the page of history more prominently than any other, it is the Church; her glory has covered the nations, and the earth is full of her praise; whilst all around her has unmoved, immutable as her Founder-the same

Another mark which we assigned as characteristic of the true Church, is, the claim of Infallibility. We do not pretend that the claim is a proof of the possession of the thing claimed, but of this, even if we had not the express promise of Christ to rely upon, we are certain, that Almighty body of teachers, to teach fallible men-blind looking upon them, not as inspired (for that, in the present stage of the enquiry, is unnecessary), but merely as genuine historical documents, in the same way as we accept the events related by Tacitus, Ammianus Marcellinus, or any other credible historian, -that Christ did establish a Church, or body of teachers, that He promised to such body of teachers continual immunity from error,-knowing also, that error, is the same now in the XIX., as it was in the that body, to be of any use, must necessarily be XVI. century. The writer is correct for once in his infallible in matters of doctrine, and seeing also, that there is but one body or society upon the face of the earth which claims to be that infallible Church—it is a logical conclusion, that it is in reality what it claims none other can be—then is there no Church—then is Bulgarians, Manichaans, Montanists, Arians and the promise of Christ but an unmeaning lie, His mission but a foolish and idle dream, and revealed religion, like every thing else, is only part of an been permitted to vex the Church. Differing with one almighty sham. We have now explained what we mean by the Church, or Ecclesia docensthe Bishops of the Catholic Church, as the legitimate descendants of the Apostles, speaking by the mouth of the Pope when addressing the Universal Church, ex Cathedra, as the successor of St. Peter. We have purposely avoided speaking of purity of although it is certain that the true Church will teach But what is truth? Thus asked doubting Pilate, the true doctrine, it is equally certain that it is when the Lord of truth was before him. What is impossible to ascertain what doctrine is true, and

> When, some time ago, we noticed a report of a controversy between the Rev. Mons. Chiniquy and Mons. Roussy, we said, that having no certain knowledge of what really occurred, we would refrain from any comments thereupon. Since then we have

> Mr. Epiton,-Having seen in the columns of the Montreal Witness, an account of a religious discussion which took place at Ste. Marie, between the Rev. M. Chiniquy and Mons. Ronssy, and seeing that that account is full of falsehoods, we feel bound in conenough to publish the accompanying report of the said discussion. One of us, the undersigned, acted as President, the others as Secretaries of the assembly in whose presence the discussion took place. We deem ourselves better able than any others, to pronounce on what occurred and what was said. We certify that what follows is a true account of what was said and done during the discussion between the above-named Rev. Gentleman and Mons. Roussy, at Stc. Marie, on the 7th January, 1851.

Joseph Harbeck, President. L. FRANCHERE, Secretaries. H. GATIEN,

The accompanying communication is by far too voluminous for us to reproduce entire, in our columns. We confine ourselves, therefore, to a short abstract of its contents, the more readily, as we have reason to believe, that the whole controversy will soon make its appearance in the form of a pamphlet.

It had been mutually agreed upon, that during the discussion all personal allusions should be avoided; but the Rev. M. Chiniquy thought it to be a duty which he owed to himself, and to the station which he Parliament can make, whether it be a grant of property, a creed, or a bishop, it can unmake. What without faith "it is impossible to please God." We discussion, certain inquiries as to who, and what his the State gives, the State may resume; but the hope that we have made our meaning plain enough, to opponent was, and by whose authority he set himself

preliminary inquiries, yet in order not to give his opponent an opportunity of saying that he had endeavored to shirk a fair discussion, Mons. Chiniquy consented to waive them, and the controversy com-

The first, and indeed the only point discussed, was the Rule of Faith; Mr. Roussy contending that nothing was to be believed but what was expressly stated in the Bible; whilst the Rev. M. Chiniquy contented himself with calling upon his adversary for the proofs of his assertion. Amongst other things, he challenged M. Roussy to prove from the Bible, that the writings attributed to St. Mark and to St. Luke were really inspired writings at all, and how they came to have any knowledge of the events related by them, seeing that, as they were not Apostles, there is no proof of their having been eye-witnesses of what is recorded in their Gospels. It is needless to add, that Mons. Roussy, thus challenged, was unable to prove the inspiration of the above-named writers. The Rev. Mons. Chiniquy then pointed out some of the absurdities of the Protestant translation of the Bible: Timothy II., 3 c. 16 v., where we read, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," which is a palpable lie; for certainly the writings of Ovid and Virgil, of Catullus and Juvenal, manifest very little signs of divine inspiration. Mons. Chiniquy took occasion to point out many other false translations, which occur in the editions of the French Protestant Bible in use in this country, proving their falsity by comparison with other Protestant versions of the same passages, a useless and foolish thing, as to appoint a fallible especially St. Matt., 16 c. 25 v. At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Roussy took up his hat and retired, discomfited, from the field. Should any of our evangelical brethren doubt our assertion, we recommend to them, to attempt and prove the inspiration of the book called the gospel of St. Mark. We fear that they will not be able to succeed a whit better than did Mons. Roussy.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Monday next, the festival of the glorious Apostle of Ireland, will be celebrated by the devotions and pious rejoicings of the descendants of those to whom St. Patrick, under the blessing of God, was the means of imparting the knowledge of Christ. Many centuries have passed away since then; long years of cruel persecution have been endured, whilst the Isle of Saints has been polluted by the presence of the stranger, and her pleasant places have been trodden under foot by the spoiler. Yet never have the people to be; for, if the Catholic Church, in communion with of Ireland proved false to their religion, or traitors to the See of Rome, be not that infallible body, then their God. They have preserved, pure and inviolate, the faith once committed to the Saints; that faith which they received from St. Patrick, is still alive in the bosom of Erin's children: a light to enlighten their paths during life-their consolation at the hour of death-and destined to be throughout all eternity their exceeding great reward.

We have no doubt but that, on St. Patrick's Day,

we shall behold a glorious "turn out" of our noblehearted Irish brethren-full of zeal for the honor of their Patron Saint, and, though far away from the land of their birth, not unmindful of her claim to their affection, but animated by a firm determination to suffer no encroachments upon that religious freedom for which their fathers fought and died.

We have received the following programme of the order of the procession :---

### ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

Grand Marshal, on horseback.

Supporter with spear. UNION JACK. Supporter with spear. BAND.

Supporter. { BLUE BANNER } Supporter.

Boys of the Christian Doctrine Society. Two Deputy Marshals.

Supporter { BANNER OF } Supporter with Spear. { ST. PATRICK. } with Spear.

Irishmen not members of the Temperance Society,

four abreast. Sup. | ORIGINAL HARP BANNER. | Sup.

Members four abreast.

Two Stewards with Wands.

Sup. | FATHER MATHEW'S BANNER. | Sup.

Members four abreast. Two Deputy Marshals with Wands.

