

of the Pope. For the present he goes to reside at the Vatican Palace, where the Pope desires him to devote his individual attention to the work of the Biblical Commission, whose existence is largely due to Father Fleming's influence with the Pope, who appointed him secretary thereof. Father Fleming is a native of Kerry, and has some relatives in New Zealand.

SCOTLAND.—Carthusians and Iona

An Edinburgh correspondent states that it is rumored that negotiations have been entered into with the Duke of Argyll for the purchase of the Island of Iona with a view of converting it into a retreat for the French Carthusians lately driven from their monastery at Charteux by the Combes clique. Should the rumor result in realisation France's loss will read Scotland's reward.

Papal Honor

In recognition of his many years' valuable services to the cause of Catholicity in Scotland, both in its religious and social spheres, the Pope has been pleased to confer on Mr James Brand, J.P., a well-known Catholic citizen of Glasgow, a Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory.

Presentation to a Jesuit

The members of the Catholic Caledonian Association of Edinburgh have presented their esteemed and energetic chaplain, the Very Rev. Father Campbell, S.J., with a purse of sovereigns as a token of their appreciation.

A Jubilee Memorial

On Sunday, May 31, in St. Mungo's Church, Townhead, Glasgow, the Father Cornelius Jubilee Memorial pulpit was unveiled. The new pulpit is largely the gift of Rev. Father Cornelius, as the cheque which he received on the occasion of his silver jubilee as a priest, amounting to £220, he handed over to the rector.

Death of a Priest

The news of the death of the Very Rev. Canon Joseph Hannan was received with deep grief by all who knew him. Especially was this the case in Lennoxton, Edinburgh, Loanhead, Denny, Falkirk, and Bathgate, to Catholics of which places he had endeared himself by his many sterling qualities and quiet, unassuming manner.

Appointments

Very Rev. Canon John Smith, Stirling, has been appointed Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh. Canon Smith is a native of Aberdeenshire, and was educated at Blairs College and afterwards at Rome. Rev. William E. Rooney, of Galashiels, has been appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter, Edinburgh, a vacancy having been caused some time ago by the death of the Right Rev. Mgr. Provost McKerrrell.

Open-air Preaching

For the past few years (writes an Edinburgh correspondent) the Rev. Father Power (a brother of the member for East Wairarapa), one of the Jesuit Fathers attached to the mission of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston, has conducted open air services on the Sunday evenings during the summer months. At first he preached only in the famous Grassmarket, but latterly he was to be seen standing amid a large crowd in the Lothian road, the spot being marked by a large wooden cross. Father Power states that his object is not to convert but to get into touch with non-Catholics, to explain the reasons why Catholics believe those doctrines which separate them from other denominations.

UNITED STATES.—Confirmation

A class of 611 persons was confirmed, May 10, in the Church of the Holy Rosary, Baltimore, Md., by Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by the Right Rev. Joseph H. Higgins, D.D., of Rochampton, Queensland. In this large class were about 250 adults, including many Poles, who in their native land, on account of Russian oppression, had no opportunity to receive this Sacrament.

GENERAL

Jubilee at Malta

The British Government placed a sum of £500 at the disposal of the local authorities in Malta for decorations and illuminations in honor of the Pope's jubilee. The Governor and his staff were present at the Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving. The fetes in Malta have been of a very enthusiastic character.

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The Late Father Croke, Auckland

The sad news has reached us of the death of the Rev. William J. Croke, of Auckland, who died in Philadelphia on June 8, whilst on his way to visit his relatives in Ireland. An esteemed Philadelphia correspondent, writing to us some days before the sad event, said:—

The numerous readers of your valuable paper, especially those in Auckland, will be sorry to learn that the Rev. Father Croke, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, has arrived in this city in a most exhausted, in fact a dying state. It is the common opinion of all the doctors here that his recovery is hopeless. He is receiving the very best of care from the good Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Joseph's Hospital. His Lordship Bishop Prendergast and several of the clergy of Philadelphia have visited him, especially may be mentioned the Rev. Father Keegan, formerly parish priest of Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, but at present a distinguished member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. Father Keegan's frequent visits do much to cheer and comfort the poor dying priest, who is here in a strange country without an acquaintance, or, we may even say, a friend, except those whom God in His mercy has called around his bedside in the persons of his confreres and the good Sisters.

Our valued contemporary 'The Catholic Standard and Times,' of June 13, gives the following particulars of the demise and burial of Father Croke:—Philadelphia's title of 'City of Brotherly Love' never seemed more fitting or possessed of a higher and holier significance than when viewed in the light of the sad, pathetic circumstances attending the death and burial of a young Irish priest during the past few days. In the last stages of consumption, contracted during six years' labor on the missions of the diocese of Auckland, New Zealand, Rev. William J. Croke, started on a long journey to his home in Ireland. He hoped and prayed that he might live to meet his family, especially his aged mother, to whom he was deeply attached. His strength almost spent, he reached Philadelphia, only to learn that no vessel would sail for several days. Worry over the delay hastened his collapse, and he died on Monday last at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was 32 years old.

His remains were taken from the hospital to St. John the Evangelist's rectory, the pastor, Rev. Nevin F. Fisher, having become deeply interested in the young priest after visiting him at the Hotel Walton. The body lay in state on Wednesday evening, a guard of honor from the parish societies remaining beside the casket throughout the night. On Thursday morning the funeral services were held in the presence of a congregation that filled the church. At least 50 priests filled seats in the sanctuary and in the pews nearby. The Divine Office was chanted, Rev. John J. Toomey, of the Immaculate Conception, and Rev. William V. McLoughlin, of St. Veronica's, being antiphonarians. Right Rev. Bishop Prendergast presided. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Fisher. Rev. Daniel I. McGlinchey, of St. Patrick's, was deacon; Rev. Robert J. Thompson, of St. John the Evangelist's, sub-deacon, and Rev. John J. Wheeler, of the same church, master of ceremonies.

The Right Rev. Bishop performed the absolution of the body and preached the sermon. He feelingly depicted the young priest's ardor and zeal in leaving his native land for the missions in a distant country; his labors resulting in the contraction of a fatal disease; his anxiety and heroic struggle to reach his home before death would overtake him, in order that he might pass away with his family around him. But God willed otherwise, and though stricken down, 'a stranger in a strange land,' every kindness and attention had been shown to him. All that medical science could do to prolong his life or alleviate his sufferings had been done, and now that he had passed away, every honor was bestowed upon him by those who a few days before knew him not were gathered around his remains and praying for the repose of his soul.

His only relatives in attendance were his cousins, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of Jersey City and Thomas McBride, of Pittsburg. These, with Mr. Fox, who accompanied him from Pittsburg to Philadelphia; the Rev. M. A. Keegan, C.S.S., formerly pastor of Waipawa, I.B.B., New Zealand, and Mr. Pohlen, of Chester, at one time a parishioner of Father Croke at Auckland, were the only other persons present who knew him before he came here.

Interment was made in the priests' plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, where the final absolution was given and the clergy chanted 'Benedictus.' The pall-bearers were Fathers Fisher, Toomey, Thompson, O. X. Wastl (of Weatherly), and Henry W. Baker (of Chester).—R.I.P.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—***