

I never complained of the vicissitudes of fortune, nor murmured at the ordinances of heaven excepting once, when my feet were bare, and I had not the means of procuring shoes. I entered the great mosque at Cufah with a heavy heart, when I beheld a man deprived of his feet. I offered up my praise and thanksgiving to heaven for its bounty, and bore with patience the want of shoes.

Nothing is so great an instance of ill manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company, you please none; if you flatter only one or two, you affront the rest.

General Intelligence.

IRELAND.

An advertisement respecting the Missionary College of All-hallows, near this city, appears in another portion of our paper, to which we request the attention of our readers. Few public institutions have claims on the benevolent institutions equally strong. Stimulated by zeal for the propagation of Catholicity, the students of this establishment have renounced home and kindred to preach the gospel wherever Christianity requires a minister, and now, as in 'the olden time,' the tidings of salvation are borne to the extremities of the earth by Irish priests. We trust that this institution will receive the support it so well deserves, and, we regret to have to add, it so much requires.

During the past week the most Rev. Dr. M'Hale, Archbishop of Tuam, has been engaged holding visitations in the deanery of Claremorris. We understand his grace has made the following changes of the clergy:—The Rev. Mathew Flannelly to the parish of Crossboyne, vacant by the death of the Rev. Andrew Gavin; the Rev. Mr. Whelan, R.C.C., Kilbannon, to the curacy of Crossboyne, vacant by the promotion of the Rev. Mr. Flannelly; the Rev. Edward O'Malley from Carnacun to Kilbannon, to be succeeded by the Rev. John Flannelly; the Rev. Mr. O'Donnell from Milltown to Kilmain, to be succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Cunningham from Kilmain; the Rev. John Moran from Furlough to Louisburgh, to be succeeded by the Rev. Edward O'Malley from Louisburgh.—*Tuam Herald*.

On Wednesday last, the 20th inst., the Right Rev. Thomas Coen, Bishop of Clonfert, terminated for the present year his triennial visitation. His lordship, after visiting the parishes of Eyrecourt, Lusmagh, Kiltormer, Mulla, Portumna, Killimore, and Queensborough, had administered the sacrament of confirmation to 3,115 children of both sexes including 1,300 adults and some converts to the ancient faith, all being found well instructed in the principles of their holy religion. After the solemn duties had terminated on each day, the venerable

bishop and many of the clergy of his lordship's diocese who assisted him in the confessional and at the altar, were hospitably entertained at dinner by each respected parish priest, namely, the Rev. Messrs. Coen, Walsh, Usher, Griffin, Ryan, Coghlan, and Connaty.—*Correspondent of the Galway Mercury*.

ORDINATION AT ARMAUGH.—On Sunday last, at half-past twelve o'clock, when divine service was about to commence, three young gentlemen, Messrs Hughes, O'Toole, and M'Shane, presented themselves at the altar for ordination, when his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Crolly ascended the altar and assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Michael O'Brien, Patrick Rooney, Peter O'Toole, and — O'Callaghan, commenced the celebration of the most holy sacrifice of the mass, in conjunction with the ordination, both of which occupied two hours, and were witnessed by a very numerous and respectable congregation, including several members of our dissenting brethren.—*Belfast Vindicator*.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday last two sermons were preached in the Catholic church of this place, in aid of the funds of the day and Sunday schools. The church was crowded with a most respectable and attentive congregation, many of the most intelligent and well-disposed Protestant Gentlemen of the town being present on the occasion. What contributed not a little to the animation and interest of the occasion was a new bell for the tower of the church, which had arrived a few days previously, and which was allowed very little rest. The bell, which, with its accompaniments, weighs half a ton has been cast at the foundry of Mr John Murphy, in Dublin, and is decidedly as fine a toned bell for its weight as could be desired. It is a credit to Irish manufactures, and speaks well for their proficiency in the art of bell manufacture. It was solemnly consecrated on Wednesday last by the Right Rev. Bishop Brown, the venerated Vicar-Apostolic of this district.—[*Tablet*].

SPREAD OF CATHOLICITY IN CHINA.—It was stated some days since in the Journal des Debats that, according to an authentic statement from M. De Berris, Catholic Bishop of Nankin, that that great city out of a population of 1,200,000 inhabitants, contains 50,000 Catholics. This prelate also states that a tenth part of the province of Kiang-Son are Catholics; and that their number in the three provinces most frequented by Europeans, exceeds one million. Until the imperial edict permissive of the Christian religion was promulgated, these facts, though well ascertained, dared not to be announced. Here is a glorious triumph for Christianity effected by Catholic missionaries, in spite of the most fearful persecution. What renders this most remarkable, there are not one hundred native Protestants in the whole empire.