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SEVENTH REPORT

OF THE

REFORMED ROMANIST

Priests' Protection Society,

FOR THE YEARS 1852 & 1853.

FOUNDED 5TH MAY, 1844;

The day on which the Rev. Solomon Frost renounced Popery in St. Audon's Church, Dublin.

OFFICE, 16, UPPER SACKVILLE-STREET, DUBLIN.

WITH

Extracts of Correspondence, Abstracts of Cash Account, and List of
Subscribers, &c.

"A great company of the Priests were obedient to the faith."—ACTS, vi. 7.

"Upon her forehead was a name written, *Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.*"—REVELATIONS, xvii. 5.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—2 CORINTHIANS, vi. 17, 18.

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It is earnestly requested that this Report may be carefully read, and circulated among the brethren.

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st of January in each year, for the year then begun.

Constitution

OF THE

PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY,

In connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland.

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TREASURERS—The Royal Bank of Ireland, Foster-place, Dublin.

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PROPER FORM OF A BENEFACTION TO THE SOCIETY BY WILL

I give and bequeath the sum of _____
unto the Treasurer for the time being of a Voluntary Society, formed
Dublin, in the year 1844, commonly called or known by the name
"The Priests' Protection Society, established for protecting Priests of good c
acter, who have abandoned the Church of Rome;" the same to be paid wit
_____ months next after my decease, out of such part only of
Personal Estate as shall not consist of Mortgages or Chattels Real,
Trust, to be applied to the use and purposes of that Society; and
which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

****** Devises of land, or of money charged on land, or secured
mortgage of lands or tenements, or to be laid out in lands or tenemen
are void; but money or stock may be given by Will, if not directed
be laid out on land.

NOTE. — It should be particularly noticed, that no Will whatsoever
whether of real or personal property, which bears date after the 1st da
of January, 1838, is valid, unless it be signed at the foot by the Testato
or by some person in his presence, and by his direction, and said sign
ture acknowledged by him in the presence of two witnesses, who mu
sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator. — See *Sta*
1 Vic. cap. 26, sec. 9.

By an Act, 5 & 6 *Victoria*, cap. 82, entitled "An Act to assimilate th
Stamp Duties in Great Britain and Ireland," all Legacies "for educatio
of the poor of Ireland, or for Charitable Institutions," are *exempt from*
Stamp Duty. But it would save much trouble and confusion if th
TESTATOR would desire his *Legacy* to be paid *Free of Stamp Duty*.

GENERAL RULES,

I.

THAT this Society shall be called the PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY, in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland.

II.

THAT its First object shall be, to protect Priests of good character, who conscientiously abandon the Church of Rome for the pure faith of the Gospel; and to find employment for them, when thoroughly grounded in its saving truths, either as parochial ministers, or as missionaries, subject, of course, to the rule and judgment of the Bishops of the Church.

THAT its Second object shall be, to afford protection and education to a class of young men originally intended for the Priesthood in the Romish Church, who in consequence of the influence of divine truth, as exhibited in the holy scriptures, may have relinquished the design of prosecuting their studies with a view to that profession.

THAT its Third object shall be, to disseminate throughout the world, by means of the pulpit and the press, Scriptural and anti-popish instruction.

THAT its Fourth object shall be, to reform Romish Priests throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and foreign countries.

III.

THAT its Committee, or Board of Management shall consist of not more than TWELVE DIRECTORS and a SECRETARY, being Members of the United Church of England and Ireland.

IV.

THAT the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall have the management of the Funds of the Society; they shall fill up any vacancies which may occur in their body; shall be charged with procuring suitable patronage; shall appoint all Officers of the Society, and have the power of calling General Meetings, upon giving a week's notice of the time and place of such meeting.

V.

THAT in the event of a General Meeting, a week's notice shall be given in the Dublin newspapers.

VI.

THAT an Annual Report of the Society's operations, with a Statement of its accounts, shall be published at the close of every year, and that a copy shall be sent to every Subscriber of One Pound.

VII.

THAT all Legacies to the Society shall be placed to the credit of the ENDOWMENT-FUND, in the name of the Trustees, unless it be otherwise specified by the testator. And should any vacancy or vacancies occur among the Trustees, all rectors shall be summoned, and they shall nominate three suitable and worthy persons for each vacancy; out of whom the surviving Trustees shall choose one or more persons to fill up the vacancy or vacancies, as the case may be, to the number of the four Trustees. And should the Trustees not fill up the vacancy or vacancies within the space of one month, after nomination the Directors shall then, on being duly summoned, proceed at once to fill up the number of Trustees out of the persons before nominated by them for that purpose.

VIII.

THAT a Meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be held on every Monday at three o'clock, in the Office of the Society, and that every Meeting shall opened with Prayer.

BY-RULES.

I.

THAT every Priest or Student, before he be taken into connexion with the Society, shall, after sufficient instruction and probation, publicly or privately abjure and renounce the errors of Popery, receive the holy Communion, sign the renunciation-roll, and give his consent in writing to conform to the rules laid down for his guidance by the Directors and the rules of the Society.

II.

THAT every Reformed Priest or Student, when under the care of the Society, shall, when practicable, attend Divine Service twice on every Lord Day, and once on a week-day, in a Church in Dublin, selected by the Board.

III.

THAT every Priest or Student shall be so instructed as to enable him as soon as possible to earn a maintenance for himself, in whatever profession the Directors may deem it most advisable for him to adopt.

IV.

THAT no Priest or Student shall derive pecuniary aid from this Society for a longer period than two years, unless under extraordinary and peculiar circumstances, to be defined by the Board.

V.

THAT every Priest and Student shall be entitled to receive, at the discretion of the Directors, a testimonial on parchment, with the seal of the Society, signed by the Secretary and Members of the Board, when about to enter his profession, or to close his connexion with the Society.

VI.

THAT Scriptural and anti-popish Publications shall be sent, by post or otherwise, monthly, quarterly, or as often as possible, to all the National Schoolmasters and Mistresses in Ireland, amounting now to upwards of 5822 teachers and that the Masters and Matrons, and male and female Teachers in the workhouses of Ireland, in number about 544, shall also be supplied through the channel; likewise that the secular Clergy in Ireland, who are about 2,403, have the same benefit, and in the same manner supplied by the Society.

VII.

THAT the labours of the Society shall also in future be especially directed to the exposure of Popery in its worst features in the PAPAL STATES; to the enlightenment of the Pope and his subjects in Italy, and in other countries of Europe under the fatal influence of his spiritual dominion, by means of translations from our publications and addresses in the language of people to whom they may be sent.

SEVENTH REPORT.

THIS Society, the Directors humbly and thankfully acknowledge to God and their numerous friends, continues to pursue its *fourfold object* with unabated toil and earnestness. In the pursuit of its object there can be but little diversity, and the history of the period since the publication of the last Report, is not widely different from that of its former existence. Enough of fruits have been realized to manifest to every observer the necessity for such a Society; and to prove beyond a doubt the wisdom of the Directors in originating its movements for the progress and dissemination of Divine truth. Its labours are a work of faith; and the seed which it has profusely and extensively cast upon the waters, shall be found at the great in-gathering day of the harvest.

The Sixth and Seventh Annual Addresses of the Directors "to PROTESTANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD," which the newspaper press has magnanimously published in most countries of the globe, will give some idea of the extent and magnitude of the enterprise which it seeks to accomplish. It may appear foolishness to some, but to many it has been, and shall be, "the power of God unto salvation."

The events that have occurred both in the religious and political world, in the United Kingdom, during the last two years, are of no ordinary magnitude; and the Directors humbly think that this Society, though weak in itself, has been a mighty instrument in the hands of God, in accomplishing some of those grand purposes of the Sovereign of all, which we have seen developed and manifested in the Empire of Great Britain, and on the map of Europe. Believing that their work is the Lord's, the Directors persevere in it with renewed zeal and faithfulness; and hence it is, they trust that the final result shall be good, and the name of God be magnified. The kingdom of the Redeemer is increasing not only in wretched Ireland, but in other countries also under Papal darkness, through the weak, yet favoured instrument of the Priests' Protection Society.

The work of this Society is peculiar, and it requires the utmost watchfulness, prayer, and foresight to be enabled to steer it amid the many dangers and trials which surround it on every side, from within and from without. Confiding on the mighty arm of Him, who alone can guide it with safety and success, the Directors have learned to submit their will to His will, and to re-

pose all their trust in Him, that he may fix their every step, in a sure and firm resting-place, and at length consummate the vast labours which he has given them to perform — namely, protecting great numbers of Priests and Students, who may forsake the faith of Papal Rome, and making them instruments in beating down her strongholds, and diffusing throughout her territories the saving blessings of spiritual emancipation among millions of the human race.

This Society does not lay claim to any superiority over other fellow-workers in the same field of labour, but it strives earnestly to help and propagate, to disseminate and strengthen, with them, the eternal, catholic principles of the glorious Gospel of Christ.

