

head of the Virgin, to the terrified slave, who stood like a statue before him, "Who is your master, Sebastian?"

"You," replied the boy, in a voice scarcely audible.

"I mean your drawing master," said Murillo.

"You, Señor," again replied the trembling slave.

"It cannot be; I never gave you lessons," replied the astonished painter.

"But you gave them to others, and I listened to them," rejoined the boy, emboldened by the kindness of his master.

"And you have done better than listen—you have profited by them," exclaimed Murillo, unable longer to conceal his admiration. "Gentlemen, does this boy merit punishment, or reward?"

At the word punishment, Sebastian's heart beat quick; the word reward gave him a little courage; but, fearing that his ears deceived him, he looked with timid and imploring eyes towards his master.

"A reward, Señor!" cried the pupils in a breath.

"That is well; but what shall it be?" Sebastian began to breathe.

"Ten ducats, at least," said Mendez.

"Fifteen," cried Ferdinand.

"No," said Gonzalo; "a beautiful new dress for the next holiday."

"Speak, Sebastian," said Murillo, looking at the slave, whom none of these rewards seemed to move; "are these things not to your taste? Tell me what you wish for. I am so much pleased with your beautiful composition, that I will grant you any request you may make. Speak, then; do not be afraid."

"Oh, master, if I dared—" and Sebastian, springing, his hands, fell at the feet of his master. It was easy to read in the half-opened lips of the boy and his sparkling eyes, some devouring thoughts within, which timidity prevented him from uttering.

With the view of encouraging him, each of the pupils suggested some favour for him to demand.

"Ask gold, Sebastian," "Ask rich dresses, Sebastian," "Ask to be received as a pupil, Sebastian."

A faint smile gave the countenance of his head and he was silent.

"Ask for the best place in the studio," said Gonzalo, who from being the last pupil, had the worst light for his easel.

"Come, take courage," said Murillo gently.

"The master is so kind to-day," said Ferdinand, "that I would risk something. Ask for freedom, Sebastian." At these words Sebastian uttered a cry of anguish, and raising his eyes to his master, he exclaimed, in a voice choked with sobs, "The freedom of my father! the freedom of my father."

"And thine also," said Murillo, who, no longer able to conceal his emotion, threw his arms round Sebastian and pressed him to his heart.

"Your pencil," he continued, "shows that you have talent; your request proves that you have a heart; the artist is complete. From this day, consider yourself not only as my pupil, but my son. Happy Murillo! I have done more than paint—I have made a painter."

Murillo kept his word; and Sebastian Gomez, known better under the name of the mulatto of Murillo, became one of the most celebrated painters in Spain. There may yet be seen in the Churches of Seville, the celebrated picture which he had been found painting by his master; also a St. Anne, admirably done; a holy Joseph which is extremely beautiful; and others of the highest merit.

VICTIMS OF THE CHOLERA.—The cholera is raging in Egypt. We learn with regret that in July last, it was making victims among the "Sisters of O.L.C. of the good Shepherd," who, some years ago had, gone to exercise their mission of charity and of heroism in Cairo, and founded there an establishment. At last accounts two had been taken with the terrible epidemic and had expired in a few hours, having just time enough to receive the last sacraments.

The Government has just purchased two telegraphic lines, one from Rome to Ferrara by Ancona and Bologna, and another from Rome to Civita Vecchia. A credit of £72,000, is applied to the Minister of Public Works for this purpose.

The Cross;

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

The Irish Attorney General has sustained a signal defeat in the acquittal by an independent Dublin jury of Mr Williams, one of the editors of the Irish Tribune. Mr Doherty and Mr Williams were joint editors of this paper, the former has been recently found guilty and sentenced to ten years transportation on the same charge, and on nearly the same testimony as that on which 12 independent men have acquitted Mr Williams. Two juries had already disagreed in the case of Mr D., and it was only after packing a jury that he has been found guilty. Every Catholic was struck off the jury by the Catholic Atty General of this liberal Government. They can have no difficulty in promoting Catholics when they find such characters as Monahan to do their dirty work. The Whigs, when out of power, have denounced the exclusion of Catholics,—they now have reduced it to a regular system which all future Governments can follow. Mr Williams and Mr Doherty are both men of distinguished talents, and active members of several religious associations in Dublin. Mr Williams was one of the founders of the Society of St. Vincent of Paul, and up to his confinement, he was one of its most prominent members in visiting and relieving the sick and destitute.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

