

with Catholic schools, where the children imbibed from their earliest years a love for and knowledge of their faith. Look at that, and think that but one hundred years ago none of those schools existed. Could they not see the finger of God there?

FRANCE.—All the Difference.

The Prime Minister of the French Government has not allowed his circular about clerical interference in the late elections to remain a dead letter. Already a curate and a chaplain have been stricken. That the Catholic clergy had to expect such a reckoning need not be dwelt on. But why should a Catholic priest be punished and a Protestant parson be excused, though both are guilty of the same act—be it an offence or not? Yet such is the case. A Protestant minister, M. le Coat, of Tremel, openly professed his adherence to the Republican party. He spread his views in the form of a catechism for electors, filled with the usual historical lies, and full of abuse for the Catholic clergy. He attended the banquet of the Ministerial candidate, and no one denies that he, a clergyman, did all in his power to secure the return of M. Waldeck-Rousseau's supporter. Yet no action is taken against him, while two Catholic priests are made amenable to the Government's laws. How would it have gone with M. le Coat had he opposed the Ministerial candidate? We ('Catholic Times') see in this instance, as in so many others, how under the French Republic one man may not look over a hedge, while another may steal a horse.

ROME.

The Pope has contributed £20,000 lire to the funds for the relief of the sufferers from the Martinique catastrophe.

Pilgrims.

Amongst the pilgrims received by the Holy Father recently were a negro and an Arab in native costume from Carthage.

English Pilgrims.

The members of the English Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Rome were received in audience by the Pope on Wednesday, May 14, in the Sala Clementine. An address was presented, and an offering of Peter's Pence was made. The Pope, who was in excellent health, received the pilgrims most graciously and expressed his joy at seeing so many of his children coming to Rome to show their devotion to the Holy See.

RUSSIA.—Sent into Exile.

Mgr. Zwierowicz, Bishop of Wilna, is the fourth occupant of that see within a period of forty years, who has had to tread the dreary path of exile. The offence by which his Lordship has brought down upon himself this heavy penalty from the Russian Government is nothing more than a strict fulfilment of his pastoral charge to watch over the little children confided to his care. Schools are being multiplied in Poland, in which the influence of the Russian

Pope is supreme, and which are used as places of proselytism for robbing the Polish children of their Catholic faith. With this danger before him, his Lordship could scarcely remain silent, and he accordingly published a mandate to his clergy commanding them to do all they could to keep their Catholic children from the schismatical schools. On the morrow of the publication of this circular, the Bishop was cited before the Governor of Wilna, who required him, in the name of the Russian authorities, to yield upon four points. To authorise the burial of members of Orthodox Church in Catholic cemeteries, to recall his prohibition against the Orthodox schools, to add readings from the Bible in Slav to the lessons in Catechism, and relax his opposition to mixed marriages. The result of his refusal to give way upon these points was a summons to St. Petersburg, where he was called upon to resign his bishopric. To this demand the courageous Bishop replied that the Holy See alone could sever the bond that united him to his flock. As a consequence his Lordship left St. Petersburg for Tver. His exile was stated to be for an indefinite period, a euphemism with the Russian Government for a life sentence.

SCOTLAND.—Golden Jubilee.

The golden jubilee of Franciscan nuns was celebrated with great rejoicing on May 3 at the Charlotte street Convent, Glasgow. The two members of the community who were thus privileged were Rev. Mother Clare and Sister Agatha, who, each in her own respective sphere of activity and usefulness, have done much for religion and education in Scotland. Mother Clare has been a sister of the Order for over 40 years.

A Memorial.

It is proposed in the archdiocese of Glasgow that next year shall be devoted to the raising of funds to erect a suitable memorial to the late Archbishop Eyre. This memorial will take the form of the building of three industrial schools at Bishopbriggs, together with a chapel for the same, the whole to be known as the 'Eyre Memorial Industrial Schools'. The sum of £10,000 is in the trustees' hands.

SOUTH AFRICA.

We learn that Durban, the principal seaport town of Natal, includes in its population over 3000 Catholics, 2000 of whom are whites and the rest Indians, Kaffirs, and Creoles. Recently, by the sale of old Church property, nearly £12,000 was raised, and this sum is to be devoted to the erection of a grand Catholic cathedral which will make Durban the chief Catholic city in the colony.

SPAIN.—Religious Orders.

The young King of Spain's first work (says an exchange) will prove trying to him. He seats himself on his throne to face a Ministerial crisis. Six months ago, Senor Sagasta

undertook what may be described as a mild persecution of the religious Orders, which the anti-clericals in the Radical party considered to possess no legal standing in the country. All religious Associations in the country were ordered to seek authorisation, and a period of six months was allowed them in which to conform with the Ministerial decree. No doubt the main object of this order was to prevent the settlement on Spanish soil of any of the refugee communities from France. At all events, the Spanish Congregations took that view of it, and did not ask for authorisation within the specified time. The Holy See, through its Nuncio, was anxious to safeguard the position of the Orders, and somehow or other, its counsels, when communicated to the Congregations concerned, were made public, with the result that the Minister of the Interior considers that the Cabinet has not kept faith with him, and determines to resign as soon as the Coronation festivities are over. This will precipitate a Ministerial crisis, and it is far from unlikely that the King will feel compelled to lean for support on the Radical party.

UNITED STATES.

The following cable despatch, expressing the sympathy of the Pope, was received in New York after Archbishop Corrigan's death from Cardinal Rampolla, the Pontifical Secretary of State: 'The Holy Father with the greatest sorrow learns that the eminent Archbishop whom he hoped to see in Rome very soon has been snatched from among the living. His Holiness, who appreciated very highly the illustrious merits of the dead Archbishop, expresses his sympathy from the depths of his heart for the Church of New York, and he prays God earnestly to give to that well-deserving soul of the Most Reverend Archbishop Corrigan the repose and reward of the just.' A message of condolence was also received from Cardinal Vaughan.

GENERAL.

The Holy Shroud.

His Eminence Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, has expressed his belief in the authenticity of the relic known as the Holy Shroud.

Klondike.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church, Klondike, sermons are preached weekly in three languages. The Mayor of Dawson City is an Irish Catholic.

Catholics in the East.

The Rome correspondent of an English secular paper states that the Sultan has issued an irade recognising the right of Italy and Germany to protect their Catholic subjects in the East. This is the end of a prolonged contest, France, in virtue of old tradition, claiming the exclusive right to this protectorate. The refusal of the Sultan to recognise the French claims in this respect is a serious blow to France.

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