

THE CATHOLIC WORLD

GENERAL.

Sixty-six persons of the Indian and colored community in Pretoria presented an address of thanks to the Sisters of the Holy Cross there for the untiring help and work rendered there during the Spanish influenza outbreak. The name of Father de Hovre was coupled with that of the Sisters in this hearty vote of thanks.

Mount Desert Island, on the east coast of the United States, has been named by Secretary Lane the Lafayette National Park. It was discovered by Champlain. It was the site in 1613 of the first French missionary settlement in America. It was given by royal grant to Antoine Cadillac. Two years ago it was made a national monument.

The Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda has recently fixed the name of the Kimberley Vicariate as "The Vicariate of Kimberley in South Africa" (Vicariatus Kimberliensis in Africa Meridionali). Up to the present it was variously named. It comprises the Orange Free State, Griqualand West, and Bechuanaland up to the Tropic of Capricorn.

From an organisation of three parish branches and about 5000 in membership the Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society of Chicago has grown in little more than four years into a tremendous association of 140 parish societies, embracing approximately 50,000 Catholic men. This marvellous development, most of which has been achieved in the past two years, is directly attributable to the interest in the Holy Name Society shown by Archbishop Mundelein and his zeal in urging the extension of the organisation into every parish of the archdiocese.

Catholic Montreal, forced by the influenza to close its churches, like most other cities of the States and Canada, adopted a unique method of bringing God's blessing to the people. At the command of Archbishop Bruchesi, the great boudon of Notre Dame Church peeled forth and every parish priest entered the sanctuary to celebrate Mass for his people, while in every household the people gathered to pray. Then the priests walked or rode through the streets with the Blessed Sacrament, and blessed the people as the latter came to the doors, many of them carrying lighted tapers. Large numbers of pedestrians dropped to their knees as the Blessed Sacrament went by. Archbishop Bruchesi himself was among the priests who participated in the outdoor ceremonies.

Lecturing in aid of the West African Mission in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, the Right Rev. Dr. Broderick, Vicar-Apostolic of Nigeria, declared that the idea that was fostered by Rome in regard to the evangelisation of the African was a peculiarly national idea. It was Africa for the Africans. It had been pointed out by St. Francis Xavier, and it had been his Lordship's experience also, that for the most part the pagan who adopted European civilisation adopted none of its virtues. To ensure, therefore, that the Africans would still be Africans, the Catholic Church was endeavoring hard to establish an African priesthood and an African sisterhood, trying in every possible way to utilise the brain power that undoubtedly was to be found in the possession of the natives.

Ong San and Ting Pau, Chinese students at the University of Notre Dame, were baptised recently by Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of the University, and will be known as William Ong and Paul Ting. Gov. David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, became godfather, coming all the way from his eastern home to attend the ceremony. Governor Walsh fell in with the young Chinamen and two of their companions, who were already Catholics, on their first arrival upon the Pacific Coast, and looked after their welfare all the way to Notre Dame. It was this kindness on the part of Governor Walsh that led the neophytes to ask the Governor to stand sponsor for them. The Chinese colony at Notre Dame is now 100 per cent. Catholic.

The world famous Cathedral at Milan, in Italy, is second only to St. Peter's for size. Delicate as lace are the instinctive words of description that spring to the lips of the traveller looking for the first time upon the forest of spires, pinnacles, and turrets that are well-nigh countless. In striking contrast to the intricacy of the exterior—every foot of available space being occupied by a statue or ornament—is the solemn grandeur of the vaulted interior with the soft, rich light mellowing through colored glass in an effect that is worth travelling far to see. Patient indeed have been the Italian church makers and decorators throughout the ages—the present Cathedral is the third to have occupied this site. The first was destroyed by that famous king of the Huns, Attila, known to history as "The Scourge of God."

It is with great joy that Bishop V. Roelens, A. M., of the Belgian Upper Congo, announces that he has ordained the first native priest of that vicariate. Both the Lower and Upper Congo are difficult fields for the apostolate, but the natives of the latter region are a little less wild than the former and have given proof of this by giving one of their number to the sacerdotal state. Truly this is a great conquest for the Church and for the White Fathers who trained him. After a long and careful course in the usual studies, the candidate was submitted to two years of trial. This he passed successfully, and was finally ordained. His name is Father Stephen Kasze. He will act as instructor in the Small Seminary and will be able to render valuable assistance. Five other youths have also entered the classes of philosophy and theology, and if they persevere, Bishop Roelens will be able to count definitely on native helpers.

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPATE.

Some important changes are likely to be made in the Scottish Hierarchy in the near future. As we mentioned some time ago (says the London *Catholic Times*), the question of appointing an Auxiliary Bishop for the Glasgow archdiocese had been under the consideration of the Holy See, but the appointment was temporarily deferred. It is now stated on good authority that the Holy See is at present considering the advisability of dividing the archdiocese into a number of suffragan bishoprics, under the control of the Archbishop of Glasgow. Some such arrangement has been rendered inevitable by the immense development of the archdiocese in recent years. Its Catholic population now numbers about 400,000, so that it has evidently become rather unwieldy for the direct control of one bishop. We understand that the scheme which is being considered by the Holy See contemplates four sub-divisions of the archdiocese. Each of the new suffragans would, therefore, have the direction, on an average, of 100,000 souls. This represents a higher total than the Catholic population of any of the other Scottish dioceses, as will be seen by the following figures taken from the *Catholic Directory* for 1919:—St. Andrews and Edinburgh, 70,000; Aberdeen, 12,000; Argyll and the Isles, 12,500; Dunkeld, 33,000; and Galloway, 20,469.

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