

dition of the virtuous, both in this world and the next, speaking of the Divine mercy, he had but to glance once at the cross and Christ crucified to be assured of salvation and ample pardon. If there were ten thousand worlds filled with diabolical sinners, their malice could not outweigh the merits of Christ's saving blood. The greatest spiritual leper, the most devil possessed sinner, would be the most welcome to the forgiving embrace of the crucified Saviour.

CONVENTS IN GERMANY.—From statistics in possession of the German Government it has been found that there are in Germany 1008 conventual establishments for females, with about 8000 members, and about 140 for men, with 1000 members. Not more than half of these pursue specifically humane objects, such as nursing the sick. It is proposed the majority should be abolished by Act of Parliament.

REV. C. CHINIQUEY.—The Kanakee (Ill.) *Times* of the 21st inst., says:—"Rev. Mr. Chiniquy will in a few days remove to Canada, where he anticipates remaining about two years, for the purpose of performing missionary work. He will not relinquish his pastorate in St. Anne, where he has for so many years expounded the Protestant doctrine of faith and works, to a large and appreciative body of hearers. During his absence that congregation will be carefully guided by the ministrations of Rev. Jaquemet, of Baltimore, a recently converted priest. Rev. Mr. Chiniquy and family will bear with them the love and good wishes of our people, with prayerful hopes of continued good health and prosperity.

THE *Rock* (London) says: "It will be a great satisfaction to the country to hear that the Prince and Princess of Wales have ceased to attend the services at that ultra-Ritualistic

Church, All Saints', Margaret street, where this time last year they were frequently seen." A correspondent of the same journal informs it that five members of the Oxford University have entered the Roman Catholic Church within the past twelve months, all of them from St. Barnabas's (Ritualistic) Church. The Roman Catholics are building in Oxford a large and handsome new church.

FRUITS.—"Passing up the main street of Palamcottah," says an East India missionary, "we noticed the neat houses of the native Christians. Over the door of one were the words 'Welcome; peace be with you all.' We accepted the general invitation, entered the house, and saw a respectable, happy family. On the table was the family Bible, in which we noticed several slips of paper as markers. We were told one marked the portion for family prayer, another was the husband's mark for private reading, another the wife's, and another the children's. It was a family Bible indeed."

FREE PRESBYTERY OF ITALY.—In connection with the sudden death of Dr. Buchanan, this notice is interesting. The Presbytery of Italy in connection with the Free Church of Scotland met in Rome on the 17th March. The Rev. Dr. Monro, of Campsie, was introduced by Rev. Dr. Buchanan, and associated with the Presbytery. The Presbytery were much gratified to find that the joint labours of these two distinguished preachers had been not only characterised by the warmest feelings of mutual esteem, and by the most cordial harmony, but greatly appreciated by the residents and visitors who, in large numbers, have attended the services in the Presbyterian Church. It was agreed to transmit an overture to the General Assembly anent the "Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund,"