

MISCELLANY. Extraordinary Conduct of a Catholic Priest. The following letter we copy from the Washington Organ of Monday. The editor wishes for its correctness: Portsmouth, Va., March 17, '55.

My Editor: Quite an affair took place in our little city last evening. Mr. George Cooper, a blacksmith by occupation, and an employee in the Gosport Navy Yard, who married in a Catholic family in Cincinnati, after returning from his work, was summoned to the door by a knock; on opening it, a Mr. Devlin, the Catholic priest of the place, accompanied by another man as a protector, I suppose, demanded to see his (Cooper's) wife. Mr. Cooper invited him in. "What is your business with my wife?" queried Mr. Cooper. "I must see her in private," again demanded the Jesuit. "You cannot, sir, unless you make known your business first to me."

"Sir, I have information," said De-vlin, "from the archbishop of Cincinnati, stating that your wife has been under his protection, authorizing me to protect her in future, and I must see her." With this Cooper replied, "I am her protector, sir, and you must quit my house, or I shall knock out your brains with the first thing in my hands."

After Devlin left, Mrs. C., who had heard the whole conversation from the adjoining room, immediately sat down and penned a note to Devlin, informing him that her husband was her sole protector, and she didn't want to see him, or peace herself under his protection.

A YOUNG HERO. A serjeant major, now in Wellington barracks, who has recently returned from the Crimea, has sent us the following enthusiastic account of the conduct of a young soldier, only 10 years old, named Thomas Keep, of the 3d battalion Grenadier Guards, under the command of Col. Thomas Wood.

The writer states that this boy accompanied the army to the heights of the Alma, preserving the most undaunted demeanor throughout the battle. At one time a twenty-four pounder passed on each side of him, and shot and shell fell about him like hail; but notwithstanding the weariness of the day, present dangers, or the horrid sight, the boy's heart beat with tenderness toward the poor wanderer.

At the battle of Balaklava he again assisted the wounded. The boy did his duty by day and worked in the trenches by night, taking but little rest.

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