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AT HOME & ABROAD



E are afraid, after all, it will turn out that human nature is pretty much the same thing throughout these colonies as it is on the other side of the Pacific. Strange to say, it would appear as if crime was about to follow in the wake of secularism in Australia just as it has done in America. We have frequently had occasion to remark upon the manner in which the one has paved the way for the other in the country

alluded to, but always, out of deference for the strong persuasions of many estimable gentlemen amongst our fellow-colonists, have we allowed that humanity within the sweep of these seas might possibly prove of more excellent and unbending quality than in the Great Republic. Still we find ourselves obliged to put two and two together, and when we find so staunch an advocate of secularism as our contemporary the Evening Star holding up horrified hands anent the crime in Melbourne, involuntarily we recollect that the secular system has now had ample time to show some of its offects, whether for good or whether for evil, there, and moreover that we might more especially have expected it to make manifest its excellence, were it possessed of such, in thinning the larrikin ranks. The Evening Star, however, informs us that it is otherwise. Here is what he says, "Crime in Melbourne is fearfully rife, and the Police Court records wear a sickening aspect. Larrikinism is on the increase, and no one is exempt from its attacks. Gangs of systematic plunderers infest the city, suicide is on the increase, and shocking cases crop up now and then in connection with the Chinese quarter of the town. One of the latest cases of larrikinism was a band of roughs taking forcible possession of an hotel, helping themselves liberally, destroying the property, and then nearly killed the landlady by striking her with a bottle. A shameful case of woman-assaulting is also on record. The poor creature was on her way to the hospital when a brute met her and beat her with his fists, and was only prevented from killing her with a knife by the timely appearance of a constable. Every week brings its tale of infanticide, and of young women decoyed away and ruined for life. The Chinese quarter is a blot upon Melbourne." The nurselings of secularism, then, are no improvement, to say the least of it, on those of the denominationalism we are told is finally defunct; but, to follow up the elegant comparison made the other day by our contemporary the Daily Times of the denominational system to a "dead dog," the vermin shaken off by the system that is now alive and vigorous are quite as loathsome as any that have ever This at the very least, and we have no been otherwise produced. doubt whatever that, if they have not already done so, they will become before many years elapse very many times more numerous, That such has been the case in America it is impossible to deny; for His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, in a fourth pastoral issued by him, proves it by giving the following statistics. We have not as yet had time to receive the pastoral itself, but we clip the following from a report telegraphed to a Victorian contemporary: "Comparative ignorance, he says, is a misfortune that leads to crime; but instruction without thorough religious instruction and moral education is a calamity that tends directly to produce criminals of the very worst class. He takes six New England States-namely, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont. Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and contrasts them with six other States-namely, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, and Georgia-to show the difference. Yet the inhabitants of all those States, he points out, came of the same English race, and held the same Protestant religion. They all had the Protestant Bible, and, in the main, the same manners and customs, but they disagreed on the one question of religion. The New England States adopted the system of public schools, but the Virginian States rejected it. Both systems had been in work for years, and the public schools, according to the last census, had advanced the States in which they existed far ahead of the other States in purely secular instruction. The States

in which the public schools' system was in force had a population of 2,666,000, and out of them only 8543 could neither read nor write. The States where the private schools existed had a population of 3,000,000, out of whom 262,000 were wholly illiterate. This, it was claimed, was a triumph of knowledge over ignorance, and was taken to show the light that public schools bring to the intelligence. But turn to statistics of another kind. The States that adopted the public schools' system had 2459 criminals in prison, while those States that adopted the other system had only 471. Thus the former had one native-born inhabitant out of every 1084 in gaol, while the latter had only one out of every 6670. Then the public schools' States had one suicide per annum to every 13,000, and the other States had only one suicide per annum to every 56,000. The former had one per annum who died of the effects of criminal lust to every \$4,000; and the latter only one per annum to every 128,000. The public schools' States had one insane person to every 800; and the denominational States one to every 1280. Taking all the States together, not one of them approached Massachusetts as a breeder of criminal classes, although that State had far and away developed the public schools system to the greatest degree. The Alta California, one of the leading American newspapers, said that we must look for the cause of the general rowdyism, idleness, and viciousness of the rising generation nowhere but to the training it had been receiving. The prison reports of America stated that all the young criminals can read and write."

THERE are two gentlemen who, of their own accord have come prominently before the public in connection with the catastrophe at the Octagon, Dunedin, and from whose "tricks and manners" learn that the ridiculous not only occasionally approaches the sublime, but may even issue from circumstances attending on the sad and horrible. One of these gentlemen is our old, and exceptionally high-spirited, acquaintance, Mr. Denniston, and the other is the peripatetic reporter of our contemporary the Lyttelton Times. Mr. Denniston, as we say, we know of old; he is a noble soul brimming over with a fine and continual indignation, and as hard to hold in as a three-year-old colt. But we look upon him as spoiled by his nationality and profession; instead of being a Scotchman and a lawyer he ought to hail from the county Tipperary and to head a faction with a shillelagh in his hand from Monday morning till Saturday night, and round again. It's face to face with three or four boys of the O'Ryans, or the O'Kellys, or the O'Neils, or somebody else with a strong spice of the "divil" in them he should stand. It actually brings the tears to our eyes to see him pitted off against nothing better than a bit of a coroner, or a "peeler" or the likes of that; he's completely thrown away. The other gentleman tells us that he himself was once a warrior too; but we have only his word for it, and we think more of one stout blow dealt before our eyes in the street, than of all the reminiscences of warlike hours that could be written from this till doomsday. However, we will take his word for it, and when he tells us he has often faced the "music of the batteries" we will believe him. We will even believe he would rather do so again than again take the liberty he has taken; and it is certain he ought to do so, for it is a grievous impertinence of any man to consider that the fact of a young lady's having met a most deplorable accident and bereavement justifies him in patronizingly alluding to her personal appearance in the newspapers. Our ex-warrior, however, now that there is no fighting to engage his powers, has taken to journalism it seems, and it seems, moreover, he has elected himself a kind of censor of the Press in general, so that our stationary reporters had better mind their p's and q's or they will have all their shortcomings published to the world, and that in the choicest prose imaginable. "centre of population more favourably situated" than Dunedin, (which we suppose is a military way of saying Christchurch,) will be forced to entertain a very poor opinion of them, if they do not look Our ex-warrior came down here "personally to institute inquiries," and he saw and heard no end of wonderful things that our good-for-nothing lot of reporters had never told him a word about. In the dark he saw a detective in a dark entry watching every movement he made-and that is a sure token of eyes trained by campaigning. He saw a mob of boys with their "irrepressible mirth silenced" and that is a contradiction in terms only to be swallowed in presence of a determined fire-eater, such as an ex-warrior is sure to be.

in short, he saw all that was to be seen at least, and possibly a good deal more besides. However, he is a most entertaining person full of observation and philosophy, and that "centre of population" that forms his head-quarters must be proud of such an acquisition. He is quite right; we have not a reporter in the town that is a "patch" on him; his present inflation and conceit are unrivalled, whatever may have been the nature of his former courage.

In pursuance of the evident intention of the Imperial Government to stir up such an anti-Irish agitation as will prevent all chance of the spread of the Home Rule movement in England, there seems to exist a determination to revive the Fenian panic, so long dead, and for whose revival there cannot be the least rational grounds. With a view to this end, it is clearly resolved to engage the services of that Press whose falsity, unscrupulousness and violent prejudices have, as Mr. A. M. Sullivan recently told the Whitehall Roview, done so much to prolong and widen the division between England and Ireland. An opportunity for this, it appears, has An opportunity for this, it appears, has offered in a threat, genuine or invented for the occasion, made to wreck the Queen's special train on its passage along certain of the English lines, and in consequence of which precautions were taken in connection with some of Her Majesty's recent journeys. matter, if bona fide, seems to have been very vague, and no particulars had transpired that could justify an accusation of any party or individual in connection with it, but, nevertheless, one of the London weeklies has not hesitated to hint broadly to its readers that Fenianism it was that prompted the murderous intention. need, then, expect nothing less than a revival of public indignation in England against this cause, which is now a mere phantom, and which no one, at all well informed, so much as suspects of a lingering existence in any part of the United Kingdom. But the end desired will be served all the same; Ireland generally will be confounded with the detested system, and alarm and hatred against all thoughts of doing her justice spread broadcast throughout England, now the task that evidently lies before the English Press, and we have no doubt it will be undertaken and executed con amore. A. M. Sullivan certainly used very strong language on the occasion to which we have already alluded, but his language was not one bit too strong. There are no words in which to express the infamy of the journalist who lends himself to pander to the desires of a party or Government, so as to hurt grievously the interests of millions of his fellow subjects, and excite against them, all-undeserving, the hatred of the nation to which he belongs, and which he deceives and hoodwinks into consenting to tyranny.

WE have discovered a receipt for preaching "evangelical" sermons, and much that had hitherto puzzled us has become as clear as the day-light. We find it in a paragraph descriptive of the country life of the renowned Mr. Moody, whose apostolic labours seem to have resulted in setting him up very comfortably for this world as well as for the next. The paragraph tells us—"He is especially fond of raising poultry, and is said to be studying illustrations for sermons from the fowls." There is no doubt that the clucking hens, and geese especially, may furnish him with much matter for his eloquence. In fact, we have ere now believed that it was possible to discern in such sermons as he and his fellows preach a good deal that was suggestive of the origin in question. We are by no means surprised, therefore, to find the poultry yard resorted to for inspiration by these preachers of righteousness.

According to the gentleman who utters "London Town-Talk" for the Melbourne Argus, the general reading abilities of the public of our times are hardly calculated to benefit the world much. He says no magazine of the day can succeed if a story be not included in its contents, the plain sense of which is that nine-tenths of the people who purchase magazines do so altogether for the sake of the few pages of light reading they contain, and never think of so much as glaucing over any of the graver or more useful matter to be found This is a very striking proof that modern education is more of a show than of a reality, and the question may even arise from it as to whether or not there is, after all, so very great an advantage gained by those who, knowing how to read, devote themselves to frittering away their time, impairing their memories, and, it may even be loosening their morals, for it may be doubted whether a very large proportion of the fiction that is printed can have any other effect on those who study it. For our own part, we are not ashamed to confess that we consider the man who, not knowing how to read, finds enough to interest and occupy him in his business, his thoughts, and his observations, is likely to be a being superior to the man who seeks no resources in himself, but turns his acquired powers to the use of enabling him to kill time by the contemplation of what some one possessed of little more learning or intelligence than he has to narrate concerning the foolish thoughts, tame adventures, unruly passions, and silly conversation of imaginary characters. Reading the ordinary fiction of the hour, in fact, so as to constitute it a regular occupation, is simply an idle and vicious habit, and if it be all

that is understood to form what is called a "reading people," all we can say is, we consider it any thing but a reproach to be stigmatised as a non-reading people. M. Paul Fèval has, indeed, already told us that the men of our times read nothing worth reading, but are content to take their information from the daily papers, and, if we recollect aright, Mr. Frederick Harrison has said something of the same kind in a paper published by him in a recent periodical; so that, on the whole, we begin to suspect the present generation of ordinary readers is a generation that have had their minds poisoned or enfeebled, or it may be both together, by the perusal of unlimited trash, and that for the most part is all they have gained by the universal spread of enlightenment.

MR. LECKY, the historian of Rationalism, tells us in one of the most eloquent passages written by him that it was the Catholic teaching concerning the dignity and privileges of the Blessed Virgin, that raised womanhood to the high position held by it in the ages of Faith, and since, in a lesser degree, enjoyed by it throughout all civilization. But we might of our own observation almost gather this by seeing how, as the world separates more widely from Catholic doctrine, womanbood sinks in the scale of humanity, and bids fair to degenerate into the slavish and odious position occupied by it under the ancient Paganism, and amongst barbarous and non-Christian peoples in modern times, or even into a position still more degraded; and of the many sights we mark of this we find none more disgraceful than the public exhibitions now so frequent in America, and of which we occasionally read notices in our contemporaries. Take for example the following paragraph clipped from the correspondence of the N.Z. The writer is describing pedestrianism as exercised by females, with some sketches of the competitors. He says :- "Miss Von Berge is also on the track for 'exhibition walks.' She is a carthorse style of female, with a huge body and swinging step. How she foots it, heel-and-toe. Heavens! She comes down upon the flat of her foot like a thunderbolt; being neither pretty, but large and coarse, she excites little interest, The two champion ladies are accompanied all day long by ladies who walk for pleasure, thus relieving the monotony for the jaded tramps, who must be jaded, though they are too plucky to reveal the same." What can be more revolting than this? The brutalizing influences of such sights, or even such descriptions, are of themselves enough to corrupt and debase any nation in the world. Verily the contempt of Catholic teaching entails its own punishment.

WE are informed by the Cooktown Courier of a recent date that the poor missionaries have had another escape from those blood-thirsty natives. It seems that last June the Ellangowan anchored in Dudfield harbour and was robbed by the savages there of some stancheon bars. This took place during the night and next morning the holy men ventured to approach the shore, principally to recover their property, but also it is reasonable to suppose with a view to speaking a word in season for the conversion of the heathen. They were, however, attacked with spears and stones, but fortunately the captain of the Ellangowan, not a missionary mind but, so to speak, an ame damnée employed by the missionaries for matters of this kind, managed to shoot one of the attacking party, and that at once settled the matter. The poor missionaries were permitted to "go in peace," and the blood-thirsty natives carried off their dying or dead comrade in a terrible fright at what they had ignorantly brought on themselves. The Ellengowan then sailed off and gave information to the Captain of H.M.S. Beagle of the affair, and he took it in hands and soon recovered the stolen bars, "the natives having previously heard of the terrible things he could and would do if they were not restored." So prospers the propagation of the gospel of peace in the South Seas. Our holy apostles go thrusting themselves into situations amongst the savage people in which they know beforehand as well as possible they must expect to suffer from treachery and violence-or rather to be attacked by them, for they manage to suffer mighty little-and then they inflict summary justice by a kind of Lyuch-law on the unfortunates who have but acted as their customs are known to direct. This may be called Christian missionary work by those wite please so to name it, but we hold that those who please on the other hand may most justly name it buccaneering, or something, at least, nearly akin thereto.

