

to state that the Rev. J. Walker, the second or junior Priest at St. John's Catholic Chapel, Wigan, now lies in a dangerous state, ill of typhus fever, caught in his visits to the filthy dwellings of the lower class of Irish residents in the borough. The Rev. J. Hearne and the Rev. J. Johnson, the two ministers whose lives have already been sacrificed in attending to their sacred duties, were successively the head Priests at the same place of worship.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

### ROME.

The *Times* makes the following important announcement relative to our communication with the Court of Rome, in a leading article in Tuesday's paper:—"It must have been long evident to attentive observers of Italian politics, that the current of events in that country would not wait for the impending adjustment of our diplomatic relations with the Court of Rome, but that circumstances would compel us to anticipate in some fashion, the obvious decision of so important a question. The wisdom of our ancestors had bequeathed us a position of considerable embarrassment, and some little delicacy was requisite to reconcile the necessities of the case with the proscription of the law; but our readers will probably be of opinion that by the arrangements we now announce, her Majesty's Ministers have contrived rather happily to escape the dilemma in which the imperative demands of policy and the inevitable penalties of a *præmunire* had conspired to place them. The Earl of Minto, who is now on his road to Turin, will extend his tour to Rome, and though not accredited by any official introduction, or invested with any formal representative character, will be enabled by his presence at the Pontifical Court to facilitate the circuitous intercourse between two states which have so sensibly persisted in blocking up the ordinary channels of a necessary communication. The position and connexions of his lordship will be an immediate and sufficient guarantee of his responsibility, and will confer upon him much of that authority which it is as yet forbidden more directly to delegate,—while his known qualifications for such a mission supply a complete assurance that the interests and honour of England will be safe in his hands. In this way it is expected that Ministers may be enabled to communicate with a friendly state at a very critical period of its fortunes, without rendering themselves liable to the accumulated penalties that our ingenious ancestors devised for treason. As soon as Parliament meets the letter of the law may be brought into accordance with the spirit of the age, and after we have graciously recognised the political existence of a power which at present commands the earnest and practical sympathies of half the population of the island, Lord Minto may be

boldly invested with a title befitting the functions he must necessarily discharge."—*Guardian*.

### ENGLAND.

Extract of a letter from a student of the English College, Rome, dated 5<sup>th</sup> September.—

"Thank Providence the Concorsi are over, and much of our troubles and labours of this year are over with them. Several of our fellows were ill at the country house. Only five concurred; yet this is the best year we have had since I have been here. We took seven of the nine medals contended for, and tossed for two more. English took two gold medals—one in Scripture and one in theology. O'Sullivan took two gold medals also—one in theology and one in ecclesiastical history; Motter one in canon law and a silver one in Scripture; and Fryer a silver one in dogmatic theology. English and Morris, a convert of the Eastern District tossed for two more.

### SWITZERLAND.

Letters from Berne of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult., state that the Federal Directory received a communication from the Government of Valais, in which the latter not only protested against the decree of the Diet relative to the expulsion of the Jesuits, but formally declared that it would not submit to it, and would oppose its execution by force, if necessary.

With sorrow we record the serious illness of the Rev. J. Anclair, formerly vicar of St. Roch's and lately appointed to the curacy of Ste. Maria, Nouvelle Beance. His disease is typhus fever, contracted during his attendance at the Marine Hospital.—*Quebec Mercury*

## BIRTHS RECORDED,

AT ST. MARY'S.

OCTOBER 25—Mrs. Ginnivon of a son, Mrs. Bates of a son; Mrs. Gervy of a son, Mrs. Morris of a son, Mrs. Devine of a son; Mrs. Fraser of a son. 27—Mrs. Morrison of a daughter; Mrs. Kenny of a son; Mrs. West of a son.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED,

AT ST. MARY'S.

OCTOBER 25—Patrick McGrath to Margaret Brennan, Edward Barron to Mary Ann Dewier.

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