

the Arch-diocese of Munich Freysing, nine in that of Ratisbonne, and two in that of Passau. Moreover they have given nine retreats—three to the clergy and six to the laity. For the current year they have been asked for eighty two missions in the dioceses before named, and for many in other parts of the kingdom. One of their late missions was in the house of detention in Munich, where of 590 convicts, they had the satisfaction of seeing every one freely prepare himself and receive the Blessed Sacrament.

On Saturday morning before Low Sunday, the Bishop gave the white veil in the chapel of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy to two young ladies both from New York city. To one, Miss Mary Munholland, was given the religious name of Sister Mary Francis de Sales; to the other, Miss Ellen Riley, was given the religious name of Sister Mary Teresa. Last week the Nuns had an accession to their numbers. One, a Postulant, to be choir Sister, and another to be Lay Sister.—Their Institution flourishes—their Academy is well patronised both by Catholics and Protestants. The Legislature has passed an act chartering their Academy under the name of “the female Academy of St. Francis Xavier.”—*New York Freeman's Journal*.

GALLICA.—The spirit of the different classes in Galicia, is being deeply moved against the horrible tyranny of the Austrian Government. The common people murmur that justice is no longer to be found in the empire. It is publicly known that amongst those there imprisoned on political grounds are twenty Priests. Since the month of March 1846, these have not been permitted to confess, to say Mass nor even to hear it! They are separated from one another, and mixed up with the lowest class of prisoners. And all for what? not that they have been found guilty, not even that they have been committed in consequence of an examination had, but because they are suspected of connivance with the revolutionists. Let us look at these suspicions and their grounds.

A convict says that he made a declaration of the conspiracy to the Bishop of Tarnow, under the seal of confession. The government this time interrogates the Bishop to ascertain the truth of the imputation. The silence of the Bishop was of course complete, whereupon Government puts him in the category of the guilty, and attempts to deprive him of his office!

We cannot see what the present Austrian power lacks of the old Ghibelline spirit, except its courage, and its energy. And if some men congratulate themselves that these are no longer the days

when, according to the fable, Pope Alexander III. set his foot on the neck of the humbled emperor, we more truthfully will rejoice that the Pope is no longer left to cope alone with the secular power and its absorbing anti-Christianism, but that the principles of real liberty have penetrated the European mind, and have hurried to its last stage of decrepitude, the savage, but impotent rage of political despotism.—*Id.*

T. C. ANSTEX.—His Holiness, Pope Pius IX. has been pleased to create Thomas Chisholme Anstey, Esq., of the Chancery Bar, Knight of the order of St. Gregory; as a mark of approbation of his great exertions in the cause of Catholicity, and especially for his labours in obtaining the repeal of the statutes which imposed penalties on Catholics for their religion. The brief of His Holiness conveying this dignity bears date the 19th February, 1847.—*Correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal*.

ITALY.—By a letter dated the 10th ult., the Pope has called to Rome delegates from the various provinces to consult upon the improvement of the internal Government of the state of the church. This is looked upon with reason as the first to the creation of a representative government and has filled with joy the Roman states.—*Dublin Freeman*.

Letters from Bologna, of the 25th ult. announce that the Pope had sanctioned the principle of the establishment of national guards throughout the pontifical dominions, and that a decree to that effect would be shortly published by his holiness. The two censors of the press, who, with the governor, were to constitute the superior board for the province of Bologna, where Father Venturini, a Barnabite, and M. Bajetti, professor of natural law—two men of great learning and liberality.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. DR. MACGENNIS.—Seldom, indeed, has a more painful duty ever devolved upon us, than that which we now attempt to discharge, in recording the premature death of the Very Rev. Dr. Macgennis, the truly spirited and exemplary parish priest of Clones, in the diocese of Clogher, who has just fallen a victim to typhus fever, caught in the discharge of his sacerdotal duties. He died at his residence, on the 5th June, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m. after an illness of only a few days.

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