Sup. | GREEN MEDAL BANNER. | Sup.

Members four abreast.

Two Stewards with Wands.

Sup. | LADIES' HARP BANNER. | Sup.

Members four abreast.

Two Stewards with Wands. TREE OF TEMPER- Supporter. Supporter.

Members four abreast.

Two Deputy Marshals. Two and two. [COMMITTEE. | Two and two.

Two Stewards.

Honorary Members.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Vice-Presidents. Sup. with ( GRAND BANNER ) Sup. with

Stewards. | PRESIDENT. | Stewards.

Battle Axe. { of IRELAND. Battle Axe. Fire Stewards.

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## YOUNG MEN'S ST. PATRICK'S ASSOCIATION.

BAND. Supporter ST PATRICK'S Supporter with battle-axe. BANNER. Swith battle-axe

> Members two and two. Honorary Members. Committee of Management. Office-bearers.

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After Divine Service, the procession will form in front of St. Patrick's Church, and from thence proseed across the Haymarket Square, Great St. James and Notre Dame Streets, and return through St. Paul, McGill, and Radegonde Streets, to St. Patrick's Church, and there disperse in order.

By order,

JOHN McDonnell, Grand Marshal.

"There is one desire of his recorded in a prayer which he often repeated in the course of his enormous labors, which shows that his ardent desire for the glory of God has been richly heard, and royally rewarded. It was this: 'May my Lord grant that I may never lose His people, which He has gained in the ends of the earth." Sundays at Lovell-Audley.

St. Patrick pray'd, and the gift of faith Came down like a dew from Heaven; And the idels tell, and the Druids paled, And the people's bonds were riven.

Our Celtic fathers caught the flame, That fill'd th' Apostle's soul, And their faith grew firm as the iron rock, Round which the billows roll.

And that faith became their guiding star, Through all the storms of life; And to it they clung with tenacious grasp, 'Mid toil, and pain, and strife.

It sank into their inmost heart, And was stamp'd upon their soul, And they yielded up their stubborn will To its divine control.

3t. Patrick built the Irish Church, On Christ, the living rock, And it mocks the ocean's wildest roar, And braves the earthquake's shock.

He fenced it round with a triple wall, Of faith, and hope, and prayer, And his high, prophetic soul rejoiced, When he saw it strong as fair.

And he pray'd that the old Milesian race, Thus gather'd to the fold, Might never stray into error's paths, Nor their ardent faith grow cold.

Has that prayer been heard?-let history tell :-For lourteen hundred years, That Church has breasted wind and wave, Through blood, and death, and tears.

It has borne fruit-ay! an hundred fold, And spread throughout the earth, Showing forth in every passing age The splender of its birth.

And its faith has been ever purified By persecution's flame; Till the proud oppressor wrought his worst, Then stopped for very shame.

There is scarce a spot where man may tread, But St. Patrick's sons are seen, And wherever they go they plant the faith, And keep it fresh and green.

In the trackless wilds of this western world, They raise the cross on high, And where nations meet in the crowded mart, Their church-spires pierce the sky.

They stand at the altar in every clime, And they preach in every tongue, And they work the vineyard of the Lord

A Catholic heart is the Celtic heart, Ay! to its inmost core, And our pride is the good old simple faith, That our fathers had of yore.

And now that the persecutor's lash Is again before our eyes, The world shall see the Irish faith In its majesty arise.

And "the Celtic race " shall gird their loins, And await the coming fight, -Shielded by St. Patrick's prayers,-" For God, and for the right."

MORNA.

The following extracts from a private letter, of Feb. 24th, from a gentleman in Toronto, to a friend here, have been handed to us for publication, and we are sure they will be read with interest by our readers:

" . . You ask how I like Toronto? Scarcely at all. It has points of attraction; but generally it is a godless, drunken place—the Catholic population excepted however, which is indeed very fair, and fast becoming more so. The Bishop has been truly a God-send. He is a good, and refined, and feeling creature, and is rapidly diffusing his spirit among the congregation. The communicants have greatly increased, and he is constantly laboring for the religious teaching of the youth. He has one Priest devoted nearly altogether to finding out and bringing within the sphere of his instructions, destitute and neglected children. And then the way he has grappled with the debt of the Church,—£2,000 and unwards paid already! £1,000 of this he gave himself, when he came, and of the other £1,000 he received £500 since his arrival, from the Propagation of the Faith funds,—his allowance from which was doubled, doubtless owing to his influence. He preaches admirably in English. We have also the benefit of Pero Tellier, whose close, logical, and elegant sermons you well remember. But the flower of our Clerical

Priest, who arrived shortly after the Bishop, and who is really a superior man in the Pulpit. You have perhaps never heard a more elegant style. He is constantly attracting Protestants, and is very popular in the city. There have been several conversions since the arrival of the Bishop. Iknow of three."

The Right. Rev. Dr. Walsh, Bishop of Halifax, has addressed a highly important pastoral to the Clergy of his diocese, on the lental regulations. His Lordship ably exposes the futile efforts of the British Premier to trammel the Church by Penal enactments. We shall endeavor to give some extracts from it in our pext.

You are requested, of your charity, to pray for the soul of Mrs. Xaveria Wiseman, mother of his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, who died on the 7th February, at the house of her daughter, the Countess Gabrielli, at Fano, in Italy, after a short

R. I. P.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts:-John Doran, Perth, C.W., £1 5s; John Keenan, Thorold, C.W., £1 15s; Captain McRae, Lancaster, C.W., 12s 6d; Dr. McDougall, Goderich, C.W., 10s.

#### IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS-Feb. 14.

THE PAPAL AGGRESSION .- ADJOURNED DEBATE.

Mr. Fagan then rose to resume the adjourned debate on the Ecclesiastical Tithes Bill. He felt that in a measure the subject was almost exhausted, and the House weary of this discussion (hear, hear). He regretted at all times to act in opposition to the present Ministry, but his duty to his constituents compelled him to do so on this occasion (hear, hear). The position which he took was, that there had been no territorial aggression, nor any infringement on the rights of the Crown, or of the Established Church. They were told this was a land where religious freedom was cherished, where free and unmolested expression was allowed to every man with reference to his religion, where any sect, hewever small numerically, might have the full benefit of those ecclesiastical forms which they conceived necessary for the spiritual welfare of their soals. If that be the case with reference to the smallest denominations, surely the same privi-lege could not be denied to the Roman Catholics, who composed one-third of her Majesty's subjects in the United Kingdom. He considered that all the odium which had arisen against the Roman Catholics was not to be attributed to them, but to the press, which had published the documents alluded to by the noble lord, and which were never intended to be made public. The hon, gentleman then proceeded to compare the different dectrines of baptism held by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches, from which he contended that the Roman Catholic Church was much the most telerant of the two. The Roman Catholics knew not the Pope in a temporal point of view, he was looked upon only as a spiritual sovereign, and as such submitted to (hear, hear). It was true that at one portion of the history of the country some of the Popes attempted to exercise temporal authority for their own aggrandisement (hear, hear). Such an individual was Alexander the 6th, who was a disgrace to the Popedom. He concurred with what had been said by the noble lord the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Pope of Rome should be an independent prince. The Catholies of England and Ireland did no more than the two thousand clergymen, with the Bishop of Exeter at their head, when they asserted that the Queen had not supremacy in the Church of England in matters Ecclesiastical.

