

edified by the solemnity of the scene, and the touching character of the service. At ten o'clock in the morning a Mass was said, and the Dirge chaunted by the priests of the District, led by the Rev. W. O'Connor, of the Sardinian chapel, and the Rev. P. Collingridge, of Bermondsey. The sections being read by the Rev. T. Sisk, and the solemn function was performed with the deepest feeling on the part of the priests who formed the choir, and with sensibility on the part of the people that often found its issue in sighs and tears, and grief of the heart, consoled by Christian hope and faith. The second Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dr. Maguire, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smith and the Rev. J. Bamber, as Deacons. In this High Mass the organ was heard accompanying the chaunt, and again the solemnity and effect of the service were powerful beyond expression. Neither the narrowness of the space, nor the unfitness of the style, nor all the much-lamented deficiencies of the church, could detract from the solemnity, the dignity, the heart-touching character of the service; and although, no doubt, the function might have been performed with more outward grandeur in our hoped-for St. George's, and with more magnificence and appropriate accompaniments at St. Chad's, in Birmingham, or in the noble churches of the continent, yet nowhere could a more deeply affected audience have been collected; nowhere could more Christian sorrow mixed with Catholic joy for the birth of a soul to heaven; more unfeigned respect on one side, more unaffected gratitude on the other, more genuine sympathy on all sides, have been experienced than in the chapel at Warwick-street, on Monday. And the interest and sympathy of the occasion were not confined to the congregation within the chapel, as was shown in the removal of the body to the hearse. The funeral train proceeded to Bermondsey, entered the Church of the Holy Trinity attached to the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, crossed the nave, and preceded by a procession of Priests and Deacons, attended by boys wearing surplices, with black scapularies bearing torches, and passing through the burying-ground on the north side of the church, descended to the vaults, where the final Service of the Dead was recited in English. The mourners, the Priests, and those whom piety and gratitude had assembled, were very numerous in those spacious vaults, which form the crypt of the church. Never was funeral service conducted with more affecting solemnity and simplicity. The honoured lady was laid in her last earthly resting-place and the coffins of her children, gone before her, but which had been removed to dig her grave, were laid to rest upon her bosom.—May they rest in peace. The Brothers and Sisters of the Guild of the Holy

Family, and the Brothers of St. Vincent of Paul were present at the Dirge, the former in their cloaks without collar or badges, the latter without any distinctive costume. If every token of deep and profound regret, reverence, respect and attachment to the dead can carry consolation to the survivors, there never certainly were more unequivocal manifestations of these feelings than were evinced at the funeral of Mrs. Pagliano.

BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS.

The other day, the vault under the sacristy of St. John's Church, now in the course of demolition, was opened with great solemnity in the presence of several clergymen and nuns. The bodies of six priests and forty-nine nuns were discovered, which crumbled into dust almost as soon as they were touched. The remains of the nuns (Sisters of Hospitality) will be re-interred in the vault belonging to their order.—*Brussels Herald*.

The English Sermon at St. Gudule's.—On Good Friday, the majority of the respectable English residents of this city, including one of the Protestant clergymen, attended the English sermon, which was preached by the Abbe Edgeworth, in the Collegiate Church of Saint Michael and Saint Gudule. Amongst the congregation were the Hon. Mr. Browne, Sir E. and Miss Haggerstone, Sir H. Bedingfield, and other Roman Catholics. The worthy Abbe's sermon, as might be expected, turned upon the great solemnity of the day, and appeared to make a considerable impression. Without widely deviating from the principal topic of his discourse, the preacher referred in dispassionate language to some of the leading doctrines and observances of the Roman Catholic Church, particularly with regard to the Real Presence, and the homage paid to the "Mater Dei." We understand that the rev. gentleman is permanently attached to the collegiate church. It is probable, therefore, that he will occasionally preach in English.—*Ib.*

A royal decree has just authorised the outlay of 8,000 francs for the construction of a sacristy for the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires, in the Sablon. It is in this Church the Abbe Donet officiates, a clergyman who is well known to, and much respected by, numerous English families, (Protestant as well as Catholic,) in this city.—*Ib.*

LOUVAIN.—It is asserted in well-informed circles that the Catholic University of Louvain is about to issue a literary review in order to combat the doctrines of the *Literary Journal* of Liege. There are already nine literary reviews in this country.—*Ib.*