

The Basle Gazette of the 24th ult., quotes a letter of the 23d, stating that the Free Corps in Argau had been reorganized; that orders had been given to the chiefs of the communes to provide vehicles for the conveyance of the Free Corps to a rendezvous, and perhaps for the use of the wounded; and that an incursion into Lucerne was fixed for the 26th or 27th instant.

SUDDEN DEATH OF THE REV. JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, PARISH PRIEST OF ENNISKEANE.—It is with feelings of deep regret we have to announce the awfully sudden death on yesterday of this venerated clergyman—one of the oldest Catholic priests in the diocese of Cork. The circumstances under which this afflicting visitation took place were such as to invest the proceedings of yesterday, in Bandon, with a melancholy and touching interest, which has cast a deep gloom over the entire Catholic community there. Truly did the sad event illustrate the expressive warning conveyed in the passage of Holy Writ, who says "In the midst of life we are in death." So it was with the lamented clergyman whose demise it is our melancholy duty to record. He entered the chapel of Bradon, yesterday, to assist at the celebration of the office and high mass for the repose of the soul of Dr. M'Swiney, and at that part of the ceremony where the "Dies Iræ" was chaunted by the choir, he complained of being taken ill, and was assisted by his curate, the Rev. Mr. Sexton, to leave the chapel, from whence he was conveyed to Mrs. Mahony's house, South-main street, where medical aid was speedily afforded, but, notwithstanding the most judicious treatment that could be adopted, it pleased Almighty God to take him to himself within an hour after the first symptom of illness was manifested; this venerable servant of his church, than whom among the clergy of the diocese there was none more beloved as a zealous pastor, or more thoroughly estimable in every relation of private life. He was ordained in the year 1799, and his first appointment was as curate at Carey's-lane chapel, in this city, where his talents as a preacher caused him to be greatly esteemed by his flock, and in 1814 was promoted to the parish of Enniskeane, in which he continued up to the day of his death a period of 31 years. His honored remains were this day conveyed to Bandon for interment in the parish chapel of the district, in which he so long and so worthily ministered.

We are indebted to the *Catholic Cabinet* for the following religious news:—

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.—On March 25th, Miss Eleanor White took the white veil of a novice, in the Convent of the Ladies of the Visitation, on

Broadway, St. Louis. The name given to her was Sister Mary Bernardina.

The Missouri Legislature, during its last session, has chartered St. Vincent's School of St. Louis. This Free School, under the direction of five Sisters of Charity, is daily frequented by 300 girls. The Sisters, in order to extend the sphere of their usefulness have already commenced a two story addition, measuring 40 by 30 feet. When completed, the whole building will be about 100 feet long, and will accommodate 500 pupils.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH.—While we sincerely sympathise with our fellow-citizens of Pittsburg at the recent calamity that visited their city, we have reason to be thankful for the preservation of the Catholic churches, which sustained no injury. A very laudable spirit has been manifested in many places, and measures taken to relieve the sufferings which have been created by this sad disaster. We hope that this example of charity and philanthropy will be widely imitated. We read the following in the last No. of the Pittsburg Catholic:

"Yesterday was set apart by the mayor and city councils to be observed as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer. We believe every portion of the community readily complied with this order. At St. Paul's cathedral divine service commenced at half past ten. The Bishop delivered a feeling exhortation—animating all to convert to their spiritual gain the present calamity, and draw from it those lessons of instruction which a chastening Providence intended it should convey.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

We take the following from the *Catholic Herald*:—

"There appears to be no disposition on the part of the Courts to indemnify this congregation for the malicious destruction of their property nearly a year ago. They have again adjourned without reaching the case. This is certainly a very great inconvenience to the members, as well as dishonourable to the city. How long are the corporation to be disgraced?"

We perceive by this that the cause is now on the calendar and will probably be reached the ensuing term of the Court.

We feel great interest in the result, in common with all Catholics throughout the country.

We would take this opportunity of giving a hint in advance to our Philadelphia friends, which we hope they will take seriously into consideration and act upon.