

Oh! my Lord, the responsibility of this wide-spread mischief, lies largely at your door!—Alas! alas! for our poor church.

IF SHE IS DOOMED TO FAIL, IT WILL BE THROUGH THE INFATUATED MIS-MANAGEMENT OF HER HEADS! And if so, what can we now fear, but that her sun is setting.

With deeply afflicted feelings, I remain your Lordship's faithful servant,

WM. CAVES WILSON.

#### FRUITS OF THE EPISCOPALIAN CONVENTION.

With much thankfulness, we have just noticed the conversion of Prof. Allen, an Episcopalian Clergyman of Philadelphia, and the esteemed and able Professor of Greek and Latin in the University of Pennsylvania. This step has been taken after no short period of deliberation, nor without an intense struggle against human motives. The Lady of Professor Allen and his five children were received into the Church next day after himself, and all seven were confirmed by Bishop Kenrick on the 22d inst.

The *Catholic Herald*, from which we learn the above, gives also an extract from one of the Editor's friends recounting the conversion of six persons in a village of New England. As the name and place were withheld from motives of delicacy, it would be against our custom to copy the letter though very interesting. The repugnance of converts to have their names mentioned, is certainly praiseworthy, but at the same time it deprives the faithful of a great consolation and encouragement to renewed prayer, which they would have, were we week by week to report the conversions that have taken place.—*N. Y. Freeman's Journal*.

#### OHIO.

The Cincinnati papers inform us that the consecration of Bishop Rappe took place in that city on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Bishop Rappe issued immediately afterwards a short pastoral to the clergy and laity of the new Diocese of Cleveland, and on Wednesday of last week took his departure for his See.

[From the Brighton Herald.]

#### FOREIGN PRIESTS IN ENGLAND.

SIR—Among the passengers by the Newhaven steamer to-day were an Italian Priest and a Monk, each dressed in the garb of their respective orders. According to our happy and equitable laws—laws confirmed by an assembly of 'most potent, grave; and reverend signiors,' during their last session—every Catholic Priest, or member of a Monastic

Order, being an alien, appearing in his robes in any other place than his own chapel, is liable to transportation; and the policeman at the Kingston Station was guilty of neglect of duty in not taking them into custody! Where was Colonel Sibthorp and Dr. Cummings? And will not a self-styled liberal contemporary, as on a similar occasion some time back, 'excite the police to do their duty.'—Now that an opportunity offers, let that Act, so zealously defended, be enforced. Yes, proclaim it to the world that the land which proudly boasts that no slave can breathe her air, makes a slave of him who comes, after his own manner, to worship the God of his fathers, as soon as he sets foot on her shores. Surely there is none so bigoted as to wish to carry out the strict letter of the law; and if it is useless, why not annul it? Why did its advocates contend so fiercely for what they were ashamed to use? Weak indeed must Protestantism be if it have need of such aids as these! Is a form of faith in danger from the form of a garment? Away with such petty persecution! Opposed to the Church of Rome we must ever be; but let us fight with worthier weapons, and 'steal no conquest from a noble foe.'

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

A PROTESTANT.

Brighton, Oct. 12, 1847.

#### BELFAST—SYMPATHY WITH THE POPE.

A large body of the friends and former supporters of Mr. D. R. Ross, one of the late members for Belfast, dined in honor of Mr. Ross, in the Music Hall. One of the toasts was, 'The health of Pius the Ninth, and success to his efforts in the cause of human liberty;' and the responsive thanksgiving on the Pope's behalf was made by Dr. Montgomery, head of the Remonstrant Synod of Ulster!—Although a Protestant, he claimed for Roman Catholics the same right of private judgment which he enjoyed himself. On that ground he could return thanks for the Pope: and he had another reason beside—the Pope was one of his own particular Church—he was a 'Remonstrant.' Eighteen years ago he (Dr. Montgomery) had remonstrated against ecclesiastical tyranny; and the Pope was a remonstrant against the political despotism of Austria, and had raised the standard of liberty in connection with the religious enthusiasm of the bulk of Europe. He did not care who was the man to establish public and social freedom among the nations, and liberty to promote prosperity and peace; but, believing that the Pope would yet become the regenerator of Europe, he felt that he was guilty of no breach of consistency in returning thanks for his health.—*Tablet*.