The indisputable principles on which the Directors rest their hopes of success, in this and every undertaking, are *prayer and action*. Their habit is to pray and act, and act and pray; and thus daily to proceed towards the attainment of the chief ends of the Institution. In the use of lawful means, God is honoured, and the cause is sanctified — the work is blessed, and blessings flow down on the instruments whom He employs to accomplish his gracious designs for the good and amelioration of their fellow-man.

New Offices.

The Directors desire to notice in this prominent place, that they have secured ample accommodation for effectively managing the different branches of the Society, in their new apartments in the Religious Societies' Houses, 16 and 17, Upper Sackville-street, at a moderate rent. They occupy a private lecture-room, a library, and committee-room, and a public office; and there is also the shell of a very large lecture-room, designed for the benefit of societies generally, which, when completed, the trustees have granted the occasional gratuitous use of, should the exigencies of this Society require it. They, therefore, commend the completion of this work to the liberality of all who love to disseminate Christian truth by means of public meetings and lectures. (See page 27.)

Operations.

These are *fourfold*, according to the constitution of the Society, and require the deepest attention and caution in directing.

FIRST—The Directors have to encounter the subtlety and ability of the inquiring Priest, and to lead him on by degrees in his search to the acquisition and light of truth; and having obtained it, to teach him the best method to diffuse it.

SECONDLY—They have to meet, with encouragement and skilful tenderness, the student who had been intended by his pa-

rents or by his guardians for the priesthood, or some other learned profession; and, after he has fully discovered the religion of the Gospel, to point out to him the profession that his natural disposition and attainments are most likely to qualify him for, and to adorn.

THIRDLY—They have to disseminate throughout the world, as far as practicable, sound Gospel principles, by their publications, for the public press, and for aiding the ministrations of the pulpit; a work which is of the very last moment, for exposing the latent designs of Popery in Puseyism, and for obstructing and overthrowing the greatest enemy to civil and religious liberty that the world has ever seen—the arch-enemy **POPERY**.

FOURTHLY—They have to promote the reformation of Romish Priests at home and abroad, in the British dominions, and in foreign countries not under British sway, wherever they can find admission.

The subsequent remarks will show how far these different objects have been carried out, and give some idea to what extent the Lord has been graciously pleased to vouchsafe his blessing on the labours of the Directors, who with renewed confidence rely on the good sense and Christian liberality of their brethren and sisters in Christ, in the United Kingdom, and in the British colonies and dependencies, to enable them to prosecute their plans for the dissemination of spiritual truth over the wide field which they have assigned to themselves to work in. All they want, with the Divine blessing, is an increase in the funds, to obtain a corresponding extent and amount of success. The work is a good and vast one, and if the machinery could be all brought to efficient and constant operation, by a plentiful supply of pecuniary aid from numerous contributors, even of small sums from the many, the fruits would appear in multitudinous abundance. The *London Standard* says:—“Of all the machinery put in motion, to effect the moral and religious reformation of the mass of the Irish people, we believe there is none so promising of success—none that if supported with funds adequate to its object, would be so promptly efficient as the Priests’ Protection Society.”

This Society the Directors have reason to know is more assailed by Popery than any other in existence; because it saps the foundation in every way, from Pio Nono at Rome to the hazy of superstition in the wilds of America. Pope, cardinal, bishop, priest, Jesuit, friar, missionary, nun, charity sister, schoolmaster and mistress, statesman, senator, tradesman, and servant, it meets in their respective paths; and if it does not convert, it certainly puzzles and exposes them, and sheds knowledge where before there was ignorance. It gives courage to the

Romanist to investigate, and after investigation to pass from error and superstition to wisdom and truth. The conviction and conversion of a few leave an impression on the multitude; and thus, as in the days of primitive Christianity, the masses at home and abroad may be led to reflect and to ask themselves the all-important question, "WHAT IS TRUTH?" and to compare their religious instruction with the teaching of the Bible, and their modern priests with the Apostles of old.

This searching inquiry shall frequently result in the lucid discovery of vital Christianity. Christ, and not the crucifix, will be worshipped; and at length, millions of Romanists shall acknowledge him as their only mediator and Saviour, to the glory of God the Father.

Priests.

Twenty-four reformed Romanist Priests have enjoyed the favour and aid of this Society since its formation; *seven* of that number since the publication of our last Report. It would be presumptuous to expect that all these Converts should turn out equally well. It would be extremely desirable that they should do so, and every effort to accomplish that delightful end has been made; but the fulfilment of such an expectation is contrary to the experience of all human, nay, of divine institutions, whether they are the domestic circle, the school of learning, the matured education of college, or the clerical part of the orthodox Church instituted by Christ himself. Of the twelve called to the apostleship there was among them the son of perdition. Of the multitudes who were ordained to the sacred ministry, alas! how many of them are perverted, and are otherwise inconsistent and unfaithful in their religious, eternal obligations!

The Directors of the Society do not claim infallibility for themselves in the management of its complicated affairs, and the gift of discerning spirits in piercing the hearts of those who apply to them for protection; but they do declare, and most earnestly appeal to Him who knows the hearts of all men, that they have exercised the utmost care, and solicitude, and discernment in their power to perceive the motives, and to direct the aims and studies, of those Priests who have come under their superintendence and tutelage. And thanks to the Author of all good, their labour has not been in vain in the Lord. These men have, in most instances, witnessed a good confession—some in their life and death, and others continue to do so in the Church of which they are officiating ministers.

Among the numerous services that this Society has rendered to the State and to the country at large, the Directors would adduce the following instance, which they conceive is an ampl

compensation for much of the labour and expense they have incurred in conducting the Institution:

The Commissioners for inquiring into the state of education in Maynooth College have examined four of our reformed Priests, and it will be seen in the printed evidence of the Commissioners' forthcoming Report, how much light they have thrown on the MORALITY, LOYALTY, and general teaching which are inculcated in the minds of the students while attending that establishment.

It will henceforth be perfectly evident to every dispassionate mind, that the Commission could not have derived the benefit of this testimony from the very heart of Maynooth, were it not for the protection of this Society; and that the country and the legislature could not otherwise have had this reliable information from such indubitable internal evidence.

One of these witnesses abandoned Popery on St. Patrick's day last, and is now, after adequate probation and preparation, on active service as a clerical superintendent in London, in connexion with the English Church Mission, with sanction of the Bishop of that diocese.

Students.

Twenty-seven reformed Romanist Students, originally intended for the priesthood, have received the fostering care of this Society since its foundation; three of these are added to the list since the publication of last Report.

One of them had been nearly prepared for a foreign mission in All-Hallows College, Drumcondra, but through the instrumentality of the Society, he abjured the errors of Popery, and delivered up the scapular, which he had worn night and day from his youth, together with a "Short Treatise on the Scapular," "The Office of the Blessed Virgin," and "The Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart," to remain in the archives of the Society.*

Experience has taught the Directors, that it is prudent to withhold from the public at large the names of reformed Romanist Priests and Students, who have derived, and are deriving, support from the Society. The reasons are strong and obvious for this partial concealment. Publicity subjects them to calumny and persecution, and all manner of vituperation, and often to bodily danger. Even their relatives, who do not assent to their change of sentiment, share in the worldly disastrous consequences of their conversion. Relatives too are sometimes found among the keenest and bitterest persecutors, and their nearest relationship does not shield them from the grossest injuries. Fathers

* See letter, page 28.

are known to cut their paternal obligations, and to drive away their sons as outcasts and renegades on a heartless world ; while the Priests of their former communion hold them up to ridicule as accursed creatures, unworthy of society, contaminating in their intercourse, and leprous in their person, whilst under the anathema of the Church of Rome, as Converts to the reformed faith of the Gospel. *Publicity*, therefore, is left *optional* to the Society's Converts ; but their names are carefully entered on the register at the time of their abjuration, and the roll is open for the inspection of the members of the Society, and all who are real friends of civil and religious liberty.

Under these circumstances, then, it is manifestly the duty of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to come forward and assist to extricate Romanists, lay and clerical, who are struggling to be free. Would that the Directors of this Society could appeal to every heart in these kingdoms, which loves and appreciates the pure religion of Jesus, and their appeal would not be made in vain ! They who savingly know the Saviour, would assuredly hear the cry, and help those who long to be partakers of their spiritual joy and the blessings of peace.

This Society holds out to the Convert the olive-branch of peace, and aims to guide him in safety, with a brotherly sustaining hand, into the haven of temporal and eternal rest. The Directors are thankful for the past support, and they humbly implore their brethren in the faith, to *double their subscriptions*, and to give of their ability, that thus the means of doing good may be multiplied, and that many souls, which are now astray in barren pastures, may be gathered into one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Publications.

THREE HUNDRED and EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and SIXTY copies of the Society's Publications have been issued by the Directors, up to the date of this Report.

