

friends, but then passed on directly to the Priest Protection Society. That Society succeeds by such "formal" manifestations of progress to tax the credulous to a considerable annual contribution. Most of its subscribers inhabit the Irish northern provinces, and some reside in England. Very few are found in Dublin weak-sighted enough not to discover the real figures and their wire-holders behind, the transparency of Job and Co. who work the theatre, where the comedy is performed—viz., St. Audeon's Church, Dublin. The tribe of &c's, &c's, who are anonymous on the play bill, are not worth your reverend correspondents notice.

SACERDOS.

Another correspondent says :—

"Dear Sir—* * Pr. Beatty never was a Doctor of Divinity, nor did he distinguish himself as a student in our College at Rome, where he completed his studies. He is a native of the county of Cavan, but on his return to Ireland in 1835 he was sent to the Franciscan Convent at Drogheda, of which he never was Superior.

"In 1836, he was removed from that place to the Convent at Athlone, where he continued still a subject, whence he was removed to Waterford, and became Superior of that Convent; but after a lapse of a few months, he was removed on account of a charge of drunkenness. The charge not having been clearly established against him, he was, after a trial of a few months, elected Guardian of the Convent of Multifarnham, where he lived alone, and where, after having taken an oath against the use of intoxicating drinks, he became a notorious drunkard.

"For the last two years he has had no fixed residence and has not been permitted to do any clerical duty although not suspended.

"About twelve months since, he was found on a Saturday night, drunk in some street in Dublin, was carried to the station house, and stated that he had been robbed by a female in the street. He latterly has resided with his unhappy parents near the town of Fines, county Cavan, where he was frequently seen in a state of intoxication."—*Correspondent*.

[The portions of this note which, in the exercise of our discretion, we have omitted for the present, shall be printed with the name of the writer, whose consent we have for that purpose, should the facts be disputed.]

A third correspondent says :—

Brennan lived for some time in Dublin before his perversion on the charity of the Faithful. Why a Parish Priest was reduced to such an extremity I cannot say, but surely it was not without sufficient reason. Beatty never was a Doctor of Divinity, nor of any other faculty. He never was Superior

of the Convents of Drogheda or Athlone, though he lived in those houses. He was for a time Superior of the houses of Waterford and Multifarnham. but merely, I believe, because (there being but two clergymen in those establishments) he was the senior. It was in Multifarnham he first exhibited a propensity to drunkenness, and being found irreclaimable, he was dismissed, and for the last eighteen or twenty months led the life of a confirmed sot.

We find in the *Freeman* of Tuesday, the 6th inst, the report of a proceeding at the Head Police-office, which may induce us to congratulate the Priests' Protection Society on the character of its proselytes, to a pair of whom the following exhibition is especially creditable :—

A person, who announced himself as the Rev. Mr. Beatty, "Superior of all the colleges in Ireland," appeared to prosecute another reverend gentleman, named Murphy, for robbing him of some clothes, books, &c.

The defendant was brought up in custody of a policeman.

The prosecutor stated that both he and the defendant were living in Sackville-street, in the house of the Priests' Protection Society. They had been Catholic priests, but had abjured the Catholic religion, and had become Protestants.

The prosecutor having missed a coat, a book on the Reformation, and some other articles, suspected that the prisoner stole them, and gave information to the police.

The constable deposed to having found the articles, which were produced, with the defendant when he took him into custody.

The defendant having nothing to say in his defence was committed for trial before the Recorder this day.

Both prosecutor and defendant were in a wretched state of dirt. The prosecutor had no linen on, and had his greasy coat buttoned to his chin; he appeared intoxicated. Neither party presented the appearance of ever having been clergymen.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The valuable letter of *Scotus* has been received and will be inserted next week, together with the able article in the *Tablet* of the 6th of March, which we had already marked for insertion.

General Intelligence.

CONVERSIONS.

ST. HELIER'S, JERSEY.—Twelve persons were received into the Church on Palm Sunday by the Rev. J. Cunningham, Missionary Apostolic, at the Vauxhall Church in this island, who had, as our