

day for the ceremony. I know that I spoiled her life and mine by my obstinacy, but I'll try to make her happy during the days that are left to us.

'There is the clerk at leisure now,' he continued, mopping his brow with his fine cambric handkerchief. 'Sir, I want to know if this license is good, or has it become outlawed or debarred by the statute of limitations? If it is good, say so, and we will not delay longer. If it is useless, then give us a license that will pass muster.'

The lady laughed softly at the impetuosity of her long errant lover. The clerk, having read over the time-yellowed paper with as much astonishment as Hackett had displayed on perusing it, said at last:

'A marriage license holds good until used, sir, unless it is cancelled by another, but, to prevent any question of the legality of this one, I will make out another for you, which you may also present.'

Five minutes later the sweet-faced elderly bride-elect, and the chivalrous silver-haired bridegroom, departed with the license, for which the clerk declined to accept payment, saying, that the office did not see such a romance every day. The same evening the newspapers of Detroit contained the following notice:

This afternoon, at the Cathedral, Mr. Philip Brendin, a wealthy lumberman of Chicago, and Mademoiselle Marie Roy, of Monroe, were married by the Rev. Father D—. The wedding is said to be the outcome of an early romance. For the bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Brendin will make a tour of the lakes. On their return they intend to reside for a time here in the City of Straits.—'Catholic World Magazine.'

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### ENGLAND—A Rumor

Before the date of Archbishop Bourne's leaving the Eternal City on November 7 (writes a Rome correspondent), intelligence about a coming Consistory began to take shape. During the summer, the promises that had been given out by the press about what would be done were quite lost sight of, so much so that the list of names mentioned, now that the event is approaching, differs very greatly from that given out in the springtime. The name of the Archbishop of Westminster is on the new list, and report that he will be created a Cardinal in December has been accepted generally in Rome. In the best informed circles, however, it is not accepted as certain, simply because it was announced so late. But Pius X. is beginning to be known as a Pope of surprises, as was Leo XIII., and it is possible that matters are to be kept secret until almost the last moment, so that the rumour now given circulation might come true early in December. Certain it is, that the name of the English Archbishop has been considered.

### FRANCE—A Family of Missionaries

About a year ago (says the 'Ave Maria') we noted the somewhat remarkable fact that an Irish mother in Madras had given no fewer than eight daughters to the cloister. Under the title of 'A Family of Missionaries,' a contemporary French author discusses a household almost equally fruitful in religious vocations. Of the eight children of Nicholas Biet, a citizen of Langres, the eldest became a Trappist; four other sons were priests on the mission field of the Orient, one of them becoming Bishop of Diana; and two daughters joined the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul. The only child to remain in the world was a third daughter, Marie-Francoise, whose son, the well-known poet, Edmond Haraucourt, is at present curator of the Cluny Museum, Paris.

### ITALY—The Final Act

The Rome correspondent of the 'Pall Mall Gazette' writes to that journal on the Italian monasteries: 'When the State, at the time of the making of Italy, suppressed various monasteries, the general mode of procedure was to leave the monks already there in possession, with the prohibition to any others to enter. When reduced by death to six, the monastery was to be closed and the remaining monks to find refuge in other houses of the Order. Now, after thirty-five years, this dread, has come to several communities, and the lonely old monks, with tears in their eyes, are obliged to leave the place they have made an Eden. The case of the Barefoot Trinity Order at San Oreste is particularly touching. The spot has been dedicated to religion since the fifth century, and the Trinity have been there for over five hundred years. That a change must be made they knew, but they

did not realise until the other day, when they were informed that the whole place had been sold by the Government to a private person. The blow had fallen, and, like true saints, they packed their modest belongings and left quietly the home where they had hoped to die. But the town people did not take the news of the departure of their beloved friends and benefactors so quietly, and got up a popular demonstration, in which hundreds of women took part.'

### Catholic Bluejackets

On the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of Italy to Genoa, where they inaugurated the new works for the enlargement of the port, beside the Italian and the French fleets, which were in the harbor to do honor to their Majesties, there was also a British fleet composed of three men-of-war and two destroyers. Arrangements having been made by the Rev. G. Hay with the commanding officer, on Sunday morning, October 29th, the Right Rev. Abbot A. Alaria went on the quay to meet the Catholic bluejackets to the number of about seventy, and took them, in charge of a lieutenant, to the Abbey Church of St. Teodoro, where he preached to them. After having heard Mass and assisted at Benediction, they returned to their ships. The devout behaviour of the British sailors in the church greatly edified the congregation.

### A Defence Association

The Bishop of Bergamo (writes a Rome correspondent) has drawn up the constitution of the promised association for the defence of the Italian clergy, given to the work the name of 'Segretariato del Clero' (secretariate of the clergy), and assigned his episcopal curia as its seat. By the first statute the association is declared diocesan. The second enunciates the purpose of the society to be the procuring of counsel, assistance, and protection in public and private controversies for the clergy, and for institutions of a religious nature, Catholic societies, asylums, oratories, etc. By the fifth article of the constitution, the Segretariato undertakes the defence, even the legal defence, of the good name of the priests of Italy. Those persons, then, who read shocking or scandalous reports about the Italian clergy in English newspapers may, after the work gets fairly afloat, address:—Il Segretariato del Clero, Curia Vescovile di Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy.

### JAPAN—The Papal Envoy

Monsignor O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, Maine, Papal Envoy to Japan, had audience of the Mikado on November 10. He was introduced by the Premier, Viscount Katsura. The Bishop informed the Tokio correspondent of the 'Daily Telegraph' that his mission was of a confidential character. The Emperor appeared to attach considerable importance to it. Dr. O'Connell, the correspondent states, was received with the greatest respect and the Mikado expressed the gratification it gave him to see a representative of the Holy Father, especially as he was an American prelate. The visit, he said, would tend to draw closer the bonds between his Catholic subjects and himself. As an exceptional mark of honor the Bishop was invited to an imperial garden party over which Prince Fushimi presided. Are we not justified in assuming that the Mikado, already favorable to the Catholic Church, wishes to give increased facilities to missionaries engaged in Catholic work in Japan? At the close of the war it was predicted that Western ideas which have been of so much service to Japan could scarcely fail to become more popular in the East, and that this result would be of advantage to Christianity. It would seem as if the prediction were already coming true.

### ROME—The Rector of the Irish College

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, the new Rector of the Irish College, Rome, was admitted to a private audience with the Holy Father on November 8. Dr. O'Riordan handed the Holy Father Peter's Pence from the diocese of Galway. The Rector also presented to his Holiness five new students of the College, and Dr. and Mrs. Malone and Mrs. and Miss Shine, of Limerick. At the same time Monsignor O'Riordan placed in the Pope's hands an address of loyalty from the Men's Confraternity of Limerick. The Pope expressed satisfaction at hearing that the Society comprised 5000 men and 2000 boys, and wrote his thanks and his benediction on the address, which will be returned to the Confraternity. The Rector then presented to the Pontiff an oak box from Limerick Cathedral, carved by Mr. Joseph Lynch after an old Irish interlacing design drawn by Miss Mary Ebrill, of Limerick. The box contained some white silk gloves and an address of loyalty to the Holy See. The Pope wrote his autograph to the donors.