ASKED FOR FREEDOM

PETITION OF IRISH CATHOLICS FOR EMANCIPATION.

Grounds on Which They Based Their Claims Before the House of Lords. Grattan and Fox Pleaded Their

Before the union Pitt had promised emancipation to the Catholics of Ireand. He retired from office when he and George III averse to the conces-Jon but in 1805 retook office on the werthrow of the Addington ministry. Now that Pitt was prime minister the Catholics of Ireland resolved to ask his aid in procuring their emancipation. In the early part of March, 1805, the leading Catholics of Ireland met and embodied their grievances in the form of a petition, which was signed by the Duke of Shrewsbury, Lords Waterford, in the Foreign Mission Seminary, Wexford, Fingall and others, says The Paris. He was on duty one day in Irish World. Lord Grenville consented to act in their behalf and on the 23d of March lead their petition before the house of lords. We give this document in full as well because of the interest | museum. In one group of callers was it possesses in itself as because it shows clearly the grounds on which the Catholics place their claims for emanci-

The petition of the Catholics of Ireland, whose sames are hereunto subscribed, on behalf of themsalves and of others prolessing the Catholic re-

and publicly taken the oath by law prescribed to Ontholic subjects as tests of political and moral principles, and they confidently appeal to the sufferings which they have long endured and the merifices which they still make rather than violate their consciences (by taking oaths of a religious or spiritual import, contrary to their belief) as decisive proofs of their profound and

Your petitioners beg leave to show that, however painful it is to their feelings that it should will be thought necessary to exact such tests from them (and from them alone of all his majes-s subjects), they can with perfect truth affirm cal and moraly principles which are ereby asserted are not only conformable to their cinions, but expressly inculcated by the religion hich they profess, and your petitioners trust at the religious doctrines which permit such tests to be taken will be pronounced by this house to be entitled to a toleration, not merely partial, but complete, under the constitution and grovern-

ment of this realm For your petitioners show that, by virtue of divers statutes now in force, his majesty's Catho-Me subjects, who form so great a proportion of the population of Ireland and contribute so large ly to the resources of the state, do yet labor unde many incapacities, restraints and privations which affect them with peculiar severity in almost every station of life, that more especially they are demied the capacity of sitting or voting in either of the houses of parliament, the manifold evils con sequent upon which incapacity they trust it is in necessary to unfold and enumerate to this house They are disabled from holding or exercising any

corporate office whatever in the cities or towns in which they reside, they are incapacitated and disqualified from holding or exercising the officer of shirties and subsperiffs and various offices of trust, honor and emolument in the state, in the For your petitioners show that, in consequence of the hostile spirit thereby sanctioned, they are



PRESENTING THE PETITION

shut out from all the honors, dignities and offices of trust and emolument in the state, from rank and distinction in the navy and army and even from the lowest situations and franchises in the several cities and corporate towns.

Your petitioners beg leave to solicit the attention of this house to the distinction which has conceded the elective and denies the representative franchise to one and the same class of his majesty's subjects; which detaches from property its proportion of political power under a constitution whose vital principle is the union of the one with the other; which closes every avenue of legalized ambition against those who must be prenumed to have credit and influence among the mass of the population of the country; which rebuses to peers of the realm all share in the legislative representation, either actual or virtual, and renders the liberal profession of the law to Cathelics a mere object of pecuniary traffic, despoiled

of its hopes and of its honors. Your petitioners beg leave to submit that those manifold incapacities, restraints and privations are absolutely repugnant to the liberal and comprehensive principles and that the total abolition of them will be found not only compatible with, but highly conducive to, the perfect security of every establishment, religious or political, now existing in this realm.

Your petitioners presume to express their earnest but respectful hope that this house will deem the statutes now in force against them no longer necessary to be retained, and that subjects professing the Catholic religion may be effect relieved from the operation of those statutes, and that they may be restored to the full enjoyments of the benefits of the British constitution and to every inducement of attachment to that constitution equally and in common with their fellow bjects throughout the empire.

