

activity and endurance gathered from every quarter of the globe. Instruments of war and peace, instruments of torture, and relics of the martyrs make a collection that represents heroic achievements worthy to rank with the first ages of Christianity.

Among the thousands of missionaries assisted by the Propagation of the Faith, many have already won the palm of martyrdom, both men and women. Two were placed on our altars by the present Pontiff, Leo XIII., in 1890: the Blessed Perboyre C.M., martyred in China in 1810, and Blessed Chanel, S.M., who suffered at the hands of the savages of the island of Futuna, Oceania, in 1844. The cause of several others is under consideration in Rome.

From 1823-1900 the society has distributed over £13,000,000, of which amount £1,200,000 was spent in missionary work in the United States.

Reviving Industries in Galway.

It was in 1891 that the Sisters of Mercy at Gort, County Galway (writes Lady Gregory), determined to follow the example of the Sisters at Skibbereen, Queenstown, and other convents in an attempt to revive home or cottage industries.

They did not receive much encouragement or sympathy at first. Even the friends who knew what good work they had already done in teaching, in building schools, in making Gort justify the meaning of its name, 'a garden,' gravely and conscientiously warned them against the risks they were facing and the responsibility they were taking upon themselves.

They had no capital, no experience in commerce, no connection with the world of fashion; but they had the courage to beg in a good cause, and they had the faith that can move mountains.

At last they were given eight hand-loom; they sent to Belfast for yarn, and a teacher, afterwards replaced by one from the almost disused woollen looms in Gort, and set to work at linen weaving.

They have some right to be proud of their success, for some time ago they carried out an order for richly-colored vestments of purple linen for the Bishop of the diocese. And having received an order from the editor of the *Savoy Magazine* for window hangings of the same Syrian dye, they feel themselves quite up-to-date and *fin de siècle*.

But they also study the beauty of utility, and Sister Philomena, who is in charge of the workroom, touches as lovingly the hucka-back towels and workhouse sheetings in the looms as she does the fine linen and delicate Limerick lace.

For lace making is now being taught, and also with success. A marriage gift of handkerchiefs, sent to England the other day, held its own at the show of presents, and was much appreciated. Some of the finest lace has been made by a girl who walks some miles from her home on the mountain side in the morning, and back again in the evening. The Sisters hope that after a time many of the girls who come and learn both this handicraft and the knitting—embroidery and plain needlework being also taught—will be able to work at home, and utilise their spare hours without interfering with their home duties.

'We want to save them from the necessity of going to America,' Sister Philomena says. 'Surely there should be work for those who are willing to work at home.'

By a swift and silent revolution a great many extra hours have been thrown on the hands of our people here in this generation. As it has been said of some districts in India, that railways have been laid down before paved roads had been invented, so in many cottages there has been no intermediate illumination between the dim peeled rush, dipped in tallow, and the vivid paraffin lamp, lighting up the cheerful whitened rooms with almost startling brilliancy.

In the old dim days, the resource through the prolonged 'blind man's holiday,' was to sit round the fire and tell stories, often of the invisible fairy world. Now light has come, and while the men of the household content themselves with re-reading the weekly National papers, the girls will find time for more paying occupation; and an industrial training will more than ever be a boon to them.

About 70 girls are now being employed in the convent workroom. Some who have become perfect in the handicraft taught, have gone elsewhere as teachers. Any girl who likes to come in from the country or from the town will be set to work, even if she has to be taught to hold a needle; and after a little patient training it will be decided what line she had better follow.

The Sisters have so far won their battle. They have succeeded in showing that Galway fingers can work as diligently and as delicately as the long-trained fingers of Belfast or Limerick. Their work begins to be known, and orders to come in, and they trust that as these increase they may be able to train and employ many more workers.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

Mr Henry Harland, the author of 'The Cardinal's Snuff-box,' has (says the *Ecclesiastical Review*) become a Catholic.

Mr J. F. Dell and Miss Jessie Pearce, recently members of the English Church Union, will, we (*Catholic Times*) are informed, be received into the Catholic Church on Sunday, April 20 at the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Kentish Town, by Rev. M. J. Howlett, rector.

