

"The Democratic papers charge me with having compared President Cleveland to a whipped spaniel. Oh! no! I wouldn't do that injustice. I have too much respect for the dog." But these words as used towards the President of the Republic are considered a little out of bounds.

The old controversy respecting the authorship of Shakespeare's plays bid fair to be revived by Mr. Ignatius Donnelly who is about to publish a book in which he claims to prove beyond all dispute that Bacon was the writer, and not the Swan of Avon. It is to be feared, nevertheless, that it will be once more a case of *credat Judæus*.

That the Government of the States are not ready to welcome as citizens the sweepings of the world generally has received an additional proof in the refusal of the Supreme Court at New York to supply Johann Most with naturalisation papers for which he applied. His revolutionary principles were given as the reason of his rejection. The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that the seven anarchists convicted of being ring-leaders in the Chicago riots shall be hanged in November, which may also serve as a warning to Herr Most.

The question of colour is exciting agitation at Zanesville, Ohio, where numerous withdrawals have been made from the public schools because of the admission of coloured pupils. Blessed are the people who among their causes of variance and division have not this one, so completely out of harmony with charity and Christian feeling.

## CATHOLIC NEWS.

The Arch-confraternity of Notre Dame des Victoires, Paris, has 1,061,885 members. They are found in every part of Christendom.

The Holy Father has determined that during the great influx of pilgrims that will come to Rome for the celebration of the Jubilee, he will from time to time celebrate Mass in St. Peter's, so that all may assist and have the happiness of seeing him.

The Pope has announced that the inhabitants of a number of Macedonian villages had sent representatives to express to Mgr. Bonetti, the Apostolic Delegate at Constantinople, their desire to re-enter the pale of the Roman Catholic Church, asking that priests might be sent for their instruction.

There are eleven German churches in Brooklyn, one French, and one Polish. The majority of the pastors are Irish-Americans, and come from the Niagara Seminary.

King Humbert of Italy has just sent his insignia of the Order of St. Maurice and Lazare to an humble Franciscan brother for services rendered to pilgrims to the Holy Land. His name is Brother Lævin Collemann, and he is a Belgian by birth.

The New St. Louis University promises to be one of the finest Catholic educational establishments in America. Work is progressing rapidly on, and it is expected to be finished in a year hence. The library will be an exceptionally fine one, 80 by 60 feet, and 68 feet high. It is to be fitted up with every modern convenience for the accommodation of professors and pupils.

Rev. Father Tosi, S.J., who brought the news of the murder of Archbishop Seghers to Victoria, has returned to the Alaskan Missions to carry on the Apostolic work which the martyred prelate had in hand when he was inhumanly assassinated. Father Tosi is accompanied by Father Ragura, S.J., and Brother Giordana, S.J. The party left on the 8th inst by steamer to Sitka, from whence they will proceed to Juneau, and from thence they will follow the same course over which the deceased Apostle of Alaska journeyed when *en route* to the fatal spot where he gave up his life.

The inauguration of the Vatican Exhibition will probably be presided over by the Sovereign Pontiff in person, who will respond to the opening discourse to be pronounced by Cardinal Schiaffino, President of the Committee for the Jubilee Feasts. Among the musical *chefs d'œuvres* announced for the occasion are the *Tu es Petrus*, of Chapel-Master Meluzzi; the *Hymn to the Pontiff*, by Chapel-Master Capocci, and the *Hurrah*, by the French composer, Gounod.

The White Canons of St. Norbert, who are to have charge of the Church and Mausoleum the Empress Eugénie has built at Farnborough Hill, will take up their residence at the newly-erected Priory in the first week of September. These monks are Premonstratensians of the Primitive Observance. Storrington Priory—in the fortunes of which Father Fletcher awakened the warm interest of our readers—belongs to this community, which was expelled by the French Government from their Abbey of St. Michael at Frigolet. Besides these French Canons, there are also two settlements of Premonstratensians of the Belgian Province at Crowle and Spalding. The White Canons are possessed of the unique privilege of eligibility to the charge of secular parishes without Papal dispensation.

Wisdom to collect funds for a testimonial of sympathy to be presented to Pope Leo XIII. on the occasion of his Jubilee, a number of ladies organised national Basque games with the most renowned players. A match took place last week in the presence of two thousand five hundred persons, including all the most noted Carlists, the Carlists rivalling the Alfonsists in this demonstration of zeal for the Head of the Church. More than two hundred priests were among the spectators. Queen Christina, with the little King and the Princesses, the latter wearing red Basque costumes, were present. The collection made exceeded four hundred pounds.

At the Chapter of the Franciscan Order, recently held in Belgium, a most important change regarding the British and Irish monasteries has been made. A decision was arrived at by which the Franciscan houses in Great Britain and Ireland have been constituted a province under the title of the Province of the Immaculate Conception. The Custos Provincial selected is the Very Rev. David Fleming, O.S.F., who is stationed at Upton, London. The guardianship of the Glasgow house has also been settled, the new superior being the Very Rev. Antonine Scannell, O.S.F., who has been on the Glasgow mission for

some years. Father Antonine is well known as an eloquent preacher and a patriotic Irishman. He is a native of Millstreet, Cork. In the midst of his missionary duties he has found time to write and publish the lives of Franciscan saints within the last few years.

