

tion. One of the converts, Mr. Francis Glynnne, had been intended for the Romish Priesthood.

On Sunday, 11th instant, another respectable individual, of unexceptionable character, read his recantation, publicly, in Finner Church, and afterwards received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. So much was he stricken with the spiritual and devotional character of our Liturgy, and the marked contrast between it and that of "the apostasy," which he had just renounced, that he was heard to say, as he returned from the Lord's house, "Blessed be God that I am free! I would not for the wealth of a world be again united to that soul destroying system." This is the sixth individual who, within a short period, has renounced the errors of "Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and abominations of the Earth," in obedience to the Divine command, "Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her plagues."

On the same day the congregation of Castletwellan Church was highly gratified to see a member of the Romish Church, the wife of a respectable tradesman, come forward and make a public recantation of the errors of Popery before the Rev. Arthur Thomas, who, on presenting her with a Bible and Prayer-book, delivered a suitable address. Her infant son was received into the Church by public baptism at the same time; after which a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Thomas. It must be gratifying to all true lovers of Protestantism to know that this is the third individual who has, within the last seven or eight months, publicly renounced Popery in the Church of Castletwellan.—*Achill Herald, June.*

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THE PARIS ANNIVERSARIES.

The political excitement of the year interfered considerably with the attendance at the meetings, and the general mercantile depression has had a very injurious effect on the funds of the Societies.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.—Tracts circulated, 600,000. Receipts, 28,602 francs; expenditure, 27,247.

"What was especially remarkable in the speech of the secretary, was the exposition of his views upon what religious tracts ought to be. He thought that our old tracts, in general, *preach* too much and *speak* too little. They are a sort of didactic essay, the language of which is conventional, the style monotonous, and which does not sufficiently meet the wants of the present age. Tracts, according to M. de Pressensé, ought to be *narrations* rather than dissertations, and adapted

to diversities of epochs, circumstances, and men. We should never lose sight, in these popular compositions, of the connexion which exists between social life and the religious life—between the cause of humanity and the cause of God—between natural elements and the Divine element. If we are reluctant to do justice to that which is praiseworthy in the tendencies of our age, men of the world turn from us, and refuse to read our publications.

The committee have endeavoured, since the revolution of July, to realise these views by distributing tracts such as "*The Friend of the People*," "*The Working Man*," "*A Stay at the Village*," "*Liberty, Equality, Fraternity*," &c. Some of the questions which are now agitating society have been opened up in these productions; and there is reason to hope that indifferentists, attracted by the title or by the ground of the subject, will by degrees be led to study more seriously the doctrines of the Christian religion."

EVANGELICAL SOCIETY OF FRANCE.—Receipts, 191,000 francs; expenditure, 214,000. The number of agents reduced from ninety-two to sixty; the Normal School for the training of schoolmistresses closed; several missionary stations left to their own resources. Extensive openings for usefulness are presented in many directions, but the want of funds prevents enlarged operations.

SOCIETY OF EVANGELICAL MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.—Receipts, 99,551 francs; expenditure, 135,340. The house devoted to the training of young men as missionaries has been closed, and several missionaries, who are ready to go to Africa, are detained at home for want of funds to send them out.

FRENCH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Copies of the Scriptures distributed during the last year, 23,244. Receipts, 59,069 francs; expenditure, 62,699.

SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIMARY INSTRUCTION IN FRANCE.—Fourteen schools opened during the year, and seventy-six assisted. Receipts, 56,315 francs; expenditure, 58,276. Twenty-four pupils in the Normal Schools.

DEACONESSES' INSTITUTION.—This interesting institution was founded and is carried on by Pastor *Vermail*: the objects which it embraces are various and complicated. There is a *Refuge* for females of bad character, who are desirous of changing their course of life; a *Retenue* (retreat) for young girls whose character is undisciplined, and who require to be subjected to a rigid *surveillance*; a *Disciplinaire* (School of Discipline) for children who manifest vicious inclinations; a *Maison de Santé* (Hospital) for invalids; a *Creche* (receptacle for infants) for children