

Lateran by Cardinal Parocchi in 1890, and returned to England shortly afterwards. Dr. Burton was appointed assistant priest at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, where he remained until March, 1892, when he went to South Shields as curate to Canon Greene. Canon Greene having been appointed to Gateshead, in 1894, Dr. Burton succeeded him as rector of St. Bede's Church, South Shields, and he has held the position since that time. Among all sections of people in the district Dr. Burton has been exceedingly popular. To his parishioners he has been greatly attached, having always taken a personal and deep interest in their welfare. The news of Dr. Burton's promotion to the Bishopric of Clifton was received in South Shields with sincere congratulations and pleasure, not only by his own parishioners but among the community generally, who at the same time regret his removal from the district where for ten years he has worked with such devotion.

The Pope's Jubilee.

At a meeting of the Catholic Hierarchy of England it was agreed that the twenty-fifth year of the Holy Father's Pontificate should be celebrated (1) by a collection of Peter's Pence throughout the present year, (2) by pilgrimages to Rome, and (3) by a solemn religious ceremony on or about March 3, 1903.

Peers and the Royal Declaration.

At a meeting of English Catholic peers to consider whether further action in regard to the Royal Declaration should be taken during the present or during the next session of Parliament, the unanimous opinion was that the sustained movement must be maintained to remove a legal enactment which outrages the most sacred convictions of millions of loyal subjects of the Crown, and which imposes upon the Sovereign a most painful task. It was felt that the year of the Coronation was not a fitting time for any movement which might promote bitter controversy, and it was decided that, as the Declaration is not included in the Coronation ceremonial, the next session of Parliament would be the period best suited for an appeal to the sense of justice of Parliament and of the public.

Not to be Repeated.

Many of our exchanges (says the 'Ave Maria') will doubtless be relieved to hear that King Edward VII. at his Coronation will not take the offensive oath declaring certain Catholic practices to be idolatrous. It never was intended that he should take it at the Coronation. According to the English statute, the King must make the odious declaration at the Coronation only in case he has not already made it at his accession or at the first meeting of his Parliament; and as King Edward has already gone through that gentle ceremony, he need not repeat the insulting words. The esteemed contemporary which gives the Coronation Oath as the reason for the absence of a Papal representative at the coming function is as far astray as that other one which commiserated the Duke of Norfolk for having to stand so near to King Edward while his Majesty denounced him as an idolater.

FRANCE.—Politics Forbidden.

The Archbishop of Tours and Monsignor Lacroix, Bishop of Tarentaise, issued circulars absolutely forbidding the clergy to mix up with the electioneering campaign. They consider that a pastor by ostentatiously taking the side of any political party incurs the double risk of embittering both after the conflict.

ROME.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran has arrived in Rome (writes a correspondent), and is staying at the Irish College. A few evenings ago

his Eminence, accompanied by his secretary, Dr. O'Haran, and by the Rector of the Irish College, Dr. William Murphy, had the honor of a special audience with the Holy Father, who received Cardinal Moran most cordially, reminding him that it was nine years since he had last visited the Eternal City. The Holy Father displayed the deepest interest in the spiritual welfare and vast development of the vast archdiocese over which Cardinal Moran presides, and listened with great satisfaction to the highly encouraging account which his Eminence gave of the immense progress made by Catholicism in Australia during the last quarter of a century. Cardinal Moran then presented the Holy Father with a large contribution towards Peter's Pence including £1000 collected in the archdiocese of Sydney and £100 from the diocese of Bathurst. Another gift which the Holy Father accepted with the greatest pleasure consisted of a gigantic emu egg, beautifully polished and set in solid silver. The egg, which formed a most original and elegant casket, contained 25 sovereigns, the offering of the pupils of the Sacred Heart at Sydney, emblematic of the 25 years of Leo XIII's pontificate. The Holy Father was greatly touched at the delicate homage of the Australian children, and spent a special blessing to the little donors. Cardinal Moran will probably not leave Rome before the end of May, as he has many important affairs to arrange with the congregations.

An Audience.

When Mr. William O'Brien and his wife visited Rome on their return from Australia they were received in audience by the Holy Father. The Pontiff, who was most cordial, told Mr. O'Brien he had heard of his hard struggles on behalf of his country. He spoke with affection of the Irish people. As Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were about to retire he gave them the Apostolic blessing.

SCOTLAND.—A German Tribute.

A German priest who served in the archdiocese of Glasgow for a number of years during the Kulturkampf period pays a warm tribute to the memory of Archbishop Eyre in a leading article which he has contributed to the 'Kölnische Volkszeitung.' The writer, most probably Father John Müller, the cultured parish priest of St. Michael's, Cologne—observes that the Archbishop had a task by no means easy in building up the Church in Glasgow. First of all he had to find priests to meet the requirements of the rapidly growing population. In doing this he was thoroughly successful. Nowhere else did the clergy give a better idea of the international character of the Church. There were Scotchmen, Englishmen, and Irishmen who had made their studies in the various countries of Europe, Dutchmen, Belgians, and Germans; Franciscans, Jesuits, Passionists, Lazarists, and Benedictines, who had been called from near and far. The Archbishop presented a noble seminary to the diocese, and under his rule the number of priests, churches, schools, and religious institutions had been more than doubled. The parishes were well equipped, and amidst the Catholic population, mostly Irish, the good works of religion were carried on with great energy. No without reason had Archbishop Eyre been recently referred to in the 'Volkszeitung' as a model Archbishop. The Archbishop had left behind numberless friends and no enemy. To the Prussian priests of the Kulturkampf times he had proved a true friend. The tribute paid to the deceased prelate is as graceful as it is well deserved.

UNITED STATES.

Mr. W. Redmond was greatly impressed by the children's Mass at the Jesuit Church of the Holy Family.

Chicago, on Palm Sunday morning. 'Imagine,' he writes, '4000 children, none of them very old, some of them quite small, cheerful looking, and comfortably dressed. Outside, the great life of Chicago swept by, its dull roar falling upon the ear like the sound of a mighty waterfall. Inside the Church, when I entered, profound silence reigned, broken only by the murmurs of the priest saying Mass at the High Altar. Suddenly a little voice cried out "I believe." Instantly the voices of all the children, over 4000, he it remembered, caught up the prayer, and the Creed was repeated as I never heard it rendered before.'

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