This is the *third object* of the Society's work, and it is, perhaps, paramount to the other three, inasmuch as it multiplies their good effects, and diffuses them over this country among all classes, and carries into distant lands the productions of experienced Converts. The following statement comprises the number and character of the publications :—

Fifth Report of the Society	...	...	...	2,000
Testimonies in favour of the work carried on by the Society	...	...	...	2,500
"Maynooth Again," Letter of Rev. P. O'B.	...	...	...	1,350
Maynooth Purity, and Piety, and Truth, by Rev. P. O'B.	...	...	...	1,850
The "Amazon ; or, The Burnt Ship," by Rev. W. Blood	...	...	...	1,000
Gavazzi—Italy—Ireland—America	...	...	...	2,100

Conversion among the Priests; Letter of Rev. R. W.	15,000
Do. do. Letter of Rev. A. H.	5,000
Do. do. Letter of Rev. D. L.	2,300
Conversion among the Laity; Letter of Mr. J. Kennedy	2,000
Prospectus and Prayer for the Society	2,500
Petitions against the Endowment of Maynooth College	300
The Parliament—the Church, by Roger	250
Proclamation (English)	1,000
Father Gavazzi's Gift to the People of Ireland ...	2,000
Father Gavazzi's Free Lectures to the Irish in New York, and other places in America	6,100
Invitation to Roman Catholic Priests	800
“Papal Law and Justice,” “New Lottery in Dublin,” Letters of Rev. W. D.	600
“Idolatry in Rathmines”	100
Fifth Annual Address of the Directors	2,000
Sixth do. do.	3,000
Total Publications since last Report	53,750
Former Publications already detailed	254,810
TOTAL	308,560

The Directors humbly conceive, that if the Society had done no other good than diffusing these publications through the community, and bearing to the nation at large, and the individuals who compose it, those testimonies against popery, they would have performed a glorious work—one worth the cost of the Society's income, and meriting the thanks of the Protestants of the British empire.

For the value of “Father Gavazzi's Gift,” read the remarks in the eleventh page of the Seventh Address of the Directors.

The publications have multiplied a thousand-fold, by the friendly assistance of the newspaper Conservative press, which is constantly and numerously supplied, *gratis*, to that gigantic organ of public opinion. They are also conveyed, indiscriminately, to the mind of the people by other channels — by post, the teachers of various schools, by tract-distributors, church-wardens, and clergymen of various Protestant denominations, and also to the priests of Rome themselves. These exposures of error, these messages of truth, and invitations of mercy to the population, are as “bread cast upon the waters, which shall be found after many days;” and the Directors rely firmly on the promises of the living God, that His word shall not return to Him void; but it shall accomplish that which He purposes, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it.*

Reformation.

This expression may be said to denote the *fourth great object* which the Society labours, the conversion of Priests at home

* Isaiah, lv. 11.

and abroad ; and hence, by their example and instrumentality in the use of means which God's Word doth allow, the reformation of students and the masses of the people.

It is not the province of the Society to assume to itself the honour of effecting, by Divine grace, the spiritual change which is taking place in the Irish mind, and the general attention that has, of late years, been drawn to these matters in the Churches of England, and Scotland, and Rome ; but they do believe that the fact of *fifty-one educated and once-bigoted Romanists*, openly coming out and abjuring Popery, and putting their sign-manual to their abjuration, together with the extensive diffusion through Christendom of 308,560 copies of their publications, have had a surpassing effect in producing the present momentous religious inquiry and fervor.

Truth does not lose by agitation ; on the contrary, it gains and consequently the process of agitation should go on, until it is borne to the mind, if not to the heart, of every human being.

In Ireland, particularly, it must be self-evident to the understanding of every cursory observer, that a progressive movement has taken place in spiritual concerns, since the year 1844, when this Society publicly commenced its operations. From that period it has not relaxed its efforts, laying bare the superstition of Romanism, on the one hand, and, on the other, stirring up the clergy of the Protestant faith to the performance of the duties which they have solemnly entered into covenant with God to discharge, at their ordination ; and woe ! woe ! be unto the man who has slighted this covenant, and neglected that message of God to him. He shall have to answer for these things at another dreadful bar. He is now before the tribunal of public opinion, and though it be silent for the most part in expressing its sentence, it is not indifferent in marking the character of those who are sons of God, and messengers of Belial.

Seven foreign reformed Priests have been favoured with : and brotherly expression of sympathy ; and applications have been received soliciting pastoral co-operation and fellowship in the cause of Continental evangelization. To these invitations the Directors assented, and likewise despatched translations of the **CONVERTS' PROCLAMATION** in the French and Italian languages, and other suitable publications for dissemination, by the same means as at home, in the different countries of Europe.

May multitudes thus be added to the Church of Christ ; may this humble society bear its part in ushering in the day when " the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea ; " " when all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindred of the nations shall worship before Him."

Scriptural Class.

This class is chiefly for inquiring and converted Romanists, and continues to be taught twice a-week; by two reformed Priests. It is under the spiritual direction of the Rev. Thomas Scott.

The course of instruction is theological generally, and is not confined exclusively and strictly to the Holy Scriptures. The Articles, the Creed, the Converts' Proclamation, the Romish controversy in its widest sense, are included in it; while the great aim of all the course is, to bring the Convert to CHRIST—the sinner to the SAVIOUR—and to excite a missionary spirit in the heart of all the members to diffuse the knowledge and glory of his name to all who are in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Tract Distributors.

The Directors have made the experiment of circulating the publications of the Society, and other Tracts, with the happiest results; by means of their converts in connexion with it, and other paid agents. They have circulated, *gratuitously*, by these agents, for the greater part of the past year, twelve dozen each month of that admirable Protestant witness, the “Bulwark,” which they purchased from the proprietor for this purpose; and if they can raise sufficient funds, they will gladly persevere in it, both for the sake of helping the spirited publisher, and enlightening the public mind on the popish system. From the measure of success thus obtained, they continue to prosecute this plan of enlightening the people, and sapping effectually the influence of the priesthood. It has been discovered that the priests are much puzzled how to meet this method of attack, and the prevailing opinion among them is to submit to it in silence; thinking wisely that a counter attack would only provoke more shameful exposure and deeper investigation. It were to be wished, that this process of distribution by converts and paid agents could be carried on systematically all over Ireland; and the Directors pledge themselves, that if they are adequately supported with funds by the friends of truth, that the Romish Priest shall meet in every parish a constant “proclamation” of the Gospel of Christ. A large portion of the receipts has been expended in this way, and a large amount is still needed for this very noble work.

Income and Expenditure.

These FOUR-FOLD operations of the Society above described necessarily incur a very heavy expense. It is impossible it could

be otherwise, from the varied and extensive field which it endeavours to cultivate, and the way by which the different parties are to be reached — *some by post, some by Tract-Distributors* — Priest, student, teacher, scholar, heads of families, and institutions, are approached by these means, according as it is thought advisable and effectual, to carry on the work. The postage books and pamphlets must necessarily form a large item in the expenditure. A message of truth is thus borne to multitudes otherwise inaccessible, and the increase committed to Him who alone can give the blessing.

For a detailed statement of this branch of the work, see the balance sheet, and the income and expenditure table, at the close of the Report.

Legacy Fund.

In directing the attention of the benevolent to this fund, the Directors have to repeat their solemn conviction, that they are not mistaken in setting apart all *legacies* for the permanent maintenance of the Society. The appropriation of legacies to the fund, unless otherwise ordered by the testators, tends greatly to strengthen the constitution of the Society, and to uphold against the bitterest foes to evangelical truth and the reformation in general. The enemy is quite sensible of the importance of this position, and of the establishment of such a fund, and therefore uses every instrument Satan can devise to bring the Society into disrepute. An instance of this is recorded in the fifth Report.

The friends of the Society should carefully remember, in making their wills, that “*devises of land, or of money charged on land, or secured on mortgage of lands or tenements, are void; but money or stock may be given by will, if not directed to be laid out on land;*” and that it would save much trouble and confusion, if the Testator would desire his Legacy to be paid free of stamp duty.

For state of this fund at present, see Legacy Table, at the end of the Report.

The Directors have now the gratification to record the names of four Christian friends, who have generously left additional bequests to the Society, which have been added, according to the seventh general rule, to this fund, and vested in Government security, in the name of the Trustees:—

Daniel Fitzgerald Gabbett, Esq. (the late)	...	...	£300	0	0
Miss Dissett, Stranorlar (the late)	...	...	12	0	0
Mrs. Anne Berger (the late); £300; less by duty and fees	267	17	8		
Miss Isabella Brown, Skipton, Yorkshire (the late)	...	...	19	19	0

This trust fund is a matter of the utmost moment to the

Society, and the Directors have therefore endeavoured to protect it, in every possible way, from misappropriation, malappropriation, misuse, and abuse by future Trustees and Directors, who might become unsound in the faith, by a legal registered trust-deed, prepared by an eminent solicitor, with the aid of competent counsel. The legal instrument expressly mentions, and binds up its managers, present and future, to apply this fund exclusively to the fourfold objects of the second general rule, and provides for the election of Trustees, according to the seventh general rule of the constitution of the Society.

The friends of this good cause need not, therefore, dread but that the investments are, and shall be made for ever most securely, for the permanent support and maintenance of the Society. The Trustees are—

THE EARL OF RODEN,
REV. H. E. PRIOR,

REV. THOMAS SCOTT,
REV. R. H. M. EYRE.

