Letters to the Editor.

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CATHOLIC MUNIFICENCE.

May 4, 1858.

SIR—I beg leave to acknowledge, with gratitude, the receipt of one hundred pounds, the bequest of James Kearney, Esq., of Culmullen, to the poor of this parish, and particularly for those who lived adjoining his farms; and also to say that I disposed of the bequest in the following manner:—

	£	s.	d.
For beef at Christmas	12	12	5
For 2/9 Pigs	77	0	0
In cash, blankets, shoes, clogs, and cloaking ...	10	7	7
	100	0	0

Trusting that our prayers may be lasting and fervent for the good giver, I remain, Sir, faithfully yours, &c., &c.,

GEORGE LEONARD, P.P., Oldcastle, Meath.

EDUCATION.

SIR—My attention has been called to a letter, addressed to the Marquis of Kildare, by a Mr. P. Fitzsimon, principal of the Springfield College, Ennis, which appeared lately in the *Post*. The letter is on the important question of Education, and recommends some changes in the system of public education, or instruction, as at present existing in this country. There can be no great objection in the publication of opinions, even though they may be absurd or erroneous; for public discussion will ultimately enable us to separate the truth from error; but the great evil would be to let false principles and deductions pass uncontradicted, for all who read newspapers may not be competent to sift the sophistries of smart writers. All who undertake to lead public opinion, or who would wish to discuss questions with a view to having them brought before the Legislature, do well to place their case before the interested parties, through the medium of the press. For, if wrong, they may be set right, and also saved from the deplorable consequence of misleading others. As an interested party, a taxpayer, I claim a right to comment on Mr. Fitzsimon's proposal. He informs us that he is a Catholic. That was necessary, for he appears to be so liberal of the rights of Catholics to a Catholic system of Education, that he seems to be mere interested about the machinery of State schools and keeping it oiled, than in guarding the Faith from State intrigue. He recognises the Bishops as the pastors of the flock, and he leaves the watching of it to them. That is their affair. But when true pastors express doubt and distrust of the Government system of Education he keeps never mending them; his whole attention seems to be concentrated in the Government! But perhaps Mr. Fitzsimon is not aware that the model-schools which he recommends have been condemned and denounced by some of our Prelates; that the National system, of which he is so enamoured, has been merely tolerated as a lesser evil; and that the Catholic University has been established at the desire of His Holiness the Pope to counteract the effects of the Godless Colleges. And now he recommends us to complete the chain of mental thraldom in which English statesmen attempted to bind down the intellect of Ireland, by adding to it the last connecting link—the grammar schools.

A system of instruction not based on religion is an insult to Catholics. The Queen's Colleges are not Catholic. Yet they are the fountain head from which the whole system flows. Neither are the model schools. And the national schools are neither Catholic nor national. For no emblem of Catholicity or nationality will be tolerated in any of these schools. No image of the crucifix, or of His Immaculate Virgin Mother, dare be displayed before the eye of the inspector of a British Government. The anti-Catholic iconoclasts will not tolerate the cross even on the roof, or over the entrance gate. Butler's Catechism would be less tolerated in our national! schools than a work of Voltaire. And an inspector or master may be Turk, Jew, or infidel for ought the system has to do with it; thus taking up a negative position in religion. Now, Catholicity is no negation, it is a positive good, and, like its Divine Founder, he who is not for it is against it. The principle of the whole system is godless from root to branch. Can a pupil or teacher bless himself or say a Hail Mary during school hours without breaking rules? No. Not so in the schools of the Christian Brothers or Sisters of Charity.

The boast of the system is that it is neither Protestant, Catholic, or Presbyterian, but *mixed*. Now, I fearlessly assert that the Catholics of Ireland ought to have a Catholic system of Education. Catholic commissioners, inspectors, teachers, and patrons. Anything else is an insult to us, and ought not to be tolerated for a day. But Mr. P. Fitzsimon, though a Catholic schoolmaster, does not raise a single objection against our state schools. He recommends a minister of public instruction, with a seat in the House of Commons. But does not express a wish to have him a Catholic—that would be too illiberal. He would leave the entire control to the National Board! and he says:—

"Under the National Board, representing as it does *fairly* the interest of Protestants, Catholics, and Presbyterians, and possessing the confidence of the country to an extent never enjoyed before by any superintending board in Ireland, I would place all endowed educational establishments (universities and the College of Maynooth excepted)."

Well done most liberal of legislators. The National Board represents *fairly* the interests of Protestants, in the first place. Secondly, of Catholics, and thirdly, of Presbyterians. Now, if this wonderful Board represents the interest of Protestants and Presbyterians *fairly*, it cannot sustain those of Catholics, and *vice versa*. Their educational systems are neither similar, nor identical, nor compatible. Protestants don't fancy Clongowes or Stoneyhurst for their sons, and sincere Catholics never give a preference to a Protestant College. Even the poor will send their children cheerfully several miles to the Christian Brothers, and pass by a Model School. I therefore assert that Mr. Fitzsimon has either not taken the trouble to understand what he estates, or that he has inadvertently misstated the facts. I don't mean anything personal, but I'd like to know how the national Board *fairly* represents Catholic interests? In order to do so *fairly*, it should be exclusively Catholic. A Protestant can have no right to direct the education of Catholics. Nor is there the least necessity for doing so. But how many Catholics have we on the Board? Have we even a majority? *How many Catholic Bishops have we on it?* Has not the Apostolic Delegate run away from it? And this is the Board that *fairly* represents the Catholic clergy and people of Ireland, according to our Catholic Instructor from Clare. No Board will or can represent our interests but one that is composed entirely of Catholics, and of such Catholics only as have the sanction and confidence of the bishops and clergy of Ireland.

JOHN CARROLL.

[TO BE CONCLUDED IN NEXT LETTER.]

GWEEDORE AND CLOUGHANEELY FUND.

SIR—Permit me to acknowledge, through the medium of your columns, the following subscriptions:—A widow's mite, Mullingar, £1; Rev. Michael Waters, C.C., ditto, 10s; Rev. James Moran, C.C., ditto, 10s; Rev. Peter Malloy, C.C., ditto, 10s; Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, C.C., Rochford bridge, Meath, 10s.

Thus it is evident that the sympathies of the charitable and generous are still with us; and, when the forthcoming Parliamentary Committee will have substantiated our statements, the public, we are assured, will come forward, even more liberally, and relieve the victims of misrule and oppression.—Yours, very truly,

HUGH M'FADDEN, C.C.

Manorcunningham, 1st May, 1858.

DISTRESS IN DONEGAL.

The following communications have been received by the venerable Bishop of Raphoe, from his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Cullen and the Right Rev. Dr. Grant:—

"55 Eccles-street, Dublin, 17th April, 1858.

"MY DEAR LORD—I beg to forward to your lordship, for the relief of the sufferers in Gweedore, £2 16s 8d, the contributions of several charitable persons in the Island of Guernsey, whose names are in the enclosed list. I add another pound from Anonymous, who wishes to participate in the prayers of the poor suffering people. It is sad to think that so many families should be reduced to so awful a state of destitution. I hope your lordship's exertions in their favour may be the means of preserving many of them from destruction, and that your charitable exhortation will soften the hearts of all those who were induced by misrepresentations to persecute or to injure men who are well worthy of the warmest sympathy and assistance of all charitable Christians.

"Wishing your lordship every happiness, I remain, with great esteem, your lordship's devoted servant,

"✠ PAUL CULLEN.

"Right Rev. Dr. M'Gettigan, R. C. Bishop of Raphoe."

