

The Catholic World

CHINA—Church Progress

Here are the latest statistics of the Catholic Church in the Chinese Empire:—Vicariates or Prefectures, 44; Bishops, 44; European priests, 1346; Chinese priests, 592; students in seminaries, 1215; European Brothers, 229; Chinese Brothers, 130; European nuns, 558; Chinese nuns, 1328; Catholics, 1,071,920; Catechumens, 424,000.

Golden Jubilee

The Right Rev. Bishop Cesaire Schang, of Chan-tong, China, celebrates this year the golden jubilee of his priesthood. The venerable Bishop has been twenty-five years among the Chinese.

ENGLAND—Appeal for African Missions

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.M.A., preached in aid of his society, the West African Missions, on Sunday, February 7, at the High Mass in the Brompton Oratory, London. In the course of an impressive appeal for British sympathy and support, he said: For fifty years the Society of African Missions has been doing the work of British civilisation in West Africa. The graves of more than four hundred of our martyr missionaries along the deadly Guinea Coast, and the numerous missions that have grown above them—missions where English is preached in the churches and where English is taught in the schools—are there to-day in testimony of the fact. And yet only twice in those fifty years have we appealed for financial aid in England: the missions since their inception having been maintained almost entirely through the generous charity of the Catholics of France. The result of the appeal reached a very substantial figure.

FRANCE—A Sister of Charity Decorated

A message from Montpellier says:—General Marion, Commander of the Sixteenth Army Corps, has presented at a hospital in the suburbs, in presence of a large body of officials, a medal of honor to Sister-Antoinette, a Sister of Charity, for her devoted care of invalid soldiers during the past thirty years.

Tyranny of the Government

The following case (says the *New York Catholic News*) illustrates how severely Catholic teachers in France are dealt with when a charge is trumped up against them. In this case members of a religious Order were engaged only in carrying out their work of education. But as it was Catholic education, of course, they must be punished. The case is reported in the *Gazette de Creil*, an independent Republican journal. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny at Senlis, after their boarding school was closed, had the hardihood to conduct a private school, which was attended by a small number of pupils. They were watched by agents of the Government, and some days ago had to appear before the Correctional Tribunal in company with criminals. Their offence was: (1) That they gave lessons in painting and advice as to manual labor to pupils of their former boarding school who applied to them; (2) that they organised an infants' school for children who were not of the school age; (3) that they established a labor bureau, the object of which was to provide work for young girls and women. On such a charge the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny have been condemned by the Correctional Tribunal.

ROME—The Holy Father's Gratitude

The sailors of the United States auxiliary vessel Celtic, after having distributed supplies to refugees from the earthquake stricken regions, were received in audience by Pius X. on February 8. The Pontiff expressed his gratitude, and desired his thanks to be conveyed to President Roosevelt and the commander of the Celtic for the splendid work done by Americans in Calabria and Sicily.

SPAIN—Catholic Social Work

The Bishop of Madrid has inaugurated a new movement for the extension of social work amongst Catholics in Madrid, and in a Pastoral letter he explains that he has been moved to do this by his knowledge of what has happened in France. The Spanish prelate does not hesitate to say that if when the French parishes were thoroughly Catholic measure had been taken to organise the people and get them to engage in works of mutual improvement under the ægis of religion, the condition of the French Catholics to-day would be far different from what it actually is. The enemies of the Church are active in the capital of Spain, but the Bishop intends to establish a powerful Catholic organisation which will render their attacks ineffectual. Some time ago he called together all the parish priests of the city and a number of laymen who take a practical interest in social questions. A commission was thereupon appointed and entrusted with the task of framing a schema

for the formation of parochial societies. All the parochial bodies will work under the general direction of a Central Diocesan Council. The organisation will be something like the Catholic Federation, and it is probable that it will branch out from Madrid into other populous centres in Spain.

UNITED STATES—Death of a Distinguished Jesuit

The Rev. William O'Brien Pardow, S.J., rector of St. Ignatius Loyola's Church, at Park avenue, New York, died of pneumonia on January 23. His reputation as a theologian and preacher was high. Father Pardow was born in New York sixty-two years ago. From 1875 to 1880 he studied in France and England. He was one of the six Jesuits who represented the United States in the Assembly General in Rome for the selection of their General.

Development of Catholic Education

One of the interesting developments of Catholic education at Washington, U.S.A., is the rumored foundation of a normal school for Catholic nuns, with the approval of the authorities of the Catholic University.

Returning to the Fold

The Rev. Father Kolaszewski, of Cleveland, Ohio, a Polish priest who was suspended and excommunicated for defying ecclesiastical authority and presiding over an 'Independent' Church, having returned to the Fold, asks through the *Cleveland Catholic Universe* for pardon for the scandal he has given.

The Catholic University

Cardinal Gibbons has announced that the Very Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D.D., has been appointed by the Sacred Congregation of Studies, of which Cardinal Satolli is the head, rector of the Catholic University, to succeed Bishop Denis J. O'Connell, recently appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of San Francisco. Dr. Shahan holds the chair of Church History at the University, and has been connected with the institution for the past seventeen years. Dr. Shahan's name has been in the public eye very prominently for the last three years as one of the editors of *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, without any question the most important expression of American Catholic scholarship ever attempted. In his capacity as editor of this work, Dr. Shahan has had occasion to employ all the wide knowledge which has characterised his career, and has largely contributed to the creation of the high repute in which the *Encyclopedia* is held on both sides of the Atlantic. As the appointment of the Rectorship comes direct from the Congregation of Studies at Rome, it is regarded not only as a recognition of Dr. Shahan's worth, but also of the editorial direction of the *Encyclopedia*.

HAWERA

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Two highly respected parishioners passed away during the last week—Mrs. Hepburn and Mr. Slattery, sen., of Manaia.—R.I.P.

During the past few weeks Very Rev. Father Power has been making a special collection for the purpose of liquidating the parish debt and enlarging the church. So far the results have been very gratifying; and already the sum of £200 has been collected.

Miss D. Rielly, who has been indisposed for some weeks now, has been ordered a change and rest by her doctor, and leaves at the beginning of April on a trip to the Old Country with her father. Miss Rielly will be much missed in musical circles in Hawera.

Although the local branch of the Hibernian Society has been only three years in existence, it is making wonderful progress. It has now over £100 to its credit, and at the last meeting six candidates were nominated for membership.

Mr. P. O'Dea, who until recently was head master of the Patea High School, has started practice as a barrister and solicitor in Hawera. We now have three Catholic solicitors in Hawera—Mr. G. H. Regan, Mr. B. McCarthy, and Mr. P. O'Dea.

On Wednesday evening last the local branch of the Hibernian Society held its second annual concert in the Opera House. The following contributed to the programme:—Mrs. Sutcliffe (Wellington), Mrs. J. Goodson, Mrs. Quin, Misses O'Donnell (2), Flynn, O'Reilly, A. Gallagher, and Messrs. Hutchens, Lawless, Hooker, and M. McAlpine. The concert was a thorough success.

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