

Col:—Lahore, East Indies, 1st April, Paultaub Division. My Lord Archbishop—Pardon my presumption in thus trespassing on your valuable time but being the bearer of pleasing, and I am sure to your Grace, welcome intelligence, will now plead my apology. We have now in rapid progress a Roman Catholic Chapel in proud and haughty Lahore. Its dimensions are fifty seven feet by thirty nine, quite sufficient for our congregation. In its erection and towards its furtherance every soldier assists us with his prayers, his pay, and his influence, humble as it may be. Her Majesty's 10th are alike distinguished for their firmness in defending their colours at Lahore as they are to the ancient religion of their fathers, though many thousand leagues of Ocean's wave roll between them and their Emerald Isle in the Atlantic. I am proud to say the Protestant soldier leads the way in this good work; and as they jocularly say, "who knows but if we like the house, and that your prayers are not too long, we may turn Romans ourselves." But there is one thing which pains us very much, and to which I humbly direct your attention, hoping your grace will cause it to be remedied. In a word, our Priest is miserably, nay shamefully, poor; he has received no pay this seven months, and we are only surprised, how and on what he contrives to live. There is a bungalow getting up for him adjacent to the chapel, which with the blessing of God, will be after a while very comfortable. I think, nay I am sure, the 10th North Lincoln Regiment will be able to finish the chapel themselves; but as to the clergyman's bungalow and his support, there is no use in resting on uncertain hopes; we must not give the *certa pro incertis*, and on the part of my Roman Catholic fellow soldiers I claim your Grace's influence to assist us with our charitable friends all over India. I cannot conclude without thanking Major Day and the and the Artillery for having given our Priest a tent to shade him from the burning sun of India. Awaiting the honor of your Grace's reply placing myself at your entire command, and fervently claiming your Grace's remembrance of me and comrades in your prayers, I remain, my Lord, your Grace's most devoted, humble, and obedient servant, PATRICK TOMN, Sergeant 5, Company H.M.'s 10th North Lincoln Infantry Regiment.—*Bengal Catholic Herald.*

CONVERSION.

I shall be forgiven by my Friend Mr Fogge in informing you (Editor of the Tablet) of his reception, with his youngest daughter into the Church last Lent at Bristol,

J. K. B.

IRELAND AND SIR ROBERT PEEL.

Sir Robert Peel has published "an address to the electors of Tamworth," too long to allow even of analysis in this edition: He reviews the whole conduct of his Administration, and with regard to Maynooth and other pro-Catholic measures, he says:—"I look back with cordial satisfaction to the part which I took in the support of those measures and to the spirit in which they were conceived.—It was a spirit of justice and kindness towards our Roman Catholic fellow subjects in Ireland; a spirit which will, I trust, animate our future legislation with reference to that country. It is strongly recommended to us by many powerful considerations—by recollection of our relations with Ireland in early periods of history—by sympathy with her present sufferings—by the urgent necessity, not more for her welfare than our own, to improve the condition, moral and physical, of her people."—*Tablet.*

RUNCORN.

A petition from the Catholics of this place, claiming a share in the Education Grant, has been sent to, and no doubt presented by, Lord John Russell.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

August 9—Patrick Pendegrast to Bridget Walsh.
10—Matthew Bourko to Mary Power.

BIRTHS RECORDED,

AT ST. MARY'S.

August 7, Mrs. Drummond of a Son.
9, " McCarthy of a Son.
9, " Kavanagh of a Daughter.
9, " Muir of a Daughter.
9, " Payne of a Daughter.
11, " Lanigan of a Son.
11, " O'Brien of a Son.
11, " Farrel of a Son.
12, " Murphy of a Daughter.
12, " Bowden of a Son.

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