

Here and There

The Lord Mayor Visits Cardinal Bourne.—Persons in the immediate vicinity of Westminster Cathedral on the day of the Requiem for the Irish soldiers (says *Catholic News Service*, London, for November 17), were surprised to see the three state carriages of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, with the footmen hanging on behind and preceded by mounted police, driving in the direction of Archbishop's House. It was an occasion unprecedented in London for centuries; for the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, all of them Catholics, went in full state to pay their respects to the Cardinal Archbishop. Cardinal Pole possibly received the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in his day; but he was Archbishop of Canterbury, and would have received them at Lambeth. The rulers of the city were received by his Eminence in official audience, and later in the day Cardinal Bourne drove to the Mansion House to repay the call.

Knighthood for Catholic Governor.—Captain James O'Grady, formerly member for Leeds and now Governor of Tasmania, now becomes Sir James O'Grady, having received the honor of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Sir James is not the first member of the Labor Party to be made a knight; but he is the first Catholic member of the party to receive knighthood. Sir James O'Grady was born of Irish parents at Bristol, and after being educated at the Catholic school of St. Mary in that city, was apprenticed to the furniture trade, becoming ultimately the head of its trade union. During the war he served with the Allied troops on various fronts, and in 1917 was sent on an official mission to Russia. In 1918 he went to Ireland on a recruiting mission, and in 1920 he negotiated for the exchange of war prisoners with the Bolshevik leader Litvinoff (Finkelstein). Sir James was mentioned as first British Ambassador to the Soviet Government—a diplomatic post that has yet to come into existence.

Episcopal Jubilee of Bishop Heylen.—Mgr. Heylen, Bishop of Namur, celebrated the jubilee of his episcopal consecration in his cathedral church, in the presence of Cardinal Mercier and the Nuncio to Belgium. Cardinal Luçon, Archbishop of Rheims, and the Bishop of Verdun also attended the jubilee Mass, which Mgr. Heylen celebrated in the presence of many Belgian bishops and high personages. Mgr. Heylen, who was born in 1856, entered the Norbertine Order at Tongerlo when he was nineteen. Ordained in 1881, he was sent to the Gregoriana in Rome to complete his theological studies. Leo XIII subjected him to a special examination at the Vatican, when Father Heylen presented no fewer than 259 theses, dealing with sciences physical, mathematical, and natural, as well as with theology. In 1887 he was appointed Abbot of Tongerlo. In 1889 he founded the Premonstratensian monastery at Manchester in England, and ten years later was nomin-

ated Bishop of Namur. Bishop Heylen is also President General of the Permanent Committee of the International Eucharistic Congresses.

English Abbot President Dies.—Dr. Oswald Smith, O.S.B., Abbot of Ampleforth and President of the English Benedictine Congregation, has just died at Leeds after a severe illness. Dr. Smith, who had a distinguished academic career, was elected Prior of Ampleforth in 1898, and when that house was raised to the rank of an abbey by Leo XIII he became its first Abbot; his abbatial benediction and instalment being the first of its kind celebrated in England since the installation of Abbot Feckenham at Westminster Abbey under Mary Tudor. The connection was interesting, for Abbot Smith was the lineal descendant of Abbot Feckenham as head of the Westminster monks; for the community of Ampleforth Abbey traces itself back directly to the last survivor of the monks of Westminster Abbey who were dispossessed by Elizabeth. A further confirmation of this historic connection was given recently, when the Royal College of Herald's conferred on the Abbot and Convent of St. Lawrence's Abbey at Ampleforth their right to bear and use the seal of arms used by the Abbot and Convent of Westminster.

Benedictine Artist's Work on View.—London is shortly to have an exhibition of the paintings of that talented Benedictine artist, Brother Richard Anson, O.S.B., who is an oblate of the Caldey Benedictines and a resident of Quarr Abbey in the Isle of Wight. The forthcoming exhibition, which is the second public showing in London since 1922, consists of a number of paintings of the Orkneys and the Pistoian Apennines. The artist is not greatly given to ecclesiastical subjects; but in his own line of work is considered to be one of the coming artists of the day. The Orkney series, apart from their artistic merit, have a further interest in the fact that they were painted by Brother Anson whilst in the northern fishing grounds with the trawling fleet, carrying out his work as organising secretary of the Apostleship of the Sea, a work amongst Catholic sailors that has earned the warmest approval of Pope Pius XI. Brother Anson's pictures have been hung in the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh, and this autumn he has had an exhibition at the Walker Gallery in Liverpool.

Episcopal Anniversary of Spanish Primate.—Congratulations from all parts of Spain have been pouring in on Cardinal Reig, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, who has recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of his episcopal consecration. On the day itself the Cardinal Primate celebrated the anniversary Mass, and during the morning received a number of delegations at the Archbishop's Palace. One delegation,

composed of the Mayor and Corporation and civil authorities, conveyed the congratulations of the city. The Military Governor and other military chiefs paid the respects of the Army, while a further delegation consisted of the chief ecclesiastical personages of the archdiocese. Practically the whole day was given up by the Cardinal Primate to giving audiences, among those received by his Eminence being the General of the Paulist Fathers, the Director of the Spanish Brothers of Charity, and representatives of various religious Orders who came by train to congratulate the Primate on his anniversary.

Convert Journalist.—Mr. William Theodore Brewster, of Glasnevin, Dublin manager of the Independent Newspapers Co. and hon. secretary of the Irish Newspaper Society, stated in his will that he thanked Almighty God for the priceless gift of having been received into the Catholic Church. "I place it on record," he added, "that while during my life I have never used compulsion in this matter towards my dear wife and children, it is my dearest wish and most constant prayer that the Almighty, in His own good time and way, may vouchsafe the same great gifts of faith and conversion to every one of them."

A Priest's Heroism.—A message from Capetown dated December 15, says:—

Special cable messages received by the *Cape Argus* from Port Louis, Mauritius, give thrilling accounts by survivors of the small steamer *Cigale*, which caught fire while carrying 1500 cases of motor spirit from Mauritius to the French island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. A panic occurred when the petrol was ablaze. There was a wild rush by the crew for the boats, and some of the women passengers were left in a fainting condition on the burning vessel. There is public indignation in Mauritius owing to the allegations that the women on board were abandoned, and when the captain, officers, and other survivors of the *Cigale* arrived at Port Louis on Saturday they were received in silence. Brother Ignace, who spent several days and nights with a sailor on a raft 6ft square, told a harrowing story. He said the raft remained for a time near the doomed ship. Father Dufay, an invalid priest, who gave up his seat in a boat, pronounced absolution on the two men on the raft from the ship's deck. Brother Ignace, as they drifted away, could hear Father Dufay baptising the Chinamen and comforting his comrades. The heroism of the women left to go down with the ship was beyond words. They knelt on deck, praying quietly, Rosaries in hand, as the ship sank. Father Dufay's voice could be heard pronouncing absolution—the words *in articulo mortis* (in the article of death) being clearly audible above the cries of the drowning passengers. Brother Ignace states emphatically that he heard Father Dufay plead with the crew that they should save the women.

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