

# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND.—Memorial to Cardinal Wiseman

A memorial window to Cardinal Wiseman was unveiled recently in St. George's Catholic Cathedral, Southwark. The window, which is one of five lights, is placed in the south aisle, and is the gift of Canon Keatinge, who has just resigned the administration of the Cathedral. Beneath is the inscription—'Pray for the soul of Nicholas, Cardinal Wiseman, born in 1802, died 1865, R.I.P.' Canon Keatinge preached his last sermon as a member of the Chapter, taking as his subject the connection of Cardinal Wiseman with St. George's Cathedral.

## Street-preaching

The Catholic clergy of Bolton (Lancashire) have expressed their emphatic disapproval of the street preaching methods practised by some Catholics of Bolton under the name of the Bolton Catholic Defence Association. The Protestant Association preachers assemble on the Town Hall steps on every Saturday night, and deliver no-Popery addresses, and with a misdirected zeal in defence of the Faith the Catholics have formed an association, whose members meet on the Town Hall steps on Sunday evening and proceed to discuss and disprove the speeches of the previous evening. As might be expected, the result has been the fostering of a bitter spirit, which has led to disturbances. The clergy unhesitatingly condemned the system of Catholic street preaching, and declare it will ultimately do more harm than good.

## A Treat for the East End

Many a West End music lover must have envied the East End the wonderful musical treat provided recently at the People's Palace. On behalf of Father Bernard Vaughan's East End work, a concert had been arranged, at which Madame Albani, Miss Mary Anderson (Madame de Navarro), and Mr Sautley kindly proffered their services. The large hall at the People's Palace was packed from floor to ceiling, and at Madame Albani's entrance the whole audience rose and cheered. Her songs delighted the audience. Miss Mary Anderson both sang and recited. Particularly charming was her rendering of Tschaiakowsky's 'None but the weary heart,' with 'cello obligato by Mr Hambleton, while in the second part of the programme she thrilled the audience with her recitation of the murder scene from 'Macbeth.'

## Temperance and Education

Temperance and education are two watchwords that His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster desires his people to keep ever present. They are really the most essential conditions of progress. In a sermon at St. James', Spanish Place, he spoke with vigor and directness on both points. The interesting announcement that he has himself joined the ranks of the total abstainers is a most indication of the thoroughness with which he desires to conduct the temperance movement in his diocese, and the part which London Catholics took in the Hyde Park demonstration against the Licensing Bill is a clear proof that there is no lack of veterans or recruits ready to follow his leadership. His impressive words on the need of Catholic energy in the promotion of secondary education will, it is to be hoped, evoke a fitting response. At best the outlook is discouraging. His Grace is manfully endeavoring to make it brighter and to safeguard the Faith for coming generations. It beloves those who value that precious gift of Faith to rally round him and provide him with the means of realising his intentions.

## FRANCE.—Interesting Evidence

The evidence of M. Pichat, Deputy of the Department of Elere, before the Chartreuse Inquiry Commission was specially interesting owing to the letter he had received from Pere Michel, Prior of La Grande Chartreuse, dated from Monte Oliveto, June 16, 1901, for the express purpose of enlightening the Commission. Pere Michel said that in March, 1903, he had received the visit of a certain gentleman, who, acting in agreement with a personage the Prior had not seen, spoke to him of the possibility of obtaining the authorization of the Order for 300,000 francs down and 2,000,000 francs to be paid after the vote in the Chamber. The Prior's answer was emphatic. As long as he lived the money of the Carthusians should never be employed for such purposes. After that he heard nothing further. 'If it were possible,' the letter added, 'to reveal names, I would do so willingly. But I have no written proof, and my statement would be denied. I have said what I have to say, and henceforth I shall keep silence.' Later on a letter was read from the General of the Car-

thusians stating that he did not feel himself called upon to attend to give evidence.

## French Influence in the East

According to a letter which has appeared in 'La Croix,' M. Constans, the French Ambassador at Constantinople, at a banquet on board one of the ships of the French squadron in the East, declared that as an old Freemason he would not be suspected of clericalism, but since he has been in the East he has gone to Mass, followed processions, and had members of the religious Orders at his table, and he had assured M. Combes that without the religious Orders French influence in the East would be lost.

## ROME.—Ordinations at the Irish College

On June 24 Holy Orders were conferred on many of the students studying in the Irish College. In the Church of St. Apollinare, which was tastefully decorated for the solemn occasion, His Grace Archbishop Cepicelli, Patriarch of Constantinople and Vice-Gerent, raised the following.—To Tonsure—F. Sexton (Ardagh) and D. O'Brien (Limerick). To Oslariate and Lector—P. Maloney (Cloyne), P. Doody (Ossory), and D. Cohalan (Cork). To Exorcist and Acolyte—M. Costella (South Africa), M. Fahy (Galway), T. E. Fullen (Down and Connor), D. O'Neill (Dunedin), E. Keohan and M. Egan (Waterford), M. O'Donohue (Kildare), J. O'Reilly (Meath), S. Kinkeade (Limerick), T. Molloy (Raphoe), J. Martin (Aimagh), and M. M'Sweeney (Dublin). To Priesthood—Rev. D. Lavery (Down and Connor), and Rev. M. McGovern (Dromore).

## SPAIN.—The Government and Religious Orders

The agreement between Spain and the Holy See as to the religious Orders shows a rigid spirit on the part of the Government. The articles state that the religious Congregations who on the ratification of the agreement have fulfilled the formalities of the Royal Ordinances are to be legally recognised, but will have no right to assistance from the budget. Canonically they will be subject to the surveillance of their own prelates. Their relations with the civil power will depend on the general laws of the kingdom. No new convent can be opened except by Royal Decree, which is to be published, and convents containing less than a dozen persons will either be closed or the inmates will be transferred to other Congregations, except where they are devoted to works of charity or education or have charge of a sanatorium. No religious Order can for the future be established in Spain without a previous agreement between the Government and the Pope, sanctioned by a Royal Decree. Strangers cannot establish religious Orders in Spain without being naturalised, and foreign religious who preserve their nationality will be subject to all the laws affecting strangers.

## UNITED STATES.—A Valuable Present

Cardinal Satolli took with him to the United States as a gift to the Catholic University a chalice which he highly prizes. It is inscribed: 'Presented to Cardinal Satolli on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his priesthood by the pupils of this school of divinity at the Urban College of the Propaganda, July 17, 1887.'

## Death of an Apostolic Delegate

The untimely death of Monsignor Guidi, Apostolic Delegate at Manila (says the San Francisco 'Monitor'), followed quickly upon the practical completion of the mission with which he was entrusted. All parties to the controversy over the disposal of the friar estates, which Monsignor Guidi was sent from Rome to adjust, are a unit in praising the Delegate's tact and discretion, and largely to his skill and prudence in handling matters is ascribed the successful and speedy conclusion of negotiations.

## A Letter of Condolence

Archbishop Farley, of New York, was one of the first to write a letter of condolence to Rev. M. Haas, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, which was involved in the tragedy of the ill-starred vessel, 'General Slocum.' The Archbishop, who enclosed a cheque for 100 dollars, said: 'May the giver of all strength comfort you and yours in this their dreadful hour of sorrow.' The Catholic Club also passed resolutions of sympathy and expressed its willingness to co-operate in any plan of financial relief.

The Rev. E. J. Kelly, D.D., of St. Brigid's, North Fitzroy, was entertained and presented with an illuminated address and a purse of 60 sovereigns by his parishioners on July 28. Dr. Kelly had been on a health trip to South Australia, and the trip greatly benefited him.