

stone had been blessed and placed in its proper position, the bishop walked through the foundations of every part of this immense edifice, sprinkling them with holy water, to signify that being dedicated to God's honour, all should be sure and sacred. The litanies had been previously recited, and whilst sprinkling the foundations, the bishop and clergy recited the 125th, 50th, 86th, and 121st psalms. After the "Veni Creator," and blessing of the people, the bishop briefly addressed them, and exhorting them to contribute, according to their means, to the erection of the cathedral.

On Sunday, the first in the month, the religious celebration of the occasion in Dublin was peculiarly marked. In the Church of the Conception, Marlborough-street, High Mass was performed, with a full choir, to a most crowded auditory. The Rev. Dr. Miley was celebrant, and the Rev. Dr. Laphan and the Rev. Mr. Maher deacon and sub-deacon. The Rev. Mr. Burke preached, and a benediction of the holy sacrament concluded the observance.—*Freeman*.

**THE REV. P. M'DERMOTT, P. P.**—It is with feelings of sincere regret we record the death of the above pious and exemplary clergymen, which took place a few days since at his residence near Ballinacore, of fever, caught in the discharge of his duty, at the advanced age of ninety. Those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will long revere the amiable qualities of this much venerated and patriotic priest.—*Roscommon Journal*.

**ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.**—The subscriptions received by the Irish Central Committee, in Dublin, for the month ending Monday last, amounted to the sum of £534. The fifth anniversary of the establishment in Ireland of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, will be observed with due solemnity in Dublin, on Wednesday, the 20th of the present month. His Grace the venerable Archbishop of Dublin will celebrate a grand pontifical high mass, in the metropolitan church on that day, at eleven o'clock, assisted by the clergy of the archdiocese; and the Rev. Dr. Miley will preach the sermon after the first gospel. There will be also a solemn benediction of the most holy sacrament. A splendid choir on this occasion.

**CLONDALKIN MONASTERY.**—A select number of the friends of religious education were hospitably entertained on Sunday last, at this most interesting establishment, Mount St. Joseph, within five miles of Dublin. The value of the ~~order~~ and institutions connected with it to re-

ligion and society is not easily estimated. The chapel is neat, commodious, and tastefully fitted out, having two new altars, in addition to the centre one, just completed. The community are composed of about twenty settled and most active men, who devote their time, talents, and attention to the glory of God, the education of youth, profitable employment, and their own salvation. The academy for youth is conducted on the best principles, combining everything that sacred and profane learning admits of. At present there are upwards of sixty boarders in this department, under able and eminent masters. The poor schools, for the education of the children of the humblest classes, in a distinct and separate house, are attended by 120 boys, who have an excellent industrious and intelligent master over them. In the establishment for elderly gentlemen as boarders, there are at present ten, who at a moderate annual pension (from 20*l.* to 50*l.*) have every possible comfort & accommodation. This department meets the information some time since required of a correspondent in the *TABLET*. It is difficult to procure anything so select, respectable, and yet so extremely low, as this house presents. The Brothers of St. Joseph have, in addition to excellent gardens, a lawns, and interesting walks, about forty acres of the choicest land. A chaplain resides on the premises, and devotion and religion are duly attended to. The house commands a most delightful prospect of the surrounding country.

On Monday evening last Miss Eliza O'Neill, of Carlow, and Miss Margaret Nolan, of Curry, Tuam, county Galway, sailed from Kingston, for their route for the convent of St. Michael, or the House of our Mother of Clarity, in Paris. There are now several religious ladies from Ireland in this convent, and it is hoped that the excellent and rev. guardian of St. Mary's Asylum, of Drumcondra, who has been mainly instrumental in sending them there, will be enabled to establish a branch of the community in connection with that most useful house.

**THE MOTHER OF CONSOLATION.**—Sunday last being next after the feast of St. Augustine, was observed in the Augustinian Church, St. John-street, Dublin, with great devotion. After eleven o'clock the Very Rev. J. O'Neill celebrated a solemn high mass, assisted by the Rev. James Spratt, deacon; and Rev. Mr. Pontony, just from Rome, sub-deacon. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon on devotion to the ever blessed Virgin, Mother of God. Procession and benediction of the most holy Sacrament terminated the devotions of the day.