

the errors of Protestantism, and all were received at Lucca into the bosom of the Church. The conditional Baptism was performed in the chapel of the Archiepiscopal Palace. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Lucca, who condescended to accept the duty of godmother, was represented by the Baroness Ward.—*Journal des Villes* July 12.

NEW YORK.

The Freeman of the 26th ult. says:—"We at length feel at liberty to congratulate the Catholics of New York on the purchase, by the Rev. Father Jesuits, of the edifice hitherto used a Universalist Church, on Elizabeth street near Walker. It will be dedicated on the festival of St. Ignatius, July 31, and will be under the invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus. It is the intention of the Rev. Fathers to open a classical school attached to the church, in the course of next September. The Rt Rev. Dr. Power, Bishop of Toronto, arrived in the Cambria last week. The Very Rev. J. Melche, Vicar General of St. Louis, landed at this port on Saturday last. In his object of obtaining Priests from Europe for the diocese to which he belongs, he succeeded in so far as to be accompanied by twelve Priests and six Seminarians. We have the pleasure of announcing the return of the Right Rev. Bishop Hughes in good health after his short tour through his diocese.—The Catholics of New York will learn, with great satisfaction, the arrival of the Very Rev. Father Verela, improved in health we hope by his residence in St. Augustine during the past winter. He reached the city last Tuesday. The Rev. Mr. Cummings of this Diocese, having lately completed his course in the Propaganda at Rome, with the highest honours arrived in town last week."

A NUNNERY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Roman Catholics have purchased the beautiful estate of Mr. Cowperthwait, on the Delaware river, near Andalusia, Bucks county for 30,000 dollars. It is converted into a nunnery.—*Boston Pilot*.

VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF AGRA.

On Sunday the 4th instant, an English military officer, heretofore a Protestant was received into the Catholic communion at Agra, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Borghi, Captain-Fitzsimon, of the 29th B.N.I., assisting as Sponsor. Mention is also made of another gentleman, a Major in the Bengal service, and of the lady of a Colonel, both of whom it is said, were received into the Catholic Church

at Meerut, by the Right Rev. Dr. Carli. On the 4th instant, four priests arrived from Europe at Agra, on their way to Patna, in the Apostolic Vicariate of which they are to serve on the Mission.

THE LENTEN SEASON OF 1817, IN CALCUTTA.

The oldest inhabitant of Calcutta does not remember to have witnessed a more duly edifying and religious observance of the Holy season consecrated to prayer and penitential exercises than during the Lent which has just closed over us. The Catholic people evinced an earnestness to obey the warning voice of the Church to do penance for the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and the day of their salvation was nigh." To form an idea of the immense tide of the Catholic population that rolls through this great city, the stranger should visit our churches and chapels during the sacred week gone by. He would see every church and chapel thronged to overflowing with Christians hearing from the lips of the preachers the truths of our divine religion, which they announced with fervent unction. The tribunals of penance were crowded mornings and evenings by sorrowing penitents supplicating heaven for mercy; the ceremonies of Holy Week, those touching ceremonies which appeal to the depth of the human heart, were attended to with that solemn devotional feeling which they are ever wont to inspire. Never, since religion was introduced into this country, had there been observed so many pious christians approaching the table of the Lord. When we mention the fact that the succursal chapel of St. John's, Circular Road, which but few years ago was quite unfrequented, one hundred and eighty persons communicated in Holy Week and Easter Day; in that of Bow-Bazar, about the same number; at St. Thomas' Church, over five hundred; at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were counted six hundred and fifty; and at the Cathedral Church from five to six hundred; it is surely a cheering announcement, which whilst it proves that religion is joyously progressing, manifests the goodness of God, who is blessing the land and turning away the captivity of Jacob."—We are most happy to assure the community that our Venerable Prelate and his zealous Clergy after their great labours of the past week are in the enjoyment of excellent health, which may they long continue to hold in the discharge of their manifold sacred duties.

CATHOLIC SOLDIERS AND PRIESTS IN INDIA.

Letter to the Archbishop of Edessa, V. A. Ben-