

CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From the Liverpool *Catholic Times*.)

REPORTS from Molokai state that Fathers Conrady and Wendelin are in good health notwithstanding reports to the contrary. It is also said that leprosy is on the decrease.

We understand that Dr Mivart has expressed his complete willingness to submit himself to the ecclesiastical authorities in the matter of his articles on "The happiness in hell."

The names of several well-known Catholic artists occur in the official list of British painters to whom medals have been awarded at the World's Fair at Chicago, notably those of Lady Butler, Mr Adrian Stokes, and Mr Chevallier Taylor.

The labours of the Congregation of Rites with regard to the process for the canonisation of the Curé of Ars are far advanced, and the Holy Father has expressed the hope of soon being able to publish the decree of beatification.

The Honourable Roger Gordon Molyneux, youngest son of the late Earl of Sefton, was received into the Catholic Church by Mgr d'Abbadie d'Arrest at St Jean de Luz on the 29th July. In his grave illness he has received an especial blessing from the Holy Father.

Mrs Prole, the wife of the Vicar of Alborough, was received into the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Assumption, at St Mary's Church, Hull, by the Rev Father Hassan, S.J.

Mr Ernest Seymour Jones, of 77, Ladbroke road, Nottinghill, London, W., formerly of Christ's College, Cambridge, his wife, Mrs Sarah Jane Cliford Jones, and their child, Arthur Seymour Jones, have been received into the Church.

Mr Edwin B. Russell was received into the Church about a month ago by Archbishop Corrigan, at St Francis Xavier's, New York. His conversion is said to be due in a great measure to the friendly offices of the Rev Henry Van Rensselaer, S.J., himself a convert from the ministry of the Episcopal Church. Mr Russell is very well known in New York, though his last ministrations were at the American chapel in Florence. It is a curious fact that Mr Russell's predecessor in the chapel at Florence, Mr Pierce Connolly, also became a Catholic.

Sir Hubert Jerningham, Governor of Mauritius, has received through his Grace Archbishop Meurin, a brief from his Holiness the Pope conferring on his Excellency the Chevaliership of the Order of St Gregory the Great. This distinction is the just reward for the generous solicitude extended by his Excellency towards the Catholics during the recent cyclone in Mauritius.

Mother Katherine Drexel, of Philadelphia, has a booth at the World's Fair filled with the work of pupils of the schools she has established in her Order of the Blessed Sacrament for Indian and negro races. In another section are some beautiful laces and embroideries, the work of Miss Mary Caldwell, the heiress, who, with her sister, endowed the Catholic University of America.

The Rev M. Bonin, vicar of St Didier, with three companions, including two priests, and accompanied by three guides, carrying the stone for an altar which had been consecrated by the Archbishop of Turin, left Courmayeur, Piedmont, last week to make the ascent of Mont Blanc. On Saturday morning they reached the highest point, 4,816 metres above sea level, where they celebrated Mass. The party returned to Courmayeur at 7.30 on Saturday.

One of the most interesting candidatures at the French elections is that of the Abbé Garnier. The Abbé has been nominated in Paris and for the district of Oligancourt, a great industrial centre. As a young man he served in the Pontifical Zouaves, and fought in the Army of the Loire, when he was wounded in action. He was ordained a few years later, and after making a special study of social and economic questions, began to attend workmen's meetings and lectured on the Catholic solution of the labour question. He is a brilliant speaker, and very popular with the working men.

The publication of a collection of poems by Mr Francis Thompson, perhaps the most brilliant of our younger Catholic poets, will be a literary event of no small interest to his many admirers, who so far have only been able to study his remarkable verses in the various reviews and magazines in which they have made their appearance. It is interesting to remember that four years ago the late Robert Browning predicted a brilliant future for the gifted young poet.

Mr Albert Chevalier, the popular vocalist, whose "coaster" ballads have been all the rage, was educated at the Catholic College near Windsor, and is of French extraction. He was formerly a schoolmaster, but relinquished this vocation to go on the stage, where he has achieved considerable success, especially during his engagement at the Strand Theatre, London. On the advice of some friends Mr Chevalier left the "legitimate" drama, and has taken to the "variety" halls, where his songs, rendered with more than ordinary artistic effect, have brought him both fame and fortune.

Thoby Priory, the old historical part of which was entirely destroyed by fire on the evening of Sunday last, lies in the parish of Mountnessing, in Essex, and was founded for Augustine Canons, by Michael de Capua, between the years 1141 and 1151. On the sup-

pression of the smaller monasteries in 1525, its revenues were appropriated to the colleges begun by Cardinal Wolsey. After his fall, the manor of Thoby was granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Page, knight, since which it has passed through various families to the present owner—the Arkwrights.

