

**THE SISTERS OF MERCY.**

**CORK.**—A meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the South Monastery Schools, for taking into consideration the erection of a Convent for the Sisters of Mercy in the city of Cork. The Right Rev. Dr. Delany, bishop of the Diocese, was in the chair. His lordship stated, that during the late pestilential season, no less than ten out of the seventeen laches of this community established in Cork had been attacked by fever. Two of these cases had terminated fatally, and it was believed that the sufferings were mainly attributable to the ill-ventilated building in which they were at present placed. A piece of ground had been taken on which to erect a new building but nothing more could be done without a public contribution. Dr. O'Connor said that it was impossible for any one, not as conversant as he was with the sufferings of the Sisters of Mercy during the past year, to form the least idea of what they endured. The room in which the Sisters who had been attacked by fever were received was about ten feet square. (Hear, hear.) The only window in the room looked into the street, and when it was opened for the purpose of ventilation, there broke in upon the patients a great noise, particularly prevalent at that time from the objects of misery that were crowded around the door. (Hear, hear.) The cases of sickness became so numerous that they were obliged to take another room for them, and the only room that could be spared was that in which the ladies after their day of labour had to sit. (Hear, hear.) At the time when the ladies should have been the objects of the deepest sympathy, they were denied the simple luxury of passing a few minutes in that room. They were also obliged to send them back to their separate wards before they were properly recovered, and the consequence of that was, that they had often four or five relapses. This would not have occurred if they had the conveniences they were entitled to have at the hands of the citizens. (Hear, hear.) In private families ladies after recovering from fever last summer spent two or three months at a watering place. The Sisters of Mercy when they recovered had not a space of more than ten feet square to walk in, and as to going outside their dwelling for other purposes than to visit the sick, that was so repugnant to their feelings, that they were driven to recover their health in the lanes and alleys where they first imbibed their disease. Mr. Fagan, M.P., proposed the formation of a committee for carrying out the intentions of the meeting. A subscription was immediately opened, which, with some previous donations (amounting to £200), reached in a short time to nearly £2,100. It is estimated that the new convent will cost about £5,000.

**CONVERSIONS.**

To the Editor of the Tablet.

Sir—Six persons were received into the Catholic Church on Sunday, the 19th instant by the Rev. Mr. Cunningham, amounting in the whole, from time to time, to nearly three hundred received by the same reverend gentleman. I have the honor to be, Sir, yours truly,

A READER OF THE TABLET.

St. Helier's Jersey, Dec. 20, 1847.

On Monday, the 20th inst., Mr. James Harris, well known in musical circles, was publicly received into the Holy Catholic Church by the Rev. John Rolfe, at St. Mary's Moorfields.

**ROME.**—Pius IX.—On Dec. 13th Vice Admiral Parker and General Adam had an audience of the Pope, previous to their departure for Civita Vecchia. His Holiness, in reply to the sentiments they expressed, said that he felt happy in the sympathy shown by the people of Great Britain towards his Government. This sympathy joined to the love borne him by his own people, and the unanimity of all good citizens, would carry him through every obstacle. "I am walking with God," said he, "and I shall arrive at my end."

The King of Prussia has granted the sum of 70,000 thalers for the purpose of building a new Roman Catholic Church for that part of the growing professed the Roman Catholic faith in the Prussian capital.

A letter from Cologne says.—"The central committee for finishing the cathedral of this city has requested the Pope to attend the six hundredth anniversary of its foundation, which will take place in August. The King of Prussia has also been invited to the festival. On this occasion will be discovered the fine painted windows of the side aisle, towards the south, which were presented to the cathedral by the King of Bavaria."

**THE REV. N. BEATTY'S THIRD TOUR.**—This worthy has addressed a letter to the Dublin *Ward*, denying his former recantation. His words are—"Through the columns of your widely circulated *Ward* I beg to correct a false rumour that has gone abroad respecting me in this country—namely, that I had relapsed into the abominations of Popery. Such is not the case, and with God's blessing, shall never be. It is true that a Letter appeared in the *Freeman's Journal*, dated August 11, 1847, upon my relapse. The authenticity of that Letter I most solemnly and distinctly deny. It was concocted by a Jesuit, and my name affixed to it; I shall give the latter for the information and astonishment of your readers. Now, I beg leave to reiterate that I never wrote, indited, or—until after its publication—read one line of that letter; I emphatically and utterly deny the truth of the statements contained in it, from beginning to end." Fortunately, the editor of the *Freeman* is in a condition to disprove this lie, which, of course, is loudly welcomed by the Conservative press. Thus writes the *Freeman*:—"Now, we assure the public, that we received the manuscript copy of the letter from Mr. Beatty's own hands—that he told us he wrote it, and insisted on reading over in our hearing and presence, every line of the letter, in order at once to get an assurance that the letter would be published."

