

ROME.—Ordinations.

At the ordination held at St. John Lateran at Rome, on March 15, the Rev. M. W. Cave, M.A., who was for five years curate at St. John's Protestant Church, Tuebrook, Liverpool, was admitted to Minor Orders and the Rev. M. J. B. Richards, B.A., who, when a Protestant curate assisted the Rev. Mr. Underhill for a short time at St. Thomas', Toteeth, Liverpool, was made a sub-deacon.

Scots College.

At the General Ordination held at St. John Lateran's on the Saturday before Passion Sunday, Alexander Walton, Alexander Mackintosh, John Noonan, and Alfred Smith-Steinmetz, of Scots College, received the last two minor orders.

An Audience.

Amongst those recently received in private audience by Leo XIII was Bishop Hanlon, the Vicar-Apostolic of Uganda, who gave the Holy Father a very encouraging report of the progress in the province confided to his care. In taking his leave Bishop Hanlon presented Leo XIII with a superb walking-stick made out of one piece of solid ivory brought from Uganda.

The King's Coronation.

The Pope has chosen Mgr the Prince Granito di Belmonte, Nunzio at Brussels, to represent him at King Edward's coronation.

Disappointed.

The trial of the four men charged with complicity in the robbery of four hundred thousand lire at the Vatican concluded about the middle of March. One of them named Scotto was found guilty, and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. The other prisoners were acquitted. The 'interesting revelations' hoped for by the anti-Catholics and sensation-mongers did not take place.

An Envoy.

An envoy from President Roosevelt is expected at the Vatican. He will sign the agreement concluded between the Holy See and the Washington Government relative to the Philippines. The envoy will at the same time present to the Holy Father Mr. Roosevelt's felicitations on his recent anniversary. This is the first time that the United States Government has been in direct relations with the Holy See and sent a mission to the Pope.

SCOTLAND.

Close upon a thousand Catholics met on Sunday afternoon March 16, in St. Mary's school, Leith, to witness the making of presentations to Bishop Gaughren on his leaving to take up his duties in South Africa. The first was that of a purse containing 115 sovereigns on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's; the next was an emerald episcopal ring, given by the ladies of the Immaculate Conception Sodality, and this was followed by a portable altar from the Young Men's Society.

The Catholic Church.

In the course of an article in the Edinburgh 'Evening Dispatch' on 'Catholicism in Scotland,' the writer says:—'Not only has the influence of the Roman Catholic Church spread in a remarkable manner, but what is even more noticeable, is the tendency of Churches, not under the sway of Rome, to adopt customs, practices and ceremonies in their Church worship which are essentially Romish. In these days when religion is struggling to maintain its influence on the people, when the vast amount of attention which is paid to business matters is taking men's minds from the Church, when, in fact religion is nothing more than a bore to many, the Catholic Church seems to stand the test of circumstances better than any other. At any rate, the outcry in the Catholic Church against the decline of religion is not so much heard as in other churches, and the falling off in church attendance is nothing as compared with other religious bodies. It is the aim of the Catholic Church to make its church functions as splendid as possible. In other Churches the centre of interest is the preacher invariably, and the principal part of the service the sermon. The important service in the Catholic Church is, of course, the Mass, and the principal Mass on Sundays, usually celebrated at midday, is in the larger churches a function of harmonious pomp and venerable ceremony. The attention of the worshipper is attracted to the altar, where in the small tabernacle reposes in golden vessels what Catholics recognise as the real presence of Christ, in the form of bread. The Mass is simply a repetition of the Sacrifice of the Cross, and the altar is the Calvary. One cannot wonder, therefore, that the altar as in most cases a beautiful example of the sculptor's and the painter's art, and the reason of the extensive floral decorations and the burning lights is at once understood.'

Death of an Archbishop.

When the last mail left Scotland the venerable Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev. Dr. Eyre, was reported to be dangerously ill. A cable message in one of our American Catholic exchanges, under date March 27, reports the death of the distinguished prelate.

SPAIN.—The Religious Orders.

The Spanish Government has decided that the decree of September 19, 1901, with regard to the religious Orders as to be maintained. This decree requires all religious associations in Spain, excepting those authorised by the Concordat, to become registered within six months under pain of being dissolved. Unauthorised religious houses will, it is announced, be closed.

UNITED STATES.

Bishop Foley, of Detroit, U.S.A., has just saved a bank from suspending. The Dime Bank of that city had paid out over \$100,000 owing

to a false rumor, and the storm increased. Bishop Foley then appeared at the bank and advised the depositors to retire and leave their money, saying it was perfectly safe. The alarmed depositors thereupon departed.

An Undesirable Visitor.

The infamous Margaret Shephard, instead of going to Australia, according to her announced intention (says the Boston 'Pilot') on her compulsory departure from Columbus, O., went to Memphis, Tenn., and secured a hail for one of her slanderous anti-Catholic lectures. When, however, the history of her latest escapade, as detailed in the 'Catholic Columbian,' was laid before the Mayor by a committee of Catholic gentlemen, he at once revoked her license and she had to leave the city. Through the same agency she was kept out of Nashville, Tenn., altogether, and when she gets to Australia—if, indeed, she will dare that country—she will still find the doors barred against her by the friends of truth and decency.

Chicago.

There are more Catholics in the archdiocese of Chicago than there are people in the whole of New Zealand.

Catholic Statistics.

The new Catholic directory places the Catholic population of the United States at 10,976,757, or about half a million less than the Catholic population of Russia. There are 12,429 diocesan and regular clergymen in the country. The United States contains also 10,689 Catholic churches. Seven universities are placed to their credit, and there are 81 theological seminaries in which 3402 young men are being prepared for the priesthood. Besides these there are 163 colleges for young men, and 629 academies for young ladies. Three thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven parishes have parochial schools and these are attended by 919,378 children. These figures rather indicate progress.

Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Catholic population of St. Louis is now over 220,000.

A Bequest.

Word has reached the Catholic University that it has been made a beneficiary under the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Ferris Devlin, of Boston, Mass., for the sum of £10,000.

GENERAL.**Rejoicings in the East.**

The Pope's Jubilee was celebrated in a brilliant manner in Jerusalem. All the hospitals and convents of the Latin rite, as well as the Patriarchates and Consulates, were brilliantly illuminated.

Bible Studies.

So little is as yet exactly known (says a Catholic exchange) and so much has been said on the work that is set before the Papal Commission on Holy Scripture, that it is well to

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