

# The Catholic World

## BELGIUM—The Hierarchy and France

The Bishops of Belgium in a letter of sympathy which they have sent to the French Bishops say: 'Your resolutions will always be in accord with the will of the Holy Father and with him you will unanimously say: "We shall not bow the neck to the yoke of injustice. We must obey God rather than man." The result of the glorious fight made by your brethren in Germany will confirm you in the conviction that persecutions pass away, whilst the word of God is eternal.' All the priests in Belgium have been asked to celebrate Mass, and all the faithful to offer up a Communion for France.

## A Remarkable Scene

Amongst the notable speeches delivered at the Tournai Eucharistic Congress was that of M. Woeste, who said that to negations which were the fruit of a proud and presumptuous science the Church opposed the omnipresence of God, manifested in the Sacrament of the altar in a manner at once striking and moving. The public procession was one of the great events of the Congress. Ten thousand persons knelt in the Grand Square to receive the blessing of Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, the Papal Legate. At the close of the Congress there was a remarkable scene when the Archbishop of Malines, turning to the French Bishops, in the presence of a vast audience, said: 'You will be faithful to God. Persecutors pass away. We and all the Faithful will join in prayer for you.' 'Yes,' said Monsignor Amette, 'war has been declared, and we shall be faithful to our chief. France will preserve the Faith.'

## ENGLAND—King Edward at Mass

King Edward has again this year attended Mass at Marienbad in honor of the 76th birthday anniversary of the Emperor Francis Joseph. Abbot Helmer of Tepl received the King at the door of the church and conducted him to a stall, draped in imperial purple.

## A Memorial

The Catholics of Haslingden, in the diocese of Salford, have started a movement for the erection of a mural tablet and a new organ in St. Mary's Church, as a local memorial of the late Michael Davitt, who attended the church when living in the town during his younger days.

## Death of a Convert

The death is reported of Judge Bowen Rowlands, K.C., who presided over the County Court for the Birkenhead Circuit. Judge Rowlands was a convert and a member of the Catholic Education Council. As a speaker he was brilliant and witty.

## FRANCE—A Possibility

Monsignor Sœur, Archbishop of Avignon, declares in a Pastoral Letter that while the situation in France is critical it is not desperate and that an understanding is still possible.

## The Result of a Plot

We are much inclined to believe (says the 'Catholic Times'), judging by the articles in the European press, that M. Flourens is right in the contention that the warfare now carried on against the Church in France is the outcome of a carefully-hatched plot. M. Flourens is not an indignant 'clerical.' He is a man who has played a prominent part in public life, and is specially qualified to form a judgment on this question, having been Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Goblet Cabinet, and having formerly held the position of Director of Worship. In a pamphlet which he has just published he maintains that the French Government is 'carrying out a pact concluded between the French and Italian Freemasons during M. Loubet's visit to Rome. The common object is: to bring about the destruction of the spiritual power of the Pope by way of schism. M. Delcasse was the first executor of this work, and M. Briand has been entrusted with the continuation of the enterprise.' We can certainly say that in a long experience of the newspaper press we have never observed amongst the great dailies such uniformity in the circulation of falsehoods as they display in respect to the conflict between the Pope and the French Government. The Paris correspondent of the 'Times' is very much alarmed lest English Catholics should show their sympathy with their French brethren in such a way as to damage the entente cordiale. The French Catholics, if they are to succeed in the battle, will have to do the fighting themselves, but that the correspondent of the 'Times' should

undertake to advise the Catholics of this country in the role of a friend is one of the humors of the situation.

## GERMANY—The People's Association

The report of the People's Association presented to the German Catholic Congress at Essen showed that the members had increased from 470,000 at the end of June, 1905, to 510,000 at the close of June this year.

## The Pope's Representative

Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, on arriving at Essen after having presided at the Eucharistic Congress at Tournai, had an enthusiastic reception from the German Catholics. Herr Grober, President of the Congress, said: 'For the first time we have the honor of having a representative of the Holy Father sent to the Congress specially from Rome.' His Eminence addressed the meeting in Latin. The Holy Father had, he said, charged him to convey to them his love and to assure them how highly he prized their congresses. For the Catholics of Germany his Holiness has a special affection.

## The Holy Father's Words

The words of the Holy Father to the German Congress at Essen (says the 'Catholic Times') should stimulate the organising powers of the French Catholics in the present crisis. In reply to the telegram of homage to his Holiness from the Congress Cardinal Merry del Val wired: 'The Holy Father has received with thanks and grateful heart the expression of devoted homage from the Congress and with paternal love sends the Apostolic blessing, hopeful of the best results from the unity of the Catholics and their earnest promotion of the interests of labor.'

## ROME—The Holy Father and Aberdeen University

The Holy Father recently received in farewell private audience Monsignor Fraser, Rector of the Scotch College, who was leaving for Aberdeen. His Holiness gave Monsignor Fraser an autograph letter alluding to the fourth centenary of Aberdeen University, and also a gold medal struck for this year's Pontificate, for presentation to the University.

## SCOTLAND—Death of a Priest

The Catholics of Glasgow heard with feelings of deepest and sincerest regret of the death of the Rev. Father Cornelius McGrath, of St. Mungo's mission, Townhead, Glasgow. Here he worked with marked zeal, energy, and enthusiasm for a number of years, and then in obedience to other calls from his ecclesiastical superiors, labored in England and Ireland, performing missionary work. In this sphere of spiritual usefulness he was pre-eminently successful. In 1886 he was again appointed to St. Mungo's, Glasgow. The news of his re-appointment to the Townhead district was hailed with acclamations of general joy in Glasgow, where Catholics had already learnt to value and feel the benefit of his presence in their city for good not only as a worthy priest, but as a model citizen and an active social worker.

## SWITZERLAND—The Marian Conference

Eight members of the episcopate—Archbishops and Bishops—together with the Abbot of Einsiedeln, were present at the Marian Congress at Einsiedeln. There were representatives from eighteen nations. Of the foreign countries France sent the largest number. In an address to the Holy Father they said: 'Five hundred French priests and lay Catholics assembled at the Congress of Einsiedeln express their sentiments of filial attachment to the Holy Father and thank him enthusiastically for his Encyclical.' His Holiness sent two telegrams, one thanking the Congress for a despatch conveying homage and the other assuring the French Catholics that their address was particularly grateful to him.

## UNITED STATES—Appointed Provincial

Very Rev. A. J. Morrissey, C.S.C., has been appointed Provincial of the Holy Cross Congregation in the United States in succession to Dr. Zahm. Father Morrissey is a native of Ireland.

## The Bishopric of Portland

His Holiness Pope Pius X. has approved the decision of the Propaganda in the appointment of the Rev. Louis S. Walsh, D.C.L., Supervisor of Schools of the archdiocese of Boston, to be Bishop of Portland, Me., in succession to the Most Rev. William H. O'Connell, D.D., now Archbishop-Coadjutor of Boston.

## The Catholic Press

There are to-day in the United States about fifty-seven Catholic weeklies published in the English language, as against twelve English Catholic weeklies in 1850. Among these fifty-seven weeklies, six survive