Mr. F. Peel protested against the question being decided according to the bearing of opinion out of doors. He thought the functions of the legislature extended further than the mere enforcement of the opinion of the country. The question was, whether forty shilling freeholders had long since been com-the provocation given by the Court of Rome—pletely disfranchised, and therefore the case of the and he would not deny that there had been provocation—justified the enactment of a measure such as that sought to be introduced by the government. Without hesitation he would avow that he condemned the unchristian, arrogant, and haughty tone of the pastoral letter. Whatever the course may be which the house resolved upon, it was essential that nothing should be done trenching upon the sanctity of religious liberty. He rejoiced to think that the Church of England never stood higher in the affections of the country than she did at present; and that she could afford to look down from her impregnable position with indifference upon the puny efforts of the Church of Rome to assail her. Mr. Peel brought his speech to a close without civing any indication of the causes he inter-lead without giving any indication of the course he intended

to adopt in reference to the ministerial bill.

Mr. B. Wall regarded the bill as the maximum of persecution. It was an aggressive bill; and its tendency would be to make every Roman Catholic a

jesuit, and every priest a spy.

Mr. Sadlier contended that Irish Catholics had been denied their fair share of State patronage. He chal-lenged the heads of departments all around to overturn his assertion.

Mr. M. Gibson said it would be well to insert a clause in the bill to this effect—"And be it enacted that this act may be broken with impunity during the present and all future sessions of Parliament."

Mr. C. Bruce protested against the assertion made on Wednesday by Mr. Oswald, the member for Ayrshire, that the people in Scotland were indifferent to the aggressive movement of the Pope. Lord John Russell's speech would give satisfaction to the people of Scotland—but not so his bill. It ought to have been much more stringent.

Mr. F. Maule thought it was the duty of the legislature to take care that these religious privileges which had been achieved by our ancestors had been preserved unimpaired. The course which the Government had taken they had been forced to take in defence of our Protestant Constitution.

Mr. Scully, in reference to the obligatory character of the canon law, remarked that in all spiritual matters that code was supreme, but the same obligation did not exist as regarded secular matters.

placed the slightest reliance on their anti-Papal professions, he would cheerfully support the bill.

Mr. Muntz would support the first reading of the bill, believing that the aggression, if unresisted, would entail political consequences of an injurious kind.

Mr. Brotherton said, he was determined to protect the country against the inroads of priestly authority.

The ground upon which he voted for the motion was, that the rights of the Sovereign had been infringed and the independence of the people had been invaded. It was a question, not of religious, but of civil rights

(hear, hear.) Mr. O'Connor hoped a division would now take place.
Mr. Scholefield said he intended to oppose the bill,
and in doing so he knew that he was going contrary

to the opinion of many of his constituents.

The House divided—For the introduction of the Bill, 395; against it, 63. Majority 332.

The Attorney-General then brought in the bill, and

it was read a first time.

Lord J. Russell moved that the second reading be fixed for Friday se'nnight .- Agreed to .- Adjourned.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS-FEB. 20. EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE.

Mr. Locke King, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill "to make the franchse in counties in England and Wales the same as that in boroughs, by giving the right of voting to all occupiers of tenements of the annual value of £10." He said, he hoped the greatest Reformer of modern times (Lord John Russell) would not object to the proposition, which was sound in policy, and could be adopted without risk. It sought to establish equal justice to all classes—for he hold it was unjust to deprive the residents of counties of the same franchise as that enjoyed by their fellowcountrymen who were residents in cities, boroughs, or towns. This distinction was an anomaly which could not be justified. The equalisation of the franchise in towns and counties in Ireland had been adopted by the Legislature last year, and he now claimed the extension of the same principle to this country. Returns showed that the number of county electors in England and Wales in 1843 amounted to 484,075, and in 1850 to 461.413, showing a decrease in seven years of 22,666, while during the same period the borough electors had increased nearly 50,000. Surely, then, as the county constituencies were supposed to represent the wealth and land of the nation, the concession sought by the bill to be introduced ought to be made. The hon, member quoted the speeches of Lord J. Russell and Sir J. Graham to show that in the opinion of these two statesmen the time had arrived for enlarging the sphere of electoral rights; and after alluding to the progress of political knowledge in the rural districts, concluded his address by submitting his motion to the adoption of the Government and the

Mr. Hume having seconded the motion, Lord John Russell commenced by complimenting the hon, member upon the temper and judgment with which he had brought forward the proposition, and admitting at once that no objection could be raised to the class sought to be enfranchised, observed that he did not think its adoption would produce an improvement in the state of representation as it now existed. It has been justly held that the Commons ought to represent all classes of the community, and accordingly it had been resolved at the time of the Reform Bill that the counties ought to be represented by a suffarge conferred upon these who acquired it by tenure, and in boroughs by virtue of occupation,—the representatives of one class being nominated by the freeholders, and the other by the householders. From information before the Legislature it would appear that there were 100,000 country voters in England, in respect of £50 occupations, and 375,000 of all other denominations of country voters, the majority of whom were 40s, freeholders. Now the proposition made by the hon, member for Surrey would admit about 350,000 ten pound occupiers in counties, which would completely deluge the forty shilling freeholders. Considering the antiquity of their tenure, he thought they ought to have the right of their tenure preserved, and he should be sorry to be party to any change calculated to diminish the importance of that class of electors. It was said this proposition would produce equality between this country and Ireland; he would only say that there the two countries was wholly dissimilar. He, however, promised that on the subject of an enlarged suffrage he should, if in power at the commencement of the next session of Parliament, submit his views to the consideration of the Legislature. Then they would have had an experience of twenty years' operation of the Reform Act, and he was perfectly satisfied that the influence of that Act had been just and salutary, and, acting upon that experience, he would embody his views in a measure early next session. On these

grounds he must oppose the motion.

Mr. Hume held that the course now taken by the noble lord was a denial of justice to a most meritorious class. In sound policy the proposition ought to be conceded, especially at this time of peace and content-

Mr. Cobden remarked that he had heard with great satisfaction the declaration of the noble lord that early next year he proposed to bring the state of representation under the attention of the house, and he hoped the country would in the meantime rouse itself in order to obtain a considerable alteration in the present faulty system. Whatever scheme of reform the noble lord might eventually bring forward, he would be obliged to adopt the principle involved in the motion now before the house.