WARD NUMBER 2.	
John Maher	£0 1 3
Bridget Callan	0 0 7 1/2
Laurence Brinn	0 1 3
Richard Power, senr.	0 1 3
Edward Power, junr.	0 0 7 1/2
Mr. Thomas Mahon	0 2 6
John Murphy	0 1 3
John Finan, shoemaker	0 5 2 1/2
John Cahill	0 5 0
Mrs. J. Cahill	0 3 1 1/2
William Doyle	0 2 6
Honora Collins	0 1 3
Thomas Gough	0 1 3
Mrs McCormack	0 3 9
Thomas Wall	0 2 6
Mrs Rouk	0 1 3
Mrs. Flemming	0 1 3
John Bennett	0 1 3
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Mrs. P. Callan	0 0 7 1/2
Thomas Rerrdon	0 1 3
Peter Power	0 1 3
Peter Grant	0 1 3
P. Caulfield	0 0 7 1/2
William Hackett, Esq.	0 1 3
Mrs. Barton	0 2 6
Edward Sheny	0 2 6
Mrs. John Kehoe	0 5 2 1/2
Mrs. James Connelly	0 2 6
Patrick Kelly	0 3 1 1/2
Michael Toohill	0 1 3
Mrs. Philip Holden	0 1 3
Mrs. Ford	0 0 7 1/2
Mrs. James Flanigan	0 3 1
Johanna McDuff	0 1 3
Mary Ryan	0 1 3
Catherine Ryan	0 1 3
A Friend	0 3 9
A friend	0 1 3
Mrs. William Connors	0 0 7 1/2
Richard Dunphy	0 1 3
Mrs. William Bates	0 5 0
Edward Heany	0 1 3
Patrick Connors	0 1 3
Mary Nislan	0 1 3
James Fitzgerald	6 1 3
Mrs. Bowlin	0 1 3
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Anne Shea	0 2 0
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Mary Shea	0 1 3
Mrs. James Sullivan	0 0 7 1/2
Miss MoSweeney	0 6 2 1/2
Captain James Daley	1 0 0
Mrs. Captain Meagher	0 12 0
Mrs. J. Curry	0 2 6
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John Power	0 2 6
James Wall	0 2 6
Patrick Power, Esq. J. P.	0 10 0
Patrick Coakley	0 2 6
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John Corkeran	0 1 3
James Kennedy	0 0 8
Eugustin O'Hilloren	0 1 3
Dennis Shea	0 1 3
Timothy Donivan	0 0 7 1/2
William Ward	0 1 3
Edward Leahy	0 1 3
Mrs. John Driskell	0 1 3
James Cunningham	0 1 3
Ellen Keardon	0 2 6
Anne Kavanagh	0 2 6
Mrs. Doris Archibald	0 2 6
Ellen Moylan	0 2 6
Thomas Dighin	0 3 1 1/2
Catherine Donigan	0 2 6
Margaret Ledwage	0 2 6
Joseph Butler	0 1 3
A Friend at St. Mary's Church	0 2 6
Mary Burke	0 0 7 1/2
Honora Barks	0 1 3
John McCormack	0 2 6
Francis Fox	0 3 1 1/2
Mrs. Hanlon	0 6 2 1/2
Mrs. Compton	0 1 3
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CIRCULAR.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Venerable and Beloved Brethren:

Many of you are aware that, for several years, it has been the object of my most ardent desires to open St. Charles's College, for the preparatory education of youths, destined to the ecclesiastical state. I am happy at length to announce to you that the obstacles which have retarded this auspicious consummation have been removed. The debt due on the buildings has been liquidated, and through the blessing of Providence, the Institution will, on the first day of November, be ready for the reception of pupils under the charge of reverend gentlemen, whose piety, zeal, and acquirements are a guaranty of its stability and successful operation.

While the church is happily extending the boundaries, the number of laborers does not increase in proportion to the harvest which is spreading and thickening around them. In this Diocese, as elsewhere, numerous Congregations are either entirely destitute of Pastors, or are visited at distant and uncertain intervals. Not only are we deprived of the means of enlightening thousands who knew not and therefore blasphemed the spotless Spouse of Christ; but we have not infrequently, from the same cause, to deplore the lukewarmness or prevarication of the children of the faith. In fact, were it not for co-operation of devoted clergymen from foreign lands, still more lamentable would be the condition of our Missions. But even from that source, we cannot expect long to fill the ranks of the holy ministry. The experience of all ages and Christian countries proves that a National Church must seek within its own bosom the resources of its own fertility and prosperity. The Divine Author of our holy religion fails not to provide his people with instruments for its preservation and propagation. Youth are not wanting, who, at an early period, feel themselves called to the holy service; but we have not provided adequate means to foster and shelter their pious yearnings. The continued contact with those of a different age, but actuated by different views and feelings, if not professing a different religion, has not proved a just college, proved but too general, and to most an equivocal vocation. St. Charles's College is intended to supply this deficiency, and to supply the American church, with a most earnestly to the zeal and charity of its Clergy and Laity of this Diocese. The Pope's sanction will explain the system and regulate the institution. The more effectual the means, the more important the objects contemplated.

Firstly. That the Pastors, of the different Congregations shall read this Circular to their assembled flocks at the earliest opportunity, and, on the Sunday following, take up a collection, for furnishing the house, and defraying other expenses of immediate necessity.

Secondly. That they shall take up every year, a collection for their churches on Easter Sunday, or, when circumstances require, on some other day in the Paschal time.

Thirdly. That they shall be careful to find out such boys as show promising marks of a Clerical vocation.

Fourthly. That they shall exert themselves to contribute to defray the expenses of needy applicants.

Fifthly. That the Laity, and the Religious Communities, will generously co-operate in this highly meritorious work.

The Holy Sacrifice and a general Communion of St. Charles's pupils will be offered monthly for the spiritual and temporal welfare of benefactors.

Given at Baltimore, October 5th, 1848.

SAMUEL, Archbishop of Baltimore.

CONVERSIONS.

We believe the following distinguished conversions have never yet been published in the United States, and are indebted to an esteemed friend for the information.

The Rev. Mr. Allen, Episcopal clergyman, Dunbarton, West of Scotland, has been received into the Catholic Church, and is now studying for the Priesthood in Paris.

Mrs. Gray, near Airdrie, West of Scotland, was received within the last few months into the bosom of the Catholic Church. — Pittsburgh Courier.

It is a singular fact, that the use of milk was unknown on this continent, at the time of its discovery by Columbus. The cow and the mare, which now furnish us with countless quantities of the valuable milk of North and South America, were introduced by the Spanish conquerors.