

When speaking literally, and his hearers taking his words literally were therefore right, yet under this right impression raised objections, how did he act? Our answer is—that when understood, as he wishes to be understood, be the consequences what they might, no matter what objections were started, he fearlessly stands to his words, and over and over again in defiance of all prejudice, boldly repeats the very expressions that might have even shocked his hearers. Let us adduce a case or two.

The ninth chapter of St. Matthew, opens with a remarkable instance of this. Surrounded by the Pharisees, ever on the alert to traduce him, he startles them as he announced the doctrine that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—On the occasion of curing the man sick of the palsy, He "said: Son, be of good heart thy sins are forgiven thee." They take his words literally, and they are right; he spoke literally; and on this correct interpretation of his words, they rest the charge of blasphemy! "They said within themselves; This man blasphemeth"—"who can forgive sins but God only." They are shocked at the idea of man forgiving sins. They consider it blasphemy. But how does the divine teacher act—does he modify his expressions? No, fearless in the truth of the doctrine, he cannot compromise with his enemies, or stoop to flatter their prejudices, but he boldly repeats the obnoxious expressions: "Why think you evil in your hearts—which is it easier to say Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Rise up, and walk? But that you may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, he saith &c. &c., and thus performs a miracle to prove the truth of the doctrine. The man is cured—and "the multitude seeing it feared, and glorified God, who had given such power to man," exclaiming, "we never saw the like," (Mark 11. 12).—Perhaps this was one of the compiler's extravagant notions.

CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

The Rev. Dr. Aubert, priest of the Congregation of Oblates of the Immaculate Conception, is now in Dublin, deputed by the founder of the order, and his superior, the Right Rev. Dr. Mazeroe, Bishop of Marseilles, on business of this institute, which has received the express approbation of his Holiness.

We regret to find that the pious and patriotic parish priest of Westport, and dean of the archdiocese of Tuam, Very Rev. Dr. Burke, has been for some time indisposed. We are rejoiced to find, however, that he is now nearly recovered. As a proof of the great efforts made by this worthy clergyman to promote solid piety and religion, he is now engaged in establishing a branch of the House of Mercy in Westport, and will in a few days have some of the religious ladies of that admirable community from the Convent of Carlow.

At an early hour, on Monday morning, upwards of seventy children of both sexes, belonging to the North Union Work-house,

approached, for the first time, the holy sacrament of the eucharist, in the most collected and edifying manner, in the Catholic chapel attached to that institution.

The festival of St. Dominick was observed as a day of special devotion at the Dominican Convent, Sligo; and it was gratifying to behold the very large number of communicants that thronged the rails of the Friary Chapel during the celebration of mass. In course of the day there was a solemn benediction of the blessed sacrament. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. T. D. Hibbets, the very respectable prior of the order in Sligo.

The Right Rev. Dr. Blake, Bishop of Dromore, embarked at Warrenpoint on Wednesday evening, on a visit to his Holiness Gregory XVI. His lordship will proceed via Liverpool, London, Dover, Bologna, &c. He will, we believe, be absent from the diocese for about three months, during which period that pious and venerable clergyman, the Very Rev. Dr. McConville, dean of the diocese, will officiate as *ex-officio* till his lordship's return.—*Newry Examiner*.

Diocese of Clonsfert.—On Monday, the 8th inst., at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., the exemplary Bishop of Clonsfert, the Right Rev. Doctor Coen, entered the Catholic church of Portumna, and catechised the candidates who presented themselves to his lordship, in order to receive from him the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Ghost.—His lordship has now terminated his triennial visitation for this season, and after visiting for this season, the parishes of Eyrecourt, Lunnagh (King's County), Killimore, Quansboro, Laurencetown, Mulla, and Portumna, he arrived at his residence at Loughrea, on Wednesday, the 10th instant, in the enjoyment of good health and spirits, and has conferred the holy sacrament of confirmation on 1,902 persons, 896 of which were males, and 1,006 females. Truly callous, indeed, to every feeling, and to every sense of religion, must the heart be, which warms not after beholding the holy and indefatigable zeal of such a venerable prelate in imparting to his beloved flock the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Ghost.

RUSSIA.—The quarrel between the Pope and the Russian government is likely to become more serious. The Bishop of Podlachia has been taken from his diocese and shut up in a cloister. The late public address of the Pope against the Emperor is known. But the Emperor persists in his order that no Catholic Cignitary shall correspond with Rome.—*German Paper*.

INDIA.—The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Madras, has arrived in Dublin from Rome, where his lordship had been for some time. His lordship has come to this country for the benefit of his native air.

The Right Rev. Dr. William J. Whelan, Coadjutor Bishop of Bombay, arrived in Dublin from London.

The Very Rev. Dr. Olliffe, of Cork, has been lately appointed to the Catholic Vicar-Generalship of Bengal, in room of Dr. Kelly, deceased.

