

interesting description. It is the gospel, or rather a gospel such as it was dictated by the first monks, *conquistadores*, translated into the Mexican tongue by Montezuma, who, alone, of his family, escaped the massacres of the conquest, and *bon gre mal gre*, was converted to the popish faith. It is a large volume in folio, most beautifully written upon manegé or agave paper, as highly polished as parchment, and surpassing papyrus in flexibility. By this great monument of the ancient Mexican language, the learned, by comparing it with the manuscripts in the oriental tongues, may be enabled to throw some light upon the origin of the nations who inhabited these vast countries.—*Month. and Eur. Mag.*

BELL OF NOTRE DAME.

In the southern tower of the cathedral of Notre Dame at Paris, is the famous bell called *Bourdon*, which is never rung except on great occasions. It weighs thirty-six thousand pounds English. Cast in 1680, and recast in 1686; it was then, according to the absurd fashion of Popish countries, solemnly baptized, or rather blessed; Louis XIV. and the queen his wife standing as godfather and godmother. It received the name of Emmanuel Louise Therese. The tongue, or clapper, weighs nine hundred and seventy-six pounds. This bell is more than three times the weight of St. Paul's or Tom of Lincoln, which are the two largest in Great Britain.—*Glas. Mec. Mag.*

THE BAT.

SOME workmen engaged in opening a vault in our church-yard, were surprised, and, we believe, in some measure startled, by the squeaking of an animal which dropped from the roof of the dormitory, and which, on inspection, proved to be a bat; it appeared lifeless when laid hold of, but, on being brought to the open air, gradually recovered. This circumstance is singularly remarkable, from the fact of the vault having remained unopened for the space of ten

years and upwards, and no crevice or aperture being discovered in its thick-ribbed walls, the creature having, in all probability existed in this confined and tainted region during the whole of that period.—*Bury Gaz.*

ANIMAL BODIES PRESERVED FROM PUTREFACTION.

AMONGST the most remarkable curiosities in the city of Bremen, is the extraordinary property of a vault in the cathedral, by which bodies are preserved in the same manner as if they were embalmed. This vault is sixty paces long, and thirty broad. The light and air are constantly admitted to it, by three windows, though it is several feet beneath the ground. Here are five large oak coffins, each containing a body. The most curious and perfect is that of a woman, said to be an English countess, who, dying in Bremen, ordered that her body should be placed in this vault, expecting that her relations would cause it to be carried over to her native country. However, it has remained here two hundred and fifty years. Though the muscular skin is totally dried in every part, yet so little are the features changed, that nothing is more certain, than that she was young and even beautiful. It is a small countenance, round in its contour, the hair as light and glossy as that of a living person. In another coffin is the body of a workman who fell from the top of the cathedral, and was killed instantly. His features forcibly show the painful nature of his death; extreme agony is marked in them; his mouth and eyelids are wide open, the eyes are dried up; his breast is unnaturally distended, and his whole frame betrays a violent death.—*U. S. Review.*

MAGNETIC EQUATOR.

THE magnetic observations made by Captain Duperrey, of the *Coquille* sloop of war, which sailed from Toulon, on a voyage of discovery, in August, 1822, and returned to Marseilles in April last, are numer-