

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Religious Profession

On November 13 at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Roehampton (writes an esteemed correspondent) Miss Kennedy, daughter of Mr. Martin Kennedy, Welington, with two other young ladies, made her religious profession. Miss Redwood, a niece of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, and six others were received. The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., Superior of the Marist House, Dublin, presided, received the vows, and preached an appropriate sermon. The Very Rev. James Moran, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Father Gay, S.M., and Very Rev. Father Cummings, S.M., were also present.

The Abbot of Downside

The Right Rev. Cuthbert Butler, M.A., who has just been chosen as Abbot of the Benedictine Order at Downside, near Bath, is a native of Dublin, and the nephew of Sir Francis Cruise, M.D., Honorary Physician to the King in Ireland, and a Knight of St. Gregory, conferred upon him by the Pope in recognition of his work about Thomas a Kempis. The new Abbot received his education at Downside College, of which he ultimately became the headmaster.

Voluntary Schools

The denominations of the Voluntary schools are:—Church of England, 11,418; Wesleyan, 372; Catholic, 1070; Jewish, 12; undenominational and other schools, 780.

The Appointment of Catholic Teachers

The Right Rev. Dr. Whiteside, Bishop of Liverpool, proposing the principal toast at the annual dinner of the Liverpool Catholic School Managers' Association, said the Association showed its usefulness when a proposal was made by a Catholic newspaper, with a fictitious authority, to surrender the key to the educational position by suggesting that the election of teachers should be given to the local authority. At once the North of England rose against that betrayal, and foremost to declare their objection it was the Liverpool Catholic School Managers' Association. His Lordship declared that the first appointment of a non-Catholic teacher to a Catholic school would be the signal for a general strike of Catholic children.

ITALY—The Catholic Young Men

A communication has been issued from the Superior Council of the Society of the Catholic Young Men of Italy, inviting all the societies of the Catholic young men throughout the world to co-operate in a religious programme upon the occasion of the golden jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Pope Pius X. (September 18, 1908). The programme is as follows:—1. An international congress at Rome in the month of September, 1908, of the representatives of all the associations of Catholic young men. 2. An international pilgrimage to Rome of the above-mentioned associations upon the occasion of the congress. 3. Permanent works in behalf of Catholic youth to be promoted in every nation in memory of the event. 4. The offering of a golden chalice to the Holy Father as a token of the respect and love of the young Catholics of the world, the chalice to be used by the Holy Father at the Jubilee Mass. 5. Institutions for moral, religious, and civil aid to immigrants. 6. An exposition of sacred vestments and linens to be placed at the disposal of the Holy Father for the benefit of poor churches, the collection to be made by the societies of the Catholic young men and institutes for young women.

ROME—The Holy Father and the Irish College

The Irish College (writes a Rome correspondent), having increased very much as to number at the opening of the scholastic year 1906-1907, the Rector, Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, secured the privilege of a special Pontifical audience for the new students. He presented them to the Pope. His Holiness advanced to the door of his room, to welcome the numerous band of young Irish levites, and gave his hand to each. When they had risen from a kneeling posture, the Holy Father spoke to them in Latin of the work they were beginning, its peculiar character and importance. He counselled them warmly to seize the splendid opportunity afforded by their youth and dwelling in Rome for the acquisition of virtue and learning so as the most worthily possible to undertake the work of the Catholic apostolate in their native coun-

try. At the close of the reception Pius X. blessed all the religious objects which the students had brought with them, and conferred the Papal Benediction on themselves and those dear to them.

A Golden Jubilee

His Eminence Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of the Propaganda, celebrated on Christmas Day the golden jubilee of his priesthood. His Eminence as head of the great missionary centre of the Church has a most responsible position. He is charged with the oversight of all 'missionary' countries. When it is understood that these countries include not merely lands where paganism still holds dominant sway (China and the islands of the Pacific) but also England and its vast dominions, the United States of America, the lands under the influence of the Mussulmans and the countries of Europe where Catholicity after a passing eclipse is beginning once more to be seen and felt, it will be seen how great is the work for which he is responsible. Cardinal Gotti has been one of the most successful administrators of the affairs of the Propaganda. Hampered by the necessities of the financial limitations imposed upon him by the Italian confiscation of the funds of the Propaganda, he has nevertheless managed to push missionary efforts into fresh fields, and he has intensified the zeal of missionaries in fields already occupied by them.

The King of Greece

The King of the Hellenes was received the other day by the Holy Father with all due ceremony. King George was introduced alone into the presence of the Pope, Monsignor Delenda, the Archbishop of Athens, acting as interpreter. The Pontiff, entirely dressed in white, advanced to receive his Royal visitor, shaking him cordially by the hand and inviting him to be seated. After an exchange of compliments, the suite of the King were admitted and introduced by the King to his Holiness. King George subsequently visited Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal Secretary of State.

SCOTLAND—Catholic Truth Society

At the annual meeting of the Edinburgh branch of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland the secretary reported that some 72,000 pamphlets had been published during the year, and in the archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh over 19,000 copies had been disposed of. In order to promote the influence of the Society the local council had undertaken a series of lectures, but they did not meet with the encouragement which had been anticipated. A grant of £50 was made to the Central Council for the objects of the Society. The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £66 13s 6d. Mr. Wilson, a member of the Edinburgh Town Council, in moving the adoption of the report, said he could hardly be expected to know much about the Catholic Truth Society, considering that it was only a few short months since he was a suppliant for admission to the one true fold. There were always some 'kind' friends among the Protestant community to say unkind things about the Catholic Church, and the pamphlets issued by the Society were sure to do a great deal of good in exposing the falsehood of such statements.

UNITED STATES—A Priest's Heroism

Dean Fred B. R. Hellemis recently delivered a lecture before the assembled students of the University of Colorado on the subject of 'Values,' which was inspired by the heroic death of Father Francis Gilbert Simon, the Benedictine, who last February lost his life in trying to save the lives of several students of St. Bede's College, near Peru, Ill., from drowning. In the course of his remarks, Dean Hellemis deplored the fact that such deeds as Father Simon's are given less prominence in the daily press than the dastardly acts of criminals of all classes.

The Catholic University

The Catholic University of America (says the 'Pilot') has endured successfully the manifold tests which seem indispensable to any work which God destines to permanence in His Church, and has come out victorious. The increase of students in the year 1905-6 was 73, over the preceding year, a total of 187; with 15 from the Dominican College for a special course, to bring the figure up to 202. Its assets, according to the present treasurer's report, are \$2,106,121. The annual national collection makes up the deficit for the running expenses of the University, over and above the return on investments and the tuition fees; and continued appreciation of its mission is proved by the continuance of bequests, the largest of which was that of the Margaret Gardner estate, amounting to \$63,000. Better still, about \$50,000 were collected last year on