"St. George's, Southwark, S. April 20, 1858.

"MY LORD—The Rev. Henry Phillips, missionary curate of Portsmouth, has asked me to forward the accompanying check to your lordship for the suffering poor of Gweedore and the other districts of Donegal.

"Wishing your lordship many days of happiness, I beg to remain, my lord, your obedient and humble servant.

"✠ THOMAS GRANT

"Right Rev. Dr. M'Gettigan, R. C. Bishop, Ramullen."

ARDEE UNION—THE SISTERS OF MERCY.

At the usual weekly meeting of the guardians of this union, held on the 20th ultimo, Mr. P. M. O'Hanlon proposed the following motion:—

"That the Sisters of Mercy, forming the community of nuns of the Ardee Convent, shall be at liberty to visit the workhouse at such stated hours as shall be ascertained to be most convenient and consistent with the discipline and regulations of the house, for the purpose of affording spiritual counsel and instruction to the Catholic inmates of the establishment."

Mr. O. Callan, of Cookstown, seconded the motion.

Mr. G. M. Adams said he did not intend to divide the board upon the motion, but he could not permit it to pass without entering his protest against it.

The motion was then put from the chair and carried.

The Church.

The Forty Hours' Adoration, with solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, weekly to be celebrated in one church or chapel, during the year, will commence on tomorrow, May 9, at the Parish Church, Athy.

CONVERSIONS.—We are happy to learn on undoubted authority that at the late mission in Tagoat no less than nine adult Protestants renounced the errors and delusions of the Protestant religion, made a solemn profession of the Catholic faith, and were happily received into the bosom of the Catholic church.—*Wexford People.*

Clonliffe House, formerly the fine and hospitable mansion of the late Frederick Edward Jones, Esq., patentee of Old Crow street theatre, with its extensive offices, large garden, pleasure ground, the whole standing on about twelve acres of land, held in fee, and not subject to any rent whatever, was sold by auction on Friday last, by Mr. Littledale, in his saleroom, No. 9, Lower Ormond-quay. £4,040, purchased in trust for his Grace the Most Rev. Paul Cullen.

A new Catholic church is about to be erected in East Bergholt, Suffolk.

A new church and presbytery is to be commenced in Werwick, from the designs of Mr. Pugin.

On Sunday the handsome new church of Patrick, Edinburg, was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop Smith, V.A., Coadjutor of the Western District of Scotland. The erection of this church, and the establishment of the mission of St. Patrick are due to the zeal of the devoted Irish Missionary, the Rev. Daniel Gallagher, late of St. Patrick's, Glasgow.

A new church is proposed to be erected in the important town of Sunderland, designs for which have been executed by Mr. Pugin, who also supplies those for the presbytery at Newcastle just completed.

Messrs Bishop, Starr, and Richardson have constructed, at their factory, a magnificent organ for the church of the Oratorian Fathers at Brompton. Its cost is somewhere between £2,000 and £3,000, which is munificently defrayed by a noble lady, a member of the congregation.—*Weekly Register.*

CONVERSIONS.—We are happy to learn on undoubted authority that at the late mission in Tagoat no less than nine adult Protestants renounced the errors and delusions of the Protestant religion, made a solemn profession of the Catholic faith, and were happily received into the bosom of the Catholic Church, being perfectly convinced that it is the only true Church established on earth by Christ and his apostles.—*Wexford People*

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—A Limerick correspondent informs us that the Right Rev. Dr. Moriarty, Bishop of Kerry, will lay the foundation stone of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, in Limerick, on the 30th of May. His Lordship will preach in the open air, and an immense concourse of persons is expected to attend on the occasion, to witness the solemn ceremony, and to listen to the fervid eloquence of this distinguished prelate.

PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO THE VERY REV. P. O'FERRALL.—On Monday, a *soiree* was held at the Montague Arms, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the Very Rev. P. O'Ferrall, O.S.F. This reverend gentleman out of more than thirty years of Missionary life has spent twenty-seven of the most active of them at Bristol, where he some years ago concluded the purchase of a most noble edifice on the quay, erected for certain purposes, but which was afterwards happily dedicated to St. Mary on the quay. The labours consequent on this additional claim to his energies, in addition to a most active missionary life, have prevented him retaining the rectorship of St. Mary's, and he has accordingly retired to the comparatively quiet position of chaplain to the Convent of St Catherine, Clifton. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the Hon. and Rev. Bishop of Clifton, who presided. Tea having been removed the proceedings commenced by reading a short but appropriate address, and the presentation of a purse of 80 guineas and handsome timepiece, on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's, by Mr. Sullivan, to the Very Rev. P. O'Ferrall.—*Weekly Register.*

CATHOLIC DORMITORY.—The usual weekly meeting of this society was held in the Oratory attached to the society, 79 and 80, Townsend-street, on Sunday, for the purpose of making arrangements for the bazaar, fancy fair, and drawing of prizes to be held in the Rotundo in the month of August next. John Kelch, Esq., presided. Several articles were handed in for prizes. After the handing in of several sums the meeting adjourned.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DR. O'CONNOR, P.P. OF SKRYNE, COUNTY MEATH.—On Monday, the 26th ultimo, rather suddenly, at the age of fifty-eight, the Very Rev. Dr. O'Conner was called to a better world. He was occasionally, for some few years, subject to severe attacks of gout, and it is believed that this treacherous malady was the immediate cause of his premature demise. When the melancholy event became known the people were afflicted beyond description, and each parishioner felt he had lost a dear friend, a tender father, and a most enlightened pastor. Dr. O'Connor's career through life was most distinguished. In college he ranked as a student of the highest ability. On leaving Maynooth he was appointed to assist the late Dr. O'Reilly in the diocesan seminary at Navan. The attendance at the interment fully proves how deeply and truly Dr. O'Connor was loved by priests and laity. Upwards of 30 priests were present. His own curate, Father Kelly, was celebrant; and in the choir were the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, Trim; Messrs. Callery, Slane; Finnigan, Grangegeeth; Dr. Power, Navan; Very Rev. Mr. Mathews, Drogheda; Rev. Messrs. Gough, Deignan, Sheridan, Ratoath; Langan, Ardcath; Kearney, Drogheda; Timon, Johnstown; Professors Tormay, Gaughran, and M'Cormick, Navan; Flood and O'Hanlon, Duleek; Lynch, Blackl.on; O'Reilly, Jones, and Lynch, Kilmessan; Sherlock, Trim; and several others whose names we could not ascertain. Among the laity we noticed Lord Fingall, his son-in-law, Mr. Russell, the Messrs. Collins, Maurice, Lagan, Wilson, &c. It was quite impossible to move round the church the crowd was so immense, and so impressed with heartfelt sorrow.—*Requiescat in pace.*—*Drogheda Argus.*

DEATH OF THE REV. MARTIN CONNOLLY, P.P.—We record with heartfelt regret the decease of the much esteemed and truly zealous parish priest of Boyounagh and Templetogher. He died at his residence, Middletown, on Monday last, at the age of 60. His remains were borne to the grave on Wednesday, amid the tearful regrets of his numerous relatives, and the evidently sincere grief of a large concourse of his parishioners, including men of every creed and grade, who followed the mournful cortege. From an early hour clergymen from different parts of the country began to assemble, and as they arrived they offered up the most holy sacrifice of the Mass at the different altars prepared for them. At twelve o'clock a solemn High Mass *de requiem* was celebrated. Amongst the clergymen present we observed the Very Rev. Patrick Duffy, P.P.; Rev. Henry Kelly, P.P.; Rev. William Feeny, P.P.; Rev. John J. Noone, P.P.; Rev. J. Cavanagh, P.P.; Rev. John Burke, P.P.; Rev. Patrick M'Namara, R.C.C.; Rev. Thomas Haddican, R.C.C.; Rev. Patrick Fitzgerald, R.C.C.; Rev. Thos. Gibbons, R.C.C.; Rev. Malachy Monaghan, R.C.C.; Rev. David Mylotte, R.C.C.; Rev. Thos. O'Malley, R.C.C.; Rev. James B Davis, R.C.C.; and Rev. Patrick O'Reilly. The remains were interred in the handsome and beautifully situated churchyard of Boyounagh.—*Requiescat in pace—Tuam Herald.*

LECTURE.—Rev. A. Reid, of Springburn, by Glasgow delivered an eloquent and instructive lecture to the Young Men's Society, Airdrie, in the School Rooms, on the evening of Monday last.