The petition just given was not brought up for direct consideration until May. The claims of the Catholics were warmly advocated by Lord Grenville and others, and, after a long and animated debate, Lord Grenville's motion was rejected by a majority of more than three to one. In the commons Fox made an eloquent speech in support of the claims of the petitioners. Henry Grattan also pleaded earnestly and in the course of his speech said that they (the Emelinh Teries) "were

up children in search of old prejudices, preferring to buy foreign allies by subsidies rather than subsidize fellow subjects by privileges."

For Faith and the Language. Mr. Ward of Killybegs has done useful work for the language cause in issuing a little prayer book with the principal prayers used by Catholics printed in Irish. Its publication gives practical effect to an idea conceived by the late Father O'Growney.

WHY PRIESTS DO NOT MARRY. The marriage of an alostate French priest has furnished the anti-Catholia press of France with a pretext for a have celebrated the golden jubilee of bacy of the priesthood. In connection with this subject Father Girod, a missionary from Tonkin, relates an incident that occurred when he was the "Martyr's Hall," giving to the different visitors information as to the various paintings and other objects that constitute the seminarv's a young man about twenty years of age, an extreme type of the Parisian dude, who had glanced rather supercilliously at some of the pictures and curiosities, and entirely ignored others. Approaching Father Girod when the other visitors had left the hall, this youth looked the priest somerely in the face and asked: "But, after all, Monsieur l'Abbe, I should like to know why Catholic priests don't marry?" Father Girod simply turned toward an Anamite picture representing the awful agony of Blessed Cornay, whom the executioners were cutthere, young man, and tell me wheth. er, when one has a wife and children, one is apt to have a taste for that kind of life and death." The dandy did look, and then respectfully asking in Rock Hill College, where, besides wished him good luck and retired.

"OUR LADY OF WARSAW."

verts, who are the founders of the received with much favor by His It is this guild walks in procession through the streets of London in the month of May of each year, carrying statues of Our Lady, banners, relics of saints, Paul's church, Ellicott City, before and singing hymns, and which comprises a hundred thousand members. His Holiness praised them for their zeal, and consented to become president of the guild. Amongst the pilgrims were about four hundred work- the college parlors from Thursday ingmen. All have now returned to England.

BISHOP NEUMANN.

The Process of the Beatification of This Venerable Servant of God Resumed at Rome.

process of the beatification of the venerable servant of God, John Ne- of Ilchester Seminary; assisted by pomucene Neumann, formerly Bishop Reve. J. J. O'Neil, of the Catholic of Philadelphia, was taken up again. continuation of this process, inter- pounced by Rev. Peter Tarro; - rector rupted for two years, was held in of St. Paul's, and for many years a the so-called "Remissorial Letters" of mous labors of Brother Luke in the the Sacred Congregation of Rites, by field of Christian education. He dweit Loughlin, and then the various of proper rendition of the Church's pubficials were sworn in.

the Philadelphia Ledger, "have been He never sought popularity, yet no purpose by the authorities in Rome, jects he consumed his life." Delegadently believed by many Catholics Fallands, Newark, N. J., and New that Bishop Neumann will be declared York were present, as also represena saint, in which case Philadelphia tatives of the Xaverians and Marists.

the United States" 1860. Previous to his receiving the attendance. The honorary pall-bearmiter he was a priest of the Redemp- ers were Brothers Oswin, Julian, torist Order at Baltimore and other Maurelian, Denis, Gustavus, and Isipoints, and it was with great reluctance that he consented to receive it, parted; while the active pall-bearers only doing so in deference to the command of the Pope. His end was very sick call in Philadelphia the Bishop dropped dead. His body is entombed in St. Peter's church, at Fifth street and Gerard avenue, and should he be declared a saint the church will, no doubt become a shrine of pilgrim-

ages from all parts of the country. At the present time many Catholics having faith in Bishop Neumann's intercession for them in heaven have visited his tomb to pray for special favors.

