

A full and complete report of the trial should be taken and in a form to be preserved. Apart from the great interest which will accompany that trial through all its stages, there are certain facts connected with the burning which will then be, for the first time, established accurately under oath and which should be preserved carefully as evidences of the deed and of those who did it. This may prevent much cavilling hereafter.

If the trial took place at New York, where we could attend, our readers might depend upon a complete report. As it is not so, we must rely on the Catholics of Philadelphia to do as they ought in the premises.

Perhaps our suggestion is superfluous. The editor of the *Spirit of the Times* is always wide awake and will not be found napping on this approaching occasion.

We must, notwithstanding, again repeat that a complete and accurate report of the trial in question is of the last importance.—*New York Freeman's Journal*.

SPAIN.—Spain, so long a victim of British Protestant intrigue and French infidel philosophy, has never entirely forfeited her Catholic faith. The recent debates in the Cortes, on the indemnity to the church, for the late spoilsations, have demonstrated that she is still "energetically faithful to her Catholic instincts." The deputies, of various political complexions have, almost without a single dissenting voice, voted for the complete independence of the church and its ministers, frankly established and strongly guaranteed.

CHINA.

A Canton letter of November 1st, published in the Commercial Advertiser, says that the French have secured some advantages in their treaty with China which were not stipulated by either the English or Americans. One of them is (according to the current report in Canton at the date of the letter), that Roman Catholic missionaries assuming the Chinese dress, are to be allowed access to any part of the empire; and the people of China are permitted to embrace the Christian religion whenever they may choose.—*Nat. Intel.*

DIocese of Detroit.—A new female religious association, called "The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin of the Cross," have lately established themselves in the village of Bertrand in this diocese, for the education of female youth. It is also the intention of the Sisters, who are now eleven in number, to open schools among the Ottawas at Aibre Croche, and among the Pottowatomies at Pokegan.

DIocese of Chicago.—Confirmation.—On *Lou Sunday*, the 31st March, the Right Rev. William Quarter administered the sacrament of confirmation in the Cathedral of St Mary's, Chicago. One hundred and thirteen persons were confirmed. Some were converts to the Catholic faith, and two of that number had the happiness to be baptized by the bishop on holy Saturday, previous.

LIBERALITY.—The late J. Mager, an ancient merchant of New Orleans, and a native of France has bequeathed \$5,000 to charitable purposes. He died in the most edifying sentiments of religion, and his funeral was attended by all the orphans of both the Catholic Orphan Asylums of the city.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT.—During the last week of Lent—holy week—the Catholics of Chicago enjoyed the privilege of performing the exercises of a Spiritual retreat. The bishop opened the retreat on Monday evening, at 4 o'clock. He gave instructions twice each day, while the retreat lasted, at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M. Clergymen were constantly engaged in the confessional, and it was with difficulty they were able to hear the crowds of penitents that approached the tribunal of penance. It is said that at least one thousand persons approached the holy communion on Easter Sunday! On holy Thursday a large number had also the happiness to communicate.—*Freeman's Journal*.

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