

st, who presided. The honour of forming the choir was assigned to the Irish students, and admirably did they prove how deserving they were of this distinction.

In addition to the ambassadors, whom I mentioned in my last, the Ambassador of France was present to-day.—Certainly, in his Excellency's regard, nothing could be more *apropos* than the Padre Ventura's discourse, as you will say when you have read it. The civic guards were marshalled as on Monday last—their colonel and his *etat major*, as before, bearing lighted tapers in their hands, at the canon of the mass and the absolution. The Basilica was crowded—from 14,000 to 15,000 people being present. Oh! could you have looked, as we did, with tearful eyes and hearts brimming o'er with emotions which no tongue could utter—could you have gazed upon that vast and fervidly agitated sea of life—the collegians in their white raiments—their complexions indicating the shade of every clime, as they stood bearing lighted torches round the towering mausoleum adorned with the *fasti* of your father's life, and surmounted by the statue of Religion, could your ears have drunk in the hallowed melody which reverberated from that dome, itself sustained by the Evangelists as only Domenichino knew how to paint, them, and glowing above with those gorgeous tints of Lanfranc, representing the realms of bliss. Oh, I doubt not but a tide of consolation, pure as the regard which the Virgin Mother seemed to cast down from her throne of beatitude upon his bier, must have filled your heart, inciting and strengthening you to perseverance in following the example he has left; and I may, may, must add, *bequeathed* so emphatically to you.

To conclude—Scenes not to be over-estimated in importance for our country and our church, have been in this instance acted here. Rome now holds his mighty heart as one of her proudest treasures. But I must close.

Ever yours,

J. MILEY.

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To be continued.

OBSEQUIES FOR O'CONNELL IN MOATE, DIOCESE OF ARDAGH.

On Thursday the 8th instant, there was a solemn high mass and office for the departed Liberator, in the chapel of Moate. The clergymen of all the adjacent parishes of Meath, as well as Ardagh, attended in great numbers. Among those present were the Very Rev. Dr. O'Rafferty, V. G. of Meath; and the Very Rev. Dr. Dawson, V. G. of Ardagh. The Rev. P. Murray, of Ballymore, officiated, the Rev. Mr. Callery, of Tullamore,

preached, and delivered a discourse admirably suited to the occasion. Nothing more imposing has been ever witnessed in Moate. Though a market day the shops were closed during the ceremony, and the chapel was crowded to suffocation by persons who seemed to feel an interest in the scene there witnessed. Numbers who could not find place in the chapel remained outside under the torrents of rain, anxious to join in this tribute of respect paid to the great departed.

I was a delighted spectator. The clergy and laity of two dioceses had assembled. They met to mourn over the sad event of which that scene was a commemoration. They met to pledge themselves to the principles to which they then paid a tribute. These principles must live, for they are imbued with the immortality of truth—and all assembled in Moat seemed to proclaim, in the words of the "Pleasures of Hope"—

"Cold in the dust his perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once shall never die."

BIRTHS RECORDED,

AT ST. MARY'S.

- August 3—Mrs. Laughlan of a Son.
4—Mrs. Mehan of a Son.
5—Mrs. Rourke of a Daughter.
6—Mrs. Connolly of a Son.
6—Mrs. Flinn of a Daughter.
6—Mrs. Kcefe of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

- August 2—Patrick Shannon to Margaret Black.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- August 1—Honora, Daughter of John and Mary Eustace, aged 1 year and 7 months.
2—Richard, Son of Patrick and Margaret Walsh, aged 4 years.
2—Daniel Conway, Native of the County Carlow, aged 42 years.
3—John, Infant/Son of Michael and Ellen Fitzgerald, aged 1 month.
5—Margaret, Wife of Patrick Sullivan, Native of the County Carlow, Ireland, aged 27 years.

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