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 read the lesson of November 4,
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NOTES.
PARIS.
 Paris, December 12.
 says M. de Budberg, the new
 delivering his credentials to the
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 preter of his feelings of sincere-
 ty. I shall do my best for the
 nderstanding between two great
 is based upon the right compre-
 creta.—The Emperor replied—I
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for mercy of the Crown, and it seems it was deemed by Sir George to present matter calling for investigation. It is not necessary to blame him for being of this opinion; but it is plain that in acting upon it he was bound to respect the rights of Mr. Fleming, and guard him from all possible injury. It is impossible to disguise that the Stateman raised anew the question—Who was the murderer, Mrs. M'Lachlan or Mr. Fleming? But the Crown authorities of Scotland had already brought that question to a decision by a solemn trial. The result had been to clear Mr. Fleming, and by that result the Crown was, of all parties, the most clearly bound to abide.

Instead of standing by it, Sir George Grey thought proper to open the whole question, and make a new inquiry. For this purpose, he sent Mr. Young to Glasgow, charged with instructions, of which we do not know the precise import, but which were executed by the law agents of Mrs. M'Lachlan bringing before Mr. Young a number of persons as witnesses to a variety of alleged facts relating to the murder. The object of this evidence was to fix the guilt of the murder upon Mr. Fleming. What took place we do not know, further than that the statements of the so-called witnesses were taken down in writing, and transmitted to Sir G. Grey, and that he subsequently commuted the sentence upon M'Lachlan, because the result was to satisfy his mind that a doubt existed as to her guilt.

Now I am curious to know upon what ground of right this procedure took place. What right had Sir G. Grey to give a commission to Mr. Young to hear witnesses in support of this charge against Mr. Fleming? What right had Mr. Young to act on such a commission? and what right had Mrs. M'Lachlan's agents to tender witnesses in support of any such charge?

I venture to believe that none of them had any right whatever; that the whole procedure was as illegal as it is unprecedented, and that the whole parties to it, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Young, and M'Lachlan's Agents, have been guilty of a gross legal wrong to Mr. Fleming, and rendered themselves liable to an action of damages at his instance.

I do not profess to speak with authority, but I believe that, on examination, it will be found that our law confined the prerogative of the Crown, in dealing with criminal charges against any of its subjects, within certain known limits, and to well-known methods. When such charges are made, the Crown makes inquiry by the Procurators-Fiscal, and subsequently brings to trial all parties accused upon reasonable grounds. In this case the Crown had taken the first step against Mr. Fleming, but having been satisfied that he was innocent, it took a further step, which (according to Sir George Grey himself) rendered it impossible for the Crown to renew the

THE REV. MR. M'LAUGHLIN'S OASE,
To the Editor of the Glasgow Herald.
 Glasgow, 12th December, 1862.

SIR,—I am not a lawyer, thank God for it; but really it seems strange to the uninitiated that the man who has done everything in his power to get stolen property restored to its proper owner, and has been successful in his endeavours, should be consigned to Bridewell as a reward for this. This may be law, though I doubt it, but it is not justice, I am sure of it.

As one of the reverend gentlemen's co-religionists, allow me to express in a few words the feelings of Catholics with regard to this matter. Sir, they regard it as a studied insult to their whole body. We are in the minority here, and we feel that advantage has been taken of this to insult and annoy us by consigning to prison one of our most respected clergymen.

Where is the Ballie or Justice (!) of the Peace who would have dared to commit to prison, say these two lights of your Church, Dr. Caird or Dr. Norman Macleod, if they had been in the same position as the Rev. Mr. M'Laughlin? Glasgow would be too hot to hold such a man. I can fancy how the great city of Glasgow would be stirred up, and would not rest till ample reparation was given, and the real offender punished.

Mr. M'Laughlin did not get the information he withholds in the Confessional, but he got it told him as a matter of conscience, and consequently under the same seal of secrecy as if it had been in the Confessional. Such is the invariable practice amongst Catholics and Catholic clergymen, and Mr. M'Laughlin could never have faced them again if he had not done as he did. As it is, he has gained our applause, if he has not gained common justice.

In conclusion, Sir, allow me to say, that if the Catholics of Glasgow do not take immediate steps to petition Government against such a monstrous act (done by such a Court, too), they are a set of poor-spirited cowards, and deserve no better treatment.

If the same thing had been done to a Protestant clergyman, I would have signed such a petition myself, and would have canvassed myself for signatures among the Catholic body, for I am no bigot.

