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[From Our Own Correspondent.] OUR IRISH LETTER.

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The elections are all over, and with the exception of the election for the county of Wexford, which took place this day, their results are known. As I told the reader in my letter, about sixty or fifty-nine Home Rule members have been sent to the House of Commons, fourteen or fifteen Gladstonian Liberals, twenty-eight or twenty-nine Conservatives. Thus a clear majority of Irish representatives have pronounced for Home Rule, and the Home Rulers have made good their word that they would carry the country with them. But the fact is, that the sixty Home Rule members do not represent adequately the Home Rule strength. The suddenness of the resolution was a terrible disadvantage. Had it been allowed to the constituencies to elect their representatives, probably twenty seats more would have been won for the Irish national cause. Even as it was, had suitable candidates for those twenty seats presented themselves, they would undoubtedly have been returned, for it is a literal fact that in all the popular constituencies where such candidates were forthcoming, they were triumphantly elected. The ballot has proved a most powerful weapon for the Irish cause. The people feeling that they can now vote as they like without risk of detection and its ruinous consequences, they have almost universally voted for the national candidates, no matter who advised them to the contrary. The general election, so far as Ireland is concerned, has proved a magnificent demonstration of Irish patriotism—the determination of the Irish people to get back their plundered national legislature. For the first time in history, Ireland has sent to the London Parliament a clear majority of members pledged to work for the restoration of this Legislature. The seats that have been lost for want of time to get suitable candidates and that will be won at the next election, are—the two seats for Waterford county, the two seats for Donegal, one seat for Sligo, one seat for Leitrim, the two seats for Dublin county, two seats for Carlow county, one seat for Wicklow county, the two seats for Monaghan, the seat for Portarlington, one seat for Kerry county, and possibly the seat for Tralee, one seat for Dublin city, and one seat for Tyrone. In each of the constituencies of Sligo, Leitrim, Dublin city, Wicklow, Tralee, and Kerry, a Home Ruler has been returned either at past elections or at the present general election after a contest—at the head of the poll! that is, there is an ascertained Home Rule majority. Waterford county, Donegal county, Carlow county and Dublin county—each of which return two members—have been rendered up to, or rather have been left in the possession of the anti-Irish faction simply because there was no time to get candidates of a proper kind. Let me now allude to some of the more remarkable of the recent contests. And first in importance is beyond all doubt the contest in Louth. Here the candidates were on the Home Rule side, Mr. A. M. Sullivan, editor of the Nation, and Mr. Philip Callan, M. P. for Dundalk; on the anti-Irish side Mr. Chichester Fortescue—President of the Board of Trade and a member of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet—and Mr. M. O'Reilly Dease, a rich Louth landlord. Mr. Fortescue had represented Louth for twenty-six or twenty-seven years; as a member of several governments he must have laid many, very many of the electors under an obligation to him by giving them situations and other things of that kind; he had always been put at the head of the poll, and at the last contested election he was returned unopposed with Mr. Dease; his brother, Lord Clermont, and himself, have vast estates in Louth and have always been exceedingly good landlords; and he was one of those who had most to do with framing and bringing forward the Church and Land Acts. For all these reasons, it is said to be the height of ingratitude to reject Mr. Fortescue. But the people of Louth remembered this gentleman's share in the coercion legislation of the last Parliament—legislation which practically suspends the constitution in Ireland, and places the whole country and the press at the mercy of an irresponsible alien executive. They remembered, too, Grattan's dictum—that a nation could not surrender its liberties out of gratitude, any more than a man could his honor or a woman her virtue; and, therefore, when Mr. Fortescue would not pronounce for Home Rule, they invited Mr. A. M. Sullivan, as a conspicuous advocate of Ireland's national rights, and Mr. Callan—a Home Ruler and a Louth man—to be their champions in the fight. Never was there such enthusiasm anywhere. Mr. Sullivan went up to Louth and addressed the people in all parts of the county several times, and it was a usual circumstance for him, after speaking, to be carried on the shoulders of the people in triumph. The clergy, with three or four exceptions, declared emphatically for Messrs. Callan and Sullivan. Late in the contest His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Archbishop of Armagh, wrote a strong letter in favor of Mr. Fortescue, but the reader may judge what effect it had when I tell him that—I saw this myself—when two of the few clergymen in favor of Mr. Fortescue read it in their chapels, the people rose up from their seats and left in a body. His Grace then summoned a meeting of all the priests in Louth. He himself presided, but the clergy, by a majority of forty to three, decided to adhere to their resolution to support none but Home Rulers. And on the day of polling, the votes stood 1250 for Sullivan, 1202 for Callan, 607 for Fortescue, and 260 for O'Reilly Dease. Could there be a stronger proof of the indestructibility of Irish nationality? All the newspapers in the three kingdoms regard this as the most important and significant victory achieved for Home Rule, in Ireland; and it is just that. The result ought to be for Mr. Sullivan himself peculiarly gratifying, for no man has been more vilely calumniated and other-