A NEW CHURCH—PRESENTED BY P. TAAFFE, ESQ

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Barely, if ever, have I witnessed a more impressive ceremony or one more calculated to excite piety and devotion, than that of Tuesday, the 27th of April—the laying of the foundation stone of a new Catholic Church in the parish of Bohola.

His Lordship, the venerated Bishop of the diocese, arrived at twelve o'clock, just in time to calm the anxiety and dispel the doubts of the congregated multitude, who were apprehensive lest the constant rain of the morning and louring aspect of the day would deter his lordship from coming and frustrate their anxious expectations. Fortunately the day cleared up, the clouds dispersed, and heaven seemed to smile on the pious performances below. At half-past 12 o'clock his lordship, vested in full pontificals, with mitre on his head and crosier in his hand, proceeded from the old chapel, attended by the clergy, to the site of the new church. Here stood a large wooden cross, the emblem of man's redemption, planted there the night before. Over the northern corner of the chancel was suspended a beautifully cut stone of vast dimensions, and just under it another stone of equal size with a cavity sufficient to contain a bottle, in which were deposited the current coins of the realm, together with a parchment bearing in substance this inscription:—"April 27th, 1858—Designed by Mr. Goldie, built by Doolan, and dedicated by the Right Rev. Dr. Durkan (the gift of Philip Taaffe, Esq.) to the immaculate Mother of God."

The appropriate antiphons and psalms being chanted, and the litanies of the saints being sung, the first stone was solemnly blessed and lowered to its position, to the great joy and delight of every Christian present.

The Bishop then, preceded by the Rev. Mr. Halligan as cross-bearer, and followed by the Very Rev. Dean Durkan, Rev. Daniel Mullarky, Rev. John Finn, Rev. Thomas M'Nicholas, Rev. James O'Dowd, Rev. Mr. Judge, and Rev. Mr. Burke, took the circuit of the new church, sprinkling the foundation with holy water as he went along. Having arrived at the spot whence he started he granted an indulgence of forty days to all who attended on the occasion, exhorting them at the same time briefly but emphatically to redouble their zeal and fervour in invoking the intercession of the ever-immaculate Virgin Mother of God for themselves and Mr. Philip Taaffe, the founder of that beautifully designed temple, who has devoted a sum little short of £3,000 for their use and benefit. As these last words fell from his lordship's lips a thrill of gratitude pervaded every heart, every face was flushed with joy, every tongue invoked a blessing on their bountiful benefactor.

After the ceremony was over his lordship, the clergy, and many of the gentlemen took refreshment at the hospitable board of the Rev. Mr. Judge, the parish priest, after which all retired to their respective homes quite delighted with the ceremonies of the day.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

On this day week we published the particulars of the interesting ceremonies attendant on the opening of the New Catholic Church of the Assumption, and we are now called upon to discharge a similar duty to its Twin Sister in Rowe-street. The Bishop, robed in full pontificals, performed the "benedictio loci." High Mass next commenced. After the Gospel was sung by the Deacon, his Lordship ascended the pulpit, and delivered one of the most eloquent, graceful, and soul-touching discourses it was our good fortune ever to hear. In the course of his observations he inculcated the great law of Christian charity and love of our neighbour, which seemed to make a deep impression on all present, particularly on our dissenting brethren.

Rev. James Roche, P.P., acted as Celebrant; Deacon, Rev. Thomas Roche, Enniscorthy; Sub-Deacon, Rev. James Barry; Deacons at the Throne, Very Rev. William Doyle, Guardian, O.S.F., and Rev. L. Kirwan, P.P., Piercestown; Assistant Priest, Rev. W. Murphy, Enniscorthy; and Master of Ceremonies, Rev. W. Murphy, Wexford. We observed in the Sanctuary, the Right Rev. Dr. Hughes, Bishop of Gibraltar, and the Very Rev. Dean Murphy, V.G., for whom special seats were set apart at the Gospel side of the Altar; the Rev. Gentlemen of St. Peter's College and the Franciscan Convent occupying the sedilia on the Epistle side. The magnificent vestments and chalice used on the occasion were gifts of the lamented Countess of Shrewsbury, as well as those used on the previous Sunday in the Church of the Assumption. The grand cope, worn by the Assistant Priest, is a part of the splendid bequest of the late lamented Dr. Sinnott to his successor in the Parish of Wexford, and was greatly admired. The three Gothic albs, which struck us as peculiarly corresponding with the character of the Church, were the gifts of Miss Kellett, of Clonard. The Gong, the gift of the Rev. W. Murphy, Wexford; the Missal, that of the Rev. J. Hogan, Wexford; the Linens of the Altar and Sanctuary, those of Mrs. Michael Finn and Mrs. Thomas Scallan; and the two splendid Coronal Lamps, which we regret there was not time to suspend before the ceremony, the gifts of Mr. J. G. MacCarthy, the eminent architect, under whose direction all the interior of the Churches were carried on. The stations of the Passion, set in Gothic frames, richly illuminated, were greatly admired, and reflect much credit on the donor, Mr. T. Gaffney. Like that of the sister Church in the south end of the town the nave and aisles are tastefully decorated, though different in manner, yet equally effective, the former being pannelled, with a view to the proper and equable distribution of sound for the practical advantage of public instruction. The four arches, embraced within the Sanctuary, were richly finished in Mr Earley's best style, and bore appropriate inscriptions from Holy Writ in the old English character. We must not forget to mention the four stained glass windows, whose dim and mellowed light had the happiest effect.

The Lady Altar is the gift of Mr J. T. Devereux, M.P., and of his late son, Richard; and is considered by connoisseurs to be more architectural and beautiful, if possible, than that which is even so much admired in the Church of the Assumption. It may not be out of place here to mention that the Bell, which now occupies its proper place in the Tower, is one of the sweetest toned we ever heard, and does honor to Mr. Murphy, of Thomas-street, Dublin, at whose foundry it was cast, and who carried off the prize for bell casting at the Great Exhibition. It is cast to D, that of the Church of the Assumption being E, both forming a delightful and harmonious concord. Their weight is about two tons and a half.

