

Army and Navy, to add additional eclat to the pious expedition. The Sovereign Pontiff esteems highly and affectionately his Domestic Prelate, Mons. Euchague, who is described as endowed with a rare dignity and goodness of life, with a kindness of heart and affability of manner which have rendered him an object of affection and veneration to people of all ranks and classes.

SCOTLAND.—A Convert's Letter

From St. Benedict's Abbey, Fort Augustus, the Rev. J. Fraser (late Rector of St. Tiernan's Episcopal Church, Banchoory, Deeside), who has become a Catholic, has sent a letter to his old congregation, detailing his reasons for having left the Anglican Church. In his new abode Mr. Fraser says he has found a home of peace and consecration.

Progress of the Church

The silver jubilee of the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in Scotland was celebrated recently in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Stack, of Cambuslang, who said it was estimated that the number of Catholics in Scotland 25 years ago was about 360,000. At present they might take it as certain that the number of Catholics in this country was over 510,000, which represented an increase of 150,000, and it was noteworthy that the Church was more than maintaining her own in Scotland, when they compared the increase of her numbers with the increase of the religious body of the people. This increase, of course, necessitated a larger provision being made for the supply of spiritual wants, and the hierarchy had not been wanting in making suitable provision for such increased needs. There had been a corresponding increase in the number of missions established—the increase being from 140 to 222, or an increase of about 60 per cent. Churches and chapels throughout the kingdom had increased by over 90, namely, from 266 to 359; or, in other words, an increase of 35 per cent., more than a third. With all these increases it had become a necessity to multiply the ministers of religion, and here, again, the increase was very notable. The increase in this item amounts to 190, or from 272 to 462; in other words, an increase of 70 per cent. Another very important item was the schools, and they were all aware what great stress the Church laid on this matter, and the Church in Scotland under the restored hierarchy had proved herself to be, as she ever was, a friend of education and of reasonable enlightenment. The increase in schools was represented by 87, or a rise from 159 to 245, an increase of 55 per cent., more than half. Not only had the number of Catholics increased by 150,000, but the social condition of the people had been decidedly ameliorated.

SWITZERLAND.—A New Organisation

Monsignor Guyot, the director of the journal 'Voix de Marie,' who was instrumental in organising the recent International Marial Congress at Fribourg, in Switzerland, the success of which was mainly due to him, has been summoned to Rome, both to receive the felicitations of Leo XIII. and to be commissioned to organise in 1904, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, a universal Congress with a similar universal Marial exposition. At the end of the Fribourg Congress Monsignor Guyot, with the approval of the Congress and the blessing of the Pope, started an organisation to be called the Knights of Mary.

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The Holy Father's Jubilee.

The following accounts, from a Rome correspondent, of the ceremonies in connection with the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the enthronement of Pope Leo XIII. supplements what has already appeared in our columns:—

The ceremony was conducted with the pomp and solemn ceremonial which was observed prior to 1870. Admission was obtainable by special tickets for the galleries, or ordinary tickets for the general public and pilgrims, and by 10.30 the crowd was so enormous that the doors were closed.

A cordon of Italian troops was drawn up on the Piazza of St. Peter's to keep the ground as far as the Basilica in order, and to control the crowds.

Rain had been falling for some hours, and it was twice necessary to send fresh soldiers to relieve the drenched troops. The task of marshalling the crowds in the interior of the building was entrusted to the Papal Gendarmes, the Swiss and Palatine Guards, the Pope's Chamberlains of Cape and Sword, and to the young men belonging to different Catholic societies in Rome. From an early hour in the morning the approaches to St. Peter's and the streets leading to the Piazza were thronged with enormous crowds. There were many pilgrims from different parts of Italy and from abroad.

The number of persons who gained admittance to the Basilica by means of tickets and were present at the ceremony is estimated at from 50,000 to 60,000. The interior of St. Peter's was a superb sight. The church was decorated as is customary on grand occasions, and a through passage had been kept for the Papal procession. The Pope arrived at the Chapel della Pietà at 17 minutes past 11. His Holiness, who was borne from his apartments to the Basilica in the Portantina, was accompanied by all the dignitaries of the Pontifical Court. The Noble Guard and the Swiss Guard, nearly 50 Cardinals, and many Archbishops awaited the Pope's arrival in the chapel. On arriving there the Pope, who was enthusiastically cheered, left the Portantina and entered the Sedia Gestatoria. A procession was then formed and proceeded slowly along the great nave between the ranks of the Palatine Guards. A detachment of the Swiss Guard headed the procession. They were followed by the Pope's private chaplains, carrying the valuable mitres and tiaras of the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishops, Archbishops, Primates and Cardinals. The Pope came immediately after, surrounded by the principal Pontifical dignitaries, and borne in the midst of the Flabelli on the new Sedia Gestatoria, which was presented to him by his Honorary Chamberlains on the occasion of his jubilee. The Pope wore the golden pluvial and on his head the precious tiara given him by the Christians of the whole Catholic world.

The entrance of his Holiness into the great nave was hailed by fanfares from silver trumpets and the enthusiastic acclamations of the enormous assemblage, who cried, 'Long live the Pope,' 'Long live Leo XIII.'

His Holiness, who was deeply affected, stood up and gave his blessing right and left to the kneeling throng. The procession advanced along the great nave, and passing round to the right of the altar of the confession, arrived at the back of the sanctuary, where the Pope took his seat on the throne. The dignitaries of the Papal Court then took their places around the throne, and the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops entered their respective stalls.

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