CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF A CATHOLIC ARTIST.—The death is announced of Mr. Anton Buscher, of Chicago, Ill., which occurred on the 2nd inst., after a protracted illness. The deceased, a native of Germany, was one of the most accomplished sculptors and altar-builders in the United States. He was a resident of Chicago for twenty-one years, and many Catholic churches and religious institutions have been supplied by his ever ready chisel with works of art fit to adorn the grandest Cathedrals in Europe. Two of his best works are the main altar of the Church of the Holy Family in Chicago, and a beautiful statue of the Immaculate Conception which graces the dome of the College at Notre Dame. Mr. Buscher was a practical Catholic during his life, and died fortified with the last Sacrameuts. Entirely devoted to his art, he had but little communication with the outside world, but the few who enjoyed his friendship speak of his refined taste and gentle manners in the highest terms of praise. His eldest son is at present following course of studies in the Royal Academy of Munich, Bavaria.

Conversions.—Quite recently we chronic

led the conversion of. Rev. Daniel Gans, D. D., an old and highly respected Protestant clergy man of Baltimore, as well as a scholar of some note, author of a pamphlet in refutation of the doctrines of Universalism, another written in conjunction with several distinguished theologians of Europe on the occasions of the tercentenary celebration of the Heidelberg Catecentenary celebration of the Heidelberg Cate-chism, two books on "Gospel and Epistle River Kegashka (North Shore) Washecotai do Lessons," still in use and an essay on "Organic Thinking," delivered before the literary Soci-eties of Franklin and Marshall College, which received many complimentary allusions for the analytic skill and power of crystallizing thought in the most appropriate language shown by its author. He was a graduate of Marshal College, where he completed a seven years course, and received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from Heidelberg College in 1866. His eldest son, Edgar H. Gans, gives promise of becoming one of the most distinguished members of the Baltimore bar. To Mr. Gans's conversion it now becomes our pleasing duty to add that of the Rev. Egbert Cleave, formerly a Protestant minister, "and," says the Cath olic Columbian, "lately identified with the move ment to start a Reformed Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio." On the 13th ult. Mr. Cleaves delivered a lecture in a public hall in Columbus, in which he told how, notwithstanding a natural reluctance, he began to see the erroneous position in which he found himself, or rather the doctrines of Episcopalianism, and that notwithstaading this reluctance, the truth gradually forced itself on him uutil he became firmly convinced that the Catholic Church possessed the only valid claims to orthodoxy. As a proof to his late friends of the conscientiousness of his step in entering the Church, it need only be remarked that in resigning his position in the Protestant ministry Mr. Cleaves sacrifices the only means of livelihood he possessed, that he has none of this world's goods to fall back upon, and depends solely on Providence and his own personal labors for subsistence. On Sunday evening, March the 9th, he delivered a lecture in the Opera House, at Columbus, on the Sub-ject, "Why I became a Catholic."

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