The edifice is Gothic, in the decorated style of the fourteenth century, and is 158 feet from the entrance of the tower to the grand Oriel window, the nave supported on seven arches at either side, each 15 feet 5 inches in breadth, being 30 feet wide; the side aisles 14 feet 6 inches each; and the wall of the nave 41 feet to the wall plate. There is a beautiful square tower at the west entrance with buttresses, which diminish by water tables at appropriate distances. In one of the buttresses of the tower stands a spiral staircase of cut stone, opening by a beautiful gothic door into the first floor of the tower. From this through a large Gothic arch you pass to the Organ gallery, which is of light and tasteful construction, supported on slender pillars, and richly ornamented with tracery. The tower is surmounted by a fine octagon spire, with spire lights—the top of the cross of the spire being 222 feet from the ground. The church is entered by three richly moulded Gothic doors, one of which is in the tower, the other two in the aisles are approached by a fine stone stairs with Gothic balustrades. The interior of the building, comprising pillars, arches, ceilings, and the windows with the great Oriel window in front, presents a *coup d'œil* not rarely to be met in our modern churches; and reflects much credit on the builder, Mr. Willis, who so creditably carried out the plan of the architect to the minutest particular, as it does on Mr. Sinnott, the Inspector, and on every one engaged in the undertaking. The same merit is due to Mr. Pierce, for the manner he discharged his duty on the Bride-street church.

To the consummate abilities of Miss DuLang, as well as to her untiring exertions, we are indebted for the musical enjoyment of the last two Sundays. And when we take into consideration that the members comprising the choir were totally unacquainted with music, and that the very short space of three months were only given to Miss DuLang for their instruction, it must appear almost marvellous, how smoothly and correctly the many beautiful choruses were rendered by those juveniles, not only in performance but in fact. Most of those choruses were the productions of Miss DuLang, and display a rare gift in the art of composition. The Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, and Sanctus, were from her pen, and were sung with an exactness by the choir almost professional.

The following gentlemen, acted as Stewards:—

Thomas Redmond, Richard Joseph Devereux, Stephen Doyle, William Rossiter, William Gafney, Walter Redmond, William Ryan, Rodolphus Ryan, James B. Farrell, John Walsh, jun.; Michael Finn, Thomas O'Leary, Gregory Rochford, Laurence Devereux, Wm. Gafney, jun.; Richard M'Donnell, Percy Sinnott, J. R. Crosby, Thomas Prendergast, and John Sinnott, Esqrs.—*Wexford Independent*

SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH, RINGSEND.

A numerous and influential meeting of the Catholic inhabitants of St. Mary's, Haddington-road, Irishtown and Ringsend, was held on Sunday last in St. Patrick's School, Ringsend, for the purpose of entering into subscriptions, and organizing a collection to build a new church, dedicated to St. Patrick, and suited to the requirements of this populous village. At two o'clock the chair was taken by the Parish Priest, the Very Rev. A. O'Connell, D.D., P.P.

The Rev. Chairman said—My dear friends, I have called you together to-day to consult with you as to the best mode of carrying to a successful issue the work which we commenced a few days since by laying the first stone of a church to be dedicated to the Most High, under the invocation of our great Apostle, Saint Patrick. I told you on that occasion that the rapidly increasing Catholic population of the parish, and the peculiar circumstances of this immediate district induced me to attempt such an undertaking. Large and commodious as our dear Star of the Sea is, I find that, at the later masses, it is by no means commensurate with the requirements of our people, a circumstance that ought to make us bless our good God, evidencing, as it does, the vitality of our holy religion, and the strict attention of its children to their religious observances. The peculiar circumstances to which I have alluded are the dense population in this district, now more than two thousand souls, and the nature of its employment, as well as the immense number of grown young men and children who fill its streets, lanes, and alleys—all these call loudly for the especial and continued supervision and zealous care of one whose exclusive duty it will be to afford them every aid in the way of exhortation, instruction, and advice, and to live amongst them, ready at all times to receive the poor seafarer and his boy on their return from their hard and hazardous employment at their own convenience at the tribunal of penance, and thus prepare them for the sacrament of the altar, to guard them by instruction against the spiritual dangers to which a seafaring life exposes them—in one word, to be to them and their poor families a true friend both as regards this transitory world and eternity. Are not these sufficient reasons to induce me, to whom the care of this portion of the flock of Christ has been committed, to make an effort such as this? And where, think you, did this idea cross my mind? At the very tomb of the apostles, St. Peter and Paul, beneath the high altar of the glorious St. Peter's, under the wondrous dome of that unparalleled temple, there it was, that praying for my dear good people at home, I thought unto myself what could I do for their spiritual advantage, besides bringing to them the apostolic benediction which you have received with such Catholic feeling and I hope, permanent benefit. The building of this edifice was the idea that presented itself to my mind, and here we are now, with God's blessing, endeavouring to realise it. Although my taste and my wish in the erection of a church to the Most High would lead me to attempt one of a more pretending character than this is to be, yet my judgment and a due regard to the many demands upon those whose assistance I expect, have determined me to be satisfied with a very unpretending, humble, but I hope at the same time, appropriate edifice, and one such as is now wanted in this village. Indeed my experience of many years in a missionary life, has convinced me that after providing for the dignity of our more solemn church service, by the erection of one diocesan cathedral, our parochial churches ought to be more numerous, and more accommodation to the wants of our people, both as regards their distances and dimensions, so that all excuse on the part of our poor for their absence from their religious duties, by reason of distance or any other cause, would be removed—in a word, that the word of God, his sacrifice and sacraments might be brought as it were to their very doors, and thus have them at all times reminded of their duty to Him, who has created them not for this world where they suffer much, but for Himself and his Kingdom, where they will enjoy eternal happiness. It is for the poor of this neighbourhood that this house is to be built, and thus it will give another proof of the divinity of the teaching of our holy church—"the Gospel is preached to the poor" (hear, hear.) I have thus been thinking aloud before you my thoughts upon a subject most important to myself as your pastor, and to you as a flock, for whom, as in duty bound, I can never do enough. Do you not sympathise with me? Will you not aid me in the work? I know some will say—how is all this to be done? The same was said when we commenced the Star of the Sea—It now speaks its existence in its beautiful proportions. The generosity and piety of the faithful, and especially of the more humble classes, have raised that splendid monument of Catholic devotion. Our friends will not, I am sure, be less generous on the present occasion; and may I not calculate upon the love of God's House urging many a good pious Catholic who may casually hear of this work to give us assistance according to the means with which God has blessed him. Indeed I have such confidence in the all wise Providence of God, that I enter with great hopefulness, and even ease of mind upon this undertaking, which I dare to call His own. I had almost forgotten to direct your attention to our Sunday and Evening Schools already established in connexion with this church, and I am happy to tell you that nothing could be more promising than they are in their most useful results to the young men and women of this neighbourhood. I now leave this work in your hands, and humbly pray that its success may enable us to say, *digitus Dei est hic*—the finger of God is manifest here. Any resolution you may deem fit to pass, I will now most willingly propose to the meeting.

