

# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND.—Ordination of a Convert

The Rev. Martin William Cave, M.A., was ordained priest recently by the Archbishop of Westminster. He is now attached to Westminster Cathedral. Father Cave was, prior to his leaving the Church of England, a curate at a church in Tuebrook, Liverpool.

## Congratulations

The Archbishop of Westminster, Dr. Bourne, met a large number of representatives of the religious Orders in the diocese of Southwark on February 27, and from them received an address congratulating him on his elevation to the archiepiscopal See. The gathering was at Archbishop's House. With the address the Archbishop received a gift of silver plate. In addition, individual Orders presented his Grace with two rochets, made of hand-made lace, and a statue of Our Lady. In returning thanks, the Archbishop said that his relations with the religious Orders in Southwark had been most intimate and happy, and they always gave him a generous welcome. In many districts he had seen proof of their good work, and no mission, he thought, was complete without a body of religious women.

## See of Southwark

The Pope has ratified the decision of the Propaganda in favor of the appointment of Monsignor Peter E. Amigo to the bishopric of Southwark. The Bishop-elect of Southwark, the Right Rev. Peter Amigo, is the youngest member of the English Catholic hierarchy as he has not yet attained his fortieth year. His love for children is shown by his strenuous efforts in promoting the cause of the Children's Country Holiday Fund. In the fifteen years since his ordination Father Amigo has done much parochial work, chiefly at Brook Green and at Commercial Road (as rector in succession to Canon Akers, brother of the Home Secretary) and latterly at Walworth, where through his exertions a fine new church has risen already, nearly freed from debt. The Bishop is an excellent organiser and a good preacher and speaker. His Lordship will, like the late Cardinal Manning, stand out as a shining example of temperance to his people, for he is an ardent total abstainer.

## FRANCE.—Bigots Worsted

Six ex-members of the dissolved Congregation of the Marists were prosecuted at Dunkirk recently for the offence of 'entertaining relations with their former Order.' The defendants had been duly secularised, had given up wearing religious costume, and were not living together. Three of them were engaged as schoolmasters at Watten, near Dunkirk; and the others were acting as private teachers. The local authorities, following up M. Combes' injunction to put down with a strong arm attempts at sham secularisation, made this a test case, and were worsted. The local tribunal acquitted the accused on the ground that when secularisation had taken place in due form it must be held to be genuine, unless there is evidence that it is not, and that in the present case no such evidence was forthcoming.

## Catholics in the Far East

French Catholics (writes a Paris correspondent) follow with great interest the developments of the war in the Far East for reasons which are not exclusively political or financial. France has got numerous missions and missionaries in Korea, in Manchuria, and in Japan. All the Catholic missions in those regions are in French hands; and the missionaries are supported by the Society of Foreign Missions. There is a Vicariate Apostolic at Seoul, presided over by Monsignor Mutel, who has with him 41 French missionaries, 52 French nuns, and 16 native priests and catechists. They have 44 churches, 52 schools, a seminary, a hospital, and two pharmacies. The Catholic population is estimated at 54,000. In Manchuria there are two Vicariates Apostolic: the southern one has 24 churches, 25 French missionaries, 4 native priests, 198 French nuns, 31 schools, 8 orphanages, 4 model farms, 2 hospitals, and one pharmacy. The northern one, 40 churches, 20 French missionaries, 2 native priests, 32 catechists, 1 seminary, 54 nuns, 30 schools, and 9 orphanages. The former Vicariate has a Catholic population of 17,000, and the latter 9000. In Japan there are 4 Catholic dioceses, entirely in French hands, viz., at Tokio, Osaka, Nagasaki, and Hakodate, the bishops being Monsignor Osouf, Monsignor Chatron, Monsignor Cousin, and Monsignor Berhoz. The French missions in Japan enjoy the fullest liberty, are very well organised, and have been very successful. They comprise 118 French missionaries, 32 native priests, 267 catechists, 74 French monks, distributed among 5 monasteries, and 327 French nuns, in 27 convents. There are 38 schools

and colleges, having over 5000 pupils between them; 3 seminaries, 5 hospitals, and 15 pharmacies. Most of the colleges are in charge of the Marist Brothers, who up to the Law of Association were in charge of the famous College Stanislaus, in Paris. The Japanese Catholics are over 100,000 in number.

## INDIA.—A Venerable Bishop

Archbishop Colgan completed the 60th year of his association with the Catholic Church in Madras on February 4, and was the recipient of many proofs of the esteem and regard of his fellow-citizens of all communions. Lord Curzon telegraphed to the venerable prelate offering his congratulations upon his 'long and admirable devotion to the interests of the public,' and his sincere wishes for the Archbishop's continued health and happiness. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the morning and was followed by a reception, when Dr. Colgan received the congratulations of the bishops, priests, and laity present, as representing the Catholic communion in all parts of Southern India. A citizen's meeting was held, under the presidency of Sir George Arbuthnot, on the following day, when the Rev. Dr. Miller, Principal of the Madras Christian College (a Presbyterian institution), was deputed to present a congratulatory address on behalf of 'the citizens of Madras, belonging to various sections of the community.' The address set forth that while the signatories and those they represented differed about many things, they were heartily united in appreciating the value to the whole community of the example afforded by a long life devoted, as the Archbishop's had been, to high and useful purposes, nor were they unmindful of the way in which his sympathies had always extended beyond the bounds of his own communion, or of the wise and highly-valued aid which he had given to the many movements conceived in the general interest of the community. Rejoicing in the unexampled length of his residence among them, they asked his acceptance of an accompanying gift as a small token of the regard and high esteem in which he was held by men of every rank and class, and they trusted that he might be spared many more years to discharge the high duties which had been providentially entrusted to his care.

## ROME.—Reassuring News

Propaganda has, it is stated, received reassuring information as to the Catholic missions in the East. The Japanese Government has given strict orders that the interests of all Europeans, and especially of missionaries, should be respected in Korea.

## An Irish Franciscan

In many ways the most famous Irishman at present in the Eternal City (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Press') is the learned Franciscan Father David Fleming, who was appointed by Leo XIII. secretary of the Biblical Commission established less than two years ago, and whose elevation to the Cardinalate in the near future may be taken as a certainty. It is stated that shortly Father David will be called from his cell in the new Friary of Sant Antonio to take up his quarters in the Vatican, where he will be at the call of the Holy Father, and where he can devote himself entirely to his work as secretary of the Biblical Commission.

## SCOTLAND.—New Parishes

Evidence (writes a Glasgow correspondent) is not wanting of the growth of Catholicism in Glasgow. Quite recently I reported the opening of new parishes in Glasgow and district. I understand that it is the intention of the ecclesiastical authorities to establish another half-a-dozen parishes. This will have the effect of lightening the labor of the clergy, who are overworked in many parishes, the result of which is that a large number of priests are at present laid up with illnesses.

## GENERAL

### Chinese Catholics in Manila

When Archbishop Harty, the new Archbishop of Manila, arrived in that city he received a grand welcome from all the people. A striking incident of the demonstration in his honor is thus described by the 'Manila American':—'Even before reaching the shore Archbishop Harty demonstrated the keen interest he already feels in the work which is before him. Mr. Lim Chang Sue, who came out to greet the Archbishop as the representative of the Chinese Catholics of Manila, upon being presented to the Archbishop bent his knee and kissed the sacred symbol upon the hand of his Grace. This was somewhat of a surprise at first to the Archbishop, but great was his amazement when he was informed that there were more than four thousand Chinese Catholics in the archipelago. His Grace dwelt upon this subject and manifested the deepest interest in the information imparted by Father O'Mahoney.'

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