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IRISH JESUITS SINCE 1800.

THE following sketch, founded on some notes of Father Grene's (who died Feb. 4, 1887, aged 80), was drawn up for a domestic publication, intended only for members of the Society of Jesus. Some of the persons named were known, or are known, to many of our readers, who will also take a kind interest in some whom they hear of here for the first time. The domestic character of some of its details is, indeed, an obvious objection to the publication of the sketch in its present form; but, on the other hand, its simplicity and unconventionality may have advantages of their own.

Irish history has been said to be *invertebrate*, wanting the backbone which is furnished to the history of England (for instance) by the regular line of kings, around whom historians have found it convenient to group the successive events into chapters. In the history of the Society of Jesus a similar purpose is served by the succession of generals. Even in this fragment of the history of a small province of the *Minima Societas*, the fittest item to begin with is a list of the Irish Provincials. Strictly speaking, the first of these was Father Joseph Lentaigue, who became Provincial on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1860. Ireland was previously a Vice-Province from the year 1830, and before that date a Mission, both depending immediately on the Father General.

SUPERIORS OF THE MISSION.

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Charles Aylmer, September 29, 1817.

Bartholomew Esmonde, August, 1820.

Peter Kenney (*a second time*), September 29, 1821.