

There stood his daughter Greta, directly under the mistletoe-bearing oak, allowing herself to be kissed by Karl Borndorf as unconcernedly as if it were Christmas in England.

'Ah!' said the geheimrath, and smiled contentedly, for the sight pleased him.

'Ah!' repeated the professor, holding the sprig of mistletoe before his spectacles instead of a lorgnette.

'Well, May is a blessed month, my friend!'—Exchange.

The Catholic World

BELGIUM.—The Carthusian Order

The Carthusian Order, expelled recently from France, has purchased for 3,000,000 francs the splendid castle and estate known as Cambron Casteau, in Southern Belgium.

CEYLON.—The Sisters of the Poor

The admirable work done by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Colombo, Ceylon, has been officially recognised by a visit of his Excellency, Sir West Ridgeway, to dedicate the new wing of the home built by the community.

ENGLAND.—A New Church

The foundation stone of the new Catholic church of the Holy Ghost and St. Stephen at Shepherd's Bush, London, was laid on May 23 by the Right Rev. Dr. Stanley, Bishop of Emmaus. The church, which will be built in the Romanesque style, will be completed in six months' time and afford accommodation for a congregation of 700.

Death of a Priest

The Church in London has sustained a great loss by the death of the Rev. Father George Cologan, Rector of Our Lady, Manor Park Road, Harlesden. His end was very sudden. Some idea of the general respect which was entertained for the departed priest may be gathered from the fact that on the day of the funeral a very large number of the shopkeepers closed their shops. Hundreds of people, including many priests, attended the funeral.

A Catholic Procession

On Sunday, May 24, a great gathering of the members of the Catholic Young Men's societies of Liverpool and district assembled at the St. George's Pier Head for their annual parade through the city. There were several thousands of the members, who were marshalled into three large contingents and marched through the streets to St. John's Church, Kirkdale; St. Alban's, Athol street; and St. Alexander's, Bootle. The processionists, who wore the different colored sashes of the various orders, were accompanied by a number of bands, playing 'Faith of our Fathers,' 'Hymn to the Sacred Heart,' 'Arm for deadly fight,' etc. The routes of the procession were lined by thousands of interested spectators, who could not but admire the order and fine appearance which the marching masses presented. At each of the churches appropriate addresses were delivered, and when the devotions were over the processionists were mustered again and marched back to the starting point, where they dispersed.

A Bigot Rebuked

When Lord Claud Hamilton went to Ilford (says the 'Catholic Times') and at the opening of a bazaar spoke of the absence of intellectual and commercial supremacy wherever the Catholic Church predominated he probably was under the impression that his remarks would not come under the notice of Catholics. The 'Ilford Guardian,' however, reported them fully, and it also gave space to the report of a sermon by Father Palmer in reply. We venture to assert that Lord Claud will not put forward a rejoinder or visit Ilford soon again. Father Palmer demolished every portion of his contention. Catholics and ignorance! said he sarcastically. Shakespeare and ignorance! St. Thomas Aquinas and ignorance! Dante and ignorance! Tasso and ignorance! Pope and ignorance! Pasteur and ignorance! Cardinal Wiseman and ignorance! Why, the infidel historian, Gibbon, expressed the conviction that more work was done in a Benedictine monastery than in the two Protestant Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. And if Lord Claud had made enquiries about Ilford he would have learnt that the Catholics were the only religious body there that had not gone cringing to the rates for the support of their children, and that they had spent £5000 on the erection of elementary schools.

A Levitical Family

The Rev. Herbert Vaughan, son of Colonel Vaughan, of Courtfield, Ross, and nephew of the late Cardinal Vaughan, has left the English College, Rome, for England, where he will take up missionary work in the archdiocese of Westminster.

The Oratorians

The Oratorians held high festival on St. Philip's Day at their splendid church in South Kensington. Bishop Stanley officiated at the morning service, and there was a sermon by Father Chase. The Fathers afterwards entertained to luncheon a large party, among the invited guests being the Duke of Norfolk and his bro-

ther, Lord Edmund Talbot, M.P., Lord Herries, Sir Francis Burnand, Mr. Carew, M.P., and Mr. Boland, M.P.

