

struggle for our common rights. Look at all the valleys, the mountains, and you will find their hearts beating for us and for our cause. Behold, also, those cantons inhabited by our brothers of another creed; thousands and thousands of them are averse to war; they wish to maintain us immemorial relations, as faithful, dear, and loyal confederates. Cry, then, to those "Come and give us your hand! Let peace exist between us. Allow us to remain peaceably in our abodes, and we will not disturb you in yours. Leave us our rights, and you may freely enjoy yours." Cry to them from the bottom of your heart—"We wish to be a united, free, and peaceable people." And you, citizens of the canton of Lucerne, do not forget that a paternal hand has twice saved you from the dangers of a civil war, and confide in the arm of Providence, who watches over you. Fulfil your duty first, then raise towards Him your prayers with the candour of a child, with a pure soul, free from all hatred, even against your enemies, and await events in peace. The Eternal, who has twice saved us in so marvellous a manner, will not abandon us in the third and decisive struggle. Receive from us an assurance that we also will be faithful to you. With you and by your side we will march to battle for the repose, glory, liberty, rights, welfare, and religion of the canton of Lucerne, and we will loyally share with you all that the hand of Providence reserves to us.

Almighty God protect and guard our country!
In the name of the Grand Council,
J. HOHE, President.
A. HAUTT and V. FISCHER,
Secretaries.

Lucerne, October 6, 1817 "

GENEVA.—Here also the Catholics are not inactive, they loudly manifest their sympathies for their Catholic confederates, and at a recent review held by the authorities, entire companies of recruits, to the great scandal of the Radicals, cried out "The Jesuits and the Sonderbund for ever." The Parish Priest of Versoix was brought to trial for having denounced from the pulpit that impious war, and making it a case of conscience with the young men to take arms against their Catholic brothers. The clergyman, M. Moglin, has been punished by the stopping of his salary, and a demand on the Bishop for his removal.

DEATH OF THE RIGHT REVEREND DR RIDDELL, BISHOP OF LONGO, AND VICAR-APOSTOLIC OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT

The lamented death of this beloved Prelate was communicated to our readers last week in a second edition, through a letter from the Very Rev. Mgr. Eyre, and a circular from the Vicar-General, the Very Rev. W. Hogarth.

A singular testimonial of respect and regret has been offered to the Bishop's memory by one of the journals of the locality, the Newcastle Guardian, which prints an express and extraordinary edition on Tuesday, in complement of its regular publication on Saturday, in order to give a full account of the ceremonial at the funeral, and particulars of the Bishop's family, &c. The latter portion of the matter is printed also in the Gateshead Observer. "The Bishop," says the Guardian, caught the prevalent fever whilst assisting his clergy in this town at a period when an able and devoted Priest (the Rev. James Standen) had died, and two others were necessarily ab-

sent regarding their health, after having recovered from the same disease. On Sunday, the 23d ult., on his return home after visiting some of the poor and sick members of his flock in Sandgate and other unhealthy localities, he complained of exhaustion and indisposition. On the Thursday following he removed from the chapel-house, in Pilgrim street, to Charlotte-square; on the succeeding Sunday a sudden change for the worse was experienced; and at a quarter past three on Tuesday, the 2nd. inst., he calmly resigned his soul into the hands of his Creator. The deceased Prelate was in his forty-first year, having been born on the 5th of February, 1807. His death, occurring as it did in the discharge of his pastoral office, to the sick and dying, has occasioned a painful sensation in the district, for his courtesy and urbanity as a gentleman, his zeal and unwearying devotion as a Priest, his grace and dignity as a Prelate, and his successful efforts towards raising the splendid church of Saint Mary's in Clayton street, had deserved and secured the esteem and love, not only of his spiritual children, but of those also who were not of his flock, whilst his many excellent qualities secured the respect of all sects and classes of the community."—*London Tablet*.

THE HIERARCHY.

Our readers are aware that for some time past rumours have been afloat respecting the re-establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in England. These rumours, it appears, from recently received intelligence, are correct. The Propagand has already made a decree, changing the eight Vicariates into Bishoprics. The Vicariate of London is to be the Archbishopric of Westminster, and the other seven Bishops are for a time, at least, to be suffragans. The seven suffragan Sees are as follows—Plymouth, Northampton, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newport, Leeds, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bishop Walsh was offered the Archbishopric of Westminster, but having declined it on account of broken health, it remains uncertain who will fill that high station. Bishop Wiseman was appointed for Birmingham. We have thus given the substance of a long article in the *Tablet* on the subject—not having room in this week's paper for the article.—*It*.

UNITED STATES.

We have noticed that the *Freeman's Journal* copies the following from a New York paper, respecting the progress of religion at St. Albans:

INCREASE OF ROMANISM.

'We learn from the St Albans (Vt) Republican that Roman Catholicism is greatly on the increase in that vicinity. Several influential families, members of the Episcopal Church, have recently joined the Roman Catholic Church in that place, and it is understood that nearly one half of the St. Albans Union church are inclined to the same faith. The Catholics outnumber every denomination in the place, and contemplate, in the spring, building a splendid edifice for public worship. Father Hamilton is the officiating clergyman of the parish.'

Last Sunday morning the Rev. J R Bayley, of the Diocese of New York, preached an interesting and edifying discourse in St John's Church in this city. The Rev. preacher dwelt particularly on the veneration which the Catholic Church pays to the relics of the Saints, defending the practice, not only by the fact that it is in accordance with our natural instincts, but also by the fact that numerous instances of miracles wrought by means of the relics of the servants of God are recorded in the Bible.