wise unjustly assailed. Next in importance, perhaps, to the Louth election is that for the county of Limerick. The reader will remember that I devoted a recent letter to this matter exclusively, and that I there predicted that Mr. O'Sullivan would be returned by a sweeping majority, notwithstanding that the Bishop and clergy had supported Mr. Kelly. I said that the action of this venerated body was a huge mistake. The result justifies me, for Mr. O'Sullivan received 3521 votes, Mr. Synan 2800, and Mr. Kelly only 995. For the full significance of this result I refer the reader to my letter already alluded to; I have now merely to add, that it is most lamentable that the Bishop and Clergy allowed themselves to be separated in the contest from their people by a very Rev. dignitary who has a capacity for blundering, though he has an honest, patriotic heart—I mean Dean O'Brien. Next I may notice the election for county Galway. Three candidates presented themselves—Mr. Mitchell Henry, one of the late members and a most excellent man; Captain Nolan, the gentleman unseated by Judge Keogh in the ever-notorious "Galway judgment" and the author of the Portacarron Restoration, and Mr. D'Arcy, a thorough Nationalist and a good Catholic. No doubt at all was entertained that Mr. Henry would be returned, for he has turned a splendid patriot; the contest lay really for the second seat, between Captain Nolan and Mr. D'Arcy. Had the Galway judgment never been delivered, Mr. D'Arcy would probably have been elected, but the people felt bound to prove Judge Keogh a liar when he said that Captain Nolan had in 1872 been returned by clerical intimidation, and moreover they felt bound to reward the man who first practically proclaimed that restoration is the true and only compensation for capricious eviction; and they consequently elected by an immense majority Messrs. Henry and Nolan, placing the latter at the head of the poll. The Galway judgment is now reversed, indeed; and the bishops, priests and people of Galway have their revenge for the foul-mouthed and lying denunciations of Judge Keogh. Lastly, I would notice the Cavan county election, the result of which was declared to-day. Hitherto this Ulster County has been represented by a pair of Orange Tories—black enemies of everything Irish and Catholic; and some time since it would be thought the height of folly for any one to think that such fellows would ever cease to be representatives. But as soon as the dissolution was announced, the patriotic Bishop of Clogher, Dr. Conaty, his clergy, and the leading Catholic lay electors of the county met and chose two Home Rule candidates, and the result is that the two have been returned by an immense majority over their Orange opponent, and the county has been won forever for Ireland and Catholicity. Cavan is the key of the North, and at the next election what has been done there will be done in many another Ulster County. The fact is, that had the ballot been in operation always, this glorious result would long since have been achieved. In conclusion, the elections have been a great triumph for the Irish national party—that is, the mass of the people—over the English garrison party; and they indicate a still greater triumph for the same party at the next opportunity. J. J. C.

Admirable Devotion of a Catholic Missionary who Devotes Himself to the Service of Lepers.

We translate, says the Freeman's Journal, the following touching narrative, given by M. de Saint-Cheron in his Correspondance: "The English Liberals, at the present time, present a very sad spectacle. Under the pretext of defending principles of civil and religious liberty, they declare themselves, at their meetings, in favor of encouraging the German and Swiss Governments in their persecution against Catholics. The whole discipline of the Church is insolently violated; the bishops and priests are condemned to ruinous fines, exiled, or imprisoned. This is what our modern Liberals, all the world over, call defending religious liberty. "I recollect that a short time before the Commune in Paris, I overheard the conversation of two workmen, who had stopped in the Faubourg Saint-Honore, before the Church of St. Philippe-du-Roule. One said to his comrade, pointing to the church: 'We will soon destroy all these monuments of superstition, and then we will be free!' I could not help asking them: 'And what about the liberty of those who pray in them?' The Freethinkers could only answer me with gross abuse, and a few days later, if I had fallen into their hands, I would have been shot, and all this in the name of liberty. "Whilst Casareans and Radicals are uniting in hampering the Papacy and in persecuting the Catholic Church on the one hand, she continues giving examples of the most heroic devotion on the other. The January number of the Annals of the Propagation of Faith gives a most touching example of this: "In the Sandwich Islands there is a district in which are collected together all those persons who are afflicted with leprosy; they number 720. "Last May Mgr. Maigret, Vicar-Apostolic of the Sandwich Islands, and a missionary, Rev. Father Damien Devanster, paid a visit to these poor lepers. They spoke in the highest terms of the Government, but they anxiously desired the presence of a priest. "Well," replied the bishop, 'here is Father Damien who is ready to sacrifice himself for the salvation of your souls. There is no house for him here, but he cheerfully consents to sleep under this tree, which now protects us with its shade.' Many of the poor lepers shed tears of joy, and, throwing themselves upon their knees, besought the Bishop to give them his blessing. "A house has been erected for Father Damien; his chapel is much frequented. At the last accounts he had baptized thirty-five persons, and on the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament the poor lepers were able to have a procession of their own. "A procession of lepers, leprosa chanters, and leprosa musicians I never, perhaps, has such a sight ever before seen. God, writes Mgr. Maigret, will, perhaps, have written more honored by these unfortunates, who are now the outcasts of society, than by those who enjoy all the blessings of health and of life."