Mr. John P. Conran said, I am sure the unanimous feeling of this meeting is, that independent of the ties of duty, of interest, and religion, in this and all other parochial affairs we will cheerfully co-operate with the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, from a deep sense of gratitude for the many benefits he has conferred on us since we have had the happiness of being placed under his care (hear, hear). We all remember the spiritual desolation of this parish compared with its present position. We have now three or four times as many priests as heretofore, all active, zealous and efficient. We have the Sisters of Charity of Donnybrook, reclaiming those erring ones, who otherwise would be abandoned, outcast pests of society. Here they are raised from their fallen state, comforted and taught that although they have sinned like Magdalen, yet by sincere repentance they will be forgiven, and may be even loved as she was (hear, hear.) We have a community of the same order at Sandymount, who educate, clothe and supply with food, the children of the poor, and like angels of mercy visit the sick and the dying, ministering to their spiritual and temporal wants (repeated cries of hear, hear). We have the Carmelite nuns and their orphanage at Lakelands—and what a world of good they effect in snatching these parentless children from want, and woe, and vice, and giving them such a religious and industrial training as not only fit them for being useful members of society but make them the propagandists of virtue instead of being the instigators of crime; and all those works of mercy and the prayers of those holy religious, like fragrant incense, ascend to Heaven, and bring down blessings on the parish (cheers); and we have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up daily from six different altars, and yet the Rev. Dr. O'Connell, with that zeal for the salvation of souls which has characterized his life, has determined, no matter what trouble, anxiety, and care it cost him, that in this district there shall be another temple and another altar to offer up the "mystery of mysteries," believing it would be for the spiritual advantage of this populous village; and he is certain to have this generous undertaking brought to a prosperous and speedy termination, for he seems to bring a blessing to every work he engages in (hear, hear). It is but seven years this month since the Rev. Dr. O'Connell commenced the Star of the Sea, and we all know under what adverse circumstances. It is like a miracle that in such a space of time this beautiful Gothic temple was raised which, even in its present state, may stand comparison with any suburban church in the kingdom. We would be unworthy of such a pastor, if it was not the fondest aspiration of our heart that he should be left with us very many years, and that we shall have the pleasure not only of giving him our humble assistance to build St. Patrick's; but that we may participate in the happiness of seeing added to the "Star of the Sea" its grand tower and spire surmounted with the emblem of redemption pointing upwards to where I hope we shall all meet; and the vibrations caused by its great bell, heard for miles around, calling on the faithful to come and give honour and homage, and praise, and adoration, to the Lord of all (loud cheers.)

The Rev. Thomas Leahy then rose and said that after the very lucid statement of their respected chairman, and the very eloquent speech they had just heard from his much esteemed friend, Mr. Conran, it would be presumption in him to detain the meeting at any greater length. But he could not let pass one observation that fell from the lips of the Very Rev. Chairman without adding a word of comment. He (the Very Rev. Chairman) has asked—"How are funds to be raised for the good work?" He need not tell him that Almighty God will aid him; that the faithful people, who have ever been devoted to their religion and their God, will supply the funds. He was still young, and had the happiness of witnessing nearly all the churches with which our metropolis is so beautifully studded spring into existence even within his own recollection (cheers). Who, he asked, supplied the funds for their erection? Who but the good Catholics of Dublin. They owed much to the Catholic people of Dublin. Not only have they erected magnificent temples to the honour of God within their own city and the kingdom at large, but even in a great measure have aided other nations that have been long aliens from the true faith in the erection of Christian temples, and have sent her children missioners from their peaceful retreats to enter on the difficult but glorious task of re-establishing religion and civilisation in those countries, where almost its very vestige had been swept away (loud cheers). He was truly happy that their new church was to be dedicated in honour of their national apostle, St. Patrick (hear, hear). We are told that St. Patrick prayed for Ireland; moreover, he prayed that the faith planted by him in Ireland should always remain pure and unshaken. His prayer was heard; for while we see other countries fall away from the olden faith the Church of Ireland has preserved the most inviolable adhesion to the chair of Peter for upwards of 1,400 years (loud cheers). May we not hope now that our village is placed specially under his patronage; that our glorious apostle will aid us in our holy undertaking, that so we, too, may hand down to posterity the sacred deposit transmitted to us (cries of hear, hear). Thanks to God, owing to the more than extraordinary vigilance of our venerated pastor, all scheming proselytizers have long since been banished from amongst us; nevertheless he must still be on the alert, for every day the literature of our enemies teem with calumnies on our faith. We see multitudes of heretical institutions springing up. Advantage is often taken of our poor people, and food and raiment is offered them if they will only abandon the faith of their fathers (applause). Thousands of pounds are expended on this work of corruption. Hence it is to guard against any possible, even the most remote, danger of a future attempt, our venerated parish priest has determined that a church should be at once erected in this very populous locality, where your children may be instructed, not only in the rudiments of their faith, but that they may learn to lead pure and holy lives worthy of their faith—worthy of the venerable saints from whom they are descended (loud cheers.)

Mr. James Lynam said—On coming here to day I was agreeably surprised to see the walls of the new church in such a forward state—such an admirable evening school for boys, and such care bestowed on the female Sunday school presided over by the Sisters of Charity. The founding of those schools and the building of this church must do an incalculable amount of good. It is the interest, as well as the duty, of all the parishioners to rally round our beloved parish priest, and enable him to bring the completion of this church to a speedy termination; for he is too fond of doing good to stop there, and I rather think he contemplates a new church for Donnybrook, and enlarging St. Mary's, Haddington-road, which is getting rather small for the congregation; but that seems to be the fate of Catholicity in this country, for, build a Catholic church in any corner of Ireland, and it is soon filled to overflowing (cheers).

Mr. Fitzgerald said too much praise cannot be given to those men who spend six days of the week in labour and toil, and, on the seventh, after their religious exercises before the altar of their God, devote the evening to the collection of funds for the new church (hear).

Several gentlemen volunteered to act as collectors.

Mr. James Lynam was called to the chair, when a vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. O'Connell was passed by acclamation.

Before the termination of the meeting, several donations and subscriptions were handed in, amounting to about £250.

STOCKPORT CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening, a couple of hours were agreeably spent at the School Room, Edgeley, in listening to the examination, concert, and recitations of the young men belonging to the night school. A great number of the day scholars in connection with the chapel, from about the ages of nine to thirteen, were also accommodated with seats, together with some private friends, forming as it were the company to appreciate the performances.

The Rev. Canon FRITH occupied the chair.

The proceedings opened with a prologue by J. Burns, taken from Dr. Doyle's writings on education; which was succeeded by a song. Several other songs and recitations (some in character) we given in the course of the evening, and as they were all of the comic caste, and full of humour, they were generally received with shouts of *encore* by the young idea in possession of the back seats. The more intellectual and interesting features of the occasion were the examinations by the teacher of the boys' day school of the young men on their thorough knowledge in reading, grammar, plain and mental arithmetic, geography, history, and mechanics, in which they acquitted themselves with astonishing success. In mental arithmetic the most difficult and complicated questions put by the master were solved with a quickness of calculation (detailing figures in many instances), that while it struck the auditor really amused him, seeing the anxiety of the competitors to be thought the lucky Æ lipus. Altogether this was a pleasing exhibition, and the best order was maintained amongst the children while the proceedings were going on. To the master's diligence and perseverance is attributable the high scholastic proficiency of the members of the Young Men's Society. The evening's performances closed at eleven o'clock with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—*Stockport Advertiser.*

The property of Hay Hill, Berkeley-square, was conveyed in a grant from Queen Anne to the Speaker of the House of Commons but, considerable clamour having been excited by this notorious act of bribery, the Speaker sold the estate for £208 10s, and distributed the money to the poor. It was afterwards purchased by the Pomfret family, and only last week was valued at £65,000.

THE IMPIETIES OF THE ENGLISH IN ROME.

The disgraceful mis-conduct of the English in Rome during Holy Week, is most graphically told in a letter which appeared in the *Figaro* of the 15th ult., and a translation of which was given on Friday last in the *Cork Examiner* as follows:—

"Rome, 3d April, 1858.

"MY DEAR VILLEMESSANT,—I send you this letter, because I am sure you will insert it in your paper. No other journal in the capital would publish this sketch of the English at Rome during Holy Week.