It is no wonder at all that the Presbyterian Synod of Otago wants to control Professor Macgregor's logic and psychology. We do not, indeed, see how it could be otherwise, for how in the world could the logic and psychology of any man be considered to stand on their right legs when he accuses the Synod of "fighting?" What could he be supposed to know about the working of the human soul after such an accusation as that, brought against the soul in a state of perfection; and, to boot, if he had had a particle of reason about him he never would have made it. Logic and psychology, indeed! The logic and psychology that can do nothing better than declare the salt of the earth to exist in a condition next door to fisticuffs are mighty queer science. It is quite time somebody or other gained the whip hand over them. But that is not the whole of it. Not only

does the Professor accuse our venerable apostolic college of "fighting," but he actually says that, while they do one thing "ostensibly, they have the intention of really doing another. Is this logic and psychology, we want to know; or is it downright, unblushing impu-We wait for an answer, for while the matter lies between the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Professor Macgregor, we ourselves are quite unable to determine anything about it. However. there is one thing we plainly perceive—the prayer meetings at the University have not benefitted Professor Macgregor one pin. He is evidently totally unregenerate, and the poor Chancellor has had all the trouble of wrestling in supplication for him in vain. pity to see so much good, pious, breath wasted. Fortunately, however, it is an exception to the general rule, and there will be lots of other conversions to atone for it. Meantime, we learn that the Synod is about to establish a theological college with their surplus funds, and no doubt their intention is highly praiseworthy; that is, if it be just and legal. But as matters are situated at the present moment, perhaps it might fall in more consistently with their national prudence if they would make up their minds to "bide a The fact is, the theology they elect to teach just now may turn out not to be the thing at all that is required a few years bence. Presbyterianism appears to be, at least, on the brink of a state of transition, for it is judged partly to incline towards Episcopalianism and partly towards Socinianism, as may be seen by an article from the Saturday Review published by us in another column, under the heading "Scotch Dogmatism." Therefore, the Synod had better deliberate somewhat longer, (of course, Professor Macgregor means deliberation when he speaks of "fighting,"), await the turn of events, and not risk the danger of setting up a theological college which might hereafter prove a sore bone of contention between rival factions of their own divided sect.

"Puck," an American comic weekly, gives a likeness of the famous preacher Talmage, who is now, or at least was lately, creating such a furore in London. The likeness, which is evidently a good one, presents to us a shrewd, wide-awake, knowing, Yaukee face, and disciples of Lavater even without any further information would have no difficulty in concluding that it belonged to a man quite capable of getting along capitally through life, in any calling it might please him to adopt. He, at least, would by no means seek inspiration for his preaching amongst the hens and chickens. The comic paper sketches, comically of course, the preacher's career amongst English church-goers, and one of the groups with which he is brought into contact represent members of the various clerical bodies, from the Anglican bishop in his lawn sleeves to the extraordinary nondescript dissenter, who may be met with in remote places; but one and all they appear in high dudgeon, evidently devoured with chagiin at the devotion that attends upon the sensational stranger. We should think this group is very happily imagined; it must be excessively aggravating to the easy-going, humdrum, ministers in general to find their preserves so trespassed upon. A preacher like Talmage is calculated to do them an immensity of harm; services conducted by him are a species of dissipation as ruinous to the religious mind as would be a course of sensational novel reading to the student of reading-lessons in a schoolbook. To return to the ordinary fare would be a trial far greater than many could bear, and even the most staid would be tempted to regard their accustomed minister, at least for a period, as more or less of a bore. Decidedly those parsons the chief feature of whose worship is the sermon cannot feel very happy in the neighbourhood of such men as Talmage, and the worst of it is they cannot be imitated; sensationalism of any kind must be the gift of nature. Any imitation of it is the flattest of the flat.

THE news by the San Francisco Mail which reached Auckland on Tuesday last seems anything but re-assuring. The Government seem to be warmly following up their plan of exciting disturbances in Ireland, and consequently rousing the indignation and resentment of England, never a very difficult task, against the Irish people. consequence, we hear of an attack made by the police upon a Home Rule procession at Lurgan, which resulted in one of the processionists being killed and two severely wounded. It is added that the people then wrecked Lord Lurgan's lodge—his gate-house, we presume, and some houses of Protestants; that is—if there be any truth in it—the houses not of Protestants viewed in a religious point of view, but of some persons belonging to that seet who were aiding and abetting in the murder and maining committed by law in the streets. The Irish Volunteer Bill has been thrown out in Parliament, but a proposal is advanced to enroll unarmed Irish Volunteers, whatever that extraordinary class of semi-military men may look like. It is possibly considered necessary to teach them to know their right foot from their left, as we have heard of its being done in old times, by attaching a bit of straw rope to one of the members in question; and so to sharpen them up for any emergency that may arise. experience, however, of the Irish peasantry has been quite sufficient to assure us that they need no such training, and that, further, they are quite sharp enough to understand and resent the impudent slight that is offered to them. Unarmed volunteers, indeed! Pray are

they in any way connected with that famous corps, the horse-marines? There are a few queer items, too, related of the Pope, as usual, emanating from the bewildered imagination of some dozing journalist or telegraph clerk. It seems His Holiness has again snubbed the "Ultramontanes," chastised the Belgian bishops, and frowned on the little-game of the Jesuits. It is no wonder at all, then, if somebody in Baltimore says they want to poison him. Nothing less could possibly be said, and we are only astonished to find it has been drawn so mildly. We would say at once the true Pope had been poisoned and a stuffed one on Jesuit wires set up in his place. Russia is again, it would seem, carrying on her small school-boy menaces of England. Once more we hear of unlimited cruisers being ordered at New York, and we may, in a short time, daily expect a descent of Cossacks upon these shores of ours. It is, however, a comfort to know there are a few gentlemen in the place always ready to do whatever fighting may offer itself to them; they will protect us, and we shall rest at peace in their shadow. Let the Cossacks come. The Czar has, moreover, slighted England by excluding her from the invitations, issued to all the rest of Europe, to send representatives to witness certain great military manœuvres commenced on July 25th. Russians are also said to have armed the Bulgarians heavily, and to be endeavouring to stir up the Albanians against Austria. On the whole, there would be nothing to surprise us in a renewal of hostilities in the East, as matters there seem far from settled, and Austria, aided by Germany, is reported to be endeavouring to coerce the Porte, so as to obtain for herself a strong footing in Turkey. The relations between Russia and Germany seem far from friendly, and the Russians are building forts upon their German frontier. In America, the yellow fever is raging at Memphis, and some cases have also occurred at New Orleans; while in Europe cholera has made its appearance, two deaths being reported as occasioned by it in London. Under existing circumstances, there are worse places of residence than we find in New Zealand.

THE LATE MOTHER MARY XAVIER.

(From our Melbourne correspondent.)

A LADY who knew her writes to me of Mother Mary Xavier, the Superioress of the Geelong Convent of Mercy:—"Her death is recognised as a public calamity alike by Protestants and Catholics in Geelong and the western district. During the twenty years she has worked among them silently, 'unhasting and unresting,' monuments of many sorts have arisen in Geelong (notably the Convent Buildings with the beautiful Chapel of the Sacred Heart attached) offsprings of her head heart and hand all for the furtherways of the one object of her head, heart, and hand, all for the furtherance of the one object of

her life—the glory of God and the salvation of man.

"To this she devoted her life, her large private means, and an intellect more clear, capacious, and practical than falls often to the lot of even the most gifted man. I have heard a hard-headed banker, a strict Protestant, declare that, in the course of his business, he never had a constituent to equal her in financial ability and resources. His belief in both, and in her integrity, was a sort of act of faith with

him.

"And yet the work which witnesses to her energy and zeal in this hemisphere is dwarfed by what is known of her achievements at the hor carear she saw new openings of usefulness for this hemisphere is dwarfed by what is known of her achievements at home. Early in her career she saw new openings of usefulness for her Order, the Sisters of Mercy, in skilled medical nursing of the sick, By permission of her Superiors, she and two Sisters left their convent in Dublin, went to Paris, and in the Hospitals there studied diseases and their amelioration. The idea of a great Irish National Hospital to be erected in Dublin suggested itself to her there, and before many years the Mater Misericordiæ, the largest hospital, it is said, in Europe, was completed, and in full swing of work. That in Mother Xavier's brain the idea of this magnificent institution first germinated, and that she found the means, by subscriptions, &c., to erect it, there and that she found the means, by subscriptions, &c., to erect it, there is no doubt. She gave much of the plan to the architect, and herself, it is said, laid the first stone. With sleepless vigilance she watched its erection, and the success of its opening years, but those who knew her best declare that she shrank from the fame that linked ber

"Her practical ability was only a phase of her character, the outcome of her grand common-sense. She was a tender, sensitive, retiring woman, always at her best and happiest among the infant orphans, who adored and caressed her as if she were indeed their mother. Above all, she was a saint, and when she found that philanthropists at home, and American and other travellers, persisted in recording her deeds in their books as foundress of the Mater Miscricoording her deeds in their books as foundress of the nater intercection. She seized on the occasion to escape from public praise into more obscure duties in a distant land which the Australian mission offered her. What a holy life her's was here; begun in privation and toil and ending in nine years of terribly acute suffering. A cripple, and always in pain, she hore her cross with a patience, sweetness, and cheerfulness that never broke down—never even selected—and steadily corried on the work of her community to the swectness, and cheerfulness that never broke down—never even faltered—and steadily carried on the work of her community to the end." "You think too seriously of my cross," she wrote to a friend, who loved her much; "I have never much minded physical pain. I am very happy. I am God's prisoner." Now she is released it seems sinful to grieve for her or to think of her, except as in the presence of God, singing His praises as had been her delight in the early days of her religious life, when people game to her courset from after to of her religious life, when people came to her convent from afar to hear the fresh glorious voice in the choir, which thrilled the listeners

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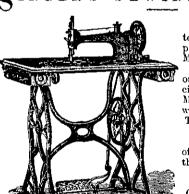
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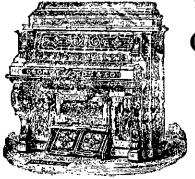
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Never in his life before had the arrival of any guest brought a shadow across Richard O'Meara's face, and certainly never before, since he had known him, had he seen Father Donovan approach him without a smile. But this evening a shadow for once certainly did overcast his countenance when he perceived his visitor. But it was a very transient one after all; for before Master Rory had trotted half way up the path it had vanished, and by the time he had reached the door the smile had come in its stead, and with it a welcome to his reverend guest that came from the very bottom of the doctor's heart, Before many minutes had elapsed Master Rory was quietly champing his corn in the stable, greatly to the astonishment of the side of her own stall. We need not tell how it farsd meantime with his master—how the old housekeeper bustled about, and served up a little dinner in a quarter of an hour that Father Donovan declared was the best he had ever tasted. Nor need we tell how the doctor fetched out a desert afterwards, that O'Keefe's own hands bad gathered that very morning at Neville Court; nor how happy the doctor looked as he discharged the sweet duties of hospitality, only regretting that his visitor could not eat ten times more, and that he had not something ten times better to place before him.

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As Father Donovan had only returned the preceding evening from his summer trip, as may be imagined, he and his host found plenty to talk over and plenty to laugh over too. But after a while they looked very serious, and their voices grew low and hushed; for their conversation turned to a subject—that most distressing of all sud subjects to a loyal Catholic heart—the state of affairs in Rome. Amongst other friends, the priest had been visiting a gentleman, whose son, a fine manly young fellow of five-and-twenty, had, with his full permission, joined the Papal Zouaves the preceding winter. Father Donovan had been very much interested in reading some letters written home by the young hero, especially by one that had arrived the very morning he had left, and which had given an account of the outbreak of cholera in Rome and its vicinity. The town of Albano, it said, had suffered severely from its ravages; and there, during two days and nights a small band of forty Zouaves had been the sole nurses for the sick and grave-diggers for the dead. After expatiating on the heroic self-devotion of these his companions in arms, the letter of Stephen O'Halloran had thus concluded: "If dear mother, they had left the ties and comfort of home only to perform these offices of love to their suffering fellow-creatures, it would have been a great happiness; but how does even such a happiness as this pale before the exquisite satisfaction we experience, when we remember that God is deigning to use even our poor weak arms of flesh and blood for the defence of the Holy See!"

The season of which we are writing was one of comparative quiet in the States of the Church. The disastrous days of Castel Fidardo and Ancona were booming things of the past. A temporary calm, at least, had suc

in the depths of that sacrilegious host.

No wonder, therefore, as Father Donovan related all he had heard and gleaned in Dublin and other places relative to the Italian insurrection, that, as he listened, Richard O'Meara's heart grew heavy with dreary forebodings, though his eye flashed and his cheek kindled with unwonted indignation. So engrossed indeed did they both become in discussing the probable issue of events that the August twilight had faded almost into darkness before the priest awoke to the fact it would soon be night, and that he was arrected at a gentlebecome in discussing the probable issue or events that the August twilight had faded almost into darkness before the priest awoke to the fact it would soon be night, and that he was expected at a gentle-man's bouse quite three miles off, where he had arranged to say Mass the following morning. At that very moment, however, the old housekeeper appeared with the candles, and informing the priest that it was beginning to rain heavily, joined her master in begging him to remain all night. As she spoke, a soft murmuring rustle among the trees outside corroborated the fact, and five minutes later the long-threatening storm had broken into a perfect deluge of rain. A tempest at night in a mountain region is no trifle, with the lightning flashing above, around, below you, and the thunder booming round you like a battery of guns. After the priest had looked out for a few minutes upon the storm, he felt more than satisfied that he and Master Rory were in such comfortable quarters for the night. Nor was old Betty one whit less content, as she bustled about in her domain, airing and re-airing sheets and pillow-cases; only pausing to bless herself whenever a brighter flash than usual set her poor old heart pit-a-pat. The "benefit of clergy" in such a storm as that compensated for any amount of extra trouble in Betty's humble opinion.

