

The Catholic World

AFRICA—Catholics in German Territory

The 'Cologne Gazette' states that the Right Rev. Dr. Vogt was to be consecrated by Cardinal Fischer on October 14 as Vicar Apostolic of Bagamoyo, in German East Africa. Bishop Allgeyer, a native of Alsace, but educated in Scotland, has hitherto been in charge of German Catholics in the whole of East Africa, but he will henceforward restrict himself to Catholics who are under British protection, while those in German territory will have a Bishop of their own.

Christian Brothers in Egypt

At Cairo, in the Ismailieh quarter, a very aristocratic part of the city, the Christian Brothers have their school. From eighty pupils in 1900 the number has risen to over a hundred, though there are schools of every nationality and creed in the neighborhood. The Franciscan Fathers have established a club for young men, and another has been opened by the Fathers of the African Missionaries, of Lyons. Most of the members have been educated by the French Christian Brothers. In Upper Egypt the Christian Brothers have had to contend with many difficulties. But as they have now introduced the study of the English language into their schools, they are doing better. As at Assiout and Minieh, the pupils are on the increase. The Brothers have opened a new school at Melawi, a large town of 20,000 inhabitants, where there had never been any Catholic institute. Now a church has been built, there and a girls' school in charge of Missionary Sisters. Near the Suez Canal the Christian Brothers have met with fewer obstacles in their work for souls.

ENGLAND—The Late Mgr. Nugent

The massive and imposing monument over the tomb of Monsignor Nugent at Ford has been unveiled, the ceremony of blessing being performed by Canon Kennedy, assisted by Rev. Fathers Walsh and Merrien (Waterloo) and Rev. Father Hays.

Death of a Catholic Lady

The death is announced of Lady Amabel Kerr, which occurred at Melbourne Hall, Derby. Lady Amabel Kerr was the wife of Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Walter Kerr, G.C.B., and was related to the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord and Lady Desborough, and members of other leading families. Wherever she resided she won the hearts of all by her kindly bearing and generous charity. Her instructive books will live to show successive generations something of her gentle spirit and her ardent zeal.

French Refugees

The annual reunion of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom at Caxton Hall, Westminster, was described as an 'Entente Cordiale Catholique,' and the programme contained hymns and songs in both languages. Canon Bernard Ward, in his lecture on 'The French Refugees During the Reign of Terror,' said a return issued by the Home Office in 1797 showed that there were five thousand French priests in England supported by the Government. On the motion of Pitt a grant of £100,000 a year was voted for the purpose by Parliament.

The Education Question

It is estimated that 60,000 Catholics of Manchester and district assembled at Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon, October 13, to protest against the Education Bill. Upon the suggestion of the Bishop of Salford, it was enthusiastically decided to send a message to the Pope protesting their unswerving loyalty to the Holy See, acclaiming the wisdom of the Sovereign Pontiff, and imploring the Apostolic Blessing. A letter was read from Mr. Bellöc, M.P. for South Salford, explaining his vote for the second reading of the Bill in certain details, of which he said changes would have to be made. Resolutions were passed pledging Catholics to resist the Bill to the uttermost as destructive of religious equality.

Presentation to Bishop Johnson

The Archbishop of Westminster presided over a large gathering of clergy and laity at the Cathedral Hall, Westminster, on October 15, when the Bishop of Arundel (Right Rev. W. A. Johnson), Vicar-General of the diocese, was presented with an illuminated address and a purse containing £635 in recognition of his elevation to the episcopacy. Bishop Johnson has in addition received a gold cross and chain from Lord and Lady

Brampton, while the Duke of Norfolk and five other friends have presented him with a silver crozier. His Grace Archbishop Bourne, in the course of his remarks, said they owed Bishop Johnson a debt of gratitude for work faithfully accomplished, work of an arduous and ungrateful kind, for they all knew how difficult it was for any priest to devote all his time and attention to the task of keeping ledgers. Yet that the Bishop had done for many years, and no one could tell what the diocese owed to him in that respect.

Unfair Treatment

The Liverpool Catholic School Managers' Association, representing a population of 150,000 Catholics, with 37 schools and 32,000 children, has issued the following manifesto:—Before the opening of Parliament this Association feels it necessary to draw attention to the spirit in which the Nonconformists of the country have approached the Education Question, a spirit which they feel forced to denounce as a spirit of persecution to all who are not Nonconformists. In the West Riding of Yorkshire where Nonconformists predominate they have cut down the salaries of Church of England and Catholic teachers whilst leaving intact the salaries of teachers who give religious instruction acceptable to Nonconformist parents. In other cases, in Wales where Nonconformists are in a majority, they have acted in a tyrannical and persecuting spirit. At this critical hour we call upon all, Church of England people, Catholics, Jews, and even fair-minded Nonconformists to recognise that education can only be dealt with here as it has been dealt with in Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland on fair and peaceable lines, and that we are only entering on a fierce and bitter struggle in the tyrannical attempt to subject every section of the community to the domination of a triumphant Nonconformist majority.

INDIA—The Madras Mission

The Madras Catholic mission is at present in charge of Irish priests, as it has been for the past seventy years. The present Archbishop is the Most Rev. J. Colgan, who is a native of Westmeath and will celebrate his diamond jubilee this month. There is not a diocese of Ireland which has not sent some of its priests to the work of evangelising this part of India, and, strangely enough, it is the only diocese in India at present whose priests are all of Irish birth.

ROME—The King of Norway

The Holy Father on October 10 received Baron Wedel, Norwegian Envoy Extraordinary, who handed to his Holiness an autograph letter from the King of Norway formally announcing his accession.

The Irish Martyrs

In an article in the 'Seven Hills Magazine' Rev. Reginald Walsh, O.P., writes:—The number of Irish martyrs whose cause will be presented to the Congregation of Rites is 344. Of these there are Archbishops, 11; Bishops, and 46 are secular priests. Then come nine Augustinians, three Carmelites, 11 Cistercians, 113 Dominicans, 93 Franciscans, six Jesuits, one Premonstratensian, and 56 lay persons.

A Monument to the Late Pope

The monument of Pope Leo XIII. (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal') is now completed in St. John Lateran, the Mother of all the Churches, which faces the Campagna and the Alban Hills. The Lateran is the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, where, in the days of their freedom, the Popes were enthroned as Bishops, the coronation ceremony taking place in St. Peter's. Pope Leo XIII. never took possession of his Cathedral, but he willed that his ashes should lie there in the apse that he completed and renovated. The remains of the famous Pontiff, which have had their temporary resting place high up in a recess over one of the doors of St. Peter's, will, therefore, soon be removed to the Lateran.

RUSSIA—Romance of a Grand Duke

The Vienna papers are quoted for the following romance of a Russian Grand Duke: In Gries, near Bozen, South Tyrol, there died a few days ago a priest named Baclisis. It is now known that the priest was formerly a Russian Grand Duke. He was born in 1875, the son of the Grand Duke Michael, brother of Alexander II., and was named Sergius. After the death in 1894 of Alexander II. Sergius went to Paris, where he married a Catholic, the beautiful Princess Mercedes of Beaulieu, and became a Catholic himself. In consequence of this change of faith and his marriage with a lady not belonging to a sovereign house, Sergius was banished for ever from Russia and deprived of his rank, title, and wealth. With the small