

have myself heard him; his voice is full, it has recovered its natural volume, and he can consecrate it anew to the glory of God and the salvation of the populations who had bewailed his loss.

"The day before yesterday Bishop Pompallier, Bishop Luquet, the Confessor of the Abess Makrina, and the healed missionary were in communication with His Holiness, for the purpose of informing him of what had passed. The Holy Father was overjoyed at it.

"He has given permission for the erection of a chapel on the spot where the Madonna stands, and in the interval, he has authorised M. l'Abbe Blanquin to say a Mass of Thanksgiving before this image.

"Such, Mr. Editor, is the faithful history of a fact which will console, without surprising your Catholic readers.

"When an entire city is witness of such a prodigy it would be necessary—before we could possibly entertain a doubt—to have cars and not to hear.—I remain, &c.,

"L'ABBE CHERUEL."

Univers, Nov. 22nd.

SINGING.

The following amusing and sensible "reasons for learning to sing," occur in a work of the eminent composer Bird, and published in the year 1598.

1. It is a knowledge easily taught and quickly learned when there is a good master and an apt scholar.

2. The exercise of singing is delightful to nature and good to preserve the health of man.

3. It doth strengthen all parts of the heart, and doth open the pipes.

4. It is a singular good remedy for a stuttering and stammering speech.

5. It is the best means to preserve a perfect pronunciation, and to make a good orator.

6. It is the only way to know whether nature has bestowed the benefit of a good voice, which gift is so rare as there is not one amongst a thousand that hath it; and in many that excellent gift is lost, because they want an art to express nature.

7. There is not any music of instruments whatsoever, comparable to that which is made of the voices of men where the voices are good, and the same well-sorted and ordered.

8. The better the voice is, the sweeter it is to honour and serve God therewith; and the voice of man is chiefly to be employed to that end. "Omnia Spiritus laudet Dominum."

Since singing is so good a thing,
I wish all men would learn to sing.

THOMAS MOORE.—The poet has been made a subject of great anxiety by a statement in a French paper, copied into the English press, of his being seriously ill in Ireland. We rejoice to say there is no foundation for this report, and that the bard is in the best health at his cottage in Wiltshire. We believe he has recently put the finishing hand to his Irish History; and enjoyed the relief from literary labour with his noble friend the Marquis of Lansdowne at Bowood.—*Literary Gazette.*

Faction is the excess and the abuse of party—it begins when the first idea of private interest, preferred to public good, gets footing in the heart.—It is always dangerous, yet always contemptible: and in vain would the men who engage in it hide their designs—their secret prayer is, "Havoc, do thy worst."

While we are reasoning concerning life, life is gone; and death, though perhaps we receive him indifferently, treats alike the peasant and the philosopher.

"Whether to detract, or to hear a detractor be more damnable, I cannot exactly determine".—*St. Bernard.*

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

From the 1st January 1816 to the 1st January 1847—241 persons. Of that number there are 104 adults, 63 men and 41 women. Children under age of 10 years 137.

The average age is as follows:

Men's age 50 years.

Women's age 36 years.

Children's age 2 years and 6 months.

Out of the Poor Asylum, including the above number are 36—16 men, 13 women, and 7 children.

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