





...the first time that I have risen, with delight, to return thanks, on my own part and that of my fellow Catholic townsmen, to our much esteemed and worthy Magistrate, Mr. Keogh, for the unfeigned liberality which he has exercised towards our body. That genuine Christian feeling which he has exhibited, particularly on this day, can never be obliterated from our memories—no time can ever efface it from our fond recollection. My soul, at this moment, is filled with strong emotions of gratitude to him, and the respected gentleman (Mr. A. French) who seconded his proposition—his, who at all times, defied the witchery and delusions of the world, and could never be warped from the upright path of justice and liberality into that of intolerance and malignity, for the fleeting enjoyments of vain, or unhalloved friendship. In short, to all those our Protestant friends who have stood by us and acted up to the rule of right reason, by doing unto us this day, as they would wish that we would do unto them, we owe a never-dying debt of gratitude; they have set a noble, a Christian, example (or, rather, they have followed one). Yes—they have followed the example of the good Samaritan, who, when he beheld a fellow man in distress, wounded and oppressed by the way side, never turned away from his unbounded career of charity, to inquire whose was his country, or what was his creed—No, this benevolent man stopped not to make such an inquiry, but instantly afforded him relief. He bound up his sores, and poured oil into his wounds, and provided him with all that he stood in need of. Such is the truly Christian and heroic example that our fellow-townsmen have followed this day, who though we differ from them in our religious belief, yet they indignantly seem to take advantage of a bad law to oppress us—On the contrary, they counteract its mischievous tendency—they turn aside the rapid current that would sweep us away in its devastating course—they place a part of the burden on their own shoulders, in order to lighten our load. This is not mock generosity—this is charity without alloy. Protestants of Ross, this shall never be forgotten. No, it shall be preserved in the urn of our memories. We will hand it down as a kind of sacred tradition to our children. It shall be written, not on paper, but on the tablets of our hearts. When men thus agree—when bound up by the sacred ties of friendship—of fraternal charity and gratitude—is it not a fortunate of heaven, even here on earth! And, oh, may the all-destroying angel of injustice and discord never wing its direful course in this direction, to disturb that peace and harmony which now reign amongst us; and which add to this tranquility, it is my ardent wish and soul's desire that we all meet in the mansion of eternal bliss, and repose in the bosom of our common Redeemer. But can peace be maintained on earth, while injustice and cruel intolerance is the order of the day, on the part of those to the great prejudice and to the ruin of others? or can those expect the reward in heaven, which was only promised to the just, who love and encourage justice, while here below?

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The first of the Church excellent report of £5, passed, of the Chapel proposed.

Mr. James people of the building erected had time resided two or three solemnly, in the assembly not cost the £100.

However, to Mr. Keogh. On £22 13 the Sexton. Mr. Dominich, especially point any talk (cherk or Stalk). He would do this item be of Mr. Keogh's Great confusion.

The Chairman, by declaring any item during Mr. Ronayne's self of the proposed building trust none of either.

The Sexton passed, but with Bread and Coals and other with the O'ganist £2 Mr. Ronayne's he one shilling Mr. Lomasny confusion.

A profession moved as an at £20. Mr. Thomas enough, especially of going out of was over, with where.

Mr. Gillespy's mount. Great on. The original to the votes of Mr. Ronayne's putting. Below-sho same opposite.

Tuning the opposition. Washing the Church £9. Keeping the Mr. Ronayne's service? The Chairman Church.

Mr. Lomasny's leave to a hurn's letter at 10.15. Mr. Greene's Mr. Lomasny's to produce it. Chairman—This item at It was now but after your withdrawal.

A sum of £1 cup. A long of Captain Parker give the ten p. The thanks of Captain Parker. Captain Parker only object to was sorry to see day who had came there for.

Mr. D. P. R. from Captain's ed and follow some alludes, dis- sail ourselves and while we. Mr. Seaward's property Total amount £30 meeting.



