

in the Church of St. Ignatius at the Roman College. His Holiness offered the Divine Sacrifice at the altar where reposes the body of St. Louis Gonzaga, patron of youth, and distributed the Blessed Communion to the pupils. After Mass, and a slight refreshment, the Pope went into the great court on which all the classes abut. It was decorated with pictures and draperies, and the Holy Father received the professors and then visited the classes each in its own place. He was greeted on his retiring with a hymn composed for the occasion and sung by the students in four choirs concluded with the loud and simultaneous cheering of the students and devoted youth.

THE WESTMINSTER CATHOLIC COMMITTEE.

Preparatory to the General Election in England this useful Body has drawn up a list of requirements which is to be submitted to every candidate that shall solicit Catholic votes.

1. The repeal of the whole Penal Code.
2. A full and adequate provision for Divine service and religious instruction for Catholic soldiers whether on march, in barracks, or in hospital, and also for the education of their children as Catholics, in the regimental schools.
3. A similar provision for Catholic sailors and their children.
4. Provisions for the spiritual care of all Catholics in workhouses and prisons, and of their children in penal and industrial schools; liberty of entering such places for the Catholic Priest at all times, whether sent for or not; and convenient opportunities for the celebration therein of the necessary rites of the Church and adequate remuneration for priests so employed.
5. A share in the public grant for education on terms consistent with the Catholic religion, and as favourable as are those upon which it is made to the Anglican and Wesleyan communions.
6. A modification of the oath prescribed by the Statute 10 George the IV., c. 7. [The Catholic Oath.]

7. To inquire of all candidates whether, when requested to do so, they will, irrespective of parties or official connections, take an active part in our favour in the House of Commons on these questions, and on all others involving equal rights to the Catholics of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies, and the exemption of the Catholic church from State controul.

KENTISH TOWN—DEFENCE OF CATHOLIC TRUTH BY AN ISRAELITE.

Great interest has been lately created in Kentish town by the appearance there of a learned Jew

from Russian Poland, who has been delivering lectures in the immediate vicinity of the Catholic chapel of St. Alexis, on the Protestant mistranslations of Scripture. At first all doors were closed against him, but upon applying to the Rev. Mr. Ivers, a spacious apartment was thrown open to him on Fitzroy terrace. The Protestants flocked to his first lecture, but upon being told by the learned lecturer, who is an accomplished Hebrew scholar, that their version is full of the grossest errors, and that they were bound in conscience to use the Roman Catholic translation, they withdrew in consternation declaring that the gentleman was a Catholic Priest in disguise. In vain the learned stranger protested against this accusation; in vain he declared that he was a sincere and strict Israelite, and known as such to many of the greatest literary celebrities of the day; in vain he appealed to the great work, "My Kur Hayem," which has been published on the same subject under the patronage of the Royal Family and some of the noblest personages of the kingdom, the bigots would not be convinced, and on the following day the attendance of Protestants had materially diminished, and the majority of the audience was soon composed of Catholics. This fact however, has produced a deep sensation on the minds of many, and even the crowd who had collected on one occasion at the gate of the house where the lectures were delivered were heard to exclaim "The true religion must be that which fears not investigation."—*Correspondent of the Tablet*.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

The erection of a Catholic Church in a certain town which but three years before rejoiced at the apparent impracticability of such a project ever being accomplished, had now attracted the attention of the curious, the scorers, and the lovers of novelty of all the religious denominations that usually exists in towns; among them, that of a lady whose talents and zeal were displayed in her manner of contemning every thing and every body connected with this beautiful and interesting building. Stopping one day to con the Latin sentence sculptured over the door in antique characters, she sneeringly remarked that she "did not know before that the Devil understood Latin."—"He does not, madam," replied a subordinate functionary of the holy place who was standing by, "and that is one reason why he never enters here."—FLORA ANNE.—*Catholic Instructor*.

LUCCA.

On the 19th of last month, an English lady named Mrs. Sarah Cornish, abjured with her six sons