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Our friends resumed their seats, but the thread of their conversation was broken. It was no longer "ultramontane." but respecting the sayings and doings of the people of Ballycross during Father Donovan's absence, and amongst others of low degree, of course the inhabitants of the parsonage naturally came in for a due share of attention. The questions that the priest asked concerning them were apparently casual enough, and yet a very close observer might have remarked that when, among the rest, he mentioned Miss Neville, he fixed his eyes somewhat enquiringly on his companion's face. But all unconscious of his scrutiny sat the doctor, for the very mention of

Maude's name brought back with it the train of ideas that had so perplexed him all day. Very quietly, however, though rather abstractedly, he answered Father Donovan's questions; and then, caressing Bat's big black head, that lay as usual on his knee, and looking into the soft brown eyes that seemed to answer his with an expression almost human in its carnesiness, he fell into a dream.

There was a silence of some minutes' duration, broken at length by the priest.

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"Apropos of Miss Neville, Richard, what do you suppose I heard in Dublin about you and her?" he asked suddenly.

If the doctor attempted to guess he was too much astonished to be aware of the fact, and only sat, open-eyed and open-mouthed,

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"I heard nothing more nor less than that you had matrimonial designs upon the heiress of Neville Court, and that she was not altogether unfavourable to your suit!"

And how dared any one," cried O'Meara, rising from his chair, while the wrath and dignity of all the O'Mearas in his pedigree flashed in his eyes and quivered in his voice,—how dared any one take such an unwarran'able liberty with either of us?"

"Nay, that is more than I or any other man can tell you. All I know is, that ever since the world began women—ay, and men too—have tattled about their neighbours; and so it will be, depend upon it, until the end of time."

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"What did I do? why, nothing! Fighting, you know, is not my vocation; besides, the offenders were ladies," said the priest, smiling. "And what did I say? In one place I told them, in the politest manner I could, to mind their own business; at another I waited till their remarks were finished, and then let it drop, in the course of conversation, that Dr. O'Meara was one of my most intimate and valued friends. That was punishment enough for some of them, I can tell you."

The doctor was thunderstruck. In all his relations with Maude the one intention of his heart had been so pure and single, that the possibility of misconstruction had never entered his mind. The life, moreover, that he had hitherto led had, from its unobtrusiveness, been so unmarked by the world, that to find himself suddenly talked about was a fact too startling for him to realise.

"It has been a question with me," continued Father Donovan, after a pause, "whether to mention all this to you or not. I have decided on doing so, however, for one or two reasons; the chief one, that I thought that I thought a word in season might put you upon your guard for the future. By a curious concatenation of evidence I have traced a great deal of this tattle to the old lady stopping at the Glebe House; so beware of her,

The reply was a burst of adjectives by no means flattering to Miss Barbara, to which Bat, roused from his slumbers, added a few deep growls, doubtless by way of assent, for Bat by no means favoured aunt Barbara.

"Sill, to warn you against the dangerous tongue of this individual," continued the priest, "was not my only intention in mentioning the subject to you. Richard, my boy, will you let a very old friend give you a few words of advice?"

An unmistakable assent beamed in the doctor's face, and the priest continued.

"No man living knows better—I may perhaps say as well as I the purity and unselfishness of your motives with regard to Miss "No man living knows better—I may pernaps say as well as I do—the purity and unselfishness of your motives with regard to Miss Neville, nor the perfect single-heartedness that has marked all your relations with her; but the world, Richard, will judge by another code. I do not say it denies the existence of honourable sentiments, but, to say the least, it regards them as rarissimæ aves, the greater part of which took wing long ago, with the other bright and beautiful attributes of chivalry. Now the world knows that Maude Neville is rich, talented, beautiful, and an orphan; and knows, on the other hand, that a certain young doctor in her neighbourhood, talented, agreeable, to a certain degree good-looking, and (as is commonly the case with most of his profession) no richer than he need be, is frequently in her company. This much the world either sees or hears, and this much is true. But next comes its construction; and it is of this that I wish to speak to you. Nor is this a new desire on my part. It is new two or three months since I first felt that, even in our own little circle here, you were misunderstood; and though I never expected to hear strictures upon your conduct as coarse as those of Miss Barbara and her friends, I felt sure that in some form or another, sooner or later, something would be said."

He paused, but the doctor made no reply.

"You must not take what I am saying too much to heart, my dear fellow," he continued, easting as he spoke a glance of the tenderest sympathy at his friend. "Remember, Richard O'Meara is not the first man who has had his actions misread and his intentions misinterpreted. Come, come, you are not old enough yet to have forgotten your Catechism and the Eight Beatitudes; and if so, surely it isn't your intention to turn your back on a blessing at the first go off?"

The doctor smiled sadly. "I suppose (am a coward, but I think I may say that, if the world had only attacked me individually, I would have borne its calumnies with patience."

"Ah, tut; not a bit of it!" cried father Donovan, laughing. "Don't flatter yourself that all your sensibilities are aroused on behalf of Miss Neville! Of course you are grieved that she should have her name bandied about; but I think the charge of scheming and fortune-bunting brought against somebody else is not wholly without a sting—eh?"

"Indeed it is not," cried the doctor, shrugging his shoulders and shivering as he spoke, as though with cold. "Still, if it were not for her, he continued, rising and pacing the room hurriedly, "I would continue to act as I have hitherto acted, and live down this, or a hundred such calumnies."

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In the course of a sermon preached by him at Chiselhurst on July 13th, and reported by the *Daily News*, His Eminence said:—

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HOW AMERICAN GIRLS ARE CORRUPTED.

[From the Catholic Standard.]
One of the New York dailies the other day reported the capture by the police of a young girl of respectable parentage who had left her home because it was "too dull and stuffy" there. According to her account, she had nothing particular to complain of. Her parents were kind and affectionate. She was provided with everything necessary to comfort. But she had gotten to reading story papers and dime novels, and the quiet of the parental home became too dull for her. She wanted to see the world and enjoy life, and so she ran off to New York, and was picked up by the police in the midst of disreputable company. On the magistrate questioning her as to her reasons for leaving home, she made the reply we have given above. To his counsels that she should return to her parents and shun such society as she had been found in, she defiantly replied that if she were compelled to return to her home, she would run away again as soon as she could. The warnings of the magistrate as to the pain and agony such a course would cause her parents, and the shame and certain ruin it would bring upon herself, seemed to have no effect. Her whole character had been infected with the false and pernicious notions which pervade the stories that have come to form the staple reading of a large portion of our boys and girls. She cared only for excitement. Her mind had become utterly debased and filled with notions which pervade the stories that have come to form the staple reading of a large portion of our boys and girls. She cared only for excitement. Her mind had become utterly debased and filled with unhealthy longings and imaginings. To this same cause we believe may be traced a very large proportion of the youthful crime of the day. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper but you see an account of young girls, perhaps a mere child in years, absconding from home and plunging into the world and into debauchery; and when the

antecedents that have led to this are sought for, in nine cases out of ten they will be found in the miserable, sensational, demoralizing reading matter they have devoured. So with boys. Little fellows of eight, ten and twelve years of age have of late been frequently arrested for attempting crimes which it might have been supposed none but confirmed desperate villains would dare to perpetrate. When questioned, it has been found that almost without exception they were habitual readers of sensational newspaper stories, dime novels, and Police Gazette literature. Thus their youthful imaginations were fired with the idea of becoming heroes like the villains they read of, and their youthful wits set to work to plan something, the commission of which would thrill the public with horror. Nor are this youthful criminality and viciousness by any means confined to the "lower classes," to the children of the poor or of parents who are themselves vicious. Many of them are boys and girls whose parents are well-to-do as regards this world, children who have comportable homes, but who have become infatuated through the detestable newspapers and books they have read. Is it not time for parents to look into this matter? The country is flooded with trash published specially for the young, much of it written by authors who parents to look into this matter? The country is flooded with trash published specially for the young, much of it written by authors who wish to be considered respectable, and bearing the imprint of respectable publishing houses. The most dangerous portion, too, of this trash seems to a superficial examiner harmless, to be at worst only silly and exaggerated, and highly colored. But in these seemingly innocent exaggerations and high colourings lies hid a subtle poison. It dissatisfies its readers with their commonplace routine of youthful duties, with subordination to the authority of parents and teachers. It causes them to long to be independent, to strike out in life for themselves, to become men and women at once, though they have not yet outgrown the garb of childhood. It is imulates precociously their imaginations and passions and prepares them for vice and crime. Many a father and mother who mourn in agony hopes biasted in a ruined danghter or son might find the cause, if disposed to review the past, in his or her own neglect to supervise and direct to review the past, in his or her own neglect to supervise and direct what that daughter or son habitually read when a child. There is a responsibility here which few parents, it is greatly to be feared, fully realise or faithfully discharge. There are parents who carefully endeavour to guard their children against forming intimacies with other children by whom their morals might be corrupted, but who exercise no care as to what books and papers their children seek companionship with. Yet in this age of universal reading, the latter is a danger almost, if not quite, as serious as the former, and one that should be vigilantly guarded against.

POPE LEO XIII.

The reigning Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., has been recently sketched in an attractive volume by the Abbe Vidieu, the Vicar of Saint Roch, whose work entitled "Le Pape I eon XIII. Sa vie, son avenement, see cerits," is published by Plon, of Paris. The Holy Father is described as tall and thin, and with a grand patrician air. He is spoken of as having a magnificent head crowned with white hair, strongly marked features, bearing about him the aspect of an ascetic, with something statuesque in the general appearance of his figure. His countenance is lighted by a piercing look, while his amiable and paternal smile goes straight to the heart of those he addresses. His voice is sonorous and captivating, but less mellow and at the same time more powerful than that of Pius IX. Pope Leo has "the double eloquence of the head and of the heart." Though he is moderate, he does not lack firmness. The day after his election, says the Abbe Vidieu, "Why," asked a new Cardinal of the new Pope, "have you taken the name of Leo?" "Because," said his Holiness, "Leo XII was the benefactor of my family, and also because Leo signifies lion, and the virtue which seems to me the most necessary of all is the force of the lion. The Roman people are well aware of the meaning which the Holy Father attaches to the name he has taken. A sturdy Trasteverian was heard to exclaim in an energetic and almost menacing voice: "The Liberals ask what will be the programme of the new Pope. He calls himself Leo; that tells them all. Like Leo XII., he will be a lion, and he will have sharp claws and a powerful jaw." As illustrative of the same characteristic of the Pontiff, this anecdote is also related: "A rich American amateur designing to THE reigning Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., has been recently jaw." As illustrative of the same characteristic of the Pontiff, this anecdote is also related: "A rich American amateur, desiring to possess a bust of Leo XIII., engaged the services of the celebrated sculptor Tadolini. The latter, not content with a simple portrait of the Holy Father, went to the Vatican and asked permission of Leo XIII. to produce his features from the original. The Pope consented. The work finished, Leo XIII. congratulated the artist, who asked him the work himself, lee Alli. congratulated the artist, who asked him to have the goodness to trace a word on the still fresh clay. His Holiness took the pen that the sculptor handed and wrote with a smile, "Leo de tribu Juda!" Although in anything but robust health, His Holiness works hard—very hard indeed. He disdains the pleasures of the table. "I have never eaten so badly as at this table," a well-know Perugian once remarked. "He offered you for hyperstream that the present the stable of the stable breakfast a tough mutton chop and a miserable pike, with an occasional glass of a white wine from the border of Lake Thrasimene, followed by a cup of black coffee. It is true that the worthy man himself drank only water and ate his boiled meat left from the night before. But no one complained of his frugal table; on the contrary, everyone was delighted to sit at it." All Perugia knew, however, where the revenues of the prelate went; the poor especially, on that point, were not ignorant.

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THE EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY.

ROME, June 25th.

MOUNT ETNA is a most disastrous neighbour to the people who live in its vicinity. Although they are frequently driven from their homes by eruptions, their cities being wholly destroyed, as soon as the danger is past, and even before the lava is cool, they return to the same spots and begin again to rebuild their cities and to parcel out their lands once more. Secreely has the late counting regard to be same spots and begin again to rebuild their clues and to parcel out their lands once more. Scarcely has the late cruption ceased to be dangerous than the misery of the people on the slopes of Etna is greatly increased by an earthquake. The particulars of this disaster are furnished by a Dr. Vigo, who writes from Acircale, on the coast of Sicily and on the lower slopes of Etna. He paints the picture in the darkest colors. "Poor district of Acircale," he writes, "upon its lands the large still are less and the scarce of the scarce their lands once more. the darkest colors. "Poor district of Acireale," he writes, "upon its lands the lava still smokes and the corpses of [the massacred of] Calatabiano are still warm!"

Calatabiano are still warm!

On the 17th June, a few minutes after 8 in the morning, this district was stricken by another sadder and more terrible disaster. An earthquake, which shook the land in every direction, brought death to several of the citizens, overthrew hundreds of houses, seriously damaged an extended tract of country, beautiful in its cultivation and rich in its productions, and produced fear and terror in the hearts of the people.

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The terrible shock was keenly felt from Linguaglossa as far as Catania, a distance of twenty miles as the crow flies. The scene of destruction and death occurred over a space of five miles in length and over one in breadth. The spectacle presented along the surface of this tongue of land, lying between the eastern part of Etna and the sea, is indescribable; and the damage is incalculable. Eight populous villages—Pisano, Bongiardo, San Michele, Santa Venerina, Linera superiore, Linera inferiore, Guardia, and Santa Tecla—were comprised in this frightful disaster. In the city of Acireale, although no damage is recorded, the earthquake was sensibly felt. What toniprised in this frightful disaster. In the city of Actreale, although no damage is recorded, the earthquake was sensibly felt. What terror strikes the minds of people at such moments may be more easily imagined than described, but no imagination can surpass the reality. The schools and public offices were closed; the people poured forth like a river into the streets and the piazzas, and gathered in groups, talking of the sensetions thay felt, and the fews they in groups, talking of the sensations they felt, and the fears they nourished.

