

10 years, and during his stay at this charming health resort he won his way as a priest into the hearts of the people by his kindly disposition and interest in their spiritual as well as temporal welfare. He was also well known for his works of charity amongst the poor, and for his zeal in the cause of education.

GERMANY.—The Leader of the Catholic Party Speaks out.—Dr. Lieber, the leader of the Catholic party in the German Reichstag, earned loud applause recently by his caustic criticism of some of the speeches of the Kaiser, pointing out the inconsistency between his claims for Germany as a civilising and Christian power and such advice as was given in the 'No Quarter' speech. Herr Bebel, who followed, also sharply criticised the Kaiser's speeches on China, which, he stated, were unchristian.

ROME.—Humble Pilgrims.—On November 6, the Pope received a number of Spanish pilgrims, who had come to pay their homage during this Holy Year of Jubilee. And among them were three who had made the pilgrimage on foot. They were, so we read in the *Civiltà Cattolica*, two marble-cutters and a little lad of 11 years of age, the son of one of them. They started from Madrid on August 21st without a penny in their pockets, journeying by Lourdes and the Riviera, and begging alms as they went along. Weary and footsore they entered Rome on November 1. They reported that everywhere they had met with sympathy and assistance. Their shoes were three times worn out, but kindly people supplied them with fresh ones. In one town a gentleman took off his own and gave them to one of the pilgrims. Once in Rome they were well cared for, and Catholics vied with each other in giving them hospitality. The Holy Father received them most cordially, addressed some kindly words to them, and specially cherished the little pilgrim, whose tender years appealed to the Pope's paternal heart. These humble pilgrims wished to return on foot, but some Spanish gentleman dissuaded them, and presented them with railway tickets for the journey home.

SCOTLAND.—Death of a Young Dundee Priest.—By the sad death of Father James McCormack, which took place at his father's residence, Dundee, on November 3, at the early age of 25 years, and in the fifteenth month of his priesthood, the diocese of Dunkeld has lost a most saintly young clergyman, one who, had God spared him, possessed in an eminent degree all the higher gifts of nature and grace so essential for the Christian priesthood. The obsequies were held at St. Mary's Church, Dundee, when, before a large congregation, Solemn High Mass of *Requiem* was sung for the repose of his soul by the Very Rev. Canon Holder, V.G., assisted by Father M'Menemy, of Glasgow, as deacon, and Father M'Currah, of Dundee, as sub-deacon, with Father Roche, of St. Mary's, Dundee, acting as master of ceremonies.

Catholic Work in Glasgow.—A correspondent summarises some of the recent events in the archdiocese of Glasgow. He says:—The archdiocese of Glasgow contains no less than 26,000 Catholic total abstainers, and every one of these are practical members of the diocesan League of the Cross. The Apostleship of Prayer in St. Anthony's parish, Govan, commands a splendid following of close on 15,000 certified members. Govan's gratitude to God for evident favors received is commendably great. During the first year of its energetic existence in Govan, the Holy Cross branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has spent over £100 on the poor of the parish. Dr. Thomas Colvin, the well-known Catholic medico, has again deservedly earned the applause of the people and Press of Glasgow by pointing out in a telling speech at a public municipal meeting held in the Gorbals district that Glasgow's harbor precautions against a revisitation of the bubonic plague, which cost the city one million pounds sterling, are yet far from perfect. Duntocher Catholics and their pastor, Father James Mullen, are about to celebrate in a fitting manner the golden jubilee of their mission's establishment. Total abstinence in Catholic circles in Motherwell is making magnificent headway. Recently at a grand public gathering, held under the auspices of the local League of the Cross, Very Rev. Dean Taylor distributed a very large number of coveted honors for fidelity to the pledge. These included special gold

badges for 10 years' total abstinence, veteran clasps for seven years', ordinary gold badges for five years', silver badges for two years', and certificates for one year's fidelity on the part of the numerous recipients towards their sacred pledges.

A Niece of the Duke of Argyll enters a Convent.—The late Lord Walter Campbell's daughter, Miss Leila Campbell, who became a Catholic some few years ago, has just entered a convent at Notting Hill. Miss Campbell was a favourite of her grandfather, the late Duke of Argyll, with whom she spent most of her time.

A Successful Bazaar.—A three days' Catholic bazaar in Falkirk, organised by the Very Rev. Canon Morris on behalf of St. Francis Xavier's Church, realised between £1100 and £1200. In every respect, the bazaar had been an unqualified success.

Presentation to a Marist Brother.—The Rev. Brother Vincent, who for 40 years conducted St. Mungo's Church choir, Townhead, has been presented by the choir members, past and present, with a handsome purse of sovereigns as a token of their esteem, gratitude, and love. The presentation was made at a pleasant little tea-party in one of the class-rooms of the academy. Bro. Vincent, in his touching and heartfelt reply, while heartily thanking them, those present as well as absent, said he felt that he was speaking to them as his children of a bygone time. The substantial token of their esteem, he said, he intended handing over to his Superior, Bro. Ezechiel, in order to effect the completion of the little chapel which they (the Brothers) had in Parson street, and where the Blessed Sacrament was kept.

UNITED STATES.—The Diocese of Savannah.—The Catholic diocese of Savannah entered recently upon the second 50 years of its existence with the dedication of the new cathedral. The dedication ceremonies were held in Savannah in the presence of a distinguished assemblage of dignitaries of the Church from all over the south. Attended by a score of archbishops, bishops, and priests, Archbishop Martinelli, the Papal delegate to the United States, blessed and dedicated the structure. Bishop Kelly closed the exercises with a congratulatory address commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Savannah See. Among those participating in the exercises were Bishop Haid of Wilmington, Bishop Allen of Mobile, and Cardinal Gibbons. The new cathedral, which stands on the site of that destroyed by fire two years ago, is one of the most magnificent church edifices in the south.

The Total Abstinence Union.—The report of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America shows that 81,437 Catholics are registered in this organisation for the cause of temperance.

A Memorial Church.—Mr. C. D. Kenny, a well known tea and coffee merchant of Baltimore, has decided to give £5000 to build a new church at Elkridge, Howard county, to replace the present brick structure. It is Mr. Kenny's intention to erect the church as a memorial to his brother, the late Rev. John T. Kenny, of the Redemptorist Order. Rev. Mr. Kenny was a student at the Annapolis novitiate of the Order at the time of his death, and had he lived a month longer would have been raised to the priesthood. With a party of students and priests he went sailing on the Chesapeake Bay on July 9, 1866. The boat was capsized and five of the party, including Rev. Mr. Kenny, were drowned. Only one was saved.

A Good Sign.—The *Michigan Catholic* has observed during the past year an awakening among clergy and laity to the need of supporting the Catholic Press. 'It has taken many of them a long time to understand what their duty is in this matter,' says our esteemed contemporary, 'but now that the careless ones have awakened from their apathy we expect to receive a big impetus from their support. As a rule, Catholic priests and laymen are eager readers of their own literature, but the support given to Catholic newspapers all over the country has not been what it should be. Oftentimes the kind word which is sorely needed is forgotten by those whose duty it is to speak it, and great obstacles are placed in the way of the publishers.'

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