

# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND—The Late Mrs. Craigie

When the room of Mrs. Craigie, the eminent writer, was entered on the morning after her death, the 'Daily Chronicle' says, 'a Rosary was found in her lifeless fingers, and on her cold breast lay a Crucifix.' In this connection the writer recalls a passage in 'Robert Orange': 'Uninterrupted contentment was never yet found in any calling or state; the saints were haggard with combats; sleep, the most reposeful state we know, has its pursuing uncertainties.'

## Death of a Liverpool Catholic

The death is announced of Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, a well known Liverpool Catholic and educationist. Mr. Fitzpatrick was in his sixty-eighth year. He was a native of Westmeath, and sprang from an old and honored Irish stock. With a brother who died recently he carried on a large coal business in Liverpool. He took a very deep interest in all matters pertaining to the work of the Church in Liverpool. He was a member of St. Mary's Young Men's Society for fifty years, and president for thirty. He was hardly ever absent from council, sub-committee, or weekly meetings. His personality dominated the whole society, the membership of which went up from 4000 to over 17,000. A cherished desire of his life was to educate public opinion on the desires, needs, aims, and objects of the Church in Great Britain. He was a member, a very energetic and highly-respected member, of the Liverpool School Board for eighteen years.

## FRANCE—Appeal for Unity

The Comte de Mun, one of the leaders of the Catholic party in France, appeals to all Catholics for union and for obedience to the papal instructions. He asserts that the law will not be carried into execution, because the Pope does not permit it. In order to restore religious peace, real statesmen will have to make up their minds to return to Rome to seek there the bases of a satisfactory arrangement.

## Angry Legislators

The momentous decision given by the Pope (says the 'Catholic Times') that the public worship associations are incompatible with the canonical jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical authorities, and so unacceptable to Catholics, has been received by the Faithful in France with the obedience it deserves. But the Ministry have received it with ill-disguised anger. Having ignored the Holy See during the legislative discussion they now find that the Pope is a power to be reckoned with, and that his spiritual authority in France is very great. They are resorting to threats of punishment on the recalcitrant clergy who obey the Pope and disregard the Separation Law. The measures of hostility of which they speak must, if adopted, precipitate the crisis in one direction or another. That France will be deeply stirred there can be no doubt, but it is less certain whether the population will side with the Church. As matters stand at the moment Catholics can only look on at the difficulties to be met by their French brethren and pray that from evil good may come.

## ROME—The Irish College

The 'Seven Hills Magazine,' the quarterly which has been issued from the Irish College (writes a Rome correspondent), attained a remarkable success on its first issue. The next issue is far on in course of preparation. Among the writers of articles for it are the Rector of the College (whose initials will be recognised under the book notes in each number); the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross; 'E.B.'; Dr. William J. D. Croke; Rev. Fathers O'Byrne, of Dublin, and Molloy, of the diocese of Raphoe; and the Rev. M. Toher, M.A. The contribution of the Bishop of Ross is a splendid paper on the economic evolution of Ireland which he read at the college some time ago, and which was exceedingly admired. The editors of the 'Seven Hills Magazine' are doing a distinct service to the public by publishing the text of this paper, which, because of its length and detail, could not receive due treatment in mere press reports.

## SCOTLAND—Charitable Bequests

Mr. John Sweeney, of Ella Grove Place, Cleping-ington Road, Dundee, who died on May 4, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £4346. By his will, dated November 1, 1886, with two codicils, the testator left his estate in trust for his wife

for life, and, subject to another annuity, bequeathed £500 to St. Patrick's Church, Dundee; £500 to St. Mary's Church, Dundee; £500 to the Hospital of St. Vincent, Overgate, Dundee; £400 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Dundee; £300 to the Poor Mission Fund of the diocese of Dunkeld; £200 to the Dundee Royal Infirmary; £50 to the Dundee Curr. Night Refuge; and the residue of his estate equally between the Welburn Institution, Dundee, and St. Mary's Church, Dundee.

## The King and Queen of Spain

The King and Queen of Spain arrived in Crieff, Perthshire, on August 17, as the guests of the Earl and Countess of Ancaster at Drummond Castle. The route by which their Majesties drove through the town was decorated, and large crowds gathered, and greeted the Royal pair most cordially. Crieff was reached in the early forenoon, and the Royal guests were received by Major the Hon. Charles Willoughby, son of Lord Ancaster. The Provost and his wife were introduced, the latter handing to the Queen of Spain a bouquet of white heather bound in ribbons of the Spanish colors. A guard of honor was furnished by the Crieff company of Volunteers, which is identified with the Black Watch. The kilt forms part of their uniform, and King Alfonso seemed to be attracted by it. As he passed along the line of Volunteers he remarked to the officer in charge: 'A fine body of men; a splendid uniform.' Nowhere in the Highlands had Queen Victoria a warmer welcome than at Clova House, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden, members of one of the most distinguished Catholic families in the Highlands. Every one of the tenantry and employees turned out to see the beautiful young Queen.

## Progress of the Church

In the course of a sermon at the Golden Jubilee celebrations in connection with St. Patrick's Church, South Gray Close, Edinburgh, Bishop Chisholm said: Fifty years ago Catholic Ireland had got a firm footing in this country. In these short years that footing had become a possession. Fifty years ago there were four convents of religious women. There was no house of what are called religious men. There were 145 secular priests ministering in 114 churches and chapels. To-day there are 34 convents of religious women and 12 establishments of religious men, numbering close upon 100 individuals, and 431 secular priests ministering in 366 churches and chapels. When he (the preacher) was little more than a boy, some fifty years ago, there was one national college, as now, at Blairs, the number of boys attending then being a little over 40. Last year the season opened with something over 100 students, and there was besides the diocesan colleges of St. Peter's in Glasgow, with over 30 students, all too few for the ever-increasing and ever-growing population.

## SOUTH AFRICA—Death of a Religious

Sister Mary Colman—her family name was Nally—whose death is announced from Port Elizabeth, was born in Westmeath in 1853, and after her profession in the Congregation of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth worked in London and Aberdeen. Bishop McSherry and a large number of priests were present at the funeral.

## Catholic Conference

A conference of the Catholics of the Transvaal—the first of its kind there—has been held at Johannesburg. Bishop Miller presided. A number of practical questions were discussed, and it was resolved that branches of the Catholic Association should be formed in all towns and districts of the vicariate. It was also resolved that it is desirable that a Federated Catholic Council of South Africa be established as soon as it is possible, and the conference is prepared to co-operate with the Catholics in the other colonies for that purpose.

## UNITED STATES—Progress in New York

Within the next twelve months there will be dedicated in New York five churches and a chapel, which when completed will be numbered among the very finest edifices of the archdiocese. The new edifices are the Cathedral Lady Chapel on Madison Avenue, adjoining the Cathedral; St. Monica's, in East Seventy-ninth street; St. Raphael's, in West Forty-first street; St. Thomas the Apostle's, on One Hundred and Eighteenth street, near St. Nicholas Avenue; St. Michael's, on West Thirty-four street; and St. Clare's, on West Thirty-sixth street. With the exception of St. Clare's, which is much smaller than the others, but of a very handsome design of architecture, all the churches are completed as to the exterior, and workmen are now engaged on the interior decorations. Within a very