

ous audiences without a single day's interruption. A few days after he received various distinguished prelates and personages, including Mr. Burke Cockran, the well-known New York barrister, and Count Ledochowski, whom your readers will remember as having been dismissed from the Austrian army because, as a Catholic and a gentleman in the Christian sense of the word, he had refused to fight a duel. The Holy Father remembered the incident and warmly congratulated Count Ledochowski, who, by the way, is a nephew of the Prefect of Propaganda.

A Letter.

The 'Osservatore Romano' publishes the text of a letter from the Holy Father to Cardinal Gibbons and the American Episcopacy. His Holiness expresses his happiness at the growth of the Church in the United States, and proceeds to say that, while she is persecuted in Europe, she flourishes more than ever in the New World. His Holiness commends the efforts of the American Episcopate to increase educational institutions and to benefit the negro.

An American Pilgrimage.

The first section of a great Catholic pilgrimage from America, headed by the Bishop of Brooklyn, arrived in Rome about the middle of April.

SCOTLAND.—An Appointment.

The Rev. Father Eugene Callan, O.M.I., of Leeds, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at Leith occasioned by the elevation of the late rector to the South African Episcopate. The new appointment, which is a most popular one, has been hailed with joy by the Catholics of Leith. It is only seven months ago since Father Callan, to the intense sorrow of all, was withdrawn from Leith, after a splendid service of two and a half years.

SPAIN.—Philanthropy.

A number of Catholic gentlemen at Madrid have inaugurated a bank which will lend small sums of money at merely nominal interest to worthy workmen with families. Leo XIII. has approved the venture.

SWITZERLAND.

The Catholics are making notable advances in Switzerland. Since 1888 they have increased after this manner:—In Zurich from 39,000 to 81,000; Berne, from 11,000 to 21,000; Basle, from 22,000 to 37,000; Vaud, from 21,000 to 34,000; Geneva, from 52,000 to 67,000; Neuchatel, from 11,000 to 17,000.

UNITED STATES

'It is estimated that 1,000,000 people in Chicago never enter a church,' remarks the 'Christian Register.' Yet we know many excellent Chicagoans who, forgetful of the heathen all around them, are liable to hysterics every time they think of the Filipinos. The Filipinos, according to that writer in the 'Living Church,' whom we quoted recently,

are a churchgoing, a law-abiding, a chaste and a moral people. Yet Chicago, with its 1,000,000 non-churchgoers, would send them missionaries!

A Strange Will.

John M'Kee, of Philadelphia, the wealthiest negro in the United States was buried a few weeks ago according to the ritual of the Presbyterian Church, of which he had been a member. After the funeral the will was read. In this, an estate worth over \$2,000,000 was bequeathed to the Most Rev. John Patrick Ryan, Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, as trustee, who is directed to build a Catholic church, rectory, and convent in the city of New Jersey, and to build and assign funds for its maintenance an institution in Philadelphia for the education of male orphans, both white and colored. The testator asked to be buried according to the rites of the Catholic Church. The Presbyterian ritual, however, was, as intimated, used, and the testator's married daughter, who has been cut off with an annuity of \$300 per annum, has announced her intention to contest the will.

False Theories.

Buffalo Socialists challenged the Catholic Bishop of the diocese to assign a priest to jointly debate in public the merits and demerits of their doctrines with leaders of the cult. The gage was promptly taken up, and the clergyman detailed for the duty utterly routed his adversaries, forcing them to reluctantly acknowledge not only the fallacy of their chief contention, but likewise the justice of the grounds upon which the Bishop had previously denounced the specific theories of Socialism advocated by them.

A Benefactor.

Mrs. Donnelly, mother of Rev. Eugene J. Donnelly, rector of St. Michael's church, Flushing, N. Y., has given \$2000 to the church for the erection of a marble altar in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of her son's ordination.

GENERAL.

The First Martyrs.

