

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Great Britain.

On the 8th ultimo, two ladies, residents of Liverpool, openly renounced the errors of popery in Holy Trinity Church, Birkenhead; and on the following Friday, during morning service, at the same church, the Rev. Doctor Butler, Chamberlain to "His Holiness the Pope," read his recantation, and was admitted into the communion of the "one Catholic and Apostolic church" happily established in this land. About seven years ago the Rev. J. Baylee, Incumbent of Trinity Church, engaged in controversy with Dr. Butler on the errors of Romanism. The Doctor has since been in Rome, and latterly to Ireland; on his return from which he called upon Mr. Baylee, and voluntarily expressed his intention of becoming a member of the Church of England. His conversion has made a great sensation, as he was accounted one of the most able disputants in the Romish Church.—*Chester Courant.*

The members of the Church Missionary Society celebrate the Jubilee of the Institution this year, the Society having been formed April 12, 1799. The Jubilee Sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 1st instant, and a public meeting was held the next day at Exeter Hall. Services were also to be held very generally through the country.

The Intermediate Conference of the Evangelical Alliance was held in London Oct. 4, and three following days. On the morning of each day a considerable time was occupied in devotional exercises. On the evening of the 5th, a large number of friends assembled for tea in Freemasons' Hall, and in the course of the evening several ministers and others delivered addresses. A public meeting was held on the 6th, in Exeter Hall.

The Committees appointed on Popery, the Lord's Day, and Infidelity, having presented Reports of their proceedings, the following resolutions were passed:—

On *Popery*,—"That the British Organization in connexion with the Evangelical Alliance account it a duty and a privilege, when circumstances arise to make it desirable, to bear their united testimony to the important truths affirmed in the Basis of their institution, and consequently against all destructive errors opposed to them. And that now, when the Romish anti-christian apostasy is manifestly occupied in putting forth new and increasingly energetic efforts to ob-

tain dominion and power, they cordially unite in the expression of their deep abhorrence of a system hostile to the revealed will of God, and to the present welfare and eternal salvation of mankind, inasmuch as it is essentially opposed to the sufficiency and paramount authority of written revelation, to the right and duty (in dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit) of private judgment in the interpretation of Holy Scripture, to the justification of a sinner before God by faith only, to the pure worship of God through the only mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the nature of true repentance and humiliation of soul before God: and they deem it a most solemn duty, earnestly and affectionately to entreat their Christian brethren of all denominations, to use their utmost influence, each in their several spheres, to check the further progress of this deadly system of superstition, and to prevent its attaining any more influential position in these realms. At the same time they most readily express their tender regard for all who are involved in the thralldom of that awful delusion; and an earnest desire for their present and eternal well-being.

On *the Lord's Day*,—"That this Conference, on consideration of the vast and growing amount of Lord's-day desecration in this country, and the great evil entailed on the country thereby, feel it a solemn and binding duty to lift up their voice against this crying sin."

Resolutions on Infidelity were referred to the Council for further consideration.

Thos. Farmer, Esq., placed at the disposal of the Council the sum of £300, in aid of the further investigation of the above-mentioned subjects, preparatory to the Third Annual Conference.

The attention of the Conference was called to the bereavements which the Organization had sustained during the year, and the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Conference advert with mournful but submissive feelings to the severe loss which the Organization, in common with many Christian churches, has of late sustained, in the removal by death of several of its most attached and valuable official members, including the Rev. R. W. Hamilton, LL.D., D.D., and John Howard, Esq., the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Leeds Sub-division, and Thos. Caryl Worsley, Esq., Vice-chairman of the North Western Divi-