

Sundays by the Catholic guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Indeed, his Royal Highness (now King Edward VII.) himself showed his appreciation of this convenience for such visitors of his by contributing with liberality to the building fund of the church; while the Princess on more than one occasion invited Father Wrigglesworth to Sandringham.

The Westminster Cathedral.—The vast and stately Cathedral of Westminster is steadily approaching completion, but, apart from the decoration of the interior, many thousands of pounds are still needed for the completion of the structure. In the financial position, given in the *Catholic Directory*, it is stated that up to December 1, 1900, £131,660 had been paid to contractors, architects, and clerks of works. With the exception of a portion of the roofing and about a third of the tall campanile, the whole of the exterior is nearly complete, and forms a splendid vista through Ashley place to those passing along Victoria street. The total cost of the structure cannot as yet be known, for the price of each kind of work is fixed by contract and is paid for according to quantity as ascertained from time to time by measurement. The Cathedral is not in a conspicuous position, and so unnecessary external decoration is avoided, but the interior will be made second to none in grandeur worthy of a Catholic temple in the commercial metropolis of the world. The structural work of the inside is so far advanced as to give some hope that it may be opened in July next.

Prohibiting Dancing in Catholic Schoolrooms.—It is stated that the Bishop of Salford has issued a pastoral prohibiting dancing in all the Catholic schoolrooms in his diocese.

The Pastor of St. Peter's, Hatton Garden, London.—The Rev. J. P. Bannin, for 17 years rector of St. Peter's, Hatton Garden, has been presented with a cheque for £415 in recognition of his labors. In returning thanks Father Bannin mentioned the curious fact that in the beginning of the year a Jew had left him a legacy of £450, which he had spent in re-decorating the church.

A House with Interesting Catholic Associations.—Sutton Place, near Guildford, the contents of which were sold a few weeks ago, is one of the most interesting houses to Catholics in England. Sutton Place was erected between 1520 and 1530 by Sir Richard Weston, and, according to tradition, Mass had been said continuously within its walls until 1876.

Celebrating his Sacerdotal Jubilee.—On December 22 the Right Rev. Mgr. Carr celebrated his sacerdotal jubilee. The Right Rev. gentleman has for many years past been stationed at Formby, Somersetshire, and has endeared himself to all, Catholic and non-Catholic, in the district by his unassuming manner, together with his geniality, kind-heartedness, and high moral courage. His 50 years of priesthood have been filled with good works. Mgr. Carr was born in Preston on March 19th, 1826. At the age of 11 he was sent to Ushaw College, Durham. His classmates included Mgr. Nugent and the late Bishop O'Reilly. In 1850, a year memorable

for the establishment of the English Hierarchy, he was ordained priest by Bishop Hogarth, of Hexham and Newcastle, and was sent to his first mission, at the Liverpool Pro-Cathedral, where he remained until 1856. He was then appointed rector of Douglas, Isle of Man, and the present magnificent church and presbytery of St. Mary remain as an enduring monument of his early devotion. In 1862 he established missions in Ramsey and Peel. In the same year rector Father Crowe, of Formby, died, and Monsignor Carr was sent by Bishop Goss to his present charge. The Catholic population at that time being much smaller than at present, Mass was said in a small chapel, a relic of the days of persecution, now the cottages in which the schoolmistress and others live. The new rector soon perceived that further accommodation was required, and at once the foundation of the present beautiful French Gothic church, by Clutton, dedicated to Our Lady of Compassion, was laid. In 1861, the Bishop of Liverpool, who was accompanied by 33 priests, solemnly opened the church. In 1866, the Rector was made a Canon of the Liverpool Chapter by Bishop Goss. The Catholic schools in Formby were erected through the generosity of the late squire, Thomas Weld Blundell. In 1880, Bishop O'Reilly wishing to systematise the work of religious instruction, appointed Canon Carr the first diocesan inspector of schools and inspector of the Catholic Training Colleges in England and Scotland, work which entailed years of hard up-hill work. During this time were published the *Catholic Pupil Teacher* and the *Lamp of the World*, which have been such a boon to Catholic schools and Catholic teachers. In recognition of these signal services to the Church in England Leo XIII. appointed Canon Carr a Domestic Prelate, with the title of Monsignor, and with the right to wear the episcopal purple. At the death of Bishop O'Reilly he was appointed Vicar-Capitular whilst the See was vacant. In the discharge of his onerous duties he gained the esteem and affection of clergy and laity alike. The new Bishop, Dr. Whiteside, made him his Vicar-General.

A New Church for Stockport.—Funds are being raised for the new church at Stockport, for which a site has been secured fronting the main street. This site was bought two years ago for £2750, and since that time the rector of the present Church of St. Philip and St. James, Father Abram, has paid off £1000 of that amount. A piece of good fortune has fallen to the mission by a legacy of £6000. One condition attached to the legacy is that the site shall be free from debt. To-day there are 12,000 Catholics in Stockport. At a recent meeting of parishioners nearly £1000 were promised in subscriptions, including £105 from Mr. Charles and Miss Waterhouse, and £100 from Mrs. Worrall.

Death of a London Priest.—The death is reported of Very Rev. Canon Barry, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Westminster. The final hours of the deceased were brightened by the presence at his bedside of his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, Mgr. Dunn (who has been appointed executor of the deceased's estate), and all the clergy of the mission. The Very Rev. Michael Barry

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