Into this well-secured treasury the widow can cast her mite—the rich man a portion of his abundance—the devoted Christian his all—for the best interests of Ireland, and for the spiritual emancipation of his fellow-man. No benefactor to his country can do good more thoroughly to all classes, in a spiritual as well as a temporal sense, than by contributing to the legacy fund. Contributions can be made to the fund by any benefactor, and will be gladly received by the Trustees, before or after the death of the contributor. The Directors, therefore, commend this great and good object to every Christian. The poor man may assist it by his prayers—the rich may aid it in this way, and sustain it perpetually by the exercise of his pecuniary benevolence.

Library.

The library is for the benefit of the Priests and Students in connexion with the Society. It continues to prosper; and it is a matter of the utmost moment that they should have a large and well-assorted library, to which they can have easy access. It is earnestly hoped that this department may meet with the hearty approval and support of every friend who desires to promote the intellectual improvement of the Society's proteges. Donations of books to the library shall be no less thankfully received than pecuniary aid; and the Directors anxiously beg of the friends of the Society to collect and contribute books, which may be of the greatest advantage in diffusing through the multitude the principles of the Reformation, and the means by which that glorious end was begun, and through which it may be carried on and finally accomplished.

In the Appendix to the Report a catalogue of books is given with the names of the donors, to which it is hoped that many more may be added before the close of the present year.

The Directors are in the habit of giving a small collection of well-assorted, suitable books to reformed Priests, when entering on any sphere of missionary usefulness; or to Students, when leaving the care of the Society to engage in some professional avocation. They, therefore, would willingly accept of books to assist them in these respects; and duplicates of the works in the library will be equally acceptable for that purpose.

Church and College.

The Directors have to repeat the opinion which they have before expressed, that it would add greatly to the efficiency of the system that the Society is so prosperously pursuing, if it were aided by an organized and well-sustained *School of Instruction, and by a Church for reformed Priests*, who have undergone a long probation, to officiate in for a time, and into which the masses of the people might be invited to come, and where the independent and inquiring Romanist might attend without scruple, and without incurring the anathema of his priest.

The following sums have been invested in Government stock towards the undertaking:—

Collection and Interest vested in Government Stock	£62	0	0
Charles Doyne, Esq., do. do.	10	0	0
George Rochfort Clarke, Esq.	2	0	0
Mrs. Henrietta Eyre	1	0	0
Two Years' Interest on the above	4	7	4

This, at least, is a beginning of the Institution; and as it may be regarded as a national Church and College, an earnest appeal is hereby made to Christian friends in the United Kingdom, to enable the Directors to complete so good and so glorious a work. Both shall be the property of the Priests' Protection Society.

May these remarks on this most valuable and hopeful project meet the eye of those who are rich in this world's goods, and zealous for the spiritual worship of the Lord of Hosts. (See Prospectus in Appendix.)

Conclusion.

In closing this Report, the Directors desire to ascribe all the praise to God, for the signal manifestation of His approbation

which He has given to the labours of the Priests' Protection Society—a Society that is not the device of man, but is the creation of Him who seeth and ordereth all things from the beginning, and who maketh even the wrath of man to please Him. The Directors can discern His providence in the management of its affairs, and His fostering, watchful care over it since its first formation. They are cheered onward in their course by believing that this cause must and shall prosper, however formidable and alarming the efforts of the enemies of truth may be to check it. Persecution, intolerance, and tyranny have done their worst in the dawn of Christianity to retard and mar its progress; but these had only the contrary effect. They diffused its light—they spread its influence—they shed its rays—until at length much of the earth is covered with its beauty and loveliness. So may it be with the manifold operations of this Society. May it go on with its fellow-labourers in the cause of evangelization, until every rational creature over the globe's circumference shall hear the Gospel of salvation, and Romanism herself, with every other form of lifeless religion, shall be put to flight; until the brightness of Him who is holiness itself, pure and unalloyed, shall shine into every benighted heart, and all the world shall own the only Mediator and Saviour to be Lord of lords and King of kings.

The Directors, in conclusion, rejoice now to say that the pathy of which they complained bitterly in past years, is much changed; that a revival in religion is taking place both in clergy and people, and that they seem more in earnest to know experimentally the end of their being, and to take knowledge of those who are with Jesus. There is less lukewarmness, and more spiritual warfare abroad, and many striving for the faith of the Gospel.

The Directors have extensively issued thousands of their Sixth and Seventh Addresses, in the commencement of the past and present years, on subjects of vast moment to every supporter of British rule, and to every inhabitant of her Majesty's dominions. They cannot now refrain, in closing their Report, from uttering their earnest prayers to God, that they may meet many an eye, and stir up many a soul to meditate on those subjects, and to give more zealously with the Spirit for the faith once delivered to the saints. Amen.

Priests' Protection Society.

Abstract of Cash Account from 1st January, 1852, to 1st January, 1853.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Interest on Government $3\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent. Stock ...	£45	8 5	By maintenance of Reformed Priests and Students, and also		
Ditto on sum lodged with Treasurers ...	...	16 1	Aid to Priests and Students on Probation ...	...	150 15 7
In hands of Treasurers at last Audit ...	...	77 11 11	Books for Library ...	...	13 15 10
Ditto of Assistant-Secretary ...	...	3 10 0	Tract Distributors employed by the Society ...	...	44 16 6
			Stationery and Envelopes for Office ...	...	9 5 8
To Amount of Subscriptions, Donations and Collections ...	624	7 5	Printing and publishing Letters of Reformed Priests and	...	...
To Amount of Legacies ...	312	0 0	Students, Reports and Addresses, as well as other Tracts,	...	...
To Sale of Books and Tracts in Office ...	7	13 8	which have been widely circulated throughout the world	...	...
			Advertisements (including Addresses) in English and Irish	...	115 12 6
			Newspapers ...	...	...
			Salaries of Secretaries and Messenger ...	...	70 13 5
			Postage Stamps used in forwarding Reports, Tracts, and	...	114 8 0
			Circulars ...	...	...
			Contingencies, Carriage of Parcels, &c. ...	...	34 6 3
			Agency, &c. ...	...	9 10 8
			Rent of Office ...	...	1 10 0
			Coals ...	...	36 16 8
			Furniture ...	...	2 5 7
			Repairs and Alterations in Office ...	...	18 9 0
			Law Expenses ...	...	28 17 10
			Repayment of Overlodgment ...	...	4 15 6
			Legacies vested in Government $3\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent. Stock, pur-	...	0 4 9
			suant to the 7th General Rule of the Society ...	...	...
			In Treasurer's hands ...	£103	9 9
			In Assistant-Secretary's hands ...	3 10	0
					106 19 9
					£1071 7 6

We have examined the above Account, and find it to be correct, leaving a Balance in Treasurer's hands of £103 9s. 9d., and in Assistant-Secretary's hands of £3 10s.

Abstract of Account of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 1st January, 1854.

Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest on Government $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Stock	£55	0 2	By maintenance of Reformed Priests and Students, also Aid to Priests and Students on Probation	...	129 8 4
In hands of Treasurers at last audit	...	103 9 9	" Books for Library	...	12 18 4
In hands of Assistant-Secretary	...	3 10 0	" Tract-Distributors	...	34 2 0
Amount of Subscriptions, Donations, and Collections	...	161 19 11	" Stationery and Envelopes for Office	...	5 16 4
Amount of Legacies	...	481 8 6	" Printing and Publishing Letters of Reformed Priests and Students, Reports and Addressés, as well as other Tracts which have been widely circulated throughout the world	...	71 7 0
Sale of Books and Tracts in Office	...	293 4 0	" Advertisements (including addresses) in English and Irish Newspapers	...	54 9 2
		780 13 7	" Salaries of Secretaries	...	141 0 0
			" Postage Stamps, for forwarding Reports, Tracts, and Circulars	...	23 19 9
			" Contingencies, Carriage of Parcels, &c.	...	22 15 9
			" Rent of Office	...	32 11 2
			" Coals	...	4 10 0
			" Furniture	...	7 3 0
			" Repairs and Alterations in New Office	...	20 2 3
			" Legacies vested in Government Stock, according to 7th Rule	293 4 0	
			" Balance in Treasurer's hands	...	85 16 5
			" Do. Assistant-Secretary's hands	...	3 10 0
				89 6 5	
				£942 13 6	

We have examined the above Account, and find it correct, leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands, £85 16s. 5d.; and in Assistant-Secretary's hands, £3 10s.

