

The Catholic World

AUSTRIA—Bluejackets at Mass

Over four hundred men from the British Fleet, by attending Mass in a body at St. Jerome's, Fiume, made a great impression on the people of the town.

ENGLAND—A Very Sudden Death

While taking part in the anniversary procession in the grounds of Corpus Christi Church, Bournemouth, on Sunday afternoon, September 9, the Rev. Father Payne suddenly fell to the ground and in a few minutes expired, apparently from syncope, brought on, it is thought, by the hot weather.

Presentation to a Priest

The Very Rev. Dean Averdonk, rector of St. Edmund's, Bolton, was the recipient of an address and a cheque for 155 guineas from his parishioners on the occasion of his sacerdotal silver jubilee.

An Australian Prelate

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale, was the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Walshe, of Bury, in the early part of September.

A Bishop in the Hopfields

The unusual spectacle of a Bishop on a recent Sunday in the Kentish hopfields was witnessed at Paddock Wood. The Bishop of Southwark walked through the hoppers' encampments, and many were the speculations as to his ecclesiastical status and personality. The Bishop's vestments deeply impressed the hoppers, and all the children were called up to look at him. The purpose of the Bishop's visit was to celebrate Mass, and hundreds of hoppers gathered around the Catholic mission tent, where a primitive altar had been erected. The congregation of hoppers formed a curious and motley collection, but they were most devout, and evidently fully conscious of the honor which the Bishop had done them.

A Large Undertaking

The Bishop of Salford, on September 8, in the presence of an immense concourse of clergy and laity, laid the foundation stone of St. Augustine's new church, schools, and presbytery. The site cost £14,000, and the contract for building is let at £23,000. The City Council of Manchester has purchased the old fabric for £39,000.

Since the Emancipation Act

The County of Hertfordshire has this year its first Catholic High Sheriff since the Emancipation Act in the person of Mr. Hellier Gosselin-Grimshawe. Mr. Gosselin-Grimshawe, of Bengoe Hall, Hertford, and Errwood Hall, Buxton, is the fifth member of his family who has occupied the position of Sheriff of Hertfordshire. One of them, Robert Hadsley, is supposed to have been a Catholic.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Some one hundred and twenty-five ladies and gentlemen left Charing Cross recently for Lourdes. The Very Rev. Father O'Reilly, O.M.I., was the spiritual director of the pilgrims.

FRANCE—Where the Money Goes

A tremendous scandal is brewing in France over the sales of the property of the expelled monks and nuns. The 'Action' (socialist organ) declares that the Humbert case is a mild affair as compared with the matter in question. The officers who had the matter in hand fail to account for nearly £1,530,000 worth of property. Some leading politicians are involved, and the names of men high in office are freely bandied about, one gentleman being accused of appropriating £25,000.

The Associations of Worship

English newspapers (says the 'Catholic Times') have expressed great surprise that the Pope and the French Bishops have resolved not to accept the 'Associations Cultuelles' offered them by the Separation Law. As a matter of fact they could not accept them consistently with the principles of canonical jurisdiction, for they cut away the power of the Bishop to rule his diocese. Once an association is formed, it can do practically what it likes, and the Bishop has no legal right to interfere. Suppose the association determined to keep its parish priest, whom for sufficient reasons the Bishop wished to remove, there is no power left to the Bishop to compel obedience to his orders. Or if, in other matters, the association came into conflict with the Bishop, or, what is more likely still, with

the parish priest, then the decision of the quarrel is to be carried to the Council of State, a body of laymen who may be of any religion or none. Clearly the French Hierarchy and the Pope could not by any means consent to such a novelty in ecclesiastical jurisdiction, which is tantamount to removing the powers of rule from the Church to the civil authorities. And it is impossible to believe that the authors of the Separation Law were not fully aware of the nature of the associations and the injury to the Church likely to arise from them when the Law was drawn up.

GERMANY—Catholics in Berlin

In 1812 the city of Berlin had a population of 193,700, of whom 6,157 were Catholics. In 1900 the population was 1,888,748, of whom 187,846 were Catholics. The proportion of Catholics has increased from a little over 3 per cent. to almost 10 per cent. There are nine parish churches in Berlin and fifteen chapels of ease, served by 42 secular and 10 Dominican priests.

ROME—The New Jesuit General

The widespread interest taken throughout the world in the election of the new General of the Society of Jesus (says the 'Catholic Times') is a pretty clear indication of the vitality of the Order. In many nations efforts have been made to crush it, and its enemies are powerful and bitter, but though vilified, outlawed, and banned, the Jesuits remain a world power. Whilst the French Government have been exerting themselves to stamp them out in France, the German Kaiser has been busying himself in connection with the choice of the new General. There was a rumor—it could be no more than a rumor, for the proceedings were secret—that Father Sykes, the English Provincial, was nominated for headship of the Society, and if he were selected, the election would have undoubtedly given great satisfaction to English-speaking Catholics, for Father Sykes is a priest of broad views and sound judgment; but Father Francis Xavier Wernz, whose election the German Emperor is said to have favored, obtained the decisive majority on a second ballot. From the course taken by his Majesty on this occasion we may assume that he is in sympathy with the legislation on behalf of the Jesuits which the Centre Party have so long and so often championed. The new General is a man of progressive ideas, and as befits a Jesuit, cosmopolitan. A native of Rottweil, in Wurtemberg, aged about sixty-four, he studied Canon Law at Dilton Hall in Lancashire, and has been professor and rector at the Gregorian University, Rome.

The Irish Christian Brothers

The Irish Christian Brothers, who have of late years established a very successful house, with three schools, at Rome, and who are building a fine college in the Prati di Castello, (writes a Rome correspondent), are about to be introduced into the United States, whither they have been invited by the Archbishop of New York.

SCOTLAND—A Coincidence

A handsome new Catholic church was solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, September 9, at Annan, Dumfriesshire. The sacred edifice for the erection of which the pastor, Canon Lord Archibald Douglas, donated £850—is dedicated to St. Columba, is of Gothic architecture, and built on the foundation of the old church. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Canon Douglas, in presence of his Lordship, Dr. Turner, Bishop of Galloway. An eloquent and instructive discourse was preached by his Lordship, in the course of which he criticised the attitude of people who said churches were unnecessary, because God could be worshipped in the universe. Both God and man, said his Lordship, had taught us the necessity of churches. In all times and in all places and by all peoples, places had been consecrated to religious uses. In conclusion, his Lordship referred to the munificence and self-sacrificing labors of Canon Lord Douglas, and stated that it was a remarkable coincidence that on September 9, 1587, Father George Douglas, an ancestor of the pastor of that mission, was seized at York, and hanged and quartered for professing his faith, and that there should be accomplished that day a great work by his lineal descendant.

GENERAL

Brooklyn's New Cathedral

On the top of Crow Hill in the Prospect Park section of Brooklyn, now occupied by the buildings of King's County Penitentiary, will be reared at a cost of £1,000,000 a stately Catholic Cathedral, following in its architecture the beauty and grace of Notre Dame de Rouen, one of the most celebrated cathedrals in France. When Bishop McDonnell believed that the time