

Prophet and the great heart of a universal Father, Leo XIII, successor to Pius IX, perceives this, and during his whole pontificate has set himself to preparing the ways and making straight the paths, that no obstacle may impede the glorious work of God in moulding the religious destinies of future ages.

The latest act, by which Our Holy Father has shown his practical interest in this momentous and sacred work, is his becoming an active member of the League of Prayer for the Conversion of England. This action of the Sovereign Pontiff should stimulate every Catholic to renewed effort for the speedy "coming home" of that illustrious and powerful nation which was once so beautifully and so appropriately styled "Our Lady's Dowry."



EDITORIAL NOTES

In Nichol's life of Byron, in the series "English Men of Letters," we are told that the great poet Byron desired that his daughter "should be a Roman Catholic which I look upon as the best religion."

Walter Savage Landor thus epigrammatically sums up the work of the Reformation: "The Reformation has effected little more than melting down the gold lace of the old wardrobe to make it enter the pocket more conveniently.

A name not unfamiliar to many Canadians is that of Mr. Wm. Johnson, M. P., better known as the Belfast Orangeman. As this name would indicate, Mr. Johnson has

been a powerful enemy of all things Catholic, but he is now apparently about to receive the reward of his many blatant utterances. According to the latest reports received in Canada, it is asserted that his daughter has lately been received into the Catholic Church. Mr. Johnson now claims that many anti-Catholic sayings have been attributed to him without any foundation whatever.

In an editorial dealing with the Silver Jubilee of Archbishop Corrigan, of New-York, the *Catholic Standard and Times* closes with the following lines: "One by-event in this celebration makes it stand out from all its predecessors. It was the spontaneous outburst of patriotism elicited by our own Archbishop's starting at the banquet the singing of a national anthem. As by an electric impulse the whole assembly of five hundred bishops and priests rose to their feet and the ringing melody of "The Red, White and Blue," resounding through the noble hall told this continent and told the world that the pulse of Catholic America throbs with the national heart. It was a thrilling episode and one not to be mistaken or forgotten."

The trans-Atlantic excursion which was to be held in July on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Rebellion of '98 has been postponed on account of the present Spanish-American war. The patriotic spirit possessed by Irish-Americans forbade them to leave their country when it appeared that their services might at any time be required in defense of the land. Great disappointment will likely be felt in Ireland by the loss of so many visitors from this side, as great prepara-