

The Catholic World

CANADA—Catholic Colonization

An important scheme of colonization (says the *Catholic Times*) is about to be undertaken, by Bishop Latulipe, Vicar-Apostolic of Temiskaming, in the timbered region of Northern Quebec and Northern Ontario. The Bishop has invited Dr. Brisson, of the Colonization Society of Montreal, to assist in the settlement of territory adjacent to the lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Temiskaming and Northern Ontario. Here, near the height of land, and running west along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, lies a rich clay belt fifty miles wide and some three or four hundred miles long, and in this district, where splendid wheat has already been grown in a few cleared fields, it will be the aim of the colonizers to establish many settlements of farmers. Bishop Latulipe and his army of assistants have been working at the scheme for some years, and now the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific gives them their opportunity. It opens a new empire in the North land, a country with a climate with which the French Canadians are well acquainted and of which they are not afraid.

ENGLAND—Death of a Catholic Recorder

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Gordon Shee, K.C., Recorder of Liverpool. Mr. Shee was compelled to withdraw from active work some fifteen months ago, owing to an attack of paralysis. Mr. Shee, who was born in 1847, was the second son of the late Mr. Justice Shee. He was educated at Ushaw College and Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1870.

Diocese of Liverpool

According to the official statistics of the diocese of Liverpool, which have just been published, the Catholic population numbers 366,611. During the past year the number of priests increased from 442 to 460, of whom 15 are working outside the diocese, and 20 are retired or on sick leave. There are 56 convents, of which 25 are within the city of Liverpool, while the public churches and chapels number 182. There are 170 schools, with 1720 teachers and 72,993 children. The largest mission is St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, which has a population of 11,523, and the smallest St. Patrick's, Peel, Isle of Man, with a population of 22.

GERMANY—International Eucharistic Congress

The next International Eucharistic Congress will take place at Cologne early in August of the present year. Meetings to arrange for the Congress are now being held under the presidency of Cardinal Fischer.

ITALY—An Edifying Incident

A letter appeared in a recent issue of the *London Times* from Mr. Alfred Austin, poet laureate, in which, writing from Ventimiglia, he pleaded for assistance for Miss Hanbury, who has established in the neighborhood of Ventimiglia a Home of Rest for victims of the earthquake. The following edifying statement occurs in his letter:—'Many of the beds were gratuitously lent, and some good priests at Bordighera sent their own, saying they meanwhile could sleep on the floor.'

ROME—The Sacred College

At the present time the Sacred College is composed of only 55 Cardinals, one of whom was created by Pius IX., 39 by Leo XIII., and 15 by the present Pope. During the pontificate of Pius X. 25 Cardinals have died, seven of whom died during 1908. Several of the living Cardinals are over 80 and in bad health.

RUSSIA—Appointment of Bishops

An agreement has been arrived at between the Holy See and the Russian Government whereby several dioceses that have been for some time without Bishops are to have episcopal rulers. Monsignor Wunkowsky, Bishop of Plotsk, in Russian Poland, has been promoted to the Archbishopric of Mohilew; Monsignor Gieplak and Monsignor Denisevich have been appointed Suffragan Bishops of his. Monsignor Novowjewski has been named Bishop of Plotsk. Monsignor Mickaelievich has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of Wilna, which has been without a bishop for some time.

SCOTLAND—Lectures to Non-Catholics

A convert priest (writes an Edinburgh correspondent) has peculiar opportunities of influence, and Father Henry Gray Graham, formerly a Presbyterian minister, and now attached to the Church of Our Lady of Good Aid in the busy Lanarkshire town of Motherwell, is using these opportunities to the full. He is giving a course of public lectures to non-Catholics in the Co-operative Hall, and to these no Catholics are admitted, with the result that every

week some 700 inquirers, men and women of good will and real earnestness, listen to the Father's instructions.

The Church in the Highlands

His Lordship Bishop Smith of Argyll and the Isles (writes a Glasgow correspondent) opened the new church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Kinlochleven in the Western Highlands on Sunday, February 14. It has been built principally through the energies of Father Barry, of the historic mission of Glencoe, and its erection marks another step in Catholic progress in the West Highlands of Scotland. The Catholics of Kinlochleven worshipped in recent years in the local mission hall, where the various Protestant denominations also met. The arrangement was not a very satisfactory one from the Catholic point of view, though certain hours were set apart each Sunday for the different congregations. Slowly but steadily Catholicism is progressing in the west. Many of the staunchest Scottish Catholics are Western Highlanders, and their faith is as strong and vigorous as is the faith of the Irish. They still cherish Catholic ideals, and they live in the hope that before many more years have passed the wild picturesque landscape of the Western Highlands will be completely dotted with little Catholic churches like that of Our Lady of Lourdes, and that the other districts without a Catholic church will rapidly follow the example of Kinlochleven.

UNITED STATES—To Aid Diocesan Charities

Bishop Hoban, of Scranton, Philadelphia, has adopted an insurance plan by which he hopes to raise eventually a million dollars for the various charities in his diocese. He will endeavor to induce 1000 men in his diocese to insure their lives for 1000 dollars each, naming the diocese of Scranton as the beneficiary.

A Leader in Charitable Works

On Sunday evening, February 7, Archbishop Farley, of New York, conferred on Mrs. Joseph J. O'Donohue the decoration of a lady of the Holy Sepulchre, which was granted her by Pope Pius X. Mrs. O'Donohue for years has been a leader in charitable works of that city. She has long been the president of the New York Association of Catholic Charities, and in May of last year she was elected president of the United States association of the same charities. The same order was some time ago granted to Mrs. Walker, the distinguished Philadelphia worker in charities. The decoration consists of a Greek cross of reddish hue, with golden trimmings, attached by a black silk ribbon to the left breast.

Missions to Non-Catholics

The mission movement of which the Apostolic Mission House, Washington, D.C., is the centre (says the *New York Catholic News*), has given 2000 missions to Catholics, with over 2,000,000 Communions; and 3000 missions to non-Catholics, with about 100,000 converts actually received. Besides these figures, one cannot begin to state the amount of prejudice removed and the practical general good done.

Praise for the Sisters

The Home for lepers in Louisiana is maintained by the State and is under the supervision of a State Board of Control. The latter, in its biennial report, states that the largest share of credit for the successful management of the home should be given to Sister Benedicta and the five other Sisters who have entire charge of the domestic affairs, and of the nursing and providing for the comforts of the patients.

GENERAL

The Foreign Mission Field

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has published the names of the Bishops and priests who died last year in the various missionary fields it assists. It may be of interest to the friends of the missions to know, besides their number, the nationalities of these heralds of the Gospel. According to the figures furnished, five missionary bishops and 194 missionary priests were called to their reward in 1908. Of these 83 were French, 30 Italians, 21 Germans, 20 Spaniards, 13 Hollanders, 12 Belgians, 8 Irish, 5 Canadians, 2 Americans, 2 English, 1 Swiss, 1 Portuguese, 1 Peruvian, 1 Hindoo, and 1 Austrian.

It's most consoling, when you're ill,
To think about the doctor's bill,
And add unto the time you've lost,
The money his attendance cost;
And realise 'twas lack of sense
That caused you all the great expense,
Because when first your chest got wheezy,
Woods' Peppermint Cure would have made things easy.