The honor of giving to the Church the first martyrs of the 20th century belongs to Brazil. On April 15th, 1901, several Capuchin missionary Fathers and some Italian nuns were massacred at Alto Allegre by pagan Indians, whom they had gone out to evangelise.

A Project.

A project is mooted at the suggestion of a prelate, who was one of the stenographers at the Vatican Council of forming an international committee for the purpose of establishing a uniform, universal, and obligatory system of Latin pronunciation among Catholics. The idea is being favorably received on the Continent.

Sent into Exile.

Mgr. Zverovitch, Bishop of Vilna, in Russia, has been sent into exile to

the village of Iver, and deposed from his See, for forbidding Catholics to attend the Russian Orthodox Schools. It is reported that Cardinal Rampolla has addressed to the Government of the Czar a strong note in defence of the Bishop.

Exempted.

The Sisters of Charity, who have 18 hospitals, orphanages, and asylums in Ecuador, recently were assured by President Plaza that any law that might be passed against the religious orders would not affect them.

The Catholic Press.

The 'Review' of St. Louis has received from the Rev. P. G. Rybrook, a Premonstratensian priest of St. Norbert's College, West De Pere, Wis., the following statistics in relation to the Catholic Press in his native country, Holland. There are, in all, 130 Catholic newspapers and other periodicals, and of these no less than 13 are Catholic daily newspapers; 27 are semi-weeklies and tri-weeklies; 51 weeklies; 39 semi-monthlies and quarterlies. Some of these, it is said, are, of course, rather feeble, but many are high class, and the general average is very fair.

Syrian Catholics.

It seems worthy of special note (says the 'Tablet' of March 15) that Miss Mary John, who has just matriculated from the Convent High School of Cochin, Southern India, has thus earned the distinction of being the first Syrian Christian young lady to pass the University Entrance Examination. She deserves to be congratulated on her success. At the close of the 18th century the Syrian Catholics in India numbered 150,000. Now they exceed 299,000 have 223 parish churches, 75 chapels, 31,613 children in school, and receive more than 1000 converts a year from heathenism. Moreover, they have 105 Carmelite priests and a number of printing presses publishing useful books.

A Leper Asylum.

The Catholic leper asylum at Mandalay, India, in charge of Father Wehinger, now contains 147 male and 78 women lepers.

Anyone who can drive a team can operate the 'Excelsior' plough. Morrow, Bassett and Co. sole agents in New Zealand.—***

The 'Excelsior' plough is 'Champion of the World.' On hillside, lea, swamp, tussock, or stubble it is equally at home. Morrow, Bassett and Co. sole agents in New Zealand. —***

WINCHESTER HOTEL

WINCHESTER.

R. GRIEVE ... Proprietor.

This Hotel offers first-class accommodation to the travelling public. A good table kept.

All the comforts of a home. The best brands of Wines and Spirits supplied.

BENJAMIN GUM

... FOR ...

COUGHS AND COLDS.

CURES QUICKLY.

Suits all Ages Pleasant to take Children Like it.

BENJAMIN GUM

breaks down a Cough or Cold quickly, loosens the phlegm, soothes the throat and air passages, and prevents and cures Bronchitis and Chest complications.

BENJAMIN GUM has proved that it possesses these merits, by the hundreds of Testimonials we have published from well-known Citizens.

BENJAMIN GUM: Price 1/6 & 2/6 Everywhere.

Procurable from all Merchants, Post Free from

Loasby's Wahoo Manufacturing Company, Ltd., Dunedin.

Wholesale Agents: KEMPTHORNE, PROSSER & CO., LTD.

KOOLIGAH FOR ALL PAINS

CURES HEADACHES, BACKACHE, NEURALGIA, SPRAINS, BRUISE

RELIEVES WORST NERVE OR MUSCLE PAINS QUICKLY.

PRICE, 2s. at CHEMISTS & GROCER, OR POST FREE

FROM

Loasby's Wahoo Manufacturing Co., Dunedin.