

gone by since then had taught all wise and rational men. The nature of the Home Rule measure would be a National Parliament, with restricted power, subject to a National Executive. With reason and calm judgment he believed that a Bill could be produced which would bear the test of criticism and stand the test of time.

On the motion being put, there voted in favor of it, 385; against, 304; majority, 81.

CARDINAL MORAN ON IRISH AFFAIRS

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, speaking at the final meeting of the St. Patrick's Day committee in Sydney, referred to the utterances of some of the speakers at an Orange demonstration a few days before. He said he was impressed with the fact that some of the gentlemen who assisted at the meeting had the affix ex-member attached to their name. He hoped that, after the next election, many more of them would have the same affix. Mr. Henley, when referring to his visit to Ireland, seemed to lament that he saw, on every side, a great number of beautiful Catholic churches had sprung up in Ireland, and when he visited Waterford, the guide could only point out the Protestant Cathedral, the brewery, and the gaol. The Protestant Cathedral had remained alone, although the Orange party had the whole of the resources of England, and indeed the wealth of the country they oppressed, yet, as far as he could see, they had not erected another church. On the contrary, when peace was restored, the Catholic body showed enthusiasm in substituting for the poor chapels of penal times beautiful churches. Of course, the brewery was one of the industries the Orange faction encouraged amongst the people during the past hundred years, while they destroyed every other industry.

As for the gaols, fifty years ago he (the Cardinal) had heard the remark made by a visitor to Ireland, that if the British Government stopped away from Ireland, one of the series of edifices erected, which showed that the British Government had existed in Ireland, would be the gaols. As it was, more than half the gaols were empty. When the Coercion laws ceased in Ireland there was no crime to fill the gaols. Some of the gaols had been sold to the religious communities who used them for industrial schools, and as centres of education and religious instruction. He (the Cardinal) thought that such a visitor as Mr. Henley might have looked abroad over the country, and noticed the great changes which had taken place during the past years. Mr. Henley would have found that the poor mud huts, in which the poor tenantry were compelled, by the Orange landlords, to live because they refused fixity of tenure, were replaced by 79,000 laborers' cottages, which were ornamented, comfortable homes with land attached for the convenience of the laborers. The Orange landlords not only taxed the poor people to live in these mud huts, but compelled them to pay an annual rent of £6 per

acre, the marketable value of which would not be £1. As the poor tenants had no money to pay such a rent they were obliged to pay it by day labor, each day of which was accounted as 5d. This showed the tyranny and oppression which prevailed in the land. In the history of the world for the past 1000 years, they could not find anything to equal or surpass the terrible oppression and wholesale robbery of the poor tenants in Ireland, by those who represented the Orange sentiment in the land.

Stratford

April 16.

Before the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, the 16th inst., the Rev. Father Treacy unveiled the two beautiful stained-glass windows that had been presented by Messrs. Laverty and Magner. He had seen windows that had been made in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Berlin, and Munich, and he had been advised by a friend of his, who had a great knowledge of art, to buy the windows in Youghal, Cork, and he was pleased to say he was satisfied that he had procured the best that was to be obtained. Again, they were the only windows in the whole of New Zealand that were of Irish manufacture, and with a view of introducing their work into the Dominion the manufacturers had made a great reduction in the price. The window presented by Mr. Magner was of the Madonna and Child, the one on the Gospel side was presented by Mr. John Laverty, and was in memory of his son, John Edward. It was of St. John the Evangelist. They were works of art, and gave added charm to our beautiful church. He had also received sanction from his Grace the Archbishop to put up the new Stations of the Cross which now completed the furnishing of the church. They were bought in Dublin. They were all taken up, and during the coming week he would have the donors' names inscribed on them. Unfortunately, the beautiful oil painting of the Crucifixion that he had bought during his recent visit to Ireland had not yet arrived. He intended to hang that at the back of the Altar. It was again his pleasant task to thank them for their continued generosity. It would be ten years next month since he first took charge of the parish, and during that time he had collected and spent £5000. He thanked them for their kindness, and also for the trust they had reposed in him. He would continue as in the past, to render a strict account of all moneys received and expended. He had collected the whole of that money without an art union or a bazaar, and it had all been given in his own parish. It was a grand record for his people. They had now a church of which they could rightly be proud. The parish was free of debt. The music of the Mass was admirably rendered by the choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Lonergan. Great praise is due to the conductor for the way in which he has devoted his time and ability to the training of the choir. Wiegand's Festival Mass in B flat was rendered. Mr. Hewes presided at the organ.

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