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favoured State schools, but those under the care of the Brothers and the Nuns. This is one more evidence that whilst the country is Republican it is not anti-Clerical. It is a fact to which the country will soon open its eyes, and then it will be an evil day for the sectaries who have endeavoured to legislate religion out of existence. When it is clearly seen and generally recognised that Catholics are no enemies to the Republican form of government there will be a change in the spirit of legislation in spite of all the efforts of such glorifiers of the present educational system as M. Barthon.

The St. Augustine Centenary at Arles.—The splendid celebrations by which the Catholics of England signalled the thirteenth centenary of the landing of St. Augustine at Ebbs Fleet have been followed up by an appropriate counterpart at Arles. The fêtes in honour of the great event took the form of a Triduum, which was opened on Sunday, October 10, in the primatial church of the town, and was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday. The Triduum was kept in thanksgiving to God and in memory of the three great Saints whom He associated so closely in the work of the conversion of England—Pope St. Gregory the Great, St. Virgilius (Archbishop of Arles), and St. Augustine, who was consecrated by St. Virgilius. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for the occasion with rich hangings of Gobelin's tapestry, caught up with shields emblazoned with the arms of the former Bishops of Arles. Pontifical High Mass was sung by his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, in presence of Mgr. Gouthe-Soulard, Archbishop of Aix; Mgr. Cabrières, Bishop of Montpellier; Mgr. Béguinot, Bishop of Nîmes; the Archbishop of Mauritius, and the Bishop of Southwark. The mitred Abbot of Lérins was also present, as well as a large number of English and French Benedictines. The sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Aix, who extended a warm welcome to the Bishops present, and explained the nature of the celebration which had won for Arles the honour of their visit. The nave of the Cathedral was filled with people. The Bishop of Nîmes presided at Vespers, and the Bishop of Montpellier delivered a discourse upon the unity of the Church, of which the gathering in Arles was so powerful an object-lesson. On Monday the sermon at Vespers was preached by the Bishop of Nîmes, and on Tuesday Cardinal Vaughan delivered an address on St. Gregory the Great, which created a profound impression. At the conclusion of the service his Eminence pronounced the Papal Benediction with all the customary celebration. Wednesday was devoted to a pilgrimage made by the Cardinal and the assembled Bishops to the Saintes-Maries de la Mer. The Cardinal has visited the various ancient monuments in the town, and crowds pressed near him to receive his blessing. A graceful act of courtesy has been shown towards three of the English clergy attending the celebration in their respective nomination as honorary Canons of the Cathedrals of Montpellier, Nîmes, and Arles by the Archbishop of Aix.

ROME.—The Irish Pilgrimage to Rome.—A very considerable amount of mis-conception has arisen with regard to the Irish pilgrimage to Rome. One newspaper has gone so far as to state that it is accompanied by all the members of the Irish Hierarchy, who have been convened in Rome for a council of National importance. It is, in reality, simply what it was stated to be; an effort of the Very Rev. Father P. J. Flynn, O.S.A., Prior of St. Patrick's, to induce Ireland to take her proper place among the nations sending pilgrimages to the Eternal City. The vicissitudes of that nation hindered it in the past from assuming its proper place in Rome. In the Middle Ages, while England had numerous hospices in Rome, and while even Scotland was possessed of a hospice (at Sant' Andrea delle Fratte), Ireland was unrepresented in that way. Nor at any period during the modern ages has the piety of Ireland sent her children Romeward, save only on abnormal occasions. The initiative of the Prior of the first National Church of Ireland in the Papal city tends to create a corporate and regulated movement Romewards. By practical effects it has already become a thing of excellent and reliable promise.

UNITED STATES.—Death of a Famous American Sister of Charity.

—Mother Mary Gonzaga, the oldest Sister of Charity in the United States, known all over the country for her noble work as a nurse during the War of the Rebellion and for the past sixty years mother superior of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, at Seventh and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, died at the scene of her long labours October 8. Old age and general debility, the latter brought on by over half a century of splendid toil in the cause of her Church and of humanity, were the direct causes of death. Sister Gonzaga was 85 years of age, and had been connected with the work of the Church among orphan children since her early youth. On July 26, 1896, she sustained in her apartments at the asylum a severe fall, which was the beginning of a complete giving way of her constitution. After this she never fully recovered her former vigour. With the wonderful submission of will and serenity of mind which she had shown through all her long life of self-sacrifice in the institution which had owed its success and its power for good so largely to her untiring, individual efforts among the orphan children she had rescued and loved, Sister Gonzaga breathed her last, and went forth to meet those other servants of God and friends of her earlier work who had so long ago preceded her. The name of this venerable woman in the world was Mary Agnes Grace. She came from a respected family of Baltimore, Md., in which city she was born in 1812. In December, 1823, she was sent to St. Joseph's Academy, Emmitsburg, Md., where for four years she laid the foundation for the noble work upon which she entered on March 11, 1827, as a Sister of Charity, of the community of St. Vincent de Paul. In April, 1828, in company with Sister Stanislaus McGinnis