

PROFESSION AT THE PRESENTATION CONVENT, HOBART TOWN.

ON Saturday, August 28, the solemn and impressive ceremony of a religious profession took place in the choir attached to St. Mary's Presentation Convent. Great preparations were made for the due solemnisation of so edifying a function. The young lady who made her profession on the occasion is named in religion Sister Mary Margaret Alacoque. Shortly after nine o'clock, the nuns, carrying lighted tapers, entered the choir in procession, the Cross-bearer, Miss Teresa Robinson, attended by her sisters, Miss Louisa and the "Angels," Katie and Eva, leading the way. His Lordship, Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, was present during the solemn ceremony. The clergy present were the Rev. Fathers Dunne, C. P. Woods, P. R. Henneby, M. J. Beechinor, M. J. O'Regan, and M. Gilleran. In the choir seats were reserved for Mrs. H. Robinson, Mr. H. Robinson (parents of the lady professed), and the other relatives. Mass was said by the Rev. M. J. Beechinor. After the singing of the Gospel by Father Henneby, a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. M. J. O'Regan, who took for his text, "This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice therein," Psalm cxvii., 24. During his discourse the preacher referred to the great success in teaching attending the work of the Presentation Order, so much as to attract young ladies from the other colonies to receive a superior education within its walls. In very complimentary and well-deserved terms he eulogised the parents of the lady professed; the mother affording the edifying spectacle of offering her dear child to be "the portion and inheritance of the Lord for ever," the father as most exemplary in his avocation. The ceremony was brought to a close by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, given by His Lordship the Bishop; after which the procession left the church in the same order as it entered. The music appropriate to the occasion was beautifully rendered by the convent choir. After these proceedings the Bishop and his clergy were entertained at a sumptuous *dejeuner*, provided by the parents of the lady professed. We seldom remember seeing such a richly-supplied table on similar occasions. Saturday was indeed a day of joy and gladness to all the inmates of St. Mary's, but more especially the school children, among whom the lady professed is a great favourite. It augurs well for the future of the Presentation Order to find the children of our leading Catholic families desiring admission within its walls. We may mention that the lady professed was educated by the Presentation Nuns, to whom we are sure her many excellent qualities will endear her.

We have much pleasure in announcing the conversion to Catholicism of Lady Anne Isabella Blunt, the only grand-daughter of Lord Byron. Says the *Liverpool Catholic Times* of June 18. The poet's child, "Ada, sole daughter of my house and heart," married the first Earl of Lovelace, who is still living, having exceeded by five years the allotted span of three score years and ten. The Countess herself died in 1852, and her two surviving children are Baron Wentworth and the lady whose conversion has recently occurred. Baron Wentworth holds the title of Lord Ockham by courtesy as the son of the Earl of Lovelace, but the Barony of Wentworth is his own right, and it will pass to his sister, Lady Anne, should she outlive him, and should he be childless, as he now is, at the time of his death. In that case, another Barony, and one of the oldest, would come into the hands of Catholics.

St. Louis must possess some quarters where hoodlumism runs so rampant that the priest of the parish has to become a policeman! The *Western Watchman* records this singular occurrence! "Never before in the history of St. Louis has such a position been awarded to a priest as that lately conferred upon the Rev. Nazearino Orfei, Rector of St. Bonaventura's. The locality in which his church is located is far from being an agreeable one, and it requires a man of stern morality and determination to preserve order and decency there. Looking at matters in this light, the Board of Commissioners, on the 14th, appointed Father Orfei Sergeant of Police; he took both the shield and oath of office. We hope Sergeant Orfei will not find his duties too severe, but we pity any one who dares oppose his authority."

In 1814, when King Louis XVIII. returned to France from his exile in which he had spent twenty-two years, a law was passed for doing away with one of the worst curses that the French Revolution of 1789 had brought on the country, viz., with Sunday labour. This beneficial law was properly observed while the Restoration lasted, that is to say until 1830; but the instigators of the five revolutions through which France has gone since, had a great deal more to do than enforce an enactment which was designed to reconcile the people with God. The Lord's Day Observance Act of 1814 has practically remained a dead letter for half a century, and consequently it was perfectly natural in the present government to propose its repeal, as they did a few months since. This repeal has been duly agreed to in both houses of the French Government. An attempt on the part of some Catholic members to secure Sunday rest, at least for the public officials, remained fruitless, as was to be expected. Henceforth people need not fear of ever being taken to book by the secular authorities for breaking one of the laws of God.

Three boys named Gustave Orr, John Sammet, and George Mann, were executed at Canton, Ohio, June 25th. Although all efforts possible were brought to bear by the parties interested in their behalf to secure a reprieve, the governor refused to interfere. They unfortunately formed the habit of reading cheap novels and the highly sensational stories to be found in boys' and girls' weeklies, and this habit so grew upon them that their minds became inflamed upon the subject of adventure, and they determined to seek fame and fortune as marauders. But their career was not long lived. Such an execution, in which three boys aged seventeen, eighteen, and nineteen figured, will, it is to be hoped, never be witnessed again in this country.

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TO THE CATHOLIC CLERGY.

A Catholic Master and Mistress (married) of sixteen years experience in Teaching, and holding first-class certificates, are desirous to be engaged in a Catholic school. Their present engagement will expire in a few weeks. References to the Rev. Father Ginaty, Christchurch, kindly allowed. Early application necessary.

CHURCH OF THE REPARATION,

At New Headford, near Lincoln.

THE solemn Dedication of the above Church will be performed by HIS LORDSHIP DR. MORAN, who has kindly promised to come for the occasion, on the third Sunday of September.

J. C. CHERVIER.

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