

these, there are 49 Roman Catholic members of the baronetage of the three kingdoms; and the members of Parliament who profess the Roman Catholic faith are 37, who all sit for Irish constituencies, except Lord Robert Montague, M.P. for Huntingdonshire, who is a recent convert to that religion.

Mr. Spurgeon has designated the Church of England an "Apostate Church," and many good Anglicans are up in arms against the audacious Baptist. St. Alban's Church, Holborn, would, however, bear him out in his use of the epithet. At the communion service on the first Sabbath of the year, violins, drums and trumpets helped the organ and the choir to render parts of the Messiah, and a grand procession of five hundred persons marched round the edifice. Incense bearers; acolytes with banners; members of the choir in cassocks and surplices; banner of the sacred heart; the clergy; the Rev. A. H. Stanton in embroidered surplice and magnificent white satin vestment embroidered with gold, with two choristers holding his train; banner and sixty members of the guild of St. John the Evangelist, with other banners and members of the guilds of the Blessed Sacrament, St. John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth; Sisters of Mercy in their robes; blue silk banner borne by a Sister in a white veil; fifty girls covered with long white veils of the order of St. Mary the Virgin; blue silk banner followed by about two hundred women in scarfs and crosses, members of the guild of the Holy Family:—made up the sacramental mummeries of an apostate congregation that has no right to remain in communion with an orthodox Church.

The Union movement still absorbs attention in the Free and United Presbyterian Churches. A very large majority of the Presbyteries of the former, larger than expected, have decided that there is no obstacle in principle to union. The Presbyteries of the latter are unanimous.

At a public meeting held recently in Edinburgh, over which the Lord Provost presided, and at which Dr. Nicolson, Principal Sharp, Mr. Dalrymple, M.P., the Dean of Faculty, Dr. Smith of North Leith, and Mr. Kinloch of Gilmerton spoke, strong ground was taken against patronage as productive of serious evils to the Church and country, and petitions were prepared on the subject, to be presented to both Houses of Parliament.

All kinds of Presbyteries have been reviewing Mr. Gladstone's letter to the Pope, and moving resolutions in accordance with their feelings in regard to it.

A correspondent in Skye sends the following to the editor of the *John o'Groat Journal*:—"A man of humble origin in Skye, who lived about sixty years ago, produced more 'heretical' ministers than any other man, high or low, connected with the Church of Scotland. He lived in the parish of Duirinish, and was called *gi-Shuardil*; that is, the blacksmith of Swordale. He was eminent as a forger of farming implements, and his descendants are famous as forgers of heresies. He had many children. One of his sons was brought up to the Church. He was minister of the Church of Morven, and one of his sons, Norman, was one of the ministers of Campbeltown. He was unfortunately tried by the Presbytery of Kintyre. Another grandson, the late Mr. Roderick Macleod, minister of Bracadale, was libelled for heresy. A cousin of Mr. Macleod, Mr. J. C. Macleod of Row, was deposed by the Church for preaching universal pardon, and teaching that assurance is of the essence of faith. Dr. N. Macleod, of the Barony, was brought up by his Presbytery for his anti-Sabbatarian views; and his cousin, the Rev. John Macleod, of Dunse, has just been before his Presbytery on a charge of priestly arrogance in pretending to forgive sins at the confessional, and