

The Catholic World.

ENGLAND.—In Memory of the Late Bishop.—On Sunday, October 21, at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the Right Rev. Dr. Bourne, Bishop of Southwark, unveiled the stained-glass window which has recently been erected as a memorial to the late Bishop of the Diocese—Dr. Butt. Amongst the subscribers to the cost of the memorial are the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Edmund Talbot, Lord Denbigh, Lord Herries, the Mayor of Gravesend, and many other prominent Catholics.

The Kensington Pro-Cathedral.—Seven years ago the debt on the Pro-Cathedral at Kensington was £3300. To-day it stands at only £200, and a determined effort is to be made to clear this off, and so free the church from any incumbrance.

A New Honor for the Benedictines.—By a recent Brief his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has conferred a new honor on the English Benedictines by granting the use of the Cappa Magna to the Abbot President of their Congregation, Dom Aidan Gasquet, D.D., and his successors.

The First Abbot of Downside.—The election of the first Abbot of Downside took place on September 26, and the choice of the assembled Fathers, some 70 in number, has fallen on the Prior, Dom Edmund Ford. On the result of their deliberations being made known, the Community and school went in procession to the church chanting the 'Te Deum,' after which all present kissed the hand of the newly-appointed Superior.

An Interesting Memento.—It is stated (says the Paris correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*) that the Archbishop of Sens will be authorised to lend the chasuble of Thomas à Becket, now in his chapter-house treasury, for the opening of the new Catholic Cathedral at Westminster. The ring and crozier of Becket are already in Cardinal Vaughan's possession.

The Westminster Diocesan Education Fund.—The thirty-fourth annual report of the Westminster Diocesan Education Fund and of its branch fund, the Crusade of Rescue, has just been issued. It states that in the Archdiocese there are 220 parochial schools with 34,222 scholars on the books; 55 upper and middle class schools with 3115 scholars on the books; one reformatory (boys) school with 138 inmates; four industrial schools with 559 inmates; 12 certified Poor Law schools with 1834 inmates; and 11 orphanages with 1092 children. The number of voluntary cases of orphan and destitute children dealt with by the fund for the year ending July, 1900, involving whole or partial maintenance, was over 300; the number of children emigrated was 31. The receipts for the year amounted to £3672 6s 11d; the expenditure to £4584 12s 3d.

Mortuary Chapel at Sheffield.—A new mortuary chapel, the cost of which has been defrayed by the Duke of Norfolk, for the use of Catholics in Sheffield and district, has been opened at the Sheffield City Road Cemetery. The chapel will be known as St. Michael's Mortuary Chapel.

A Successful Bazaar.—A bazaar held in St. Helens on behalf of the schools attached to the Sacred Heart Church has resulted in a balance of £1300.

FRANCE.—The New Abbot of Douay.—At the meeting at Douay to elect an Abbot, Dr. Larkin, O.S.B., was elected first Abbot of St. Edmund's Abbey, Douay. This choice has given great joy to the many friends of the Right Rev. Abbot Larkin, O.S.B., in Liverpool and elsewhere.

ROME.—A Present for the Holy Father.—In the Holy Year the Vatican has become a perfect museum of objects, animate and inanimate, as many of the faithful have desired to give his Holiness a personal gift, with, in many cases, strange results. Signor Alfredo Mancini, now in Rome, has, however (says a correspondent), made the Pontiff a present which is most interesting and valuable. Not long ago he brought with him from the Holy Land two magnificent goats taken from Mount Carmel. They are splendid beasts, distinguished from their kind by their black coats, unusually thick and soft, and by their ears, which are large and full like those of a hunting hound. The Pope has inspected them personally in their pasture in the Vatican gardens. The other day as he stood looking at them he said:—'How they bring back to me the days of my childhood, when I scrambled about the hills of Carpineto like the goats, going in many places where only a wild boy or a goat could gain foothold.'

The English Pilgrims in Rome.—Of the English pilgrims who visited Rome under the auspices of the Catholic Association, quite 500 were members of the working classes. These, by direction of Leo XIII., were received in the Convent of St. Martha, in the immediate vicinity of St. Peter's. Here they were waited upon by the Sisters of Charity and were entertained free of cost for four days. Everything that sympathy and courtesy could suggest was done for their comfort, and the pilgrims, most of whom came from the north of England, are loud in their acknowledgments of the kindness shown to them.

Establishment of the Irish Christian Brothers.—An event of more than ordinary interest to Irishmen has just occurred in Rome, when a commercial school, to be conducted by the Irish Christian Brothers, and under the protection of St. Patrick, was most auspiciously inaugurated. His Eminence Cardinal Respighi, the Vicar-General of his Holiness the Pope, attended, and there was a distinguished and representative assembly present. The Brothers in charge of the new branch are—The Rev. Brother Hennessey, the Rev. Brother Costen, the Rev. Brother McCall, and the Rev. Brother Thayne.

