

we should have a public and a public opinion of our own, and our children would find a home at home, and soon come to restrict their aspiration to such rewards and honours as are in the gift of their own, their *Catholic* countrymen.

The world are and us, no doubt, at first will rage or sneer at this; but no matter. Take care to give them no just cause of complaint, and then heed them not. We are and must be, in some sort, a people apart, with our own aims, hopes, duties and affections. Let us be so; let us love and honour the meanest of our brethren beyond the most distinguished amongst others; cherish each other; aid and assist, protect and defend each other as our religion commands; and soon the world without will look on in admiration. Seeing how closely we are knit together in the bonds of unity, and how we love one another, they will knock at our door for admission, and with tears and entreaties, beg to be naturalized in our republic, to live under our laws, and to share the freedom, peace and prosperity of our institutions."

### General Intelligence.

#### MORE CONVERTS TO CATHOLICITY.

Letters from Rome to this country mention that the Rev. Mr. Horne, late of Southampton, was, with his daughter, received into the Roman community by Cardinal Acton on the 13th ult., and that two other clergymen of the Established Church had made, what is called in the Romish Church, their public act of conformity.—*Morning Post*.

On Wednesday the Rev. John Gordon, M.A., who about three months ago retired from the curacy of Christ Church, St. Pancras, for the purpose of examining at leisure the all-important question of submission to the Catholic Church, was received into the one true Fold of Christ by the Very Rev. J. Hendren, Vicar-General of the Western district, according to the form appointed by authority. The ceremony took place at the Convent of Our Lady of Dolours, Taunton.—*Tablet*.

On Thursday, the 4th instant, solemn baptism, according to the Roman ritual, was conferred by the Right Rev. Dr. Brown, Vicar Apostolic of Wales, and afterwards confirmation, upon Jabcz Marriage Gibson, Esq., till then a member of the Society of Friends. On the following morning he was admitted to the holy communion. The sponsors at Mr. Gibson's baptism were Philip Jones, Esq., and Miss Jones, of Llanarth Court.—*Ibid*.

Mr. J. C. W. Rubensohn was, on the first Tuesday in Lent, admitted into the Catholic church by the Rev. John Walsh, of St Mary's church, Moorfields. This gentleman was formerly of the Jewish persuasion.—*Ibid*.

#### NEW YEARS' DAY IN ROME.

The Romans did not wish that the first day of the New Year should pass by without offering to our gracious sovereign their best wishes for his felicity, his personal and political prosperity. Yesterday morning (January 1), a multitude assembled in the Piazza del Popolo, and thence, with two military bands and various standards, proceeded, observing the most perfect order, to Monte Cavallo. The countless multitude was partly composed of the students of the Roman University, of various colleges and academies, and a deputation of the Jews. As they passed along, they sung in chorus, with very fine effect, a national and patriotic hymn composed for the occasion and on arriving at the Quirinal, found another multitude assembled to join their body, and unite in congratulating the worshipping pontiff. The rain, which descended in torrents during the night, now suddenly ceased, and the sun shone forth, as if determined that all should be propitious to the joyousness of the scene. After the cappella in the Pauline Chapel, his holiness appeared, surrounded by his court, on the Loggia, and imparted his benediction amidst bursts of enthusiasm hardly to be described. We cannot but notice the delightful acclamation of the multitude, when, a few drops of rain falling, one of the attendants brought his holiness the scarlet hat, and, after making a sign to the cardinals to cover themselves, he intimated by a significant gesture to the crowd below, that they were to do the same, having hitherto remained all bare-headed from his first appearance. After the benediction, a sonnet, composed for the occasion, was sung in chorus with military music during which his holiness remained on the Loggia. The same day, he received, according to the etiquette of his court, the felicitation of the diplomatic body and civil authorities. We can at present only notice in a few words the magnificent musical festival of yesterday evening, in the palace of the Capitol. Of the triumphs in honour of Pius IX. this was incomparably the most imposing. A hall, capable of containing about 2,000, was crowded to excess by the aristocracy of Rome, several cardinals and high functionaries, the sacred and civil dignitaries, with all that beauty and splendour could contribute to the effect of the scene, to assist at the performance of a patriotic cantata, which was sung to Rossini's music by about 200 artists, both professional and amateurs. A most impressive instrumental performance, the worthy expression of a joy of a nation, at times rising as it were in billows of majestic melody opened the evening, and the piece which followed was a fitting sequel, characterised by all the brilliancy, majesty, and versatility of the great composer. A colossal bust of his holiness was raised high in the centre of the orchestra, which was divided from the hall by a tram, and presented a beautiful *coup d'œil* when suddenly revealed to view. The great staircase and piazza of the Capitol, also the stairs of the palace, were illuminated with rows of torches; and a military band was stationed in a pavilion under the open air.—*Abridged from the Roman Advertiser of January 2.*

### INTERMENTS.

#### AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

- APRIL 27—Sarah, Daughter of George and Catharine Crisp aged 12 years.  
29—Ellen wife of Edward Gaul, Native of Carlou, Ireland, aged 23 years.  
29—Richard, Son of John and Anne Grant, Native of Bristol, England, aged 12 years.

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