After a few words from Mr. P. H. Howard in support of the motion, the house divided, when there appeared-For the motion, 100; against it, 52. Ma-

The announcement of the numbers was received with loud cheers.

### CANADA NEWS.

CITY COUNCIL.—At the meeting of Council held last evening, Charles Wilson, Esq., was, according to previous expectation, unanimously elected Mayor of this city. He immediately afterwards took the oaths of office and his seat as presiding officer in the Council. The retiring Mayor, E. R. Fabre, Esq., was then named senior Alderman, and Councillors Homier, Lynch and Benjamin appointed Aldermen, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the retirement from the Council of Masses, I was a Largeque and Beaudy ... Mr. Masses Messrs. Lyman, Larocque and Beaudry, -Mr. McFaryou well remember. But the flower of our Clerical col. Sibthorp declared that although he had not one flock, as a preacher, is Father O'Hara, a young Irish grain of confidence in her Majesty's Ministers, or Fabre.—Herald.

CUSTOM HOUSE APPOINTMENTS.—We understand that Mr. Pring, formerly of St. Johns, and latterly of Hamilton, will succeed Mr. Hamilton as Surveyor at this

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT .- A proclamation appears in the Canada Gazette Extra of Saturday last, proroguing the Provincial Parliament till the 17th of April, not then to meet for the despatch of business.

A colored man, who said he was a fugitive slave, and came last from Connecticut, was brought in from the country to the Police Office yesterday. He was evidently of weak understanding and apprehensive of being delivered into slavery. In a paroxysm of insanity, he had attempted to cut his throat, and the wound had been dressed by the cure of one of the parishes. The magistrate, we learn by the Mercury, proposed sending him to prison, in order to be attended in the gaol hospital until he could be sent to a more controlled. suitable place; but on its being suggested that the effect of confining him (though humanely intended) might be to drive him permanently insane, Dr. Douglas was informed of the circumstances, examined his wound, and procured his admission to the Lunatic Asylum at Beauport, where he now is.—Quebec Chronicle.

#### Died.

In this city, on Friday, the 7th instant, Joseph, only urviving son of Mr. John Fernandez, aged 16 years. In this city, on Saturday, the 8th instant, Catherine, oldest daughter of Mr. Connell Gallagher, aged 11

years and 6 months.

In this city, on the night of the 9th instant, Mrs. Margaret A. Burns, aged 43 years, widow of the late Authory Anderson Burns, formerly of Quebec. She died with true resignation to her Maker, after an illness of more than six months. Quebec papers will

#### MONTREAL MARKET PRICES.

CORRECTED BY THE CLERK OF THE HONSECOURS MARKET.

Thursday, March 13, 1851. s. d.Wheat, 8 Oats, - $\mathbf{a}$ Barley,  $3 \cdot 0$ Peas, a Buck wheat, 9° 8  $\mathbf{a}$ Rye, -Potatoes, per bush. Beaus, American Beans, Canadian a Honey, Beef, -Mutton, a a per qr. Lamb, Veal, 0 a 10 Pork, per lb. а Butter, Fresh Butter, Salt-Cheese, Lard. a Maple Sugar, Turkies, - per couple 7½ a 0 a Eggs, per dozen Apples, per barrel a 12 0 Onions, 11 0 Flour, per quintal 6 a 9 Oatmeal, per 100 lbs. 17 6 a 27 6 per 100 lbs. 22 6 a 30 0 Beef, Pork, Fresh

YOUNG MEN'S

### St. PATRICK'S ASSOCIATION



THE MEMBERS of the above body will ASSEM-BLE at their ROOMS, St. Helen Street, on the MORNING of ST. PATRICK'S DAY, at EIGHT o'clock precisely, to proceed from thence to attend Divine Service at the St. Patrick's Church. The Members will DINE together at RYAN'S HOTEL, St. Paul Street, at Half-past SIX P. M.

Tickets—Ten Shillings each.
IRISHMEN, and the Friends of Irishmen, are invited to attend.

By Order,

Montreal, March 12, 1851.

DANL. CAREY, Secretary.

THOMAS BELL,

Auotioneer.

AUCTION SALE.

## BY THOMAS BELL.

TEAS, SUGAR, &c., &c., &c.—At the SALE ROOMS of the Subscriber, To-morrow, SATUR-DAY, the 15th instant, the following will be offered for

10 boxes Old Hyson 10 do Imperial 10 do Twankay 10 do Young Hyson TEAS 5 chests Black Refined Loaf Sugar 5 hhds Brandy 5 do Gin 50 boxes Brown Windsor Soap. 100 bags Liverpool Salt 20 hf-boxes Pipes 10 barrels Copperas 20 do Saleratus 20 dozen Wisks 50 do Table Salt With various other Articles.

Montreal, March 14, 1851.

Sale at TWO o'clock.

#### ENGLAND.

The London Times, of the 22nd February, says: "Lord John Russell has tendered his resignation, and only holds office till another Government can be form-The extensive loss of Parliamentary confidence, or rather party sympathy, which his Lordship and his colleagues have evidently suffered of late, has probably prepared our readers for this result. In the face of so much resolute opposition from so many different quarters, and with so much irresolute support-in the face of such divisions as those of yesterday week and last Thursday, Lord John Russell could not expect that the present Cabinet would safely ride through the many delicate questions pressing upon the attention of Parliament. The Budget, it must be confessed, has satisfied no party, and it seemed only too probable that any possible modification of it would purchase lukewarm thanks at the expense of strenuous objections. It is proverbially difficult to please everybody, even under the most favorable circumstances, and that difficulty becomes an impossibility when there is a pre-

disposition not to be pleased.

The interest of the public, which for an unusually long period has been attracted to questions of the past, will be immediately directed to the future. What sort of Government are we to have? A new one altogether, or a reconstruction? So far as regards the political principles and the personal character of the men, there is no reason why a Cabinet should not be formed, with Lord John still for a leader, but with several new members, including two or three from Sir Robert Peel's administration. Lord John could not have better colleagues than those who have proved such steady, though disinterested allies. But, whether for good or for ill, the Whig school is generally averse to coalition. It is too much of an oligarchy, almost too much of a family, to endure the introduction of new blements, especially when there is anything to be forgiven or forgot. The Whigs come in and go out together; and much as the public will undoubtedly lose by the sacrifice of the whole Cabinet, we can

scarcely hope to see any part of it in new combination. "Besides what has hitherto been the Ministerial section of Parliament, the Protectionists are the most numerous body professing a common creed. What may they expect out of the present crisis? It is sufficient to say, that they are still Protectionists, and, to all political purposes, might just as well be Frenchmen or rigid Mahometans. Suppose them summoued to Her Majesty's Councils, and compelled to dissolve Parliament, which they correctly avow to be their selitary chance—for they would not get a six-pence of the public money from the present House—what sort of account would they give of themselves to our popular constituencies? They can only pledge themselves to enhance the price of bread and all other food, and to throw away the legislation of the last five, or rather of the last nine-nay, of the last twenty years.

