

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—The New Bishop of Shrewsbury

Mgr. Singleton, of Seacombe, who, according to the latest news from Rome, is likely to be the new Bishop of Shrewsbury, is a member of a well-known Birkenhead family. He was born in 1850, and was educated at the Catholic Institute, Liverpool, then at Sedgely Park, and at Ushaw College, Durham. About 27 years ago he was ordained priest by the late Bishop Knight, to whom he was appointed secretary, an office which he filled for seven years. Some twenty years ago he was appointed Rector of St. Joseph's, Seacombe, Cheshire. The jubilee of his priesthood was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the congregation in 1905. In the address presented by them on the occasion, warm reference was made to the handsome buildings of the church, school, and Young Men's Society Hall, which were silent monuments of his energy, zeal, and devotion. On this occasion he was presented with a purse of £228.

Missions to Non-Catholics

His Grace Archbishop Bourne has commissioned Father Herbert Vaughan, D.D., one of the Diocesan Missionaries at Willesden Green, to proceed to the Apostolic Mission House at Washington to study the methods of the mission work in the United States with a view of making the Diocesan Mission work still more effective in this country. The Diocesan Missionaries at Willesden Green and Saffron Walden have shown the possibilities of giving missions to non-Catholics, and of securing thereby numbers of sincere converts, and the time has come when it appears necessary to branch out into larger fields. It may be possible, in the providence of God, to establish in the near future an Apostolic Mission House in England (says the *Catholic Times*) for the training of missionaries for every diocese throughout the land. Father Herbert Vaughan has been selected by the Archbishop to study the work and see what may be done on these lines. The action of the Archbishop is very significant. He believes that the time is ripe for a thoroughly organised movement which will have for its object the sending of well-trained missionaries among the non-Catholics to explain the teaching of the Church. It has been proved that the non-Catholic will pay heed to the preaching of the authorised missionary, and among them are many who are so sincere that once they are convinced, they will accept the Church at any sacrifice.

Charitable Bequests

By the will of the Hon. James Tisdall Woodroffe, of Ware, Uplyme, Devon, late of Calcutta, Advocate General of Bengal, and a member of the Legislative Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, and the eldest son of the Rev. Canon J. N. Woodroffe, rector of Glanmire, County Cork, the testator bequeathed £2000 to the trustees of the Goethal Memorial Orphanage at Kurseong, Bengal, to apply the income in the maintenance and education of such and so many poor boys at that institution, to be called 'Woodroffe Scholars,' as such income shall permit preference being given to boys of Irish parentage or extraction; £1000 to the Rev. Mother Superior of the Daughters of the Cross at St. Vincent's House, Kidderpore, Calcutta, for works of piety and charity; £1000 to the Rev. Mother Superior of the Loreto Convent at Calcutta towards the Orphanage and Poor School for Girls at her Convent at Eutally, Calcutta; £1000 to the Bishop of Southwark upon trust, to apply the income towards the sustentation of the Southwark Diocesan Rescue Society; £1000 to the Bishop of Plymouth towards the education of priests in his diocese; £500 to the Archbishop of Calcutta upon trust to apply the income towards the relief of the poor in Calcutta; £500 to St. John's Institution for the Catholic Deaf and Dumb at Boston Spa; £400 to the Catholic Truth Society; and £100 to the Bishop of Cork, to be applied in works of piety or charity as he may think fit connected with the parish of Glanmire, County Cork, in which the testator was born. The gross value of the estate of the deceased amounts to £140,048.

GERMANY—A Priest and Prince

Prince Max of Saxony, who some ten years ago was familiar to Londoners during the short period of his religious ministrations in the East End, where he elected to make his abode among the poor of Whitechapel (remarks the *Catholic Weekly*), is again about to visit England in connection with the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress, at which he will be one of the principal speakers. The Prince, who during his former stay

in London attracted large crowds by the force of his pulpit eloquence, recently gained a considerable reputation also in Paris, where his discourses at St. Denys-la-Chapelle were attended by the rank and fashion of the French capital. He has the unique distinction of being the only priest who is a prince of the blood royal. He is a brother of the reigning King of Saxony.

