

and prosperity of the Church, in order that the right hand of Christ may defend their empires.

To obtain the happy accomplishment of these wishes, let us go with confidence, Venerable Brothers, to the throne of grace, and all penetrated with a deep feeling of humility, address unceasingly to the Father of Mercies and God of all consolation, the most urgent prayers that by the merits of His only Son he may deign to spread over our weakness the abundance of his heavenly gifts, that he will overthrow our enemies by his powerful virtue, that he will make the Faith flourish everywhere with truth and piety, devotion and peace, and that dissipating all errors and all oppositions, the Church may enjoy her much desired liberty, and that there will be but one flock and one Shepherd.

And that the Most Merciful God may more readily hear our prayers and grant our desires, let us have recourse to the intercession of the Most Holy Mother, of God, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, our most sweet mother, our mediatrix, our advocate, our firmest hope, the source of our confidence, and whose protection is most powerful and most efficacious with God. Let us invoke also the Apostles to whom Christ gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, whom he chose for the foundation-stone of his Church, against which the gates of Hell shall never prevail, and his co-apostle Paul, and all the saints of Heaven, who already crowned possess the palm, that they may shed down upon all Christian people the treasures of Divine mercy.

Finally, as the presage of these heavenly gifts, and in testimony of our great love towards you, receive the Apostolic Benediction, which we give from the bottom of our heart, to you our Venerable brothers, to all the ecclesiastics, and all the faithful lay confided to your charge.

Given at Rome, at the Church of St. Mary the Greater, on the 9th day of November, in the year 1846, in the first year of our Pontificate.

THE DAILY PRAYERS.

Dear in their hallowed calmness are those hours,
Our daily refuge from low thoughts and cares;
When, soft as on parched earth drop summer show'rs
Fall on the soul the church's soothing pray'rs.

Light Pleasure, lordly Pomp, ride prancing by,
With their gay banners to the breeze unfurl'd,
Eying askant, in bitter mockery,
The church oasis 'mid the desert world.

Ride on, bright train! Ye cannot mar the peace
Which the world gives not, nor may take away;
The deep pure rills, whose flowings never cease,
Strengthening our Mother for her trial-day.

Ye may not taste! And those sweet tones of love,
Dear to the weeping mourner's inmost heart,
Christ's gracious absolution, sealed above,
What for their preciousness care he! The smart,

The agonizing smart of deep-felt sin,
That fearful load the Lord alone may bear,
Hath never thrilled your scoffing hearts within;
No contrite sighings unto God are there.

But you—ye few and faithful ones! kneel on:
Heed not the mocking world; but still implore
Her scorned Redeemer o'er her heart of stone
His baptism of saving grace to pour.

Kneel on! For daily in the Holy aisle,
The little band of worshippers shall greet
Some brother, turning from the world's false smile,
The Lord, in his own Sanctuary, to meet.

Kneel on—yet not in heartless worship kneel,
The formal off'ring of the Pharisee;
Nor faint, sad heart, though conscience sting thou feel;
Kneel humbly still—thy Saviour pleads for thee!

CONVERSIONS TO CATHOLICITY.

Mr. F. A. Pailey, whose name has been connected with conversion of his pupil, Mr. Morris, to the Roman Catholic Church, has made his profession of the Roman Catholic faith. The Rev. John Gordon, M. A., curate of the Rev. W. Dousworth, at Christ Church, St. Pancras, has resigned his curacy, with the intention of embracing the Roman Catholic religion. Letters from Rome state that Mt. Newman, after having spent a few days in visiting some of the principal objects of ecclesiastical interest in that city, had entered the College of the Propaganda, as a theological student, with the view of preparing himself for receiving the sacred orders of his Church.—*London Morning Post*.

ANOTHER CONVERSION.

Mr. Cox, of Exeter College, Oxford, was received last week into the Roman Catholic Church, at St. Mary's College, Oscott.—*Tablet*.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

On the 19th of January, by the Rev. E. Doyle, Mr. Martin Connors, to Miss Anne Martin, both of Ketch Harbour.

By the same on the 25th Mr. John Johnson, of Bear Cove, to Miss Catherine Scallon, same place.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

JANUARY 23, Peter, Son of William and-Catharine Farrell, aged 5 years and 7 months.

25, John Hamon, Native of Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 48 years.

26, Patrick O'Neil, Native of Ireland, aged 45 years.

27, Michael McDonnell, Native of the County Cork, Ireland, aged 43 years.

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