

DIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS.

ORDINATIONS.—On the 25th of April, an ordination was held in the Cathedral Church, and the following gentlemen admitted to orders: Thos. Scanlan, to tonsure; Thomas Scanlan and Denis Byrne to the four minor orders; John Higginbotham to sub-deaconship, and William Wheeler to priesthood.

On the 16th of May, an ordination was held in the same church, when Augustine Acquarone, of the Congregation of the Mission, was ordained deacon.

On the 17th of May, being Saturday in Ember week, an ordination was held in the same church, and the following gentlemen admitted to orders: Thomas Scanlan and Denys Byrne to sub-deaconship; John Higginbotham to deaconship; Augustue Acquarone of the Congregation of the Mission, Patrick O'Brien and Bernard Donnelly to priesthood.

CONFIRMATION.—The Sacrament of confirmation was administered on Sunday the 13th of April in the Cathedral Church, to 100 persons; on the festival of the Ascension, in the Chapel of St Vincent to 33 persons; on the Sunday the 4th of May in the church of St. Francis Xavier, to 200 persons, and on Sunday, the 25th May, in the Church of our Lady of Victory, to 50 persons.

NEW CHURCH.—On the 4th of May, the new Church of St. Patrick, situated near the corner of 6th and Bridle streets, in this city, was solemnly dedicated to Divine service. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. J. Timon, Superior of the Lazarists in the United States, who also delivered an able discourse analogous to the occasion. The first stone of this church, measuring 120 by 90 feet, was solemnly laid by the then Coadjutor Bishop of St. Louis, on the 16th of October, 1842. The lot on which this church is built, estimated at four thousand dollars, is the gift of Mrs. Anne Biddle of this city and the sum of one thousand dollars was generously contributed towards the building by her excellent mother, the late Mrs. Mullanphy; other citizens, too, have contributed towards this meritorious object; although, we regret to state, that a very considerable debt has been incurred by the Bishop in its erection.

BENGAL, February 15.—Since our last publication, three Protestants have placed themselves under instruction in order to prepare themselves to be admitted in to the Catholic communion. One of the three is a native of England the second is a respectable young woman of the East Indian community, the third a native of the Bramin coast. During the last week of February a Malabar woman, a Pagan, was baptized, and some natives came from different parts of Bengal to become Catholics. Two natives of England, adult Protestants, were

being instructed for Catholicity, and a Mahomedan was being prepared by Mr. Zubibribu for baptism.

On last Friday week, at the Durrumtollah church a young man made his abjuration of the Protestant faith, and received conditional baptism from the hands of the Rev. Mr. Veralle. A protestant lady mother of a family is at present under the instruction of the same rev. gentleman preparatory to her reception into the Catholic church.

BANGALORE—The number of children baptized yearly in the Catholic Church at Bangalore is, upon an average, 4£0; the number taught in the Catholic schools, 218. The number of Confessions, 5,000; that of communions 3,500; marriages, from 80 to 100; extreme unctions, from 80 to 100; deaths, between 250 and 300. The number of conversions to the Christian faith at this station, from the 1st of January, 1838, to the 1st of March, 1844, a period of six years, amounts to 355, of which number 60 are from the errors of Protestantism and 295 from Paganism. The population of Bangalore, including the military station, the fort and the Pettah is thought to amount to about 150,000 persons, who may be classed in the respective proportions—Pagans, 125,000; Musselmen, 15,000; Catholics, six thousand—one thousand of whom are Europeans or East Indians; and five thousand are natives. Protestants of all sects and colors are included in the remaining four thousand.

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