In the public square stood the Senator Trombetto, holding in his In the public square stood the Senator Trombetto, holding in his hand a sheet of paper which he gave to be read to those who asked it. It was a telegram relating the disasters which had occurred. Many were afraid to look at it, and several of those who read hesitated to repeat its contents to their neighbours, especially to those who came from the district where the earthquake occurred. That telegram told of the destruction of human life, of the groans of the dying, of the cries of the wounded, and the fright of the survivors, and of the grief of those whose houses and property were destroyed. and of the grief of those whose houses and property were destroyed.

A slight shock of earthquake on the evening of the 16th first warned the inhabitants of their danger. They watched all the night, keeping their houses open that they might escape at a moment's notice, and not going to bed. When morning came they left their homes and went into the fields. Twelve hours after the first shock of the mischned. From came a second and stronger one, and this did all the mischief. Four large churches were thrown down; an extraordinary number of country residences, and many houses—their number is not yet known fell to the ground, burying beneath their ruins several persons who had neglected to escape. Ten or twelve were killed, and many severely wounded. One large village, Bongiardo, is wholly destroyed and is now only a heap of ruins. In other parts houses have disappeared, and those which remain are tottering, broken and damaged to such a decree that they are quite uninhabitable. The ground is came a second and stronger one, and this did all the mischief. appeared, and those which remain are tottering, broken and damaged to such a degree that they are quite uninhabitable. The ground is full of crevices or openings; the boundary walls of fields and gardens have been carried away from their places, and in some instances no traces of the foundations are left. The earthquake was preceded by a frightful hurricane accompanied by lightning. The sky became obsculed by a cloud of ashes or dust; a strange and deafening sound, frightful to listen to was heard in the sir; and in a few seconds. obscured by a cloud of ashes or dust; a strange and deafening sound, frightful to listen to, was heard in the air; and, in a few seconds, trees and houses seemed to rise up into the air and then sink down again and disappear, or twist and break in a wild way. In fact, the phenomena attending this earthquake are peculiar as its effects are saddening. Hundreds of families are left without house or home; landmarks are destroyed, and the misery of the inhabitants is general. The authorities in the neighbourhood are making every effort to assist the sufferers, and subscriptions are being taken up all over the country.—Pilot.

Recently a countryman named Henegan was lucky enough to come across quite a heap of old silver coin. Some thirty or forty yards off the shore of Ballysokeery there is a small island—an ancient burial ground—called "King's Island," accessible on foot at low water. The man and his child were engaged in collecting seaweed on the Island, and under the bank, quite close to some of the graves, they saw some coin. On further search being made, an old box was found, more than a foot square, quite full, about two stone weight. The coin are very thin and of various sizes, from a florin to a three-penny-piece. The inscription is legible on some of them, and dates of the 11th and 12th centuries appear. The words "David Rex Scotorum" can be read on some of them, and the monarch's head, of the 11th and 12th centuries appear. The words "David Rex Scotorum" can be read on some of them, and the monarch's head, with long hair and crown.

Over and above the consoling fact that the dead Prince went to Over and above the consoling fact that the dead Prince went to Confession and Communion before starting for Zululand, and that his life had always been a clean and honest one, it is a pleasure to be able to record that the motive of his joining in the campaign was not military or political ambition, but merely a desire to do something, lest idleness should lead to mischief. The temptations of a gay life in London were thrusting themselves on him, and it was mainly to give them the slip and to turn his back on them that he went to Zululand. That being so, there is something surely of martyrdom about the tragic death he met by that dark ravine so many thousands of miles from those who loved him most.—Catholic Times. Times.

"PROTESTANT INCONSISTENCY."

THE Rev. Dr. Glam, Catholic clergyman, Motherwell, had the following letter in the Glasgow Herald:—

"It is the fundamental principle of Protestantism that each man has the right to read the Bible for himself and to form his own judgment of its meaning. The true Protestant is not only allowed but is bound to exercise his own judgment as to the interpretation of the statements of Scripture, looking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who is the infallible teacher of all true believers, and who is promised to guide them to all truth.

spirit, who is the infallible teacher of all true believers, and who is promised to guide them to all truth.

"The Church of Rome, on the other hand, holds that 'in matters of faith and morals no one confiding in his own judgment shall dare to wrest the sacred Scriptures to his own sense of them, contrary to that which hath been held, and still is held, by Holy Mother Church, whose right it is to judge of the true meaning and interpretation of Haly West."

whose right it is to judge of the Holy Writ.'

"I see that sentence of suspension has been pronounced against the U.P. minister of Gourock by his brethern of the Gourock Presbytery. Now, had Mr. Macrae the privilege of being a Catholic I should be at no loss to understand the reasons of his suspension. He has been pronounced the Sacred Scriptures to his own sense of them contrary. has wrested the Sacred Scriptures to his own sense of them contrary to that which has been held, and is still held, by Holy Mother Church. But as Mr. Macrae is unfortunately not a Catholic but a genuine Protestant, I confess I am altogether at a loss how to account for the proceedings which have been taken against him.

"Like a true Protestant Mr. Macrae has read his Bible for

himself; surely no one blames him for that. Like a true Protestant he forms his own opinion concerning the sense of certain passages thereof. Still in his character of true Protestant Mr. Macrae disregards the opinions of most of his own concerning them. opinions differ on some points from those held by Dr. Hutten and others of his rev. brethren; but like a true Protestant he sticks to his own opinions. He does not lose his right of private judgment because he differs from Dr. Hutton or any number of Dr. Huttons.

"And yet Mr. Macrae is suspended! What then becomes of the right of private judgment?

"If it be argued that Mr. Macrae is free to exercise his private judgment, provided he agrees with the 'Standards of the Church,' I ask in what does his right differ from mine, who also am free to use my private jugdment provided I agree with the 'Standards of the Church,

"The principle is exactly the same, the only difference being that in Mr. Macrae's case he must, under pain of being treated as a heretic, agree with the interpretation of certain Presbyterian ministers. heretic, agree with the interpretation of certain Presbyterian ministers who compiled a Confession of Faith in the seventeenth century, whereas I must agree with the interpretation which has always been held, and is held by Holy Mother Church.

"There is not an argument used by the prosecutors of Mr. Macrae in defence of their proceeding against him which cannot be employed with a thousand times more force to justify the Catholic Church in her condemnation of Luther, Cranmer, and Knox, whose memories these same prosecutors hold in veneration.

"Mr. Macrae reads his Bible for himself, so did they. He interprets it for himself, so did they. His interpretation differs from the received interpretation of the time, so did theirs. He is judged by

Interprets it for nimself, so did they. His interpretation differs from the received interpretation of the time, so did theirs. He is judged by the Standards of the Church, so were they. Judged by these Standards, he is condemned, so were they. The only difference is that in one case the Standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith, and in the other the doctrine of the Universal Church. "Luther set himself against the authority of the Universal Church, and he was a hero. David Macrae set himself against the authority of the Westminster Confession, and he is a heretic. Was I not right in heading this letter 'Protestant Inconsistency?'"

REVIVAL OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCES-

THE festival of Corpus Christi was celebrated this year in Athenry The festival of Corpus Christi was celebrated this year in Athenry with unusual pomp, a procession having been organized, during which the shops in the town were closed. Before the benediction had been given, the Very Rev. Father O'Brien, P.P., delivered an eloquent sermon, from the report of which in the Truam Herald we take the following passages:—This is not the time to point with triumphant finger to the admirably constructed convents, the capacious colleges, the costly churches, which, within this very congregation have sprung up with a magic rapidity amongst us, and, like so many brilliant stars in that blue firmament, now stud the fair face of Ireland from shore to shore. But though I may not stay to boast of them, I may justly take pride in telling you that, as far as I know, it was in this diocese the splendid solemnty of Corpus Christi with its procession was revived after a suspension of nigh three centuries from the causes was revived after a suspension of nigh three centuries from the causes which I have so very feelly attempted to enumerate. Yes, it was indeed during my own time in the College of St. Jarlath, that, despite all the appealing menaces of fining and imprisoning laws wherewith they were threatened, the archbishop, with his clergy and the faithful people, disregarding every menace, had a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi, around the spacious circuit of Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi, around the spacious circuit of the cathedral grounds. Since then, now some five-and-twenty years ago, not only has the Corpus Christi procession been continued on each reculring anniversary in Tuam, but it has been initiated and continued, in and around the churches of every respectable town in the diocese. Well, feeling that Athenry ought not to be, and actually is not, second to any parish in the country, or, I may say, in the province, either in the chaste decoration of her church or in the religious spirit of her people, my good co-operator and myself had concluded that the time had fully come when she should no longer lag behind—when she should advance to the fore-front, and celebrate this festival by the little beginning of a Corpus Christi procession such as you have witnessed with delighted hearts, to-day.

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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Grafton Argus.—Blindness and Deafness.

"We can now speak positively as to the skill of Dr. Grant and Professor Wallenburg. Vesterday afternoon we saw two cases under treatment in which a cure is certain. The first was that of a man named Henry Cullerne, suffering from deafness and heavy ulceration in both ears for a period of nine years. He has been treated only three days, the ulceration has healed, the di-charge from the ears stopped, and the man's hearing improved in a wonderful degree. We have seen the man under treatment, and have these particulars from his own lips. In the second case, equally good results have been achieved. A young man (George Albury), a bushman, came into Gafton, intending to proceed to Sydney for treatment for almost total blindnes, but as in the first case, he saw Dr. Grant and Professor Wallenburg's advertise—old him nothing could be done for that. The right cyc has been nearly blund for twelve years; as Albury described it, it appeared as if a eaf of a tree fell across the sight. In fact, an opacity had covered the eye, and the cyclid had nearly closed. He has been four days under reatment, and is now able to raise the cyclid to the fullest extent in the strongest light, and yesterday could see the strokes of a pen made on aper, at a distance of fully cighteen inches, as also a single hair—and this in a partially darkened room. Excepting a slight weakness consequent upon the severe treatment the eye has undergone, the sight is now restored to its natural state. Albury speaks in very grateful luck, and clearly demonstrate that

Capricornian, Rockhampton.

"It is not surprising that, as Dr. Grant and Professor Walllenburg's skill as coulists, aurists, and specialists becomes more widely known, their practice is greatly extended. From many sources the evidence is increasing of the cares they have effected even during the very short time they have been in Rockhampton. In order to make further inquiries into the case previously reported, as well as to note any features of interest regarding new patients, we yesterday morning visited Dr. Grant and Professor Wallenburg's Consulting Rooms, in East Street. On entering the room, Mrs. Lewiss of George Street, a patient who was priviously moultoned as having been six years almost totally blind, was leaving. This woman has been completely cured for nearly a fortnight, but at the request of the Doctor and Professor returned that they might see how her eyes were containing. The eyes were pertectly clear, the sight as fully restored as ever it was, and to those who had seen them a mouth ago the change was equally astonishing and grafifying. Miss Elizabeth Madden, who was also previously alluded to as being obliged to give up her occupation of dressmaking, is fully restored to her sight, and the patches of white which darkened her pupils are completely removed. James Pasco, an old resident of the town, has not been able to see in the right eye for fifteen years, having loot the sight of it through cold and inflammation contracted during the first flood in Rockhampton. After five or six visits to Dr. Grant and Professor Wallenburg, the sight in this eye has been restored. This man's wife, Sarah Pascon, has been totally blind in the right eye for ten months, and the sight was almost gone in the other, being able to see only at the one side. This eye is now almost well, and on closing it and looking with eye formerly blind she could see the water in the river. William Brower has been totally deaf in the right eye for ten months, and the sight was almost gone in the other, being able to see only at the o

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"Western Paper."

"Besides being a skilful surgeon, Dr. Grant has devoted his attention to the 'Diseases of Women and Children,' much needed in this country where so many unfortunate females are daily suffering from diseases peculiar to their sex. We have had in our own family personally to consult Dr Grant: one of our children was wasting away; we had in vain obtained medical advice from what we considered the most eminent in the profession: at last we heard of, and were recommeded to, Dr. Grant (by others who had received benefit); in one month under his careful treatment she was recovering, and in two more became a fat, healthy child, 'We have much to thank him for.'

"Advertiser."

"My wife had been for four years afflicted with a dreadful uterine disease. As a last resource, we consulted Dr. Grant. She is now well, as well as ever she was, and only hopes that other unhappy women may be as fortunate as she has been, when after hoping against hope and giving way to despair, 'she is now again restored I may say to life.' "TAMWORTH " G.S.M."

Neuralgia and Paralysis

"BOGAN RIVER.

Neuralgia. I had been operated upon (the nerve divided and a part taken away), and most of the powerful medicines (Morina, Calomel, Strychime, Corrosive Sublimate), administered to me by the Sydney medical men, which at last ended in 'entire paralysis of one sule.' On the 17th March, Dr. Grant commenced treating me. I had been conveyed eighty nules to him on a matters on a waggon. On the 12th May, 'I walked to his residence and paid my account. I was then perfectly well, and now, for four years after, I have had no return.'

"G.T."

Dysentery and Piles.

"After my confinement, I was a great sufferer from dysentery and piles. Every remedy was tried upon me, and with my system shattered, I put myself in Dr. Grant's care. I am now perfectly well, and carnestly recommend others similarly affected to place themselves under his charge, with a 'certainty of speedy relief.'

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MADE A THIEF.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Liverpool Catholic Times, gives it the

following facts:

"I have had a boy in my employment whom, three months ago,
I would have trusted with a considerable sum of money. The
character I received from his schoolmaster was the best that a boy I would have trusted with a considerable sum of money. The character I received from his schoolmaster was the best that a boy could have, though the school prizes he showed were perhaps the best testimony as to his conduct. During the last three months he altered for the worse, and I began to observe that he frequently put something hastily into his bosom when I entered my shop. Afterwards I missed small sums of money from my till, but as he was an altar boy, serving Maes every Sunday, I did not suspect him of dishonesty. The other morning on opening my shop I found that my till had been broken into, and contents (several pounds) stolen. The police were sent for; they had no doubt, though I had, who was the delinquent, and the boy was taken into custody and searched. The only thing found upon him was the copy of a publication, The Boys of something or other, I suppose it would not be safe to mention the name, but thousands of the publication go into Catholic homes, though the clergy are making a vigorous crusade against such literature. The policeman looked at the paper and then at the boy, and sai?: 'Do you read this?' but there was no reply. Then the policeman said: 'It his is what you read no wonder that you are a thief.' The boy was convicted, and I am certain from my knowledge of his antecedents that he owes his ruin to six months' perusal of this paper. I do not, however, wish to bring forward my opinion, but the policeman's, which was spontaneous, and expressed in my presence."

