

The Catholic World

CANADA—Catholic Schools

According to the *New World* of Chicago, the Canadian Government Commission on Scholarship at Ottawa, Canada, has just issued orders advancing the salaries of the Christian Brothers to £50 a year, each Brother Director to receive £120. The Grey Nuns, who have been receiving £40 a year, will receive £45, and next year £50. As a result of the Commission's decision many hundreds of pounds extra will go to the Catholic schools of Canada next year.

CHINA—Jesuit Missions

At the present time the largest church in China is being built at Zikawei, which is close to Shanghai, the largest Chinese commercial town, on the mouth of the Yang-tse-kiang flowing into the East China Sea. The Cathedral is 240 feet long, and 130 feet broad, with two steeples each 180 feet high. The fabric of the church alone is to cost £30,000, and besides that there are all the decorations and the fittings for the interior. Zikawei is the headquarters of the Jesuit mission in China, and has a large seminary, a vast library, an observatory, which has been of great service to navigation; it also possesses a large hospital, a children's asylum, a printing office, and a book-binding establishment. Out of about 1000 Jesuit missionaries who are working in Asia, one-third of them are in China. In the five continents there are about 4000 Jesuits hard at work on the mission fields.

ENGLAND—A Franciscan Monastery

A new Franciscan Capuchin monastery is to be erected at Penmaenmawr, the whole cost of the land and erection of which is to be defrayed by a local lady. The new monastery will be the second belonging to the Capuchin Order in North Wales, the other being the great institution at Pantasaph, near Holywell, founded mainly through the instrumentality of the late Earl of Denbigh.

A Pontifical Club

As an outcome of the recent Eucharistic Congress (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*), the West End of London is about to receive an increase in the number of its social institutions by the establishment of a 'Pontifical Club.' The new club is to be devoted to the use of the numerous prelates, domestic chamberlains, and other functionaries of the Vatican Court who are resident in this country. An inaugural meeting has been held, at which a committee has been elected composed of the Archbishop of Westminster and other prominent Catholics.

An Appointment

The Holy Father has been pleased to appoint Monsignor Joseph Butt to the vice-rectorship of the Collegio Beda, which has become vacant on the appointment of Monsignor Prior as auditor of the Rota.

FRANCE—Death of a Cardinal

The death is reported of Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, who passed away at Chambéry on his way back from Rome. His Eminence, who was sixty-eight years of age, succeeded Cardinal Guibert in the Archbishopric of Bordeaux. He was one of the first French prelates who adopted the policy of rallying to the Republic, recommended by Leo XIII. After the passing of the Separation Bill he at first permitted the formation of an association in conformity with the new law, but afterwards renounced that policy on learning the wish of the Holy Father.

French Missionaries

It is something peculiarly strange (remarks the *Catholic Times*) that a nation such as France which has sent to the missionary field so many who have been ready to make every sacrifice, even that of life itself, for the extension of Christ's Empire over men should have drifted into unbelief. No doubt, the sacrifices of the French missionaries will bear fruit in God's good time. That there are no missionaries more heroic, none more willing to face risks and suffering, none more patient in bearing up against want and hardship cannot be disputed. When Monsignor Touchet, Bishop of Orleans, was expressing the gratitude of French Catholics to the Pope for the promulgation of the decree for the beatification of Joan of Arc, he also thanked him for decrees in the cases of thirty-five other servants of God—the Ven. Francesco de Capillas, a Spanish Dominican, proto-martyr of China, Stephen Theodore Cuénot, Metropolitan Bishop, Peter Néel, Peter Francis Néron, Theophane Vénard, Missionaries Apostolic, and twenty-nine companions, natives, who died for the Faith in Cochinchina, Ton-Chin, and China, and the Venerable John Eudes, founder of the Congregation of Jesus and

Mary and the Order of the B.V.M. of Charity. Of all these thirty-five Beati every one with the single exception of the Spanish Dominican was a Frenchman. With pride did the Bishop of Orleans mention the fact, and it is a feeling the manifestation of which was amply justified.

ROME—The Holy Father's Thanks

The Duchess of Norfolk, Lady Anne Kerr, Miss Fraser (sister of Lord Lovat), and Lady Esmonde have each been presented by the Holy Father with his photograph, accompanied by an autograph letter, in which he conveys his thanks through these ladies to the Catholic women of England, Scotland, and Ireland for their presents on the occasion of his Jubilee. In addition the Pope has given each a gold medal.

Proposed Knighthood

Mr. Daniel Slattery, of Melbourne (writes the *Rome correspondent of the Catholic Times*), is sojourning in Naples with his wife and niece. Mr. Slattery is known as one of the leading Catholics of Melbourne and Victoria. He is President-General of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Victoria; and though he extends his hand—and that not an empty one—to every good work, his name does not often come before the public. Hence it is characteristic of the man that when His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, during his recent visit to Rome, expressed a desire to show his recognition of Mr. Slattery's services by obtaining the Pontifical Order of the Knighthood of St. Gregory for him, he refused the honor, whilst expressing his gratitude for the Archbishop's desire to obtain it. I have learned from the Rector of the Irish College that the petition had actually been drawn up for presentation to the Holy Father when Mr. Slattery was made aware of it. When he was informed of what it had been proposed to do in his regard, he asked to be excused from assenting. He suggested the name of another Melbourne gentleman, an honored name both in Australia and Ireland, as that of one whom dignities would much better become. And thus an honor which might have gone to himself and another goes to the other only.

UNITED STATES—A Year's Converts

Very Rev. A. P. Doyle, C.S.P., Rector of the Apostolic Mission House at Washington, U.S.A., in a recent address at Chicago, stated that the recorded number of conversions for the United States in 1906 totalled 25,056.

Mr. Carnegie's Gift

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has donated the sum of £2500 to the work of rebuilding St. Joseph's College, Covington, La., in charge of the Benedictine Fathers. The abbey and college were destroyed by fire in November, 1907, and are now in process of reconstruction. The donation of Mr. Carnegie represents half the cost of the college wing. When completed the institution will also include a diocesan seminary, the whole to cost £25,000.

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