

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—The Strength of the Church

His Grace Archbishop Bourne presided at a celebration in the Carmelite Church, Kensington, on Sunday, February 3, in commemoration of the martyrdom of the French nuns, who were recently beatified by Pope Pius X. The Archbishop said that those who robbed the Church of her worldly possessions thought by doing so that they would break her power, but they little realised that in poverty the Church was strongest.

Charitable Bequests

By the will of the late Mr. Whiteley, Nazareth House, Hammersmith Road, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's House, Portobello Road, London, receive £500 each.

GERMANY—The Elections

After the second ballots, as was foreseen after the first (says the 'Catholic Times') the Centre remains the strongest factor in German politics, and returns to the Reichstag to exercise as much power as it did prior to the dissolution. Both the Government and the Liberals are ill-content that they should occupy such a position. There is in truth amongst the members of the Centre a belief that the Kaiser and the Chancellor in challenging the verdict of the constituencies had a two-fold object in view—first to break down Parliamentary opposition by the Centre and the Socialists to the military policy, and, secondly, to dissociate the Government, if possible, from dependence upon the Centre. Owing to polemical attacks, prejudices were pretty frequently excited against the party, and it is suspected that in the highest quarters the feeling grew that a reverse to the Centre would not be tactically inconvenient for the Government. The fidelity of its supporters has upset all hostile calculations. The Liberals, who flung their principles to the wind in the hope of reaping an advantage from the elections, now find that the sacrifice was ineffectual, and that the Centre, with the aid of the Conservatives, will be masters of the situation. As for the Socialists, they should take to heart the lesson that the identification of their leaders with a godless propaganda accounts far a considerable share of their disaster. It provoked unfavorable declarations by the Catholic prelates, and cost them many a Catholic vote in the second ballots.

ROME—The English College

The Pope has appointed Father Charles Cronin, D.D., to the post of Private Chamberlain with the title of Monsignor, in recognition of his services as Vice-Rector of the English College in Rome.

The Holy Father's Gift

It is reported from Rome that the Pope, on being informed that Bishop Amigo, of Southwark, had lost his pectoral cross while visiting St. Peter's, presented to him another cross of solid gold studded with precious stones. The gift was accompanied by a flattering and cordial message.

The Holy Father and Germany

The Holy Father (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Weekly') has maintained an attitude of the strictest neutrality in regard to the German elections, and statements which impute any intention or desire on his part to interfere now or later on in German political affairs are pure invention. The relations between himself and the German Emperor are of the most cordial nature. This fact may naturally have some effect on German Catholics, but I am able to say unhesitatingly that neither in Germany nor elsewhere will Pius X. ever seek to interfere in any way with the judgment and rights of Catholics when purely political questions are at issue. Cordial telegrams have passed between the Holy Father and the Emperor William on the occasion of the latter's forty-eighth birthday, and in connection with the same event a solemn 'Te Deum' has been sung in the German Church here. In his telegram the Emperor assured the Holy Father of his 'affection' for his Catholic subjects and for the person of his Holiness himself.

The Rector of the Irish College

The Holy Father on Thursday, January 31, received in private audience the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, who presented to his Holiness Sir William Manning, of Sydney, and Lady Manning and their daughter. Sir William was the bearer of a letter from Cardinal Moran. The Pope in-

formed Dr. O'Riordan that he had appointed him Protonotary Apostolic, an appointment which carries with it the title of Monsignor. The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan served on the mission in London and then went to his native diocese of Limerick, where he did most valuable work before being appointed to his present responsible position. He is the author of an able work refuting the Protestant contention that the profession of the Catholic faith by a people tells against their prosperity.

Received in Audience

Mr. James Murray, M.P. for East Aberdeenshire, who was accompanied by his family, was received in audience by the Holy Father recently.

SCOTLAND—A Venerable Religious

In the death of Sister Joseph Caraher, which took place recently at Smyllum Orphanage, Lanark (says the 'Catholic Times'), she has passed to her reward, at the ripe age of seventy-five years, one of those heroines of the Catholic Church of whom the world hears but little, but whose deeds of charity should evoke public appreciation. Entering the Order of Charity in 1859, the deceased, after receiving the religious habit, was sent out to Naples, where she acted as a nurse during the Garibaldian troubles. Deceased was one of Miss Florence Nightingale's staff in the Crimean War.

SPAIN—The New Ministry

The fall of the Armero Ministry in Spain and the accession to power of the Maura Ministry (writes a Rome correspondent) has given satisfaction in ecclesiastical circles here, where it has long been known that the anti-clerical movement in Spain was secretly fostered by the prime movers in the French campaign against Christianity. The new Government is expected to attend to much-needed legislation which has been overlooked by the anti-clericals, and if ecclesiastical matters in Spain should require any rearrangement they will be rearranged with the approval and support of the Holy See. M. Ojeda, the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, who has displayed remarkable ability and tact in exceedingly difficult circumstances, is likely to remain at his post.

UNITED STATES—Eucharistic Congress

The next Eucharistic Congress of the United States and the International Eucharistic Congress will be held simultaneously in Pittsburg next autumn. It will be the first International Eucharistic Congress ever held on the American continent, and will be attended by delegates and other members from all or nearly all the countries of Europe.

Catholic Schools in New York

In New York there are 400 Catholic day schools, attended by 152,000 pupils. These schools represent property to the amount of \$5,000,000, and are maintained at a cost of \$300,000.

Extensive Dioceses.

The largest diocese in the United States, in point of area, is the diocese of Salt Lake, Utah, with 153,768 square miles, or about a third larger than the whole of New Zealand. The diocese is presided over by the Right Rev. Lawrence Scanlon. The next largest diocese is that of Tucson, Ariz., with an area of 131,212 square miles.

A Mark of Respect

The Senate of California adjourned in respect to the memory of the late Coadjutor-Archbishop Montgomery, of San Francisco, and in doing so passed the following resolutions: 'Whereas Archbishop Montgomery has been for many years identified with every measure that tended to the betterment of the condition of our people and to their uplifting, and has shown that whatever affected the welfare of the State of California was near and dear to his heart; therefore, he it resolved, that the Senate of the State of California deeply deplores the loss of this distinguished divine, and places itself upon record as believing that in his death not only the people of his own faith, but the people of the whole State of California, have lost a friend whose place it will be very hard to fill.'

GENERAL

The Church in Japan

The Right Rev. Dr. Berlioz, Bishop of Hakodate, Japan, was on a visit to England in January. A representative of the London 'Monitor and New Era' called on his Lordship, and inquired as to the position and progress of the Church in Japan. 'I think (said