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2d. The perpetuation of the Federal Union, as the palladium of our civil and religious liberties, and the only sure bulwark of American Independence.

3d. Americans must rule America, and to this end, native-born citizens should be selected for all State, Federal, and municipal offices or government employment, in preference to all others: nevertheless,

4th. Persons born of American parents residing temporarily abroad, should be entitled to all the rights of native-born citizens; but

5th. No person should be selected for political station, (whether of native or foreign birth,) who recognizes any allegiance or obligation of any description to any foreign prince, potentate or power, or who refuses to recognize the Federal and State constitutions (each within its sphere) as paramount to all other laws, as rules of political action.

6th. The unqualified recognition and maintenance of the reserved rights of the several States, and the cultivation of harmony and fraternal good will, between the citizens of the several States, and to this end, non-interference by Congress with questions appertaining solely to the individual States, and non-intervention by each State with the affairs of any other State.

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The Irish Priest. BY "HIBERNIA." (From the New York Observer.)

The character of an Irish Priest is as a great contrast in this country; and yet I feel persuaded that but few have a fair estimate of it. There are among them, no doubt, many men of amiable, benevolent, and sober feelings; but there are far more profane, drunken, immoral, ignorant men, and who practise extortion on a scale that in the mercantile world would insure the State's prison. I need only appeal on this subject to the recent work of Dr. Dill upon "Ireland's Miseries," where names, dates, and places are given; and where statements are made as to the morals of Irish Priests, such as almost to make us ashamed of humanity.

But whatever may be our opinion of their low morals and of the outrageous frauds they practise on their poor people, who are worthy of better teachers, there is a general impression that they are men of education and culture. This is no doubt true to some extent, as to French and Italian priests, who are often taken from the better classes of the people, but it is by no means true of the Irish Priests as a body. These are usually from the middle and lower classes, and who rapidly pass from the bog, through Maynooth, to the Altar. Indeed, it is said that the present incumbent of Tuam, who thunders like another Hildebrand from St. Patrick's, was a turf pedler in one of the market towns of Ireland, and was called from driving an ass to the mill. The Polish priests of Ireland, as a rule, are as ignorant of letters as they are incorrect in their morals; and this is saying a great deal. And of this, not long since, I had a very fair illustration.

There was a stiff knock at my study door; and on my saying, with corresponding emphasis, "Walk in," a curious looking man stood before me. He was of the dumpy order, short and thick, with a round face, fair complexion, and rather servile manner. Said I to myself, "Is this a monk?"

He handed me an introductory note, stating that he had been an Irish Priest, and was desirous to see me, and recommending him to my attention, if I found him right. His whole man proved him a Celt—his accent was broad Connaught; as to these there could be no mistake. So the only thing to be said was as to his being a priest. And he gave his own biography, which was, that he was born in ———; that his mother wished him to be a priest; that he went to Maynooth, was ordained a priest, became a curate in ———, was ordered by the bishop to Africa as a missionary; was afraid he would die there; refused to go; was unfrocked for disobedience; threw up his hat, and told the bishop he might go to purgatory, if not farther, and came to America. And he had been here for a few months, living by his wits, and now wished to be a Protestant minister! And all was given with a simplicity which suppressed every disposition to question its truthfulness.

"Then you are well educated," said I. "Oh, yes, sir," he replied.

And the idea of getting him a classical school suggested itself. But I wished to be satisfied of his ability to teach, before I went any farther; when the following conversation ensued: "How long were you at Maynooth?"

I now forgot whether he said three or four years, but it was one or the other. "And did you study Latin and Greek there?" "A good deal of study, but not much Greek."

"Well, what Latin did you study?" "Well, really, I can't remember, but we studied a good deal each year."

So laying my hand on an old Virgil, thinking I would turn him to "Arma virumque canem," I asked, "did you not read Virgil at Maynooth?" He shook his head and asked, "what book did you say?"

"Virgil," I again replied. "No," said he, "I never heard of that book."

And equally profound was his know-nothingness of every classic Latin author, usually read in our colleges.

After pushing him in this way for some time, I finally asked him what Latin he did study in Maynooth?"

"You know," said he, "that we have to say Mass each day in the year, and the great matter was to teach us, how to say it without making any mistakes; and when we could do that we were ready for priests' orders."

Here is the whole matter revealed. The man before me had been at Maynooth, had been a priest for years, and was more ignorant as to what may be called "learning" than any boy of 15 years of age you can find preparing for college in any of our best schools. And I have no doubt that he was a fair sample as to teaching the people, and to preach the gospel, in Ireland and America, at the present hour.

The conversation did not end here. It was protracted, and covered a great variety of subjects. He absolutely knew nothing of the Bible. Of regeneration he never heard. He would go on saying mass, and hearing confessions, and creating God out of a wafer, if the bishop would let him; and to spite the bishop he wanted to be a protestant minister!

And when I told him that to be a protestant minister he must be truly converted, that he must be educated, that he must be instructed in the Bible, so as to teach the people, and to preach the gospel, he seemed confounded for a time; but finally replied, "I can preach, I am a very good preacher—the people used to say I could beat the parish priest, just try me next Sunday."

The last request was so green, and so funny, that I excused myself for a while, and retired to laugh. The interview soon ended, and I have not seen the poor fellow since. If the ban has been removed, for ought I know, he may be saying mass, creating God, praising the Immaculate Conception, forgiving sins, and thus edifying the faithful, now.

But what I wish to assert and illustrate is this, first, that the Irish parish priests are, as a rule, low in their origin, profligate in their habits, and neither fearing God nor regarding man when the one or the other stand in their way, and that secondly, they are as ignorant as they are vicious. Because they have to say mass in Latin, many suppose that they must understand it; but I have no doubt that multitudes of them are as unable to translate the prayers that they read, as the people are to understand them.

Profanity, intemperance, gambling, not to name far grosser sins, are every where charged upon the priests at home; and their ignorance as a par with their morals. And yet so deeply have they imbibed the minds of the people with a superstitious reverence for their office, that the very people who have carried the priest home drunk from the fair, or market will go to him next day to make confession, and to seek the pardon of their sins!

With such priests who can wonder that the poor Irish papists are such a people as we usually find them? Their rage, their ignorance, their superstition, their ungodly passions, their moral, social, and intellectual degradation, all testify to the wickedness of their priests.

GOOD NEWS.—The Orange and Alexandria Railroad failing to obtain pecuniary aid from the Legislature has, we are informed upon good authority, contracted with a capitalist of New York, for the whole excavation of the Lynchburg extension, upon favorable terms, payable in the bonds of the Company.—Char. Adm.

The Board of Directors of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company will meet in Leesburg to-day.