

## Here and There

**New Archbishop for Saragossa.**—The archiepiscopal See of Saragossa, which has been vacant since the brutal murder of Cardinal Soldevila some months ago, is likely to be filled by the promotion of Mgr. Domenech y Vallis, Bishop of Mallorca. The Dean and Chapter have elected the Bishop of Mallorca to the Archbishopric, and the King of Spain, under a privilege conceded by the Holy See, has confirmed the nomination. It now remains for the Holy See to approve the election. The Archbishop-designate is a native of the diocese of Valencia, and is 54 years of age. He was appointed to the See of Mallorca, in the Balearic Islands in May, 1916. The See of Saragossa, or Zaragoza, as it is called in Spanish, dates from the fifth century; the name is a Spanish version or corruption of the Latin *Caesaraugusta*.

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**Pope Baiting Not Popular.**—Baiting the Pope is not now the popular pastime that it used to be in England, as a loud-voiced ruffian found out to his cost at Sunderland the other day, when he was arrested by the police for causing an obstruction in the public streets. It is not many years since it was a quite safe and appreciated amusement to vilify the Catholics and the Pope in public, but this era has passed. The policeman who arrested this truculent person in the North declared before the magistrate that he was "running down the Catholic religion and abusing the Pope." Sunderland, which has a considerable Catholic population, does not take kindly to that sort of thing, and from the policeman's account, the arrest saved his traducer from a severe handling by a highly indignant audience. Nor was the magistrate any more kindly disposed. For after fining the Protestant orator ten shillings, he declared him to be a "nice sort of fellow to attempt to preach any religion."

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**Convert Anglican Ministers.**—Three more Anglican ministers have made their submission to the Church. The Rev. John Pinsent, who was received at Boscombe, formerly held curacies at Woolwich, Biggleswade, Leiston, Crosby, and Lincoln. The news of his conversion has, therefore, created a widespread impression. The Rev. Frederick Beavan, F.A., late Anglican curate at Holme-on-pallding-Moor, Yorks, and at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has also been received. The name of the third convert minister is being withheld for personal reasons. His name is very well known in England as that of a controversialist.

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**Distinguished Wexfordman's Death.**—The death has occurred in New York of Mr. John Goff, formerly Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, in his 76th year. Ex-Judge Goff was a native of Gorey, and a member of the Fenian organisation. He emigrated to America, without money or friends, in his 14th year, and was one of the committee to

take charge of the "Catalpa" rescue in 1875, when several Irish military prisoners were rescued from an Australian penal settlement. As a supporter of Parnell he stood by the chief to the end. He always evinced great interest in the welfare of his motherland, as could be gathered from his interview with Mr. Ford, who promised him that, even were he to run the factory in Cork at a loss, he would still keep it working, as he, too, had a great wish to see Irishmen of the land of his forefathers prosperous and contented. Judge Goff's only son is engaged in the legal profession in New York, and his only daughter became a nun a few years ago. The late Mrs. James Scallan, Wexford Street, Gorey, was a sister of Judge Goff.

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**A Descendant of Robert Emmet Dead.**—Colonel Myles Emmet Byrne, T.D., a descendant of Robert Emmet, Leader of the Irish Rebellion of 1798, has died at his home at Lelsham, near Liverpool. The eldest son of the late Councillor John Byrne, J.P., of Liverpool, Colonel Byrne, who was 55, came of an old South of Ireland family, the O'Byrnes, who figured prominently in resisting the English invasion in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and later fought on the side of the Royalists during the war against Cromwell. One of the O'Byrnes earned undying fame by leading the storming of Dublin Castle. Another, General Myles Byrne—after whom Colonel Byrne was named—was one of Napoleon's most trusted assistants, and his name is inscribed on the Arc de Triomphe. Colonel Byrne served for eighteen years in the 5th (Irish) Volunteer Battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment, and commanded it for five years. During the Great War he was in command of the 1st Tyneside Irish Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and in 1915 went to Egypt with the 20th Northern Rifles. He remained in Egypt till the end of the war, and was decorated with the Order of a Commander of the Nile.

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**Jesuit Musician's Golden Jubilee.**—A Prolific Composer.—Father Ludwig Bonvin, S.J., author of six Masses and one of the most noted and prolific writers of sacred music in the United States, has just celebrated his golden jubilee as a Jesuit. Father Bonvin, born in 1850 in Switzerland, studied in that country and in Austria, Holland, and England and became a priest in England. He performed his chief priestly service at Canisius College, Buffalo, where for years he directed a famous college choir, taught French and presided at conferences on cases of moral theology.

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**Lloyd George's Chestnut.**—One of the London papers printed the other day a selection of Election repartees and gave premier place for aptness to a reply said to have been given by Mr. Lloyd George to a heckler, who

asked his opinion of Purgatory. "You may go further and fare worse" is the answer attributed to the ready-tongued Welshman. Possibly he may have deemed his retort original, but in fact it is merely a variant of an answer given by the famous Father Burke to a railway carriage acquaintance who would insist on discussing religion with the famous Irish Dominican. Purgatory came on the tapis, and all the priest's arguments failed to carry conviction to his fellow traveller. "Very well," said Father Tom, in conclusion (if the legend is well founded), "if you don't believe in Purgatory you may go to H—l."

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**Notification from Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes.**—Mgr. Schoepfer, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, recently published the following opportune notification regarding certain cures attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and purported to have been wrought at the shrine of the Immaculate Virgin: "The proclamation which certain pilgrims use in proclaiming as 'miraculous' facts not confirmed by scientific or official assertion, is incontestably of a nature to furnish arms to the adversaries of the supernatural and of the Catholic Church. But, if these too hasty manifestations—not always easy to prevent—which the throng cry out as miracles, are vexing and inconvenient, it is infinitely more regrettable and more dangerous that, sometimes, certain persons whose position calls for dignity, and from whom one expects the example of calm, moderation and prudence, should show an excessive eagerness which is able to compromise the cause of truth and the favorable renown of Lourdes. It is easy, in fact, to comprehend that the unbelieving and the impious will be made to sneer at and to cast aspersions upon the great work of Lourdes, if, in the place of 'miracles' announced by too enthusiastic pilgrims, they find themselves in presence of one who has not been cured at all, or only imperfectly, or who has been cured by merely natural means. Inspired, doubtless, by intentions of themselves most honorable, the extravagant haste exercised to qualify these circumstances as supernatural, far from winning the conviction of the unbelieving, tends to the spontaneity of attacks on the part of the impious and those of bad faith. It follows, therefore, that any 'cure' at Lourdes not taking place in a religious ceremony or related in the accounts of pilgrimages made under rigorous control and authenticated by the proper inquiries, and officially published in the Bureau of Medical Constations of Lourdes, is to be suspected."

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