

The Catholic World

AUSTRIA—The Emperor's Gift to the Pope

The magnificent jubilee gift of the Emperor of Austria bears the following inscription in Latin: 'Francis Joseph I., Emperor and King, having completed twelve lustres of his august office, felicitates Pius X., Pope, on the completion of ten lustres of his sacred functions. In the year of the jubilee of both, 1908.'

ENGLAND—A Valuable Gift

A large monstrance, of great beauty, valued at £1500, has just been presented to Westminster Cathedral by Mr. Charles Weld-Blundell, Ince Blundell Hall, Lancashire, on behalf of his children. It is richly and symbolically adorned with diamonds, rubies, garnets, and one large carbuncle.

The Bishop of Salford

In the course of the reception of the English pilgrims at the Vatican (writes the Rome correspondent of a Manchester paper), the Pope marked out the Bishop of Salford, Dr. Casartelli, for special attention, welcoming him enthusiastically in audience, and addressing him as 'beloved brother.' After Dr. Casartelli had knelt to kiss the papal hand the Pope helped him to his feet, embraced him tenderly, and said he desired to have a long conversation with him. His Holiness further stated that he had followed with the utmost interest the work which Bishop Casartelli was accomplishing in the Salford diocese in leading the Catholic movement against Socialism, a form of political belief which was the enemy both of religion and of society.

ROME—The Sacred College

According to the correspondent of a Home exchange the Sacred College is at present reduced to fifty-six Cardinals. No fewer than twenty-four died during the pontificate of the present Holy Father, Pius X. Of the fifty-six living Princes of the Church, one was created by Pius IX., forty by Leo XIII., and fifteen by Pius X. The oldest Cardinal is his Eminence Cardinal Gruscha, Prince-Archbishop of Vienna, who is 89, and the youngest is Cardinal Merry del Val, who is only 43.

The Holy Father's Jubilee

On Monday, November 9, the Pope received in his private library the Sacred College of Cardinals, who were headed by Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, Cardinal Oreglia being indisposed. Their Eminences presented to his Holiness the sum of eight hundred pounds in gold in an artistic casket. Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli expressed the greetings of the Sacred College on the occasion of the Pope's Jubilee, and his Holiness returned thanks, afterwards conversing pleasantly with each Cardinal.

A Private Audience

The Holy Father on November 5 received in private audience Monsignor O'Riordan, head of the Irish College, who presented some newly-arrived Irish students to his Holiness, as well as Monsignor Denis Hallinan and Dr. Holmes, of Limerick. On the following day his Holiness received in private audience the Bishops of Salford and Northampton. His Holiness conversed most cordially with both prelates. Afterwards Bishop Keating presented to his Holiness Mr. Kenyon, a prominent Norfolk Catholic, and his daughter. Mr. Kenyon, who was a private chamberlain to Pope Leo XIII., has received confirmation of his appointment to the same office. Bishop Casartelli presented to his Holiness Canon Tynan, of Farnworth, and two students from the Salford diocese.

The Jubilee Year

During the past twelve months (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*) Catholics throughout the world have vied in showing devotion and homage to the Father of Christendom; now it has come to the turn of Sovereigns to take public part in the universal joy. Special envoys have arrived in Rome bearing to the Holy Father autograph letters and costly gifts from the Emperor of Germany, the King and Queen of Spain, and the Queen of Holland. His Excellency Sergio Sazonov, Minister Plenipotentiary of Russia, and special Envoy to the Holy See, was received by his Holiness on November 3. His Excellency, who was accompanied by the staff of the Russian Legation, presented the Holy Father with an autograph letter from his Majesty the Czar of Russia, heartily congratulating him on his Sacrodotial Jubilee. After the Papal audience the Russian Minister, with his suite, proceeded to the apartments of the Cardinal-Secretary of State, where he remained for some time in conversation

with Cardinal Merry del Val. Several Envoys are expected from Belgium and Portugal. The congratulations of the Presidents of the various South American Republics holding diplomatic relations with the Holy See will be tendered through their ordinary representatives residing in Rome.

