

and drink; he is heavy laden and weary, but for him also the heavens send sleep, and the deepest; in his smokey crib, a clear dewy heaven of rest envelopes him, and fitful glimmerings of cloud-skirted dreams. But what I do mourn over is, that the lamp of his soul should go out; that no ray of heavenly, or even earthly knowledge should visit him; but only in the haggard darkness, like two spectres, Fear and Indignation. Alas, while the body stands so broad and brawney, must the soul lie, blinded, dwarfed, stupified, almost annihilated! Alas, was this, too, a breath of God, bestowed in heaven, but on earth never to be unfolded! That there should one man die ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times in a minute, as by some computations it does.

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### General Intelligence.

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#### FRANCE.

A very edifying conversion recently occurred in Paris, to the great joy of the true Church of God. Dr Perquem, an eminent Israelite practitioner, whose whole family had embraced Christianity, manifested in his last illness a desire to die a Christian. He made his profession of faith before several witnesses, and received baptism at the hands of l'Abbe Ratisbonna. Two days after he expired full of joy, and declaring to his afflicted family the happiness he found in acknowledging Jesus Christ to be the Redeemer promised to his fathers.—[Journal de Bruxelles.

**NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN EUROPE.**—Besides foreign missions, Europe contains an additional Catholic population of about one hundred and fifteen millions, under the jurisdiction of five hundred and sixty bishops, which will carry the total number of Catholics in Europe to nearly one hundred and forty millions, and the number of bishops to upwards of six hundred.

**NEW CHURCH IN CINCINNATI.**—The corner stone of the new church of St. John the Baptist was laid on Tuesday, the 25th ult., by the Right Rev. Bishop Purcell, assisted by the Catholic clergy of the city, and attended by an immense assembly of the faithful.

**THE JESUITS.**—"At a moment," says the 'Courrier Francais,' "when the Society of Jesus attracts so much attention, the following sketch may not be uninteresting:—The Jesuits have had since the foundation of the order to the present period twenty-two generals, of whom eleven were Italians, four Spaniards, three Germans, two Poles, two Belgians, and one Dutch. The order was suppressed in 1773, under the General Ricci, but continued to be tolerated in Russia, where it was governed by three ad-

ministrators, Poles by birth—Czerniwicz, elected in 1782; Dukiwicz, elected in 1785: and Francis Xavier Caren, elected in 1799. During the latter year Pope Pius VII. re-established the society, which appointed the 19th General, Francis Xavier Caren, a Pole, in 1729; 20. Gabriel Gruber, German, 1802; 21. Thadæus Broszarowski, a Pole, 1814; 22. L. Forti, Italian, 1820; 23. Roothan, a Dutchman, 1823. At the period of their suppression, in 1773, the Jesuits possessed twenty-four professed houses, 609 colleges, 61 noviciates, 176 seminaries, 336 residences, and 273 missions. They are now composed of 22,819 members, of whom 11,413 are priests."

**CONVERSION.**—Considerable interest has been excited during the last week, both in Paisley and Glasgow, by the conversion of the daughter of a Minister of the Established Church, in the former town, from Presbyterianism to Catholicism. The convert is Miss Brewster, eldest daughter of the Rev Patrick Brewster, of the Abbey, parish of Paisley.—[Preston Guardian.

**ST JOHN'S GATE.**—This ancient remnant of Ecclesiastical structure, in which, in 1713, Cave first printed the Gentleman's Magazine, and where Dr. Johnson was a constant visitant, and which was threatened with demolition a few weeks since, under the New Building Act, is about to be repaired and restored, scaffolding having been erected around it for that purpose.

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