

Hymns of the Heart.

No 10.

PRÆTERIT FIGURA MUNDI.

The world is all illusion,
A dream that fades away,
As night in strange confusion
Fades into opening day
Distress—and pain—and sorrow
Complete the woeful tale
Whilst gleams of joy to-morrow
Are promises—to fail!

Then seek not on the billow
To build a piece of rest;
Nor in the waving willow
Presume to make thy nest:—
The soul has here no portion,
From realm to region driven;
All—all is an abortion—
Till home be reach'd in heaven!

There only is no anguish—
The Tree of life is there,
There flowers cannot languish
In fields for ever fair.—
The heart with each affection
Has reach'd its final shrine,
Where glass'd in full reflection
Emmanuel's glories shine!

DEATH OF THE LATE RIGHT REV. DR WALSH, V. A.

We have to announce the melancholy intelligence (if the death of the just may be so called) of the Right Rev. Father in God, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Bishop of Cambrystopolis, and V. A. of the London District.

He was described in last Saturday's Bulletin as lying in a feeble and precarious state, but his dissolution was hardly then supposed to be so nearly approaching. From the Friday evening, the stomach had been able to retain food, so that on Saturday afternoon his Lordship was able to receive the Holy Viaticum. It was evident that his thoughts were entirely occupied with God, so far as the torpor caused by the disease permitted it. Every now and then he could be heard making acts of resignation to the holy will of God. On Sunday the pulse was much weaker, and the general strength much diminished. Still there was but little suffering, and that little not perceptible through its patient endurance. In the afternoon the symptoms became more aggravated, and about half-past six it became evident that the last hour was fast approaching. The Recommendation of a departing soul was read, and every other pious practice enjoined by the Ritual observed. Throughout consciousness remained, and one of the last successful efforts of the good Bishop's right hand was to sign himself with the Cross of Christ, the dying Christian's shield. Again and again he fervently kissed the Crucifix presented to his lips. At length, amidst the prayers and tears of his attendants, he breathed forth calmly his pure soul into the hands of God at twenty minutes to nine p. m., without a struggle or a pang.

In due time, the corpse was arrayed in Pontificals and laid out in an apartment of the Bishop's residence; where many of the Clergy and faithful have been allowed to say a prayer beside the venerable remains, and to witness the calm and placid expression of the countenance, more resembling that of slumber than of death. The body, was later, according to the prescriptions of the "Episcopal Ceremonial," vested, "by the Bishop's familiar clerks," in full Pontifical vestments of violet colour, including dalmatics, sandals, gloves, pectoral cross, ring, mitre, and crozier, "as though he were about to celebrate High Mass." (Lib. ii., c. xxxviii., § 9.) and thus deposited in the coffin.

We will not anticipate the Very Reverend Dr Weedall in his duty of recorder of the venerable Prelate's good works and virtues, in his funeral oration. We will content ourselves with stating that Dr Walsh was educated in the school at St Alban's, and afterwards proceeded to St Omers, where he embraced the Catholic Faith. He was imprisoned during the reign of terror in France, and after his liberation continued his studies for the Priesthood at St Edmund's College, Old Hall Green. When Bishop Stapleton was appointed to the Midland District, in 1802, he took him with him from the London District, and thus he became connected with that District, where his name will long be honoured and cherished. Dr Milner selected him for his Coadjutor, and he was consecrated May 1, 1825. He succeeded to

the administration of the District in less than a year. To his exertions Religion certainly owes much, for in addition to the immense increase in the number of Missions in that District, while it was under his charge, it is to his Episcopacy that posterity will trace the great development of ecclesiastical architecture which forms so distinctive a feature in the history of our period. He first gave Pagan the opportunity of applying his brilliant genius and treasured science to the erection and decoration of religious edifices and the appurtenances of our holy worship. To Dr Walsh are due, not only the magnificent College of St Mary's, Oscott, Birmingham Cathedral, Presbytery, and Convent, Nottingham Church and Convent, Derby Church and Presbytery, which he himself had built, but the Abbey of Mount St Bernard's, the gorgeous Church of Cheadle, the beautiful Church and Monastery of Hanley, and those of Ratchiffe and Aston, which were erected under his auspices. He established in the District several religious communities of men and women—of the former, no less than six. of the latter, seven or eight. But again we must check ourselves, and leave to another time the many additions which may be made to this hasty sketch.—*Tablet.*

SCOTLAND.

