

other materials with which she consecrates the floor, the walls, and the altar, the entire fabric of the church, she collects the produce of all regions of the world as of the different parts of her own vast empire; the balsam of Peru, the oil of Italy, the wine of Spain, the incense of Arabia, &c.; and what, alas! from England? Only the Ashes!—fit emblem of the spiritual desolation to which her pretended pastors have reduced her. Again, when on the pavement of the church, in one part of the consecration, he had traced in transverse lines the letters of the Latin and Greek alphabet. How did that set before him the fact, though this church was built in England, it belonged not to the Church of England alone, but to the Church which claims dominion from east to west, and from north to south; to the Church not of to-day, but of the day when east and west were happily united, and of the day when they shall be united again. But not only does the church, in her Consecration service exhibit herself as Catholic, inasmuch as she ombraces all nations and all ages of this present world, she declares herself that kingdom which is not of this world, and which is to stand eternally when this world is passed away, by calling, with that tone of intimate yet reverent familiarity, which she alone knows how to adopt, on all the holy angels and saints of God's kingdom above to take possession with her of this Temple, which she makes His, so long as the materials which the skill of the artificers has put together, shall hold their place.

But peculiarly on the present occasion was this character of Catholicity displayed, when he viewed this Church, consecrated in England in honour of Our Lady and St. Alphonsus—of that poor but blessed Maid of Nazareth, who, first of all the Saints of the New Covenant, as *above* them all gained that name of "Blessed," and of the last whom the Church has ranked amongst her Saints,—of that Neapolitan nobleman, who, being in early youth weaned from the world's vanities, devoted his soul to the love of God, and particularly was distinguished in these latter days by setting forth and exalting the glories of Mary, who in return, was made the channel of grace and glory to him, as when once from her image (while he spoke of her) Divine rays of light beamed on his countenance. Well might we rejoice in being members of this Church, and in finding thus, on all sides, and in all ways, such varied signs of her Truth.

We do not pretend to give an adequate report of this admirable discourse; we have merely set down in our simple style, some of the ideas with which it was enriched. The choir of St. Chad's Cathedral contributed their services with great effect. The organ (a greatly admired instru-

ment) is from the establishment of Messrs. Bevington.

The only unfavourable circumstance of this happy day was the rain which fell almost incessantly, and, of course, prevented what would have been one of the most impressive parts of the function, the procession before High Mass, passing by the walk round the churchyard, as had been proposed. It was therefore confined to the interior of the church.

After High Mass a large company proceeded from the church to Blackmore Park, which lies at the distance of about half a mile; where, at three o'clock, they were regaled by Thomas C. Horn-yold, Esq., (owner of the park and uncle to the generous founder of the church), with a splendid entertainment under a marquee, erected before the door of the mansion, where, we suppose, more than a hundred sat down, surprised to find themselves entirely protected from the rain which still fell during part of the time profusely. Mr. Horn-yold was in the chair, with Mr. Bodenham as his Vice-President. The entertainment was concluded in the genuine English style of toasts and speeches; the much respected gentleman at the head of the table conducting these with a spirit of cordial hospitality and benevolence which made it one of the most agreeable scenes of this nature that we have ever witnessed.

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To the Editor of the Tablet.—The Rev. Father Gaudentius, of St. Stephen, the eminent and learned Monk of the Order of the Passionists, brought to a close on the 18th the spiritual Retreat which he had commenced here on the 6th of August. And judging from the crowds that were in constant attendance three times a day (6 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 1-2 at night), and from the great number of Catholics that approached the Holy Sacrament, great, it is to be hoped, will be the fruits produced. Of the ability with which the Retreat has been conducted it is impossible to speak too highly, neither is it possible to appreciate too greatly the learning, the zeal, and the spirituality, of this Holy Father. During the solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the four last nights of the Retreat, 172 wax candles burned round the sacred and adorable Host.