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actions are made against the clergy of Cashel; this is a great trial for S.; proposes that they get full details from Doon, giving list of the apostates over the past 3, 4 and 5 years; they can then prepare their defence and present the true facts.

(2 pp.)

17. Ballinahinch, 22-23 Aug. Rev. P. Ryan's Visit. Rept.
362 Confirmations; 3 missals, 2 chalices, 4 suits of vestments; no Confraternities; 30 monthly communicants; there are many of his parishioners not permanently resident, working at the mines; 2 Protestants received; 4 National and 1 other schools; Mass in Ballinahinch at 9½ o'clock and at Killoscully at 11½ o'clock; curate's collection in October.

(1 p.)

18. Doon, 24 Aug. Rev. J. O'Dwuer to S.
The curate of Doon writes on behalf of Fr. Hickey, P.P. who is absent; sends S. a list of the apostates which covers the years 1849-52; the total number of apostates is 36, most of them children; the list given on oath, and attested before S. and Fr. Rowley, V.G.; Fr. O'D. vindicates his parish and maintains that the evidence given to Doon is false; it is a sad business when our friends believe such lying tales.; the priests of the parish deserve praise, not blame; they have fought against the powers of darkness for years; summarises the real reasons behind the apostasy of these 36 people (only 13 adults); 614 Catholic houses have been thrown down and their inmates thrown out into the world, and an easy prey to the Protestant seducers, who offered money, food and shelter in exchange for their religion; some 300 people have died of starvation within one period of six months; as Doon was the centre of distress, it was made the centre of an all-out attack by the -ible Societies, and extra parsons were sent there; almost all the 'perverts' live (or lived) on land belonging to the Board of Erasmus Smith schools, and hundreds preferred to be evicted rather than give up their faith; many have died for their faith; thus, while there is cause to weep over the fall of some few (who were all in extreme want), there

is reason to rejoice over the salvation of so many who might have fallen; several of the 'perverts' have recanted; during the last 3 years they have received into the Church 33 persons who were not Catholics previously; the accusations made against the people of Doon have only made them more fervent in the practice of their religion; this is evidenced by the increase in the numbers who have joined the various sodalities, and by the way in which the May devotions were attended.
(Lists of 'Perverts' attached)

(5 pp.)

19. Ballina, 24-25 Aug. Rev. T. Maher's Visit. Report
385 Confirmations; no title or lease; no glebe; 4 missals, 2 chalices, 4 vestments; 2 Confraternities: the B.V.M. and the Bl. Sacram.; 30 communicants on Sundays and 50 on principal feasts; 2 protestants received; 3 National Schools in Ballina, and 1 in Boher; 1 Mass Mass in Boher at 10 o'clock, and 1 Mass in Ballina at 11 o'clock; no curate's collection.

(1 p.)

20. Doon, 27 Aug. Rev. P. Hickey to S.
The calumnies which have been reported to Rome and believed by the authorities there, have been widespread for a long time, but were not believed by anyone who knew the real situation; gives the same details as Fr. O'D. has given in his letter of 24 Aug; most of those who perverted were on the very threshold of death and were not responsible or in their full and clear state of mind; those who have made the public accusation wish to obtain more money from England for their proselytising efforts, and have no regard for truth or human respect.

(4 pp.)

21. Drom, 27-28 Aug. Rev. T. Mullaney's Visit. Report
440 Confirmations; no title or chapel; 4 missals, 4 chalices, 4 suits of vestments; 2 Confraternities; about 100 communicants each month; 5 National schools,