Mr W. J. Chalkley a well known and esteemed citizen of San Antonio, Texas, was baptised and received into the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, by Rev. C. J. Smith, O.M.I. Mr. Chalkley is now in his seventieth year. Immediately after his

reception, Mr Chalkley had the additional happiness of becoming sponsor to his youngest grandson, son of Mr James Chalkley, who was baptised.

Queen Nathalie of Servia has (says the Paris correspondent of Newcastle *Daily Chronicle*) left the Orthodox Church to become a Catholic. The abjuration took place in the Chapel of the Cazin-Petrochoud Hospital at Berck-sur-Mer, where she has been residing for the past year. Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, sent down to Berck the Abbé Soulanges, parish priest of Plaisance, to officiate at the ceremony.

The eldest two grandchildren of Mr Wm. Vincent Wallace, composer of 'Maritana,' 'Lurline,' and other works, were received into the Church recently in the Chapel of Santa Clarissa at Aiken, S.C. (says an American exchange). Miss Celestine Eustis, sister of the late Ambassador to France, was godmother for Miss Helene Ruth Wallace, and Mrs Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., for Master Vincent Wallace. Mr C. S. Wallace, the only son of the late composer, presided at the organ.

On Saturday, April 19, at Dubuque, Ia., the Rev. R. Percy Eubanks and his wife were received into the Church. Until recently Mr Eubanks was rector of Grace Church, Decorah, Ia., where he was most highly esteemed both as a minister and a man. He was ordained an Episcopal minister by Bishop Lyman, of North Carolina, in 1888 (says the New York *Freeman's Journal*), and has done excellent service for the Episcopalians, being a man of much culture. He has long been an intimate friend of Dr. B. F. De Costa, who has had much to do with his decision to abandon the Episcopal ministry to become a Catholic. Mr Eubanks has been appointed a teacher of Latin and Greek in St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, by Archbishop Keane.

A conversion of more than ordinary consideration and one that has not been made public to any great extent, took place at Port Angeles early last month (says the *Catholic Progress* of Seattle). It was that of the Rev. Otto H. Meltzer, who had been for twelve years a Lutheran minister and for two years in charge of the Lutheran Church at Port Angeles. Mr Meltzer was born in Germany 35 years ago, and received his education in that country. He has travelled a great deal and is a fine linguist, speaking fluently a number of languages. His relatives for generations back have been Lutherans, his father and grandfather having been ministers of that denomination. For about a year Mr Meltzer has been receiving instructions from Rev. Father Gribbin, and was received into the Church by this zealous priest. Mr Meltzer is now studying under the direction of the Right Rev. Bishop Orth, of Victoria for the priesthood, and will shortly enter a seminary to complete his studies.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

June 2.

The annual collection in aid of the Diocesan Seminary Fund was made at all the Masses and at Vespers on Sunday.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Provincial, is on a visit to Canterbury, and at present staying at St. Mary's, Manchester street.

One of the largest audiences of the season assembled in the Colosseum on Thursday evening last to witness the conclusion of the Coronation Carnival. Towards 10 o'clock the goods remaining over, fittings, decorations, etc., were submitted to public auction, and realised satisfactory prices.

On Friday evening a most successful concert and social were given by a company from Christchurch, assisted by local talent, in the Yalhurst School, in aid of the funds of a bazaar now being organised, and to be opened in August, to liquidate the debt on the recently-erected church at Hornby.

During the course of an earnest appeal in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday on behalf of the Cathedral building fund, the Very Dean Foley said that he knew of numbers of young men who, because they were single, did not recognise any liability in regard to church support and extension. He (the Dean) was firmly of opinion that when men reached the age of 25 years it was quite time they thought of getting married. Many of these argued that it took all their available means to support themselves, but he could tell them that the married state, apart from providing them with a wife to adorn a home, tended to make them better men physically, morally, and financially.

In connection with the patronal feast of the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday (within the Octave of Corpus Christi) there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from High Mass until Vespers. Many assembled during the afternoon to make an act of adoration. At Vespers the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy preached a most impressive discourse on the 'Institution of the Holy Eucharist.' After the sermon there was a procession round the interior of the church, which was taken part in by the various confraternities, and members of the Hibernian Society and Catholic Club. Much decorative tape had been bestowed on the sanctuary and side altars, and the high altar when illuminated looked particularly fine. There was a crowded congregation.

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