

of the Roman Church has been the direct cause of a relative of my own seeking instruction in the tenets of the Roman Catholic religion.'

### Benedictines in Wales

The invasion of Wales by the Benedictine monks expelled from Brittany by the French Government furnishes a fresh development. In addition to the community, which will be located at Pembrey, another party of Breton monks are settling at Kidwelly, and Glyn Abbey, a fine old mansion with many acres of ground and agricultural land attached, has been acquired for their accommodation from the executors of the late Mr. Astley Thomson, a former High Sheriff of Carmarthenshire. It is reported that several other expelled monastic communities have acquired settlements in North Wales.

### Westminster Cathedral

The total number of founders of the new Westminster Cathedral—that is, those who have given or promised £1000—since May, 1894, is now 89. The list includes the Pope, £1000; Cardinal Vaughan, £5000; the Duke of Norfolk, £10,000; Lord and Lady Brampton, £5100, of which £3000 was to defray the cost of the erection and decoration of the chapel of Saints Augustine and Gregory. Other founders are the late Marquis of Bute, the Marquis of Ripon, Viscount Llandaff, the Earl of Ashburnham, the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, and the Lady Herbert of Lea. The total expenditure up to date is about £175,000, which includes payments for the chapter hall and for the cloisters connecting the cathedral with the hall and with the new Archbishop's house. No part of the cost of the house has been borne by the Cathedral Fund.

### The Late Bishop of Plymouth

It has been decided to erect a memorial to the late Bishop Vaughan in the Catholic cathedral at Plymouth. The memorial will include a large stained glass window in the southern transept, and, if possible, a new altar in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, where it was hoped the Bishop's remains would be buried. Other parts of the memorial will be a tomb over the late Bishop's grave and a large brass tablet in Plymouth Cathedral. Dr. Vaughan presided over the spiritual interests of Catholics in the west of England for nearly fifty years.

### FRANCE.—Protecting Catholic Interests

Following hot foot upon the expulsion of the nuns from the schools of the parish of St. Roch, a group of French parents have founded an 'Alliance Catholique,' with the object of establishing between Catholic families in France a bond that will enable them to extend to one another mutual aid in the protection of their religious, moral, and material interests.

### INDIA.—Catholic School Successes

From the results of the last High School Pass examination in Bengal (says the 'Indian Daily News') our readers will be struck by the phenomenal success of the Catholic institutions. Out of a total of 69 successful candidates they have supplied no less than 43. A pupil of St. Francis Xavier's College tops the list in the honors for candidates under 17 years of age, a pupil of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, being second. But more significant still is the fact that out of a total of 15 first-class passes, the Catholic schools claim no less than 12, or exactly 80 per cent. In the honors list of candidates over 17 years of age the community takes the foremost place. Nothing, we think, can better prove the educational efficiency of Catholic methods. We are glad to note that our old friends—the Irish Christian Brothers—have gained 19 passes, which is nearly half the whole list.

### ROME.—Peter's Pence

Monsignor Murphy, Rector of the Irish College (writes the Rome correspondent of the London 'Tablet'), presented to the Holy Father, on February 25, Peter's Pence from the following dioceses:—Ossory, £400; Clogher, £477 2s 8d; Dromore, £545; Dunedin (New Zealand), £206.

### Reception of Cardinals

On Sunday, March 1, the Holy Father received the members of the Sacred College in private audience in his library. Forty-two Cardinals were present. Cardinal Oreglia, doyen of the Sacred College, presented an offering to his Holiness, who, replying to the good wishes of the Cardinals, would have wished to prolong the interview, but was obliged to offer excuses, remarking: 'We are told we must be careful.' The reception lasted 35 minutes. His Holiness appeared in good health.

### SCOTLAND.—Illness of a Canon

When the last mail left Scotland the Very Rev. Canon McCay, Coathbridge, was lying seriously ill at his residence in Rothesay.

