

tholic church. The Rev Edward Horne has resigned the rectories of St. Laurence and St. John, Southampton, and his resignation has been accepted by the Bishop of Winchester. Mr Horne was mentioned in our last weeks impression as about to embrace the Catholic religion.—*Cambridge Advertiser*.

At Birmingham, a few days ago, a Baptist Minister was received into the Church.

On the Vigil of the Ascension, Mr. John Morris an Undergraduate of Cambridge, the eldest son of a gentleman of handsome fortune, and the eldest of twelve children, was received into the church by Bishop Waring. It is supposed that his conversion will very materially affect his prospect in life.—(June.)

Rev. David Lewis, M. A., Vice Principal of Lewis College, Oxford, formerly curate of St. Mary the Virgin, in that city, was lately received into the Catholic Church by the Rt Rev Dr Griffiths, Vicar Apostolic of the London district.—*Morning Advertiser*, June 1846.

A correspondent of the *Tablet* says:—It is with much pleasure that I have to inform you of the reception into the Church of Christ, of the following persons at St. Servan:—Mrs Major Browne and her daughter, Mrs Bonsall and her four children, and Mrs Utting and her three children. (June 1846.)

The Hampshire Independent states that the rector of St Laurence, the Rev E Horne, has at length resolved openly to join the Catholic Church. (Ibid.)

Captain Fullerton, with his family, has followed Lady Georgiana, and has entered the Church of Rome. Considerable stir has been made by the announcement that the Rev John George Wenham, B. A., demy of Magdalen College, Oxford, has become a Roman Catholic. Mr Wenham was taken out last year by Dr Chapman, the first Protestant Bishop of Colombo, in order to superintend clerical education in the diocese and to act as the Bishop's examining chaplain. It is feared that this secession will prevent the appointment of further Colonial Bishops, who for the most part have been taken from the High Church party.—*Cambridge Advertiser*, June 1846.

The Rev Mr Simpson, Vicar of Mitcham, having first resigned his living was received into the bosom of the Roman Catholic Church (August 5).

The Reverend J M Jepson, curate of Wilby, who has long been under the tuition of the Reverend Mr Lopez, Roman Catholic priest at Great Yarmouth, with Mrs Jepson, have, at last, given in their full submission to the "Bishopric of St Peter." Mr. Lopez has been a constant visitor at the parsonage house for some months.—*Church and State Gazette*. (Ibid.)

On Tuesday the Rev William Howel Lloyd, a minister of the Established Church, was received into the Church of Rome, at the chapel of the Bishop's house in Birmingham. A few days before that, a gentleman of distinction from Scotland also made a profession of faith in the same chapel.—*Liverpool Standard*. (Ibid.)

At Kensington chapel, last week, four converts (ladies and gentlemen) were received into the church by the Rev. W. Rugden.

One of the clergy of the London District has lately assured a correspondent that scarcely a day passes without a conversion in his district.

Mrs Thomas Tiecherst, late of Battle, Sussex. Received by V. Rev. R. B.

A correspondent informs us that, on last Sunday, the 23rd August, in the parish of Killane, five members of a Protestant family, named Hughes, were received into Catholic Church by the Rev P. Rossiter.—*Wexford Independent*.

We need not assure our readers that the Converts for the first half of the present year have been equally numerous and respectable, and that every succeeding Packet brings an account of fresh conversions.

We beseech our separated brethren to ponder seriously on those remarkable changes, and to ask themselves whether the religion which has attracted the homage of so many pure and exalted minds, must not be invested with wonderful truth and beauty? Read, we say; read, and examine the grounds of the

Catholic religion, of the ancient faith. Ascertain its doctrine not from the lying pages of its ignorant, or unscrupulous enemies, but from genuine Catholic sources. And not only read but pray. Pray to the Father of Lights to conduct you to the knowledge of True Light, and pray with a determination to embrace that Truth, at any sacrifice whatsoever. Good Protestants of all denominations, you have two hundred millions of Catholics crying out that you are in error—that your doctrines are not the doctrines of Christ, but the suggestions of pride and passion—that your salvation is in imminent peril, because you profess not that true and only faith, without which it is impossible to please God. This is a great fact, an important question, nay, an *all important* question to you. All your churches admit that they are fallible, and how can any one of you be certain that he possesses the true faith. All the above converts have read examined, and prayed. The result is, that they are now Catholics. Go you and do in like manner. It is not only possible, but most probable that the whole, Catholic world are right and that you are wrong. We believe that this is certain; and if it be so, what a dreadful predicament are you not placed in! Read, read therefore; examine our doctrines without delay, and above all, pray for the illumination of the Holy Ghost.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOT THE WORK OF GOD, BUT THE CREATION OF MAN.

We asserted some time ago, that the Church as by law established, was the creature and slave of the state. This assertion was disputed, and we proved it. We published the additional and most convincing testimony of a celebrated Protestant layman to the same effect. This latter evidence has it seems, excited the bile of one of the anonymous bigots who have lately discharged their unchristian venom through the congenial organ of a degraded Protestant print. We promised to add the irrefragable testimony of another Protestant if provoked; and as the great historical fact of the clumsy fabrication by the State, of the Anglican Church has been so impudently denied, we beg our Protestant readers to weigh well the arguments contained in the following extract from a recent work by a Protestant Master of Arts, and Scholar of Corpus Christi College at Oxford. We allude to the Rev. Spencer Northcote, now a fervent Catholic, once Protestant Curate of Ilfracombe in Devonshire. He was received last year into the Catholic Church, and published an interesting Work, entitled "The Fourfold Difficulty of Anglicanism, or the Church of England tested by the Nicene Creed, in a series of Letters."

We quote from Letter IX., page 154:—

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The fourth and last note of the true Church