"If anything be sacred and respectable in this world, it is the celebration of the divine mysteries, by a whole people in their own country, in the temple in which they assemble, in presence of their Priests and their Sovereign Pontiff. The Germans, the followers of the Greek Church, the worshippers of the Koran, people professing every religion come to Rome to admire the pomp of these festivities, and are most respectful towards the sentiments and acts of a religion which is not their own. The English alone affect in the Holy Temple the most cynical attitudes and gestures, and inspire the spectators with indignation and disgust. English ladies, belonging to the higher class of society, make themselves remarkable by their unbecoming and indecent behaviour.

"The men go to St. Peter's or to the Sistine Chapel, as if they were going to their taverns, the women with much less decency than when going to the theatre.

"The men push forward, and elbow their way into the reserved tribunes, and, without being even invited, arrive the very first rather quicker in their march here than they were at Inkermann.

"The women with effrontery cover the steps of the altar, and the very feet of the Bishops and Cardinals with their crinolines; and if permitted by the Swiss Guards of the brave Colonel Meyer, would most undoubtedly seat themselves beside his Holiness the Pope.

"On the steps of an Altar, before the tomb of a Pope, and in different parts of St. Peter's, may be seen groups of English gentlemen and ladies, stuffing themselves with roast beef and plum pudding, and drinking champagne, while waiting until the ceremonies begin. It is not even rare to meet a son of Albion with a cigar between his teeth, declaiming against Catholic intolerance, which prohibits him from offering this vulgar incense in the church.

"Do not imagine that they even bend their heads when the Pontifical cross, and the Pope himself, pass before the people, kneeling to receive his blessing. They do not show the slightest mark of respect to the greatest power on earth, not even that tacit homage which the most insignificant Prince representing a nation receives from the lowest member of society. No, the Englishman or the English lady stands up arrogantly, and affects to raise up the head before that holy and venerable man called Pius the 9th, and who at that moment is raised above them only to be able to give them his fatherly blessing. On Palm Sunday I saw an Englishman, six feet high, step forward and placing himself within five yards of the Pope, examined him closely with an opera glass at the very moment his Holiness was giving his benediction to the faithful bowed down in prayer before him. On that very day General Goyan, commander of the French army at Rome, was forced to interfere, and give a severe lession to an Englishman, whose impropriety went beyond all bounds, and was insulting to all the Catholics present.

"Our French officers cannot be called Saints, but they are always respectful to what is holy and sacred.

"There is not one of those now in Rome who has not felt irritated and indignant against the English who assist at the ceremonies of the Holy Week. More than one among them has done justice to such acts of impropriety, coming from persons who, from their fortunes, ought to show better breeding.

"What would *they* say and think of a Frenchman who would remain with his hat on, when their gracious Queen happened to pass, not in the Church of St. Paul's, but in Hyde Park?

"In 1849 I was near being torn to pieces for not having been able, on account of the pressure of the crowd, to take off my hat at the moment when her Majesty, the Queen of England, made her entrance into the Theatre. These men ought to know, in presence of Pius the 9th celebrating the mysteries of religion in his temples, that the Sovereign Pontiff is the head of 200 millions of Catholics. But these men believe but one thing, that they are the masters of the world, and that, as such, they possess the monopoly, the privilege of insolence and insult.

"Do not imagine this 'Etude de mœurs' is exaggerated; it is but the imperfect expression of the conduct of the English at Rome during Holy Week. Such as it is I sign it.

"I am, &c.,

"ALPHONSE BALLYEDIER."

KIDNAPPING OF IRISH POOR.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians yesterday, the clerk read a return, which affords another practical illustration of the terrible injustice and oppression inflicted on the country, and this union in particular, by the systematic deportation of the Irish poor from England. For the last four years, it appears that the total number of the unfortunate victims of "British Bumbles" remorselessly flung upon our quays, amounted to 704 of whom 102 are actually at this moment a permanent burthen upon the ratepayers of this union. An analysis of this melancholy list presents numerous instances of individuals of both sexes, who spent 20, 30, and 40 years in England. In this sad record are to be found the names of soldiers and sailors who by their blood cemented the military and naval power of Britain, and of artizans and labourers who contributed to build up the fabric of her material greatness. But what avail past services. Poverty and old age are unpardonable crimes in the eyes of Poor Law officials. They are, therefore, kidnapped, hurried on board the next vessel, and after enduring miseries only to be paralleled by the horrors of the "middle passage," infamous in the annals of the slave trade, are thrown helpless and hopeless upon our shores. The wife of one of these unhappy outcasts was English born, but as she married an Irishman, she was compelled to expiate the dire offence by transportation for life from her native land! Our Boards of Guardians here and elsewhere waste an immense deal of time in warm debates upon frivolous subjects and in personal altercations—Why do they not unite in remonstrance, and petition against the ruthless transportation of their fellow countrymen and countrywomen? Why do they not call upon their representatives to combine in an energetic and vigorous course of action for extinguishing for ever this hideous unnatural, and inhuman system.—*Cork Daily Reporter.*

MEETING OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Thursday the Liberal members of the House of Commons held a consultation relative to the position of the Liberal Party.

About 120 members were in attendance, and Mr. Headlam, the representative for Newcastle-on-Tyne, was in the chair.

The Chairman said, those who had summoned the meeting pronounced no opinion as to the chief of the Liberal party, nor was it called in order to advocate any special measure. Their object was to express the general feeling, that of late the Liberal party had been betrayed. That no zeal on behalf of the measures to which they attached importance had been shown by the Governments that had recently been supported by the Liberal party.

Mr. Clay, of Hull, moved that the Government wishing to have the confidence of the Liberal party should be established on a wide basis. He added that the new Government was weak, but he did not see how, at the present time, any one could from a stronger.

On the motion of Mr. Turner, of Manchester, it was resolved that two gentlemen should be appointed to apprise the Liberal and independent members of what was going forward—to act, in fact, as a whip.

The strict adherents of both Lord Palmerston and Lord J. Russell were excluded. It is ostensibly for the organization of the Liberal party.

DEATH OF THE REV. MOTHER ST. MARIE, FOUNDRESS OF THE INSTITUTE OF OUR LADY OF THE ORPHANS (DELIVRANDE, NORWOOD AND ROSEAU.)

Charitable reader, for the sake of the Infant Jesus and Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Orphans, pray for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Mother Superior of the Convent of Our Lady at Norwood, Sr. de Ste. Marie, born Henriette le Forestir D'Osseville, who died April 28th, 1858, in the 56th year of her age, and the 27th year of her religious profession. After founding the Monastery of Our Lady of the Délivrande in France, touched by the accounts of the sufferings of the poor Catholic children in London, she came over to England and founded the Convent at Norwood for the education and salvation of these poor abandoned children. To this tender work of charity she devoted the energy of her generous heart. Her life and fortune were consecrated to comfort the afflicted, to soothe the sorrowful, and to save from perdition vast numbers of children, especially amongst the Irish poor. The orphans have truly lost their best friend, their adoptive mother! Let us hope that her spirit will still hover around them, and in heaven she will plead for her poor little ones, the daily objects of her maternal solicitude.

That eternal bliss from the everlasting fountains of Life may be her reward will be the prayer of every Irish heart.—*Requiescat in pace.*

On 3rd instant at Cashel, after a short illness, Patrick Heffernan, Esq., M.D. and J.P., aged 54 years. His unexpected death cast a gloom over Cashel and the surrounding neighbourhood where he was so well known and will be long remembered. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of friends of all persuasions.

SUPPOSED CASUALITY AT SEA.