Rev. William J. Stanton, S. J., is conducting a mission for Catholic and non-Catholics at St. John's, White Plains, this week. The sermon on Sunday morning at the 10:30 mass, when the Forty Hours' devotion also commenced, was on the following subject: "Is One Religion as Good as Another; or. Does it Make any Difference What One Believes, Provided One Pays His Debts and Refrains from Injuring His Neighbor?" The opening sermon of the mission was Sunday

running about like old women or grown BRO. LUKE OF MARY

SEIS DEATH AT ROCK HILL COLLEGE MD-, RECENTLY.

A Distinguished Member of the Order of Brothers of the Christian Schools-Was at Various Times Head of Institutions at Troy and New York City.

Brother Luke of Mary, of the Buthers of the Christian Schools, and for nearly twenty years vice-president of Rock Hill College, Md., died of parumonia after a few days illness, at that institution on December 20th. He new edition of its attacks on the celito come. Nicholas Lauer was born in Germany, but came to America when Quite a child. His parents settled in Baltimore, Md., and he received his primary education at St. Alphonsus' School, under the Christian Brothers. Among his schoolmates there he counted persons since prominent in religious and mercantile life, among Others Brother Clementian, assistantgeneral of the Christian Brothers, Fans, France, and Rev. Fathers Bokel, Lowekamp, and Damman, of the Redesuptorists. About the age of sixteen he entered the preparatory Normal School, then held in old Calvert Hall, Baltimore, and after having completed the required course was eant to the Brothers' School on old Canal street, New York, thence to Troy, N. Y., and afterwards to Detroit, St. Louis, St. Peter's, Philadelphia; Manhattan Academy, New York; Rock Hill College, Md.; old De La Salle, New York; Manhattan College, ting into pieces, and replied: "Look to La Salle College, Philadelphia, as Vace-president, then to Rock Hill College, in the same capacity, then principal of the Cathedral School, Philapermission to shake the priest's hand, the vice-presidency, he filled the professorships of German, French and music. He was a highly skilled mu-61cian, master of various instruments, When the English pilgrimage was and a well known composer of church in Rome, Father Fletcher and Mr. music. During his long and varied Lister Drummond, two recent con- career, he won the esteem of all who came in contact with him by his ami-Guild of "Our Lady of Warsaw," were ability and manly worth. He endeared himself to the hundreds of young

.by them his name shall be ever held

His funeral took place from St.

in benediction.

a large and distinguished congregation, a fitting testimony to the high regard in which the deceased was held by persons of all creeds, far and wide. The body lay in state in one of night till Sunday, the 23d ult On Saturday evening, the Office for the Dead was chanted by the local and Visiting Brothers. At 10:15 Sunday corning the funeral cortege proceeded from the college to St. Paul's church, where a Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered for the departed On Tuesday, Nov. 6, the apostolic soul. The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. F. Litz. C. SS. R., rector University, and Basil Malone, C. P., At 10 o'clock the first session of the as deacons. The eulogy was prothe Cathedral chapel, in the presence friend of the deceased, who dwelt in of the Most Rev. Archbishop. First, tender words on the virtues and ardwhich the continuation of this pro. particularly upon the lesson of such cess is ordered, was read by the chan- a life as the deceased's, his gentleness, cellor of the Archdiocese, Monsignor Patience, love for the young, zeal for i lie worship, "The watch-word of "The miracles he performed." says his life was duty, humility, obedience. investigated by a special commission One was more popular. He sought under the direction of Father Wissel, only God and the good of souls, and C. SS. R., who was appointed for this in the furtherance of these holy proto whom the results of the investiga- tions of Brothers from Baltimore, tion were transmitted. It is confi- Washington, Philadelphia, Eddingtou, would enjoy a signal distinction in Representing the clergy were Fathers Schrantz, rector of St. Charles' Col-Bishop Neumann was the Bishop of lege, Md.; Viget and McKenny, SS., Philadelphia from March 25, 1852, unand Bric and Auth, C. SS. R. The til his sudden death on January 5, alumni of the college was largely in dore, life-long companions of the dewere Messrs. A. J. Ryan, J. B. Egerton, J. C. Muth, H. M. Benzinger, B. sudden. While returning from a Schmitz, F. C. Conrad, former pupils. The music of the Mass was solemn Gregorian, rendered by a choir of Brothers. The interment was at Bonnie Brae, Baltimore.

