

the Municipal Council, who had requested that they should not be disturbed, went in a body to assure the Sisters of their sympathy. They were accompanied to the railway station by a procession of 500 or 600 persons, and the parish priest thanked them publicly for the devotion they had always shown to the whole population of the town. The departure of the Brothers and Sisters from their houses at Albi was also made the occasion for a scene. After accompanying them to the railway station, about 1000 persons marched in procession to the residence of M. Barbey, senator and ex-Minister. They hooted loudly and wrecked his garden. At Roquecourbe, the native village of M. Combes, the Prime Minister, the departure of the Sisters created a great sensation, and almost the whole of the inhabitants accompanied them a considerable way on the road. The procession was preceded by a tricolor flag draped in crape, and the van conveying the Sisters away was covered with flowers.

ROME.—An Audience

Amongst those whom the Holy Father received in audience the day following his election was the Maestro Perosi, whom he originally 'discovered' in Venice. With him his Holiness immediately began to talk in the Venetian dialect, and referred in a humorous manner to the opportunity they would now have for music together. He also received Count Grosoli, President dell'Opera dei Congressi Cattolici, whom he confirmed in that post. He assured Count Grosoli of the continuance of his interest in the Christian Democratic movement.

Cardinal Logue Interviewed

It was my good fortune (writes the Rome correspondent of the London 'Daily Mail') to obtain an interview with Cardinal Logue, the Primate of Ireland, at the Irish College in the Via Mazzarino, where his Eminence is at present staying. His Eminence did not expect any immediate change of Papal policy. 'The Pope,' he said emphatically, 'will never see Venice again.' When I protested with strong expressions of regret, Cardinal Logue answered—'Well, it may come in your time, but not in mine.' The Pope, he added, was a man of great vigor and strength of purpose.

St. Peter's

The Rome correspondent of the 'New York World,' in describing the ceremonies of the interment of Leo XIII., gives the following description of St. Peter's—The setting is worthy of the scene, which shifts between the greatest of palaces and the vastest church, through halls glowing with masterpieces of art that are the despair of rivalry. From the throne room of the Vatican—this palace of a thousand rooms, whose very cloisters are frescoed by Raphael—the body of the dead Pope is borne through the Sistine Chapel, dignified by Michael Angelo with the greatest paintings of all time, to the dome of St. Peter's. The Cardinals and princes and prelates following, whose robes to the least detail are regulated by the accretion of generations of precedent. And St. Peter's—what scope for spectacle! Simpler in plan than many smaller churches, its 600 feet of lofty length is all before one as he enters—a 'long block,' as New Yorkers reckon, of walls and floors inlaid with colored marbles, of gigantic statues, great pictures, huge columns. Four piers carry the huge dome, and each of these pillars alone is larger than not a few whole churches in New York. The 'baldacchino,' marking the tomb of St. Peter and the high altar where only Popes say Mass, seems a light, graceful canopy, yet it towers a hundred feet, and its columns are like trunks of great trees. The nave is twenty feet higher than the span of the Brooklyn Bridge; the dome, low and massive as it looks from a distance, rises far taller than any 'sky-scraper.'

SCOTLAND.—Death of a Prelate

The death has occurred at Blairs College, Aberdeen, of Monsignor Charles Tochetti, in his 81st year. Deceased was successively in charge of missions at Inverurie, Keith, and Woodside. Monsignor Tochetti's liberality to the Church was marked. He gifted £2000 to Blairs, erected a chapel at Inverurie, and founded schools at Keith. He was made Provost of the Cathedral Chapter of the diocese of Aberdeen in 1895, and in 1898 created Domestic Prelate to the late Pope.

Visit of the French Ambassador

The French Ambassador, Monsieur Cambon (writes a correspondent of the 'Glasgow Herald'), has just been paying a visit to Sir Hubert Jerningham at Longridge Towers, the fine old Border seat, near Berwick, which he inherited from his late wife. Sir Hubert is a scion of the old Catholic family of which Lord Stafford is the head, and which through the darkest days of the penal laws never wavered in its adherence to the faith. One of Sir Hubert's sisters married Mr. Edmondstone-Cranston, of Corehouse, Lanark, and the present young Catholic laird of that charmingly-situated property on the Falls of Clyde is her son. Mrs. Edmondstone-Cran-

ston was acting as hostess for her brother at Longridge during the visit of Monsieur Cambon, who, it may be interesting to note, is a practical Catholic, nearly connected with one of the Bishops of France, and personally quite out of sympathy with the persecuting spirit of the present French Government. Sir Hubert Jerningham, it may be added, is a Bachelor of the University of France, and an accomplished scholar. He is one of the few Catholics who have sat in Parliament for an English constituency, having represented Berwick from 1881 to 1885.

Recently Ordained Priests

Father Mellon, Father Gillon, Father Gray, and Father Smith Steinmitz, of the Scot's College, Rome, and Father Anton, of St. Sulpice, Paris, have taken up appointments in the diocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A Jesuit Observatory

The Jesuit Fathers in charge of the mission at Bulawayo are opening an observatory in the suburbs of that town. It has been placed under the direction of the Rev. Edmund Goetz, who possesses the highest qualifications, having obtained brilliant degrees in science and mathematics in the University of Paris, and having spent the last eighteen months at the well-known observatory at Georgetown University, in the United States. The Chartered Company have given two blocks in the suburbs of Bulawayo, situated in a fairly elevated position. The astronomer's house is now nearing completion, the Government having assisted towards the part erection of the buildings.

UNITED STATES.—A Prelate's Estate

The will of Archbishop Katzer gives all of the property, both real and personal, to Bishop Schwebach, of La Crosse. The petition for probate says the value of the real estate is more than £250 and fixes the value of the personality at the same amount. There is no direction in the will concerning disposition, which of course will be transferred to the next Archbishop of the diocese by Bishop Schwebach when the new Archbishop is appointed.

Convention of German Catholics

The forty-eighth convention of the German Catholic Central Society of America, which was to open on September 20, in Dayton, Ohio, promised to be the largest and most brilliant affair held in that city for many years. As invitations have been sent to 600 societies to send delegates and the individual membership amounts to 300,000, an idea of the immensity of the convention can be obtained.

Sunday School for Chinese

Miss Ella May Clemmons, sister of Mrs. Howard Gould, of New York, has just opened in the Chinese district of San Francisco the first Catholic Sunday school for Oriental children ever attempted in that city. It is called St. Anne's School. A kindergarten is to be carried on during the week.

A Unique Gift

Every Catholic diocese in the United States is to be asked to contribute a statue or painting of the ruling Bishop to be presented to Statuary Hall in the Catholic University at Washington. Each province, it has been suggested, will present a statue of its Archbishop as the gift of the clergy of the diocese. Boston has been the first to adopt the plan. The clergy of that archdiocese have ordered a life-size portrait of Archbishop John Joseph Williams.

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Christian Democracy in Mexico

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