

breathens; at times, among the equally benighted Mahomedans, Nestorians, Greeks, or Pagists, that they are about to introduce the Gospel. Considering the immense sums contributed yearly in England, the United States, and other countries; and the vast number of missionaries spread throughout the world, teaching, preaching, and scattering millions of Bibles and Tracts, what vast effects might be looked for? Indeed, the most extravagant expectations were held forth and entertained by Protestants themselves.—However those hopes were soon thwarted, and according to Malcome's Travels (vol 2. p. 217.) "many of the best friends of the missions avow feelings of disappointment, in regard to the measure of success which has attended the enterprise." This has been the case in almost every instance. We find in the Observer of last Saturday a letter from the Rev. J. S. Merrick, who is, we presume, a Presbyterian clergyman, and a missionary in Persia, giving an account of their success in that field—Which we extract:—"You have probably read and heard much of the Nestorians and what a glorious missionary field is open among them; would that all the church's hopes at home respecting this people were more than realized here among them. In many respects they are certainly a people demanding deep interest, and sympathy, and loud calls for men and means in their behalf have been made, and in no small degree met. But at this very time, after about ten years of labor for them, operations are suspended, and this people for whom so much has been done, especially the principal ecclesiastics, are dissatisfied because the mission does not give salaries to certain brothers of the Nestorian patriarch, Mar Shinon, when we have nothing for them to do, and they really wish to do nothing. These brothers of the patriarch on whom the mission has bestowed much in charity, have forbidden the Nestorians to receive instruction from us, and there is much reason to believe that Mar Johanna, who was so well received in America, and has had more opportunity than any of his people to become enlightened, is covertly abetting the hostility of the patriarch's brothers with all his influence. We have evidence for this several months past that Mar Johanna has been slandering the members of this mission in a scandalous manner, and has again and again told his people that he would go to England and bring out Episcopal Missionaries, of whom, by asking, he could get one hundred to supplant us. And yet I read in a New York Observer that came to hand yesterday, that this Bishop was a great comfort and help to us.—When he returned from America he seemed a changed man, and he appears to have changed again since, because the mission did not pay him an unreasonable claim. He still outwardly professes to be our friend, but I stand in doubt of him."

CONVERSION.—Miss Maria Bennett, daughter of James Bennett, Esq. Bruff, was received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Thomas Blake, V.P. This truly amiable and excellent young lady evinced the most marked and sincere piety, on so imposing and interesting an occasion. She was subsequently married to Patrick Coll Carey, Esq. solicitor.—Limerick Reporter.

Increase of Catholicity in England and Wales during the last ten years:—In 1835 there were 4 Bishops, 441 priests, 411 chapels, 6 colleges, 18 convents. Since which time there has been an increase of 4 Bishops, 222 priests, 91 churches and chapels, 6 colleges, 3 monasteries, 14 convents. "Veritas magna est et prevalebit." Truth is great and will prevail.—Tablet.

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