

bow firmly the people in the writer's time believed in the presence of the *tunica* in the church, and had this as a tradition from their ancestors.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From the *Liverpool Catholic Times*.)

It is almost unnecessary to say there is no truth in the report that the Pope has agreed to the Law of Guarantees.

Whilst the German Emperor was in London he invited the Rev. Dr. Verres, of the German Church of St. Boniface, to call upon him and bring some of his school-children with him. Dr. Verres was also a guest at the Guildhall banquet, and the Kaiser gave a handsome contribution to the funds of the German Catholic schools.

The Bishop of Madrid delivered the other day at the Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society a very able and eloquent address on the payment of the working classes. He strongly advocated profit sharing.

The sum to be paid by the Prussian Government to the Catholic Hierarchy in restitution of the stipends and other payments withheld during the Kulturkampf amounts to upwards of £800,000 sterling.

The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom for the conversion of England has now 30,000 enrolled members. A guild for the conversion of the Protestant Cantons of Switzerland has been organised on the same lines.

The French Society for the Encouragement of Good, of which M. Jules Simon is president, has presented a medal of honour to Sister Cecilia, who some time ago allowed flesh to be cut from her arm for the purpose of saving the life of a child who had been burned well nigh to death.

In last year's Academy there was a striking picture of a priest beside a deathbed. "The Last Blessing" was the title. The artist, M. Chevallier Taylor was a Protestant when he painted and exhibited the picture, but he was lately received into the Catholic Church at Boulogne.

The Cardinal Archbishop, on behalf of the Holy Father, has presented to the Bishop of Newport and Menevia a gold medal in recognition of his service as translator of the recent Encyclical. The Bishops took the occasion of their first gathering since the issue of the Encyclical to determine on presenting an address of thanks to the Holy Father for its publication.

Several Catholic clergymen, feeling tired of the disastrous policy resulting from recent political complications, and alarmed at the widening influence of acrimonious disputes, now so general, have resigned their appointments, and left Ireland for other distant fields of labour.

The fourth century of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Order of Jesuits, was celebrated all over Spain, with great magnificence, especially in the college built on the site of the birthplace of St. Ignatius at Loyola, in a picturesque valley of the Basque Provinces.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Algiers, says:—"At the consecration as Bishop this morning of Monsignor Toulott, director of African missions and General of the Saharan Armed Brethren, Cardinal Lavignerie delivered an address, in which he took occasion to protest against the calumnies levelled against the new institution, the only aim of which, he said, was to put down slavery, and not to carry on mercantile business of any sort."

His Holiness the Pope has conferred the title of Hereditary Marquis upon a distinguished Australian Irishman, Sir Patrick Jennings, whose devoted services to both religion and State have already been recognised by numerous titles and honours. Sir Patrick Jennings was born in Newry in 1831, and is a direct descendant of a Flemish family which originally came to England in the 15th century and afterwards settled in Ireland.

Many French Catholics, it appears, maintain that the Holy Coat is really at the Church of Argenteuil. The Argenteuil relic is of camel's hair, is handwoven and has faint traces of purple. It was given by the Empress Irene to Charlemagne in the year 800. The Holy Father, it is said, has been appealed to for a decision as to whether this or the seamless garment at Trèves is the genuine one.

Alarmed by the recent disastrous explosion which did so much damage, many persons in Rome are very nervous about the proximity of the fort and powder magazine of St. Mario to the Vatican. Thanks to the unpleasant nearness of this magazine the lives of the Holy Father and of not a few Cardinals and the existence of the priceless art treasures of the Vatican may at any moment be imperilled by the carelessness of an Italian gunner with matches in his pocket.

The *Catholic Watchman*, of Madras, just to hand, says: We have announced that Lady Turner, the wife of Sir Charles Turner, late Chief Justice of Madras, has been received into the Church. We are glad to learn, from private letters received, that two more names known to Madras have been added to the list of conversions daily going on in England. These are Mrs Arundel, wife of Mr A. Taag Arundel, quondam president of the Madras Municipality, and Mr Albert Edwards, of the Madras Railway, who were received into the

Church at Bayswater by Father Luke Rivington, just before the last mail left.

Advices by Mail from China gives details of fresh depredations on the Christian missions. The latest attack was made on June 29, at Yankay, where the Catholic mission was methodically looted; The mission buildings were afterwards set on fire. A few days previously five chapels were destroyed in the province of Kivang Si, near Fu Chen. The school and the priest's residence were plundered and burned. Predatory bands destroyed the French orphanage at a place called Hai Men. In addition the robbers carried off eight or nine children.