CATHOLICITY OF PLYMOUTH ROCK.

Ir has been remarked in other cities that Boston this year had a priest open the 4th July exercises with prayer. It was the first time that a priest was ever called upon for the duty; and it was fitting, perhaps, and certainly suggestive, that the priest selected, Father Josue Bodfish, of the Cathedral, should be a Puritan in blood and a convert to Catholicity.

On the same day, however, a still more notable proof of the rising of the tide was witnessed in Plymouth, the home of the Pilgrim Fathers, where a Catholic Church was dedicated to the service of God. How where a Cathone Church was dedicated to the service of God. How wonderful to look through the centuries and see the Old Church win back its domain, as inevitably as the ocean recovers its plains, despite all artificial barriers. In two hundred years the population of Massachusetts has changed its base. It was no mere compliment or concession on the part of Boston to ask a Catholic priest to pray on the Fourth. Boston has simply accepted the inevitable, and paid due cession on the part of Boston to ask a Cathonic priest to pray on the Fourth. Boston has simply accepted the inevitable, and paid due regard to the faith of its citizens, the majority of whom are Catholics. The last U.S. census tells us that Massachusetts, in proportion to

The last U.S. census tells us that Massachusetts, in proportion to the whole population, has the largest number of Irish people in the Union; but, if the census statisticians were to go back one or two generations, they would have to report a change in this direction which would be accepted as overwhelming. And yet the Catholics have had to win their way in New England foot by foot, against a hard and malignant prejudice. They owe no thanks to the descendants of the Puritans for any right they exercise. From the time when it was legal to whip a priest from the colony to the present year, when a Catholic prisoner or pauper is forced to attend Protestant service, there has been no change for the better, except by compulsion.

But the children of the Pilgrims are a shrewd and sensible ole. They begin to see that though the old trees are still bighest people. They begin to see that though the old trees are still highest in the forest, they will soon be overtopped by the springing undergrowth. It is time to change. It will not pay much longer to be an anti-Catholic bigot in Massachusetts. And there is no change of policy so complete as the change that can't be helped. For the future we shall witness the liberalizing influence of numbers on the Puritain mind, the only opicide influence that every made it groupers. Bilet we shart writtes the increaming influence of finances of the rurban mind—the only outside influence that ever made it generous.—Pilot.

According to the London Times, the recent rise in the price of According to the London Times, the recent rise in the price of raw cotton at Liverpool was all that saved a crash and inevitable collapse in that industry in England. It considers, however, that the relief is temporary, and even unreal. If this concession be correct the danger may speedily return and imperil the whole cotton interest of the Kingdom, besides striking a blow at that in the United States. British cotton production is now reduced to such small profits that a

of the Kingdom, besides striking a blow at that in the United States, British cotton production is now reduced to such small profits that a very slight fall in values effects the strongest houses most uniterially.

The Archbishop of Besangon, in a pastoral on the iniquitous educational bill of Jules Ferry, gives expression to the following charitable counsel:—"One obligation is imposed on all, my dear brethren—that of prayer. Let not our priests utter from the pulpit any impredent word; do not sure these who are not to the following brethren—that of prayer. Let not our priests utter from the pulpit any imprudent word; do not curse those who are conspiring the run of the Church. Let us love them as brethren, mourn their going astray, ask God to enlighten and convert them. Above all, let us not be discouraged, though the horizon is very dark, but trust in Him whose promises do not pass away."

On board the Mexican steamer is a barometer of the most simple On board the Mexican steamer is a barometer of the most simple construction, but the greatest accuracy. It consists only of a long strip of cedar, very thin, about two and a half feet in length, about an inch wide, cut with the grain, and set in a block, or foot. This cedar strip is backed, or lined, with one of white pine, cut across the grain, and the two are tightly glued together. To bend those when dry is to snap them, but on the approach of bad weather the cedar curls over until the top at times touches the ground. This simple instrument is the invention of a Mexican guitar maker, and such is its accuracy that it will indicate the coming of a "norther" lull twenty four hours before any other kind of barometer known on the coast. Had this been the production of Yankee ingenuity it had been patented long ago, and a fortune made by its inventor—Mobile Register, March 1.

SPOLIATIONS IN PERUGIA.

("E." in New York Freeman's Journal.)

A NEW affront is offered the Holy Father, in a Decree of the Municipality of Perugia, directing the sacrilegious spoliation of the churches of that, His Episcopal City, of all the valuable paintings and precious objects they contain, for the purpose of forming therewith a Pinacotheca in the Hotel de Ville. Amongst the Committee charged with the execution of this ukase was the apostate Priest, Rossi. The churches of Perugia are rich in works of the Great Masters, especially Perugine, Pietro da Cortona, Sassoferrato and Raphael Santo. The Church of San Domenico glories in the possession of the miraculous Virgin of the Santissimo Rosario, the Special Patroness of Perugia styled by a Municipal Decree Civitas Mariae Santissimi Rosarii. All the pictures, relics, reliquaries, shrines, etc., not already removed, are styled by a Municipal Decree Civitas Maria Santissimi Rusarii. All the pictures, relics, reliquaries, shrines, etc., not already removed, are marked with the seal of the Municipality, and only await their fate. The Paese of Perugia, No. of June 7th current, states that a petition is circulating covered with signatures, entreating the Municipality to deposit, at least temporarily, the paintings lately removed from the various churches of the city, not in the Pinacotheca, but in one of the halls of the section devoted to painting, for the coming exhibition, until the law decides as to the propriety of restoring the pictures to public veneration in their former position. A most disgraceful scene took place in the Church of the Gesic during the removal thence of the picture of Gesic Nazzareno, greatly venerated by the Faithful. It was picture of Gesù Nazzareno, greatly venerated by the Faithful. It was carried off whilst Mass was being celebrated, amid the protests of the carried off whilst Mass was being celebrated, amid the protests of the members of the Confraternity, to whom the painting belongs, and of the priests attached to the Church; numbers fainted; cries and groans resounded on all sides; the police were summoned; a delegate appeared, scarf on, and sword in hand; the Guards mounted upon the altar, overturning candlesticks, lighted candles, flowers, altar cards, etc., trampling the altar cloths; tore the painting from its place over the altar, and bore it off in triumph, regardless of the tears and entreaties of those present. This painting is by Barocci of Urbino (1528-1612), and the intended insult understood, since a wealthy private citizen had offered the Manicipality, in gift, another painting by the same Barocci, to complete, as they pretended to devise, the series or allegory of painting, provided they would leave the painting by the same Barocci, to complete, as they pretended to devise, the series or allegory of painting, provided they would leave the Gesa Nazzareno to the church where it belonged. Great devotion is manifested towards this picture, which is said to have moved the eyes in 1796. Augustus Hare, a writer not suspected of partiality, in his Cities of Italy, speaking of the new Pinacotheca of Perugia, says:

"The best pictures in the town have been removed thither, and greatly lose in interest by separation from the places for which they were intended and painted,"

HURRICANE AT SAMOA.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the Augsburg Allgemeine Zeitung from Apia, the port on the northern side of Opolu, the middle island of the Samoan group, gives an account of the mischief wrought by a the Samoan group, gives an account of the mischief wrought by a hurricane which swept over those islands on May 4 and following days. Some days previously he had written an account of the country in flowing colours, and holding out brilliant prospects both for the islanders and the German settlers from the development of trade and mutual intercourse. But the storm he says, has destroyed the hopes of thousands. Almost everywhere the huts of the natives were swept away, and most of the plantations destroyed. Almost all the bread-fruit trees have been unroated, and as the country of the were swept away, and most of the plantations destroyed. Almost all the bread-fruit trees have been uprooted, and, as the supply of flour which has been saved is limited, there are fears of a famine. Even the more solidly-constructed buildings (many of them of stone) of the foreign consulates, of the Government, and of the missionary societies were levelled by the storm. There were warnings of the approaching hurricane in the enormous waves and the furious surf which came driving in on the shore. On the third day the correspondent ventured out and viewed the scene from an eminence. As far as he could see, the ocean was one mass of seething foam. In every direction wreck and devastation met his eyes, But the natives, both men and women, were already at work, trying to save what they could, standing up to their waists in water; even the children were busy rescuing cocoa-nuts, fruits, &c. He complains that they also did not hesitate to appropriate all they could find among the ruins of the stores and warchouses of the European settlers. All the bridges had been carried away, so that communication was difficult. It was impossible yet to estimate the damage; but the correspondent this table to be a proper when the content of the stores and the seminate the damage; but the correspondent this table to be a proper when the content of the stores are the correspondent to the stores. It was impossible yet to estimate the damage; but the correspondent thinks the European houses who have business relations with Samoa will be heavy losers. At the time of writing no loss of life had been

The Rev. C. McNinnon, a graduate of Oxford University, and for some time Pastor of the Protestant Church in Lima, Peru, was formally received into the Catholic Church on Sunday, May 18.

The growth of the Catholic Church in the city of Newark, New Jersey, since the first small congregation was formed in 1824 is almost unprecedenced. Previous to 1824 the poor Catholics who resided there had no place of worship, and missionary priests came out from New York at intervals and celebrated Mass in private houses. The Catholic Church property, at present valuation, is worth over twelve hundred thousand dollars, while the number of members of the Catholic faith is over thirty thousand.

There is something in a name. Captain Breeze commands in

There is something in a name. Captain Breeze commands in our Navy, General Drum in our Army, and Paymaster-General Cash was, until his death, an efficient staff-officer in the money department.

—Pilot.

Russia has many and varied troubles. It is estimated that the cattle plague will inflict a loss of 24,060,000dol, apon the Empire this year, and millions of bushels of wheat are being destroyed annually by a small beetle, for whose destructiveness no sufficient check has yet been found. As an inducement to the people to destroy the masect, a reward was offered for every quart of them that were brought in, dead or alive; but 8,000,000dols, has been expended in this way without effect.

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NFORMATION WANTED—Of Patrick Ahearn, who left Dingle County Kerry, March 1875, for New Zealand. When last heard from he was in Invercargill. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his brother, Edmoud Ahearn, Blenheim P.O., Marlborough.

CATHEDRAL FUND.

I ACKNOWLEDGE the receipt of the following amounts (mostly second instalments) towards the Cathedral Fund, continued.

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DEATH.

MARTIN.—On the 20th September, at his residence, Gridiron Hotel, Princes street, after a long and painful illness, James Martin; aged 39. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1879.

EDUCATION AND TAXATION.

(Continued.)

N pursuance of our promise last week it is now our duty to state the results of denominational education in the most Protestant country of Europe. Before doing so, however, we wish to premise some words from the Archbishop of Posen, written in 1068. His Grace says:—

"The mixed system has never been applied in Prussia to primary schools; these have been and are at the present day purely denominational. From what I have said you will understand that our elementary schools, if Catholic, have Catholic books and Catholic teachers; if Protestant, their books and teachers are Protestant. The normal schools for the training of teachers have the same denominational character, those for training Catholic teachers have Catholic professors and Catholic text books, whilst verything is Protestant in the training of Protestant teachers. The rights of bishops and pastors are recognised by our Government in regard to the schools of their respective creeds, and are exercised in harmony with the rights which are claimed by the State."

And what has been the result of this system? Two years before the Archbishop of Posen wrote these words Mr. Gregory, in a speech delivered in the English House of Commons on the 15th May, 1866 stated the result in the following words:—

"The result of this system is this: An admirable education pervading the whole community, only two out of 100 not being able to read, write, and cypher, and a thorough and cordial acceptance of it by every religious denomination."

We may be permitted to add a word or two in reference to how a great Catholic Empire treats a Protestant minority. We quote the words of the *Times* of 13th September 1859, showing how Protestant schools were managed in Austria.

"The Protestant schools are for the future to be under the direction and inspection of their ecclesiastical organs. No books can be used in Protestant schools which have not been approved by the General (Protestant) Conference and by the Ministry for Ecclesiastical Affairs. If a Protestant school is established at the expense of the State, only Protestant teachers can be employed in it."

We next invite the especial attention of our readers and of all who have the welfare of the State at heart to weigh well the following testimony as to the effects of mixed and secular schools. Speaking of the common school system in the United States of America the Protestant bishop of Tennessee says:—

"There was just no religion at all in it. It was secular, and took no notice of God, or of Christ, or of the Church of the living God, or, except in the most incidental way, of God's Holy Word. It was quite true that in some schools—the number was comparatively small—the Bible was read, and in some the Lord's Prayer was said, but who could presume to call that Christian education? Merely reading the Bible without explanation or comment was not instructive. What would be said of a military school where the professors only read a chapter or two on military tactics, but gave no lessons, made no comments, required no drill? How could they expect mere reading of the Bible to the young would make Christian men and women? But in the great majority of schools even that was not done; and so the youth of the country left school ready in figures, skilful with the pen, well instructed in the anatomy of the body, and mechanism of the steam engine, but utterly ignorant of the principles of duty, truth, religion, and honour, without knowing the Ten Commandments or the Apostles' Creed."

And what has been the result of this species of education, this secular, this godless system? We shall cite two witnesses, one American, one Prussian. The Rev. Dr. Chrevers states that

"Five-sixths of the people of the United States do not attend any place of worship."

The other witness, a distinguished Prussian, quoted by Bishop Moran in the lecture spoken of in our leader last week, and from which we have derived all the information contained in our two leaders, this one and the one last week, says:

"I came to your country to study its geography, its laws, its institutions, and I find 2000 religions and nobody believing in God."

And this lamentable state of things this writer attributes to godless education. We may conclude for this week with the very remarkable words of Fox, the founder of the first Reformatory for children:

"Of what use is it to the Commonwealth that its rogues should know how to read, write, and cypher? These acquirements are only so many master-keys put into their hands to break into the sanctuary of human society."

