

Here and There

Cardinal Gasquet.—It has long been a curious anomaly that whereas Ireland has had only one Cardinal England should have two. The contrast has now been rendered more remarkable by the death of Cardinal Logue, which leaves Ireland without any representation in the College of Cardinals. But the vacancy is not likely to remain unfilled for long; and in any event the existence of a second English Cardinal is due to the accident that the Church in England possesses one of the most distinguished scholars in all Christendom. Cardinal Gasquet's scholarship earned him his appointments first as President of the International Commission for the Revision of the Vulgate, and more recently as Librarian to the Vatican. He would thus have become a Cardinal regardless of what country he belonged to. His golden jubilee as a priest is to be celebrated on December 19, and a presentation is to be made to him in honor of the occasion.

A Popular Catholic Novelist.—Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes, who, as most people know, is the sister of Hilaire Belloc, has gone to America, not on a lecturing tour but for the purpose of visiting her friends there. Mrs. Lowndes is one of the most popular of British novelists. She is quite a prolific writer, but her public never seems to tire of her books. No writer of fiction in English to-day has such a gift as she possesses of investing a story right from its opening pages with an uncanny atmosphere—a sense of impending tragedy as palpable as the darkening sky which precedes the outbreak of a storm. Nearly 30 years ago Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes married one of *The Times* staff, Mr. F. S. A. Lowndes. Notwithstanding her fondness for writing of the criminal and the "vamp," Mrs. Lowndes is in her own life quite a mild and rather modest woman, finding in the quietude of her domestic circle her true and natural milieu.

Historic Vestments.—A set of vestments, pre-Reformation in date and with historical associations, has been presented to the Dean and Chapter of York Minster by an unknown donor. The set is evidently that of a prelate, for it consists of a cope and mitre, a chasuble and the two dalmatics. The gift has been accepted, and will no doubt go into a glass case to be exhibited to visitors. The treasury already contains the fine silver crozier of Dr. Smith, Vicar Apostolic of the North, who was appointed by James II in 1688, and had the crozier torn from his hands whilst walking in a religious procession in the city of York. Canterbury Cathedral also has a complete set of vestments that have never been used. These are an exact replica of the vestments of St. Thomas of Canterbury, the originals of which are in the sacristy of Sens Cathedral. The replica was given to Canterbury as a hint for their use; but no vestments have seen the light in Canterbury Cathedral since Cardinal Pole was Archbishop of Canterbury.

Churchill and Collins.—Mr. Winston Churchill, who has just passed his 50th birthday, was, as most people know, at one time a prisoner in the hands of the Boers in South Africa. He escaped, and President Kruger issued a proclamation offering a reward of £100 "for the body of one Winston Churchill, lately escaped from Pretoria Gaol." When the late Michael Collins was negotiating the Irish Treaty in London he paid a visit to Mr. Churchill's house and was shown a copy of Kruger's proclamation with the humorous remark from Winston—"We offered a little more than that for your body": to which Collins replied—"Yes, but the cost of living has gone up since 1899!"

Historic Vestments Used at Requiem Mass.—Historic interests are connected with the set of vestments, which Bishop Hanlon used at Salford Cathedral, at the Requiem for the late Cardinal Logue. These vestments, says the Bishop of Salford in a circular to his clergy, are used in the Cathedral only on very rare occasions. They were actually worn during the celebration of Mass by Pope Pius VII during the years 1805-1809, when that Pontiff was actually a prisoner in France, where he was forcibly carried off by the Emperor Napoleon.

Prince Visits Catholic Home.—The Catholic home of St. Raphael for disabled soldiers in Edinburgh, which is conducted by the nuns of the Little Company of Mary, received a visit from the Prince of Wales during his recent visit to Scotland. Welcomed by the Mother Superior, and Lady Anne Kerr and the medical officer, the Prince was taken all over the establishment, which aroused his praise and admiration, not only by the excellence of its organisation and up-to-dateness, but also by the kindly charity of the nuns who give their lives to ministering to the disabled of the war. A similar home, St. David's, exists in the Westminster diocese, at Ealing, Cardinal Bourne being its president. This last named provides a home for 54 totally disabled soldiers and sailors. This home is conducted by a Catholic lay staff, and in spirituals is under the care of the English Benedictines, who have a priory at Ealing.

New Diocese for England.—A new and important development in the progress of Catholicism in England is contained in the news, now received from Rome, that the Pope is about to create a new diocese in the North. The new bishopric, it is understood, will be known as the See of Lancaster; a rich-sounding title that recalls the spacious days of the 13th century. Part of the territory will be taken from the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, now vacant, and part from the archdiocese of Liverpool. The whole area is in the province of Liverpool, of which the new diocese is to be a suffragan See. The appoint-

ment of the first Bishop is being awaited with interest. There being no existing Chapter, Rome will make the first nomination direct; so that no intimation as to who will be the first Bishop will be made until Rome has signified its decision to the Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Liverpool. The new Bishop will have in his diocese some parts of England where the Old Religion lingered long after it had completely disappeared in the south; perhaps even places where it never entirely disappeared and was forgotten.

Spanish Protestant Pastor Converted.—The reception into the Catholic Church of a Protestant pastor and his family, which took place a few weeks ago at Trujillo, has aroused the greatest interest throughout Spain. The pastor in question, Señor Rodriguez, made his abjuration at the hands of the ecclesiastical governor of the bishopric. A low Mass followed, after which the five sons of the pastor were baptised. Then followed a sung Mass, at which all the converts received Communion. How important this ceremony was considered may be gathered from the fact that the Dean of Toledo came especially to preach a sermon at the sung Mass. The church of Trujillo was crowded to the doors for the ceremony. The new convert is very well known, and his return to the Church is considered to be of great importance.

Wedding Bells

KING—MURPHY.

The wedding was solemnised on December 2, at St. Brigid's Church, Swan Bay, Richmond River, New South Wales, of John Francis, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Andrew King, of Rowandale, Kaponga, and Teresa Veronica, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy, of Swan Bay. Rev. Father Nicoll officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was led to the altar by her father, was gowned in an ivory georgette frock, and wore the usual wreath and veil. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses, gardenias, and asparagus fern. Miss Eileen King (sister of the bridegroom) attended as bridesmaid, wearing a frock of eggshell blue moire antique, and a mastic georgette hat, and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses and asparagus fern. Mr. Patrick Murphy (brother of the bride) attended as best man. The church was beautifully decorated by girl friends of the bride. Miss Thelma O'Connor played the "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The newly-wedded couple left early in the afternoon by car for Lismore, en route to Byron Bay, where the honeymoon was spent; the bride travelling in a navy and figured marocain with fawn and navy hat. Their future home will be at Kapuni, Taranaki.

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