

'Had never been burdened by such a troublesome commodity,' interrupted Cecile. 'But I am as pleased that you know about the horrid nightmare that has been oppressing me for so long, I can forgive you for anything.'

And so Lord and Lady Homfray lived happy ever after, as the story-books says.—*Catholic Fireside.*

## The Catholic World.

**AFRICA.—Another Lie Nailed.**—Some time ago a Mr. Lloyd, of the Church Missionary Society, in an address delivered in Leicester, England, 'complained of the hostility of the Catholic priests (in Uganda) and their evil teaching. They had not only taught the natives that they need not give up their drinking habits, but had organised drinking parties in their enclosures and had told the natives that there was nothing wrong in drinking. But the natives had eventually turned against the Catholic religion on the ground that it was too much like their own native religions and superstitions.' This statement was brought under the notice of the Missionary Apostolic, the Very Rev. Father Plunkett, who wrote to the Rev. G. K. Baskerville, of Ngogwe, he being the nearest member of the Church Missionary Society, and asked him as a colleague of Mr. Lloyd in Uganda to substantiate or disown the foregoing statements. To this request the Rev. Mr. Baskerville replied as follows: 'I am sorry Mr. Lloyd should have spoken in this way at a public meeting. Personally I have met no one who has told me that your European missionaries teach in this way. I have been told that some of your converts laugh at our people who have given up beer drinking, saying that your religion does not teach them to give it up. We on our part always teach that although it may be good and right for example's sake to become a total abstainer, yet it is no sin to drink in moderation, and I feel sure you would teach in the same way.'

**AUSTRIA.—The Prince of Wales Attends High Mass.**—The Prince of Wales, though frequently to be found in Catholic churches on the occasion of weddings and of funerals, has rarely heard an ordinary High Mass. He did so, however (says the *Tablet*, September 2), during his stay this season at Marienbad. It was on the birthday of the Emperor of Austria; and that fact condoned, in the eyes of some onlookers, the act of devotion that

would have been much more resented had the day been that of a saint. Moreover, susceptibilities were soothed by an announcement of the Prince's intention to be present on the following Sunday at the English church; an intention which, when the day came, his Royal Highness for some reason had to abandon.

**BELGIUM—Nuns as Educationalists.**—A very striking instance of the excellence of the training imparted in the educational establishments conducted by nuns (says a correspondent writing from Brussels) is to be seen in the results of an examination held some days ago, of the diploma of candidates for the 'regente' or head mistress. Some 20 young lady students of the Normal School of Eecloo, which is under the direction of the Sisters of Charity of Ghent, were presented for examination, and all of them came off successfully, four passing 'with great distinction,' ten 'with distinction,' and the remaining six 'satisfactorily.' As the examining board nominated by Government was composed of professors from the State Athenees there can be no suspicion of undue partiality towards the candidates sent up by the Sisters. This most gratifying result is yet another proof that the schools, secondary as well as primary, conducted by religious communities are in no respect inferior to the official establishments.

**CEYLON.—The Delegate Apostolic.**—A recent issue of *Black and White* contained a very good portrait of Archbishop Zaleski, with the following commentary:—'Sectarianism is not so strong in the colonies as at home, and, indeed, we often find Presbyterians, Anglicans, and Catholic missionaries working harmoniously together. The departure, therefore, from Ceylon, of Monsignor Ladislav M. Zaleski, Archbishop of Thebes, and Delegate Apostolic to the East Indies, is regretted by more than merely those who hold his particular creed. This really able and broad-minded priest has built Zaleski, a suburb of Kandy, in which are monasteries, a chapel, and colleges for the education of the Catholic missionaries from all parts of India and Burmah.'

**ENGLAND.—Catholicity in Wales.**—The bigots of Wales are suffering from a bad scare (says the *Irish Weekly*) caused by the inroads made by the Catholic Church in their Principality—their Protestant and Nonconformist Principality. They see the establishment in their country of a Catholic seminary to train men for the Church capable of preaching in the native language; they see their country created into a separate See, and a member of one of their oldest and most historic families appointed its first Bishop; they see another Welshman, his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, made Archbishop of Westminster; they see the Archbishop paying visits to, and holding services at, their most popular summer resorts;

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