

DOWLAIS.—OPENING OF ST. ILTYD'S CHURCH.—On Thursday, the 30 of August, this beautiful little church at Dowlais, near Merthyr Tydyl, Glamorganshire, which has been admired for its correct architecture by the most competent judges including some of the members of the late Camden Society, was opened with High Mass, sermons, in Welsh and English, and a most efficient choir, under the direction of Mr. Tillay, of Newport. The High Mass was sung by Dr. Baldacconi, late of the Sardinian Chapel Lincoln's Inn Fields, attended by Rev. Mr. Miller, of Cardiff, as Deacon; and Rev. Mr. Woollett, of Pontypool, as Sub-Deacon. In London and Newport, at least, it is needless to say that the Mass was admirably chanted. Rev. T. M'Donnell preached the morning sermon, and a beautiful one it was. Rev. L. Tavad, jun., of Brecon, preached a most unpretending and argumentative sermon in Welsh at Vespers. So large a gathering of respectable ladies, gentlemen, and traders is seldom witnessed for miles around, while such was the decorum observed by rich and poor, soldiers and civilians, that the Protestant could not be distinguished from the Catholic, until the latter in adoration of the bread of angels bending the knee and bowing down the head showed his faith at once. At both services the Bishop presided on a temporary throne with the air and dignity of piety so natural to him. On Sunday Confirmation was administered after Mass, preceded by a simple but solid and convincing address by the Right Rev. Dr. Brown, remarkable for its plain and forcible proofs drawn from the earliest history of the Christian Church in general and the ancient British Church in particular. At the Mass after the first Gospel, the Rev. J. Jones, from North Wales, preached a sermon in Welsh, which was listened to with breathless attention by many who never had expected to hear such a defence of Catholicity from one who as a Wesleyan preacher had been its honest but enthusiastic enemy. At the evening service the zealous prelate who had intended to deliver a controversial discourse had the audience been such as to require it, with admirable promptness adapted himself to the capacity and requirements of an humble but respectful audience, many of whom had never before seen the inside of a Catholic chapel or a legitimate successor of the Apostles. In one sentence, the residents of the neighbourhood of all creeds acknowledge that they had never seen a finer sight, heard better sermons, or been delighted with finer music. Besides Dr. Baldacconi, the Deacon, Sub-Deacon, and preachers, the Rev. Messrs Fisher, of Lanarth, Milward, of Abergavenny, and Neary, of Newport, accompanied the Bishop. The respected and religious family of Lanarth Court, with their zealous namesake of Pyle, and a crowd of ladies and gentlemen from

whom it would be unfair to make a selection excepting in one instance, that of the liberal and enlightened representative of the Dowlais Company, and his amiable and pious lady, though the unsolicited contributions of P. Jones, Esq., and Mr. John Evans (£5. each), must not be omitted. The expenses of the day, however, leave the pastor as poor as ever with a road to be procured, and a school-house absolutely wanted for the children of some of the hardest-worked men on earth. St. Iltud was Principal of the celebrated College of Caerworgorn (now from him Lantwit major), he was the teacher of St. David, St. Sampson, St. Teilo, &c.—*Correspondent.*

GERMANY.

CONVERSIONS.—Among the persons who, in Germany, have been recently converted to the Catholic Faith two candidates in Protestant Theology have been chiefly remarkable. The *Sion* newspaper thinks it right to conceal their names, giving only the initials P. and K. Both aspire to Holy Orders, and merit admission as much by the learning they have already acquired, as the zeal they have manifested. A third, Dr. Rudl, son of a pastor of Leipsic, had been at first led away by the torrent of Radicalism, but soon discovering its final tendency, he abandoned this path of perdition, and sought refuge in the arms of our Holy Mother the Church. He had to maintain a constant combat of two years' duration, from which, happily for himself, he came off victorious. Abandoning without regret the certain prospect of a lucrative situation, he devoted himself to the study of orthodox theology, and now aspires to the Catholic Priesthood. According to the same journal many conversions of a similar kind are being silently accomplished in Prussia, and will not be revealed until a future period, more or less proximate.—*L'Univers.*

CANADA.

Protest of the Bishops of Canada against the Vote of the Legislative Assembly on the subject of the Property of the Jesuits.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant General Earl Cathcart, Governor-General:

May it please your Excellency—We, the undersigned Catholic Bishops and Archbishops, take the liberty respectfully to express to your Excellency the profound affliction we have experienced on learning the determination recently taken by the Legislative Assembly on the proposal of certain members of your Executive Council for the appropriation of the property of the Jesuits, on the subject of which we had the honour of offering our just representations to the Legislature some short time before.

'We are thoroughly convinced that we should