

# The Catholic World

## BRAZIL—Present to the Pope

At the head of a national deputation, Monsignor Tonti, as late Nuncio to Brazil, recently presented to the Pope a superb gift of the clergy and people as a thank-offering for the creation of a Brazilian as the first Cardinal in Latin America. The gift is a superb medal of gold, set in brilliants.

## ENGLAND—Statue to Mgr. Nugent

The unveiling of the statue to Monsignor Nugent in St. John's Gardens, Liverpool, on December 8, drew together a great concourse of people.

## A Memorial Church

The memorial church erected by the Catholics of England to the memory of the late Cardinal Newman has been solemnly opened at Edgbaston, Birmingham. The Archbishop of Westminster, who delivered the address upon the life and influence of the great Cardinal, said he was a witness at once of the necessity and supremacy of the Catholic faith. He was raised up to convey the old unchanging message, in new words and in a fresh setting which would be acceptable to the Englishman of his day. No voice had fallen on English ears so persuasively as his. He had gained a hearing for the Catholic Church in places where no one else could have obtained audience, and he had broken down prejudices that were deep-rooted and centuries old.

## Franciscans at Oxford

The return of the Franciscans to Oxford, after 367 years, is (writes a correspondent in the 'Manchester Guardian') a striking example of what has been called 'Rome's way of coming back again where she has once established herself.' The Franciscans are now settled in a substantial building on Cowley Hill, and their brown habits are rapidly becoming familiar once more in the University city. The first grey friars set foot in England in 1220, almost immediately after the foundation of the Order, and they entered Oxford in 1225. The famous Order was, of course, very closely associated with Oxford history until the Reformation, but the thirteenth century was the golden period of its influence. Among the great names of Oxford Franciscans are Roger Bacon, Alexander Hales, and Duns Scotus—the mighty rival of Aquinas. 'The Brown Habit' (says the 'Catholic Herald') has many great traditions in England. It was a Franciscan who boldly denounced to the King's face the corruption of Henry VIII. And in hallowed company of Reformation Martyrs the Franciscans had a glorious place.

## FRANCE—More Plunder

One of the most scandalous acts of the French Government under the Law of Congregations (says the Dublin 'Freeman') is about to be perpetuated at Bourges. The Professor of Mathematics at the Seminary of Bourges is the Abbe Moreux, and some years ago, noting the exceptional transparency of the atmosphere in that town, he went to the trouble, and expense of erecting an observatory on the premises of the institution. The observatory, according to M. Camille Flammarion, one of the most famous astronomers, is almost as useful as the one established by Mr. Lowell at Flagstaff, on the Arizona Mountains, in the United States. Yet the Abbe has received notice to quit. He might build another observatory elsewhere in the town, but he has not the capital to do so even if he so desired. M. Flammarion is appalled at the idea that the observatory is threatened with extinction, and he is endeavoring to interest astronomers and others in the matter, and to raise the necessary funds. What a comment on the present Government of France—France, so long the leader of the world in the pursuit of knowledge, and the nursing Mother of Science!

## GERMANY—A Patriotic Archbishop

A Reuter's telegram from Posen announces the death of Monsignor Stabicki, the Catholic Archbishop of Posen. He was a leader in the Polish national movement; in particular he protested strongly against the Prussian rules by which religious lessons to Polish children must be given in the German tongue.

## ROME—A Golden Jubilee

Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of Propaganda, celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood on Christmas Day.

## Visit of Bishop Grimes

Writing on November 30 the Rome correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal' states that at the audience granted to the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes the Holy Father asked about clergy and laity, and said he knew of their deep attachment to his person, and to the Holy See. He sent a particular benediction which the Bishop will impart formally on his return, and Pius X. expressed the hope that Bishop Grimes will be spared for long to govern the diocese, which prospers so well under his rule. The Bishop informed the correspondent that he was to leave Naples for the Holy Land on December 13, and that he was to set out from Port Said on his return to New Zealand on January 4.

## SPAIN—Anticlericalism Foiled

The British daily papers (says the 'Catholic Times') cannot avoid giving the information that the fall of the Cabinet of Marshal Lopez Dominguez was due to the opposition aroused by its anti-clerical policy, but they told their readers little as to the strong feeling excited amongst the Spanish Catholics by the Government's Associations Bill. On the contrary, pronouncements in favor of the Bill were largely quoted day by day and the impression produced in the case of the ordinary reader must have been that the power of the Church was slight in Spain. The power of the Church amongst the Spaniards is far from being slight, and any one who has been reading impartial Spanish papers must have been struck by the number and vigor of the Catholic protests. They were made by the Hierarchy, the clergy, and the laity of every class, and amongst the people it has been recognised for some time past that the Government would succumb to the formidable resistance which they have been meeting. The fall of the Ministry has administered a lesson to the so-called Liberals. During its brief term of office Senor Moret proclaimed that he favored a policy of conciliation in dealing with the Vatican, and it may be taken for granted that his successor will follow that line.

## SCOTLAND—A Noted Highland Priest

The Catholics of Glenlivet assembled a few weeks ago to do honor to their revered pastor, Rev. Wm. Stuart, who is a native of the famous Highland glen, and has just celebrated his fiftieth birthday. Mr. Wm. Turner, Mains, presided, and Colonel Smith Grant, of Minmore, made the presentation to Father Stuart, consisting of a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address.

## A Rector of Stonyhurst

A distinguished Scots ecclesiastic has (says the 'Glasgow Observer') just been appointed to the important post of Rector of Stonyhurst College, in the person of Father Pedro Gordon, who was for some years a very successful prefect of philosophers, and has more recently held the office of procurator. Father Gordon, who is in his 54th year, is the third son of the late Mr. Charles P. Gordon, of Wardhouse and Kildrummie, Aberdeenshire, one of the oldest and most distinguished Scots Catholic houses. They are cadets of the noble family of Huntly, and number the Setons of Seton, Boyds Earls of Kilmarnock, and Livingstones Earls of Linlithgow among their lineal ancestors. During the last century they have intermarried, and have been otherwise closely connected with Spain, and three of Father Gordon's sisters are married to Spanish gentlemen, another being Mrs. Lumsden, of Clova. The present laird of Wardhouse is Mr. Rafael Gordon, the Rector's nephew, but he no longer owns the impressive ruins of Kildrummie Castle, which were sold some years ago to an opulent soap manufacturer.

## UNITED STATES—Catholic Advance

The experience of the Sisters of Charity in McJ has just been repeated in the United States. The German Presbyterian Seminary property at Seventeenth and Iowa streets, Dubuque, concerning the proposed sale and future use of which several rumors have been current recently, has been sold to the Sisters of St. Francis for academy purposes. The price was 20,000 dollars (\$4000).

## Catholic Education

In the State of New York there are 400 Catholic day schools, attended by 172,000 pupils. These schools represent property to the amount of \$6,250,000, and are maintained at an annual cost of \$375,000. The schools are entirely free, being supported by voluntary offerings of the Catholic people. Many of their teachers, as the Right Rev. Mgr. Lavelle showed in his paper read be-