

just 50 years ago since Pope Pius IX. restored the hierarchy in England, and about 12 months since another important development took place in the restoration of the monastic hierarchy, when the Pope elevated Ampleforth Monastery into an abbey.

St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society.—The report presented by the secretary at the half-yearly meeting of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society, in giving the losses of the society by death within the space of a year, supplies a sure proof of the apostolic spirit of the missionaries. In less than 12 months death has carried off seven of the Fathers. Amongst them was Bishop Mayor, of Madras, who was widely known and highly esteemed by all classes; and Father Prendergast, a priest full of energy, who in the space of five years made a distinguished record by his successful labors for the spiritual improvement of the natives of Uganda. It is not easy to fill the places of men so earnest and self-sacrificing, who have cheerfully faced dangers and hardships in ministering to people but partially civilised. Still volunteers for the work are not decreasing, the students at the four colleges of the society—Mill Hill, Rozendaal in Holland, Freshfield in Lancashire, and Brixen in the Tyrol—numbering 128. Naturally, where the missionaries of the society have to overcome such serious difficulties as those that beset them in Borneo and Uganda, there is continual need of financial aid. That the society has large-hearted benefactors is evident from the donations announced at the meeting, not the least interesting of them being an oil painting exhibited at the Royal Academy, the price of which was marked on the catalogue as £80.

The Catholic Truth Society.—The Catholic Truth Society held its half-yearly meeting at Archbishop's House, Westminster, recently, under the presidency of the Cardinal. Mr. Britten, K.S.G., hon. secretary, explained that the society was in a very satisfactory condition. Addresses were delivered by the Cardinal-Archbishop, Bishop Patterson, Canon Keatinge, Father Gretton, S.J., Canon Browne (Derby), and Father Cologan, hon. secretary, all of whom bore testimony to the good work the society is doing. Canon Browne stated that since the Cardinal opened his church at Derby he had received some 80 persons into the Church, and a great deal of that success was due to the publications of the society. Mr. Britten mentioned with much gratification the progress made by the society in other countries, especially in Ireland.

The Mayor-Elect of Wigan.—Councillor Thomas Fyans, Mayor-elect for Wigan, has decided to pay a State visit to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Standishgate. Mr. Fyans will be the first Catholic to be elected to the civic chair of the borough for 200 years, and it is reported that the records show that the newly-appointed Mayor has always paid his State visit to the ancient Parish Church during the past 400 years. There is something in the nature of a revolt among the Conservatives in the Town Council, and it is stated they will not accompany Councillor Fyans to St. Mary's Church.

FRANCE.—The Victims of the Charity Bazaar Fire.—The chapel of the Rue Jean Goujon (designed to commemorate the Charity Bazaar fire in Paris in 1897) was not ready for the service arranged to be held on the *Jour des Morts*. The building will be finished in time for the fourth anniversary of the fire in May next.

ROME.—An Appeal to the Nations.—The Holy Father has issued an Encyclical making an appeal to nations and individuals to return to the principles of Christianity. This Encyclical, which is purely of a religious character, must not be confounded with that on Democracy, which will probably be issued about the end of the year.

The Sacred College.—In a recent work it is stated that during the Pontificate of Leo XIII.—1878 to 1900—no fewer than 134 Cardinals have died. Only four still live who were his fellow-Cardinals under his predecessor, Pius IX.

The Holy Father and the Eastern Christians.—Catholics know with what energy (says the *Catholic Times*) Pope Leo XIII. has worked and prayed for the return to the fold of the scattered Christian Churches in Eastern lands. And it is therefore very

pleasant and encouraging to learn, from information received at Vienna, of a movement in favor of that reunion with the Holy See for which the Pope has been so actively working. A number of Greek Christians belonging to Cassarea in Cappadocia have recently petitioned the Holy Father to send them Catholic priests of the Greek rite, at the same time expressing their anxiety to join the Church. They profess their belief that the Pope is the Shepherd of all the flock of Christ, that he alone has the keys of the Kingdom, and that union with him is necessary if one would escape being a heretic or a schismatic. The *Times* Vienna correspondent considers the wording of the petition 'well calculated to open the eyes of certain Protestant enthusiasts in England who dream of the possibility of the union of the Christian Churches based upon a compromise rather than upon the one condition which is held to be essential in Rome—namely, absolute submission to the authority of the Pope.'

SCOTLAND.—The Late Marquis of Bute.—When the last mail left England the Marchioness of Bute, accompanied by her children and suite, had just reached Jerusalem on a pilgrimage of love and sorrowing devotion in fulfilment of the will of the late Marquis, who desired that his heart should be buried on the Mount of Olives. During the voyage her Ladyship never allowed the precious relic, which was enclosed in a golden casket, to leave her, carrying it always under her left arm against her breast. A spot has been secured on the holy mount for its interment.

The Archbishop of Glasgow.—Archbishop Eyre (writes a Glasgow correspondent), who is at present enjoying very satisfactory health for one of his advanced age, on November 7 celebrated his 83rd birthday. On November 4, his Grace also celebrated his favourite feast day, that of St. Charles Borromeo.

Ordinations at Scots College.—Among those raised to the priesthood at Scots College, Rome, by the Cardinal-Vicar on All Saints' Day were the Rev. John Simpson and the Rev. George Grant, both of the diocese of Aberdeen, and the Rev. Donald Mackintosh, of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles. The Rev. Joseph Keenan, of the diocese of Dunkeld, and the Rev. William McLennan, of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles, were ordained sub-deacons. The College begins the new scholastic year with 29 students in residence—one following the course of Canon Law, 21 that of theology, and seven that of philosophy.

UNITED STATES.—Dedication of a Home.—In the presence of an audience which included members of the United States Supreme Court and diplomatic representatives from other nations, and which crowded all the approaches leading to the chapel, Cardinal Gibbons dedicated the American Home of the Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration at Washington.

The Heroism of the Galveston Nuns.—The heroism of the nuns at Galveston has received attention from a number of Protestant journals. We (*Sacred Heart Review*) say it is pleasant to see such sympathetic recognition of the loyalty and heroism of the Church's members, and yet we have a well-founded fear that the very papers which praise the Sisters for their faithfulness—which was a faithfulness to the death—may in a week or two be attacking editorially, or allowing their correspondents to attack, the Church which teaches and inspires such truly Christian charity and fidelity. Even these Sisters themselves and such as they, leading holy and consecrated lives, will not be immune from the slurs and insinuations of ignorant or malicious scribes, in the very papers that have been giving testimony to the bravery and nobility of soul which prompted them to lay down their lives for the children under their care. We fear that this may be so. We earnestly hope it may not. The brave nuns of Galveston will not have died in vain if the manner of their death, so pathetically heroic, in some measure tends to disperse the clouds of prejudice and bigotry that blind the eyes of so many Protestants to the real truth and beauty of the Church of God.

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