

## THE NUNS OF MINSK—CONVERSION OF ENGLAND.

The *Univers* publishes a letter dated Rome, the 19th ult., from which it appears that Cardinal Casaracani, who is deeply versed in the knowledge of the Basilian rites, had determined to clear up all doubts respecting the veracity of the Abbess of Minsk, and proceeded a few days before to interrogate on various points connected with the rules and practices of that order. 'The Cardinal,' says the writer—

'Nowise doubted the sincerity of that heroic woman, but he wished to satisfy himself that she really was a Basilian nun. He obtained that proof so fully and completely, that he declared he had acquired the most profound conviction that the Abbess Makina really belonged to the order of St. Basil, and he was more than ever convinced of her perfect veracity.'

The feast of St. Gregory was celebrated on the 12th with great pomp in the church of Monte Celio, in the convent of the Benedictines. A *triduo* had been ordered on the occasion to demand from the Almighty the conversion of England. A number of English Catholics had joined in the pious ceremony, and the remainder of the month of March was to be devoted to prayer for that intention. The Pope had made a present of a splendid crucifix to Mr. Newman.

**THE CATHOLIC CLERGY.**—The Catholic Clergy are everywhere exerting themselves to provide against the apprehended calamity, and to afford the people the means of profitable employment. In every district they are zealous, active, persevering and constant in the work of mercy. We have heard, however, of one act of noble disinterestedness and charity on the part of one of the venerated body, which deserves to be recorded in the imperishable memory of the poor. The Rev. James Ryan, P. P., of Burgessbeg and Kilcoleman, appropriated on Easter Monday the entire proceeds of his Easter offerings for the purpose of providing food and employment for the distressed agricultural labourers of his district. His Easter offerings amounted, we believe, to upwards of £60—but the Rev. gentleman said that it could not be better employed!—*Tipperry Vindicator*.

**DR. RYDER.**—This distinguished divine has, we are glad to learn, made a most powerful impression upon the overwhelming congregation of St. Peter's Church in New York. He delivered in that edifice two Lectures on Auricular Confession: the first on its divine ordination; the second on its moral effects upon Society. Both of these important subjects were presented to the judgment of his hearers, with all the force which

logic, eloquence, and a graceful delivery can confer. One third of his hearers were Protestants, and many must be the converts which his powerful Sermons will draw to the bosom of the Catholic Church.—*Boston Pilot*.

The Limerick Chronicle gives the following warning, which the poor in self-defence have been obliged to give.—The poor of Ballylongford waited on the Rev. Mr. McCarthy to inform him that if they had not relief in a week, they would be compelled to slaughter his cattle for their necessities! They visited the few resident gentry of that district, and gave a similar warning.

Mr. McNamara and Mr. O'Regan, both Catholics, were lately appointed Magistrates in the county of Cumberland, in the Province of Nova Scotia.

We want an agent in St. John, N. B., for "The Cross." We wish some one of our friends would drop us a line on the matter, suggesting a suitable person who would be willing to "act as such."

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### BIRTHS RECORDED.

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AT ST. MARY'S.

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- MAY 11.—Mrs. Alice Griffin, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Frances Conolly, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Bridget O'Brien, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Mary Henston, of a Daughter.  
 12.—Mrs. Sarah Fahie, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Mary Anne Gillis, of a Daughter.  
 13.—Mrs. Mary Coughlin, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Johanna Fahie, of a Son.  
 15.—Mrs. Ellen Punch, of a Son.

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### MARRIAGE RECORD.

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- MAY 11.—John Nowlan to Mary Stokes.
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### INTERMENTS.

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AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

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- MAY 11.—James, son of Maurice and Mary Dee aged 5 years.  
 " Thomas, son of John and Mary Dunphy, aged 15 months.

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