

Catholic World

JAPAN MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE VATICAN.

There is reason to suppose that Japan will be represented at the Vatican by an Ambassador in the near future, states the *New World*, of Chicago.

The paper believes that the Apostolic Delegate to Japan, Mgr. Giardini, who is on a visit to Rome, has presented the request of the Japanese Government to the Cardinal Secretary of State.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA.

No legislation antagonistic to the Catholic interests passed through the United States Congress during the past twelve months, states the report of the laws and legislation department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference recently submitted to the Hierarchy.

Vigorous efforts to promote such measures as birth control, federal control of education, and uniform marriage and divorce were defeated.

The decision in the Oregon School case—which threatened to make it compulsory for all children to attend State schools, irrespective of their religion—is considered the greatest victory Catholics won during the year.

Many harmful State Bills were also defeated, notably a Colorado Bill which sought to make sacramental wine illegal.

DEATH OF BISHOP-AUXILIARY OF BIRMINGHAM.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Michael Francis Glancey, Bishop of Flaviopolis, Bishop-Auxiliary and Vicar-General of the diocese of Birmingham, died on the night of Friday, October 16.

Born on October 25, 1854, Mgr. Glancey was educated at Sedgley, Douai, and Oscott, where he was ordained priest in 1877. For the first eleven years after his ordination he was a professor at Oscott, and from 1888 to 1897 Diocesan Inspector of Schools. He was appointed Chancellor of the diocese in 1897, and he fulfilled the exacting duties of this important office with conspicuous success until 1918.

In addition to the work entailed by those diocesan posts, he served for some years the missions at Bilston, Eccleshall, and Ashton-by-Stone, and from 1899 to 1908 he was in charge of the mission at Solihull. From 1908 to 1914 he was Principal of the Institute of St. Charles at Begbroke, near Oxford.

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY ON THE "LITTLE FLOWER."

Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, summed up the significance to the modern world of the life of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, in an interview he accorded a pressman just before he left Lisieux.

"Her life," he said, "has been a fulfilment of St. Paul's saying that God chooses the feeble and foolish to confound the strong and the wise. In her case we have an instance of God's revelation to babes and sucklings. Scarcely had she died when the fame

of her sanctity spread like wild-fire over the whole earth."

His Eminence continued: "It appears to all who have considered the matter as a special intervention of Providence in these times to recall the world from the sensual and materialistic to holiness and the spiritual. St. Teresa seems to have been raised up like the Prophets who, from time to time, were sent to the chosen people to remind them of their duty, and also in order to withdraw them from idolatry."

THE WORKS OF FATHER FABER.

Recent statistics of the book world tell a most interesting fact about the works of Rev. Frederick Faber, priest of the Oratory, who died just sixty-two years ago.

On the anniversary of his peaceful and blessed death (says *The Universe*), an application was received at the London Oratory for permission to translate the "Spiritual Conferences" into Flemish. Only a day or two previous the same request had come for their translation into German.

The better known of Father Faber's works as *All for Jesus*, *Growth in Holiness*, *The Precious Blood*, and *The Blessed Sacrament*, have long since been published in French, Italian, and German, some even into Spanish and Portuguese. Reprints and new editions have constantly been called for, while a large number of small books of extracts from the various works have appeared in English and French.

A MARTYR FOR THE FAITH.

The recent laying of the foundation stone of a new church at Chard, Somerset, England, revived the memory of a martyr for the Faith, Rev. John Hambley, a priest of Douai College.

Father Hambley was a native of Somerset, and died for the Faith there on July 20, 1557. He was betrayed at an inn by a gentleman's servant and suffered two years of imprisonment before being put to death.

At his trial a verdict against him was returned. The Judge addressed him in such pathetic terms that the prisoner's constancy appeared to the Court to be staggering. He was inclining to conform when a perfect stranger stepped forth and delivered a letter to him. He read it again and again and became so deeply affected as to burst into tears. He, however, declined to satisfy the curiosity of the onlookers as to the cause of this distress.

The next morning he announced in open court his deep sense of shame because of his weakness, and bitterly lamented that his Lordship and the terror of impending death had, for a time, shaken his resolution, stating that, from now on, the most excruciating torments would prove most acceptable to him.

On the following day he went rejoicing to the place of execution.

The new church is dedicated to the English Martyrs, one of whom, Father Hambley, was barbarously put to death on the spot.

COLOGNE'S DEVOTION TO SAINT.

—The people of Cologne cherish a deep-seated devotion to St. Ursula, Virgin and Martyr, who devoted her life to the Christian education of the young.

In the estimation of the Wise Man, the guarding of virtue is the most important part of the education of the young. A number of Christian families had intrusted the education of their children to the care of the pious Ursula, and a number of persons in the world had in similar manner, placed themselves under her direction. England was then sorely harassed by the Saxons and Ursula thought that she ought, after the example of numerous of her compatriots, seek an asylum in Gaul.

She met with an abiding place on the borders of the Rhine, not far from Cologne, where she hoped to find undisturbed repose. But a horde of Huns having invaded the country, she was exposed, with all who were under her guardianship, to the most shameful outrages.

Without wavering, these holy virgins preferred death, one and all, rather than incur shameful guilt. Ursula herself furnished a noble example of fearlessness and courage and was, together with her companions, cruelly martyred in the year 453.

The name of this dear Saint has, from remote ages, been held in great honor throughout the Church. She is especially looked upon as the patroness of young persons and the model of teachers.



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