

The Catholic World

ENGLAND.—The Accession Oath

In the House of Lords last week Earl Grey's Bill for abolishing the King's Accession declaration on the ground that it is superfluous was rejected by 109 to 62. The Archbishop of Canterbury admitted that the declaration was needlessly offensive. Some guarantee from the Sovereign was, however, still necessary. The Duke of Devonshire said the Government was willing to reintroduce the Bill of 1901 if the Catholics desired it. Lord Rosebery hoped the Government would not act without the complete co-operation of the Bishops and the Catholic peers.

A Rumor

The statement set on foot in London (says the 'Monitor') to the effect that the remains of Cardinal Newman, together with those of Cardinals Wiseman and Manning, are to be removed and reinterred in the new Westminster Cathedral, is void of all foundation. Cardinal Newman's body rests, and will continue to rest for all earthly time, at Rednal. Those of Cardinals Wiseman and Manning, now at Kensal Green Cemetery, will in due course be translated to the crypt beneath the high altar of the new Westminster Cathedral. Cardinal Vaughan long since decided upon his resting place; it is in the quiet little cemetery of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, which he founded in 1868.

Religious in Wales

On an elevated site in Bodmin a convent is in course of erection for the reception of a community of Sisters of Mercy from Skibbereen, County Cork, who have gone to Cornwall on the invitation of a wealthy English lady.

A Protest

It is proposed (says the London 'Monitor') to hold a number of demonstrations in Great Britain to protest against the expulsion of Religious Orders from France and the confiscation of their property by the French Government. The outrages upon liberty and justice now going on in France, and which read like something that might have occurred in Turkey or in some uncivilised land, have aroused a deal of indignation in this country, not amongst Catholics only. It is probable that the first of the demonstrations will be held in London, and the date will synchronise with the visit of President Loubet. Attacks upon popular liberty and persecution such as is now seen in France have never failed to evoke indignant protests in Great Britain when perpetrated by Continental tyrants in the past, and it is felt on all hands that no such infamous policy of persecution has ever been indulged in by any European autocrat as is now being carried out by the French Republic.

FRANCE.—Sent to Prison

Two French nuns of the Order of the Sisters of Providence, who were charged with opening an unauthorised school at Bressure, have been sentenced to three months' imprisonment under the First Offenders' Act, and to pay a fine of five francs between them.

Stipends Withdrawn

The Minister of Public Worship in France has suppressed the stipends of the Cures of Belleville and Plaisance on account of their having infringed the directions of the recent Ministerial circular by allowing members of unauthorised Congregations to preach in the churches of which they are the incumbents.

An Interference with Liberty

The Marseilles Court sentenced six Capuchins to pay a fine of 25 francs for refusing to disperse. On leaving the Court the friars were greeted with shouts of 'Vive les Capuchins!' 'Vive la liberté.' Two persons were arrested, but were subsequently released. Between two and three hundred persons proceeded to the Prefecture, where they protested against the attempt to interfere with the liberty of Catholics.

Nearing the End

A cable message received last week stated that M. Combes' (the Premier) majority in the Chamber of Deputies is dwindling in connection with legislation for preventing the dissolved religious Orders from acting as lay teachers, and also for the suppression of many of the female Orders. M. Waldeck-Rousseau (ex-Premier), in the Senate, blamed M. Combes for going beyond the Association Law. The latter was designed to control, but it had been used to exclude.

A Novel Use

The motor-car was put to a novel use in France recently. The Carthusian monks were expelled from their house in a French village at short notice, and as the monastery was seven miles from the nearest railway station it seemed as if the members of the community would have to walk that distance. The Automobile Club in a neighboring town, having heard of the difficulty, at once placed their cars at the disposal of the monks and brought them quickly to the station. For many of the holy men this was their first and probably their last motor trip, but all expressed themselves delighted with the new mode of travelling, and were much touched with the kindness of the motorists.