THE NEW PARLIAMENT,

The new Parliament has met, and before what we are now writing is printed, the Governor's opening speech will have been delivered. It is already pretty well known what the topics of that speech will be, and as to the rest it would be idle to speculate. A few days will serve to decide the fate of the Government, and a few weeks to enlighten the public as to the probable course of future legislation. There will be, no doubt, a Franchise Bill and a Representation Bill, and probably a taxation Bill, and a great fight over the expenditure of the five million loan. But as to the ultimate fate of these measures it is just now very difficult to pronounce an opinion.

These and such measures, if passed in such form as the public expect, will help considerably to modify the Legislation of the country, and effect some startling changes. There does not appear, however, any indication of a wiser policy on the subject of education. And yet this is our greatest need. It is vain to extend the basis of the franchise and remodel representation if the rising generation continue to be brought up in godless schools. Godless education such as is unhappily now established by law in New Zealand can only result in demoralising its inhabitants and undermining all the safe-

guards and securities of life and property.

Neither is there any indication that the representation will be remodelled in the direction of giving representatives to minorities. The theory of the Constitution is that the people and all their interests should be represented. But unfortunately the practice is the opposite of the theory. The people are not, in point of fact, represented, and legislation is not the outcome of the opinions of even the majority. It is true that in the last resort the wishes of the majority must prevail, but in the Legislature all should be represented and all interests consulted. Such, however, is not the case at present, nor do the Government proposals mean to remedy this crying evil. The present Parliament, as all Parliaments, represents only

the majority of such electors as chose to go to the poll, so that the minority in each locality is not in any sense represented, and in Parliament itself it is the majority of this majority that controls all legislation and ultimately shapes it. The result is that legislation really represents the ideas and wishes of only a fraction of a fraction of the whole community.

Out of four hundred and fifty thousand people, sixty-five thousand are not even in the remotest sense of the word represented at all, their voice is not heard, their wishes are slighted, their principles ignored or contemned. No attention whatever is paid to their principles, and no deference to their conscientious convictions. And not only is this the case, but there are tens of thousands of others who are similarly situated. How many representatives, for example, have the working men, as they are erroncously called, in Parliament, how many the advocates of Christian and moral education? Echo answers, how many? And is the present Parliament likely to even discuss any remedy for this absurd system, which pretends to represent the people, and in reality represents only the majority to the utter exclusion of vast numbers and of weighty interests. Under the Constitution, as worked at present, the majority not only rules, but is the only portion of the people that is even heard in Parliament.

We know that some of our enthusiastic members say they wish to represent all classes of their constituents. But it is in many cases a farce to say so. Why, we have known cases in which Members of Parliament so far from representing a large section of their so-called constituents, refused even to present their petitions for a redress of grievances. And this is the style of thing that is called representation. And it is only a few days ago since Mr. J. C. Brown was bitterly opposed in Tuapeka because he dared, in the late Parliament, to present the peti-The truth is, tion of 65,000 of his Catholic fellow citizens. the majority is not only determined to rule, but also to stifle all discussion in Parliament that is distasteful to it.

Democracies can act the tyrant as efficaciously as individuals, and we have a proof of this in the way in which the opponents of godless education are treated by the Parliament The autocrat of Russia does not impose his of New Zealand. will more tyranically on his slaves than does the Parliament of New Zealand impose godless education on those who are conscientiously opposed to it.

Occasional Notes.

WE record this week with much regret the death of Mr. James Martin, algentieman well-known and universally respected in Dunedin, which occurred, after a long and painful illness borne with all the resignation of a sincere Christian, on Saturday morning last. During last year Mr. Martin filled the place of a director of the NEW ZEA-LAND TABLET Company, whose duties he fulfilled with his accustomed ability and conscientiousness .- R.I.P.

THE usual committee meeting of the Dunedin Catholic Association was held on last Monday evening, the vice-president in the chair. It was announced that an evening's entertainment in the shape of essays, readings and recitations would take place on next Friday evening the 3rd proximo.

WE have been requested to acknowledge, on the part of the Dominican Sisters, the receipt, per the Misses Potter, of £3 8s. in aid of their bazaar fund. Arrangements for the art-union are now nearly completed, several very beautiful prizes are already in hand, in the course of preparation, or ordered from England. The most attractive articles on the list will be two tables of mosaic, similar to those which are now attracting so much attention in the Italian Court at the Sydney Exhibition. One of these tables is intended to form a chess board, every alternate square being a piece from some different description of rare marble. The other is a beautiful work in inlaid marbles also, with a picture of the colosseum in the midst. There will also be a picture of the Holy Family in exquisite needle-work, designed by a German artist; St. Joseph stands by the side of the Blessed Virgin, who sits with the Divine Infant in her arms, while an angel kneels in front singing to the music of a lyre. The figures are of a peculiar grace and beauty, and the design is quite original. There are several other beautiful prizes, and the tickets would now at once be issued, since there is already quite a sufficient store on hand to justify this, but the Sisters are anxious that their present undertaking should prove as satisfactory to their friends and patrons as did the last, and therefore they are still delaying the printing of the tickets until an opportunity has been offorded to all those who are desirous of helping them to send in such contributions to the prize list as it may suit them to bestow. They are requested, therefore, to do so, in order that the good work may be pushed ahead, and all prepared for the drawing in June next. A special art-union will be

held again in connection with the general one, at which everyone who has disposed of £5 worth of tickets will be entitled to draw. It is hoped, then, that all friends of the Dominican Convent will no kindly exert themselves in its cause, so as to facilitate the carrying out of this undertaking with all speed, smoothness, and success,

ELSEWHERE will be found a paragraph from the Evening Tribune testifying, on the authority of two of our Dunedin editors, to some of the marvellous cures performed by Professor Wallenberg and Dr. Grant. The visit of these gentlemen to Duncdin bids fair, we perceive, to prove a boon to numbers of our afflicted fellow-colonists.

Telegrams.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

CAPE Town, September 2nd. Information was received that the Cetewayo has been captured. King was concealed in the Nyome Forest, in the vicinity of the Black King was concealed in the Nyome Forest, in the vicinity of the Black Umvolosi, and was unable to ride or walk. The forest was surrounded by the 7th Dragoons, and he and his followers surrendered. On the 23rd, Cetewayo's followers who had surrendered arrived at the camp at Ulundi. Those who attempted to escape were killed. Cetewayo was sent to Maritzburg, and thence to Cape Town. Peace is now regarded as certain, and a new Government will immediately be appointed. Sir Garnet Wolseley has gone to the Transvaal. The submission of Secocoeni is probable. Peace in the Northern Transvaal has been restored. It is expected that the Boers will acquiesce in the annexation. Another brother of Cetewayo has surrendered with an immense number of cattle and guns. surrendered, with an immense number of cattle and guns.

LONDON, September 15th.

The Daily Telegraph publishes a telegram from Simla, stating that the complicity of the Ameer in the recent outrages is undoubted. He has a large army covering Cabul, communication with which is

The Times publishes a telegram from Candahar which states that the Ameer has summoned the troops at Herat Balk and the Gulzai tribes to Cabul for a religious war.

The Ameer has written another letter, expressing his deep distress at the massacre and his confidence in the British Govern-ment. The British troops have advanced to Khussi, beyond Shuktar-Gurdan. The friendly tribes are generally quiet.

CALCUTTA, September 15th. The Times, in a leading article, announces that the Ameer of Cabul will be called upon to co-operate with the British advance, and recognise publicly the justice and expediency of measures to punish the recent outrage.

Bombay, September 22nd.
The Alfridees and other tribes of the Khyber have given solid guarantees to the British troops. General Roberts's force will therefore advance shortly by that route.

London, September 19th.
The Standard publishes a telegram from India, stating that the troops at Herat and mutinied, and massacred the civil and military authorities.

September 20th. The report of the mutiny of Herat is confirmed Harvest operations are nearly finished. The English crop is expected to be one-third below the average.

CAPE Town, September 2nd.
Sir Garnet Wolseley has announced to a gathering of Zulu chiefs
that Zululand will be divided into three parallel districts, each under a British resident.

September 20th The ultimate destination of Cetewayo is unknown. He is at present at Cape Town.

VIENNA, September 20th. VIENNA, September 20th.

A semi-official statement is published to the effect that an exchange of views will be made during Prince Bismarck's visit to count Andrassy respecting the mutual interests of the German and Austrian Empires. The intention given in writing of the two empires regarding their future common policy will ensue.

BERLIN, September 20th.

The Emperor of Germany goes to Strasburg to witness the military magazings.

tary manœuvres.

ROME, September 18th.
A consistory of the Sacred College was held on Saturday. Tomorrow, the nuncios to Vienna, Madrid, and Lisbon will be appointed from the cardinals.

A cardinal has been appointed Papal Nuncio to Paris.

Mr. J. Fleming reports for the week ending Sept. 24, 1879:—Wholesale prices, oats, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel; milling wheat, 4s 6d to 4s 9d per bushel; chicks, 3s to 3s 6d; barley, malting, 5s 6d per bushel; feed. 3s to 3s 6d; pollard, £5 10s per ton; bran, £5 5s per ton; flour, £11 to £11 10sper ton; oatmeal, £13 10s per ton; potatoes, £5 per ton; hay, £4 per ton; chaff, £4 to £4 10s per ton; straw, £2s 5s per ton; onions, 16s per cwt.

Messrs, Melican and Hayes have opened a produce merchants' and general storekeepers' establishment in Thames street, Oamaru. From what we have known of the character of the firm, we are in a position warmly to recommend them to the patronage of our subscribers in their neighbourhood. Any business conducted by them is certain to be carried on with the utmost ability and conscientiousness.

MESSRS. M. BARDSLEY & SON'S SOAP MANU-FACTORY, DUNEDIN.

It is now over twenty years since the above manufactory was first established, and the steady progress it has made during that period speaks well for the enterprising proprietors. We are pleased to find that Messrs. Bardsley and Son have supplied a much felt want here in the manufacture of fancy toilet soaps. The very large amount of money which is annually drained out of New Zealand for such matters is something very considerable, and when we find manufactories springing up in our midst that can produce au article such as Messrs Bardsley and Son are now doing, which for fragrance of perfume, exquisite design, and good quality, certainly far exceeds the imported article, we feel assured that every encouragement will be given to them, especially by the ladies of New Zealand. Messrs M. Bardsley and Son inform us that they have spared no expense in getting the necessary plant and machinery for this department to make it a success, a large portion of the plant having been manufactured by a local firm, Messrs Anderson and Morrison, of this city, on whom it certainly reflects very great credit. We find also that Messrs Bardsley and Son are manufacturing some very fine samples of common soaps, Amongst them we noticed a new brand call Prize Pale, which, being made from the very purest materials, will, we have not the dightest doubt, take well. Their old standard brands of soap are also of very good quality and cheap in price. Messrs. Bardsley and Son tell us that, with their present appliances they can turn out twenty tons per week, but as their premises are far too small to carry on their already extensive trade, it is their intention to build more extensively, and also go into many other branches of their trade which are untouched at present.

BLINDNESS AND DEAFNESS.

By the kind invitation of Professor Wallenberg and Dr. Grant, the editor of this journal, in company with the editor of the Saturday Adrectiser, visited their consulting rooms, at the Criterion Hotel, yesterday (Tuesday) morning. The first case shown was that of a Miss White, age cleven years, the daughter of a settler at Oamaru, who has been totally blind for years. This young lady has been under the treatment of these clever oculists for three days, and wonderful to say, her eyesight has has been perfectly restored. The father of the girl assured us that he had placed her under the care of several medical men, who had failed to do her any good, despite the money that he lavished upon her. The next was the case of a Miss Hughes, a Dunedin resident, who stated that she had been deaf for a period of over three years. Strange to say, she has only been under treatment for eight days, and her hearing has been fully restored. This fortunate girl is nearly in ecstacies over her good fortune. The next subject under treatment was a labouter named Patrick Francis, working at Logan's Point, who informed us that latterly he was struck in the right eye with a stone, by which he lost his sight, and of late his left eye has been materially affected by the blind one; but thanks to the skill of Professor Wallenberg, he has now recovered the sight of his two eyes, and is able to discent the smallest print. Herman Shulz, of Hyde, was the last patient introduced. He stated that he had been totally deaf for years, and that he had only been under treatment for a few days, and now he could hear plainly. These gentlemen have numerous other cases under treatment. The cases that we have instanced should be sufficient to remove any doubt from the most sceptical. All the patients that are now under treatment have been tampered with by the medical profession with no satisfactory result, and this in the major portion of cases causes more aggravation, and makes effectual cure most difficult. The above cases clearly illustrate that Dr. Grant

A CORK MAN IN ZULULAND.

The following are some extracts from a letter written by a Cork man, a corporal of the 1st., 13th Regt., at present doing duty with Brigadier-General Wood, Kumhula Hill, Zululand. After speaking of the Isandula and Intombi disasters, at the former of which he states the enemy cut off the heads and hands of the drummer boys of the 1st-24th, he tells his friends: "This is a fearful war—much more so than the people at home think it is. We thought when coming here that it would be over by this time, and that all we had to do was to march into Zululand and take the country. We will have work enough to fight them all on account of the Zulus being so strong, and their country is so very rough and mountainous, besides bad roads to march. I have had my bellyfull of South Africa, and I think this war will last about five months or more. Infantry men are no use in this country. It is all horsemen who are wanted, for these Kaflirs can run like horses over rocks and hills, where we cannot get at them, and they have nothing to carry but a rifle, a few assegus and a shield, and live on very little, whereas we always carry with us a large convey and commissariat. It is five months since I slept without my arms and accourrements, and taking off my clothes. I have to lie on the wet ground among snakes, lizards, and mosquitos. We will have all our work to rout those beggars, the Kaffirs, out of this."

Mr. J. McSweeney, the well-known boot and shoe maker, has removed from Wansbeck street to Thames street. Oamaru. Mr. McSweeney has thus obtained more suitable accommodation for his extensive business, and is prepared to attend, if possible, more carefully than ever to the needs and desires of his customers.

