

Preserve at least what still remains, by condensing the substance of them in a Thesaurus, if the means are not forthcoming for publishing them in a complete form. Even if not for the sake of national self love, you are called on to do so lest you should be anticipated by some foreigner. Zeuss, a German, has already snatched from the hands of your scholars the glory of having raised Celtic philology to the level of modern science. But Zeuss, as far as the ancient Gaelic is concerned, has only explored Continental sources of information, and it will be for you to complete his work by the aid of those rich native stores which you still possess. To work, then! The honor of Ireland is concerned. Take example by the Highland Society, which, with fewer sources than you have, was able to publish a good lexicon of the Scottish Gaelic. Commence an agitation in Ireland, which, for once, will not be political. If necessary, open a subscription list, and I feel assured before long it will be filled. Although a foreigner, I would myself gladly be the first to subscribe to such a purpose."

Should the committee succeed in raising a fund sufficient for their purpose, it is their intention that exhibitions to be founded shall be called the "O'Curry Exhibitions," as being, perhaps, the most fitting tribute that could be rendered to the memory of the great Irish scholar, of whose works the Catholic University are justly proud.

#### NOTED CONVERTS.

Kenelm Henry Digby, born in Ireland in 1809, joined the Catholic Church in 1832. He was an ardent student of theology and antiquity, and the author of "Mores Catholici," or Ages of Faith and of the Broad Stone of Honor.

Lady Georgiana Fullerton, second daughter of the first Earl Granville, was received into the Catholic Church in 1852. She is the authoress of "Constance Sherwood," "Too Strange Not to be True," "Life of St. Frances of Rome," "Rose Leblanc," "A Story of Life," "Mrs. Gerald's Niece," "Laurentia," &c., and other charming novels and sketches.

Sir George Boyer, Bart, born in 1811 in Berkshire, England, joined the Catholic Church in 1850. From 1852 to 1868 he was M.P. for Dundalk, and in Parliament he was always the undaunted and constant defender of the rights of the Church and of the Pops. His letters to the *Times* and other papers, pamphlets and learned works are very numerous and valuable.

The Marquis of Bute, John Patrick Chrichton Stuart, born in 1847, and one of the wealthiest and most respected of the English nobility, was received into the Catholic Church in 1868 and displayed

great zeal and liberality in advancing and promoting all Catholic objects and interests.

Countess Von Hahn Hahn, born in 1805 in Westphalia, was received into the Church in 1850. She is the accomplished authoress of "Endoxia," "Lives of the Fathers of the Desert," "From Babylon to Jerusalem," and many others.

His Eminence Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, was born at Totteridge, Hertfordshire, in 1808, son of W. Manning, M.P. He graduated B. A., in 1830, and became Fellow of Martin College. He was Select Preacher at the University of Oxford, Rector at Lavington and Archdeacon of Chichester. He became a convert in 1851, entered the priesthood, and founded the Oblates of St. Charles Borromeo at Bayswater, London in 1857. He succeeded Cardinal Wiseman on the 8th of February, 1865, as Archbishop of Westminster.

#### A STORY OF CURRAN.

It is related of Curran, the famous Irish orator and wit, that he was, one evening, sitting in a box at the French opera, between an Irish noble woman, whom he had accompanied there, and a very young French lady. The ladies soon manifested a strong desire to converse, but neither of them knew a word of the other's language. Curran, of course, volunteered to interpret, or, in his own words, "to be the carrier of their thoughts, and accountable for their safe delivery." They went at it at once, with all the ardor and zest of the Irish and French nature combined; but their interpreter took the liberty of substituting his own thoughts for theirs, and instead of remarks upon the dresses and the play, he introduced so many finely-turned compliments that the two ladies soon became completely fascinated with each other. At last, their enthusiasm becoming sufficiently great, the wily interpreter, in conveying some very innocent questions from his countrywoman, asked the French lady "if she would favor her with a kiss." Instantly springing across the orator, she imprinted a kiss on each cheek of the Irish lady, who was amazed at her sudden attack, and often afterwards asked Mr. Curran, "What in the world could that French girl have meant by such conduct in such a place?" He never revealed the secret, and the Irish lady always thought French girls were very ardent and sudden in their attachments.—From "*Literature of Kissing*."

To overthrow a building consecrated to the Lord would be an impious sacrilege. A crime still greater is that of destroying by scandal a soul which had been the temple of the Holy Spirit. It was not for buildings of stone that Jesus Christ died.