

Aid for the Chinese Missions—The special appeal for the missions in China made in response to Cardinal Vaughan's appeal in the churches of the Archdiocese of Westminster, has resulted in the sum of over £400 being collected. This very handsome amount has been contributed by practically all the churches in the Archdiocese. Among the largest individual collections we notice The Oratory, £35 5s; Spanish Place, £28; Pro-Cathedral, £20 11s; Haverstock Hill, £15 15s 6d; and Farm street, £15 4s 9d.

A New Catholic Cathedral for Leeds—The Plans of a new Catholic Cathedral for Leeds have been deposited with the city authorities. It is estimated that about two years will be required for its completion. The cost of the cathedral and presbytery is estimated at £33,000.

Fashionable Wedding—At St. James' Spanish Place, on January 19, Captain H. H. P. Deasy, late 16th Lancers, led to the altar Miss Dolores Hickie, daughter of Colonel Hickie, of Sievoyre, Tipperary. Captain Deasy is the only surviving son of the late Lord Justice Deasy, of Carysfort, County Dublin. The nuptial ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Canon Gildea, D.D., rector of the mission.

Opening of a Dominican Church—A new Dominican church was opened at Pendleton, Manchester, on Sunday, January 20, before a large number of the members of the Dominican Order, and the clergy of the diocese. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, consecrated and opened the church. The preachers on the occasion were the Right Rev. Dr. Allen, Bishop of Shrewsbury, and the Right Rev. Abbot Gasquet, O.S.B.

HOLLAND—Progress of the Church.—In 1855 Pope Pius IX. re-established the Hierarchy in Holland. Since then 400 churches have been built and consecrated. In the diocese of Haarlem no less than 48 new churches have been built within the last 12 years; and at the Hague five new churches have been opened within the same period.

FRANCE—Death of the Superior-General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.—A Paris correspondent records the death of the Very Rev. Frere Joseph, Superior-General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, which took place recently at Montebourg, at the age of 61. Frere Joseph was a man of unusual ability, and will be a serious loss to his Order.

ROME—The Irish College.—Mgr. Kelly, of the Irish College, Rome (writes a correspondent), signalled the advent of the new century by a pleasing innovation—a dinner in honor of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, which was followed by a reception in the Kirby Memorial Hall of the College. The guests at the dinner included Cardinals Vianello, Vannutelli, and Satolli, the Bishops of Clogher, Rochester, and Geraldton, the Vice-Rector, and several Professors of Maynooth. Count Moore and other Irish visitors, and the members of the Irish Colony. The reception followed immediately upon the dinner. The painting in oils of the Cardinal, which had been uncovered during the recent Irish pilgrimage, hung on the walls of the Memorial Hall, opposite to the bust of his Holiness, which was also unveiled then. Among the very many who were present at the reception were the Duke of Norfolk and the Hon. A. Wilmot, K.S.G.

Proposed Enlargement of the Vatican—Future pilgrims to Rome will be interested to learn that alterations for their benefit are in prospect. Up to the present the Vatican enjoys the distinction of being the largest palace on earth. It contains 11,000 rooms. Before very long, however, it will receive another addition to its bulk, which will bring up the number of rooms to 12,000. The Pope has decided to erect three new buildings. One, containing 800 rooms, will be used to house the pilgrims coming to Rome, while the other two, which will be much smaller, will be added to the Vatican Museum. In the last-mentioned building will be placed all the artistic offerings which Leo XIII. has received during his Pontificate. They amount to more than 3000 objects, and will shortly be added to the artistic treasures of the Vatican.

THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

A CABLE message received here recently, stated that Mr. J. E. Redmond, Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, had moved an amendment in the House of Commons to the Address-in-Reply asking for the Imperial credit for the compulsory and wholesale purchase of land. Mr. T. W. Russell, in a violent speech, seconded the amendment, urging that a timely concession be made lest bloodshed ensue. The landowners were mere rent chargers.

Mr. Balfour said that compulsion would be not only wild and ruinous, but would ruin the laborers it sought to benefit. The Irish Lands Purchase Acts had successfully created 60,000 peasant proprietors.

Mr. Wyndham said that it would be impossible to risk 120 millions, and plunge Ireland into litigation. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman supported the amendment, which was rejected by 235 to 140.

It will be in the memory of our readers that prior to the General Election, Mr. T. W. Russell, who then held office in the Salisbury Government, made some strong speeches in the constituency which he now represents, in the course of which he said many hard but well-deserved things against the Irish landlords. He spoke deliberately knowing full well that his remarks would cost him his position. Mr. Russell's speeches fell like a bombshell among the landlords, with the result that Lord Salisbury, no doubt acting at their instigation, relieved the well-known Liberal-Unionist of the secretaryship of the Local Government Board. Addressing a meeting of North of Ireland tenant farmers some few weeks ago Mr. Russell again dealt with the land question, and in view of the fact that he seconded Mr. Redmond's amendment his remarks are well worth quoting. Mr. Russell, who by the way is not an Irishman as might be supposed but a Scotchman, said: 'English politicians begin to feel that the Irish question is coming up again—most of them know

MORE OF CHINA THAN OF IRELAND.

and they have a dim idea that Unionist Ulster is going to take a hand in the game this time. With every newspaper writing, before a word is said on such, we know that the battle has been fairly begun. We go into this battle with a just cause, with a platform upon which we can stand. And let me say this to the Irish landlords and their Press organs—we shall not allow the Unionist party nor the Unionist cause to be bound up with their selfish ends and aims. If the Union is to exist for the sake of Irish landlords, then the Union is in evil plight, and I for one would cease to defend it. The Union is essential for the prosperity of the whole people, and we shall not allow a class—even if they have the ear of the Prime Minister, and have a powerful Press at their command—to push themselves forward as if they alone were the Irish Unionist party. I repeat here that the present land system is doomed. It cannot stand. Mr. Justice Meredith and his colleagues have destroyed the last chance it had. It must go. It is draining the country of its wealth. It is destroying every interest that is worth preserving. It is poisoning the national life. Since Strongbow landed in Ireland nineteen-twentieths of the disturbance and disorder which have prevailed have been due to land. It has been the cause of anguish, pain, sorrow, and utter ruin to tens of thousands. And here to-night, on this historic ground, with all its recollections of glorious fights, with all its memories of heroes and martyrs in this struggle, we pledge ourselves to do our share in making an end of the trouble—to do our part in bringing about a state of things in which the man who plants the corn shall eat, and praise the Lord'—to labor for the hastening of that time when the land shall no longer be deemed forsaken or called desolate.

THE ENGLISH AND IRISH LAND SYSTEMS.

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