

they had not received any of the wretched pittance for their support during the last fourteen months!

A Madrid journal having objected to the introduction into Spain of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, on the ground that "it is a machination of the Jesuits," the *Catlico* replies on the authority of a letter from Paris, "that the council of the Propagation of the Faith at Paris, far from being full of Jesuits, has among its members, half of whom are decorated with the Legion of Honour, two functionaries of the University, and only one priest, who is besides a secular."

PRUSSIA.—Several journals, says the *Ami de la Religion*, having lately announced that a Catholic parish in Eastern Prussia demanded, through the medium of its cure, the communion in both species, the abolition of ecclesiastical celibacy, and that of auricular confession, without ceasing to form a part of the Catholic Church, the cure of the parish in question has come forward with a formal declaration contradicting such rumours.

A letter from Berlin states that much attention was attracted in that city by the public conversion to Catholicity of eight Protestants, who made their abjuration at Potsdam, on the "Feast of the Reformation."

SWITZERLAND.—The Rev. Mr. O'Kenny, of the Society of Jesus, professor of the English language in the college of Fribourg, has quitted his tranquil occupation, says the *Ami de la Religion*, to undergo the fatigues and privations of the mission to Madras.

ITALY.—Letters dated Turin, November 14th, mention a new conversion to Popery. It is said that on the previous Sunday Miss Louisa Cambridge abjured Protestantism in the convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Genoa, and entered the cloisters as a novice.—*Times*.

ROME.—On the 18th ult. was celebrated at Rome, with great solemnity, the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica of St. Peter's, which took place for the first time in the fourth century, and was renewed by Pope Urban VIII., in 1626, when that illustrious pontiff concluded the works that have rendered the new basilica the most august of the wonders of the world. Cardinal Mattei, Archpriest of St. Peter's and Bishop of Frascati, officiated at the solemn Mass, at which his Holiness, surrounded by the cardinals and pontifical court, was present.—*Drario di Roma*.

A letter was received in Rome, informing his Holiness of the conversion of one of the most considerable of the Druses of Mount Lebanon.—*Freeman*.

BELGIUM.—The Feast of St. Cecilia was celebrated in Brussels by solemn Masses, concerts,

balls, and banquets. The: Majesties attended a magnificent concert at the Grande Harmonie, which may be considered the most aristocratic club of this city. They were received with every mark of respect.—*Journal de Bruxelles*.

The Jewish writer, Lombroso, who resides at Turin, has just embraced the Christian religion. This is undoubtedly one of the most important conversions that has occurred for many years.—*Ibid*.

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