"We are not saying what the Protectionists might have done. Had they but followed their leaders—had they taken common sense, instead of passion, for their guide, they might now have been in a position to govern this country. But they have wasted five years in one long fit of sullen indignation, and have now nothing to offer the public but their incessant maledictions on Free Trade and its authors. Their fate in a general election is too evident. They would only meet Parliament to be beaten on the Address, to leave public affairs in the greatest confusion-perhaps to lose the year 1851 altogether for the purposes of legislation-perhaps to incur the necessity of another general election, perhaps to throw the Government ultimately into the hands of politicians with whom they feel much less sympathy than they do either for the friends of Lord John Russell or for the admirers of Sir Robert

"Undoubtedly there exists abundant materials for the formation of an entirely new Government, bound to that commercial policy which Lord John Russell inherited from his predecessor. This is not the time either to revert to the errors of the retiring Cabinet, or to inquire very critically into the personal merits of this or that probable member of the new one. It is rather the time to view things as a whole, and we have little doubt that, from the numerous independent Statesmen of our day, a Government could be formed that would deserve, and generally receive, the cordial support of those who, for the present, are in power. Whatever is done, it is most desirable, that there should be union; and therefore some degree of generosity and mutual forbearance among the various sections that stand by Free Trade.

"The progress of sound legislation, the peace of the country, and the stability of our institutions, absolutely require that all should combine to prevent even a momentary success of the Protectionist imposture. For the sake of the country gentlemen, for the sake of the House of Lords, for the sake of that representative system which still gives considerable weight to the owners and occupiers of the soil, the question of Free Trade ought not to come again before the people of this country. It is too serious and too sore a point to be re-opened, especially by the rough process of a general election. All wise men should combine to avert that peril, and all wise men should therefore combine to give a fair chance—that, of course, is all that is asked—to whatever body of Liberal Statesmen Her Majesty may summon to her Councils."

The following is a copy of an address presented to Her Majesty in the Royal Closet on Tuesday, by the Lords Vaux, Dormer, and Lovat, and signed by 400,-000 English Catholics:-

" To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,-We, the undersigned subjects of your Majesty, residing in England, the ground, and ready to accept relief on the hardest and professing the Catholic religion, beg to approach your Majesty's throne, there to express our sentiments of unimpaired and unalterable fidelity to your Majesty's Royal Person, Crown, and dignity.
"At a moment when attempts are being made to

impeach our levalty, we consider it a duty to give

fresh utterance to these our feelings.

"During centuries of exclusion from the privileges of the constitution, and from the rights enjoyed by their fellow-subjects, the Catholics of England, remained true to their allegiance to the Crown of this realm, and yielded to none in their readiness at all times to defend its rights and its prerogatives against every foe. And now that, under your Majesty's wise rule, we enjoy equal participation with others in the benefits of the constitution, we are more than ever animated with the same sentiments of fidelity and attachment, and are equally ready to give proof, whenever occasion may present itself, of the sincerity of our loyal professions.

thus been admitted by the wisdom of the British Legislature, is that of openly professing and practising he religion of our fathers, in communion with the See of Rome. Under its teaching, we have ever learnt, as most sacred lesson, to give to Casar the things that are of Cæsar, as we give to God the things that are of God. In whatever, therefore, our Church has at any time done for establishing its regular system of government among its members in this island, we beg most fervently and most sincerely to assure your Maesty that the organisation granted to us is entirely ecclesiastical and its authority purely spiritual. But it leaves untouched every title of your Majesty's rights, anthority, power, jurisdiction, and prerogative, as our Sovereign, and as Sovereign over these realms, and does not in the least wise diminish or impair our profound reverence, our loyalty, fidelity, and attachment to your Majesty's august person and throne. And we humbly assure your Majesty that among your Majesty's subjects there exists no class who more solemnly, more continually, or more fervently pray for the stabil ity of your Majesty's throne, for the preservation of your Majesty's life, and for the prosperity of your Maesty's empire, than the Catholics of England, in whose religion loyalty is a sacred duty, and obedience a Christian virtue."—Weeldy News.

(From the Times.)

There are few things in these days that come so home to the pockets of an Englishman as the rate for the poor. It is true that it is only one of a numerous family equally obtrusive. Water, paving and lighting, gas, metropolitan sewers, police, county rate, assessed taxes, income tax, besides a swarm of pious and charitable voluntaries, are so often at the bell, that one comes to imagine a direct communication between the handle of that instrument and the bottom of one's purse. But all the rest have something to show for themselves. You see your gas lamps lighted in broad daylight and burning long after dawn. You see your policeman and your pavement; you drink the New River; you smell your sewer, and perhaps we should add, you swallow your income tax. But the poor's rate is never a satisfactory impost. The farmer who keeps a man in the union because he cannot afford to employ him would much rather not do so. The country tradesman who finds himself saddled with the maintenance of his neighbor's farm servants is still less patient. In large towns and the metropolis pauperism, like the national debt, is a name representing an invisible but horrid reality. Where are our paupers? In what dark walls, in what untrodden suburbs, are they put out of the way? So unseen, so untalked of, except as a pretence for rates, one is almost tempted to doubt their existence. Esse aliquos manes et subterranca regna,—Vix pueri credunt; and how can we be sure that pauperdom is not a myth. and rate collectors a set of mercenary hierophants? Don't we subscribe to hospitals, dispensaries, institutions, and societies for every imaginable ailment or disaster? Are there not three or four hundred clergymen going about dispensing our monthly gatherings for the poor and needy? As for the beggars in the street, they are said to live a jolly life, and the crossing sweepers carn their own salt. So, what, where, and how are the metropolitan poor? Gentle reader,—fair reader, when you stand in the first week of May in the great room of the Exhibition,—that in Frafalgar-square—and when turning to the north you are gazing on a portrait of Her Majesty by Grant. on a dead lion or a dying stag by Landseer, on the undying "gross of green spectacles," or the unfading Duchess of Mercia; nay, to stick to plain matter of fact, when last year you marked the spot in the canvass where the frightened artist had hastily suppressed the Duke of Devonshire's garter-just ten yards before you, only the breadth of the room, was a mass of pauperism, hideous, stagnant, desperate, irremediable pauperism. Within some unsuspected walls, almost adjoining the east wing of the National Gallery, are the seven depths of a union workhouse. A crowd of sots, crones, and drabs, blighted maidens "dormitories," existing by "dietary," fed without a sell the property."

Lost received without work herding without love. Mona's Herald has accounts of "Wesleyan ricts" on and dying without a mourner.