From the Chinese papers, received by mail, it appears beyond doubt that the recent uprisings against the Christians at Wahu and Nanking were instigated by the secret societies, which are as numerous and even more menacing to the welfare of society in China than in Italy. The chief of these societies is known as the White Lily, which has ramifications throughout Eastern Asia. Some of the best informed officials in Nanking are of opinion that these outbreaks are but the prelude to a general rising, and that no security should be felt because the present riots are quelled. It is interesting and instructive to learn that one of the most damaging accusations brought against the Catholic missionaries is that which was alleged against the Christians in the days of Pagan Rome, namely, the charge of murdering their children and eating their flesh, evidently a distorted version of the Real Presence.

Father Reginald Collins, the Catholic chaplain, whose heroism at the battle of Trofok in the Soudan made him famous in the army even though it received no official recognition, has lately been elected a member of the Senate of the University of Malta. In connection with the appointment *Piccadilly* has an interesting note on Father Collins:—"This fighting priest of the Church of Rome," says our contemporary, "is as distinguished for his learning as for his pluck. He is master of nine languages, including Arabic, which he picked up during his five years campaigning in Egypt and the Soudan, winning the first prize offered by the military authorities for the greatest proficiency in that tongue. A very celebrated general once remarked of him and a colleague, 'Oh, Brindle and Collins are worth a whole bench of Bishops.'" It will be remembered that Father Brindle was the only chaplain that shared the dangers and hardships of the terrible march across the Bayuda desert. The "very celebrated" general who thus referred to him and Father Collins is, we believe no other than Lord Wolseley. Father Brindle's portrait used to be one of the few pictures in Lord Wolseley's study when he lived in London.

Spring and summer novelties are now on show at the establishment of Messrs A. and T. Inglis, George street, Dunedin.

Messrs Georgeon and Co. have opened a saloon at 15 Battray street, Dunedin, where oysters are supplied at a very moderate price.

Mr Jolly's price-list will be found in another place. It may be consulted with advantage by all who have occasion for the services of the watchmaker and jeweller.

Messrs Duthie Brothers, George street, Dunedin, are supplied with an admirable stock of goods, suitable to the season. Their dress-making and tailoring departments are especially deserving of patronage. Patterns and price lists may be had on application, and their customers and the public generally will find the firm prepared to execute all commissions entrusted to them in the most satisfactory manner possible.

In a letter dated June 18, from the M'Cormick Harvesting Machine Company to their New Zealand agents, Messrs Morrow, Bassett and Co., they mention the fact that the demand for their reapers and binders was so great this season that they had, through their inability to supply, lost the sale of between 2000 and 3000 harvesters and binders in the best cash-paying districts of the United States. They also state that they had already shipped out more machines than they built last season, and were 500 carloads behind their order at the date of writing. They expect to complete and sell 37,500 harvesters and binders, 35,000 mowers, and 3000 reapers.

Carlo Pellegrini, the celebrated caricaturist, says a writer in *Land and Water*, was extremely anxious to take a sketch of The O'Gorman for *Vanity Fair*, and haunted the Lobby of the House of Commons for several days in the hopes of accomplishing his purpose. Somehow or other The O'Gorman Mahon got wind of the attempt, and, striding up to Pellegrini, assured him that did any such caricature appear in the paper he would not lose an instant in seeking out the artist and thrashing him within an ace of his life. To this day no caricature of The O'Gorman has ever appeared in *Vanity Fair*.

If you break the law once or twice to the annoyance of hundreds of people, you are a public nuisance and must be punished. But if you break it habitually and annoy hundreds of thousands of people every week under pretence that you are contending for a principle, or are doing something in the name of religion, then you are a hero and a prosecution makes you a martyr. The result of the prevalence of this kind of feeling is to be seen in the attitude taken up by "General" Booth about Salvation Army music and processions at Eastbourne. The local Act under which Eastbourne is governed prohibits processions of rampant Boothists in their pride of salvation; but "General" Booth has written a letter to his followers there exhorting them to go on breaking the law. He says, in effect, "You have only to keep up the annoyance long enough and you will tire them out." It is highly probable that he is right; but his letter is not the less a cynical avowal of the methods of the Salvation Army. Sicken people of you, and at last they will be glad to give you a free rein."—*St James' Gazette*.