DEATH OF THE REV. WILLIAM GRANT.—
(From the *Caledonian Mercury.*)—

"The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."
—An example of true good feeling has just been given to Stirling, on occasion of the death of a young Roman Catholic Clergyman, in circumstances calculated to evoke respect, and sympathy. The Rev William Grant, after pursuing his studies at Blairs, near Aberdeen, and afterwards at the Scottish college in Valladolid, returned to his native country, at the age of twenty-four, about three years ago, to labour as a Clergyman among the Catholics of Scotland. His first mission was among the railway labourers in the neighbourhood of Fusie Bridge. They had for some time been in a very demoralised state, and various revolting incidents had given the whole body in that district an unenviable notoriety. Mr. Grant gave himself with extraordinary devotion to the work of restraining and subduing these lawless natures. He soon effected a complete revolution among them, and during the year of his official connection with them not a case of such misconduct occurred as either to alarm the well-disposed or call for the interposition of a magistrate. Mr Grant was then removed to Dumfries. In the discharge of his duties there, he first caught the infection of small-pox, and again, while similarly engaged, that of typhus fever. From both he recovered, and during the frightful reign of cholera in Dumfries, he was day and night by the bedsides of the victims, attending at once to their immediate and physical wants, and to their necessities, moral and religious. In fact, then and during his brief career, he lived for the poor, and burned with a zeal which many of those who differed from him in creed allowed to be truly Apostolic. He outlasted the pestilence in Dumfries, and was slowly recovering his strength, exhausted by previous illness and by constant toil, when he was sent to Stirling to give temporary aid to his fellow Clergyman, Mr Malcolm. The fate which he had braved in Dumfries here overtook him.—Enfeebled by all he had gone through, nature yielded at the first assault, and on Tuesday, the 6th inst., an attack of cholera carried him off in seven hours, it being his third violent illness within nine months. He was a young man noted at college for steadiness and scholarship, though latterly his professional labours absorbed his whole faculties and time. Such was the impression of his virtues, that many Protestants came generously forward to attend his funeral on Thursday last, and among these (a fact which we deem highly honourable to the citizens of Stirling) the Provost and two of the Clergy of the town.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE DOWAGER MRS HOWARD, OF CORBY.

The funeral of this much lamented lady, whose demise occurred on the 16th of January, in the seventy-ninth year of her age, took place on the morning of the 1st inst. The coffin, which reached Carlisle at nine o'clock on Wednesday night by the mail train from London, was met at the Citeaux station by P. H. Howard, Esq., M. P., and H. F. Howard, Esq., of Berlin, sons of the deceased, and from thence conveyed in a hearse to the Catholic chapel, where it was

received by the Clergy and deposited in the chapel for the night, the usual "Requiem" being chanted. On Thursday morning there was a solemn High Mass for the dead, followed by the funeral service, at which the following members of the Clergy were present.—Rev. J. Marshall, Rev. L. Curry, and Rev. J. Watson, all of Carlisle, the latter of whom presided at the organ, Rev. W. Ryan, of Warwick Bridge, Rev. Messrs. Kelly, of Wigton, Clifton, of Workington, Haydock, of Penrith, Gibson, of Kendal, Duck and Holden, of Whitehaven, Humble, of Cockermouth; and Williams, of Maryport. The Chapel was partly hung with black, and arranged suitably to the mournful occasion. A short and touching discourse was delivered by the Rev. Luke Curry to the numerous congregation, assembled. The funeral procession, under the careful direction of Mr. Rome, moved from the chapel soon after twelve o'clock. In the first mourning coach were P. H. Howard, Esq., H. F. Howard, Esq., Hon. Arthur Petro, and Sir R. Darby Neave, of Dagenham. In the second were H. Howard, Esq., of Croystoke, and William Long, Esq., of Hurst Hall. These were followed by a file of private carriages, containing pall bearers and others. The pall bearers were Lieut. Col. Maclean, High Sheriff, Sir George Musgrave, Edenhall, Peter Dixon, Esq., Holme Edén, T. H. Graham, Esq., Edmond Castle, William James, Esq., Barrock, T. Featherstonhaugh, Esq., College; W. Crackenthorpe, Esq., Newbiggin; C Featherstonhaugh, Esq., Lowhouse; E. W. Hasell, Esq., Dalemaine; J. P. Senhouse, Esq., Neith Hall; W. P. Johnson, Esq., Watson; Wm. Browne, Esq., Tallentire; A. F. Huddleston, Esq., Hutton John; and T. Salkeld, Esq., Holm Hill. On the procession reaching Wetheral, the honoured remains of the deceased lady were met at the parish church by the Rev. J. Lawther Hodgson and laid in the family vault attached to the church.—*Whitehaven Herald*, Feb. 3d.

STONYHURST.—Died, on the 8th inst., at Stonyhurst, the Rev. Joseph Newsham, S. J. He was born at Westby, Co. Lanc., 16th May, 1781. Like his holy founder, St. Ignatius, he came late to the vineyard; but compensated for the delay and redeemed the time by extraordinary assiduity and fervour. At Christmas, 1809, he commenced his ecclesiastical studies at Stonyhurst, and on the 3rd July, 1810, was promoted to Holy Orders by the venerable Archbishop Murray. The ensuing month witnessed his settlement in the laborious mission of Wigan, where for nearly ten years he exercised his Priestly ministry with the zeal of an apostle. Thence he was removed to Portico, where his services to religion were equally efficient. His great experience and tact pointed him out as the fittest man in the province to fill the office of Procurator at Stonyhurst, and he was therefore recalled to the College in January 1832, and proved himself indeed a treasure to that establishment. Of late it pleased Almighty God to visit his faithful servant with a painful and tedious illness, to increase his merits and embellish his stole of glory, with which we trust he clothed him last Thursday evening.—R. D P.—*Correspondent.* [We have received also from another correspondent a letter respecting this lamented Ecclesiastic, which we hope to insert next week. Ed. 'TAB.]