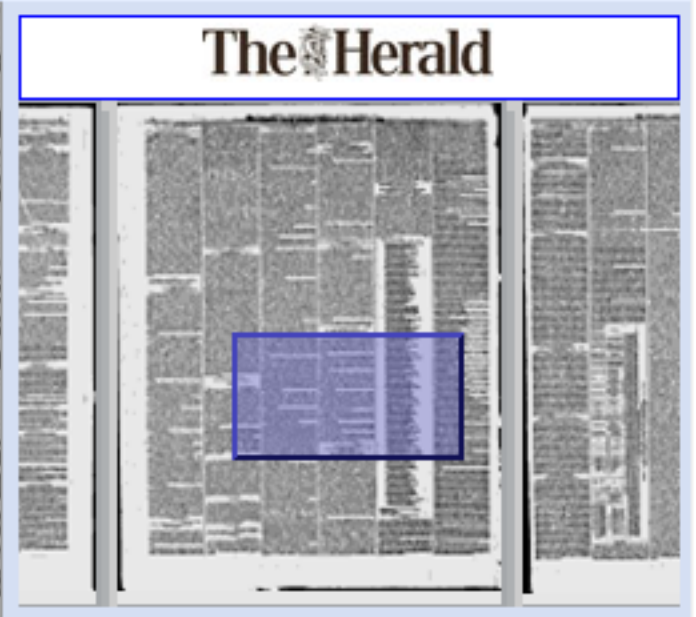
I therefore ask all impartial Protestants to do the same, and show that, though of a different creed, they have the same ideas of right and wrong implanted in the hearts of all men alike by the Almighty.—Yours truly,

A SCOTCH CATHOLIC.

A HOME FOR FEMALE SERVANTS OUT OF

To London came in state,
 †Earl Rodger then the greatest man,
 Next to the king was thought;
 And nothing that he could desire,
 But it to him was brought.
 Montgomery tower, Montgomery shire
 And earl of Strathmore,
 And Arundale do show this man,
 Of grandeur full to be,
 Thus did he live all this king's reign:
 For works of piety,
 He built an abbacie and then,
 Prepar'd himself to die.
 At last king William yields to fate;
 And then his second son
 Mounts on the throne, which had almost
 The kingdom quite undone:
 Some for the eldest son stand up,
 As Rodger's sons did all:
 But the usurper keeps the throne,
 Which did begin their fall.
 Then Philip into Scotland came,
 Unable to endure;
 That they who earldoms had possess'd,
 Of nought should be secure.
 The king of Scots well knew the worth
 Of men of noble race,
 Who in no time of ages past,
 Their worth did once deface.
 He in the Mercie gives Philip lands,
 Which afterwards he soon,
 With the black Douglas did exchange
 For Eastwood and Pooses.
 Where many ages they did live,
 By king and country lov'd;
 As men of valour and renown,
 Who were with honour mov'd;
 To shun no hazard, when they could
 To either service do:
 Thus did they live, thus did they spend
 Their blood and money too:
 At last earl Douglas did inform,
 That to our king's disgrace:
 An English earl had deeply sworn,
 He'd hunt in Obervyane;
 And manna all that Scots could do
 Would kill and bear away
 The choicest dew of Otterburn.
 And best of hearts would slay.
 Our king sent his commands unto
 Sir Hugh Montgomery,
 And told him Douglas wanted men
 Who fight could, but not flee.
 †The stout sir Hugh himself prepares,
 The Douglas to support;
 And with him took his eldest son;
 Then did they all resort
 Unto the field, with their brave men,
 Whose most of them did die;
 Of fifteen hundred warlike Scots
 Came home but fifty three.
 Douglas was slain, sir Hugh again
 The battle did renew;
 He made no stand, with his own hand

A. Fullerton, Third Writing Desk, presented by H. Brough, Fourteenth £5, presented by H. John Allison, Seven £3, presented by H. E. Brown, Sixth Corps. £2, presented by H. Edward M'Intyre, £2, presented by W. W. Twenty-fourth Corp £3, presented by W. Matthew Morrison, £2, presented by W. Oarilla, Fourteenth Short Enfield Rifle, George Purton, Third Field Glass, presented Dunn, Third Corps. Short Enfield Rifle, Thomson, Sixth Corp Field Glass, presented Sixth Corps. Short Enfield Rifle, Matthew Blair, Fourth Field Glass, presented M'Mullan, Fourteenth Short Enfield Rifle, Thomas Ritchie, Tw Field Glass, presented Baldwin, Twenty-four Short Enfield Rifle, James Anderson, Fourth Short Enfield Rifle, Sergeant John Hall, [Mr. George Brown's man to the Corps of which the CHAIRMAN proposed, which was received. The CHAIRMAN said him a list of the winners as they must all take a companies of the Battalion.] They were Yates; 2d prize, Sergeant. The CHAIRMAN then "Takers" which was returned. Mr. PURTON returned behalf of the other parties been conferred upon the Major FULLERTON. He was proud of his share. The Cup presented amongst the officers good feeling which excited once, he would do the owner of it. (Applause.) Captain MILLAR presented. What members was that the ment, and have the w their duty nobly, and Mr. Thomas O'car's



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