The Holy League of the Sacred Heart, also known by the name of The Apostleship of Prayer, is making rapid progress in Ireland, but notably in Dublin, where the Sisters of Charity have taken it up with the greatest zeal. In the church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street, also, vast numbers are being registered as associates, the figures for the year ending 30th June, 1887, showing that close upon 7,000 new members have been received; while in St. Kevin's parish, which was affiliated only in the beginning of July, the associates are already to be numbered by thousands. Signs such as these give no ordinary guarantee of the excellence and popularity of the good work.

The Church continues to make great strides in Scandinavia. Many Lutherans have been converted at Stockholm, and there is so much good will towards Catholics that at a recent fancy fair held for Catholic Hospitals, the sum of 38,000 francs was obtained, mostly from non-Catholics. The new Prefect-Apostolic of the North, Mgr. Fallize, has been on a visit to Christiania, where he was received by the Government authorities. Though Catholic emancipation in Denmark dates from only 1848, there are now four thousand Catholics in the country, served by some thirty priests, with schools taught by Sisters of Religious Communities. The Jesuit Fathers have a college in Copenhagen, with over 40 students. In Norway, before 1845, Catholic priests were forbidden the country under pain of death. Twenty years ago there were only 130 Catholics; now there are over 800, with twenty priests; while Sisters of Charity have the management of two hospitals and eight schools. The sparseness of the population and the great distances which separate one town from another are, of course, unfavourable conditions for the propagation of religion in *Ultima Thule*.

The sodality of Mary Immaculate in Shanghai, comprising more than eighty young men of the first families of the city, with Father Aloysius Sica, S.J., as director, have sent to the Holy Father an address written in Chinese characters on yellow satin, surrounded by gold and silk ornamental work. The address, the work of a prominent man of letters, is accompanied by a Latin translation, and enclosed in an envelope of white satin. This again is closed in a little ebony box, embossed with ornaments, which represent symbolically the glories of the Roman Pontiff. On top of a rock is the *Tum-nam*, or king of birds (corresponding to our eagle), which looks towards the sun and symbolizes the Sovereign Pontiff, who from the summit of the Vatican gazes upon the Sun of Justice, by which he is enlightened in the government of the Church. All around upon projections of the rock, or in the branches of deep foliaged trees, are seen fifty-three birds of every size and description, fashioned with consummate skill, and looking with obsequious homage towards the *Tum-nam*; these represent the members of the sodality, ready to obey every command and wish of the Vicar of Christ. On the right-hand side of the lid is an inscription in letters of gold, interpreting the symbols. Surrounding the box is a scroll separated into two parts, in one of which are represented in relief fruits and flowers, and in the other Chinese musical instruments, such as the cithern, the viol, and the tambour. The lock is silver, and so ingeniously constructed that without a knowledge of its mysteries it is impossible to open it. When the gift was presented to the Holy Father by the Rev. F. D. Maria, S.J., Prefect of the Studies of the Gregorian University, who went to the Vatican to thank his Holiness for his recent appointment as Consulor of the Sacred Congregation of Studies, the Pope expressed great admiration of Chinese art.

## TIMARU TOPICS.

TIMARU during the past week could not complain of dull times. The influx of visitors to the races and cattle show gave the town quite a busy appearance.

The cattle show in Timaru is looked forward to by the country folk as a "treat in store," and judging from the numbers who frequent the show, the hearty greetings of old acquaintances brought together unexpectedly, and the evident good humour prevailing throughout, it is no wonder that such pleasant anticipations are held.

The race meeting—the first held under the auspices of the Amalgamated Clubs—was also a great success, and a conclusive proof that the amalgamation was a step in the right direction. It is also gratifying to see that the local horses can hold their own against all comers, and the Messrs. Hobbs and the other local owners are certainly to be congratulated on their successes.

There was also an Art Loan Exhibition held during the week, and the paintings exhibited include several productions by local artists, which are only to be seen to be appreciated. One exhibit is a charcoal crayon drawing, the portrait of a young lady (one of the convent pupils), by one of the ladies of the community of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, which is deservedly very much admired.

The harbour works here are being pushed along with great energy. The contract for the rubble wall, which is to protect the harbour from the north side is now let to a local firm, and when completed will cost something about £38,000. This wall and the breakwater will enclose a large expanse of water, of good depth, and capable of accommodating vessels of every description and tonnage—with a large agricultural district at its back and a good harbour as an outlet for its produce, Timaru, in a few years, should not be far behind in the commercial race.

Susan Colly, of Analomink, Pa., arose in her sleep, climbed upon the cow-catcher of a Philadelphia and Erie engine, and took a ten-mile ride at thirty miles an hour before she awoke.

A telegraph operator sent not long ago the following dispatch according to directions: "Unclean G is died to-d y." It should have read: "Uncle Angus died to-day."