**STATE INTERFERENCE.**—Some time since the King of Bavaria issued a decree that no religious vows should be taken, or Priest ordained in his dominions, except in the presence of a civil Commissioner, who should have the power, if necessary, of suspending the ceremony. Upon this a receipt came from his Holiness, forbidding the convents to admit any new novice, and the seminaries any new student, so long as this measure was in force. The Bavarian Government has just rescinded the obnoxious decree.

**CONVERSIONS IN VERMONT.**—We have once or twice alluded to the remarkable Catholic movement, which is in progress in the Episcopal congregation of a certain New England village, without feeling at liberty to give names and particulars. Circumstances make it proper for us, at length, to speak with less reserve. We referred to the congregation of *Union Church*, in St. Albans, Vermont. The conversion of its rector, Rev. Mr. Hoyt, took place, as our readers are already aware, about eighteen months ago; and the fruits of that conversion, amongst his friends and former parishioners, have begun to appear, within the last three or four months. Those who know him can feel no surprise that his example should have exercised an influence so powerful. About the first of October, Miss Laura Smalley, a lady of great intelligence, was received into the Church, and within a few days afterwards, Mrs. Tucker, of Burlington, the sister of Mrs. Hoyt, made her profession, with her husband, Capt. Tucker—a near relative, we believe, of the celebrated wharft, Murray. On the 13th of the same month, Mrs. Smalley, the wife of one of the most distinguished lawyers in Vermont, was received with her daughter, while (by a singular concurrence) her former pastor, the friend and predecessor of Mr. Hoyt, in the rectorship of *Union Church*, was making his profession here in Philadelphia. Mrs. Samson, sister of another Episcopal clergyman, was received on the day following. Mr. Smalley himself, after having examined the claims of the Church long and faithfully, with the help of superior powers of mind, exercised for many years with success and distinction at the Bar, made a public profession of the Faith at High Mass, on the 12th day of December. "that he might show to all (to use the words of an eyewitness) that he was not ashamed of the Cross of his Master," and the conversion of his in-law, Mrs. Penman—a lady widely known and honored, followed on the next Saturday. Our list is worthily closed, up to our last information, with the name of Mrs. Luther B. Hunt, the wife of another eminent member of the Vermont Bar—her reception took place on the Vigil of the Nativity. We forbear to make any premature mention of others—persons, like those already named, of the highest standing in the village—who are understood to have been regarding the progress of Catholicity amongst them with a friendly interest.—*Herald*.

**BISHOP HUGHES' LETTERS.**—The *Saturday Recorder*, a Baptist paper, speaking of these letters, says,

"Such are the abilities and standing of Bishop Hughes, that we are sure these letters will be looked for and read with uncommon interest.

We hope that some of the papers in which the first series appeared, will publish these also."

When it is considered that Kirwan, alias McMurray, has made an unprovoked attack on the Catholic Church, and that his letters contain a gross caricature of Catholic doctrines and practices, besides numerous downright falsehoods, common justice plainly demands that the papers which published them should likewise publish those of Bishop Hughes. Had Kirwan's letters been merely a defence of Protestantism, or had they even been a fearful representation of Catholic doctrine and practice, the case would have been a very different one, and no protestant paper would have been bound to publish a counter series by a Catholic. We should be "agreeably disappointed," however, if any protestant paper should copy them.—*Herald*.—So would we—*Ed. Cross*.

**CATHOLICITY IN THE WEST.**—Quite an earnest discussion is now going on in some of the Protestant papers respecting the influence of Catholicity in the West, the number of its academies, its progress, &c., &c. The last number of the *Boston Recorder* publishes a letter from an eminent Protestant minister, Dr. C. E. Stow of Cincinnati, from which we copy the following passages.

"I have lived here nearly fifteen years in this great centre of Catholic operations at the West; I have carefully observed their movements; I have been personally acquainted with a considerable number of their teachers, priests, Jesuits and bishops, and my opinion is that the Catholics are doing more to promote their own views, by means of educational institutions, above the common schools, than any three protestant denominations in the land, and that they are altogether the most flourishing sect in the West. I wish it were not so, but so it is, and all will know it by and by, however incredulous they may be now.

The Catholic Almanac, from year to year, will show their increase, and this increase is not wholly by immigration. In our city there have been not a few conversions, and from among our most respectable citizens. This is matter of fact which no man living here can deny, however much he may regret it."

What Dr. Stow says of conversions in Cincinnati is very true, but it is no more than can be said of conversions in the cities and towns of the Eastern and middle States.—*Philadelphia Herald*.

