

the religious affairs of Russia. After the first visit of the representative of the Emperor, His Holiness requested the presence of the Abbess Mackrina at the Quirinal. The conversation of His Holiness with the venerable abbess of the Basilians of Minsk continued nearly three quarters of an hour. This humble and heroic servant of Christ still lives in the utmost retirement, in constant prayer and in the expectation of that crown, which she has gloriously merited. To her prayers is attributed the miraculous cure of a French missionary, afflicted for more than two years with a complete loss of voice. I abstain from relating the circumstances of this event until they have been judicially verified. But the fact is unquestionable. The cure took place yesterday morning and has been attested to me by two Bishops who were witnesses of it—Monseigneur d'Esleon, an old school fellow of the cured missionary, and the Venerable Monseigneur Pompallier, Vicar Apostolic of Oceanica.

A MEXICAN WOMAN.

HER NOBLE CONDUCT, AND MELANCHOLY FATE.—A correspondent of the *Louisville Courier*, writing from Monterey, under date of October 7th says:—"While I was stationed with our left wing in one of the forts, on the evening of the 21st, I saw a Mexican woman busily engaged in carrying bread and water to the wounded men of both armies. I saw this ministering angel raise the head of a wounded man, give him water and food, and then carefully bind up his wound with a handkerchief she took from her own head. After having exhausted her supplies, she went back to her own house to get more bread and water for others.—As she was returning on her mission of mercy, to comfort other wounded persons, I heard the report of a gun, and saw the poor innocent creature fall dead! I think it was an accidental shot that struck her. I would not be willing to believe otherwise. It made me sick at heart, and turning from the scene, I involuntarily raised my eyes towards heaven, and thought, great God! and *is this war?* Passing the spot next day, I saw her body still lying there, with the bread by her side, and the broken gourd, with a few drops of water still in it—emblems of her errand.—We buried her, and while we were digging her grave, cannon balls flew around us like hail."

DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER.

The Union de l'Ouest gives lengthened details of the funeral obsequies of Marshal Bourmont, who, it appears was remarkable through life for the practice of christian virtue. The Bishop of

Nantes in writing a letter of condolence to Madame Landemont, daughter of the Marshal uses the following observations:—

"Madame—A glorious career has just been ended in the peace of the Lord, and he who wielded the sword with the courage of a Maccabeus, has just expired holding the cross between his pious hands. What a source of consolation! Your tears, nevertheless, have abundantly been shed, and he whom, with his noble family, I weep for, is worthy of all our sorrows. He did not merit alas! the bitterness with which it was sought to shorten his days, and he only revenged himself by speaking with moderation, even with praise of his enemies. Ought he to have had such, whose compassionate heart knew only how to do good? * * * * * If you cause to be designed in company with the portrait of the excellent Marshal an emblem of his life, I would desire that the olive branch should twine around a martial trophy, and that an inscription like the following should endeavor to trace his virtues:—

"He was without reproach in war—irreproachable in peace."

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

IRELAND.

On Saturday, 14th November, in the Church of St. Francis, Merchant's quay, a Solemn office and High Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Mr. Brennan, of the order of St Francis, author of the celebrated history of Ireland. After the offices, the remains of this exemplary clergyman were deposited in the vaults, amidst the tears and lamentations of the multitude.

The Rev. Mr. Moylan has been appointed parish priest of Windgap, county Kilkenny, in the room of the late justly lamented Rev. Thomas Brennan.

The Rev. Mr. Larkin has been removed from the curacy of Gowran to Castlecomer.

A marble monument, which cost £93, has been erected to the memory of the late Rev. Charles M'Leod, in the Catholic Cathedral of Cork, where he was thirteen years curate. A solemn High Mass, for the repose of the soul of this universally regretted clergyman was celebrated on Monday last in the same Cathedral, being the anniversary of his demise.

ENGLAND.

On Saturday, excavations for the erection of a Catholic church in Dye Street, Bermondsey, were concluded. The building will be very extensive; in fact, the largest in the metropolis,