It is this that constitutes the misery of the poor rate. Its application is unseen, almost unknown, and as far as it is known most unsatisfactory. It is not even an apology for charity, for no one feels himself quits with distress on payment of his poor rates. It only goes to keep up a certain hideous slough of despond, from which they who fall into it scarcely ever emerge, and if they are bred in it from their childhood, as many thousands are, they grow up mentally stunted, maimed, crooked, and helpless, without the least power of making their way in this world or resisting its temptations. After a short trial they fall back again into the place from which they came, or into some worse place, till they come to the very bottom of this mortal sphere. Hence the poor's rate is the truest guage of misery in this country, and, inversely, of our prosperity. How many poor creatures are there in this island cast out of an industrial system like rotten branches from a failing tree, cumbering possible terms and with the bitterest opprobrium? Indeed, for such a country as ours, so rich, so imperial, so enlightened, and so benevolent, many more than their ought to be. This same pauperdom, so obscure, so separate from the kind and dignified agencies of every-day life-this lazaretto-is in fact an imperium in imperio. We think it a mercy if in England and Wales alone, numbering, may be, now about sixteen millions, the persons actually fed in one day at the public expense falls short of a million. Our proportion of paupers at any one time is rather more than one for every four households; this, too, besides all our alms-houses and charitable institutions.

THE NAVIGATION LAWS .- The shipping returns of the Board of Trade, just issued, show the satisfactory results of the first year of the repeal of the Navigation "The dearest of the privileges to which we have Laws. In comparison with 1849 there has been, as re-

gards the tonnage entered inwards, a diminution during the past year of  $7\frac{1}{8}$  per cent. in British vessels, with an increase of about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. in United States vessels, and of about 313 per cent. in the vessels of other countries. As regard the tonnage cleared outwards, there has been an increase of about 51 per cent. in British vessels, of about 1 15-16ths per cent. in United States vessels, and of about 25 per cent. in the vessels of other countries. With respect to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered inwards was 11,967,473 in 1849, and 12,564,631 last year. The clearances outwards were 12,915,584 tons in 1849, and 13,640,526 last year.

The application to the Court of Queen's Beach or behalf of the executor of the late Queen Dowages against the Treasury was decided on Saturday last .-The Court held that there was nothing special in the wording of the act of Parliament granting the late Queen's annuity, and nothing therefore which distinguished the case from the ordinary annuity cases; and about the general laws of such cases there is no reason for raising a doubt. When an annuity is granted it is in the power of the draftsman to say that the pay ments shall be apportionably, or to leave the case to events, letting the annuitant run his chance of benefit In the present case, the estate of the anmitant gained by the events; the late Queen obtained the quarter's payment for ten days after the King? death, and her representatives lost the quarter's pay ment for the sixty-three days between the last pay ment and the day of her death: blending the times her estate gained a quarter's payment for a term less than a quarter by nineteen days. Dealing seriating with the points urged on behalf of the executors, Lord Campbell finally touched with some severity upon the topic of the "exalted rank" of the deceased. "We are at a loss to know how this should influence the construction of the language by which provision is made for her. We might as well be told of her exemplary virtues while living, and of her saint-like death, which will ever make her memory cherished with affection and reverence by the English nation These we are most ready to acknowledge; but we sit here merely as judges to interpret an act of Parliament; and, according to the just interpretation of this act of Parliament, we are all clearly of opinion, that in the event which has happened no arrears of annuity can be claimed subsequently to the 30th of September 1849. Under the peculiar circumstances of this case we were willing to have allowed the mandamus to issue, so that there might have been a more solemn argument at the return, and, the question being pa upon the record, it might have been carried to the House of Lords: but both parties having declared that they should be contented with our opinion, we have only to say that the rule for the mandamus must be discharged."

The great Exhibition of all Nations at Hyde-park will be opened on Mayday. All spirits, mait liquors and wines, are to be excluded from the Exhibition also cheese, butter, ganpowder, and matches.

Books may, after 1st March, be sent by mail from England to any of the colonies, at 6d. for those not exceeding 1 lb., those not exceeding 1 lb. 1s., not above 2 lb. 2s., and so on-always in advance. Each parce must consist of only one volume, must be open at each end like a newspapers, and contain no writing but the

The Leader observes that "While ministers are try ing to evade the difficulty of dealing with the Papa Aggression, they are courting difficulties in Ireland They must anger the Catholics; the refusal to receive a petition from the Orangemen offensively violates precedent, and must anger the Protestants. The issue of a commission to inquire into Dublin University, as well as Oxford and Cambridge, is a proper measure in itself, but probably could not have been made at a more unlucky time. Ministers are leaving no stone unturned where they may uncover a scorpion."

A scheme is affoat, and is said to have received the support of a noble duke connected with Sir R. Peel? administration, for the complete union of the Sectel Episcopalians with the Established Church of England in spiritualibus.

At the commencement of the services at a Wesleyar chapel in Exeter last Sunday, an owl was seen perched on the pulpit-desk. The Reformers declare that the appearance of this kind of ill-omen is "indicative of rebuke to the Conference despoilers of the little chapel-who have caused more than one-half of the and bloomless children, dwell there in "wards" and heavy debt, which will ultimately necessitate them to

> that fair and romantic island. Last Sunday, when the reforming party went as usual to the vestry, they found that the door was locked! "One female suggested that they should sing and pray outside the door, and perchance the hard hearts of their persecutors would be softened. Tears and expressions of amazement indicated the feelings of the injured flock, and one of them truly said, 'Thank God, the preacher cannot shut the door of heaven ! ??

> The Welshman states that a Mr. French, who up to the last month had been lecturing in Cardiff and elsewhere against Mormonism, has since turned round, and is now one of their most infatnated tollowers. He intends leaving for the Salt Lake very shortly.

BLESSINGS OF THE POOR HOUSE .- There has been another serious riot at Barham Union-House, near Ipswich. A few evenings ago, after their supper was ended, a signal was given, and in a few seconds the inmates, 496 in number, had the entire mastery of the establishment. Glass, window-frames, benches, floors, tables, chairs, clocks, &c., &c., were smashed, amidst most appalling yells of savage delight. The provision stores were ransacked; the cooked meat was caten, and the raw meat was quickly boiled and devoured For five hours this dangerous mob employed them-selves in sacking the premises. The police forced their way in with drawn cutlasses, and many of the inmates being intoxicated, there was little difficulty in re-establishing order. Thirty-seven were taken prisoners, and the ringleaders have been committed for trial. They declare that they had not sufficient food. There are nineteen Irish horses entered for the Li-

John, also Rattrap, Shinrone, and Tipperary Boy.
REMARKABLE MUNICIPAL CUSTOM.—A Board of Commissioners in London, appointed for the purpose of prosecuting certain inquiries relative to the municipal corporations of England and Wales, addressed to each a circular containing certain questions, among which was the following: "Do any remarkable customs prevail, or have any remarkable customs prevailed within memory, in relation to the ccremonies accompanying the choice of corporate officers, annual

verpool steeple chase, including Lord Waterford's Sir

ies of your borough? Disclose them if there be such." To this inquiry the borough of Chinneyhar To this inquiry the borough of Chippenham, Wilts, returned the follwing answer: "The corporation dine together twice a yearand pay for it themselves."

