

thetic references were made to the sad event. The Archbishop of Edinburgh, the Bishop of Aberdeen, and the Vicar-Capitular of the diocese of Dunkeld issued pastoral letters on the subject.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Death of a Dominican Nun.—Rev Father Sykes, S.J., Prefect-Apostolic in the Zambesi, in a recent issue of the *Zambesi Mission Record*, calls attention more than once to a feature of South African life in which the people are decidedly superior to many of the inhabitants of Great Britain. They do not (says the *Catholic Times*) yield to religious jealousies and prejudices. Father Sykes tells how at the funeral of Mother Patrick, O.S.D., a Wexford lady who was Matron of the Public Hospital at Salisbury and Prioress of the Dominican Houses in Rhodesia, the population forgot distinctions of creed in their desire to honor the deceased. Every store in Salisbury was closed as a mark of respect: flags were flying half-mast; the newly-elected Town Council postponed its meeting fixed for that afternoon; practically the whole town attended at the graveside; all the vehicles Salisbury possessed formed part of the funeral cortege; the Administrator of Mashonaland, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, Sir Marshall and Lady Clarke, representatives formally sent by every public body in Salisbury, were present at the last sad rites; in fact, the entire community was in mourning, and at a public meeting it was decided that an Irish Cross should be erected as an enduring memorial of the deceased's labors. Father Sykes considers this singular testimony of good will towards the Dominican Sisters as a 'pleasing contrast to old world prejudices.' It is that and something more; it is an excellent augury for the future of the Zambesi region.

Death of the Bishop of Orange River Colony.—The Right Rev. Anthony Gaughran, Bishop of Orange River Colony, died at Kimberley on January 15. The funeral was attended by the Mayor and councillors, and the procession included a military escort of the Dublin Fusiliers, and the band of that regiment. During Bishop Gaughran's active missionary career in England he was a great favorite with Catholics, especially in Liverpool and London. Dr. Gaughran was born in Dublin on February 5th, 1849, and was educated at the Oblate College, Dublin, until he went to his novitiate in 1865. He afterwards proceeded to Autun, in France, to study theology and philosophy. In 1870, owing to the Franco-Prussian war, he was obliged to leave Autun. He finished his studies at home, and was ordained priest in Dublin about the year 1871. His first mission was at Holy Cross, Liverpool, where he labored for a number of years. During his stay at Holy Cross he witnessed the completion of the church, and on this occasion the sermon was delivered by the late Cardinal Manning, the ceremony being performed by the late Bishop of Liverpool. Father Gaughran's next mission was in London, and in 1882 he was made Superior at St. Anne's, Rock Ferry. While there he built the presbytery. In 1887 he was appointed Bishop of the Orange River Colony, Kimberley being his headquarters.

UNITED STATES.—The Higher Education of Women.—The establishment of Trinity College in Washington, D.C., is destined to have a great influence on the higher education of women not only in the United States, but throughout Christendom. One nun holds the professorship of Greek; another is professor of Latin; yet another teaches the most advanced mathematics, and for English Sister Mary Joseph ranks with the ablest scholars. The sisters of Notre Dame conduct this progressive institution.

Death of the Bishop of Newark.—Bishop Wigger of Newark, New Jersey, died on Sunday, January 6, at his residence, Seaton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, of pneumonia. Father Wigger was made Bishop of Newark to succeed Bishop Corrigan. He was consecrated Bishop in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, on October 18, 1881, by Archbishop Corrigan. Three years ago Bishop Wigger began the building of the Cathedral in Newark, which will have cost £200,000 when completed.

The New Bishop of Portland.—It is announced that the Rev. Michael C. O'Brien, V.G., of Bangor, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, to succeed the late Bishop Healy. Bishop O'Brien was born in County Kerry, near Killarney, Ireland,

October 20, 1842. He finished his earlier classical studies in Ireland, and in 1860 went to America, landing in New York. The following spring he entered St. Charles College, in Maryland, and remained there until September, 1861, when he entered St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, for the full four years' course to fit him for the priesthood to which he was raised in 1866.

The First Catholic Bishop.—The 7th December marked the one hundredth anniversary of the consecration of the first Catholic Bishop in the United States. This prelate was the Right Rev. Leonard Neale, S.J., President of Georgetown College and founder of the Presentation Nuns in America in 1790, who received his mitre as Coadjutor-Bishop of Baltimore at that city on December 7, 1800.

A New Departure in College Education.—The Christian Brothers in charge of Manhattan College, New York, have shown commendable enterprise in adding a course of naval architecture to the engineering department. Recently there were a number of interesting lectures delivered on naval matters by Professor John Martin, C.E., and the world-renowned inventor, John P. Holland.

Catholicism in New York.—In comparing the annual expenditure and receipts of the various New York churches the *New York Herald* is surprised that the Catholic churches, for all they accomplish, receive less than the others. It says:—'The single Roman Catholic congregation giving the most per year is that of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, although St. Agnes, and the Blessed Sacrament, at Broadway and Seventy-first street, are close behind. But the total raised by the Roman Catholic congregations is, contrary to all Protestant expectations, very small indeed when compared with churches in other religious bodies. It cost \$125,000 a year to maintain the parochial schools of Manhattan, and the hospital and orphanage work absorb the gifts of Catholic communicants. During the 10 years from 1890 to 1900, there were completed 264 edifices devoted to religious uses in the archdiocese, or more than two a month. Parish expenses of Roman Catholic churches are low, apart from construction. The priest salary list of St. Patrick's Cathedral does not reach \$2000 a year, and other expenses of maintenance are correspondingly small.'

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

ACCORDING to the Catholic Directory, just issued, the Catholic population of the United States is 10,774,987, a growth during the year of 645,312. The figures were furnished by the Chancellors of the different dioceses.

The statistics for 1901 show there are in the Catholic Church in the United States 13 archbishops, one of whom is a cardinal, and 80 bishops. The number of priests is 11,987, of whom 3010 are members of religious Orders, and 8,977 are secular clergymen. There are 6127 churches with resident priests, 3518 missions with churches, and 1774 chapels.

There are eight Catholic universities and 76 seminaries, in which 3395 candidates for the priesthood are being educated. The colleges for boys number 183, the academies for girls 677. In the 3812 parochial schools 903,980 boys and girls are pupils.

The 217 orphan asylums shelter 35,084 orphans, and the charitable institutions number 885. In all the Catholic institutions in the United States there are 1,055,631 children.

The archdiocese of New York, over which Archbishop Corrigan presides, is the most populous and the richest Catholic See in the United States. The Catholic population is given as 1,200,000. It has one archbishop, one bishop, 680 priests—478 secular and 202 members of religious Orders—268 churches, 157 chapels, one university, one seminary, with 135 students for the priesthood; 11 colleges for boys, 11 academies for girls, 190 parochial schools, with 49,389 scholars; six orphan asylums containing 2196 orphans, 64 charitable institutions, and 71,023 children in Catholic institutions.

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