A BRAVE PRIEST.

He Risks His Life to Save the Sacred Host in a Burning Church.

Father Spigardi, an Italian priest of St. Louis, Mo., risked his life on the amorning of the 15th ult., to save the Holy Eucharist from destruction in his burning church. The effort almost cost his life. He was rescued by the firemen soon after he had fallen unconscious in the middle of the church. In his hands he still clasped the ci-

borium containing the Eucharist. The church was filled with smoke and flames when the priest arrived from his pastoral residence. He en-Cered the structure boldly, wrapping his cansock about his head. He had obtained the object of his search, but was unable to retrace his step out, as the heat had become interes and the

smoke had filled his lungs. Pressing REV. FATHER YOUNAN the "borium close to his breast he attempted to escape, but was overwhelmed.

The firemen, learning that the priest was in the church, entered and rescued him. He soon recovered.

A party of Catholic pligrims who were on their way from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to San Juan de Los Lagos were attacked by a band of fillelegate in Attendance. brigands in the mountains near the were killed.

"DEATH TO PRIESTCRAFT." A Monument Erected in New Eng-

land With This Startling Inscription. The Hartford Transcript tells of # monument in plain eight of the Brighton Seminary, where many of the priests of New England are grounded in theology, which bears the

simple and rather startling inscription: "Death to Priestcraft." Here was one who had vowed death to priestcraft, and priestcraft was flourishing over his grave. The coincidence is fairly indica-

tive of the great mutations which are being enacted around us," reflects the Transcript. "When priestcraft haunted the dreams of the godly men who built up our New England commonwealths, Catholics were but a scattering few. Now they have multiplied and waxed mighty, and become a full third of the entire population. Tue decade is not far distant when they will have passed from the minority to the majority.

"The process of their advancement is deplorable at least from one point of view. The descendants of the old priest-balters are affected with such a horror of a numerous progeny that their numbers are bound to dwindle, and many of them will pass from the fand without leaving an offspring to perpetuate their name. How many on the missioners at the close Already extinct!

of the old New England families are "There is much to regret in the passing of this stundy race—the descendants of those who clung to the stubborn soil, increased and multipiled and drove the aboriginal to his doom. There is always the danger that the infection may pass to others, see said "very good they will not only and that the posterity of the Cana- read themselves but take the leadets. dians, the Italians and the Celts who came to hil the sets of those who fade away before the ordeal of fatherhood and motherhood, and who bring with them traditions of child-love as tender and abiding as that which we

admire in the mother of the Gracchi Will succumb to the murderous blight and leave behind them a dwindling generation. One thing, however, is certain-if the Catholic Church has a voice in the formation of the conscience of this people, the calamity will be averted. She still speaks in accents which cannot be misunderstood. She is sure to be heard, and just as surely as she is heard, so surely shall her children dominate New England. It is inevitable. The next century will not be half spent before the great majority of the citizens of this old Puritan stronghold will look

GENEROUS HEARTED IRISHMEN. Raise \$5,000 Towards the Restoration

to her as the salt of society and the

protector of the race."

of Armagh Cathedral. Loyal sons of St. Patrick assembled at Studebacker theatre, Chicago, Ill., at the musical entertainment given there recently by the Catholic societies of Chicago to radse funds for the completion of the national Irish cathedral at Armagh, in the north of Ireland. The sum of \$5,000 was added to the fund needed for the completion of this cathedral founded by St.