35. Pallasgreen, 12 Oct. . Rev. J. Ryan to S.
 Sends S. a full list of the apostates in his parish since 1848; total number comes to 78 (only 24 adults, the rest children); all the false reports have come from the Protestant ministers of the Church of England, who have been working in the neighbourhood and who wished to obtain further sums of money from Exeter Hall; they used a trick, in gathering together in Pallasgreen all the perverts from Cappamore, and vice versa, when the inspector came to count the 'converts'; the famine, the evictions on the poverty of Col. Wyndam and the Board of Arasmus Smith Charities, and the insolvency of the local Protestant parson, who used the distressed times to obtain money to pay his debts, the dreadful conditions of the inmates of the Tipperary Union Workhouse, where most of the apostasies took place at a time when deaths averaged 25 a week; only 2 have 'perverted' in the last year and a half, despite all the temptations laid before them; many have died rather than renounce the faith of their fore-fathers; in the last four years there have been 82 persons received into the Church; since making the enclosed list, one more of the perverts has recanted; it is to be hoped that the 2 new National schools will be a means of preventing any further loss of souls; thanks S. for granting him and his curate the necessary powers to deal with the situation.
 (1 list attached) (5 pp.)
36. Convent of Mt. Carmel, Dublin, 14 Oct. Dr. Spratt to S.
 Faculties granted to S. to enrol persons in the Holy Scapular and the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and to delegate the same power to any of his priests.
 (1 p.)
37. Waterford, 20 Oct. Dr. N. Foran to S.
 Regrets he will not be able to attend the meeting in Killarney, as he will have Confirmations and a Profession ceremony on 27 Inst. and following days; authorizes S. to put his signature to the document of the bishops of the province, recommending the

42. Romas, 5 Dec. Card. Fransoni to S.
Gives a decision on a matrimonial case and the use of Faculties by his suffragans; which S. had requested. On inside page, S. has written his reply, and asks for further information, stating his own views on the matter.
(Both letters in Latin)
(2 pp.)
43. Thurles, 11 Dec. S. to Rev. J. Ryan
Makes a passionate appeal to Fr. R. to desist in his controversy with Mr. Lucas, which is causing him (S.) and many of the bishops, great embarrassment.
(2 pp.)
44. Cashel, 19 Dec. Rev. J. Ryan to S.
Apologises for delay in answering S's letter; regrets having caused S. any pain in his controversy with Lucas and promises to comply with his wishes.
(3 pp.)
45. Rome, 21 Dec. Dr. Wm. Keane to S.
He has brought the decrees of the Provincial Synod to the Propaganda; the cardinals will discuss them as soon as possible, but it may be Feb. before any decision is given; the question of the extension of Ross diocese is under consideration; the name of Dr. Moriarty, though 2nd on their list, is favoured by Roman authorities.
In a P.S. Dr. K. notes that letters to Ireland from Rome should go via Marseilles, whereas from Ireland to Rome, via Belgium.
S. adds a note that he received the letter on 5 Jan. 1854 and replied the same day.
(3 pp.)
46. Urlingford Union, 28 Oct. Michael Bradley to Board of Guardians, Urlingford Union
Gives evidence that during his period in prison for pulling potatoes, he was approached by proselytising turnkeys and other officials, who offered him his liberty if he turned Protestant; in order to avoid a second turn of hard labour (he had got sick after the first turn) he consented to become a Protestant; he

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plenty of meat; he now wishes to retract and to be
registered as a Catholic; the Board of Guardians
ordered that the religion of Bradley be changed to
Catholic in the Register, and also that an official
enquiry be made into his accusations about proselytism
within the precincts of the prison.

According to a note on last page, Bradley was in
in Kilkenny; it is stated that only the Lord Lieut
has the power to mitigate a sentence and such act
as Bradley describes is against the law.

(3 pp.)

1854

1. Rome, 17 Jan. Dr. Wm. Keane to S.
Reports an interview he has had with Mgr. Barnabo
and other members of Propaganda; they discussed the
of the Synod of Thurles; 3 principal subjects under
discussion: proselytising, the clergy and elections,
the Stations; as regards the latter, they were pre-
pared to allow what they called 'a travelling cha-
pel' but they could not quite see their way to allow
widespread practice of saying Mass and hearing Con-
fessions in private houses; Dr. K. gave an explanation
of Irish Stations, and this appeared as a revelation
to the authorities in Rome; S's letter defending him
and the Cashel clergy against the accusations refer-
red to 'apostates', was well received and has done much
good; no decision yet on a coadjutor for Kerry, but
should be decided next week by the cardinals; Dr.
Keane has not yet replied to the letter from Rome, asking
his opinion about the proposed boundary changes between
Ross, Cork, Kerry and Cloyne; when Ross was separated
from Cloyne in 1850, it was agreed that it should