

mittee organized by Dr. S. G. Minart, numbering among its members Lord Clifford, Cardinals Manning and Newman, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Denbigh, Arch Ullathore, and many other bishops and lords. A neat stone church was built first; then the old Abbot's Tower was restored. The old foundations were discovered, and a magnificent structure was erected on very old foundations. The spiritual work kept pace with the material. From the beginning the novitiate and classes for the students in theology were regularly organized. Later on an Apostolic school, or Aluminate was established, which now numbers from 25 to 30 students.

Rev. A. Hamilton opened a course of religious instruction for the children of the neighborhood, and lectured every Sunday. Crowds flocked to the little temporary chapel. The good seed has produced an abundant harvest.

Within a circuit of five miles Rev. Fr. Hamilton found but three Catholics; over 80 abjurations were received, and now Buckfast has a good practical Catholic congregation.

Right Rev. S. Dennis is making the necessary arrangements for organizing a Sister's school, adjoining the church.

*Dies venit, dies tua,
In qua reflorent omnia.*

Though the education of Catholic girls is now in England in the hands to a great extent of religious women of more modern orders, several Benedictine convents have boarding schools attached. The nuns alternate the duties, connected with the instruction and care of their pupils, with the exercises appropriate to the contemplative life to which they have consecrated themselves.

We often experience more regret over the part we have left, than pleasure over the part we have preferred. *Abbe Roux.*

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

By M. A.

He comes, our Infant Lord and Love!
He leaves His throne of light,
And comes to dwell with us on earth
This blessed Christmas night.
How can we fitting homage pay
To our dear Infant King,
And, kneeling at His sacred feet,
What offering can we bring?

The angel choirs to greet His birth
Carolled glad hymns of praise,
Would that in anthems like to theirs
Our voices we could raise;
And would that ours were precious gifts,
Like those the Kings of old
Offered with reverential love, —
Myrrh, frankincense, and gold!

On that first Christmas night He came,
Our heavenly Infant Guest,
In Blessed Mary's arms to lie,
Or on St. Joseph's breast,
But now he comes with still more love,
Still more humility,
To rest in these poor hearts of ours,
To dwell with you and me.

And can we, then, make no return,
Our gratitude to prove?
Dear Lord, Thou knowest we have naught,
Thou dost but claim our love.
Come, then, our glorious Infant King,
Our hearts Thy home shall be;
Come, make Thine empire in our souls,
Reign there eternally.

Ave Maria.

The Benedictine Abbots of the Congregation of Subiaco were favored with an Especial Audience by the Holy Father Leo XIII.

In October last the Benedictine Abbots of the Congregation of Subiaco, to which the Fathers of the Indian Territory belong, met in Rome for the purpose of holding their General Chapter. The Mother-house of this congregation is Subiaco, in Italy, which is the cradle of the whole Benedictine Order. At the head of the congregation there is an Abbot-General, whose term lasts eight years, and who resides at Subiaco. It is divided into five provinces, viz: