

The Catholic World

ENGLAND

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

The Very Rev. Joseph Peter Bannin, P.S.M., rector of the Italian Church, Hatton Garden, chairman of the Catholic Association, and a native of Dublin, who died in January last, aged sixty-three years, left estate of the gross value of £4264, of which the net personality has been sworn at £3020. Probate of his will has been granted to the Rev. Michael Carmody, of Hastings, and Mr. Charles Vincent Whitgreave, solicitor. The testator left his leasehold property, Clerkenwell, upon trust for his sister, Catherine Bannin for life, and he directed the payment to her of an allowance in the discretion of his trustees, but not exceeding £78 per annum. He left £1000 to the Superior Council of St. Vincent de Paul, and the residue of his property to the trustees for the time being of the Italian Church, Hatton Garden, London, for the poor and the service of God.

THE DUTY OF CATHOLICS.

The Bishop of Northampton (Right Rev. Dr. Keating) delivered recently an address on 'The War and Christianity' at a Solemn Requiem Mass for the victims of the war, in St. Gregory's Church, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. In his address he said that the mother country, that had sheltered and protected them and had always taught them that obedience to her laws was the best guarantee of liberty and progress, was calling them. But they had never expected to be summoned to her side to defend her very life. Yet that was the position to-day, and the call imposed a strict obligation upon every citizen. The dictates of the Christian conscience endorsed and elevated and reinforced with fresh motives that which their national feeling prompted them to do. A shirker who professed the Christian religion was infinitely more base than a shirker who professed none. He did not see any sign that the voluntary system was unequal to the strain laid upon it; but it was no less obligatory in conscience than the system of conscription. It was, perhaps, more stringent because it did not mean that they were free to give or withhold their service. It meant universal recognition of a universal duty to dedicate all that they had and all that they were to the country's service.

ROME

THE HOLY FATHER AND LOUVAIN.

The Holy Father has ordered that duplicates of publications arriving at the Vatican Library, and also a copy of everything printed there, be sent to the Uni-

versity of Louvain to assist in reconstructing that library. His Holiness has also promised further assistance.

DEPUTATION FROM SALERNO.

On April 22 his Holiness received in the Consistorial Hall a large deputation from the archdiocese of Salerno, which had come to thank the Holy Father for having given them a new pastor in the person of Mgr. Grasso. An address was read by Mgr. Capone, Canon of the Metropolitan Church of Salerno, to which the Pope made a very graceful reply, appropriately recalling that the consecration of the new Archbishop had been performed during the second week after Easter, the Sunday of which, being the Feast of the Good Shepherd, coincided with the title they might give to Mgr. Grasso, and that they were to be a docile flock, following him to pastures fruitful in virtue and zeal. His Holiness then gave the Apostolic Benediction, and going around the hall gave his hand to be kissed by each one present.

UNITED STATES

A TRIPLE BEREAVEMENT.

During the first week in May (says the *Catholic Bulletin*) the Church in the United States suffered a triple bereavement in the deaths of the distinguished prelates who presided over the Sees of Buffalo, Covington, and Salt Lake. The East, the South, and the West, are in mourning for Bishop Colton, Bishop Maes, and Bishop Scanlan, respectively. Two of them—Bishop Maes and Bishop Scanlan—had entered the forty-seventh year of the priesthood, the former had passed the thirtieth milestone in his episcopal career, and the latter the twenty-seventh. Both were missionary bishops who helped to lay or extend the foundation of the Church in the States of Kentucky and Utah. Bishop Scanlan was born in County Tipperary in 1843, and educated at Thurles and All Hallows College, where he was ordained in 1868. For a time he was assistant at St. Patrick's Church, San Francisco. He came to Salt Lake in 1873, where he erected a small church for the few Catholics of that locality. He travelled over the State as a missionary for many years and when the diocese of Salt Lake was erected into a separate jurisdiction, he was appointed its first bishop, and consecrated in 1887. He erected the beautiful Cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen which was dedicated a few years ago, and also All Hallows College for the education of boys, placing it in charge of the Marist Fathers.

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