

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Sad Accident

The 'Catholic Times' regrets to learn that Monsignor Basil Feilding, D.D., brother of the Earl of Denbigh, has been drowned by the capsizing of his canoe on the Rhine. Monsignor the Hon. Basil George Edward Vincent Feilding was born in 1873, and was educated at the Oratory School, Birmingham, and in Rome. He served in South Africa in 1901 as Acting-Chaplain to the forces.

Visit of Bishop Grimes

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, S.M., Bishop of Christchurch, celebrated Pontifical High Mass at St. Anne's, Underwood street, London, and also preached on Sunday, July 29. There was a large congregation.

Diocese of Nottingham

Archbishop Bagshawe's visit to the diocese of Nottingham recently was the occasion of much rejoicing among a very large body of his friends and admirers—clerical and lay. In addition to his reception at Ratcliffe College, his Grace was entertained by the secular clergy at Leicester. The Archbishop, who is in his 78th year, is in the best of health.

Reformatory School

A Catholic reformatory school, known as the Farnworth Nautical School, erected near Widnes, was opened recently by the Right Rev. Dr. Whiteside, Bishop of Liverpool, in presence of a large and representative assembly. Built at a cost of about £12,000, the new erection is most substantial and handsome, with accommodation for 120 boys and teaching staff.

A Distinguished Honor

The 'Oxford Times,' dated July 21, reports that Mr. Hartwell de la Garde Grissel, M.A., Brasenose College, has been the recipient of a distinguished honor at the hands of Pope Pius X., who has appointed him to be a Knight Commander of the Order of Pius IX., in recognition of his long services at the Papal Court. Mr. Grissel has been a Papal Chamberlain for more than thirty years, in which capacity he assisted at the Vatican Council, at the obsequies of Pope Pius IX., at the coronation and obsequies of Pope Leo XIII., and at the coronation of the reigning Pontiff. He was also on duty when King Edward VII., as Prince of Wales, visited the late Pope a few years ago; and it was about the same time that he was appointed Chamberlain of the Cloak and Sword, a remarkable honor, hitherto never conferred on any but an Italian.

FRANCE—A Prince-Priest

H.R.H. Prince Max of Saxony, once a tireless worker for the poor in the East End of London, the brother of the present King Frederick Augustus, preached one Sunday lately in the Church of St. Laurence, Paris, in favor of the missions of St. Joseph to help the needy in Alsace-Lorraine, and to assure them the aids of religion. The five aisles of the church were filled, and the prince-priest himself made the collection, a very good one. What but the Catholic religion could show such a union as this: a prince of a reigning German house preaching and collecting in a French church in the French capital for the faithful of Alsace-Lorraine?

Inconsistency of Anti-Clericals

There are many well known instances in France of politicians (writes a Paris correspondent) who, outrageously anti-clerical in public life, uphold strictly the Catholic tradition in their own families. Thus M. Loubet, ex-President of the Republic, who signed, without a protest, every measure of spoliation and persecution of the Church, although he could have done much to stem the tide; again, M. Jaures, the rampant Socialist, had his children baptised in water from the Jordan. The other day at Grimaucourt, near Sampigny (Meuse), M. Grosdidier, Radical deputy for Commerce, went to preside at a democratic banquet. Speaking against the right of liberty of education, he delivered himself as follows: "We must watch over the education of woman in order to withdraw her reason and her intelligence from the influence of the priest." Now the 'Vosgien' informs us that M. Grosdidier brought up his own daughter in a convent, and requested the services of a Bishop to marry her.

The Injustice of the law

In 1875, at Mesnil-Saint-Loup (Aube), two sisters, Mlles. Becard, built a spacious house, at their own expense, on their father's estate. They lived there, supporting themselves by their own labor. In 1878 it

seemed good to them to commence the religious life. They consecrated their house to the new work, took the habit, and trained novices. When an iniquitous law, compelled them to ask for authorisation, they renounced the religious life. They did what the law required, gave up the habit, sent back religious and novices to their families, and themselves re-entered ordinary life. The liquidator, however, did not intend to lose his booty thus, and claimed both the house and the ancestral belongings of the Sisters Becard. In the case of the house built on their estates before any community was formed, his claim has failed; but he has obtained possession of all their furniture, although left to them by their parents. This has been sold, and one of the sisters actually reduced to the necessity of sleeping on a bundle of straw. A sad epoch, when injustice becomes legal.

ROME—American Pilgrims

Two hundred American Catholics, headed by the Right Rev. Henry Gabriels, Bishop of Ogdensburg, were on a pilgrimage to Rome towards the end of July.

A Catholic Newspaper

The Marquis de Felice (writes a Rome correspondent) has kept his word and succeeded in supplying Rome with a good Catholic daily. This was on July 26, when, towards evening, subscribers began to receive copies of the 'Corriere d'Italia.' During half a year Rome has possessed but one religious daily paper, 'Osservatore Romano.' In the address which embodies his policy, printed in the inaugural number of the new daily, the Marquis de Felice strikes at once the note of faith and fatherland, as reconcilable factors; of devotion to the progress of the working classes, and of profound obedience to the word of the Sovereign Pontiff. The Papal organ, the 'Osservatore Romano,' on the following day, published a paragraph welcoming the new venture.

SCOTLAND—An Appointment

Mr. John Swinerton Phillimore, who succeeds Professor G. G. Ramsay in the Chair of Humanity at Glasgow University, is a son of the late Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, and, like all the Phillimore family for several centuries, was educated at Westminster School. At Oxford, where he won almost every classical distinction and was President of the Union, he proved himself a 'bard of triple tongue' by publishing a little volume of poems, and another of his Greek and Latin verse compositions. He also collaborated in the 'Essays in Liberalism,' dedicated to Mr. John Morley by 'Six Oxford Men.' Professor Phillimore joined the Catholic Church about a year ago.

UNITED STATES—The Laetare Medal

The Laetare medal, conferred once a year by Notre Dame University, Indiana, upon a member of the Catholic laity who has won distinction by his service to mankind, has been bestowed upon Francis J. Quinlan, M.D., LL.D., by Rev. John Cavanagh, C.S.C., President of the University.

From 'Old Donegal'

Cut and dressed in Donegal, the corner stone of St. Columba's Church, Philadelphia, was placed in position and blessed by Archbishop Ryan the other day. The stone was the gift of Bishop O'Donnell, of Raphoe.

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Foreign Missions

The Very Rev. Father Sykes, Jesuit Provincial, makes a strong plea in the 'Zambesi Mission Record,' for increased interest in the work of foreign missions. There is, he points out, no other European country which has under its flag such a vast infidel population as England. And wherever that flag has been planted non-Catholic missionary agencies are actively at work, and are most liberally supported. Father Sykes is confident that if Catholics only knew how the Protestant denominations are pushing their propaganda; what immense subsidies the different societies for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts receive every year—how quickly they are filling up the available places and occupying the empty theatres of work, Catholic zeal for foreign missions would be quickened and the desire of the Catholic laity to lend the missionaries a helping hand would wax stronger. He discerns signs by which he judges that the missionary spirit is more in evidence than it was wont to be some years ago. The number of publications devoted to the subject is larger, the number of priests, Brothers, and nuns, who are going forth to different countries has grown, and a greater stimulus is given to the work in many directions.

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