J. W. RAMSAY.
C. H. MINCHIN, Clk.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEARS 1852, 1853.

	1852.			1853.				1852.			1853.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Adams, Thos., Esq.	20	0	0	...			Biden, Jas., Esq.	3	0	0	...		
A Friend	...	2	0	0	...		Binney, Rev. R.	...			0	5	
A Friend		0	5	0	Birch, Mrs. E.	1	0	0	...		
A Friend		0	2	6	Birkbeck, Rev. J.	0	5	0	0	5	
Ainsworth, J., Esq.	25	0	0	...			Black, Mrs.	...			1	0	
Alexander, J., Esq.	1	0	0	1	0	0	Blair, the Misses	...			1	0	
Alexander, Mrs.	...	0	10	0	0	10	0	Blake, Paget, Esq.	1	10	0	...	
Alexander, Miss	...	0	10	0	0	10	0	Blanshard, Mrs.	...		1	0	
Allen, Fras., Esq.	...	5	0	0	5	0	0	Boddington, Miss	...	1	0	0	...
Allen, Mrs.	...	1	0	0	...			Bolland, Mrs.	...	5	0	0	...
Allin, James, Esq.	...	4	0	0	4	0	0	Bolton, Mrs.	...	...	5	0	
Allin, Wm., Esq., per				Bolton, Mrs.	...	0	10	0	...
Rev. J. M'Kee	...	1	0	0	...			Bond, T. H., Esq.	...	2	0	0	...
Anonymous, per bank	...	2	0	0	...			Bookey, J. W., Esq.	...	1	0	0	0 10
Anonymous	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Boyd, Mrs.	...	1	0	0	1 0
Anonymous	...	1	0	0	0	1	0	Boyd, the Misses	...	0	10	0	0 10
Anonymous, per Rev.				Brace, Captain	...	...	0	5	
C. Fry	...	10	0	0	...			Bracken, Miss	...	0	10	0	1 1
Anonymous (stamps)	...	1	0	0	0	5	0	Brackley, lodged per	...	5	0	0	...
Anonymous (do.)	...	0	3	0	0	3	0	Braddock, W., Esq.	...	1	0	0	1 0
Anonymous (do.)		0	3	6		Braithwaite, W., Esq.	...	...	0	5	
Annesley, Countess	...	18	18	6	21	12	0	Bramall, Mrs.	...	0	10	6	1 1
Annesley, Capt. (late)	...	1	0	0	...			Breay, Mrs. P. H.	...	1	7	6	1 2
A Poor Man	...	0	5	0	...			Broadwood, T., Esq.	...	...	5	0	
Ardagh, the Dean of	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Brock, George, Esq.	...	...	1	0	
Armstrong, Mrs.	...	6	0	0	5	0	0	Broke, W. De Capel,	...	...	5	0	
Armstrong, J., Esq.	...	1	0	0	2	0	0	Esq.	...	...	...	...
Armstrong, Mr. H.		3	5	0		Brooker, Miss	...	0	2	6	...
A Servant, per a lady	...	0	8	0	0	4	0	Browne, Robert, Esq.	...	1	0	0	...
Ashley, Hon. Henry	...	2	0	0	2	0	0	Browne, Ven. Archd.	...	...	3	0	
Austen, Rev. Dr.		1	1	0		Browne, Mrs.	...	...	0	10	
Aylmer, Sir G. G.	...	2	0	0	2	0	0	Burn, Rev. A.	...	...	1	0	
Aylmer, J. F., Esq.	...	1	1	0	0	10	6	Burnley, W. F., Esq.	...	1	0	0	1 0
Badge, Rev. J.	...	0	5	0	...			Burrows, Mrs.	...	1	0	0	...
Baillie, Rev. J. F.	...	2	0	0	...			Bury, Rev. W.	...	0	10	0	...
Baillie, Rev. W. D.	...	0	10	0	...			Buttenshaw, J., Esq.	...	0	10	0	0 10
Baker, the Misses	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Butler, John, Esq.	...	1	0	0	1 0
Baker, Captain	...	3	0	0	...			Butler, Hon. Mrs.	...	1	0	0	...
Banks, E., Esq.	...	1	10	0	1	0	0	Carey, Mrs.	...	1	0	0	...
Barkworth, Mrs.	...	2	0	0	1	1	0	Cartwright, G., Esq.	...	2	0	0	2 0
Barkworth, H., Esq.		5	0	0		Caufield, Rev. E. W.	...	...	1	0	
Barton, James, Esq.	...	0	10	0	1	0	0	Cavanagh, Lady H.	...	0	10	0	...
Barton, F. W., Esq.		1	0	0		Cavanagh, C., Esq.	...	0	10	0	...
Bateson, Lady	...	4	0	0	2	0	0	Chapman, E., Esq.	...	...	5	0	
Batty, Mrs.	...	0	4	0	0	5	0	Charlesworth, Rev. B.	...	...	1	0	
Bathurst, Rev. W. H.	...	2	0	0	1	0	0	The Misses Charrington	...	2	0	0	...
Baynham, T., Esq.	...	0	5	0	...			Christie, G. H., Esq.	...	5	0	0	...
Beech, Mr. J. B.	...	0	5	0	...			Church, Mr. J.	...	0	5	0	0 5
Benniworth, J., Esq.	...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Clancarty, Earl of	...	1	0	0	...
Bernard, W. C., Esq.	...	1	0	0	...			Clarke, Miss F.	...	1	0	0	...
Berney, T. T., Esq.		25	0	0		Clarke, Rev. W. W.	...	...	1	0	
Bevan, Rev. F. S.	...	15	0	0	5	0	0	Clarke, G. R., Esq.	...	...	2	0	

	1852.			1853.				1852.			1853.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Clayton, D., Esq.	5	0	0	...			Fannin, Mrs.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Clayton, Rev. R. ...	5	0	0	...			Fell, Rev. J. C. ...	5	0	0	5	0	0
Close, Col. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Fenwicke, W., Esq.	7	6	6	4	17	0
Clough, Miss ...	...			1	0	0	Fisk, Mrs.	0	10	0	...		
Cockburn, Lady ...	5	0	0	5	0	0	Fitzgerald, Mrs. R. M.	...			0	2	6
Cole, W., Esq. ...	...			0	5	0	Foljambe, Mrs.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Collett, Mrs. F. M.	...			1	1	0	Forman, Mrs. M. ...	1	0	0	...		
Collyer, Miss ...	...			0	10	0	Forster, G. M., Esq.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Colquhoun, J., Esq.	1	0	0	1	0	0	Fowle, Miss S. ...	...			0	10	0
Cooper, Mrs. A. ...	3	2	6	2	0	0	Fox, Joseph, Esq. ...	2	0	0	2	0	0
Cooper, John, Esq.	1	0	0	1	0	0	Foye, Rev. M. W.	1	0	0	...		
Cooper, Mrs. ...	3	11	0	2	2	0	Freeman, Rev. J. D.	1	1	0	1	1	0
Cooper, S., Esq. ...	...			0	5	0	French, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	...		
Corkin, Rev. M. ...	...			0	2	6	Friend, A. ...	5	5	0	...		
Cotgreave, Miss ...	...			0	10	0	Friend, A (E. T.) ...	0	10	0	...		
Couchman, W., Esq.	1	0	0	1	0	0	Friend, A., per H.	...			...
Courtney, Mrs. ...	5	0	0	5	0	0	Webb, Esq. ...	0	10	0	...		
Courtney, R., Esq.	5	0	0	...			Friends at Pau ...	9	0	0	...		
Cramer, O., Esq. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Fullerton, Rev. T.	0	5	0	...		
Crawford, G., Esq.	1	5	0	1	0	0	Gabbett, Legacy of	...			...
Cresswell, R. G., Esq.	0	10	0	...			late D. F., Esq.	300	0	0	...		
Crossland, Jas., Esq.	0	10	0	0	10	0	Garland, E. W., Esq.	...			5	0	0
Cruttwell, Mrs. E. A.	...			1	1	0	Gascoigne, Rev. R.	...			5	0	0
Cunninghame, R., Esq.	...			2	0	0	Gell, Rev. F. ...	5	0	0	...		
Cupiss, F., Esq. ...	...			0	10	0	Gentleman, A. ...	0	10	0	...		
Cusack, Rev. E. ...	1	0	0	...			Gerrard, Jas., Esq.	0	5	0	0	5	0
Day, Rev. J. F. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Gibbs, Miss ...	3	0	0	...		
D'Arey, Miss C. ...	0	10	0	...			Gilly, Rev. Dr. ...	1	0	0	...		
Deane, Rev. G. H.	2	0	0	...			Glover, Col. ...	1	0	0	...		
Beddington, J., Esq.	2	2	0	...			Goldthorpe, Mrs.	...			7	0	0
De Havilland, Mrs.	3	0	0	...			Gore, Col. ...	...			4	0	0
De La Cour, Mrs.	1	0	0	...			Govett, Rev. R. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dickson, Wm., Esq.	1	1	0	1	1	0	Grace, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...		
Digby, W. J., Esq.	...			1	0	0	Graham, T. H., Esq.	...			0	10	0
Dishbrowe, Col. G. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Grantham, Rev. T.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dissett (late Miss)	12	0	0	...			Grayburn, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	...		
Dolman, Jas., Esq.	0	10	6	...			Green, R. S., Esq.	1	0	0	...		
Dorman, Mrs. E. ...	...			0	15	0	Greene, Miss E. T.	1	0	0	...		
Downes, Thos., Esq.	...			1	0	0	Griffith, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	0	10	0
Douglas, Miss ...	1	0	0	...			Griffith, John, Esq.	0	5	0	...		
Dwyne, Mrs. S. H.	2	0	0	...			Gunton, Rev. J. & Mrs.	1	10	0	...		
Dwyne, Mrs. C. ...	...			1	0	0	G. F. ...	...			0	5	0
du Bois Baron de	...			...			Hall, Rev. F. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ferriere ...	1	0	0	...			Hall, Mrs. ...	0	5	0	...		
Fickett, J. F., Esq.	1	0	0	...			Hamilton, Lord C.	5	0	0	...		
Fike, Mrs. Stephen	...			0	10	0	Hamilton, Miss ...	1	0	0	...		
Findas, Lady C. ...	0	1	0	...			Hamilton, Mrs. M.	...			0	10	0
Finchcombe, Rev. H.	...			2	0	0	Hardy, John, Esq.	...			25	0	0
Farrant, Mrs. C. ...	0	3	6	...			Hardy, Rev. John	1	0	0	...		
Feston, Mr. Jas.	0	1	0	0	1	0	Hardy, P. D., Esq.	...			2	2	0
Fewards, Rev. E. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	Hare, Miss ...	...			10	0	0
Fighting, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Hargreaves, H., Esq.	0	10	0	0	10	0
Filey, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Harris, Lady ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fis, E., Esq. ...	0	2	6	...			Harris, Master T. ...	...			0	6	0
Fis, the Earl of ...	...			2	0	0	Harrison, Miss ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fis, Rev. W. P.	1	5	0	...			Harper, Miss ...	0	5	0	...		
Fis, K. D., Esq.	1	0	0	...			Hasler, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0
Fis, red, Miss ...	5	0	0	...			Hassard, R., Esq. ...	...			2	0	0
Fis, Mrs. H. ...	...			1	0	0	Hawkes, R., Esq.	3	14	4	...		

