

BILSTON AND WALSALE.—Notwithstanding withdrawals, removals, and the pressure of the times, the poor congregation of Bilston, rich in faith, have collected £10 in three weeks, towards the purchase of a cope and remonstrance for Benedictions, and £7 17s 7d were collected for the schools on Sunday last, after two sermons by the Rev. J. Griffin, of St. Mary's, Oscott.

BRADFORD, Sep. 13, 1843.—On Sunday last, the Feast of Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Right Rev. Dr. Briggs, V. A. Y., in the Catholic Chapel, Mount St. Marie, Bradford. The number presented on this occasion was 140—thirty of whom were converts.

(From the Morning Herald.)

The reasons of the great excitement felt throughout Aylesbury on the subject of Popery are, that a Mr. Gibbs, long the superintendent of the Sunday schools, and editor of the local newspaper, has joined the Church of Rome, and, according to his vows, has been doing his utmost to propagate Popery, by the introduction of a Romish priest, the use of his paper, and the publication of a letter on the subject.

IRELAND.

JONESBORO'.—On the 4th his Grace the Lord Primate administered the sacrament of Confirmation to above three hundred children, of both sexes, in the Catholic Chapel of Jonesboro', complimenting them, the worthy pastor of the parish, the Rev. Mr. Heaney, and his no less zealous fellow-labourer, the Rev. Mr. McGrath. His grace and the many clergymen who were present expressed their delight at seeing such a magnificent chapel as Jonesboro' now boasts. The beauty of the chapel grounds, owing to the gifts of Mr. Patrick Keane, of Mansfieldtown, was highly praised. A fund is being created for the purpose of erecting a school-house. At the termination of the labours of the day, the Rev. Mr. Heaney entertained his Grace the Lord Primate, and a large number of the neighbouring clergy and laity, at his hospitable residence, Claret-rock.—*Newry Examiner.*

VISITATION.—On Tuesday, the 29th ult., the revered Bishop of Clonfert, the Right Rev. Dr. Coen, terminated his triennial visitation for this year. His lordship, after visiting the parishes of Ballinasloe, LoughmacConnell, Clontuskert, Kilconnell, Fobanna, Ballymacward, Capatagal, and New Inn, has administered the holy sacrament of confirmation to 1,645 males and 1,907 females—total, 3,552. In each of these

chapels which the revered bishop visited, there was immediately after mass a sermon preached in English by each parish priest or his officiating curate, on the nature and dispositions for the worthy reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. His lordship subsequently on each occasion exhorted in Irish in order to give a full explanation of the sacrament to all such postulants as were about to receive it from his hands; he detailed the virtues which they should practice, in order that the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Ghost might dwell in their souls.

NEW BISHOPS.—We feel particularly gratified in being enabled to inform our fellow citizens that a townsman of ours, the Rev. Michael O'Connor, D. D., has been appointed first bishop of the new see of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and that he was to have been consecrated in the church of the Irish College, Rome, on the Feast of the Assumption, last month. A coadjutor for the Right Rev. Dr. Brown, of the Lancashire vicariate, was to have been consecrated with him, in the person of the Rev. Mr. Sharples, of Liverpool. Dr. O'Connor studied in the Propaganda College, Rome, and was one of the brightest talents in that "little world" of nations.—*Cork Examiner.*

THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY COLLEGE OF ALL-HALLOWS, DUBLIN.—The usual monthly meeting of the committee for managing the affairs of this college was held on Monday last. The students are this week on retreat, and the business of the college will be resumed with increased vigour on Monday next.

His Grace the Venerable Archbishop of Dublin has been on his visitation for some time back. He administered the sacrament of Confirmation during the last few days to a great number of children and adults, in the parishes of Bray, Kilquade, Roundtower, &c. It is truly astonishing to see the activity which this most respected metropolitan displays at his present advanced age.

I regret to say that two great men are now in a most hopeless state, the Right Rev. Dr. Burke, Bishop of Elphin, and the Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, Lord Abbot of Mount Mellary, near Cappoquin. Both have returned from Dublin, and little hopes are entertained of their ultimate recovery. [Since the above was written, a letter from the abbe, received on Tuesday last, informs me that the Abbot, within the last two days has slightly improved. His loss at this time would be most severe to this great and rising establishment. One of the finest organs built in Ireland has just been finished