

they may be found in the confessional by six o'clock during indulgences. Public instructions, too, are given once and sometimes twice every year, on the principal tenets of the Catholic religion, at which times the chapel is crowded to suffocation. Besides all this there is in reserve a body of young men and young women, who are called Instructors or Catechists, and who have been trained for this purpose. One of their duties is to go round to those sick persons pointed out to them by the priests, and who may be to ignorant to be admitted to the Sacraments, and to prepare them to receive the Sacraments. Another of their duties is to instruct and prepare for the Sacraments all the children or ignorant and, indeed, such persons would wholly engross the time of the clergy, had they not such an admirable body of assistants.

Should any one ask if the fruits correspond with what might be expected from so much care and labour, I shall merely add what a most respectable eye witness told me some since, that he himself counted on a Sunday morning, at the two early masses in St. Patrick's Church, 700 at one, and 300-communicants at the other.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DR. FITZGERALD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the Very Rev. Andrew Fitzgerald, for many years President of the Catholic College of Carlow. This venerable and beloved clergyman had reached his 80th year, enjoying, during that protracted life, the warm attachment of all who were acquainted with his benevolent disposition and his singleheartedness, and the devoted affection of all those who, as pupils at the College, had prosecuted their studies under the paternal care of this accomplished scholar.

Doctor Fitzgerald, in early life, (about the year 1784), entered the University of Louvain as a student—was afterwards Professor of Theology in the College of *Corpo Santo* in Lisbon. Having taken the vows of St. Dominic, he returned to his native country about the beginning of this century. He soon became Professor of Theology in Carlow College, and subsequently President. To those acquainted with that distinguished seminary, it is needless to say that he executed the duties with great zeal and success. We had the happiness of numbering the very rev. gentleman amongst our friends, and a more amiable man did not exist. His talents were of a very high order. As a logician—as an adept in abstruse theology, we do believe it would have been difficult to find his equal. The College has experienced a great loss; but we trust and believe that Doctor Fitzgerald will have a worthy successor.—*Evening Post*.

CATHOLIC SOLDIERS.—A Catholic clergyman writes the following to a friend who has obtained a place for it in the *Liverpool Times*:—"I have under my care about seven or eight hundred as fine fellows as ever came from God's own country; for many years they had not seen the face of a clergyman, although, poor fellows, they sadly wanted the assistance of one.—'But most subject is the fattest soil to weeds.' That the soil was good has been proved by the return it has made to my labours. There are some Teetotallers amongst them who have most materially assisted me; but Total Abstinence is discountenanced by the commanding officers and medical men here, in consequence of the insalubrity of the water. Had you seen the soldiers at Madras, you would think, I am sure, that you were in the green island once more. There, both the bishop and clergy are staunch in the cause, and a Catholic soldier guilty of drunkenness or swearing, or of not attending to the sacraments, would cause as much wonder as a fall of snow in the month of June."

Mrs. Knowl, who was lately elected Superior of the Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin, expired at a pretty advanced age, on Sunday evening last, greatly regretted.

At the Feast of St. Michael, the Archangel, 200 children made their first communion at the church of St. Michael and St. John, in Dublin.

Mrs. Harrington, formerly of Coventry, who had lately been received into the Catholic church, died at Dublin on the 28th ult.

On the 24th, the beautiful new chapel at Green-castle, in the parish of Lower Badoney, was consecrated.

On the 27th, at Naas, Miss Kenny, Miss Matthews, and Miss Farrell, were professed of the Order of Mercy. On the same occasion two lay sisters were received.

On the 28th, at Rathmines, died a cousin-german of the Liberator, Mrs. Avis Nuttall, aged 101.—*Freeman*.

Miss Tulbon, of Roscommon, took the veil at Tuam, on Wednesday last.—*Tuam Herald*.

The consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Oliffe, as Bishop of Milene, *in partibus*, is to take place at Cork on Sunday (to-morrow.) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Murray, the consecrating prelate, represents Europe. The consecrated prelate, being Conductor of Bengal, will represent Asia; Dr. Banim, Bishop of Liberia, will stand for Africa; and Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Pittsburg, for America.—A curious coincidence.