French Exiles

The Trappist Fathers from Cherbourg, France, have, through an agent, bought an estate of some 600 acres at the village of Martin, near Fordingbridge, Wilts. A large monastery is to be erected, and about forty monks will take up their abode there. Amongst other industries, the Trappists make a famous cheese, which is largely sold all over the world.

Appointed Chamberlain

The Pope has appointed the Rev. Abbe Tournel, of the French Chapel, Little Genge Street, London, to be one of his chamberlains of honor. At one time the chapel was in receipt of an annual subsidy from the French Government, but this was withdrawn some years ago, though it is still recognised and used as the church of the French Embassy in London.

A Salesian Mission

A new Catholic Church has just been opened at Chertsey, to accommodate some 160 persons. The mission has been confided to the Salesian Fathers. Eastworth House, which hitherto had served the purpose of a temporary chapel, has been taken over by the Salesian Nuns, who, at the request of Dr. Bourne, Bishop of Southwark, will undertake work among the poor of that district.

Guild of Ransom

At Kensal Road, London, on a recent Sunday, there took place the annual Guild of Ransom public procession in honor of God and Our Lady. The streets were thronged by hundreds of interested spectators, and, on the whole, the crowd was respectful and reverent. Catholics from all parts of the Metropolis joined in the ceremonies, all wearing their confraternity robes or badges. Many priests were present, and with bands and banners, and the brilliant coloring of some of the robes, a very fine spectacle resulted. Relics of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Blessed Edmund Campion, and Blessed Cuthbert Mayne were carried through the streets, and a very handsomely decorated statue of Our Lady.

FRANCE.—Roughs in Church

A gang of roughs interfered with Divine service at Plaisance and Belleville on a recent Sunday. M. Combes was very angry thereat; and, to mark his displeasure, has suspended—the stipends of the cures at those places.

ITALY.—An Immense Gathering.

It is estimated that at least 200,000 people were present on May 17 in Turin at the coronation of the far-famed picture of Our Lady Help of Christians venerated in the beautiful sanctuary which was dedicated to her by the late Dom Bosco.

The Queen-Dowager

The Queen-Dowager Margherita set out from Rome on Ascension Thursday in an automobile for the historic abbey of Monte Cassino, where she assisted at High Mass. During the service (says the correspondent of the 'Daily Chronicle') a remarkable panegyric was pronounced by Canon Vallego of Savona. The orator discoursed upon the Ascension as the festival of peace, and the mission in the modern world of the Benedictine Order, whose motto was 'Pax.' Then, turning to the bereaved Sovereign, Canon Vallego bade her take courage in her social efforts towards peace and conciliation, from the example of the sainted Patriarch of Western Monasticism. The preacher continuing, paid a touching tribute to the memory of the assassinated monarch King Humbert, as a peacemaker. Queen Margherita, who was moved to tears, afterwards expressed her gratitude to the preacher. The service being concluded, the Queen-Dowager was escorted through the vast corridors of the ancient abbey to the State apartments prepared for the recent visits of King Emmanuel and the German Emperor.

ROME.—The Christian Brothers

The great commercial school, as it may be justly called, of the Irish Christian Brothers in Rome, now counts almost 300 students on the lists of evening attendance only. Thus the desire of the late Cardinal Jacobini to combat the disgraceful methods of proselytism is being crowned with a full success, and it is to be hoped that the Brothers will receive that measure of support which they deserve for having created the best institution of the sort in Italy.

English Nursing Sisters

When in Rome his Majesty the King sent a portrait of himself to be hung in the convent of the English Nursing Sisters of the Little Community of Mary, with an expression of his Majesty's hope that 'this souvenir of his visit to Rome would be appreciated by the Sisters.' The letter accompanying the gift is dated from the Quirinal Palace, as is also a letter of April 29th accepting an illustrated volume from the Sisters and conveying his Majesty's thanks for same. These Sisters are founding an English hospital in Rome.

Germany and the Holy See

Within the past few weeks (writes a Rome correspondent, under date May 24) over 2000 German pilgrims have arrived in the Eternal City, and have been admitted to see his Holiness in three divisions. Never since the suppression of the infamous May Laws did Germany and the Germans stand out so prominently in Rome. It is