#### UNITED STATES.

THE RIVER OPEN .- We learn from Albany that the river is open to that place, and we see that the steamers Oregon and Hendrick Hudson are already placed upon the route between this City and the Capital. We do not recollect that navigation ever before commenced so early in the Winter.-N. Y. Tribune.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGLAMATION IN BOSTON. - The Common Council of Boston, on Thursday night, very fully endorsed the action of the other branch of the city government, instructing the city marshal to employ his whole force, if necessary, in the support of the United States officers in carrying out the fugitive slave law. They also passed the following resolution:

Resolved,-That we cordially respond to the recent roclamation of the President of the United States, and will use our earnest effort to see that its reommendations are carried out.

The Boston Courier says of the proclamation :-"it meets the cordial approval not only of great numbers of the citizens of Boston, who believe that w thout this precaution there would have been nothing

to apprehend from the repetition of an act which has inflicted a deep stain upon the character of the city. but as far as we are informed, with very few exceptions, of the great mass of those who are desirous that the recurrence of such an event should be effectually guarded against."

The Senate of the United States has passed a resolution, placing at the disposal of Kessuth, the Hungarian here, a United States vessel to convey him to the United States in case he be liberated, and should select to make this his home.—Eoston Pilot.

Honrible Outrage-Five Persons Murdened .-The Welmington (Del.) Republican says, that on Thursday night last, as Wm. Canaden, who resides between the Head of Sassatkas and Georgetown X Roads, Kent county, Md., was sitting at the supper table with the residence. table with his wife, sister, and a lady who resided in the family, some villain shot him dead through the window, and then rushed into the house with a knife and murdered the women. One of the women lived until ten o'clock on Friday morning, but was unable to give any definite description of the field in human shape. What the object could have been cannot be imagined. Mr. C. was the rector of a farm, and had but little money in his possession. A correspondent adds the fellowing particulars:—Mr. C. had just left the supper table and taken a seat by the fire, when he was shet through the window, from the outside of the house; Mrs. Causden ran to the door and on opening it was instantly killed, her sister shared the same fate, when the ruffians proceeded to the room of Mr. C. is sister, who was confined to her bed by sickness, and demanded her money-it having been reported that she had four hundred dellars in her possession. She begged for her life, and pointed them to her small stock of treasure. They took the money, and then fired a gun at her; three slugs entered her body, and though she is still living, no hopes are entertained of her recovery. A colored women was also shot, and though she still lives, it is thought that her wound will prove fatal. The boy, the only remaining member of the family, got behind the door and when these fiends entered he ran out and escaped. Mr. C. was shot in the breast, and afterwards stabled in three places. The murderers are still at large, and no one can imagine whom they are.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT-THREE WOMEN KILLED.-On Tuesday last Coroner Taylor was called to hold an inquest over the bodies of three women, named Betsey McDonald, Bridget Convey and Nancy Kearnan, who were killed on Eggleston's section of the railroad, near the village of Hyde Park. The particulars of this melancholy accident are as follows: It appears that Mrs. McDonald, who occupied the shanty where they were killed, was taken ill this morning, and the other two females named above had called in and were near her bed ministering to her wants. At half-past 8 o'clock a blast was discharged on the line of the railroad, a short distance from the sharty, and a huge mass of rock, weighing about 1,000 pounds, was thrown into ir, which descended directly upon the roof of the building, and was seen by the men at work to penctrate it. They immediately repaired to the shanty, and upon entering it beheld the mangled and lifeless bodies of two of the females, and the third prestrated and bleeding, but not quite dead, although she lived but a few unconscious moments afterward. The women were all of them married. One was forty years of age, and leaves five children. Mrs. McDonald was 26 years, and leaves two children, one of them a mere infant. The third victim is 24 years old, and had been married about a year.—Poughkeepsic Eagle.

Anothen .- Jno. Thomas was hung at St. Louis, on the 16th instant, for the murder of Jno. Stevens near Jefferson Barracks, last Spring. He stated that his name was not Thomas, but his real name was divulged to the priest who attended him during his last mements, under a strict injunction of secresy.

"A FREE VERSION OF THE BIBLE. - The Governor of Texas, in his late proclamation for Thanksgiving, gives the following quotation from the Bible, which may be new to some, if not all our readers :"

"In the beautiful and expressive language of the Bible, ' The winter of our discontent' is gone; the rain is over and past; the time of the springing of flowers is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

"We have heard of a practice which is said to prevail before justices of the peace in the rural districts, where Bibles are scarce, of swearing witnesses on the next best book to the Bible, which is at hand. The recollection of this usage suggests to us the suspicion that Governor Bell has been obliged to promote the works of Shakespeare to the place in his library which the Bible ought to occupy. We commend his case to the Bible Society, as one calling for immediate relief."

During the Nativist excitement, there were many zealous Protestant graduates of our common schools, who quoted the Bible as correctly as the governor has done. I go for the Bible, said one of these pious Christian Alliance men, in the hearing of a friend of ours. I go for the holy Bible. These d-d Papists want to deprive us of the privilege of reading it. But they can't come it, nohow. In the words of David, "I defy em to snatch it from me. Holy Rible, book divine, precious treasure, thou art mine!"-Boston processions, feasts, &c., noticed in the printed histor- Pilot.

### THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

MATTERS IN ROME.—Quite an excitement has been raised here in the United States at the report that we are to have three Cardinals. We shall be overjoyed if the report turns out to be true, but we must tell the truth that it has no other authority than than a quart, and abolishing dram shops under penalthat of the Roman Currespondent of the London Times. When we tell our readers that this correspondent is a professed Catholic who prepares most bigoted or most infidel correspondence for the Times at so much a letter, we have said enough. Even in the same letter he talks about the determination of His Holiness to resign! So we suppose that this imaginative person, on waking up some afternoon in a tavern near the Spanish Quarter, has picked up a story that was current about three months ago in taking up the child tenderly, as if about to treat it Rome, that three Cardinals were to be given to the humanely, unpinned the note and put it in his pocket. Western Continent—one to the United States and He then took the child, beat out its brains against a two to Spanish America. But, at least, all Rome is tree, and buried it. What became of the peasant filled with the talk that the honored, the illustrious, during this time is not mentioned; but he witnessed and the beloved Archbishop of New York is, in the intentions of His Holiness Pius IX. to be raised to the dignity of a Prince of the Church. Were this to demand his residence at Rome, and his removal cashiered, six dismissed, seven have lost rank, five from New York, it would be deplored as a national suspended, and ten reprimanded; only two have been calamity; but, to have him thus return to the See of honorably acquitted, one acquitted, and four pardoned New York, and live here as Cardinal, will be a matter of pride and of congratulation to every true.