	1852.			1853.				1852.			1853.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Haughton, Miss ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Maitland, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...
Hedley, Mrs. George ...	...	...	...	5	0	0	Mann, Rev. W. H. G. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Heylar, W. H., Esq. ...	0	10	0	...	...	...	Mann, Miss ...	...	...	...	0	2	6
Herbert, Rev. N. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Marjoribanks, P. J. ...	0	10	0	0	5	0
Hicks, Dr. ...	...	0	10	0	...	...	Marsh, the Misses ...	0	5	0	...	...	...
Hoblyn, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Martin, Rev. Dr. ...	2	0	0	1	0	0
Hobson, Rev. S. ...	0	7	6	...	...	...	Martin, Sir H. ...	2	1	0	1	1	...
Hodgson, R., Esq. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	Martin, Mrs. S. ...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Hoey, Mr. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	Maxwell, Mrs. ...	1	2	6	...	...	...
Hooper, F., Esq. ...	...	...	...	2	0	0	Maxwell, R.W., Esq. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Hopkins, Rev. J. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	Maxwell, J.W., Esq. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...
Hull, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	0	5	0	M'Causland, Rev. W. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Humphreys, W., Esq. ...	...	...	...	3	0	0	H. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hunt, Miss ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	M'Gregor, Miss ...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Hunt, Miss M. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	M'Kane, Mr. R. ...	0	2	6	...	...	...
Hunt, Miss J. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Meggison, Rev. S. S. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Hutchinson, S., Esq. ...	2	0	0	1	0	0	Mence, R., Esq. ...	0	8	0	2	0	0
Hyde, Miss ...	0	6	0	...	...	...	Mendham, Rev. J. ...	10	0	0	0	10	0
Ingledew, C. J., Esq. ...	...	...	...	0	2	6	Miller, R., Esq. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Innan, Miss ...	8	1	6	5	0	0	Miller, A., Esq. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...
Irvine, Capt. G. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	Milligan, R., Esq. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ivie, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	Mills, Rev. Thomas ...	0	10	0	...	...	...
Jameson, Rev. J. ...	...	...	...	3	0	0	Mills, Rev. H. ...	2	0	0	2	0	0
Jeffrey, Miss ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Moore, Lady H. (don.) ...	5	0	0	...	...	...
Jenkinson, Miss ...	0	2	6	...	...	...	Ditto (sub.) ...	2	2	0	2	0	0
Jessop, R., Esq. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Moore, Rev. L. ...	0	10	0	...	...	...
Johns, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Morson, Miss ...	1	17	8	1	3	...
Johnston, J. B., Esq. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Mortimer, Rev. W. ...	...	...	...	1	0	...
Jones, Rev. William ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Morton, J. W., Esq. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...
J. R. L. ...	...	...	...	0	5	0	Moutray, A., Esq. ...	...	...	...	2	0	...
Keogh, Rev. H. C. ...	0	5	0	0	5	0	Mudge, Rev. W. ...	0	2	6	0	10	0
Kidd, Mrs. ...	0	5	0	...	...	...	Muller, Rev. T. ...	...	...	...	0	2	...
Kinahan, Rev. J. ...	0	5	0	0	5	0	Nanson, W., Esq. ...	1	0	0	1	0	...
King, Sir G., Bart. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	Neave, Mrs. ...	0	1	0	...	...	...
King, J. W., Esq. ...	...	...	...	0	2	6	Newnham, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...
Kinsman, Rev. A. G. ...	0	12	6	0	10	0	Newnham, Captain ...	...	...	...	1	0	...
Lady, A per Mrs. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Newport, Rev. Sir J. ...	1	1	0	1	1	...
Shuttleworth ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	Nickson, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	0	10	...
Lady, A ...	0	2	6	0	10	0	Noel, Hon. and Rev. L. ...	...	...	...	5	0	...
Law, the Misses ...	0	2	6	...	...	...	Nugent, Miss ...	0	2	6	...	...	...
Lawson, Miss ...	0	10	0	...	...	...	O'Brien, Dowager ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lecker, John, Esq. ...	0	1	0	...	...	...	Lady ...	3	0	0	3	0	...
Lee, Joseph, Esq. (the late) ...	0	10	0	...	...	...	O'Connor, Mrs. ...	5	0	0	...	...	...
Lee, Joseph, Esq. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	Olive, Rev. J. ...	2	0	0	3	5	...
Lees, Miss ...	5	0	0	...	...	...	Osborne, Major ...	5	0	0	5	0	...
Leonard, H., Esq. ...	0	10	0	0	15	0	Otway, James, Esq. ...	1	0	0	1	0	...
Lewis, M. P. W. Esq. ...	...	...	...	0	5	0	Oulton, Rev. W. P. ...	1	8	0	...	...	...
Lindsay, John, Esq. ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	Park, Mr. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...
Listowel, Dowager ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Parke, Colonel ...	1	0	0	...	...	...
Countess ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	P. D., per G. Coates ...	...	...	...	3	0	...
Lively, E., Esq. ...	0	2	6	...	...	...	Peachy, Rev. J. ...	2	1	0	1	1	...
Lockhart, Lady M. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	Peake, Rev. Henry ...	0	10	0	1	0	...
Lowry, J. & A., Esqs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	Pemberton, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...
London and Westminster Bank ...	10	0	0	...	...	...	Penson, Mrs. ...	1	2	6	...	...	...
Lysaght, F., Esq. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	Pepys, Mrs., per Col. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madden, Rev. S. ...	0	10	6	0	10	6	Disbrowe ...	1	0	0
Major, Mrs. ...	2	10	0	Perry, R., Esq. ...	2	0	0
							Peterson, Mrs. L. ...	1	0	0	1	0	...
							Pike, Mary ...	0	0	3

