

as we prayed over the tomb. My father at length rising up, said: "Your pious mother now rests from her troubles; but as for us, we have still to carry our weighty crosses: if, however, we bear them with resignation, and place our confidence in God, a crown of never-fading felicity will be our reward."

As to the rest my father has been highly gratified. When he came, the Count, our Rev. Pastor, and my master went to meet him, and showed him every mark of kindness. After having passed three weeks with us, he went to the Count and said to him: "My Lord I have abused your kindness long enough, it is time for me to go and seek lodgings elsewhere." The Count replied; "My wife has taken your daughter into her service; my brother in law has taken charge of your son; and I wish to do something for the father of those interesting children. You see that my castle is large, and surrounded by extensive grounds. "I have remarked that you are skilful in farming. For a long time, I have desired to find a man on whom I might rely, and whom I could trust with the management of my affairs. In you, sir, I think I have found what I sought. You will find it to your advantage to engage in my service. I do not wish you to labour in person, but what I require is, that you see that everything is in its proper place, and that the labourers do their work well."

My father accepted the offer with pleasure; and you may easily imagine what was the gratification of myself and my sister, to see him located so near us. He immediately entered on his new charge. Notwithstanding his age, sickle in hand, he went into the harvest field, and worked with the rest. He takes the lead among them, sees that every thing is properly done, remains in the field from morning till night, without taking any repose, notwithstanding the remonstrances of the Count, who desires him not to work.

Mr. Daniel entertains great friendship for my father. Last Sunday evening, he would not be satisfied until my father related in detail an account of his campaigns. As Mr. Daniel is well advanced in years, he took the resolution some time since, of giving me the management of his house and shop. 'For,' said he, 'I am persuaded John will provide for all my wants, and take care of me as long as I live. However, there is a great obstacle in the way. In order to obtain the right of citizenship, and to lay in a sufficient store of timber to commence with, and to defray other necessary expences, at least a hundred crowns will be required; but where is the sum to be obtained?'

I had not as yet mentioned to any one the intention of my master, when yesterday the curate calling to see me, presented me with the sum of one hundred crowns, saying at the same time: 'This

money is yours, it is given to enable you to carry on the business of your master on your own account."

Astonishment took away from me the power of speech:—"What is this?" said I to myself. "Is it not a dream?" the curate smiled, and soon relieved my singular situation. 'For a long time,' said he, 'the Chevalier has had the wish to set you up in your business. But a few days past, I received the intelligence that I was advanced to a dignity in the Church, which requires me to wear a ring ornamented with a jewel. The Chevalier came to me, and told me that he wished to part with this ring. 'It is of no service to me,' he said, 'and I wish it to benefit John. Your new dignity requires you to possess one of the kind. Take it on condition that you pay the young carpenter one hundred crowns, a sum which is below its real value.' This greatness of soul surprised the Curate as much as the hundred Crowns did me. The Chevalier is accustomed to say, that we must terminate well the good actions which we have commenced. Thus I will be able to receive my sister and father, if they do not find it more to their advantage to dwell elsewhere, and we shall live happily together.

The Chevalier then added: "As this ring has also been the occasion of my brother in-law and myself being acquainted with the virtuous Chaplain of Wisenthal, we have used our influence with the Bishop to have him appointed to the vacancy of Thannenburg.

The Curate then putting the ring on his finger, said with emotion: 'I shall ever wear this ring as a mark of the protecting care of Divine Providence: it will continually put me in mind of the beneficence of the Lord, who makes the smallest thing instrumental in producing the greatest good.'

Much honored and Rev. Sir,—You were the first instrument whom God chose to consummate the work of his mercy towards me. O! happy shall we be in having you near us! I cannot tell you with what joy, not only my father, my sister, and myself, but also the entire parish have learned that the care of their souls is to be intrusted to your direction. Accept, then, Rev. Sir, the assurance of the gratitude, veneration and respect entertained for you by your devoted and affectionate child in Christ.

JOHN MULLER.

BIRTHS RECORDED.

AT ST. MARY'S.

- AUGUST 24—Mrs. Walsh of a Son.
26—Mrs. McKenna of a Daughter.
28—Mrs. Whelan of a Son.