

"But, father, it is immortality that he is renouncing."

"Immortality is nothing in the presence of eternity."

And the monk drew his cowl over his face, and changed the conversation in such a manner as to prevent Rubens from insisting further.

Rubens left the cloister with his brilliant train of pupils, and all returned to Madrid thoughtful and silent.

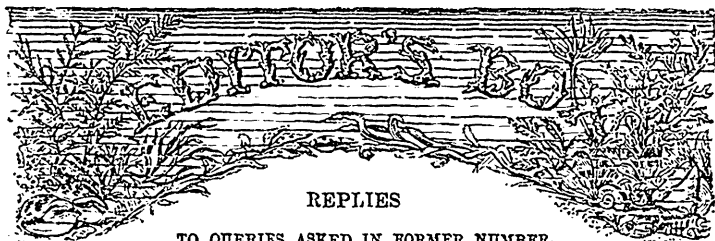
The Prior re-entered his cell, threw himself on his knees on the straw pallet which

served him for a bed, and offered up a fervent prayer to God.

Then he collected some brushes, colours, and an easel lying in his cell, and threw them into the river which flowed under his windows. He gazed for some time with melancholy at the water which carried away these objects with it.

When they had disappeared, he turned to betake himself again to prayer on his straw pallet, and before his wooden crucifix.—*From the French.*

TINA.



#### NEW NAME FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY.

30.—*Can any of your readers inform me why Maundy Thursday is called in Germany Green Thursday?* J. B.

In answer to J. B.'s enquiry in your June number, why Maundy Thursday is called in Germany, "Green Thursday," or *Grüner Donnerstag*, I beg to inform him that a German friend of the Saxon Lutheran community, who has studied theology, tells me it is so called because the Jews on that day used to sing the twenty-third Psalm, *Weide mich auf grüner Ane*; or, "He shall feed me in a green pasture,"—as a forerunner of the coming feast of the Passover. J. A. V.

#### VESTED ALTARS.

53.—*What churches had altars vested in any other colour than red and blue previous to A.D. 1830?* Moss.

In answer to Moss, a terrier of church lands and properties made on July 1, 1777, at Full Sutton, in Yorkshire, has the following entry: "... To the church belong a Communion table with a green cloth cover."

At S. John's College, Cambridge, the following was the sequence of colours of altar-cloths in the old chapel: Saturday evenings, Sundays, holy days and their eves, the altar was vested in white. On ordinary days, a red

cover was used, and at celebrations a cover of cloth of gold; it is to be regretted that this latter has been discarded in the new chapel. T. M. F.

The altar at S. Mary, Brettenham, Suffolk, was, according to a terrier of the year 1794, vested in green; and, according to another terrier of the year 1813, was then vested in purple. C. G. BETHAM.

#### CHURCH DEDICATED TO ST. ELWYN.

54.—*There is a church at Hayle, in Cornwall, dedicated to St. Elwyn; ROSE EMMA would be glad of information respecting this saint.*

A Correspondent, in a recent number of the PENNY POST, inquired as to the origin of this name as given to a recently-created parish in Cornwall.

Leland, who wrote his "Itinerary" in the reign of Henry VIII., narrates how about the year 460, Breaca, who had lived in the county of Meath, came into Cornwall accompanied by many saints. Amongst them were Sinnin the Abbot, who had been at Rome with St. Patrick,—Maruan, Germoch, Elwen, Crewenna, and Helena. They landed on the eastern side of the river Hayle, on a spot then called by the name which it bears to this day, viz., Riviere, in the parish