

inclosed, with the exception of the head, in a wicker-work globe, and suspended head down-ward, or has his head incased in the stumps of the leaves which formed the crown of the palm tree. The priest lets the rope go, the tree springs back and the man is left swinging in the air. Birds of prey soon dispose of the body.

On Sunday evening, January 30, a sacred concert will be given in Steinway Hall in aid of those African missions. Between the parts Dr McGlynn will deliver a lecture on the subject.

WEST AFRICAN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the London Tablet :

SIR.—In your edition of October 16th you were good enough to publish a letter of mine giving some information about the Catholic mission at Lagos, West Africa.

Since then I have received a letter from the Superior of the mission, containing an account of his journey to Abbeokuta, an immense town about forty miles inland, and entirely under native control, which I hope may interest some of your readers. I therefore send you a translation of it:—

“ I left Lagos in company with Pere Holley, on July 29th, at five A. M., soon crossed the Lagoon in a canoe, and we then entered a narrow channel, the outlet of the river Ogun. As we proceeded, the river enlarged, and we then found ourselves in fresh and limpid waters almost as broad as the Lagoon of Lagos. The impenetrable forest and gigantic trees, the cries of the monkeys, and still more of the parrots, filled us with wonder and