

called upon to sustain a public monthly disputation against all comers had not been assigned to any student of the college; the last disputant of the kind is now a gifted priest in the diocese of Plymouth, the Rev. Dr. A. O'Loughlin. His defence covered a wide area in polemical, or, better, general theology: These public disputations are described as monthly, but in reality they occur but three times in each year. The English College is represented by about 25 students in a university of 1100, or even more, students, hundreds of whom belong to the so-called 'Latin' countries, and have, therefore, a natural familiarity with the language of the schools.

Forthcoming Allocution.

A Consistory will be held by the Holy Father in the month of May, when his Holiness will deliver the long-expected Allocution on the duties, rights, and limitations of the Christian democracy.

American Pilgrimages.

The Vatican authorities have been informed that three American pilgrimages are to set out this year for Rome on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Pope Leo's pontificate.

UNITED STATES.

The Rev. E. H. Abbott, a minister of the Congregational Church at Freyburg, U.S.A., writes as follows to a local newspaper:—'The Catholic Church reaches Catholic working men. It reaches their hearts. We know that, for we can see thousands of working people going to early Mass after laboring hard all the week. It reaches their pocket-books, for otherwise they would not have magnificent churches and institutions. If a church can reach a man's pocket-book, you can reach his heart. People will not support a church unless they love it. Catholic workmen certainly love their Church.'

A Papal Honor.

A signal distinction has been conferred on the High Chief Secretary of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Mr. Theodore B. Thiele, of Chicago, in the shape of a silver medal from His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Accompanying the medal was a letter from Cardinal Stienhuber. The honor was a recognition of Mr. Thiele's efforts for the faith, and especially to commemorate the speech which Mr. Thiele made at the Auditorium last May at the convention of the United German Societies. 'The Independence of the Pope' was the subject of the address. In presenting the gift the Pope first intimated that the apostolic blessing would be the most appropriate token of appreciation. In referring to this in the letter which Cardinal Stienhuber wrote he is quoted as saying: 'That I send to Mr. Thiele and his associates with all my heart.' Mr. Thiele was at the head of a movement to defeat the enactment of bills in the Illinois Legislature which were detrimental and unjust to Catholic schools and institutions in general, and was the leader in the opposition to the adoption of free text books in the public schools. Of 16 bills before the Legislature 13 were killed through their efforts.

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Old Irish Proverbs.

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The rare jewel is the most beautiful.
A blind man is no judge of colors.

When the cat is out the mice dance.

When the old hag is in danger she must run.

Even a fool has luck.

A mouth of ivy, a heart of holly.

The historian's food is truth.

Fierceness is often hidden under beauty.

There is often anger in a laugh.

A good dress often hides a deceiver.

Fame is more lasting than life.

A foolish word is folly.

The Church that has no music is poor indeed.

Lay up in time.

Mild to the meek.

Cat after kind.

Force overcomes justice.

Hope consoles the persecuted.

The satiated forget the hungry.

Long sleep renders a child inert.

Hurry without haste.

Drunkenness is the brother of robbery.

Hope is the physician of each misery.

It is difficult to tame the proud.

Idleness is the desire of a fool.

Look before you leap.

Gold is light with a fool.

The end of a feast is better than the beginning of a quarrel.

A wren in the hand is better than a crane out of it.

He who is out, his supper cools.

The memory of an old child is long.

Everything is revealed by time.

A cat can look at a king.

Patience is the cure of an inveterate disease.

Learning is the desire of the wise.

Character is better than wealth.

Without treasure, without friends.

A hungry man is angry.

No man is wise at all times.

Every dear article is woman's desire.

Wisdom exceeds strength.

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