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES OF THE LATE RIGHT HON. A. R. BLAKE.—This morning (Thursday) a solemn office and high mass for the repose of the soul of the Right Hon. A. R. Blake, were celebrated in the Metropolitan Roman Catholic Church in Marlborough-street. A very numerous assemblage of personages of the first rank were present during the ceremonies, amongst whom we perceived the Duke of Leinster, the Earl of Howth, Lord Dunkellin, the Hon. Patrick Plunkett, the Right Hon. Alexander M'Donnell, Mr. Reddington, the Under Secretary, and Mr. Corry Connellan, Private Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Judge Ball, Mr. Commissioner Farrell, Mr. Acheson Lylo, Mr. Pierce Mahony, Mr. William Murphy, Mr. Christopher Fitzsimon, &c. The deceased gentleman's two nephews, the Rev. A. Blake and Mr. P. Blake, attended as chief mourners. When the ceremonies had been concluded, the remains were removed and placed in a hearse, which, having got in motion, was followed by a numerous cortege of the nobility and gentry, who accompanied the procession a considerable distance

of the road to Maynooth, from whence the remains were conveyed to Loughrea, to be deposited in the family vault there.—*Evening Post.*

Died, on the 16th instant, in the 44th year of his age, Rev. Joseph Buro, a native of Hungary, and for several years parish priest of Farkasd, in the diocese of Strigonio. During more than six years he has had charge of the German congregation of St John Baptist, at Portville, Pa. where he died in the most edifying disposition—

The daily papers announce the decease of the Very Rev. F. CELLINI, at St Louis, on the 6th inst. He came to America from Rome, above thirty years ago, having served up an ecclesiastical benefice, in order to engage in the American missions. Having practised medicine for several years in the Roman Hospital, he was enabled to exercise charity successfully in the relief of the afflicted.—*C. Mer.*

PRESTON—PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.—The Collectors for the Propagation of the Faith assembled for their annual supper in the school room, St. Ignatius, on Wednesday Feb. 7th. The school had been tastefully decorated with evergreens, flowers, lights and emblematical devices. The chair, over which a canopy of evergreens had been wreathed, was occupied by the Rev. William Knight. The supper was provided with the greatest liberality. Amongst the guests we noticed the Revs. T. Weston, J. Bird, R. Havers, J. Gosford, H. Segrave, and J. Anderton, J. Sidgreaves, J. Holland, Esq., &c. An exceedingly delightful evening was spent in songs and music. After the supper, the younger portion of the Collectors closed the amusements with a dance. The sum of 250*l.* has been collected during the last year in Preston and the neighbourhood for this every way well-deserving and truly Catholic society.—*Correspondent.*

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
RECEPTION OF TWO NUNS.

On Wednesday, Miss Walsh of Rathangan, niece of Dr Walsh, of Rostown, in the archdiocese of Dublin, and Miss Ellen Maguire of Cork, sister of our talented fellow-labourer and countryman, Counsellor John Francis Maguire, of the *Cork Examiner*, received the white veil, at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Wexford. The Right Rev Dr Keating presided; and the Rev Laurence Kirwan was master of ceremonies. The imposing and beautiful ceremony was gone through with great solemnity. The procession, the music, and singing, the magnificent discourse of Dr Moriarty, on the occasion, the witnessing of two young and interesting women, heroically bidding adieu to a vain and evanescent world, and their awfully humble prostration of body after receiving the veil—all were well calculated to excite in the hearts and minds of the beholders sentiments which do not soon pass away, and feelings quite above the alluring, yet wretched follies of this world.—*Wexford Guardian.*

Births

- March 10—Mrs Coolan, of a daughter.
- " 11—Mrs Sullivan of a daughter.
- " 16—Mrs Byrne, of a son.

Died.

- March 9—Elizabeth, infant daughter of William and Jane Shortland, aged 6 weeks.
- " 10—Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Catherine Bulger, aged 1 year and 10 months.
- " 11—Mary Anastasia, daughter of Phillip and Dorothea Shipley, aged 11 years and 4 months.
- " 12—John Edward, infant son of John and Johanna Reardon, aged 2 months.
- " 12—Robert Mahar, native of Halifax, aged 30 years.
- " 13—Margaret Sullivan, native of Limerick, aged 65 years.
- " 13—Susan, wife of Sergt. Robert Copley, 07th Regt. native of the city of Waterford, aged 29 years.
- " 15—John, son of Michael and Susan McGinn, aged 2 years.

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