AN EXAMPLE OF HEROISM.

A few Sundays ago Rev. Dr. Duggan, Bishop of Clonfert, preached a sermon in which, referring to religious fidelity, he said there was a race which was to-day a mystery and a paradox to the powers of the earth. There was a race of heroes and of martyrs in the sacred cause. In the time of the Danes a wave of persecution passed over them, from which they emerged with the motto, "What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and to suffer the loss of his own soul?" Centuries passed away, and then came three centuries of which he was about to speak with no bitter memories, for they must have been in the designs of Providence for some purpose—three centuries for which there was no parallel in the history of the world but the three which there was no parallel in the history of the world but the three first centuries of persecutions which the early Church underwent. Irishmen were exiled; their property was confiscated, and they were put to death. The famine came, the horrors of which not the pen of a Milton could truly describe, nor the pencil of a Michael Angelo paint in their full colours, and which would never be revealed until the Day of Judgment. His Lordship then commented on the hardships and deaths which were then caused by the want of food, and on the extent of preselvition which were then caused by the want of food, and on the system of proselytism which was carried out at the time. Apropos of this subject he narrated a most touching example of female heroism. There was a pause in the public works which grew out of that political economy after whose operation a million of the Irish race died before the world, and a poor man, the father of seven children, on finding every possible means of sustenance exhausted, said in his agony, to his wife, "To-morrow I will send my children to this school. They will get bread and clothing. I will die myself, but I cannot see my children die." The wife begged a day, hoping that some means of relief would arise. On the next evening the father said, "Well, tomorrow? I must not see my poor children die." The third day passed and then the father said, "I will not stand it longer, the children must go to this school to-morrow." The mother seeing that his resolution could not be changed, said, "As it must be so, and I cannot present it learned." tion could not be changed, said, "As it must be so, and I cannot prevent it, leave the girls to me, and you take the boys. The father consented, and the mother and the gi ls went to bed together that night with the thought that they should never rise again. In the morning at five o'clock a steamer appeared in the bay (they lived on the west coast of Ireland), the public works were resumed, credit was restored and they obtained a sufficiency of food. Some 7 years after wards he paid a sight to this public methods the Machanes and a kedwards he paid a visit to this noble mother of the Machabees, and a-ked her how she was faring after all her sufferings. She answered "Do you see that corn field, and that horse and cart? These are mine. Do you see that other corn-field? That is mine. Do you see that cow and that sheep? These also are mine. The Lord has blessed us with plenty." He asked how she felt on the night when she lay down to die with her daughters around her. With the sublimity of a martyr she said humbly, "We said the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin as best we were her daughters around her. With the sublimity of a martyr she said humbly, "We said the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin as best we were able, and we closed our eyes never to open them again till the Blessed Virgin sent relief. That was one of a thousand instances of the fortitude with which during that dreadful period of trial the Irish race preferred the safety of their immortal souls to the goods of this world, and there were thousands of Irishmen scattered over the earth who, had they yielded to the tempter, would be now in the possession of their own homes in Ireland. There were two prominent features in the Irish character which were ineradicable—love of creed and love of country; and the sooner every one admitted this fact the better for the Irish race and the better for every other race. The love of creed was first and that of country next. Wherever Irishmen had gone—whether in Canada—in one portion of which (Montreal) 1,200 men and women and children of that race found a nameless grave in the famine days, having perished after quitting the emigrant ship—or to the United States, or to Australia, or to England, they had always endeavoured to procure a priest, if they had not one already, and to build a church, that they might hear again the song of praise and nourish their souls with the food of life. of praise and nourish their souls with the food of life.

A FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Jaffna Catholic Guardian, July 12th, says:—This is the first time I bad the happiness of assisting at the festival at Madu. I do not wonder that so many are actracted thither. The place itself is so delightfully situated, such attention is paid to the comfort of the pilgrims, the Novenas are conducted in such a quiet orderly and devout manner, and the graces said to have been obtained through the intercession of our Lady are so numerous, that it is not at all surprising that thousands from all quarters, from Jaffna, Trincomalic, Colombo, and even India, flock thither annually. One would be inclined to think that when such a vast throng was assembled there must be some confusion and disorder. Generally indeed such is the case, but not here. It does honour to our holy Religion to see the orderly conduct, the devont bearing of such a large number of persons assembled from the various parts, and perfect strangers to each other. This year all the pilgrims were highly pleased. I suppose it is just the same in other years. They suffered somewhat from want of water, and some had even to hasten their departure on this account. But good has come out of this want. The pilgrims opened a subscription list to obtain wherewith to build a well. Rupees 91 were collected at once, and finally the sum realised amounted to Rs. 260. The site for the well was at once chosen, and the Very Rev. Fr. Lelons cut the first sod on the festival day. There were six Fathers present to minister to the spiritual wants of the pilgrims. There were scremons in Tamil morning and evening. A great many confessed and received Holy Communion. Several pagans were baptised. I do not know exactly how many. The number of pilgrims was estimated at from three to five thousand. The little sanctuary was never empty. From early morn till late night there were the pilgrims, some giving thanks, others imploring favours. The procession of the statue of the Blessed Virgin was touching by its simplicity and piety. The feast of our Lady was cele

CATHOLIC PROGRESS IN GERMANY.

A HOT-BED of Protestantism like Scotland, North Germany used to be in former years; but of late things have become very different. At the very gates of Berlin, in a place called Moabit, a convent was erected some twenty years ago, and although all convents have been done away with in Prussia, the persecuted monks had time to do a world of good while they were allowed to work there. In other parts of Germany the Church is also making headway, as may be learned from the following, from the Kolnische Zeitung, a Protestant name:—

learned from the following, from the Advance and More taking root in the "The Catholic Church is more and more taking root in the northern part of the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. Of late the Catholics of the city of Oldenburg have built a new church, which is quite an ornament to the town. At Delmenhorst also a chapel has been built, and the poor people of the place have subscribed an annual contribution of £22 10s. towards the interest of the building capital."

The same thing is going on in other parts of North Germany, such as Hanover, Schlesburg, and Mecklenburg; and altogether it is certain that Bismarck has not yet succeeded in bringing the Catholic Church to ruin.

OPIUM SMOKING.

A GENTLEMAN residing on Vallejo Street, San Francisco, lately was informed by a young man with whom he was acquainted that he had until recently been a victim of the opium-smoking habit, and that, having been rescued, he deemed it his duty to inform the gentleman having been rescued, he deemed it his duty to inform the gentleman that the son of the latter, a lad of 18, was also a victim, and that as such he nightly visited a Chinese opium-smoking den. The gentleman was horrified, and, although still hopeful that there must be some error in the information, the light it threw on recent physical ailments of his son rendered it possible that it might be true, and he determined to ascertain. On Wednesday night, therefore, he stationed himself in the immediate vicinity of the place designated as the den, so that he might see all who entered. It is one of the vilest and most squalid quarters of the city, the den itself being in a house in a filthy little court leading off Pacific street, between Kearney and Dupont. He watched from 8 o'clock till 9, and in that single hour he counted over twenty American boys ranging in years from fitteen to twenty-one who applied for admission and were hurriedly passed in. There were a few grown men and many Chinamen, and of the Americans the dress betokened that they were of the better class. They would come to the corner of Pacific street, glance hastily around to be assured that they were unobserved, and then better class. They would come to the corner of Pacific street, glance hastily around to be assured that they were unobserved, and then effect a hasty entrance, apparently by giving an understood signal. At length he saw his own son enter, and so quickly that he could not intercept him. He then himself went to the corner, and approaching the door he rapped for admittance as nearly as he could in the way he had seen the others do. The door was opened by a tremulous-limbed, bleared eyed Chinaman, but when the gentleman attempted to pass he was stopped. It was in vain that he said that it was all right, that he wanted to smoke opium and that he offered to pay; be was not possessed of the cabalistic sign, and consequently the Chinaman was utterly unable to "sabe" anything. The father then went home and waited for his son, who returned late in the night still stupeded from his regular nocturnal deadly debauch. When he learned that his father knew of his whereabouts he disclosed everything. He had first acquired the labit when only 15 years old, and learned that his father knew of his whereabouts he disclosed everything. He had first acquired the labit when only 15 years old, and before he knew of its borrors it had obtained such control of him that all efforts to break it were futile. For three years he has smoked constantly. Recently his family has noticed the complete prostration of his nervous system. During the last six months he has been so nervous that in the mornings he has almost been unable to convey his food to his mouth. His parents have consulted physicians, but as the boy would never tell what the real malady was, the medicines prescribed have done no good, and to-day, at 18, he is almost a complete wreck. He persistently refuses to give the signs by which admittance may be had to the den, but he says that it is jealously guarded, that four doors have to be passed through before the smoking room is reached, where a "dope" for ten cents, requiring about twenty minutes to smoke, is obtained, and on the bare floor of which the smokers lie extended there during their torpor. He says there are over a thousand boys who are regular habitues of this or which the smokers lie extended there during their torpor. He says there are over a thousand boys who are regular habitues of this or similar dens. The father yesterday made a full statement of the facts at police headquarters to Counselor Clarke, and it is expected that this particular den will be raided and broken up. But unless a keen watch shall be maintained for the detection of others, or the reestablishment of this same one, and a relentless prosecution of the keepers of all commenced, the business of supplying the deadly drug, the use of which more swiftly than any other known process hurries its votaries to irretrievable physical and mental ruin, will be furtively conducted. This is one of the most malignant phases of the Chinese evil, and one that has its most awful meaning for the better classes of society. The domestic government of the family of which this young man is a member is not more lax than that of the average family of San Francisco, the affection of the father and mother for their eldest boy is of the warmest and most thoughtful, and yet for three years he San Francisco, the affection of the lather and mother for their eldest boy is of the warmest and most thoughful, and yet for three years he has been enabled to indulge in the habitual use of the deadliest drug known to humanity, till, with shaking body and shaking voice, he doggedly declares his utter inability to free himself from the awful slavery that has thus soon brought him to the very verge of the

Messrs. Mercer and Medical report for the week ending Sept. 17th:—Fresh butter, in \(\frac{1}{2} \) and 11b prints, best and favourite brands, 185d to 18 6d per lb.; good ordinary butter, 18 3d to 18 4d per lb. Salt is scarce, and firm at 18 1d per lb. Eggs plentiful, and worth 11d per doz. Cheese, best quality, 8d per 1b; side and rolled bacon, 9d per 1b; colonial hams, 10\frac{1}{2}d per lb

Messis. A. Gibbs & Co., Cumberland street. Dunedin, are prepared to supply the building trade with materials of the best quality at moderate charges. They also supply bone-dust and upholsters' flock.

General Rews.

An argument in favour of the Congregational schools is afford by the *Union*, which states that out of 307 pupils of Paris colleges declared eligible for Saint Cyr, 104 alone belonged to the school of Sainte Geneviève, directed by the Jesuit Fathers.

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Calcutta. No one dared approach to separate the combatants, which were two snakes, stated to be each seven feet in length.

Mrs. Hatch has for years been a conspicuous spiritual medium in Boston. Her specialty is the production of flowers from spirit sources. She gave a scance, a few evening ago, at a private residence. The lights were extinguished, as usual, and the persons in the circle were enjoined to hold fast to each other's hands. Flowers were soon dropped here and there, and Mrs. Hatch began to explain how they had been brought from distant places by spirit hands. All the gas burners in the room had been connected with an electric lighting apparates and suddenly the apartment was brightly illuming lighting apparatus, and suddenly the apartment was brightly illuminated. The medium was completely exposed. In her lap was a pile of flowers, and she was caught in the act of tossing them into the air. Herr Stumm, who was well known in Rome as an attaché of the

Herr Stumm, who was well known in Rome as an attaché of the Prussian Ambassador at the Court of the Holy See, and is now Secretary to the German Embassy at St. Petersburg, has become a Catholic. His marriage with a young rich American lady was celebrated in July in the Cathedral of Fulda, the celebrant being Mgr. Hanbe, the Administrator of the diocese.

Such has been the severity of the season in Europe that some of the Passes over the Alps were impassible. Up to July 1st on the St. Gothard Pass the snow was in several place thirty-five feet deep. For a week previous some three hundred labourers had been engaged in clearing away the snow, and it was only by the most strenuous exertions that they succeeded in opening the road by the 1st of July. On the day of the Golden Wedding of the Emperor and Empress, the Sisters of Charity were forced to leave the city of Gnesen, where for twenty-five years they had brought nothing but blessing to the population. On the previous day, deputations representing the city

or twenty-nee years they had brought nothing but blessing to the population. On the previous day, deputations representing the city a d neighbourhood waited on the Sisters, in order to express their gratitude and their sorrow. They also presented them with 700 marks, which had been hastily collected. It was not a pleasant thing for the Catholics of Gnesen to know, that the same day which brought freedom to many who were undergoing a deserved punishment drove out from their city ladies whose devout life and charitable works

constituted their only offence,
Official returns laid before the Italian Senate show that the con-Official returns laid before the Italian Senate show that the condition of the working man in Italy is much worse than it is in France:—"The yearly wages of an Italian working man average 669 francs; and he spends 290fr. on bread alone. In France, the working man gains 1,200fr., and only spends for the same staple 189fr. A family of the labouring class in Italy pays taxes to the amount of 80fr. In France, the taxes amount to 11fr. 40c. The taxes on wheat, salt, meat,—in short on the barest necessaries of life, bring in a revenue to Italy of 1002 698 018fr.—or 7fr 60c for every inhabitant. The difmeat,—in short on the parest necessaries of the straight and Italy of 902,628,018fr.—or 7fr. 60c. for every inhabitant. The different taxes on bread come to 118 millions. These contribute 20 per

meat,—in short on the barest necessaries of life, bring in a revenue to Italy of 902,628,018fr.—or 7fr. 60c. for every inhabitant. The different taxes on bread come to 118 millions. These contribute 20 per cent. of the State Budget. On the other hand, the taxes on comforts, or less necessary articles, such as liquor, only contribute to the Budget, at the rate of 4.46 per cent. That is to say, the tax on liquor weights each inhabitant of Italy to the amount of Ifr. 73c.; whereas on each inhabitant of England, to 23fr. 57c.