The Most Rev Father Fruhwirth, Master General of the Order of Friars Preachers, has just addressed to the Superiors of the different convents of the Order a circular inviting them to celebrate a solemn *triduum* in honour of the Blessed Peter Sanz and his heroic companions, martyred in China in the middle of the last century, and lately elevated to the honours of the altar. At Rome the sons of St Dominic will celebrate the *triduum* at the Church of Santa Maria-super-Minerva in October with great splendour and solemnity. At the present moment the Congregation of Rites is examining the causes of beatification and canonization of five other martyrs of the Dominican Order. They belonged to Province of the Holy Rosary, in the Philippine Isles, and were massacred in China and Tonkin.

During the week the Bishop of Zeon, domestic Prelate to the Royal household, has been summoned from Madrid to San Sebastian, not only to dedicate the new Church of the Royal Palace at Miramar, but also to make arrangements for the Confirmation of the King. At first it was considered probable that the ceremony would be performed in the historic Church of La Oueva, Cavendonqa, amidst the Austrian "Picos," but this has been abandoned, for the nearer sanctuary of Loyola. Already the Infanta Isabella has within the week visited the noble Basilica, and has met with a most cordial and enthusiastic reception not only from the Very Rev Father Redov and the Fathers of the Order, but from the vast crowd of "Vascos" who had assembled to greet her. The Fathers conducted her through the entire convent, and the Royal visitor expressed her admiration at the historic beauties which the monastery encloses, and admired the beautiful order which prevailed everywhere, within and without.

Father Frederick Faari, S.J., and Father Algué, S.J., have left the College of La Oueva, Manresa, via Barcelona and Liverpool, en route for the United States, in order to assist at the Meteorological Congress to be held at Chicago on the 21st. The scientific achievement of these sons of St Ignatius have made the honour of Spain and the glory of the Society. At the congress of the world's savants they will be accredited representatives, not only of the Spanish nation, but in a particular manner they will go to extend the fame of their Alma Mater—the astronomical observatory of Manila whose present distinguished position in the scientific world is solely due to the labours and researches of Father Faari. They were to be joined at the Congress by Father Vines, S.J., director of the celebrated observatory of Belen, Havana, forming a galaxy of astronomical talent unequalled in the annals of the Order, but Almighty God, in His own wise designs, willed otherwise. On the eve of his departure Father Vines has been called to his eternal reward, and science, philosophy, and religion to-day mourn the loss of whose scientific erudition was frankly recognised by the greatest astronomical authorities of the age. Death has not left such another void since that of Proctor and Father Perry, S.J., in the calendar of astronomical science, as that of the humble son of St Ignatius, Father Vines, S.J.

That Cardinal Ledochowski should be revisiting Prussia this month as the specially invited guest of the German Emperor, certainly indicates a most remarkable transformation in the position of the Catholic Church in Prussia, and it is not surprising that the Holy Father should have shown his appreciation of the importance of the event by granting the Cardinal leave of absence from Rome for over a week, a permission very rarely accorded to the much-occupied Prefect of Propaganda. It will be within the memory of all that as Archbishop of Posen Cardinal Ledochowski was at once one of the most determined opponents and distinguished victims of the *Kulturkampf*, and that he was arrested in his very palace at Posen in order to be hurried across the frontier. To-day his Eminence makes a triumphal entry into his former Episcopal See with the full concurrence of the Prussian Government. Happily religious persecution is, for the nonce, non-existent in Germany, and of the old bitterness against Catholics in the Protestant portions of the Empire the only trace still to be found is the yet unrepealed law against the Jesuits. It may be argued that political considerations alone have prompted the young Emperor to adopt his present conciliatory attitude towards his Catholic subjects, but it is only fair to give him credit for that which promises to become one of the leading features of his reign: strict and impartial justice to the many and various creeds existing within his dominions.

Lord Emly has had a correspondence in the *Times* with Sir A. B. Kemball with regard to the action of the servants of the British East Africa Company in Uganda. His Lordship writes:—"I will only add that your able and impartial correspondent's letter which appeared on the same day as Sir A. Kemball's, throws a flood of light on the situation in Uganda. He states that the Protestant estimate of natives under Protestant influence was 200,000. This estimate he takes to be exaggerated. I take the number, then, as 100,000. The Catholic natives he puts at 50,000. Just before the