SCOTLAND.—Carrying out the Marquis of Bute's Wishes.—The Marchioness of Bute, with Lady Margaret Stuart and Lord Colum Edmund, left Mount Stuart House on October 20 for London. The party were accompanied by Mr. Anderson, the late Marquis's private secretary. They joined the steamer at Craigmore, and on the pier were Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Stuart, of Foley House. Lady Bute was dressed in deep mourning. The purser's cabin was put at their disposal, and at Wemyss Bay they entered a reserved carriage. Lady Bute is on her way to Palestine with the box containing the heart of the Marquis, and will make a short stay at St. John's Lodge, London, before proceeding on her journey. Lady Margaret will accompany her mother, and visit several of her eastern estates. The heart of King Robert the Bruce, an ancestor of the late Marquis, was carried by the 'Black Douglas' for interment in the Holy Land. But the Douglas was slain in battle with the Moors in Spain, and the casket with the Royal heart was brought back to Scotland, and buried in Melrose Abbey.

The See of Dunkeld.—The name of Monsignor Fraser, Scots College, Rome, is mentioned in connection with the vacant diocese of Dunkeld.

UNITED STATES.—The Catholic University.—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Catholic University, Archbishop Keane announced that during the year he had secured \$14,000 for the general expenses of the University, and \$60,000 in pledges for the endowment.

A Novitiate for the Lazarists.—Bonaparte Park, Bordentown, in New Jersey, in the United States, for many years the home of the exiled Joseph Bonaparte, will soon be turned into a monastery. The property, which comprises 200 acres and several large mansions, was purchased by the Lazarist Fathers about six years ago, and since that time has been used as a summer home for the Fathers. Hereafter it will be the novitiate of the Lazarists, and the headquarters for the congregation of the mission of St. Vincent de Paul, now at Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Appreciation of the Work of the Sisters of Charity.—Carney hospital, Boston, has received the £2000 appropriated thereto by the state of Massachusetts on account of the number of soldiers returning from the Spanish-American war who were cared for at that institution by the Sisters in charge, no matter what their creed or to what state in the union they belonged. The Sisters have raised the other \$2000 on the securing of which sum the state greatly depended, and a new out-patient department is to be built at the corner of Dorchester and Old Harbor streets, Boston.

A Change of Ownership.—The Catholics of Wabash, Ind., are very proud of their new church, which they acquired from the Methodists for \$5000. After a thorough renovation and remodeling, it was dedicated on September 23.

The Catholic Population of Chicago.—It is estimated that the Catholic population of Chicago is 700,000. The estimate is based on death, or cemetery records. The figures are compiled from the records of the health department, March and June being the months selected for the test. In March the total number of deaths was 2547, and in June 1699. Of these 905 were interred in the Catholic cemeteries in March and 657 in June. These figures show that 31.79 per cent. of the whole population in March and 42.22 per cent. in June were Catholics.

A Gael turned into a School.—In an article on 'Catholic Industrial Progress' the *Michigan Catholic*, speaking of the success which attended Catholic colonisation in the West, says:—'Take the Catholic communities in this country as examples. Iowa is pretty thoroughly peopled with Catholic farmers. They are almost uniformly prosperous. The Irish Catholic colonies which were planted in Minnesota 20 years ago are marvels of agricultural progress and prosperity. The German Catholic agricultural settlements in Indiana and Wisconsin are similar examples. Even in our own state there is a distinctly Catholic colony on the Beaver Islands in Lake Michigan, and their industrial and moral progress is shown by the facts that they are all prosperous, and that the building which was made for a gael and stood unused for years in that capacity, was turned into a schoolhouse and put in charge of the Dominican Sisters.'

A Nun as Clerk of Works.—Trinity College, Washington, for the higher education of Catholic women, was opened on November 1 and a few days later was dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons. The plans for the college were drawn by Sister Mary of Notre Dame, who visited the college daily and directed the workmen and contractors what to do, watching all the time to see that nothing was neglected. One of the stonecutters said the other day: 'You can't cheat Sister Mary, for last Saturday, when she thought some skeleton work was being done on the fourth floor, she went right up the ladders to see about it, and sure enough made the boss carpenter go back up there and fix something.' Sister Mary is a 'mistress of mechanics,' and, notwithstanding she is nearly 60 years of age, when it is necessary to climb ladders to the fourth storey of a building she has no hesitancy about doing so.

Evening Star, June 22, 1889, says:—'Messrs W. Gawne and Co., of George Street, have sent us a sample of Worcestershire Sauce manufactured by them, which is in no respect inferior to the imported article, so long celebrated for flavouring sauces and as an agreeable addition to grills, fish, and steaks. We can safely recommend it as a valuable addition to our rapidly developing local manufactures. The bottles are neatly labelled and ornamental, not only for home use, but for exportation; and we hope the manufacturers will realise a demand equal to the merits of the savoury article they have produced.'—*.*

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