

institutions, that of the 22 Catholic nations 17 live under the republican form of Government.

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Native Monks.

It is said that the Trappists have a monastery in China which contains sixty Chinese monks. They have another in Japan in which over a dozen native religious do service.

Nuns in Denmark.

A very consoling account is published of the new Catholic hospital, in care of the Sisters of St. Joseph, recently opened in Copenhagen. The good Sisters have been received with open arms in the Danish capital. H.R.H. the Princess Waldemar, was the patroness of the bazaar they organised for the work, and which was a perfect success. The King himself, the Crown Prince, and other members of the Royal Family co-operated in the good work. At the opening of the hospital Princess Waldemar, the Mayor of Copenhagen, the president of the Supreme Court, the Prefect of Police, and other notables attended. One month after the opening of the hospital, with its 153 beds, was quite full. If we add to this number the patients of the old hospital and the old folk in the refuge, we find a total of 300 persons under the kind care of the Sisters.

Origin of Christmas Cards.

THE origin of the Christmas card dates back to 1854. The first Christmas card ever published was issued in that year by a London publisher named Joseph Crundell, who was indebted for the idea to Sir Henry Cole, and who employed the then famous J. C. Horsley, R.A., to make the design. It was lithographed and colored by hand. About 1000 copies were sold. Such were the small beginnings of a now gigantic trade. Every Christmas after that cards of the same sort were put upon the market. But it was not until 1862 that they came into general favor. Then experiments were made by the firm of Goodall and Son with cards of the size of an ordinary carte-de-visite, inscribed simply with the words, 'A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year,' in illuminated form. Next year some bright genius conceived the idea of adding robins and holly branches, embossed figures and landscapes. With every succeeding year the holiday cards grew in public favor, until in 1868 the same house added other embellishments such as 'Little Red Riding Hood in the Snow,' and other subjects which could be introduced with a lavish display of red and white.

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A Great Work.

A great Catholic work by one priest is thus described in an address delivered the other day in London by Very Rev. Canon McIntyre on the 'Social Action of the Catholic Church':—

'Let a man go to the reading-room of the British Museum. Let him visit its sacred quarter, the region where its theological books are placed. He will find an immense Catholic work, the collection of the Abbe Migne, lording it over that whole region, reducing to insignificance the feeble Protestant forces which hang upon its skirts. Protestantism is duly represented, indeed, the librarian knows his business too well to suffer it to be otherwise. All the varieties of Protestantism are there. But how are all these divided against one another, and how, though they were all united, are they dwarfed by the Catholic leviathan, their neighbor. Majestic in its blue and gold unity, this fills shelf after shelf and compartment after compartment. Everything is there in that immense collection; religion, philosophy, history, biography, arts, sciences, bibliography, gossip. The work embraces the whole range of human interests; like one of the great middle-age cathedrals, it is in itself a study for a life. Like the net in Scripture it drags everything to hand, bad and good, lay and ecclesiastical, sacred and profane, so that it be but a matter of human concern. Wide-embracing as the power whose product it is, yet that vast and varied library of Catholic writings contains only the books edited by one priest; and, stupendous as it is, it is only a faint reflex of the countless treasures of human life contained within the pale of the Catholic Church.'

The London 'Star' prints some gossip paragraphs about Archbishop Stonor which are more accurate than most 'pars' in daily papers about Catholic dignitaries:—Mgr. Stonor, Archbishop of Trebizond, has arrived in London from Rome, and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Donham Parker. He is a great uncle of the present Lord Camoys, and was born in 1831. The Archbishop's father, Thomas Stonor, was a staunch Whig, whose family had remained staunch to the old faith throughout the days of the penal laws. He was a Lord-in-Waiting, and induced her late Majesty soon after her accession to revive in his favor the ancient barony of Camoys, which had been in abeyance since the days of Henry VI. His grandson, who succeeded him in the barony, was a Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Alexandra when Princess of Wales, and his brother, the Hon. Henry Stonor, was a Gentleman Usher. The Stonors, in fact, have divided their energies between the Court and the Church. Four aunts of the present peer have been nuns. The Archbishop is the most influential English prelate at the Vatican, where he is Canon of St. John Lateran. Mgr. Stonor is a prelate of very stately and dignified presence, and was formerly chamberlain to Pope Pius IX.

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