An American whaler, which arrived at Hobart Town February 12, reports that about 300 miles E.S.E. of St. Paul's Island she picked up a mizen mast and cross jack-yard, apparently belonging to a vessel of from 1,000 to 1,500 tons. The mast was much charred at the lower end, as if it had been burned off close to the deck. The cross-yard was painted lead colour, and seemed to be new. The wreckage did not appear to have been long in the water.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

BATEMAN—In London, Lady Bateman, of a daughter.

BERESFORD—April 29, at 7 Mountview-terrace, Belfast, Lady Beresford, of a son.

CHAMBERS—May 3 at Rose Cottage, Rathfarnham, the wife of Mr Charles Chambers of a daughter.

CHESNEY—At Packolet, Ballyardle, county Down, the wife of Major General Chesney, R.A. of a son.

CHUTE—April 25, at Chutehall, county Kerry, the Hon Mrs Chute, of a daughter.

COLEMAN—At 11 Hardwicke-street, the wife of Henry Coleman, Esq. of a daughter.

D'ARCY—March 26, at 14 Inn's-quay, the wife of Mr. P. O'C. D'Arcy, of a daughter.

FITZGERALD—At Cannah, county Kerry, the wife of John F Fitzgerald, Esq. of a son.

GIBSON—May 3, in Merrion-square, the wife of William Gibson, Esq, of a daughter.

JACKSON—At Hoogley, the wife of Captain F C Jackson, Stud Department, and late 12th Regt N I, of a son.

JURY—May 5, at Tolka park, county Dublin, the wife of Mr W Jury, of a daughter.

KEOGH—May 2, at Upper Fitzwilliam-street, the wife of G Keogh, Esq. of a son.

LEICESTER—At Holkham, the Countess of Leicester, of a son, who survived his birth only one day.

MACDONALD—April 29, in London, the Hon Mrs Macdonald, of Clanranald, of a son.

MALLEY—At Sandymount, Newport, Mayo, the wife of Mr John A Malley, of a daughter.

MANDERS—May 1, at Marlborough, the wife of Captain Manders, of a daughter.

MECHI—May 4, at Tiptree Hall, the wife of Mr Alderman Mechi, of a daughter.

MITFORD—At Kurrachee, the wife of Captain Henry R Mitford, 51st Light Infantry, of a son.

NOLAN—At Carrigeen, county Kildare, the wife of Joseph Nolan, Esq. of a son.

PAULET—At Wellesburne, Warwickshire, Lady Charles Paulet, of a daughter.

PHILLIPS—At Marmion, Blackrock, the wife of George Phillips, Esq, of a daughter.

PIM—At Trafalgar-terrace, Monkstown, the wife of Thomas Pim, jun, Esq. of a son.

RAMBAUT—May 3, at 13 Belgrave-square, Rathmines, the wife of F R Rambaut, Dorset-street, Dublin, of a son.

RYDER—April 30, at The Abbey, Tipperary, Mrs Arthur Ryder, of a daughter.

SOMERTON—At 16 Princes-terrace, London, the Viscountess Somerton, of a son and heir.

WOLSELEY—May 1, the lady of Richard John Wolseley, Esq. of St Mark's county Dublin, of a son.

YOUNG—May 1, at Leemount, Cork, the wife of Henry L Young, Esq. of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ALLAN—YOUNG—January 26, at Canal Creek, Darling Downs New South Wales, Thomas, third son of Mr John Allan, Tuam, Co Galway, to Adelaide, relict of Thomas Young, Esq.

ARNOLD—ROSS—March 1, at Sydney, New South Wales, Capt W M Arnold, to Isabella, second daughter of Captain Ewen Ross, of the 92nd Highlanders.

BOWEN—HAMILTON—At Gortin, John Gordon Bowen, Esq. of Burt House, county Donegal to Emily Harrietta, eldest daughter of Major Cole Hamilton, of Beltrim, county Tyrone.

BROWE—COX—April 26, at Ballingarry Church, county Limerick, Sydney Reynett Brown, Esq. Commissariat Staff, son of John Southwell Brown, Esq. of Mount Brown, to Mary, daughter of Wm Cox, Esq. of Ballynoe.

BUTLER—GWYNNE—May 4 at St Anne's Church, Fitzgerald, eldest son of the Hon James Butler, of Lamberton Park, Queen's County, to Ada, youngest daughter of the late Laurence Gwynne, Esq, LL.D. of Cambrian, Devonshire.

CARAHER—MARKEY—April 29, at St Andrew's Church, Westland-row, by the Most Rev Dr Cullen, assisted by the Very Rev Dean Meyler, Edward Caraher, Esq. Solicitor, 76 Talbot-street, youngest son of J Caraher, Esq. J P, Cardistown, county Louth, to Theresa Mary, youngest daughter of the late James Markey, Esq. Glaspistole House, same county.

CASTLEROSSE—THYNNE—April 28, at St Mary's Church, Chelsea, by his Eminence Cardinal Wiseman, Viscount Castlerosse, M P, son of the Earl of Kenmare, to Gertrude Harriet, only daughter of Lord and Lady Charles Thynne.

COCKBURNE—HYNDMAN—April 29, at St George's Church, by the Rev Henry F Macdonald, Gilbert Cockburne, jun, Esq. son of Gilbert Cockburne, Esq. of Vesey-place, Monkstown, county Dublin, to Jane Moody, eldest daughter of Robert A Hyndman, Esq. of Fitzgibbon-street, in this city.

DAMES—HASSELL—At Hull, Thos Longworth Dames, Esq. Captain in the Royal Artillery, eldest son of Francis Longworth Dames, Esq. of Greenhill, King's County, to Eunice Jane, second daughter of Samuel Talbot Hassell, Esq. of Hull.

DENVIR—M'DONNELL—April 27, at Mullavilly Chapel, by the Rev John Irvine, P P, John Denvir, Esq. of Newry, Solicitor, to Isabella E M'Donnell, only daughter of Francis M'Donnell, Esq. and granddaughter of Edward M'Donnell, Esq. of Rose Cottage, Mullahead, county Armagh.

GRAHAM—M'CREA—February 22, at Richmond, New South Wales, Edward Graham, Esq. son of J M Graham, Esq. late of the 51st Regt, to Elizabeth Margaret Mary, eldest daughter of Captain Alex M'Crea, formerly of the 84th Regt.

GRIFFIN—NEWTON—At the Catholic Church, Tuogh, near Killarney, by the Right Rev Dr Moriarty, Bishop of Kerry, Laurence T Griffin, Esq. M D, to Clara, only daughter of Francis Newton, Esq. Liskeen, Glencar, county Kerry.

KEATLY—KEARNEY—On the 29th ult, at the Church of St Andrew, Westland-row, by the Rev Canon M'Cabe, P P St Nicholas, uncle to the bride, Paul, second son of Mr Keatly, of Colonstown, county Kildare, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Thomas Kearney, of this city.

KING—HUNT—February 16, at Sydney, New South Wales, Andrew King, Esq. of Melbourne, late of Belfast, to Annie, fourth daughter of Edward Hunt, Esq. Balmain.

LESTER—GRAHAM—April 29, at St Mary's Church, Limerick, Morgan Lester, Esq. to Mary Anne, eldest daughter of Mr Thomas Graham, of Clonmel.

LYNCH—BUCKLE—April 27, at the Catholic Church, Southampton, R E Lynch, Athy, Esq. of Roseville, county Galway, to Margaret, second daughter of W H Buckle, Esq. of Cliffe Lodge, Collector of Customs, Southampton.

O'GRADY—RUTHVEN—At Cheltenham, George O'Grady, Esq. of Plattenstown, to the Hon Jane Ruthven, fifth daughter of Lady Ruthven and Walter Hore Ruthven, Esq.