### Pilgrimage to Rome

In all the Catholic churches in Edinburgh on the last Sunday in February the following circular from his Grace Archbishop Smith was read:—Please announce to your congregation that the arrangements for the national pilgrimage to Rome, intimation of which has already been made to you, are now all but completed. Full particulars will be circulated by the organising committee as soon as possible, and it is earnestly requested that all who purpose joining the pilgrimage will, therefore, give in their names at their earliest convenience. I hope to be associated with several other members of our hierarchy in personally offering our homage and congratulations to the Sovereign Pontiff on the

occasion of his jubilee, and I am glad to learn that already there is reason to hope that we shall be accompanied by a goodly number both of the clergy and laity. Starting from Scotland early in Low Week, we shall reach Rome in time to participate in the special solemnities which will attend the Holy Father's attainment of the traditional years of Peter. On March 4th, 1878, the very day after his coronation, his Holiness restored the Scottish hierarchy. To commemorate the jubilee of this (for us) momentous event there will be a common celebration in which our whole Episcopate will take part, as well as special celebrations in the several dioceses. It has been arranged to hold the joint function in the Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday, March 5th.'

### A Memorial

A memorial window to Archbishops Macdonald and Strain and Bishop Gillis has just been placed in the sanctuary of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The idea of the central light has been taken from a great painting formerly in the Trinity Church of Scotland's capital before the Reformation, and which is now in the picture gallery of Holyrood Palace. St. Andrew is represented in the painting as blessing Kings James III. and IV., father and son. Instead of the kings, a very faithful portrait of Archbishop Macdonald is given, and beneath is the Scottish lion rampant. The other two lights represent respectively St. Peter with the keys and St. Paul with the sword. Archbishop Macdonald was Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh and Metropolitan of Scotland from the 7th July, 1892, until the 29th April, 1900—the date of his death. Archbishop Strain ruled over the same diocese from the 15th March (shortly after the restoration of the Scottish hierarchy) until his death on the 2nd July, 1883, and Bishop Gillis was Vicar-Apostolic of the Eastern District of Scotland from July 22nd, 1838, until February 24th, 1864.

### UNITED STATES.—An Orphan Asylum

The diocese of Marquette is about to build a 50,000 dollars orphan asylum, and 40 acres for the site have been bought in the northern part of the city by Bishop Eis.

### Volunteer Catholic Teachers

Classes in Christian doctrine and in English are taught every evening by volunteer Catholic teachers at the Syrian church on Washington street, New York.

### The Catholic University

The Catholic University of Washington has recently been placed under the Congregation of Studies, having passed from the jurisdiction of Propaganda. Only three other universities enjoy this privilege, namely, the Gregorian University in Rome, the University of Innsbruck in the Austrian Tyrol, and the University of Louvain in Belgium.

### A Generous Benefactor

Mr. Adrian Iselin, the banker, whose family has spent 750,000 dollars in building Catholic churches and schools in New Rochelle, N.Y., on February 28 made a contract with George Galgano to build a 30,000 dollar church and parish house for the Italians in that city. The church is to be completed without any expense to the Italian colony. Mr. Iselin will also furnish the rectory and supply the priest with vestments and everything necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the parish. The gift was made because Miss Georgina Iselin has taken such a liking to the Italian children of the town, whom she met at the Sunday school of St. Gabriel's Church, which the banker built a few years ago as a memorial to his wife.

### GENERAL.

#### The Church and Relics

Some time ago (says the 'Casket') we referred to the scientific proofs offered by a French savant that the Holy Shroud of Turin was really the winding sheet in which our Lord was wrapped. It appeared to us that men of science might be trusted in this case, as they could have no motive for wishing to prove the shroud genuine if it were not really such. But their testimony does not satisfy the Congregation of Indulgences and Relics, which never accepted the shroud as genuine, and has now positively declared that it is not. This runs counter to the popular Protestant notion that it is the easiest thing in the world to pass off spurious relics in the Catholic Church. Incidentally, it shows how little the declarations of 'scientists' are to be relied on.

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