

two daughters, and received all four into the church. When I returned from Belgium, I passed through Littlemore again, and had the happiness to find the Rev F Oakeley and another reverend gentleman already received into the church, by the Rev R Newsham. I had the pleasure of administering communion to Mr Oakeley and the other converts to the number of seven.

I can vouch for the truth of this much, as having been eye-witness; the rest I hope some other eye-witness will supply. Believe me, dear Sir, your humble servant,

DOMINIC, of the Mother of God, Passionist.
Aston Hall, Nov 17, 1845.

MAYNOOTH COLLEGE.

On last Monday the examination for the successor of the Rev. Mr. Furlong to the rhetorical chair commenced, at the rate of about six hours each day, until Thursday last included. The candidates were four in number, and we have learned with a high feeling of gratification, that the answering of each was indicative of the utmost industry and the most profound learning. The names of the rev: gentlemen who thus honourably competed are—

The Rev. Mr. M'Eveley, Professor of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam; the Rev. Mr. Rogers, Professor of Sacred Scripture in the Irish College in Paris.

The Rev. Mr. M'Mahon and the Rev. Mr. M'Carthy, both of whom commenced and completed their course of studies in the establishment at Maynooth, and were both senior students on the Dunboyne Establishment.

On Friday morning the Rev. Mr. M'Carthy was declared elected to the well-contested chair, by the Board of Trustees, that gentleman having received the majority of the votes of the judges of the college. We understand that the new-chosen Professor is a native of Kerry—indeed, from the immediate vicinity of Darrynane.—*Freeman's Journal.*

THE LATE MRS. MARY FLAHERTY.—It may probably interest our readers to be informed that the lady whose death, at the advanced age of 84, was announced in our obituary of the 11th instant, was the Mrs. Flaherty whose munificent donation of £5,000 Three-and-a-half per cent. Bank Annuities enabled the council of University College to found their Flaherty scholarships. This lady, we are informed, was the only child of a hat-maker, who formerly resided in the neighbourhood of Covent-garden, of Irish extraction, and a Roman Catholic. Upon her father's death she came into the possession of property which afforded her the means of a very comfortable subsistence. She

was well educated, and had read extensively in English literature, especially the poets. She took a lively interest in the question of education, and was especially anxious to see it disconnected with religious party. This sentiment rendered her an ardent admirer of Lord Brougham's exertions in the same cause, and moved her to place at the disposal of the council of University College, in 1836, the endowment above mentioned. This was accompanied by the declaration, which she desired might be recorded, that the gift was presented "out of zeal for the diffusion of knowledge, and the advancement of civil and religious liberty, and in the firm conviction that this cause will in the end be triumphant." Mrs. Flaherty was a person of very simple and self-denying habits. In illustration of this feature in her character, it is related of her that at the conclusion of her interview with the gentleman to whom she first communicated her intentions in favour of University College, on his proposing to have her carriage, she said, "You may spare yourself that trouble, sir.— If I kept my carriage I should not have £5,000 to present to University College; I am quite content to ride in an omnibus." She adhered throughout her life to the Roman Catholic religion, and was interred in the portion of the cemetery at Kensell-green, appropriated to that persuasion, on Monday last. A proposal was made to her executors, on the part of University College, to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their benefactress, by the attendance at the funeral of deputations from the council senate, and Flaherty scholars, at their own expense; but the offer was declined, as not consonant with the directions of the deceased, who had prescribed that her remains should be followed by a single mourning coach, containing her executors and two other friends named by her.—*Morning Chronicle.*

DEATH OF THE REV. PATRICK WALSH.—We have the sad duty of announcing the death of the Rev. Patrick Walsh, P.P. of the Island of Sherky, near Skibbereen. This exemplary clergyman and devoted patriot departed this life on Saturday morning at five o'clock; in the fiftieth year of his life and the twentieth year of his ministry. The cause of his death was congestive fever. In life he was unsurpassed for humility, meekness, and charity.—*Cork Examiner.*

DEATH OF THE REV. CHARLES M'LEOD.—We have this evening to announce to our readers the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. Charles M'Leod, one of the Roman Catholic curates of the north parish of this city. For some days past he had been ill of a malignant fever, contracted probably in the discharge of his paro-