

THE CATHOLIC WORLD

GENERAL.

The oldest university under the American flag is that of Santos Tomas de Aquinas, the famous Dominican seat of learning in the Philippines. It was founded in April, 1611.

Argentina counts no less than 1162 Catholic private schools for primary education. The most important centres are in the capital, Buenos Ayres, 395 schools, and in the Provinces of Buenos Ayres, 360; Cordovo, 189; Entre Rios, 187; and Santa Fe, 247—all Catholic free schools.

Within five years the great metropolitan sees of New Orleans, San Francisco, St. Paul, Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York, have become vacant, and all are now filled by new chief pastors. The change involved in that short time means that two-thirds of the Catholics of the United States have passed under the jurisdiction of new Archbishops.

Early every year a list of Catholic missionaries who have died in foreign lands during the previous 12 months is published. The total losses for 1918 are nine bishops and 198 priests. Of the bishops six are French, one Italian, and one Hollander. Of the priests 103 are French, 20 Spaniards, 11 Italian, 10 Belgian, nine Irish, five Germans, five Hollanders, five Portuguese, four Canadians, two Indians, 11 Senegalese, one North American, one Maltese, one Swiss, one belonging to the Argentine, and one to the Republic of Columbia. The oldest of this glorious phalanx was an Italian, Padre Angelini, O.F.M., born in 1832, and a missionary in the Holy Land since 1856, so that the octogenarian had 53 years' missionary work of the most exacting kind when called to his reward. After him comes Father Tatin, O.M.I., on the mission in England since 1865. The religious families represented in this Roll of Honor are the Order of Friars Minor, the Company of Jesus, the Vincentians, the Dominicans, the Capuchins, Conventuals, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Salesians, White Fathers, Carmelites.

The Most Rev. Mother-General of the Congregation of Notre Dame des Missions is expected to arrive in England shortly for the General Chapter of the Congregation (says the *Irish Catholic* of recent date). She has been visiting the Mission Convents in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, and will proceed, on her return journey, to India to visit the convents in that far-away land. The General Chapter will take place this year at St. Ethelburga's Convent, Deal, Kent, when all the Superiors from the different quarters of the globe will assemble for the election of new Superiors. This important event should have taken place last year, but owing to the difficulties of travelling, it was postponed until 1919. The Sisters of the Institute of Notre Dame des Missions fulfil a most noble work in the training and bringing up of orphans, and they are engaged in other charitable works. May the Holy Spirit guide their deliberations in the forthcoming General Chapter.

His Excellency Archbishop Bonzano, speaking at the enthronement of Archbishop Hayes as Metropolitan of New York, declared that "Archbishop Hayes begins his administration at a moment that is critical for America and for all mankind. In every department of life, problems of the gravest character multiply day by day," said the Apostolic Delegate. "Still trembling from its mighty conflict, the world is impatient to clear away its ruins and build anew the structure of society. Law and order, individual right and national existence, science and civilisation—all are involved in this crisis. Religion itself is not exempt—nor faith, nor hope, nor virtues that have hitherto served as the basis of freedom—all are at stake, all dependent upon the issue to which events are so rapidly moving. As all the forces of evil, of passion and greed and hatred have combined to bring calamity upon the world, so in equal unity and strength must the agencies of good co-operate to restore and preserve the social order, the home, the

school, and the Church, public authority and private endeavor."

A CARMELITE CENTENARY.

This year—1919—marks the third centenary of the foundation of the historic Carmelite Community at Lanherne, Cornwall. They were originally founded at Antwerp, in 1619, by Lady Ann Lovel, of English ladies, who had gone over for that purpose. Lady Ann Lovel was the daughter of Lord Rogers, Baron of Teighnam, and widow of Sir Robert Lovel. The Community was, however, compelled, through the rapacity of the French, in 1794, to return to England for safety. The eighth Lord Arundell generously placed at their disposal his historic Manor of Lanherne, Cornwall, for their convent home, a gift which they most gratefully accepted. This manor was the seat of the Arundells since the time of King Henry III., and as early as 1376 Lady Jane de Arundell obtained episcopal permission to have Holy Mass celebrated in her private chapel there.

The Arundells in early times possessed so much property and influence in Cornwall and elsewhere as to be called "Great Arundells." But far above the antiquity of their descent, the dignity of their connections, or earthly possessions, they prized their Catholic Faith, and amidst the changes and disasters of the Reformation they were the foremost champions of the ancient Faith of England. In the reign of Edward VI., Humphrey Arundell died gloriously for his Faith. His son, Sir John Arundell, was cast into prison for his Faith by Queen Elizabeth, and the next heir, for the same holy cause, suffered the forfeiture of two-thirds of his estates, and of all his goods, and saved the remnant of his possessions only by paying a fine of £3000 and an annual fine of £240 for non-attendance at the Established Church.

There is a tradition that even through the most perilous periods of the Reformation a priest was to be found at Lanherne, and that the Blessed Sacrament has always been kept there, without a break, through all the years of religious disaster and tragedy. The Lanherne Mission is thus the oldest in Cornwall, having preserved unbroken its connection with pre-Reformation times.

"FALSE FROM THE START."

An interesting and rather unusual court scene was recorded in the Auburn (N.Y.) *Citizen* a few weeks ago (says the St. Louis *Church Progress* of recent date). Judge Ray, of the Federal Court, administered a stinging rebuke to a reader of *The Menace*, who pleaded guilty to distributing alleged false and malicious literature which attacked the Knights of Columbus. The defendant, David Wagner, 66 years old, of Oneonta, admitted having circulated a leaflet which attacked Catholic organisations. He was sentenced by Judge Ray to pay a fine of 100 dollars. The defendant raised the money and paid the fine.

"No body of men have shown themselves more devoted to the Union and to the cause of our country in this war than have the Catholics," said Judge Ray, in passing sentence. "The Knights of Columbus have co-operated valiantly with the Red Cross and other organisations for the general good."

"I am not a Catholic, but I want to say to you that I wish you would promise not to read any more in *The Menace*, which I understand you take. Such statements as have been published in that paper are harmful, and they hinder united action in our country, as well as being false from the start." Wagner admitted that he "had nothing against the Catholics, but did not like the system." However, he intimated that he would stop taking *The Menace*. He claimed that he found the leaflets.

If the heart be right with God, He will weigh the rest in a balance of compassion.—Cardinal Manning.