A Social Gathering

One of those social gatherings that serve to bring together members of the Irish colony in Rome (writes a correspondent of the *Catholic Times*) took place the other day at St. Isidore's College, the ancient seat of the Irish Franciscans in the Eternal City, at a dinner given in honor of the Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford. Among the other guests present were his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart; the Rev. Dr. Hagan, Vice-Rector of the Irish College; Mr. P. L. Connellan, K.S.G., Rome; Very Rev. Father Power; Rev. Fathers Luby and Lynch; Rev. Gregory Clery, O.F.M., and Rev. Father Baldwin, O.F.M. The Bishop of Waterford led the Irish Pilgrimage to Rome and saw them off en route to Ireland when they were returning.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby, took place in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, December 9, when there was a large attendance of the scholars, their parents and friends. Prior to the prize-giving a musical entertainment was given by the pupils. The following was the programme:—Overture, 'The dawn of love,' the College Orchestra; chorus, 'The voyager's welcome home,' students; violin solo, 'Barcarolle pizzicata,' Master E. Kavanagh; recitation, 'Mark Antony's oration,' piano solo, 'Hazarenriff,' Master N. Snedden; song, 'The heart bowed down,' Master A. Dibley; violin solo, 'Rubinstein's melody,' Master B. Clarke; three-part song, 'Come where my love lies dreaming,' students; French dialogue from 'L'Avare'—Harpagon (a miser), E. Kavanagh; La Fleche (a valet), J. Scott; piano duet, 'Marche triomphale,' Masters A. Ryan and D. O'Brien; recitation, 'Fontenoy,' Master L. Grimstone; selection, 'The merry widow,' the College Orchestra.

The annual report, which was presented by the director (Brother Paul), stated that the college was in a satisfactory position, there being now 75 scholars, of whom 44 were boarders. Of the latter, about one-fourth were from Auckland and suburbs, the remainder being from various parts of New Zealand. The issue of a magazine in connection with the debating club and other marks of progress were referred to. Special reference was made to the successes of last year's University examinations of E. Mahoney, C. Carroll (of Auckland), and P. Amodeo (of Wellington), all of whom were old boys of the college. Thanks were expressed to those who had donated prizes and trophies, and those who had assisted the college in other directions during the year.

At the close of the proceedings, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mgr. O'Reilly for presiding, on the motion of Mr. M. J. Sheahan, seconded by Mr. D. Flynn.

The prizes were presented by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, as follows:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct (the 'Coolahan' medal, presented by Bishop Lenihan): H. Quinn, Christian doctrine (Dean Hackett's medal): J. Scott, Essay on Irish history (the old boys' medal): E. Quinn, N. Snedden, P. Meehan. Handball tournament (Mr. T. B. O'Connor's medal): Senior, B. Clarke, N. Snedden; junior, P. Corbett, C. Snedden. Cricket: Fielding, N. Snedden; batting average, B. Clarke; bowling average, N. Snedden. Senior class: J. Scott (dux of the school).

Matriculation Class.—Aggregate merit: N. Snedden, 1. H. Quinn, 2. D. O'Brien, 3. Arithmetic: J. Carroll, H. Quinn, D. O'Brien, French: D. O'Connor, H. Quinn, N. Snedden. Christian doctrine: J. Scott, J. Carroll, N. Snedden. Latin: N. Snedden, H. Quinn, C. Snedden. Chemistry: H. Quinn, D. O'Brien, J. Carroll. English: D. O'Brien, H. Quinn, N. Snedden. Latin (lower division): D. O'Connor, J. Molloy. Physics: D. O'Brien, C. Snedden, D. O'Connor. Mathematics: N. Snedden, C. Snedden, H. Quinn.

Civil Service Class.—Aggregate merit: E. Kavanagh, G. O'Rourke, A. Ryan, English: E. Kavanagh, W. Whiteman, A. Ryan, Latin: E. Kavanagh, W. Whiteman, G. O'Rourke, French: W. Whiteman, E. Kavanagh, G. Colgan. Mathematics: A. Ryan, G. O'Rourke, E. Kavanagh. Geography: P. O'Sullivan, A. Ryan, B. Clarke. Arithmetic: G. O'Rourke, A. Ryan, O. Robertson. Chemistry: G. Colgan, W. Whiteman, P. O'Sullivan.