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ollard, Mrs. ...	1	10	0	Stevenson, Mr. Hugh	0	10	0	...
olwhele, Rev. R. ...	3	0	0	Storey, Mrs.	0	2	6	...
owell, Rev. J. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...	Stopford, Mrs.	2	0	0	...
ratt, Rev. J. ...	1	1	0	1	0	0	...	Stubbs, E. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...
riestman, J., Esq.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Swayne, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
per Rev. J. M'Kee	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	Swindells, G., Esq. ...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...
prior, Rev. John ...	1	1	0	1	0	0	...	S. W. S. ...	...	...	...	0	2	6	...
roctor, John, Esq. ...	0	5	0	...	...	...	...	Symes, J. C., Esq. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...
roctor, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...	Synge, Captain ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
rotestant, A., and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tait, Rev. William ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	...
her Family ...	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	Tait, Captain and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
nttrel, Miss ...	...	...	...	0	2	6	...	Mrs. A. D. ...	2	0	0	2	2	0	...
awlings, Rev. F. G. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...	Taylor, Rev. Dr. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
ccord, per La Touches	5	6	0	9	6	0	...	Thirkell, Rev. J. P. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
eilly, Miss ...	0	1	6	0	5	0	...	Thompson, the Misses	1	0	0	...	...	...	...
ichardson, Mrs. ...	10	0	0	...	...	...	...	Thompson, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...
ichardson, Mrs.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Todd, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...
sen. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	Todd, Mr. James ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...
ichardson, Rev. R. ...	1	0	0	2	0	0	...	Trevor, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	...	...	...	...
. M. ...	0	3	6	...	...	...	...	Trivett, Miss ...	1	5	6	1	0	0	...
oberts, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	...	Truell, R. H. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
oberts, Rev. A. ...	0	10	0	...	...	...	...	Tynte, Captain C. K. ...	...	...	...	1	1	0	...
obins, Miss E. ...	0	5	0	...	...	...	...	Urquhart, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...
oche, Jordan, Esq. ...	0	5	0	...	...	...	...	Valentia, Viscount-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
oden, the Earl of ...	5	0	0	10	0	0	...	tess	1	0	0	...
oden the Countess of	2	0	0	2	0	0	...	Valpy, A. B., Esq. ...	2	0	0
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(G. H., Bart. ...	5	0	0	5	0	0	...	Verner, Lieut.-Col.	2	0	0	...
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thwell, Miss ...	0	5	0	Vesey, Mr. Samuel ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
uth, Rev. J. O. ...	1	0	0	Walford, Mrs.	0	10	0	...
lmon, Major-Gen. ...	4	0	0	Walker, Captain ...	0	10	0
nder, James, Esq.	0	2	6	...	Walker, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
ndes, Rev. H. L.	0	5	0	...	Wall, Rev. Dr.,
ndiman, Mrs.	2	0	0	...	F.T.C.D. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...
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ott, Rev. J. H. ...	0	10	0	Wallace, Rev. J. B. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...
lly, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...	Ward, R. E., Esq. ...	5	0	0	5	0	0	...
arley, Rev. W. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...	Wastell, Rev. J. D. ...	1	0	0	5	0	0	...
uldham, Mrs. Gen. ...	1	10	0	1	0	0	...	Watson, Mrs. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...
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mpson, Rev. J. ...	2	0	0	Webb, Rev. M. ...	1	1	0	1	0	0	...
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ith, H., Esq., jun. ...	1	0	0	West, John, Esq. ...	1	0	0
ith, Mrs. S. ...	1	2	6	Whitley, Rev. H.	0	2	0	...
ith, Rev. James ...	3	15	0	Whittaker, Rev. John	1	0	0
ith, Mrs. E. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	Wilbraham, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...
ith, Rev. R. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	Wilkey, E., Esq. ...	0	5	0	0	5	0	...
ith, G. P. F., Esq. ...	...	...	...	2	0	0	...	Wilkinson, Mrs. ...	3	0	0	2	0	0	...
ith, Henry, Esq. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...	Wilkinson, Rev. A. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...
ith, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	0	10	0	...	Wilmot, Dowager	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ith, Mrs. ...	2	0	0	2	0	0	...	Lady E. ...	...	...	...	1	0	0	...
ithe, W. B., Esq. ...	0	10	0	1	0	0	...	Wormold, Mrs. ...	...	...	...	0	10	0	...
imes, W. A., Esq. ...	20	0	0	...	...	...	...	Worthington, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...
ince, Rev. J. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	...	Worthington, Miss ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...
argin, Rev. J. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...	Worthington, J. D., Esq. ...	...	...	...	0	10	0	...
anton, Mr. N. ...	0	10	0	0	10	0	...	Yorke, Rev. T. H. ...	1	0	0	...	...	...	...

COLLECTIONS, 1852.

William Fenwick, Esq.—£7 6s. 6d.

	£	s.	d.
Lord E. Chichester	...	1	0
Rev. Thomas Fullerton	...	1	0
William Fenwick, Esq.	...	1	0
Mrs. Fenwick	...	0	11
William Wilson, Esq.	...	0	10
H. Kirwan, Esq.	...	0	5
S. Ramsay, Esq.	...	0	10
R. M-Clintock, Esq., M.D.	...	0	10
Rev. James Balfour	...	0	10
Mr. William Porter	...	0	7
Mr. W. Nicholson	...	0	2
Mr. W. Gallagher	...	0	5
T. A.	...	0	5
Mr. H. Hamilton	...	0	5
Dr. R. A. Sheldon	...	0	2
Mr. William Smith	...	0	2

R. Hawkes, Esq.—£3 15s.

Mrs. Andrews	...	0	2
Henry Bernard, Esq.	...	0	2
Mrs. Clarke	...	1	0
Mrs. Everett	...	0	2
Mr. Everett,	...	0	2
Mrs. Garrod	...	0	2
Mrs. Giffard	...	0	2
Miss Hall	...	0	1
The Ven. Archdeacon Law	...	1	0

Miss Morson.—£1 17s. 8d.

Mrs. Robins (Hagley)	...	0	5
The Misses Robins	...	0	10
A Poor Person and her Brother	...	0	1
Miss J. M. Morson	...	1	1

COLLECTIONS, 1853.

Lady Annesley.—£21 12s.

Lady Annesley	...	3	0
Rev. J. C. Gordon	...	3	0
Hon. Mrs. Meade (late)	...	1	0
Major Waddell	...	1	0
Lady E. Alexander	...	1	0
Miss O. Armitage	...	0	2
Mrs. May	...	0	10
Lord Annesley	...	3	0
Lord Lurgan	...	1	0
Mrs. Moore	...	1	0
Work sold by Lady Annesley	...	2	0
Colonel Glover	...	2	0
Mrs. Leslie	...	1	0
Miss Symes	...	1	0
J. T. Reilly, Esq.	...	1	0

Mr. H. Armstrong.—£3 5s.

	£	s.
Mrs. Milbanke	...	1
Miss Charlton	...	1
Miss Darnell	...	0
Rev. T. W. Minton	...	0
Dr. Jackson	...	0
H. Armstrong	...	0

Wm. Fenwick, Esq.—£4 17s.

Wm. Fenwick, Esq.	...	1
Rev. Thos. Fullarton	...	1
A Friend, Stranorlar	...	0
Mr. Gallagher, Ballybofy	...	0
W. Wilson, Esq., Raphoe	...	0
Mrs. Nisbitt	...	0
Saml. Ramsey, Esq.	...	0
Wm. Porter	...	0
Richard Hamilton	...	0
W. Smith	...	0
Wm. Gallagher	...	0
Wm. Nicholson	...	0

J. Goldthorp, Esq.—£7.

Miss Ambler	...	0
Two Friends, per ditto	...	0
Mrs. Stott	...	0
D. B. Kendall, M.D.	...	0
Mrs. D. B. Rendall	...	0
W. H. Dykes, Esq.	...	0
L. Hitchon, Esq.	...	0
Mrs. Potter	...	0
Geo. Redsdale, Esq.	...	0
John Barff, Esq.	...	0
Rev. H. Dawson	...	0
J. Waller, Esq.	...	0
Jas. Cowell, Esq.	...	0
— Corseilis, M.D.	...	0
G. W. Harrison, Esq.	...	0
J. L. Fernandes, Esq.	...	0
Edward Green, Esq.	...	0
Mrs. Burrell (South Parade)	...	1
J. Goldthorp	...	0

Miss E. Inman.—£8 1s. 6d.

Mrs. Chippendall	...	0
R. I.	...	0
Miss Inman	...	0
Miss Elizabeth Inman	...	2
Miss Ellen Inman	...	2
Miss Shaw	...	0
Mrs. Shaw	...	0
Mrs. and Miss Wormald	...	2
Mrs. Peacock	...	0

Subscriptions received since this Report was put to press, per Messrs. J. Nisbet and C 21, Berners-street, London:—1852—H. R. C., £1; Mrs. Odell, £1; E. Harvey, Esq., £1853—Wm. Stephens, Esq., £10; Miss Ffarrington, £5; Major Salmon, £1; Rev. J. Baillie, £1; Hon. Miss Monckton, £1; Miss Evered, £5; Rev. A. Roberts, £1; E. Aubr Esq., £1; Major Salmon (don.), £2; Mrs. Odell, £1.

APPENDIX.

Patronage.

Mount Heaton, Roscrea, December 29th, 1852.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Report, and freely admit that it is a shame that you should be left to bear the trouble and expense of the Society. But before appealing to the public, or to the yearly subscribers for additional aid, I think that the patrons ought to contribute something to the funds. The patronesses, vice-patrons, and directors as well. Out of forty-five of them, twenty are non-subscribers. Probably they think that their names figure as £ s. d., but your pocket, I am sure, would much rather have something as a proof of their sincerity to the Society besides a mere name. As far as I am concerned, I don't value their names even as sounding brass, but much worse; for a stranger seeing such grand names is led to believe the Society as being most useful, and in a flourishing condition. But you know the real state of the case. Out of the list of vice-patrons eight noblemen in name head the list; the first is the only subscriber. It is really deceiving the public, persons putting down their names only, without subscribing to the Society. I never will subscribe again to any Society unless the patrons give some proof of caring about its success. Your Society is not the only one to which I belong, and whose patrons act in the same way. I have the honour to be, dear sir, yours, &c.

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON.

To the Rev. Thos. Scott.

NEW LECTURE-ROOM,

REAR OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES' HOUSES,

16 and 17, UPPER SACKVILLE-STREET, DUBLIN,

FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

—, As a friend to the dissemination of Christian knowledge, and the advancement of Ireland's best interests, I beg to lay before you the Messrs. Louch's estimate for completing the above building, and to solicit your aid in that work:—

"Dublin, 78, Harcourt-street, October 25th, 1853.

"REV. SIR,—We hereby undertake, as per accompanying estimate, to have fitted up and completed the building in the rear of the houses, No. 16 and 17, Upper Sackville-street, for a large lecture-room, for the sum of six hundred pounds sterling, and to finish it in four months from the day we commence the work. The building will seat four hundred persons, and be very commodious and handsome.