Thicks with Foon.—The Lancet is following up its ter of pride and of congratulation to every true hearted American. There is another people that is very dear to the Holy See, and who, whether at home, or whether spread abread and engaged in the arrowroot, purchased indiscriminately of various Lonenterprises of a dozen nations, will leap for joy at the news. It is the people who have the honor of 16 cases this adulteration consisted in the addition of claiming the Archbishop as a native of their soil. a single inferior product, much cheaper in price, such claiming the Archbishop as a native of their soil. Ireland and America will dispute with each other the privilege of doing him honor. Whether any technical difficulties shall be found in the way of carrying out the design of His Holiness we know not. But we trust that in this instance, slow as the movements of the court of Rome proverbially are when anything new is to be effected, that delays may be broken oil, and that we may soon be enabled to amounce as a fact the event that will add so much to our national and Ecclesiastical honor.—N. Y. Freeman's Jour. and Ecclesiastical honor .- N. Y. Freeman's Jour.

The London correspondent of the Boston Pilot says:—" That should the government measure against the Catholic Hierarchy pass and be rigidly enforced, the Catholics of England and Ireland will unite in one common cause and stand together, despite the threats and terrors of penal acts. Their resistance will be "purely passive," and they will oppose any attempt at a physical force demonstration in their favor, believing that no penal enactment can stand against them, and by quietly submitting to the severest perseention they will enlist the sympathy and support of all Europe. This is, however, only the resolution of the peacemakers amongst the Catholic body. In Ireland, the storm of indignation against the government measure rages furiously, and if it should ever be attempted to be put in force the Irish Catholies will boldly defy the government! Mr. Hume's prediction that 90,000 troops will be required, is only a moderate and consistent one under the present direumstances."

The New York Correspondent of the Boston Pilot says:-" It was stated that there are 6000 gambling houses in New York, and the chief of the police was attacked for permitting them. Green's life has been threatened for the active part he has taken in putting down this vice, against which laws have been enacted which are a dead letter. The association teeps a list of all who frequent these houses, and unless they can induce them to give the practice up, they will expose them to their employers, creditors, and their families. It is stated that gambling has considerably abated under the operations of this society. A few evenings ago, Awful Gardiner and a gang of rowdies upset some meal in the street belonging to a poor woman, and then laughed at her misfortune. There were some longshore Irishmen at hand, who gave the party a severe brating, when Gardiner drew a pistol and fired twice, have of the bullets passed through the coat of one one of the bullets passed through the coat of one attending the Episcopal Church; when the preacher of the men, and the other lodged in the face of a man untered sentiments of which he disapproved, he would -one of the bullets passed through the coat of one named Walsh. He has not died, but he is not out of danger. Gardiner is a prisoner.?

VECUTION OF TWO NEGROES FOR MORDER -EXECUTION OF TWO EXERGES FOR MURDER.—INASH-ville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—To-day the city was crowded with visitors, to witness the execution of the slave Henry, convicted of killing his master in Summer County. A guard of musketeers surrounded the vehicle which conveyed them to the scaffold. After the vehicle which conveyed them to the scaffold. After the rope was adjusted round their that the rope was adjusted round their than the rope was adjusted round the rope was adjuste a short prayer, the rope was adjusted round their necks. Before the caps were drawn over their eyes, Henry declared aloud that they were shedding innocent blood, while the other said if he ever killed a man he didn't know it. After covering their faces, the Sheriff cut the rope, and they were launched into

FATHER MATHEW.—The Venerable Apostle of Temperance, was at New Orleans, at latest accounts, where P. T. Barnum had presented him with a check

Mississippi Minerals.—It is stated that agate, cornelians, and madrepores have been found profusely scattered among the coarser pebbles in the southern portion of Mississippi. The same formation has been observed at the Guadaloupe river, in Texas.

New Orleans, March 3, 1851.—The magnificent

steamer Oregon, bound from Louisville to New Orleans, burst her boiler on Sunday, near Vicksburg. The first clerk was killed, the captain was severely hurt, and about thirty of the persons on board are miss-

ing. The boat it is supposed will be a total loss.

BARK EURERA.—We published a few days since, says the N. Y. Tribune, a report put in circulation by F. W. Emmons, who had just returned to Bullalo from California, that the bark Eureka, which sailed from San Francisco in October last, with 280 passengers, had been lost, with all on board, except the mate and two passengers—at the same time expressing our doubt of the truth of the statement. By a letter neceived from Mr. A. E. Camp, a passenger on board the Eureka, we learn that she sailed from San Franeisco on 26th October for Realejo, with 112 passengers, and arrived safely at Acapulco on the 5th Jan., being 70 days making the passage. For 25 days the passengers were on short allowance, and had no water, except rain water, for some time. The captain having no money to provision the vessel to proceed any further than Acapulco, some 60 or 70 of the passengers started across the country for home; 8 or 10 were property and paying the expense of advertising. fortunate enough to get on board a steamer, and some of them returned to California.

Journed on the 8th inst., after passing an entire new code of civil and criminal laws, previously prepared by commissioners. Among other laws passed is one prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits in less quantities than a quart, and abolishing draw shore will ties of fine and imprisonment. Capital punishment and Usury laws are repealed.—Boston Pilot.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Horrid Murder in France.—A crime, attended with singular circumstances, has been perpetrated in the department of the Menrthe. A father exposed his infant in the forest of Sarrebourg, with a hundredfranc note pinned to its clothes, and set a peasant to watch. Shortly there came by a wood-ranger, and

During Sir Charles Napier's eighteen months' administration, forty-live officers of the Bengal army have been brought to trial, of whom fourteen have been

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where the purchase was made.

Cooper, in his "Deerslayer," makes some sport of a number of Red Indians speculating over a chess figure, in the shape of an elephant, which they describe as a beast with two tails. The incident, says the Literary World, really occurred in the case of an Irish servant at a country house in Pensylvania. A nemagerie came that way, and the elephant presented timself at the gate. The mistress of the house sent he servant forward with a feed of a loaf of bread. The "help" walked once or twice the length of the animal, and returned with the loaf. "Why haven't you given it to the elephant?" "Sure," says she, "and which end shall I give it to?"

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WHY QUAKERS WEAR THEIR HATS AT MEETING .-Quakers invariably wear their bats in places of public worship, or in public assemblies, but few are aware solemuly put on his broad-brimmed hat, and take it off again whenever more welcome doctrine occurred.

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