

CATHOLIC COLLEGES IN THE EAST.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 27.—The French government has established on the Bosphorus a college conducted by clergymen of the order of St. Vincent de Paul. It is endowed with most of the privileges enjoyed by the royal colleges of France; and, moreover, receives from the *Bureau des Affaires Etrangères* 12,000 francs a year for the gratuitous education of a certain number of Rayalis. This being the only establishment of this kind in the country, its success has been immense. The number of pupils increasing rapidly, it was apparent that the building, already a vast one, must be enlarged, but to do that it was necessary to have the permission of the Turkish government. Three months have now elapsed since M. Bourquency first demanded a firman to carry on the work, and on last Thursday he left Constantinople with the question still in *statu quo*.

The French College of which we speak above is but one of several that France has established throughout the East. There is a French College at Sidon, for whose support Louis Philippe pays from his own private purse nearly £800 a year.

Several Turks, even Mollahs, send their children to these Colleges.

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rumours of very singular character, touching the opinions and conduct of an alleged association of certain students of this institution, are in circulation. We learn from an unimpeachable source that the subject has been brought to the notice of the Faculty, and that they have set apart the 7th of January for its investigation. In the meantime we cannot but indulge the hope that the Bishops at present in this city, will, before they separate, deem the affair worthy of their attention, as the constitutional visitors of the Seminary. A development of the kind alluded to, on the heel of the recent investigation, is certainly a circumstance of an alarming and extraordinary character.

[Prot. Churchman]

MISCELLANY.

The Tablet states that the annual converts to the Catholic Church amount to nearly six hundred souls in Scotland alone.

OXFORD.—The Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishop of Kildare have addressed the Board of Heads of Houses on the subject of the prevailing errors of the University; and a committee is now sitting to concert measures for checking their progress. Mr. R. Lee, of Brasenose College, a connection of the Rev. Isaac Williams, has avowed himself the author of a report that Mr. Newman had written to the Rev. L. Williams, intimating his probable secession from the Anglican communion. [Globe.]

A letter from Madrid states that the Spanish Government had received "very satisfactory communications" from Rome, and that it was believed that the Pope had sanctioned and confirmed the sale of the national property already effected. No doubt

this news, if confirmed, is of considerable importance, and will have a good effect in calming the apprehensions of the purchasers of national property who were, and not without reason, seriously alarmed at the tendencies of the Government to upset the sales [Chronicle.]

THE TRAPPISTS.—A letter from Algiers, of the 30th ult., states that the monks of La Trappe are proceeding with great rapidity in the construction of their monastery, in the plain of Staoueli. A farm, on a very extensive scale, will form part of their establishment.

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