PHELAN—M'KENNA—April 27, at the Catholic Church, Dingle, Francis Phelan, Esq. H M's Customs, Tralee, to Kate, third daughter of P M'Kenna, Esq. Ballyhea, Dingle.

REID—SMALLMANN—February 23, at Tarawingee, New South Wales, John Reid, Esq. J P Wangaratta, to Miss Smallman, of Armagh.

RUSSELL—DUN—March 3, at Ringwood, New South Wales, Richard T Russell, Esq. son of the late Major W Russell, of the 20th Regt, to Elizabeth Muir Dun, eldest daughter of Thomas Dun, Esq. of Raymond-terrace.

RUSSELL—COWAN—At Donnybrook Church, John Dickinson Russell, Esq. of Waterloo-road, to Matilda, second daughter of the late Wm Cowan, Esq. of this city.

SMITH—M'KENNY—At St George's Church, Anthony Smith, Esq. to Harriet, relict of James M'Kenny, Esq.

SMITH—SMITH—April 6, at Montreal, Lieut W O Smith, of the 39th Regt, to Janet Colquhoun, eldest daughter of the late Wm Smith, Esq, merchant of Montreal.

TISDALL—CARTER—May 1, at St Peter's Church, Charles Newburgh Tisdall, Esq. of Clifford, county Cork, son of the late John Tisdall, Esq. of Redmondstown, county Westmeath, to Matilda Maria, youngest daughter of the late Major Samson Carter, of Barmeare, county Dublin.

WORTHINGTON—CRAIG—At Passage West, county Cork, William Henry, eldest son of William Worthington, Esq. of Newton-park, Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire, to Alicia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of John Craig, Esq. of Horsehead House, Passage West.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—April 29, at Ballycumber, King's County, John Warneford Armstrong, the infamous betrayer of the gallant patriot brothers, John and Henry Sheares.

ASKINS—May 3, at 3 Park-avenue, Sandymount, Susan, the beloved wife of Mr J H Askins.

BARLOW—April 30, at Mount Anna, county Wexford, Arthur C Barlow, Esq.

BICKERSTAFF—April 30, Leonard Bickerstaff, Esq. of Rennemede, Dundrum.

BREEN—May 2, at 36 Lower Buckingham-street, Catherine, relict of Mr Denis Breen, of this city.

BRITON—At 64 Lower Mount-street, the residence of her nephew, (Valentine Browne, Esq. C E), Emma, wife of Webber Briton, Esq. and daughter of the late Hon Mrs Butler.

BRITTON—At Ballycastle, county Antrim, Mr William Britton, late science master in Foyle College, Derry.

BRUCE—At Antrim, Alexander Bruce, Esq. Surgeon.

CAHILL—April 24, Anne, wife of Major Cahill, of Lismaine, county Kilkenny, late of the 56th Regt.

DICK—At Edinburgh, Captain John Dick, formerly of the 42nd Royal Highlanders.

DICKSON—May 4, at Drogheda, Jane, relict of Mr Saml Dickson, late of this city, in her 60th year, and sister of Mr William Grattan, of Edenderry, King's County.

DU BEDAT—May 2, at Sandymount, aged 12 months, the beloved child of Robert DuBedat, Esq.

GARNER—At Ballinteer House, Dundrum, Mrs Garner.

GERARD—April 27, in his 91st year, Mr Christopher Gerard, of Scarlockstown, county Meath, father of the Rev C Gerard, P P of Moynalty.

HEARD—On the 26th ult, at Farmley, county Cork, John Edward Heard, Esq.

HEFFERNAN—At Cashel, on Monday, the 3rd of May inst. Patrick Heffernan, Esq. M D and J P, after a short illness, deeply and deservedly regretted by a large circle of friends; and the inhabitants of Cashel deeply deplore the loss of a faithful friend and honest physician.

HEINEKEY—April 22, Ernest William, aged five weeks, son of Lewis Heinekey, Esq.

HEMPHILL—May 5, at 6 Lower Fitzwilliam-street, Barbara Hemphill, author of Frieda, The Jongleur, and other novels, and widow of John Hemphill, late of Cashel, Esq.

HEYMAN—On the 1st inst. at Shanganagh Castle, county Dublin, Hermann Riall, youngest son of Augustus Heyman, Esq. late of the Scots Greys.

JACKSON—May 2, Francis Burton, the beloved son of Burton Jackson, Esq. of Muckross Terrace, Rushfield-avenue, aged nine years and seven months.

JONES—May 1, at 2 Whitworth-row, aged 21, Ellen, daughter of Thomas Jones.

KELLY—April 28, at Ballygalduff, county Carlow, Mary, eldest daughter of Mr John Kelly, late of Enniscorthy, county Wexford. May she rest in peace.

KELLY—May 4, at Hulme, Manchester, Patrick Kelly, Esq. formerly of Charlemont street, in this city.

KELLY—April 30, Sarah, relict of David Kelly, Esq. of Sligo, aged 73 years.

LENEHAN—On the 15th ult. in Bagwell-street, Clonmel, of rapid consumption, Miss Mary Anne Lenehan, in the 18th year of her age. Her amiable and gentle disposition endeared her to all who knew her, and her patience in suffering rendered her worthy, it is hoped, to enter into the Paradise of the Saints. May she rest in peace. Amen.

M'DERMOTT—May 7, at Salmon Leap Inn, Leixlip, Maria M'Dermott, aged 32.

M'NALLY—On the 2nd inst, at Mountpleasant-avenue, Rathmines, Mr L M Nally, formerly of William street and Castle market, aged 71 years.

M'PARLAND—On the 24th ultimo, at Belcek, county Armagh, suddenly, Miss Mary M'Parland, daughter of Mr Terence M'Ivor, of Silverbridge, and niece of the Very Rev Doctor Lennon, P P, Creggan.

O'DONNELL—At Enniskillen, Dr O'Donnell.

POWER—On the 27th ult, Maria, wife of General Power, of the Royal Artillery.

STEELE—At Summer hill, Jane, relict of Robert Steele, Esq. of Mount Oliver, Queen's County.

STORY—At Kingsmoid, county Cavan, Clara Ellen, infant daughter of Joseph Story, Esq.

TROUNDELL—At Northumberland-road, Dublin, Charlotte, daughter of the late John W Troundell, Esq. Comptroller of Customs, Ireland, aged 17 years.

WALKER—At Kernan Cottage, near Portadown, Maria, eldest daughter of the late Joseph Henry Walker, Esq. M D.

WALSH—April 28, aged 23 years, Walter Maurice Walsh, Esq. sixth son of Peter Walsh, of the Walsh Mountains, in the county of Kilkenny, Esq.

WALTER—April 28, at Brighton, Emily Frances, wife of John Walter, Esq. M P.

WHITE—At Dungannon, county Tyrone, Captain David White, Mount Forest, Omagh.

WILLIAMS—April 30, at 10 Stephen's-green, Marian, the beloved wife of Thomas Williams, Esq. and eldest daughter of Sir Matthew Barrington, Bart.

WRIXON—On the 3rd inst. in London, Charles Wrixon, Esq. Surgeon, son of Captain Henry Wrixon, late of Blossomfort House, county Cork.

WYSE—At Klimaden, county Waterford, Francis Wyse, Esq. eldest son of the late Francis Wyse of Pouldrew, in same county, Esq.

YOUNG—May 4 at Kingstown, John Young, Esq. of Ardee, county Louth.

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