

on a scale of great liberality, the utmost economy is required in its management. On the whole it is a most important institution, and highly beneficial to the population at large.

16. In the olden time, under catholic dominion, Gibraltar possessed numerous churches and religious houses; but of these, with the exception of the principal church of Saint Mary, in the centre of the town, scarcely a vestige remains. Its exterior is of most ordinary appearance, and undeserving notice; but the inside is very neatly arranged. The principal altar is imposing, and on either side the church are smaller ones, very tastefully fitted up. An excellent and fine-toned organ has recently taken the place of the old ruinous one; but as there are no means for paying a good organist, the pealing sounds and softened and subdued melody of this sublime and heavenly instrument yet remain unheard.