

about the inutility, and so on, of the big building on Montmartre Hill. Now, it is not among the things generally known that the strongest opposition was offered to the project of the church both by Mgr. Darboy and by his successor, Cardinal Guibert of the Oblates. The promoter of the plan was a pious Catholic, M. Legentil, and Mgr. Darboy gave him but little encouragement. After the murder of the Archbishop by the Communists, and on the appointment of his successor, M. Legentil went to see Mgr. Guibert about the plan, but was at once told that Catholics were crushed already by expenditure on churches and institutions which they had to keep up. Subsequently, and after some pressure, Mgr. Guibert gave way, directed that the church should be a monument of expiation, and, as he said, a sort of 'holy lightning-conductor' to preserve the city from the visitations of Divine justice. Next followed the sanction by the State, and money then began to flow in for the construction. The edifice will, when finished, have cost 40 million francs, according to the estimates. As a recent writer pointed out, the miracle of collecting money for the monument in order to bring it to a successful completion has been practically accomplished by the Oblate Fathers, who have charge of the basilica, and who, as the same authority says, smiled complacently the other day, owing to their triumph in doing their rival the Devil out of so much money.

ROME.—The Pope and the South African War.—His Holiness the Pope celebrated Mass on Sunday, October 29, for the repose of those killed in the South African War, and offered up special prayers that the struggle might soon cease. His Holiness is keenly interested in the war, and has, it is stated, sent a telegram of condolence to Lady Symons.

Proposed Swiss Pilgrimage.—A great pilgrimage of Swiss Catholics will go to Rome next year. Preparations are being made for it by the Helvetic Federation of Catholic Societies. At the ninth assembly held by this Federation at Basle, the programme of the pilgrimage was discussed and approved of.

SCOTLAND.—Death of a Catholic Journalist.—It is with sincere regret (writes the Glasgow correspondent of the *New Era*) I put on record the death, at the early age of twenty-seven, of Mr. John Aloysius McArdle, eldest son of the late Mr. James McArdle, Springburn. The deceased was educated at St. Mungo's Academy, Townhead, Glasgow, and besides being an excellent scholar, always occupying a prominent place in the prize-list, he was popular with his fellows. He began his journalistic career on the *Springburn Advertiser*, from which some years later he joined the staff of the *Glasgow Evening Citizen*. On the latter he made an excellent name for himself, and it seemed but the just reward of his talents when a little over two years ago he was offered and

accepted a sub-editorship on the *Evening Chronicle*, Manchester. Before leaving he was made the recipient of many marks of favour from his co-journalists and various Catholic societies of which he was an able member. Mr. McArdle, however, did not long enjoy his promotion. About eighteen months ago he was compelled through ill-health to send in his resignation, and the interval was spent in retirement at his residence, Woodburn place, Milngavie, where death visited him. He was a ready writer, of considerable abilities, and in press circles much respected. As an essayist, or lecturer, his services were frequently in request. Many articles from his pen found their way into the columns of Catholic newspapers.

The Marquis of Bute's Generosity.—The Marquis of Bute has generously offered to Father John McElmail, of St. Andrew's, Rothesay, to build a new school and presbytery, and also to defray the expense of enlarging the church so as to provide about double the present accommodation. The offer is conditional on the congregation contributing five hundred pounds. The total cost is likely to be close on three thousand pounds.

A Popular Priest.—The Rev. Joseph Bader, S.J., succeeds the Very Rev. Edward Whyte, S.J., as Rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Edinburgh. Father Bader, who is in his fiftieth year, is a Welshman of German extraction, as his name indicates. His early education was obtained at Stonyhurst, from which in 1872 he sought admission to the Society of Jesus. Three years' residence in Laval, France, was followed by his appointment to the teaching staff at Mount St. Mary's College, from which seven years later he was transferred to St. Beuno's College. Ordained in 1888, Father Bader began his missionary labours as an assistant at Our Lady's and St. Andrew's, Galashiels, being afterwards promoted to the Sacred Heart. In the latter mission his chief care has hitherto been the schools. A non-Catholic weekly writing of 'one of the best known and most popular Jesuits in Scotland' thus describes this phase of his work:—'His genius of management raised the schools to the position of premier Catholic schools in the archdiocese. The same paper (*People's Journal*), in an illustrated sketch of his career, speaks of Father Bader's appointment as being 'to the great gratification of his many friends, Protestant and Catholic.'

The Catholic Truth Society's Demonstration.—The yearly demonstration of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on Thursday, October 26. The principal speakers were his Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, the Archbishop of Edinburgh, and the Rev. Bernard Vaughan, S.J., etc. The Bishops of Scotland and a large number of priests and laymen from all parts of Scotland attended. Cardinal Logue was the guest of his Grace the Archbishop of Edinburgh.

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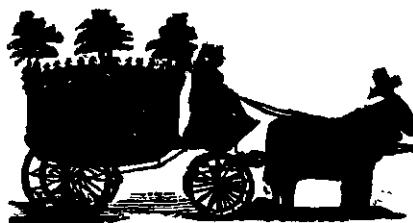
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