"We are, rev. sir, your obedient servants,

"JOHN LOUCH & SON, Architects, &c.

"To the Rev. Thomas Scott."

This lecture-room shall continue to be at the disposal of the trustees of the houses; and Societies shall have the use of the room, for the purpose of holding their public meetings, on the payment of a small sum to the trustees, to be expended again in keeping the building in thoroughly clean and good repair.

It may be truly said, that this is really a NATIONAL WORK for the good of our best societies generally in Ireland; and I should say, that no man who *loves the Bible* could better bestow a portion of his substance, than by giving it to aid in finishing this large lecture-room. It would be possible for one or two of our Christian princely merchants to give a money-order for the amount required, according to the architects' estimate; and by so doing, he or they would be clearly entitled, in the highest sense of the term, to the title of **BENEFACTORS TO THEIR COUNTRY.**

I only ask your gift *conditionally*, in accordance with the accompanying form; and

when the room is finished and fit to be opened, you shall then, *and not till then*, be called upon to pay the amount of your subscription.

In conclusion, I beg to offer my humble apology for bringing this matter to your notice; and believing that this effort to secure a great public accommodation will not be unsuccessful, I have the honour to be your very faithful and devoted servant,

THOMAS SCOTT, A.M., Clk.

16, Upper Sackville-street, Dublin, 1st November, 1853.

FORM.

I hereby subscribe the sum of £_____ for finishing the above building; and shall pay the same when the Messrs. Louch, the architects, and two other gentlemen, shall have certified that the lecture-room is completed, and ready to be opened for those objects.

Signed _____

Residence _____

7, Grattan-street, 20th December, 1852.

REV. AND EVER DEAR SIR,—To you who evinced so kind and strong an interest in my regard, at the time when all others seemed studious in withholding theirs, I owe (all that at present in me lies) a cordial and sincere expression of thanks. But words are feeble, indeed, to express the debt of gratitude I owe you, not only for those temporal services, but more especially for the safe guidance which, as a true and honest interpreter of God's Word, you offered me, when my long-entertained apprehensions gave way to certainty, that the heads of the school in which I had been tutored, and of whom all thought me one in spirit, were neither faithful, honest, nor sincere.

Think not I deal in the language of flattery with you, sir; I do it, I hope, with none, but least of all with him in whom so much good sense and religion are commingled, that vainglory can find no access, and by whom everything savouring of it is accounted crime.

May God spare and increase to you will, and energy, and ample means to persevere to the end in fighting against error and the enemies of truth; and when you are called hence from those who are more immediately committed to your charge, may there be few to whom the Scriptures shall be "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence;" and ere that day shall arrive, may all those who "Being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God," come to learn of you and your fellow-labourers to trust in Christ, and know the truth as it is in Him.

This, reverend and dear sir, shall be the earnest prayer of him who has the honour to be, your most humble and obedient servant,

W. A. M.

Rev. Thomas Scott, &c.

Legacy Fund Table.

DATE.		£	s.	d.
1846, Nov. 23,	Legacy of William Shaw, Esq., Dublin - - -	98	0	0
1847, Jan. 4,	Do. Miss Sarah Wilson, Belfast - - -	100	0	0
" "	Donation from Augustus Heron, Esq., of £50, provided £100 should be raised in a given time - - -	150	0	0
1849, Jan. 27,	In memory of Maria Caroline Rovedino, from her attached niece - - - - -	5	0	0
1851, Jan. 10,	Collected in the year 1850, to secure Dr. Heron's Bequest of £1,000, payable at the death of his widow	1000	0	0
1852, Oct. 25,	Daniel Fitzgerald Gabbett, Esq., per Rev. Jos. Gabbett	300	0	0
1852, Aug. 2,	Miss Dissett, per Rev. Thomas Fullerton - - -	12	0	0
1853, Nov. 5,	Mrs. Berger £300 (less duty and fees) - - -	267	17	8
1854, Jan.	Miss Isabella Brown, per T. Brown, Esq. - - -	19	19	0

Income and Expenditure Table.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Income for the first year, ending the 5th of May, 1845 - - -	635	14	0	Expenditure for the first year, ending 5th May, 1845 - - -	440	6	10
Do. 5th May, 1846 - -	1102	19	4	Do. 5th May, 1846 - -	728	2	5
Do. 5th May, 1847 - -	1281	5	4	Do. 5th May, 1847 - -	927	15	4
Do. for the year and half ending the 1st of Jan. 1848 - - -	1172	16	4	Do. for the year and half ending the 1st Jan. 1848	634	18	4
Do. for the year ending the 1st of January, 1849 -	814	13	0*	Do. for the year ending 1st Jan. 1849 - - -	796	9	11
Do. 1st Jan. 1850 - -	587	6	10	Do. 1st Jan. 1850 - -	522	11	8
Do. 1st Jan. 1851 - -	1407	2	9†	Do. 1st Jan. 1851 - -	1341	12	4
Do. 1st Jan. 1852 - -	730	3	5	Do. 1st Jan. 1852 - -	649	1	6
Do. 1st Jan. 1853 - -	1071	7	6	Do. 1st Jan. 1853 - -	964	7	9
Do. 1st Jan. 1854 - -	942	13	6	Do. 1st Jan. 1854 - -	853	7	0

"The priest's lips should keep *knowledge*, and the people should seek the law at his mouth : for he is the messenger of the Lord of Hosts."—MAL. ii. 7.

"The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that *believeth*."—ROM. i. 16.

THE PRIESTS' CHURCH AND COLLEGE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE REFORMED ROMANIST PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY;

THE GREAT OBJECTS OF WHICH SOCIETY ARE:

- 1st.—To protect Priests who abandon the apostasy of Rome.
- 2nd.—To protect and educate young men originally intended for the Priesthood in the Romish Church.
- 3rd.—To disseminate Scriptural and Anti-popish Instruction.
- 4th.—To Reform Romish Priests throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and foreign countries.

TRUSTEES.

Rev. R. H. M. EYRE, Rector of Innishannon.

Rev. HUGH E. PRIOR, Incumbent of Lucan.

Rev. THOMAS SCOTT, A.M., Richmond-hill, Rathmines.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY.

From experience, the Directors of the "Priests' Protection Society" are convinced, that no design can tend more effectually to advance the Reformation in Ireland, and promote the *permanent* interest of the Priests' Society, than the erection of a capacious and substantial Church in the Metropolis of Ireland, with a suitable residence attached, in order to afford greater facility for training and proving Priests of good character, who conscientiously abandon the Church of Rome.

The Reformed Priests received into this establishment will have an opportunity of pursuing their preparatory studies for the Ministry, in Theology, the Irish Language, Sabbath-school Teaching, Pastoral Visitation, and the Romish Controversy, under competent superintendence; and when they shall have obtained episcopal license, they will enter upon the great work of preaching the Gospel to their fellow-countrymen, and to others who are in spiritual darkness, whether at home or abroad. Within those sacred walls

* In this sum the Legacy Fund is not included, as in former years, but merely the interest of that fund; as it is obvious that the £350 of that fund received previous to the past year, could not be included in the receipts for the year ending the 1st of January, 1849. The interest of the Legacy Fund only, and not the principal, is available for the work of the Society; the latter being vested in Government Stock, in the name of Trustees, and beyond the reach of the Committee.

† The receipts of that year include the sum of £1,000 for the "Heron Fund," which having been deducted from the amount, and vested in Government security, left only a balance of £407 2s. 9d. for the actual working of the Society during that period.

they will, when thoroughly instructed, have the privilege of giving the benefit of their experience to both Roman Catholics and Protestants who reside in the city, or who may come from various parts of the country to hear them.

It is intended to erect this Institution by means of *voluntary contributions*, derived from the Christian public; to endow it, and to appoint a Principal and Assistants to discharge the arduous clerical duties of the Church and College, and to superintend the instruction and probation of converted Priests and Students.

It is intended, also, to build a suitable Mansion adjoining the Church, for the accommodation and residence of the Principal and Assistants, in which the former must always reside, and the latter, if unmarried men and found to be convenient. The Mansion will afford a home for converted Priests, until they are prepared for the Ministry, and provided with a Cure.

Contributions will be thankfully received by any of the Trustees or Directors; by the Treasurers, the Royal Bank, Foster-place, Dublin; by the London and Westminster Bank, Lothbury, London; and by the Assistant-Secretary of the Priests' Protection Society, 16, Upper Sackville-street, Dublin.

REGULATIONS.

1. That the Institution shall be called "The Priests' Church and College."
2. That the Trustees of the Priests' Protection Society shall be the Trustees of this Institution.
3. That the Trustees shall be Three or Four.
4. That there shall be a Clergyman as Principal, and Clerical Assistants.
5. That the Principal or Assistants shall *not* be eligible to the Trusteeship or Committee of Management.
6. That the Principal or Assistants shall be removable from their office at the pleasure of the Trustees and Directors; and that Assistants shall never have more than an adequate salary to enable them to maintain themselves in the Institution, as it is not the intention of the Founders that they should remain *permanently* in it.
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