By a letter lately received from Dr. Carow, we are assured that, in order to establish Catholicity in Calcutta, and diffuse the influence of religion throughout the vast district committed to his charge, nothing more is required than a competent supply of zealous missionaries. To realize so desirable an object, his lordship, with that zeal and disinterestedness which has ever marked his truly apostolic career, has placed at the disposal of the Rev. Mr. Downley, St. Vincent's Seminary, Castlenock, sufficient funds to defray the expenses of such clergymen as may be disposed to devote themselves to this important mission, and who shall have obtained the care and approbation of their respective bishops. Arrangements have also been made by his lordship for the free education in this country of a few ecclesiastical students for the Calcutta mission, who may be recommended for their piety and classical acquirements.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The Rev. Coll. M'Coll, Catholic clergyman, died on the 21st of February, at Port Macquarie, New South Wales. He was a native of Scotland, and had been only a few weeks in the colony.

The Hon. and Very Rev. G. Spencer arrived at Limerick on Wednesday, 17th, and in Clare, on his way to Birr, from Limerick on Thursday, the 18th instant, where he was graciously received by the Very Rev. Dean O'Shaughnessy and the other clergy. He inspected the religious establishments, and was delighted with the magnificent cathedral there, which is now nearly completed, and is a monument of the piety, taste, and zeal of the pastor, to whose zeal its erection is mainly owing. The Hon. and Rev. Mr. Spencer and the other clergy then proceeded to the splendid mansion of Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls at Drumeconora, where they were hospitably received. The sermons of the Very Rev. Mr. Spencer in Limerick, Clare, and Birr, have been published even in the Protestant journals in these parts of Ireland. His mild and meek demeanor has made a great impression on the most intolerant among those separated from us. *Catholic*

The Rev. William Halligan of Trim, the first priest who himself took and administered the tee-total pledge in East Meath, has left Dublin for Glasgow and other parts of Scotland, for a few days.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kirwan, P. P. of Outerard, and Vicar-General of the diocese of Galway, who, with the express sanction of his Holiness, has so powerfully and so effectually defended the faith and maintained the doctrines of the Catholic Church in London and other parts of England for some time, has arrived in the centre of his beloved flock, by whom he has been received with every mark of affection and respect. *Ib.*

The Right Rev. Dr. Whelan, Coadjutor-Bishop of Bombay, is making arrangements to sail from Dublin in October. The Rev. John Walsh, O. S. A., and several other clergymen, are to accompany his lordship on this occasion. We trust that the aid necessary for this important mission will be extended in due time to

this most active bishop. Having some knowledge of the state of religion in the various colonies and other dependencies connected with Great Britain, and of the wretched aid which is given by the government for the support of the ministry in several vicariates, we think it important for the Catholics in those parts to make a proper appeal to the proper quarters on this most important subject.—*Ib.*

The New College near Dublin for the Foreign Missions is receiving all the aid and attention of which it is so eminently deserving. The venerable Archbishop of Dublin, notwithstanding his great age and the heavy duty at this moment of his visitation, by his presence, aid, and approbation, has given it all the support in his grace's power. On Friday last (the 19th inst.) his grace presided at another meeting of the clergy held in the presbytery of St. Michael and St. John, Dublin. The Very Rev. Dean Meylor, V. G., the Very Rev. Dr. Yore, V. G., Venerable Archdeacon Hamilton, and a great number of clergymen, attended. A resolution was passed, appointing a committee to examine after a suitable place and house for the college, and to report the terms, and all particulars connected with it, to an adjourned meeting, which was to be held on Friday, 26th (yesterday), in the same place. About £1,200 has been already subscribed. The promised subscriptions and donations are earnestly solicited to enable the committee to commence the good work.—*Ib.*

Mount Melleray Abbey, at Cappoyin, County Waterford.—Mr. Joseph Elias Clarke, the agent in Dublin of this admirable house, has been for some time seriously ill in Dublin. To prevent imposition—as another person in many parts has been collecting without authority—it is right to notice that the right Rev. Lord Abbot has not appointed any other person but Mr. Clarke to receive the subscriptions of the people for this most meritorious object.—*Ib.*

The Right Rev. Dr. William Walsh, Coadjutor Bishop of Nova Scotia, left Dublin on Friday week to pay his farewell visit to his relatives and friends in the county of Waterford, of which his lordship is a native. On the Sunday and Wednesday preceding, the people of Kingstown, to which he has been attached for some years, met, and agreed on presenting him with a substantial token of their respect and gratitude. On his return from Waterford, a suitable address and accompanying gifts will be presented to, and received by, his lordship.—*Ib.*

House of Loretto.—On Friday the 19th inst., four religious ladies were solemnly professed in the beautiful church of Rathfarnham, near Dublin, attached to the House of Loretto there. The venerable Archbishop of Dublin performed the imposing ceremony, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean, the Vicar-General, and a considerable number of the clergy. A select number of the relatives and lay friends of the religious were present, and were greatly edified on the occasion.—*Ib.*