

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Centenary of Ushaw College

The centenary of Ushaw College was celebrated during the last week in July. His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster delivered a very beautiful address on a phrase of Cardinal Wiseman's: 'Not words but deeds mark Ushaw's son.' Most people, however, would be disposed, and justifiably disposed, to take this phrase with a grain of salt, in so far at least as it implies any particular distinction of Ushaw as compared with the other Catholic colleges of the United Kingdom (says the *Catholic Weekly*). Ushaw's distinction is in its long history, its fine traditions, and the distinguished men whose character was formed within its walls. It is no small glory to have produced Lingard, Wiseman, Francis Thompson, Cardinal Merry del Val, and Archbishop Bourne—to mention only a few out of many that include five Archbishops and twenty-five Bishops.

Catholic School Successes

Out of the eight senior city scholarships offered by the Liverpool Education Committee for open competition the Catholic Secondary Schools carried off seven. The scholarships are tenable at the Liverpool University and entitle the holder to free admission to lecture courses and laboratory work for a period of three years together with a grant of £30 per annum. They have been awarded by the committee on the result of the University Matriculation Examination, held by the Joint Matriculation Board of the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, and Sheffield.

ROME—The Sacred College

Cardinal Nocella's death, which occurred on July 22, makes the twenty-second death amongst Cardinals during the five years of Pius X.'s pontificate. There are now twelve vacancies in the Sacred College.

The American College

In acknowledging the jubilee address and gifts of the students of the American College, Rome, the Holy Father paid a high compliment to the College. He said:—'The presence of so many young students from far-off America brings joy to my heart, and is the source of great pleasure and satisfaction to me. It is true that you are all the representatives of the youngest daughter of the Church, yet every Father has his Benjamin, for whom he cherishes the warmest affection. Without diminishing in the slightest my high regard for the many other National Colleges in Rome, I have a special love and admiration for you, my dear young men, for you are truly my Benjamins. I bless your College with all my heart. It brings me greatest joy, for it comes up to my ideal of a College. Without detracting in the least from the other Colleges, I consider it, in the matter of discipline and study, the model.'

Need for a Holiday

During the summer months, especially during the latter part of the summer, it is the custom of many of the Cardinals to leave the Eternal City for the country (writes a Rome correspondent). A remarkable exception to this has been his Eminence Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro, who has not been away since he became Secretary of State to his Holiness Pope Leo XIII., more than twenty years since. His Eminence now lives in the official residence of the Archbishop of St. Peter's, a position which the Cardinal fills with such dignity and edification. The Archbishop's house is in the Piazza Santa Martha, Via della Sagrestia, and in the decorations of the principal apartment appear interesting mementoes of the English connection of a former Archbishop of St. Peter's, the Cardinal Duke of York, the Royal Arms of England, France, Ireland, and Scotland being quartered with those of the House of Stuart. It is quite an event in the Eternal City that Cardinal Rampolla should leave, and considerable interest was taken in the departure of his

Eminence for the monastery of Einsiedeln in Switzerland. Cardinal Matthieu was at the railway station, as were also Monsignor Biasotti, representing Cardinal Cassetta; Doctor Hinna, and others. His Eminence conversed affably with those come to pay him their respects, and remained standing at the window of his compartment cordially saluting all till the train steamed out of the station. The Cardinal will probably remain at Einsiedeln for a couple of months, and it is sincerely hoped that the rest and change of air will have the effect of restoring him to much better health than he has been enjoying for a considerable time past.

Wireless Telegraphy

The Holy Father, although delighted with the offer of a group of French Catholics to instal in the Vatican a wireless telegraph station, has been obliged to refuse it, as a single wireless telegraph station would not suffice. Corresponding stations would be necessary, and, as the Marconi Company cannot guarantee complete secrecy of communication, special stations would have to be established for the Holy See.

Death of a Cardinal

The saintly Cardinal Nocella (writes a Rome correspondent) died on July 22, at the patriarchal age of 82 years. He was for many years professor at the Seminario Romano, and was especially distinguished for the perfection of his Latin, which he wrote with classical purity. Pope Pius IX. appointed him his secretary for Latin letters, and Pope Leo XIII. made him Secretary for Briefs to Princes, and later Secretary to the Consistorial Congregation. At the time of his elevation to the Cardinalate he was titular Bishop of Constantinople. During his career he received many decorations from foreign courts, but his friends will remember especially the virtues of humility and gentle charity which ever distinguished the deceased. The Holy Father heard of his death with deep regret, and exclaimed: 'A saint is dead.'

SPAIN—A Protocol

The Protocol between the Holy See and Spain, creating a Commission for adjusting the limits of certain dioceses, and settling some points of salaries to ecclesiastics, has been published. It is expected that some dioceses may be united, thus effecting savings in public expenditure.

UNITED STATES—Change of Owners

The Jesuits have purchased for St. John's College, Toledo, Ohio, the property of Westminster Presbyterian Church, located diagonally across from the college building. Erected in 1871, the church was closed three years ago owing to diminishing membership. The property was purchased for 12,000 dollars, and will be improved to the extent of 15,000 dollars. It will be used for public meetings, and an observatory will be erected, where the meteorological and astronomical apparatus will be placed. It will be known as Westminster Hall of St. John's College.

Church Progress in Chicago

At the celebration of the diamond jubilee of 'Old St. Mary's Church,' Chicago, the sermon was preached by Rev. D. J. Riordan, pastor of St. James' Church. Dealing with Catholicism in Chicago, Father Riordan said: 'Where shall we find a counterpart of the growth of Catholicism in Chicago in the last seventy-five years? In 1833 there was one church. Now there are 176. Then there was one priest, now there are 465. The Catholic population of the city has increased from 100 to at least 750,000. Schools, hospitals, asylums, refuges for the erring, homes for the aged; then there were none, now they can be found all over this immense city. If all the Catholic parochial schools in Chicago were closed to-morrow, it would cost the city over £2,000,000 to erect school buildings to care for their pupils and more than £400,000 a year to pay the wages of additional teachers and caretakers.'

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