

inst. in the Catholic Church of Milane, one of the sacred edifices built during his administration. In the unavoidable absence of the learned Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, the Venerable and Very Rev. Dr. O'Rafferty, V. G. and P. P. of Tullamore, presided. The high priest was the Rev. M. Fitzsimonds, P. P. of the Seven Churches, assisted by the Rev. Mr. O'Reilly, as deacon. Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald as sub-deacon, and Very Rev. P. O'Farrell, P. P. of Terbane, as master of the ceremonies. The church was crowded to excess with the flock and friends of the deceased, and between thirty and forty clergymen from the diocese of Ardagh, and of the adjoining dioceses, were present. The Very Rev. Michael O'Beirne, P. P. of Clongshyer, Newtomboris, succeeded the late lamented pastor of Ballynahown.

SYNOD OF THE CATHOLIC PRELATES.—The Catholic Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland commenced their annual synod in Dublin on Tuesday last. The attendance has been most numerous, only three or four very infirm prelates being absent. Matters of considerable importance, it is expected, will be discussed and adopted at this meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE RIGHT REV. DR. McNALLY.—In the expeditious notice which I sent for insertion in last TABLET, I omitted some particulars for the sake of brevity—which, perhaps, ought to be stated. The apostolical letter, of his Holiness, was read by the eloquent and learned Dr. McGinness, P. P. of Clones. In addition to the letter of his Grace of Tuam, apologising for indispensable absence—apologies were also received from the venerable Archbishop of Dublin, and the Bishops of Achonry, Derry, Dromore, Cloyne and Ross, Ferns, and Clonfert. Every parish priest in the diocese (except one or two) and the greater part of the curates, were present. Several clergymen of the neighbourhood dioceses were in attendance, and the Rev. John Duane, P. P. of Saggard and Rev. John Caijen, P. P. of Maynooth, were present, from a great distance. The dinner was the finest and best, perhaps, ever furnished in any country hotel, and reflected the highest credit upon the proprietor of the establishment, in Monaghan. The health of the Queen, the Pope Daniel O'Connell, the newly-consecrated Bishop, the Primate and other Archbishops, the Prelates present and absent, the Clergy, &c., were given with enthusiasm, and spoken to with great effect.

CONVERSIONS.—In the Catholic Church, St. Mary's parish, Drogheda, on Wednesday morning, a native of England, and therefore a Pro-

testant, named John Coates, was received into the "fold." His profession of faith was made before the Rev. Mr. Gogarty, and a considerable number of persons who were highly edified by the pious demeanour of the newly regenerated. In the same church last week a respectable female, whose parents reside in this town and are still Protestants, made profession of the Catholic faith before the Rev. Peter O'Reilly, of the same parish.—[Drogheda Argus.]

MOUNT MELLICE.—A correspondent of the Pilot says, "that during mass last Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Treacey, as I am informed, after having pronounced a glowing eulogy on Mr. O'Connell for his unwavering allegiance to Queen Victoria, and his unshaken loyalty to her throne, after having, in short, exhausted his vocabulary in bestowing most laudatory epithets on the Liberator, then piously recommended him to the warmest prayers of the faithful, an appeal which, I understand, was responded to with the most spontaneous cordiality.

INDIA.

THE POPE AND THE CATHOLICS OF CALCUTTA.—We learn, on undoubted authority, that His Holiness has been graciously pleased to confer distinctions on three highly respectable Catholic gentlemen of Calcutta, who have been the chief supporters of religion, and of the Ecclesiastical authorities there, ever since the erection of that vicariate there in the year 1834. We allude to the firm of Messrs. John Lackersteen and Brothers, general merchants and agents.—Their distinguished merits having been represented to the Holy Father by the Right Rev. Dr. Olliffe, (in the name of his Grace Dr. Carew,) during his late stay in Rome, the result was, that the title of "Count" was conferred on the eldest brother, Mr. John Lackersteen, that of "Countess" on his mother, and that of "Chevalier of the Golden Spur" on Mr. Charles Robert Lackersteen. Mr. William Richard Lackersteen had been previously nominated "Chevalier of St. Gregory."

CALCUTTA.—A PRIVATE SOLDIER'S CARRIAGE.—A Mussulman youth, aged 12, after due instruction, was baptised in the Cathedral Church by the Rev. Mr. D. Mello.—The late private Hannou, of her Majesty's 10th Regiment, left by will all his effects to the Bengal Catholic Orphanage, the expense of which is 700 dollars monthly.—[Bengal Catholic Herald.]

BOMBAY.—DEPARTURE OF THE VICAR-GENERAL.—The Bombay Times says that the Very Rev. Fré Miguel Antonio de Sao Louiz Gonza, V. G. of Bombay, departed for Suez, on board the Victoria, on the 25th August.