**ARCADIOSIS OF BALTIMORE.**—The *Catholic Magazine* states the following—On the 5th of Dec. Miss Mary Jane Dornell received the white veil in the Convent at Frederick, and Sister Mary Teresa, was admitted to the usual rites of religion. Both are converts.

On the 8th of Dec., Mrs. Mary E. Hewitt, and Miss Anna Freeman, of Washington, and Miss Catharine Byrnes, of Baltimore, received the white veil in the Convent, at Georgetown.

**DIOCESE OF BUFFALO.**—We have been permitted by a friend to read a letter he received from the Diocese of Buffalo during the past week, and we could not help begging him to let us publish the following short extract. It is a pleasant thought to feel that the beautiful tree of the Church is thus being planted in the quiet valleys of our country, there to shelter under its branches generation after generation of simple people growing up in holiness and the fear of God. The suggestions contained in the latter part of the extract cannot be too strongly urged upon the emigrants who are flocking to our shores:

**BUFFALO, Dec. 10, 1847.**  
The Bishop has been giving a retreat at Java during the three last days. We had about 700 communions and 93 confirmations. The congregation here is composed almost exclusively of Irish people, settled down to agriculture, each with his own little farm, and all succeeding well for this world, whilst their fidelity to their holy religion gives assurance that they are doing well for the next. Alas! why will not the many who come to the Island of Saints imitate their example? Lands in the west of New York State may be had at from three dollars per acre, to eight dollars, good lands for three dollars, and if they would come and settle together, so as to have the help of religion, how soon they would be independent and happy.—*Freeman's Journal*.

**ORDINATIONS.**—On Sunday 26th ult., the Rev. Messrs. John Walsh and James Kearney were ordained Priests by the Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor.—*Pittsburg Catholic*.

**Correspondence.**

To the Editors of THE CROSS.

Gentlemen.—Permit me, through the columns of your journal, to direct the attention of our fellow Catholics, throughout this and the neighbouring Provinces, to the deep and lasting importance of extending the organization of that most noble and glorious institution of modern times, for the extension of our Holy Faith, throughout the world's wide realm.—*v.z.* The Society for the Propagation of the Holy Catholic Faith, founded at Lyons (one of the most ancient cities of "La Belle France") in the year 1822—with the sanction and approval of the then reigning successor of St. Peter, as well also of the present head of all the Churches, the Venerable Pius the Ninth—whom, may God long preserve. With reference to the Diocese of Halifax much has been done towards that glorious end, from the first day that a branch of the institution was established unto the present. The report published in your paper of last week of its operations bears ample testimony to the noble and Christian zeal of collectors and members, but gentlemen I wish as much could be said—with the exception of Dartmouth, the Catholics of which district have done well—for other districts of this and the neighbouring Provinces. Surely if our brethren were made fully acquainted with the vast advantage, apart from considerations of a higher, because of a better nature, the parent Society has been conferring upon them for years past a very large portion of its means, when perhaps—nay, it is certain—many a poor missionary in far distant and heathen lands was sighing for the means of advancing the immortal interests of those poor souls entrusted to his care, should and ought to animate them with feeling of deep and fervent gratitude to the parent institute, which has thus, and so far continues, to consult for their spiritual welfare, at the same time retolving, with the aid of the Most High, to labour in extending the glorious sphere of its present and future usefulness to themselves and those who are to succeed them in the profession of the faith once delivered to the Saints. In conclusion I would beg leave to remark upon the very limited extent the organization has reached in the Province of Canada and the neighbouring republic of the United States, as will appear to any one on reference to the May number of the *Annals of the Institution*, and as the foregoing remarks will apply with as equal force to them as our brethren in these latter Colonies. I would humbly but earnestly hope they may receive at it's most auspicious period of the history of the Church, that degree of attention which the subject is so pre-eminently entitled to, and tend ultimately if not immediately to the establishment of Branches of this noble and most Christian Institution over the length and breadth of this American Continent, to flourish and diffuse the odour of their good works in all time to come, is the sincere and earnest prayer of your obedient servant,

Halifax, January 27, '48.

**Births.**

- JANUARY 29.**—Mrs. Flynn of a son  
29— " Vigors of a son  
31— " Grant of a daughter  
31— " Delancy of a son  
31— " Somers of a daughter  
31— " Keating of a son  
**FEBRUARY.**—1— " McIntosh of a son  
1— " Power of a daughter  
1— " Mahoney of a son  
1— " Sutton of a son  
1— " Power of a daughter,  
2— " Luan of a son  
2— " Humley of a son  
3— " Leahy of a son  
3— " O'Connor of a daughter.

**Wied.**

On Wednesday morning last, Mr. Daniel Deo, native of Dingle, Ireland, aged 60 years. On Friday evening, of consumption, Catharine Amelia, second daughter of George Gauld, aged 18 years.

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