Patrick in the year 445. The cathedral was built in the early days of Christianity, was seventeen times destroyed by the Danes in their raids, and again was twice more ravaged and torn down by the English in 1557 and 1642. When Henry Vill. threw off the papal yoke and founded the Church of England by right of arms the cathedral of Armagh was again seized and since then the origical structure has been the seat of the episcopal prelate of the north-of lre-

Sixty years ago the Catholics of Irefand began the construction of another edifice on ground expressly designated by St. Patrick should the original building ever be moved. After the expenditure of more than \$1,000,-000 the lack of funds stopped the construction, and it was not until the present primate of Ireland, Cardinal Logue, took his seat that the erection was continued. At a fair given at Armagh during the past year the sum of \$100,000 was raised, and Father Felix McNally came to this country to raise the remaining \$60,000 requir ed among the Catholic churches of this country.

The Catholic associations of Vienna presented to the Holy Father a beautiful gold cross on the occasion of the closing of the Porta Santa.

A handsome statue of St. Anthony, the gife of Mrs. Franklin, wife of Rear Admiral Franklin,, has been placed in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Angelus Pritzl. O. S. M., died recently at St. Francis' hospital, Colorado Springs, Col., a victim of his priently send in hurrying to the sid of s'dying man

THE POPULAR PAULIST PRIEST

PREACHES TO NON-CATHOLICS .. The Chusch of the Oblates at Others. Caunda, Crowded With Industrial

Listeners-Mgr. Paleonie, the Amestolic

Father Younan the Paulist. mislatter place and three of the travelers sionery has recently national a midsion to non-Catholics in the parish that is served by the oblates of Mary Immaculate and consiguous to the University of Ottawa, Canada. There had been many misgivings as to the willingness of the people to attend when the mission was arranged for but these were readily dispelled on the first evening when the musionary entered and found the church so crowded that he was compelled to admit the

men into the sanctuary. ine promises of the opening were fulfilled by the eager attention manifested during the sessions and the pointedness of the questions asked.

The Canadian people are desply interested in religious questions. The ligious questions far into the front in. the popular mind so it was no difficult matter to force the arguments to addennite conclusion. The result of the mission was thirty-one converts received, with three times that number atill in the inquiry class. Of these latter it is a very conservative statement to say that seventy-five percent. will be received. Eather Fallow has interested himself personally in the work and has taken immediate charge of the inquiry class.

The mission was notable from the fact that Monsigner Falconic the Apostolic Delegate to Canada attendea in order to investigate methods and to watch results. The Delegate called eaid: "I am pleased to see such attention and reverence on the part of non-Catholics both during the sermon and the other exercises, I commeratelate you on the success your efforts have met with." He expressed his setonishment that 15,000 leaders and books were distributed gratis. *Good** home—their families will read and greater good will be done,

There are many eight that the movement which has for its wein purpose the sking of converts is advancing with great strices. Cardinal Gibbons some tenyears ago

placed the number of converts receive street dry goods firm was ed at 30,000 a year, since then it ham' and formelly admitted into the C increased at least twenty-five per cent. Ile Church on Men Year's ever After speaking of the recent influx coremony taking place in at into the Catholic Church of many who church, 128th street and Colum had been without any Church-home, avenue, Cambbell has here Father Elliott, in a recent discourse. said: "It is a vast undertaking to explain the doctrine of the Catholic brought about he ways, by Church to the American people. But that appeared to him three we are equal to it. We have the true ago. Campbell lives at 406 West 1 faith, and we can prove it. We have street. His two young daughters the Holy Spirit to guide us. We have confirmed in the Episcopel i a splendid clergy, led by noble Blan- the Rev. Dr. Van de Waters ops and enrolled in many glorious religious orders. The Church of Christ was made to do great things; and tixed the father, smisted h chiefly to save the nations, of the McMullen at St. Joseph . T world. And now we have begun to organize our home missions. The Catholic Missionary Union is a corporation of prelates and priests whose purpose it is to raise funds and support priests and distribute literature for the purpose of explaining Catholic doctrine to non-Catholics. It has among its directors two of the Archbishops of the country. Our main efforts are directed towards those For eight years I had be parts of the country where Catholica are fewest and Protestants have everything their own way—the South Though but a few years in existence. our corporation now supports priests in Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama,