The Protestant press of the Sandwich Islands demands with praises bestowed upon the devotion of Father Damien Devanster (a Belgian). One of the Protestant papers thus expresses itself: "We are about to speak of a man, a brother, who spontaneously, without money and without price, without the hope of reward in this world, comes to consecrate himself to the poor lepers of Molokai. Here is, indeed, the spirit of Christ; here is a love of mankind inexplicable to human intelligence; here is a Xavier penetrating into the depths of human misery to wash its most loathsome wounds; here is a hero who casts himself into a yawning abyss to save a people; here is the pastor who offers his life for his fellow-beings, and whose work is above all other works of charity." Casareans, Radicals, Liberals, Free-thinkers, would you be capable of such devotion? These are the men, this is the Church you persecute, and whose persecutors you dare to glorify? Shame upon you! Christ will avenge his Church!

A Jesuit Church in Paris. The Jesuit church in the Faubourg St. Germain, Paris, now specially sacred as the resting place of the Fathers of the Company of Jesus, who were martyred by the infuriated Commune, is one of the great attractions to visitors of that city. A correspondent of the N. Y. Express sends this description of the church:

With a Catholic friend, I visited the church of the Jesuits, in the Faubourg St. Germain. Along the side alleys are a succession of little chapels in niches, such as are to be seen in all cathedrals. To the first of these our visit was especially directed. Here lie the five Jesuit Fathers martyred by the Communists. Five large marble slabs at the top of the floor, in front of the altar, and offerings brought by those who come to pray for the mediation of those sainted heroes. The Order of Jesus, beyond all others, known for its zeal, and devotion, and courage of its members. One chapel of this church is devoted to the memory of Jesuits slain for the sake of their religion in Japan; in another, those massacred by American Indians; further on, those slain in Africa. These soldier-priests never falter in the path of duty, and regard death and martyrdom won in its fulfilment as the boon of Heaven. After seeing the church, one of the brothers took us to an upper chamber, where the relics of the five slain during the last revolution in France are kept. Here are religiously preserved the tables, chairs, etc., used in the cells occupied by the holy Fathers during their imprisonment prior to their death. What touched me most was a Bible half-burned, which had been rescued from the flames, when torn from one of them by a Communist.

The following names we discover as belonging to the Masonic lodges, in the Masonic Almanac for 1874. The sovereign protectors of all the lodges of Germany are the Emperor William and his son Frederick William Charles, hereditary Prince of Prussia. The Duke Louis of Baden is grand master of the grand Prussian lodge of Royal York. At Vienna, Austria, Professor Schueberger is grand master of the lodge "Humanitas," and of eight other subordinate ones. William Frederick, Prince of the Netherlands, governs the Grand Orient of the Low countries. The Grand Orient of Hungary, at Pesth, is governed by Georges Joanicz, minister of public worship and under-secretary of State. The United States possess six thousand and thirty lodges. In Italy Masonry is better regulated than in any other country. The Grand Lodge was founded in 1802 at Milan. In 1872 it was transferred to Rome. Its grand masters are Joseph Garibaldi and Federico Cappanella. The acting grand master is Joseph Mazzoni, advocate to the Italian Parliament. He has three assistants—Joseph Mussi, Mariano Maresco, and George Tamaio. Mauro Macchi is grand chancellor; Luis Costellozzi is secretary; Luis Pianciani, syndice of Rome, is treasurer. The lodge is in the Via del Governo Vecchio, Rome, No. 111. There are three consistories, eight conclaves, twenty chapters, and 171 lodges annexed to it, and which envelop Rome and the Vatican like a foul web. It is a curious coincidence that Count Pianciani should be its treasurer at the present moment, and of course this fact explains his action in the expropriation and sale of ecclesiastical property in the Eternal City. There are 8,000,000 Masons in the world at the present time.

PITABLE—There are two classes of persons in every community who are entitled to the commiseration of all good-hearted people—those who belong to the under-current, or are regarded with contempt, and those who belong to the over-current, and regard with contempt and everything around them with contempt. Each class ought to be colonized in a more congenial and sociability give. But of the two colonies, we cannot decide which would be the more intolerable to inhabit.

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