

regret this indispensable arrangement. Several eminent bishops will attend on this interesting occasion.

LIMERICK.—RECEPTION AT THE CONVENT OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY.—The beautiful ceremony of "Reception" took place on Wednesday last in the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, in this City, when Miss Brahan, sister of the Rev. John Brahan, P. P., Miss Maher, daughter of Dr. Maler, of Tipperary, another lady of the same name, and a lay sister were received into that Holy Community. The Right Rev. D. Ryan, the Rev. Mr. Ryan, Dr. Nagle, V. G., the Rev. Messrs. Shanahan and Kenyon, were of the clergy who were present.—**RECEPTION AT BETHLEHEM HOUSE.**—Another reception took place on Tuesday at the Presentation Convent, Sexton-street, when Miss Raleigh, daughter of Edmund Raleigh, Esq., of Castlemaolin, in this county, sister to the Rev. Mr. Raleigh, of St. Michael's, and J. F. Raleigh, Esq., Town Clerk, and Miss Kerby, daughter of our fellow-citizen, William Kerby, Esq., were received into this useful community of ladies.—*Limerick Reporter.*

FATHER MATHEW BEFORE HE WAS FAMOUS.—There is a small Capuchin friary in the city of Cork, in an obscure place called Blackmoorlane. It possesses some historic interest from the fact that it was built by Arthur O'Leary, after whom it was for many years called "Father O'Leary's Chapel." It is a small building, exceedingly plain outside, though it is neat within, and fitted up with some taste. It is situated in a very poor and neglected neighbourhood, where poverty and wretchedness abound. Nearly thirty years since a young Capuchin joined the mission attached to this chapel; in appearance as well as reality, he was very youthful, and he was strikingly handsome. * * A steady self-control presided over all his acts and emotions; a cordial politeness and unvarying affability distinguished him; to the higher classes he was exceedingly respectful, and was always considered by them as one of their order; to the poor he was so gentle in his bearing, and so patient of their little requests and petitions, so earnest in pleading their cause, and, what was better than kind words or noble speeches, so practically useful and humane, that they also (the more Christian compliment) regarded him as one of themselves.—*Ireland and its Rulers since 1829.*

The Apostle (says the *Cork Examiner*) was at Evergreen, on Tuesday, where he administered the pledge to a large number of persons.

FRANCE.

FUNERALS OF THE POOR.—Not more than ten days ago (says the "Univers" of Tuesday) we gave some particulars of the affecting ceremony which had excited emotion throughout one vast quarter of this city; we spoke of the death of a young Brother of the Christian Doctrine, and of the prodigious concourse of people who, with pious affection, paid to him the last sad duties. We have been present this day at another funeral, and have again witnessed the admirable fruits of a Catholic Institution. A young workman, who had come from a great distance to seek employment at Paris, fell sick and died at the Hospice de la Charite. He was poor, without relatives; yet visitors, full of solicitude, often gathered round his bed of pain; the consolations of friendship were united with those of religion to relieve his sufferings, to prepare him gently for the awful passage into eternity. The news of his death excited a kind of public interest. This morning, at the hour when the industrious labourer begins his day's work; at the hour when so many of a different class, fatigued with the orgies of a Sunday profanation, languidly prepare for a second holiday and new orgies on Monday; more than 200 men assembled at the chapel of the Hospice when High Mass was to be celebrated for the repose of their friend's soul; they were, as he had been, members of the Institute of St. Francis Xavier, established in the parish of St. Sulpice. After mass had been said by a priest of that parish, the numerous and collected crowd arranged themselves in the Courts of the Hospice to follow the hearse of their deceased associate, headed by their priest in a carriage.—The Brethren of the Christian Doctrine, who unceasingly prove themselves the fathers of the adult as well as of the infant poor, conducted the funeral ceremony, and one circumstance added to the interest of the occasion. The Brethren had searched through all Paris in order to find some relative of the deceased workman, and one very distant connection was found: he was a young operative, and had contrived that day to escape from his daily occupation, in order to assist in obsequies which stranger hands had prepared for his remote relation, little expecting that he should find so many friends induced by religious unity to gather round his tomb. The funeral train proceeded towards the cemetery of Mont. Parnasse: and the astonished passers by asked each other who could this poor lad have been whose mortal remains so large a number of mourners so respectfully attended? Even those who composed this interesting cortege, blessed Providence