

the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin brought together twelve thousand persons there, eight thousand of whom received the Holy Communion. It has become absolutely necessary to increase the number of friars, as those who originally founded the convent are insufficient for the administration of the Sacraments.

It is announced in *Dolman's Magazine*, the literary organ of the English Roman Catholics, that the Vicars Apostolic, at their recent meeting in London, determined on taking steps for the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in England. At present, Catholicity in England is under the organization of the missionary system. The 'restoration of the hierarchy' will assimilate England to Ireland, where the bishops have their dioceses, the priests their parishes, rectories, and curacies.

During the last six years fifty four new Catholic Churches have been erected in England. Many of them, especially those in London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Derby, Nottingham, Macclesfield and Coventry, are on the largest scale of parochial building in that country. Several religious houses have been erected; nineteen new communities of nuns, and nine houses of religious men; and nearly two million volumes of Catholic publications have been printed in the same period.

#### A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

The day before yesterday, at seven in the morning, Maginet, the man who was condemned to death on the 29th August last by the Court of Assizes for the Seine-et-Oise, for the three-fold murder of his wife and her two sisters, was executed at Versailles. For a long time after his condemnation Maginet showed the most hardened heart, refusing all the consolations of religion offered to him by the Abbe Petigny, the chaplain of the prison, until one day he recollected the prayer his mother used to make him repeat when a child, and on being afterwards reminded of this by the Abbe, he always became calm and repentant. The appeal to the Court of Cassation, and the petition to the king for mercy, having been unavailable, the Abbe entered the condemned cell at five o'clock, and said to Maginet, 'Repeat your mother's prayer.' Having done so the criminal earnestly asked him why he had come at so early an hour to require this. The Abbe answered him that he had promised to render up his life with a resignation of a Christian, and that the time was come. Maginet upon this became violent to fury, uttering imprecations against those whom he wished he had killed as he had killed his wife, and in this state continued for half an hour, when he became quiet from exhaustion. The chaplain then sent the keepers away, and once more brought the wretched man to repeat his mother's prayer. From this time he remained silent till he mounted the scaffold.—[*Galignani's Messenger*.

#### THE LATTER DAY SAINTS IN DORSET-SHIRE.

We have received a letter from a friend in Dorsetshire, dated Winfrith, Newburgh, Oct, 16th, which says there was a set of grotesque fanatics called Latter Day Saints there, under the leadership of two fellows named Prince and Starkey, to whose outrageous antics in Bristol we were compelled to allude some time ago, and who, to our knowledge, have prophesied the destruction of the world, on a dozen different dates, now long expired. They are making the district resound with the words, 'Behold he cometh,' which seems to furnish them with their only pretext for the most monstrous and blasphemous harangues. Our correspondent writes that 'One or two fanatics of the parish have given them encouragement, and have licensed an unworked malthouse to the very great annoyance of the respectable inhabitants. The coarse and unseemly language which these fellows indulge, serves only to throw ridicule and contempt upon religion, and you would be pained to hear the remarks of the lower class who assemble on the outside of the building. I enclose you one of their hymn books, with the tunes attached, and will leave you to judge what a strange combination of folly and fanaticism they present.' The hymns are quite a literary curiosity, and the most startling predictions in verse, being sung, as the title affixed tells you, to modern tunes, to wit: 'The song of the Redeemed; tune, Weber's Last Waltz,' 'Behold he cometh; tune, the Last Rose of Summer.' 'My Lord is near; tune, Robin Adair, &c, and then all the words of the most awful nature. It would be truly melancholy to think that human folly could go so far if there were not an impression that knavery had more to do with it.—[*Bristol Times*.

#### MARRIAGE RECORD.

AT ST. MARY'S.

- Nov. 22—John Finlan to Catherine Murphy.  
 25—Robert Mullick to Joannah Culleton.  
 " Patrick O'Connell to Mary Anne Somers.  
 27—John Quigley to Hannah Ring.

#### BIRTHS RECORDED,

- Nov. 22—Mrs. Mary Mihan, of a Son and Daughter.  
 " 25—Mrs. Catherine O'Neill, of a Daughter.  
 " 27—Mrs. Margaret Leahy, of a Daughter.

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