

the zeal of an Apostle, and the fervour of a saint, with every matter which relates to the spiritual well-being of the flock of Christ. Nothing is more edifying than to behold him, as within the last few days, assisting at the Forty Hours' Prayer at the Pauline chapel, or at St. Mary Major, prostrated in a profound meditation before the Holy Sacrament. Yesterday, at three o'clock, p.m., he repaired to the Church of the Holy Apostles, to unite in the public prayers of the Triduo—(Three Days), which had been celebrated therein, preparatory to the solemnity of to-day. Despite the torrents of rain, and the thunder claps of a most violent storm, the Piazza was covered by a multitude of Roman citizens and strangers, who, on the arrival of His Holiness, as at his departure, saluted him with the most enthusiastic and respectful acclamations. The interior of the Church was similarly crowded with the faithful eager to behold the august Pontiff, and happy to receive at his hands the benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. His Holiness was accompanied by the members of the Sacred College; and the Prelates of his establishment.

On this day the feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated with greater pomp and more general devotion than at any former time.—By virtue of a recent decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, a particular office has been added to the Breviary, and the obligation of reciting it has been imposed upon all priests. All the shops of the city are closed, as on the most solemn occasion. The rain alone, which has not ceased to fall for the last three days, somewhat a little saddens the pious joy of this glorious festivity.—*Correspondence of the "Ami de la Religion."*

A Correspondent sends us the following list of some of the converts of 1846:—

Rev. G. D. Ryder, Vicar of Easton, Winton	
Rev. E. H. Thompson, Curate of Ramsgate	
Rev. D. Lewis, Jesus College, Oxford	
Rev. T. Milner, Queen's College, Oxford	
Rev. H. Formby, Vicar of Ruardean	
Rev. J. Plumer, Balliol College, Oxford	
Rev. J. S. Northcote	Lady G. Fullarton
Rev. T. G. Wenham	Hon Mrs Heneage and daughter
Rev. W. H. Lyod	
Rev. T. Wells	Mrs. S. Northcote
Rev. H. Lauriston	Miss G R Ryder
Rev. E. Rushton	Miss Munro
Rev. T. Rodwell	Mrs Alstice
Rev. T. Jephson	Miss Harriet Bache
S N Stokes, Esq.	Miss Tenyson D'Eyncourt
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T F Knox, Esq.	Miss Laura Bouchier
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T B. Walford, Esq.	Miss Browne
H Anstey, Esq.	Mrs Ticehurst
E T Hood, Esq.	Miss E Angew
J H Blgrave, Esq.	Miss Granville
R Poole, Esq.	Miss Emmeline Seymour
Capt G Wood, R.N.	
— Pownal, Esq.	Miss Helen Montague

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DEATH OF THE REVEREND JOHN HEARN.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of that ornament of the London Priesthood, the Rev. J A Hearn, which event took place at Penzance on Wednesday, the 16th instant. It is now about two years since the declining state of his health obliged him to retire from the duties of his Mission. From that period to the time of his decease he had resided partly on the Continent and partly in this country, but no change of air or climate tended to restore his shattered constitution. On Sunday, finding himself much worse, he was obliged to confine himself to his bed. On the same day he received the Holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction, and on the Wednesday following he calmly expired.

Mr Hearn was a native of Waterford, in which city, at St John's College, he received the first elements of his education. Having determined to choose the Ecclesiastical state, and to give himself to the English Mission, in 1823 he entered St Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, where he studied Rhetoric, Philosophy, and Theology. In 1828 he was ordained Priest, and placed on the London Mission; first at St Patrick's and afterwards at the Sardinian Chapel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Few Priests have laboured more strenuously for the glory of God and the salvation of his fellow man, than this worthy ecclesiastic. The poor people, amongst whom for sixteen years he laboured, know best how entirely devoted he was to their welfare; how night and day he was ready at their call; and even when disease was making its premature ravages on his frame, he would not relax his labours for the souls committed to his care, thinking well that his health and strength could not be spent in a nobler cause than in serving God in the persons of His poor. The world often sees examples of irksome service undergone by individuals with the prospect of earning for themselves wealth or honours, but we seldom see now-a-days that disinterestedness and self-sacrifice, which cheerfully give up all, even life, for the good of others. His Charity was par-