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Considerable excitement was created in several parts of the city yesterday owing to the fact that some hostility was exhibited towards Jews as they were going their rounds collecting instalments of small debts. Last week the Rev. Father Creagh, director of the Confraternity, drew the attention of his congregations to the manner in which the Jews were doing business in the city, especially amongst the poorer class, the effect being that general comment was aroused, and outside opinion was freely expressed on the subject. Monday is the day on which the Jews generally collect instalments, and yesterday their appearance in the lanes of the city was the signal for groaning and hissing on the part of women, boys, and girls, some of whom threw dirt at, and spat on the Jews. In most instances the police were on the alert, and prevented any actual violence, but in one or two cases stones were thrown and the Israelites had very narrow escapes. In lanes off Nelson street and Mungray street the visiting creditors met with a pretty hot reception. Sour milk was in one instance used as a missile, and stones were thrown by women, but fortunately without serious effect. A young fellow named Patrick Collins was arrested by the police for besetting Julius Martinson while the latter was calling on his debtors. The accused was subsequently released by Head Constable Moore, to be summoned. The police took the names of a number of persons who were taking part in the demonstration of hostility. The occurrence aroused much indignation, not unmingled with apprehension, amongst all classes of the Jewish community in the city, and

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towards our Lord Jesus Christ. Nowadays they
dare not kidnap and slay Christian children, but
they will not hesitate to expose them to a longer
and even martyrdom by taking the clothes off
their backs and the bit out of their mouths.
Twenty years ago and less Jews were known only
by name and evil repute in Limerick. They were
sucking the blood of other nations, but those
nations rose up and turned them out. And they
came to our land to fasten themselves on us like
leeches and to draw our blood when they had
been forced away from other countries. They
have, indeed, fastened themselves upon us, and
now the question is whether or not we will allow
them to fasten themselves still more upon
us, until we and our children are the helpless
victims of their rapacity."

"Nowadays they dare not kidnap and slay
Christian children." Sir, it was atrocious lan-
guage like this which, in May last, was responsible
for some of the most hideous crimes possible to
perverted humanity in a Russian city.

There is not one atom of truth in the horrible
alligation about ritual murder here insinuated
against this persecuted race. Again and again, to
their eternal credit, the Popes of the Middle
Ages condemned this invention of sordid purpose
or of blind hate, as untrue, un-Christian, and
repellent, and no Pontiff has ever sanctioned
the circulation of these abominable stories, the
dissemination of which has led to the slaughter of
thousands of innocent lives throughout Europe in
past times.

I protest as an Irishman and as a Catholic
against this spirit of barbarous malignity being in-
troduced into Ireland, under the pretended form
of a material regard for the welfare of our workers.
The reverend gentleman complained of the rags
and poverty of the children of Limerick, as com-
pared with the prosperity of the Jews, and on
this ground deliberately incited the people of
that city to hunt the Jews from their midst.

Let me suggest a field for his reforming energies
which will not require the invocation of any
poisonous feeling of racial animosity or of un-
Christian hate. Let him attack the English rule
of Ireland which levies £12,000,000 of taxes every
year on our lives and industries, not to the good
but to the injury of our country. Let him try
and induce the people of this country to save a
few millions every year out of the ten millions
spent needlessly on intoxicating drink. Let him
do work of this kind for the good of Limerick,
and the progress of Ireland, and the rags he
complains of and the poverty he deplors will, if
he is successful, vanish far more effectively, and
sooner, than by preaching a cowardly vendetta of
anti-Semitic prejudice.

Fortunately Limerick is a stronghold of true
Nationalist sentiment, and cannot be induced to
dishonour Ireland by any response to such un-
worthy and un-Catholic invitations.

Limerick also has a Bishop of splendid intellec-
tual powers, who is a great Churchman, whatever
faults some of us occasionally find with him in
relation to other questions, and it is certain that
a mind as clear, and a reputation such as his, will
not allow the fair name of Catholic Ireland to be
sullied through an anti-Jewish crusade, under his
spiritual jurisdiction, to the injury and shame of
a city of which every Irishman is historically pro-
ud.

I remain, yours truly,
MICHAEL DAVITT.

Delany, January 16, 1904.

FATHER CREAGH'S VINDICATION.

"One Who Knows" who was present at
the meeting last night asks in fairness
to the Rev. Father Creagh a short summary of his
observations to the Confraternity should be
published. He states that at the outset the rev.

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taking part in the demonstration of hos-
tility. The occurrence aroused much indignation,
not unshared with apprehension, amongst all
classes of the Jewish community in the city, and
small parties of Jews could be seen in George-
street, eagerly discussing the situation. It is
expected, however, that the outbreak of feeling
will be of a very temporary character, and that
further trouble will be avoided. The police force
of the city were very active yesterday in order to
secure that the Jews were able to transact their
business without molestation.

In anticipation of further remarks by the Rev.
Father Creagh, our reporter attended at the
Redemptorist Church last night. He was informed
by the rev. gentleman that it was a private asso-
ciation, and that the addresses were intended only
for members of the Confraternity. Our represen-
tative, with the "Munster News" reporter, then
withdrew.

A number of Jews were again out collecting
this morning. They were accompanied by police.
Happily, so far as we can learn, there was no
interference with them, and no unpleasant inci-
dent occurred.

O'CONNELL AND THE JEWS.

Mr. Michael Davitt's protest against attacks on
Jews as a class or a religious body may render it
of interest to recall recollection to the fact that
O'Connell was an enthusiastic advocate of the
relief of the Jewish disabilities. In a private
letter written by O'Connell on the 16th of Feb-
ruary, 1831, there is appended the following
significant protest—"I will be, I hope, to-morrow
evening in the House to vote for the Jews if there
be a division." The Jewish Relief Act was not
passed till 1853 nearly a generation after O'Connell
had written these words. It is not perhaps gen-
erally known that a Jewish Relief Bill actually
became law in the British Parliament in 1753, but
the Parliament was compelled to repeal it in the
following year this just toleration, in deference to
popular prejudices. The debates on this subject
may be read, even after this lapse of time, with
interest. One member of Parliament urged that
to give the Jews a resting place in England would
invalidate prophecy, and destroy one of the
principal reasons for believing in the Christian
religion. Another reminded the Government
that after 430 years the Jews in Egypt had
mustered 600,000 armed men, and that according
to the Book of Esther, they had once, when they
had got the upper hand, put 76,000 of their enemies
to death. The time might come, it was suggested,
when, through another Esther, they might govern
the destinies of England, or when they might
even take their seats as members of Parliament.

THE LONDON GUILD HALL.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

As preliminary to the great meeting at the
London Guild Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain
lunched with Sir Joseph and Lady Dimsdale at
the city Carlton Club. They arrived at one
o'clock, and were vociferously cheered by the
crowds in the street and by the members
assembled in the vestibule of the club.

TRAFFICS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Island increase, £777.
Great North of Scotland increase, £473.
South Eastern increase, £1,672.
Lancashire and Yorkshire decrease, £4,652.

MID-HERTS VACANCY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

In view probably of the election in Mid-
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political parties in the division.

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