

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—A Presentation

Monsignor Tynan, of Farnworth, has been presented by his flock with an illuminated address and a set of prelate's robes in recognition of his services in the cause of Catholic education and of work in connection with the Papal Court. In acknowledging the gift, the Monsignor said he had stood all along and would continue to stand for the principle that fathers and mothers must be able to decide what religious education should be given their children.

FRANCE—Women and the Religious Revival

The persecution through which the Church in France is now passing (remarks the 'Catholic Magazine' of South Africa), brings its own compensations daily; as God is able to turn even the most unlikely events to the good of the Church. The women of France are realising the danger of the present situation and are going out to meet it. There was a time during the first years of the present religious persecution, when it was thought that the campaign against religion could not succeed against the known wishes of the Catholic women. But the whole agitation, first against the Orders and then against the existence of the Church, was so skillfully disguised under the appearance of a mere political movement, that the evil was accomplished before those most interested were aware of it. But now the devout ladies of the country are rising up to meet the worst effects of the Separation Law. Some are taking schools of their own and working without remuneration, others are contributing at the cost of privation to themselves to the maintenance of the schools from which the nuns have been driven; others again are forming societies of women to co-operate with the Parochial Associations. The latter are exclusively composed of men, and form the bodyguard of the parish priest in each parish. Never was the Church of France so united in all its parts as it is at present. It is no small gain to have obtained a part of its freedom from the meddling politicians.

ROME—The Holy Father's Name-Day

His name-day must have been a specially happy one for the Holy Father this year. Thousands of congratulatory messages reached him from all parts of the world, and especially from France. Many thousands of his loyal Roman children also attended at St. Peter's, where Cardinal Rampolla and the chaplain of the Basilica held a special service. The hymn to St. Joseph and the 'Te Deum' were sung at this service.

Two Prominent Ecclesiastics

Two great Roman ecclesiastics departed this life the other day (writes a Rome correspondent), one a Cardinal (Casali Del Drago), the other (Father Vitelleschi) a member of the Jesuit Order. Cardinal Casali came of an old princely family, his mother having been a Barberini princess. He was courtly in his manner, kindly and generous in his character, always ready to help every good cause. Father Vitelleschi enjoyed a high reputation as a litterateur and poet.

St. Patrick's Day

The Irish College and its esteemed Rector, Monsignor O'Riordan, were highly honored on the feast day of their National Apostle (writes a Rome correspondent). Cardinal Satolli celebrated the community Mass; the High Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Giles, Rector of the English College, and Vespers were sung by his Grace Monsignor Panici, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. After the High Mass the students sang a hymn to St. Patrick in Irish. At St. Isidore's High Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Seton, and an eloquent panegyric of St. Patrick was delivered by Dr. Condon. Benediction was given in the afternoon by Cardinal Cassetta.

SOUTH AFRICA—Gathering of Prelates

The Month's Mind in memory of the late Bishop Leonard (says 'The Catholic Magazine') drew together in Cape Town nearly all the clergy of the Western district. Out of the six Bishops who preside over the destinies of Catholic South Africa, five were present at the Requiem Mass. This is the largest gathering of bishops ever held in the country. In 1896 there was a meeting of Vicars and Prefects Apostolic, summoned by the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda and held in St. Mary's, Cape Town. But in that year only four bishops were present and several Prefects. Three of

those bishops have now passed away, viz., Bishop Leonard of Cape Town, Bishop Jolivet of Natal, and Bishop Anthony Gaughran of Kimberley. One of the Prefects, Father Schoch, who had been already selected as Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, has also gone to his reward. Bishop Rooney and Bishop Simon (who was then only Prefect of Namaqualand) are, we believe, the only survivors living in South Africa of that first conference.

SPAIN—Woman Suffrage

A Bill has lately been introduced into the Spanish Cortes by Senor Arsuaga, a Liberal, for conceding votes to women at municipal elections only. As being a Liberal, the introducer therefore belongs to a party which in Spain is, as a whole, strongly anti-Christian. Senor Arsuaga's measure has met with considerable opposition from his 'co-religionists,' as he styles the Liberal members, and it is interesting to note the precise ground of their objection. It is this: that the Spanish woman is essentially and hopelessly 'clerical' and 'subject' to the influence of the confessional—that is to say, that she is a convinced Catholic. Voting power granted to her would consequently strengthen the hands of 'clericalism' (i.e., of the Catholic Church, as against the Grand Orient) and advance its interests in the municipalities.

UNITED STATES—The Hierarchy

This year three members of the American hierarchy will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their consecration. They are Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop McCloskey, and Bishop McQuaid. Most Rev. Archbishop Riordan, D.D., of San Francisco, on September 16 next will observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

A Brave Act

All honor to the Rev. Edward Sliney, of St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset, Mass. (says the 'Boston Pilot'), for risking his own life in an attempt to save one of the young parishioners, Joseph M. Jason, from drowning recently. The boy had broken through the ice while skating, and the priest, as soon as he heard the shouts for help, rushed to the scene and plunged into the icy waters on one of the coldest days of the season. Unfortunately his heroism was unavailing to save the lad alive; but the priest brought up the body and broke the ice to get to the shore with it.

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Nearly one thousand persons witnessed the ceremony of blessing and laying the memorial stone of the Richard O'Neill College Garden Vale, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 26. The ceremony was performed by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, assisted by his Lordship the Bishop of Sale (Right Rev. Dr. Corbett). The College, which is a tall building with a facade surmounted by three towers, has been constructed in the Romanesque style. It stands on an eminence and is built of red brick with cement ornamentation. The central tower near the top of which, there is a lookout from under a copper dome, is 80ft. high, and the two end towers are each 60ft. Only the front wing has been built at present, the cost being defrayed by Miss Sarah O'Neill, of 'Benburb,' North Brighton, in memory of her late brother, Richard O'Neill. She has also presented the grounds, extending over thirty acres.

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The sweet girl strolled along the block.

The cheeky dude remarked 'Ahem!'

Not dreaming of the sudden shock

That would reward his stratagem!

The maid remarked with humor grim:

'Your cough seems bad to-day! I'm sure

You'd best take this!' and handed him

A bottle of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.