

gifts have poured in and a noble structure has been raised within an almost incredibly short space of time. We believe that we are correct in saying that the sum of £200,000 has been spent upon the building since 1895. Thousands, yea hundreds of thousands, will be anxious to help in furnishing a church which will bear enduring witness to the vitality of the Catholic faith in the English metropolis.

Dominican Provincial

The English Dominicans have just elected as their Provincial a comparatively young Friar Preacher, the Very Rev. Father Lawrence Shapcote, who, singular to say, was born a native of the Grange Free State, now known as the Orange River Colony. The son of an Anglican minister, who afterwards became a convert, and who acted for a time as one of the editors of the London 'Tablet,' Father Shapcote was educated at the Benedictine College, Ramsgate, and afterwards at St. Charles', Bayswater. He joined the Dominicans in France in 1880, then being only sixteen years of age. In 1883 he was transferred to the English province, and after some study at Woodchester he went on to Louvain, and was ordained in 1887. Returning to England he was engaged in priestly work in Leicester, Woodchester, and Mincley. For about 10 years he taught at Woodchester, until in 1890 he was removed to Hawkesyard, and in 1901 to St. Dominic's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he acted as Prior until his elevation to the eminent position of English Provincial.

Breton Priests in Wales.

The 'Rhyf Journal' gives some particulars of the Catholic mission from Brittany, which has for some time been at work in North Wales. Its object is to put before the Welsh people the Catholic religion in the language of their forefathers, in the hope of resuscitating it throughout the principality. As a means to this end the Bishop of Menavia issued invitations amongst the Fathers of Brittany, in North France, for missionaries to this country to take up the work of revival. The call was responded to by Father Merour and Father Trehaol, who since December last have been privately studying the Welsh language in the neighborhood of Llanrwst, their method of acquiring it being by means of intercourse with the people. Llanrwst was selected as a centre of operations, mainly on the ground that at the time there was no Catholic place of worship whatever in the locality. In the matter of literature, besides the Welsh prayer-book and hymnal, which are in use, there has been a plentiful distribution of tracts, published by the Society of St. Teilo.

ITALY.—Disappointed.

The anti-clericals in Italy (writes a Rome correspondent) seem to have been quite taken aback by the dimensions of the pilgrimages which are now visiting Rome in honor of the Pope's jubilee. They fondly

hoped that these pilgrimages would be on a very small scale. But they now see that the enthusiasm displayed by the Catholics of Italy, as well as by those of other countries, is a proof that the Church stands today, as it has ever stood, on the solid foundation of the people's faith and love. The Italian Cabinet may well pause when it contemplates the wonderful tribute being paid to the Bishop of Rome by all Christendom. It may, in its own narrow and feeble way, rule Italy, but in a far higher and more significant sense Leo XIII. rules the world.

ROME.—Encyclicals on Labor.

The Workmen's Committee in Rome for the celebration of the Holy Father's Jubilee are preparing three large plates in bronze, upon which are to be inscribed the text and Italian translation of the Pope's three Labor Encyclicals.

A Grotto.

In the Vatican Gardens there is a grotto which is a fac-simile of that at Lourdes. It was constructed with offerings collected by the missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. The Holy Father solemnly blessed the grotto the other day. Amongst those present were Cardinals Mathieu and Vives y Tuto, Dr. MacDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, and Dr. Howley, Bishop of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Papal Audiences.

On Thursday last (writes a Rome correspondent under date June 10) the Holy Father descended with the usual solemnity into St. Peter's, where he received the homage of nearly 5000 Italian pilgrims led by their Bishops and Archbishops. In the course of the week his Holiness has displayed really marvellous activity, granting a large number of private audiences. Among those who had the honor of being received I may mention Cardinal Skrbensky, Archbishop of Prague; Cardinal Kniaz, Bishop of Cracow; and Mgr. Valente, Patriarch of the East Indies. The two former came to Rome in order to receive the hat from the Pope's hands in the Consistory on Monday, June 9th. On Saturday the three Cardinals who were elected last year and who, being out of Rome, did not receive the hat at the time, namely, Martinelli, Skrbensky, and Kniaz, received the so-called visite di calore or congratulations of their friends. Cardinal Skrbensky is the youngest member of the Sacred College, being only 32 years old.

SCOTLAND.—A Bequest.

By the will of the late Mrs. Mantica, the Administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, receives £500 for a special parochial object.

UNITED STATES.

A leper colony has been established on the island of Guam by Commander Seaton Schroeder of the navy. Steps have been taken by Governor Schroeder, with the co-operation of

Rev. Father Palomo, to obtain nurses from some religious Order.

The First Catholic.

Mrs. Sarah Marshall, of Salt Lake City, is dead. She is said to have been the first Catholic in that place, and her name has been associated with every Catholic movement there since 1866, when the first Catholic priest visited Salt Lake.

A Distinction

The Protestants of this country do not take kindly to the appointment of Archbishop Ryan on the Indian Commission, says the 'Western Watchman.' They are, to a man, or perhaps, better said, to a woman, unalterably opposed to any union of Church and State, when the church happens to be the Catholic. They saw no danger from such a union all the years when Bishop Whipple was a member of the Commission. In the popular Protestant mind the word Church, without a modifier, always means the Catholic Church, and sectarianism always means the Catholic religion. The people are generally honest logicians.

A New Seminary.

The proposed seminary for the training of newly-ordained Catholic priests for the work of the non-Catholic missions in the United States and for duty in that country's insular possessions, is to be opened shortly. The new institution will be at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and it is expected that at least 12 young priests will be enrolled as students at the opening of the seminary. The early beginning of the work of the college will be due to the success which Rev. Walter Elliott of the Paulist Fathers has had in collecting funds. Father Elliott resigned his office as Superior of the College of St. Thomas Aquinas, Washington, to devote his entire time to obtaining money for the endowment of the new institution. The late Archbishop Corrigan took interest in its plans and Cardinal Gibbons approved them. Father Elliott's appeals have thus far met with ready response. Some weeks ago he received a single gift of £1000 from an anonymous giver, and later on received £300 as a legacy. It is hoped, ultimately to raise £100,000 for the endowment of the seminary.

GENERAL.

The Martini que Disaster.

The Fathers of the Holy Ghost had a college with 19 professors and 300 scholars, at the now ruined city of St. Pierre, Martinique. Of the 19 professors 13 lost their lives. Sixty nuns and 11 of the diocesan priests were also victims.

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