

tion, which was celebrated last Wednesday. We do not know in how many of the churches the day was specially celebrated, though we know that in some of them it was so with great magnificence. Certainly no man of faith will hesitate to admit that the person, the parish, the diocese, or the province, by which a special devotion to the Queen of Angels shall be practised as well as professed, particularly in this mystery, shall find it indeed a fruitful source of benedictions, a kindling of fervour, an increase of virtues and graces, an extending of power for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the salvation of souls."

Miscellanea.

DIMINUTION OF THE POPISH CLERGY.

—In 1757 there were in France alone, in priests and friars, more than 300,000. In 1829 they were only 108,000.

The Papal clergy of Europe have been greatly reduced by a variety of causes. By an examination of their statistics, we find the number of priests, in proportion to population, has diminished as follows:—

In Rome, in 65 years, three-fourths.

In Portugal, in 31 years, five-sixths.

In Sicily, in 51 years, four-fifths.

In Bavaria, in 28 years, more than half.

In France, in 67 years, some three-fifths.

In Switzerland, in 37 years, one-third.

In England, in 133 years, two-thirds.

In Russia, in 33 years, two-thirds.

In Denmark, in 20 years, half.

In Sweden, in 60 years, a third.

The total diminution of the Popish ecclesiastics in Europe, amounts to 855,000.—*L'Eco di Savonarola.*

ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONS.—Although Roman Catholics have had Missions in Siam more than two hundred years, not a Bible, or even an entire Testament, in the language of the people, has been provided for them. The American Missionaries in Siam believe this to be substantially true in regard to their labors throughout the East.

The New Testament has, for the first time, been translated into the Servian language by Dr. Wuk Stephanowitsch Koradschitsch. It is from the ancient Slavonian version, compared with the Greek.

Eleven Jesuits, it is said, are on their way to Canada.

THE "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS."—The immortal work of Bunyan has not only been printed in the principal European languages, but also in Arabic, Hindustani, Bengali, Oriya, Tamul, Mahrathi, Burman, Malagasy, Hawaiian, Tahitian, Sichuana, and Canarese.

JAMES'S "ANXIOUS INQUIRER."—Three hundred and thirty thousand copies of this excellent work have been circulated by the Religious Tract Society.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AT PARIS.—This Institution is connected with the *Jardin des Plantes*. The cabinet of comparative anatomy contains upwards of 15,000 specimens: they were arranged by Cuvier. The gallery of zoology comprises more than 200,000 specimens. The number of mineralogical and geological specimens exceed 60,000. The botanical gallery has more than 350,000 dried plants, and more than 4,500 of woods, fruits, and grains. The Library contains 30,000 volumes, and 15,000 pamphlets.

THE SURE REFUGE.—When the cholera was among the Nestorians last year, a poor Mussulman asked his mollah (religious teacher) whether it would be right to flee. "Yes," he replied, "flee by all means, and without delay." "Where do you advise me to flee?" asked the poor man. "*Flee to God, and there you will be safe,*" was the reply.—*Missionary Herald.*

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT.

We fear that the postage of our Magazine will be two-pence, instead of one penny, which we had hoped would be the charge. Our Subscribers must not suffer on that account. We will either give them an additional number of pages, or a Supplement at the end of the year.

The Survey of Protestant Missions is unavoidably postponed till next number.

We hope to commence next month a series of historical articles, to be entitled "The Martyrs of the Reformation."