Heroic Nuns

The noble qualities which members of religious Orders in France display in their efforts for the relief of suffering call forth the admiration even of the enemies of religion. Distinctions recently awarded to four nuns by the French Minister of War have just been gazetted. Sister Alphonsine Mutterer, of the Congregation of St. Charles, has received a gold medal for her devotion in tending soldiers who were stricken down during the epidemics since 1880. Sister Rosahe Barbier, one of the daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, was similarly honored. For thirty years she has been attached to the military hospital at Dey, and her services to the sick were performed with remarkable self-sacrifice. Sister Elizabeth Cros, who belongs to the same religious community, also received a gold medal, the honor being a sign of appreciation for her devotion to the sick during outbreaks of cholera. A silver medal has been presented to another nun belonging to the same Congregation and hospital, Sister Joseph Calvet. For twenty-nine years she has been a constant worker in wards reserved for patients suffering from contagious diseases, and her kindness to them has won for her the grateful prayers of quite a multitude who have experienced it. Strange it is that French chivalry permits the expulsion of Congregations that produce such fruit in the interest of humanity.

GERMANY.—Favors by the Emperor

The German Emperor has bestowed the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle on Cardinal Kopp, Prince Bishop of Breslau, and the Second Class of the same Order, with the Star, on Dr. Fischer, Archbishop of Cologne, in connection with the unveiling of the new doorway of Metz Cathedral. His Majesty has caused bronze medals to be struck to commemorate the occasion. These medals show on the one side the Emperor's profile and on the other the new doorway. Replying to a speech by the President of the Council of Lorraine, and addressing the clergy present, his Majesty said that it depended upon them to educate the coming generation in notions of order and obedience.

ITALY.—Salesian Congress

In the presence of two Cardinals, thirty-three bishops, and thousands of priests and laymen, the Third Salesian Congress was opened at Turin on May 14. Cardinal Richelmy welcomed the visitors in the name of the city, and an address was delivered by Cardinal Svampa, Archbishop of Bologna. A telegram conveying the Pope's blessing was received from the Vatican and also a letter from the Holy Father to Don Rua. A visit was paid by all present to the tomb of Don Bosco.

ROME.—Scottish Pilgrims and the King

King Edward while in Rome having heard of the presence there of the Scottish hierarchy and pilgrims doing honor to his Holiness, graciously sent from the British Embassy an invitation for the four prelates and Monsignor Fraser to meet him on Wednesday evening, April 29. At the Embassy, on the night in question, there were assembled a brilliant throng of the Roman nobility and the light and leading of the British colony resident in the Eternal City. As soon as Archbishops J. A. Smith and J. A. Maguire and the Bishop of Aberdeen arrived, accompanied by Monsignor Fraser, they were presented to the King individually, and with each of the prelates his Majesty conversed for some little time.

SCOTLAND.—Death of a Priest

The death has occurred of Rev. Father Morrison, of Bormish, South Uist, a hardworking and highly esteemed priest of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

Holyrood

The story of how the royal palace at the base of the Canongate, Edinburgh, came by its present name, 'Holyrood' will be of interest to Catholics (writes a correspondent of an exchange). When Queen Margaret of Scotland lay dying she held in her hand a crucifix to which was attached a portion of the True Cross, then known as the 'Holy Rood.' Her son, David II., secured from the sacred treasure a separate piece of the True Cross and had it conveyed to his royal quarters in the capital. From that day to this the royal residence in Scotland has been known as 'Holyrood.'

Catholics at the Royal Levee

The Marquis of Bute, Lord Lovat, Sir Montague Gerard, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Lord Ralph Kerr, Colonel McHardy, Mrs. Campbell of Skerrington, Mrs. Edmondstone Cranston of Corehouse, Mrs. Brand, the Honorable Margaret Fraser, Mrs. Ogilvy Forbes, Miss Kinloch, Lady Margaret Crichton Stuart are among the Scottish Catholics whose names are published as having been presented at the Levee and Court held by the King and Queen in Edinburgh in May. In the Royal Suite were two well-known members of the English Catholic nobility, the Earl of Denbigh and the Hon. H. Stonor.

GENERAL

Catholic Emigrants

An important movement of German Catholics to Minnesota and Assinibola has commenced, under the auspices of the Benedictine monks. Two thousand homesteads have been selected in the Quill Plains and in Vermillion County, and ten thousand emigrants are expected.