

had the happiness to be "signed with the Holy Spirit of promise" to persevere to the end in the great grace they had received, boldly to profess on all necessary occasions "the faith once delivered to the saints" and to glory in the Cross of their Redeemer, esteeming themselves with the Apostle to know nothing, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. A great number of religious pictures, medals, &c., were then distributed amongst the congregation.

The handsome new Church, which is so creditable to the Chester Catholics, was filled on both days with a numerous and respectable audience, the great majority of whom belonged to other communions.

In encouraging the Catholics, at the close of the Visitation, to complete their labours on the House of God, the Bishop promised to pay them another visit early next year, for the purpose of consecrating the Church. A Bishop of the Holy Catholic Church was never before seen in the town of Chester.

ROME.

On the 8th of September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, a *Papal Chapel* was held, according to a custom introduced by Pope Sixtus V, in the Church of *Santa Maria del Popolo*. His Holiness, Gregory XVI., attended by all his court, was present, and after High Mass, which was celebrated by Cardinal Franson, the Pope returned to the Quirinal Palace.

On the 11th of September a Consistory was held by his Holiness in the same palace, when the Cardinal's hat was placed with the usual solemn ceremonies on the head of his Eminence Cardinal Altieri, who has lately returned from the Nunciature at Vienna.

In this Consistory, one of the Consistorial advocates pleaded, for the first time, before the Holy Father, the cause of the venerable servant of God, Monsignor Vincent Mary Strambi, Bishop of Macerata and Tolentino.

On Sunday, September 7, in the Church of Santa Maria in Vallicella the imposing rite of Episcopal consecration was performed by his Emi-

nence Cardinal Franson, the venerable Prefect of Propaganda, assisted by Monsignor Picchi, Archbishop of Heliopolis, and Mgr. Brunelli, Archbishop of Thessalonica. The Bishop Elect was the Rev. John Luquet, priest of the Seminary of Foreign Missions in Paris. He has been consecrated under the title of Bishop of Hesebon in *partibus*, and is appointed Coadjutor to Doctor Bonnard, Bishop of Drusiparus and Vicar Apostolic at Pondicherry.

The Archbishop of Tarragona, who was obliged to leave Spain, on account of the civil wars in that unhappy country, has returned to his Diocese after an absence of ten years. The exiled prelate had been residing at Rome.

At a late festival of the Dedication, which was celebrated at the famous Benedictine Church of Notre Dame des Ermites, at Einsiedlen, in Switzerland, an immense multitude were present from Bavaria, the Tyrol and Alsace. Their number may be estimated from the extraordinary and consoling fact, that more than 20,000 communions were made in one day.

LITERATURE.

FROM MAXIMS AND EXAMPLES OF THE SAINTS.

PERFECTION.

One ought not to admire the great favours which God confers upon some of his servants, as their virtues, and him amongst them, who serves our Lord with the most mortification, humility, and purity of conscience: because such a soul as this, even though without any supernatural favours, is the most holy in the sight of God.—S. TERESA.

If there were wanting any proofs of the truth of this sentiment, the single example of S. Vincent of Paul would be sufficient to confirm it; of whom we know so very few miraculous favours, and yet he really was, and was esteemed by all, as a man who attained a singular degree of sanctity. Rufinus of Aquileia relates of S. Macarius, that one day, whilst engaged at prayer, and imagining he had now made some progress in virtue, he heard an internal voice, which said to him, "Macarius, know that thou hast not yet arrived to the virtue of two certain women, who dwell in the city." S. Macarius immediately set off to find them; and after having well examined the state of their souls, he found that they were two married women, who for fifteen years had constantly lived with their husbands in perfect union and charity, without