Mississippi and Texas, realons and and colored. My ather, who successful missionaries, whose sole oc., nine years ago, and my sister cupation is making converts. Be- died twenty-two years ago, and sides this, a very large amount of in the light. They told me to missionary literature, books, pamph- ise to folk the Roman Cathoring lets and leaflets are either given away. If a would be cured. It promore sold for a nominal price, and these would. The whole thing leafest are distributed almost everywhere two or three seconds. The a

ganized diocesan bands of missionare ies. These are composed of diocesan priests, and although they give Cathe olic missions, yet their first duty is world. I got letten from to non-Catholics whom they convert ing me to advise them when in considerable numbers, mainly by to oin its Catholic Charen giving non-Catholic missions. These man wrote me to arge is suissionaries are now permanently tablished and at work in the Diocete Church in order to be of New York, Hattford, Cleveland course, Coan advise p and several dioceses in the West and each must decide men have begun in the dioceses of Providence and Manchester. This form of copies of three of his epostolic enterprise will extend ceribed with its autograph to all or nearly all the discount of Philippines where he now the country, and it will in my opinion, near for the Pope. My fair be the most efficacious means of bringing the American people to a better tipe to look the Caffeila. knowledge of the claims of the Catholic Church. It will enlist in this work that part of the Catholic cleray which is the most universal the most numerous and the most intimately soquainted with non-Catholics, namely

the diocesan clergy. The laity, too, have a part to play and a great one. For it the Bishop and priests are the main arteries of truth and love flowing from the Hears of Joses the latty to the matter ones and they are the intersectable value bringing the whose work with acres to that countries of the formal of the formal

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Weary and spant and hinting— For bitter had been the day, And rough the road I had travele At the foot of the cross I lay. No prayer could my moirit utter.
No word my white lips frame: With only a breath there suttered From my famile held heart the Base

The avent, dear seems of Jesus I whispered that no more; But straight there thrilled an anew Deep to my being a core. Boul of my soul was lifted By wondrous strength that county In an instant swift from beaven At the mention of the Name

The team that from my weaks Fell slowly, one by one, Nore dried by the gentle touch

The Father's equal Son.
Twas God who stooped to help m
Whose kelp I dated to cialin. When out of the depths I was The mighty, conquering Name

From the foot of the gross, the ward

I took my way at length; Not now in pain and feeblaness But on from strength to strength For love had given me source No for my face could shame ly faith my sources approxim In the hour of meed the Mame.

- Corporate Table Rev. leans J. Plotter, passor Bridget's church, Kenia, O., sled, a lingering illases of consensable the 18th of December. December a well-known priest of the Ole

diocess.

Directed Exploris Campbell t Health of Soul and Body

Frederic Campbell, of New Y window desorator employed by a 1 tended Methodist and churches and his convention Andrews church two weeks Father Gerhard H. Mustman WAS Crowded many price

to see the convert.

According to Campbell 1 appeared to him while he with guitritis that he expe Vas doubled to in my felt as though I was pe The sensation was like ! other has been meministered gestritis. I had been a bight Tour for it with sight ye fering. There's no cure los Well, m I was thinking thatpassing away a light like at an appeared. It was small and Besides this part of the work, several Bishops have in recent years of diately well. I have not PINCE.

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