We have received, writes the Hong Kong Catholic Register, a fine volume, lithographed at the orphanage of Tou-se-cic, written by Father Palatre of the Society of Jesus, who died last year at Sika-wei near Shanghai. The work speaks about infanticide and the doings of the Holy Infancy in China. It contains the most exhaustive documents, and we are sorry we have no time now to give an extract of it to our readers, but we intend to do so shortly. Our readers will recollect that a French newspaper, Le XIX Siccle, attacked fearfully the work of the Holy Infancy, by trying to prove that infanticide does not exist in China. The editor was summoned before the court and punished as a libeller. Father Palatre has had the patence to collect all kinds of proofs anent the existence of infanticide in China, which forms the first part of his work, which is divided into five collect all kinds of proofs anent the existence of infanticide in China, which forms the first part of his work, which is divided into five chapters: In the 1st, he gives the official proclamations; in the 2nd, the writings of the Buddhists and Taoists; in the 3rd, the writings of the Confucianists; in the 4th, the journalists, and in the 5th, the popular pictures, all concerning infanticide in China. In the second part, he enumerates works of Christian charity as a remedy against infanticide; such as the work of the baptism of infants, the foundlings and the orphanages in the different Catholic Missions. In the third part, he refers to the orphanages kept by the heathen, and the causes of infanticide.

Mr. Skene reports for the week ending September 24, 1879:—
A slight move for the better, which should now with fine weather and long days continue for the season. Squatting and farming operations must now command attention—genuine ploughmen trained to all farm work are decidedly scarce. Milkers, farm labourers, and boys are now moving. Hotel hands, for men and women, are improving. Shepherds are at "long last" asked for. Female servants really trained to fair house work are much wanted. Barmaids, cooks, and housekeepers are also improving. The building trade and commercial hands are still quiet. Wages: Couples, £60, £65, and £70; ploughmen, £40, £45, and £52; day labour, 6s, 7s, and 8s; dairy people, 10s, 15s, 20s, and 25s; house girls, 10s to 15s; hotel do., 12s to 15s; barmaids, governesses, and cooks, 20s to 40s; boots, waiters, grooms, gardeners, station cooks, blacksmiths, and carpenters, 20s to 30s and 40s. Mr. Skene reports for the week ending September 24, 1879 :-

Mr. G. Matthews, of Moray Place, Dunedin, is furnished to suit the season with a large supply of all descriptions of seeds. Farmers, florists, and gardeners will find their requirements amply provided for by him.

SCOTCH DOGMATISM.

(Saturday Review, July 19th.)

It appears to be pretty generally agreed that there is a great breakup going on of the old dogmatic temper once so characteristic of Scotch religion. . . And at this moment, we believe, the synods of more than one of the three disunited but doctrinally concordant churches which accept the formularies of John Knox are exercised by the open disavowal on the part of influential preachers and professors of the authority of the Longer and Shorter Catechism and Confession of Faith. It has been even rumoured that, in the event of disestablishment, a large section of the ministers of the Kirk would come over to the Episcopal Church and bring their flocks with them, not, indeed, from any abstract preference for episcopacy but in pursuit of a wider freedom than the Presbyterian platform seems likely to afford them. Be that as it may—and we are not engaged here in predicting future possibilities—the change of feeling which has recently taken place, if it is not greatly exaggerated, is a sufficiently remarkable phenomenon, and can hardly imply less than a serious change, whether for better or for worse, of national character. Our readers may probably be familiar with Mr. Buckle's elaborate comparison of Scotch and Spanish bigotry; he even identifies the two countries as the most "priest-ridden" in Europe. The word would, no doubt, require explanation, when so applied, but the meaning is obvious enough. And it may be worth while to show by a brief review of the facts, that there was in the temper of Scotch religionism an element of dogmatism, or bigotry, or intolerance, or whatever we may please to call it, distinguishing it alike from that of England and of most nations of the Continent.

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It has been observed by a modern writer that there was one country where the Puritan ministers succeeded in moulding alike the country where the Furtan ministers succeeded in moulding alike the character and the habits of the nation, and that while England was breaking loose from old superstitions and advancing along the paths of knowledge, "Scotland still cowered in helpless subjection before her clergy." And one way in which this clerical influence was kept up was by boasting the belief in a continual succession of miracles, sometimes wrought for the protection or greater honour of the clergy themselves, but, in most cases, miracles of terror. . . Sir Walter themselves, but, in most cases, miracles of terror. . . . Sir Walter Scott has pointed out, in his letters on Demonology that the Calvinists were of all sects the most suspicious of sorcery, and the most eager to punish it as a heinous crime. Hence, in a country where almost every kind of amusement was suppressed or tabooed, and men's thoughts were concentrated with peculiar energy on theological ideas, the dread of witchcraft was all but universal. It was not, as elsewhere, a superstition diluted by imposture. Mr. Buckle has ealled attention to the remarkable circumstance that, among all the terribly numerous witch trials in Scotland not a single instance of imposture is recorded. These trials were almost entirely conducted by the clergy, but the "secular arm' was placed ungrudgingly at their service for the execution of sentence. On the hideous tortures employed to extract confessions, and the punishments eventually their service for the execution of sentence. On the hideous tortures employed to extract confessions, and the punishments eventually inflicted, it is unnecessary to dwell here. Suffice it to observe how one traveller casually mentions having seen nine women burning together at Leith in 1664, and how, in 1674, nine others were condemned to be burned in a single day. . . And it is noticeable that, ignorant and superstitious as the people had been in the middle ages, the first law against witchcraft in Scotland was passed in 1563, and it is not that it have not still thirty work letter that it because the agreements. ages, the first law against witchcraft in Scotland was passed in 1005, and it was not till thirty years later that it began to be systematically carried out. The persecution was, therefore, in a very special sense the work of the Presbyterian ministry, or rather of their creed, which, partly from political causes connected with the history of the Scotch Reformation, was shaped more directly on the teaching of the Old than of the New Testament. These executions for witchcraft came to an end about 1730, but not apparently by the gcod-will of the Presbytery, who passed a resolution fifty years afterwards deploring the prevalent scepticism on the subject.

It must not, of course, be imagined that the dogmatism and intolerance of the Scottish Kirk showed itself only in the matter of witch-

craft. There was no less zeal displayed in persecuting Papists when opportunity for it occurred. One of the first results of the final triumph of the Reformation in Scotland was a law prehibiting any priest from celebrating, or worshipper from hearing, Mass, under pain of confiscation of his goods for the first offence, exile for the second, and death for the third. John Knox publicly denounced the second, and death for the third. John Knox publicly denounced the exceptional toleration of Queen Mary's private Mass at Holyrood as "more fearful than if ten thousand armed enemies were landed in any part of the realm." At the time of the Commonwealth the Presbyterians did their utmost to thwart the more liberal policy of the Protector, who was willing to tolerate all forms of Christianity with the significant exception of "Popery and Prelacy." They wished those only to be tolerated who accepted the fundamentals of Christianity, and the list of fundamentals was so drawn as to Christianity, and the list of fundamentals was so drawn as to exceeded not only Socinians, who were to be punished by death, at Papists, Arminians, Antinomians, Baptists and Quakers, who were to be imprisoned for life. In 1645, the Scotch Parliament solemnly protested against "the toleration of any sects or schisms contrary to our solemn league and covenant." And the Puritans carried with them across the Atlantic to the new world the intolerance they had practised at home. Maryland, in the hands of its Catholic with them across the Atlantic to the new world the intolerance they had practised at home. Maryland, in the hands of its Catholic founders, had been—much to their credit—the solitary refuge of oppressed sectaries of every kind; but, when the Puritans gained the upper hand there, they at once subverted the existing rule, and enacted the whole penal code against those who had so generously received them. . . The vexations and inquisitorial interference. enacted the whole penal code against those who had so generously received them. . . . The vexatious and inquisitorial interference of the Scottish Kirk Sessions with every department not only of public but private life was another very effectual means of sustaining this rigidly dogmatic spirit. Resistance was punished by fines, whipping, branding with red-hot iron, and public penances of the most humiliating kind. . . It was a sin to visit a friend, to water your garden, to shave, to ride, to walk, or to whistle on the Sabbath. To bathe was a deadly sin on Sunday, and of very questionable lawfulness at any time; a boy had once been miraculously struck dead while indulging in that carnal amusement, and the Glasgow Kirk

Session in 1691 invoked the aid of the civil power to prevent boys from swimming altogether. As Chambers puts it in his Annals of Scotland, "to the Puritan Kirk in the sixteenth and seventeeth censections, "to the runtan Kirk in the sixteenth and seventeen centuries every outward demonstration of natural good spirits was a sort of sin, to be as far as possible suppressed," and thus "the whole sunshine of life was, it were, squeezed out of the community." The standard of a religious nation was the prevalence of universal gloom.

That this scheme of life is the consistent and logical result of the Calvinistic theology is true enough. . . We may be sure that the Westminster Confession must have been subjected to a "ve.ifying faculty" of divines, and the Longer and Shorter Cutechism have lost their hold over the popular mind before the tone of ordinary preaching and practice could undergo any material alteration. What may be the moral or religious results of this change in the long run in a question on which it would be premature as yet to hazard any confident opinion, A narrow or prejudiced creed may often be better than none, and the collapse of a firmly compacted dogmatic system not unfrequently brings with it, at least for the time, a dissolution of all religious belief. Thus, as Macaulay observes, Catholic countries have become infidel and again reverted to Catholicism, but do not become Protestant. On the other hand, it must be remembered that become Protestant. On the other hand, it must be remembered that the profession, however sincere, of a rigidly ascetic code of obligation has by no means always proved a sure guarantee for even an average observance of morality. Nature will have her revenges, and when the most ordinary and harmless recreations are forbidden as sinful, is apt to seek compensation in indulgences which no moralist would be willing to condone. The charges brought against Novatians in the early ages of the Church have been brought with equal plausibility against Puritans in our own day. One vice at all events which Christians of every school, as well as non-Christian moralists, are agreed in condemning, is reputed to be a special opprobrium of Scotland, and the strictest observance of all those minute and oppressive Sabbatarian regulations to which we have referred just now has sive Sabbatarian regulations to which we have referred just now has been found compatible with consecrating the day of rest to a quiet but unlimited assimilation of the liquid which inebriates but does not but unlimited assimilation of the liquid which heeriales but does not cheer. And, under the old règime, to be drunk in private, though of course not sanctioned as allowable, would have been accounted a far less heinous outrage on the dignity of the "honourable Sabbath" than to whistle in the public street. On its theological side Calvinism has in some countries shown a tendency to develope into Socinianism, which the early Calvinists never hesitated to treat as a capital crime. and it will be curious to watch whether a relaxation of the old orthoand it will be clinious to watch whether a relation of the old offind dox strictness in Scotland tends in the same direction. For the last three centuries the national religion of Scotland has shown a stern and vigorous tenacity of life which has no parallel, so far as we are aware, in any of the Reformed Churches elsewhere. It has now, for the first time since the Reformation, entered on a state of transition of which as yet we only see the beginning, but which cannot fail, whatever may be its ultimate term, to have an important bearing not only on ecclesiastical matters but on the habits and character of the

A PREGNANT MOTTO.

According to the royal custom holding for centuries among his pre-decessors, the medallion commemorative of the Pontificate of Leo XIII has been struck; the work was finished in June last. On the XIII has been struck; the work was finished in June last. On the obversa is the likeness of the Holy Father, majestic and calm, and the year, 1879. On the reverse stands the Church, figured as a matron, the tiara on the head, the cross in the right hand, and the tables of the law in the left. On the excrepe are the words:—The nation and the hingdom that will not serve Thee shall perish.

There is no denving, that these words, taken from Isaiah lx. 12, are a repetition, but with more force, of those we have just noticed in the encyclical of 1878. Every one who has studied history with profit will declare that the words of Isaiah have been closely verified. The rejection of the authority of Christ's Church is followed by social disorders: it tends to anarchy and barbarism.

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Isaiah's words are thus explained by St. Jerome:—"The nations and their rulers, who refuse the excellent and useful service of the Church, by which they are made partakers of the Apostolic dignity shall fall into that perdition which is prepared for the wicked, and whatever they have shall become desolate, since they would not have God for their guest."

The illustrious Commentator of more modern times, Cornelius a The illustrious commentator of more modern times, corneins as Lapide, records a long series of kingdoms of old that assailed the Church and are no more; that of the Arians, the Goths, the Vandals, the Nestorians, the Eutychians, the Iconoclasts, the Monotholites, and of other heretics, powers that have now disappeared. Referring to the Turkish empire, which was then all powerful, Cornelius a Lapide remarks that it too would be broken up unless it submitted to the Church. What would he have said in reference to the Kingdom of Italy that it was established in Power to work against the Church.

the Church. What would he have said in reference to the Kingdom of Italy that is now established in Rome, to war against the Church and the Pope? We know what he would have said, and also we know what has actually been said, only a few weeks ago, by an Italian Statesman of a great name, by Joachim Napoleon Pepoli.

On the 19th June, the Marquis Pepoli commenting, in the Italian Senate, on the prophetic words of Isaiah engraved on the medallion of Leo XIII., declared "his country to be sick, needing a radical cure, if they would avoid a catastrophe." He showed that "misery in Italy is as a wave that is daily increasing." He reminded them that every year thousands upon thousands of Italians flee from their homes, through sheer inability of finding a livelihood. He read to them the telegram despatched on the 27th April last from Genoa by 700 Venetian working-men to Garibaldi: "We are on our way to rejoin our fellow-countrymen in the vast regions of Brazil, being 700 Venetian working men to Garibaldi: "We are on our way to rejoin our fellow-countrymen in the vast regions of Brazil, being driven from our native land by the sad consequences of the administrations that misgovern Italy." And he added, "there are more deaths in Italy than in other countries," and "it is a very sad fact, that while mortality is decreasing in other countries, it is increasing in Italy by three per cent."

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