

was also hoisted half mast high on the occasion. The order of the procession was most decorous, and the services of the stewards were scarcely decorous, and the services of the stewards were scarcely called in requisition; to use a common expression, "you might hear a pin drop," as the multitude moved along the streets. The concourse of country people that lined the flagways was immense, and could only be estimated by thousands. On leaving St. James's Chapel, the procession moved through Upper James's-street, James's-green, Blackmill-street, Dean-street, Vicar-street, Green-street, over Green's-bridge, through Michael-street, Upper and Lower John-street, over John's bridge, through Rose-lun-street, High-Street, Lower James's-street, and thus back to the Chapel. As the procession entered once more the Chapel-yard, the Clergy recommenced intoning the psalms, and continued the funeral dirge until the body was lowered into the grave prepared for it, between the monuments of the Right Rev. Drs Lanigan and Marum, the former Bishops of this diocese.

### CONVERSIONS IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Tablet.

Northampton, Dec. 3, 1845.

DEAR SIR—Though "it is good to hide the secret of a king," yet "it is honourable to reveal and confess the works of God," (Tob. 12, v. 7,) and I, therefore, again trespass on your columns to insert the following short statement, which I trust will be edifying and interesting to your readers.

On Friday last, the 28th ult., I had the comfort of receiving into the church the Rev. Michael Watts Russell, Rector of Benesfield, in this county, together with his lady and sister; and on the following day I administered to them the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. It would be difficult adequately to describe the unaffected humility and sincere devotion with which these pious converts have odified us. The ceremony was rendered more interesting by the presence of the devout Faber, who came to witness and share the happiness of his dear friends. Surely, in these late occurrences, which have crowded upon us from Elton and Benesfield, we plainly recognise the hand of God's special mercy! I have received into the church from this locality sixteen devout, and fervent, and well-instructed converts. The humble faith and ardent devotion of these good people are mainly owing to the instruction and training of the pious Faber; who has led them by word and example to a high degree of enlightened and ascetic piety, the rectory of Elton having been for some time past conducted on the model of a monastic institution.

A sacred duty now devolves upon me, viz., to

furnish the ordinary means of grace, the holy sacrifice and sacraments, for these interesting neophytes. For it would be too much to expect them to maintain their fervour, without the ordinary aid of religion.

On Sunday last I offered the holy sacrifice at Oundle, which is a centre point between the two parishes of Elton and Benesfield: and was delighted to see a repetition of a sight so devout and holy. The converts, rich and poor, were all present; the humble Faber served mass; several received the holy communion; and all returned to their houses with serenity and peace visible in their countenances. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the worthy and hospitable Catholic family at Oundle, in whose house the congregation is at present accommodated. They were unremitting in their attention to the wants and comforts of the converts, to whom they offered the most heartfelt congratulations, and the most warm-hearted hospitality. I hope, with God's blessing, to be able in due time to provide a larger and more public place of worship, where instructions may be given, the holy sacrifice offered, the sacraments dispensed, and the means of grace afforded, so as to extend the present flock into a large and flourishing congregation. I am, with every good feeling, dear sir, yours faithfully in Christ,

† W. WAREING.

### BIRTHS RECORDED.

AT ST. MARY'S.

- JAN. 24—Mrs. Catherine Spence, of a Daughter.  
 26—Mrs. Catherine Purcell, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Catherine Flynn, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Julia Tucker, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Catherine Walsh, of a Daughter.  
 27—Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Isabella M'Cormick, of a Daughter.

### INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- JAN. 25.—Thomas, son of Thomas and Isabella Maguire, aged 4 years and 2 months.  
 " Sarah, daughter of Michael and Bridget Murphy, aged 3 years.  
 26.—David Ryan, native Fermoy, county Cork, aged 60 years.

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