HOLLAND—Progress of the Church

Belgium is so overwhelmingly Catholic that the state of religion within the borders of her neighbor, Holland, has naturally a great interest for those who have always regarded the latter country as a distinctly Protestant State. As a matter of fact, nearly half the population of 'Protestant' Holland is now Catholic, and the country possesses some of the most beautiful Catholic churches on the Continent. The Dutch Catholics, who are two-fifths of the whole population of the country, send 1209 priests or nuns to spread the Gospel in other lands; while 17 colleges and 10 convents train these noble missionaries. Dutch Catholics are wisely organised politically, so as to defend Catholic interests in matters of education. Twenty-five out of sixty-three members of Holland's second House of Parliament are Catholics, who can thus exercise considerable influence over any Ministry. The great city of Amsterdam has a population of over 400,000, about a quarter of whom are Catholics. Both Amsterdam and the Hague are in the diocese of Haarlem. Delft is one-third Catholic.

ITALY—A Collective Letter

A collective letter upon economic disputes has been addressed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Ferrara, the Archbishops of Modena, Ravenna, Bologna, and Parma, and some fourteen Italian Bishops to the clergy of their several dioceses. In it the faithful are exhorted to be very careful what societies they join, and to avoid those who, by promising to secure their material prosperity, seek to enrol them for a war against order and religion.

ROME—A Visitor to the Vatican

Achille Fazzari, Garibaldi's comrade and right-hand man in the wars of independence, visited the Pope the other day. The visit was kept secret, but it was disclosed owing to Fazzari's enthusiasm and admiration for the Pope. The King recently presented Fazzari with the famous Byzantine code, containing the Gospels, which are greatly admired at the Vatican, where they were sent for examination. Fazzari, evidently with the donor's consent, offered to present it to the Pope, who accepted it provided it was delivered personally. The audience, which lasted an hour, was most cordial. Fazzari told the Pope that he was wounded in the battle of Montefiore, and added that Italy waited for his word of peace. The Pope replied that he loved Italy ardently, and prayed that Providence would show the way to a conciliation. He praised the King, and recalled his pious pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1887. He gave Fazzari a gold medal, and sent a rosary with mother-of-pearl beads to his wife. He also granted blessings to his family. The audience is most significant.

SCOTLAND—The Marist Brothers

This year the Marist Brothers celebrate the golden jubilee of their arrival in Scotland. In 1858, mainly through the exertions of the Rev. Archibald Chisholm, brother of the late Very Rev. Provost Chisholm, of Paisley, a few Marists came to Scotland, and, under the Rev. Eugene Small, pastor of the then newly-formed mission of St. Mungo's, took charge of the Townhead Boys' School, Glasgow. Towards the end of July of the same year St. Mungo's Academy was founded. That the efforts of the Brothers on behalf of the Catholics in Glasgow were appreciated is evidenced by the large number of schools that have been entrusted to them in Glasgow and elsewhere—St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, the Sacred Heart, and St. Alphonsus—all in Glasgow. Shortly afterwards, in the early sixties, a branch of the Order was established in Dundee, where they have now the charge of three flourishing schools. In 1874 St. Joseph's College, Dumfries, was opened, and a few years later Mount St. Michael, the present Marist Provincial House of Scotland. Even so recently as 1899 the Brothers undertook the management of St. Kentigern's Hostel, Partickhill, Glasgow, as a house of studies for students in training for teaching profession.

UNITED STATES—The Diocese of Chicago

The Apostolic Delegation at Washington has received word from Rome of the appointment of the Rev. Paul Rhode, of St. Michael's Church, Chicago, as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Father Rhode is a Polish priest of great ability. The consecration took place on July 29.