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TO THE EDITOR OF THE KERRY SENTINEL.

Castleisland, December 7th, 1891.

DEAR SIR—Before first Mass here on yesterday we were treated to a very lengthened sermon from the pulpit by the Rev. Father Allman. His text was, "Beware of false prophets amongst you," &c, &c. It being the second Sunday in Advent, and as a rule his reverence seldom or never preaches at first Mass, we were all prepared to hear an impressive sermon, but to the disappointment and utter disgust of the majority of his hearers his topic became a political harangue. (If I was to give for publication all what he said it would take up too much space, so I will content myself with giving only a few passages). He characterized the Independent Nationalists as political adventurers, traitors, and swindlers, that there was one amongst them louder in his cry against clerical dictation than the rest of his colleagues, one who were it not for the priests of this diocese would be left in obscurity in his cabin in the mountain from where he should never have been brought out. The time was not far distant when these false prophets of the last twelve months would be driven out of the National ranks never again to find a place there, and when Ireland would be a nation it should be a Catholic nation. It was fortunate for Home Rule that these traitors were found out, and when the opportunity again offers itself we will be more careful in the selection of our members. Finally let them all assemble in their numbers in Tralee next Thursday at the Convention, and show by their presence they were determined to stand no nonsense in the future. I may remark that on the occasion of the last two Conventions held in Tralee there was no appeal made from the pulpit or elsewhere, to the people to attend, and only one of the curates here attended the last time.

A CORRESPONDENT.

FATHER ALLMAN SPEAKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE KERRY SENTINEL.

Castleisland, 11th December, 1891.

DEAR SIR—I am sorry to see by the last number of the SENTINEL, that Mr. Harrington has taken notice of a most unfair account of my sermon here last Sunday. That garbled account was sent by a vile and a deservedly despised creature in this parish, and it was sent, I am certain, expressly for the purpose of having me censured by the Bishop. When Mr. Harrington will let me know who this miserable creature is I think I'll be able to give him ample satisfaction. But unless his name is forthcoming it is not my intention to take any further notice either of Mr. Harrington or his anonymous "correspondent."

In justice to Mr. Harrington, I must say that however we may differ as to our views on the present deplorable state in this unhappy country, I have always entertained for him, and do so still, feelings of very special regard.

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