

the Right Rev. Dr. Oliffe in the Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. I. X. Mascarenhas as Deacon, and the Rev. Mr. Formosa as Sub-Deacon. Several of the interesting young ecclesiastics who accompanied his Lordship from Europe, performed the duties of Acolytes, Thurifer, &c., respectively, and a plenary indulgence imparted by his Lordship by a special privilege from the Sovereign Pontiff to such as assisted at his Lordship's Mass, and complied with the other ordinary conditions for the gaining of an Indulgence, added a peculiar and affecting solemnity to the occasion. We observed our venerated Archbishop in the Sanctuary, during the entire solemnity, apparently in excellent health and spirits, and much consoled by the timely relief which our good God has provided for the pressing wants of religion in this extensive Vicariate, in the person of his amiable Coadjutor and Missionaries who accompanied his Lordship from Europe to Calcutta. About 150 persons approached the Holy Communion.

After the Gospel had been chaunted the Apostolic Brief by which the Right Rev. Dr. Oliffe is constituted Coadjutor Vicar-Apostolic of Bengal with the right of succession, was read from the pulpit by the Rev. Mr. Mascarenhas.

SEPT. 21.—Two young Protestant ladies were on Tuesday last received into the pale of the Roman Catholic Church by the Rev. Mr. E. Veralli, Vicar of Dhurrumtollah.

SEPT. 28.—During the preceding week, seventy-seven children were baptized by the Rev. Mr. D'Mello, in the new mission lately established at Cowcolly, and several adults instructed in the Christian doctrine, in order to prepare them for the sacrament of regeneration.

During the same period, the widow lady of a Captain in the H. C. Military Service, after due preparation, was baptized conditionally and received into the Catholic communion by the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of St. John's College.

A Protestant family of Calcutta have intimated their desire to the Archbishop to be instructed in the Catholic doctrine and admitted to conditional baptism.

Rev. Mr. Freycinon, of this Vicariate, states that in a recent visit to a remote part of his Mission, he baptized five children of Christian parents, and three Mahomedan women. The same zealous priest administered the Holy Communion to two Christians in the district referred to, and he adds that he happily arrived just in time to dispense the last sacraments to a dying Christian.

Two promising native youths are under the care of the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy in order to be prepared for baptism.

At Secunderabad, seventeen natives were recently baptized, and three others are under instruction, preparatory to their receiving baptism from the Rev. Mr. Murphy.

## FRANCE.

CONVERSION TO CATHOLICITY.—A letter from Nayon of the 30th of December, published in the *Ami de la Religion*, has the following:—A most moving ceremony took place to-day in the chapel of the hospital here. A Scotch young lady, niece to an English archbishop, abjured error and returned to the faith of her ancestors. She accompanied her father to France, whither he had proceeded for the re-establishment of his health, and where she had in a short time the misfortune of seeing him expire. Being compelled to remain for some time longer in a country in which she was a total stranger, she devoted her days of mourning to a serious examination of the principles of the Catholic religion, which afforded her the consolation forbidden by her own creed—that of praying for the dead; and this study led in a short time to her entire conversion, notwithstanding the exertions of some Protestant ministers who endeavored to retain her in their church. The neophyte received baptism, the mayor of Nayon and his wife acting as sponsors, after which she was permitted to approach the holy communion, which she received with the most edifying devotion.

## WALES.

*To the Editor of the Tablet.*

DEAR SIR,—The Catholic Directory, for the year 1845, contains many interesting, yet painful details, for while it shows an increase in the number of churches and chapels in many parts of England, it exhibits a most lamentable deficiency in spiritual accommodation in the Principality of Wales. North and South; including, also, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire. With your kind permission, Mr Editor, I will direct the attention of the readers of your truly Catholic journal to a few statistics connected with this important, yet destitute portion of the Lord's vineyard, in hopes that some who possess an abundance of the good things of the world may in their charity be moved to apply some portion of it towards recovering the Principality back to the Divine religion of Jesus; to that faith once the blessed inheritance of Englishmen and Welchmen, and which shone so brilliantly in past ages. But, before proceeding immediately to the statistical part of the subject, I will, if you please, make some quotations from a very interesting letter which I have very recently received from the good Vicar Apostolic of Wales, which cannot fail to touch the chords of some true Catholic hearts, and move them to a religious compassion for a land that was formerly fruitful in fruits, and which yet, by the blessing of God and the charity of the faithful, may bring forth many bright examples to be as luminaries in the paths of spirituality, and as holy beacons pointing to the regions of eternity.

The Bishop thus expresses himself:—"It is diffi-