

one civilised nation to another for injury done to property, even if it is a question of diplomatic representation and international equity, and even after the great French Revolution compensation was made for similar property under the Treaty of Paris. It is true that we did not receive the money from the English Government of the time, but the French Government admitted the justice of the claim by paying it. Apparently the Government instructed their representative in Paris to try with the French Government to get as considerate treatment as possible for the English monks. But have they made any representations on the question of compensation? If they have been made and failed, then I think the British Government is in a most humiliating and contemptible position.

Lord Cranborne said he could not be surprised at the heat shown by Mr. Redmond, and he could not profess not to agree with him in deploring what had taken place. Such an Act as the Associations Law would not ever have been passed in this country, and he could not but be surprised, if he could say so with respect to a great neighboring nation, that the French Government should have thought it necessary to introduce such a

law. The Government had done the very best they could for the Benedictines at Douai.

On the 10th August, 1853, Van Dieman's Land celebrated the official notification of the abolition of transportation, and medals were struck in honor of the event. By a strange coincidence it was also the jubilee of the colony, and it was further marked by a change in the name of the island. Van Dieman's Land disappeared and was replaced by Tasmania. The people passed out of the darkness into the light of freedom and free institutions. We have no desire (says the 'Monitor') to dwell upon the dark days of long, long ago, further than to recall to our readers the part the Catholic Church took in suppressing inhumanity and improving the social condition of the people. The then Bishop of Hobart (Dr. Willson) made a personal investigation of the system, and as a result demanded reform. There can be little doubt that the opinions expressed by the Bishop carried great weight with the Imperial authorities and led to reform. Under the new constitution the destiny of the colony was placed in the keeping of the people.

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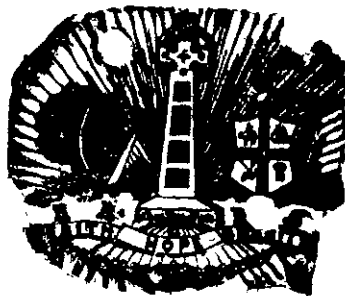
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