

# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND—For Catholic Charities

Canon Thomas Duckett, for 45 years pastor of the Church of SS. Joseph and Etheldred's, Rugeley, has left about £10,000 to Catholic charities.

## The Late Senor Garcia

Senor Manuel Garcia was laid to rest in a private burying-ground attached to the Catholic chapel of St. Edward's, at Sutton Place, near Woking. According to his wishes, only the nearest relatives were present.

## A Benefactress

Mrs. Ada Mary Augustus Stephenson, a grandniece of Lord Byron, has presented Archbishop Bourne with the money to build a church for the Tilbury Dock district of London.

## The Late Father Coghlan

If not actually a native of Queenstown, the Rev. Thomas Lloyd Coghlan, who passed away recently at Folkestone (writes a correspondent of a Home exchange), spent his early days there, and in its old parish chapel celebrated his first Mass and preached his first sermon. Father Coghlan's father was one time Protestant curate of Cove, but having gone for a time to Torquay, he came under the influence of the Oxford movement, and was one of the very few Irish Protestant clergymen who were led by it to join the Catholic Church. Returning to Queenstown, Dr. Coghlan set up and continued for several years a boarding school at Spy Hill, next to the Scots' Church; and amongst his pupils, most of whom were Protestants, was Sir Eyre Massey Shawe, of London Fire Brigade fame. Dr. Coghlan was also for a time on the teaching staff of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and late in life, after his wife's death, was himself ordained priest, being then considerably over 70 years of age.

## Good Advice

A correspondent sends the 'Catholic Times' a copy of a Farnborough paper containing an attack on the Catholic Church by Mr. Alfred Porcelli, and an account of the retaliatory measures it provoked from Anglicans and Catholics. Our correspondent (says the 'Catholic Times'), familiar as he is with the self-sacrificing lives of our priests and nuns, feels strongly inclined to resent the outrageous conduct of Mr. Porcelli and his abetter, a local Protestant clergyman named Rawlings, in carrying on this campaign of calumny. We admit that patience is difficult when the floodgates of falsehood are thus opened, and we hold that allowance is to be made for local Anglicans and Catholics who compelled Mr. Porcelli and Mr. Rawlings to secure police protection and one of whom was fined for damaging a window, but we would beg them to remember that they are giving these two gentlemen an advertisement which they seek, but do not deserve. It is only necessary to leave them absolutely alone. Their un-Christian methods are sufficient in themselves to kill any Church, creed, or cause for which they appear as representatives. Mr. Porcelli for years aired all his anti-Catholic virulence in the columns of the 'Rock,' with what effect? All we can say is that the 'Rock' died.

## Stonyhurst

The Stonyhurst Association, whose annual dinner took place in London a few weeks ago, are the 'old boys' of the famous Jesuit College, near Clitheroe, in Lancashire, which has been called 'the Catholic Eton.' Stonyhurst is the leading college of its kind in England, and it is particularly celebrated for its observatory, some of the Jesuit Fathers being noted astronomers. Stonyhurst College is an excellent example of some of the ironies of history. It is really the continuation on English soil of the historic College of St. Omer, which was founded in 1592 by Father Parsons, the famous Jesuit, who was so sharp a thorn in the side of England in Elizabethan days. In the very year Father Parsons—bitter in heart against England—was settling down at St. Omer, the mansion house of Stonyhurst was being built, and 200 years later, when the Jesuit Fathers of the original foundation of St. Omer were driven from Liege by the French Revolution, it was in the old Elizabethan mansion of Stonyhurst they found a home.

## The Condition of the Poor

The Duchess of Norfolk laid the foundation stone recently at Johnstone street, London, of a Working man's club, which Father Bernard Vaughan is having built in connection with the Church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Commercial Road. The building is

to be known as St. Mary's Hall. After the Duchess of Norfolk had laid the foundation stone, the Archbishop of Westminster blessed it. Father Bernard Vaughan, in thanking the Duchess, said he considered that nowadays some such club-house as they were erecting was as necessary in a parish as a school or a church. They had to take human nature as they found it, and in the environment in which circumstances had pitched it; and in the East-End it was practically homeless, with the streets for the children to play in, and the drink shops for the men to lounge in, and the doorways for women to gossip in. That state of things bred larrikins and hooligans, loafers, and ne'er-do-wells, from which was recruited that formidable army called the unemployed. The state of things in the East-End was a disgrace to the Empire. He was told that the poor here were no worse off than the poor in Naples. But England could not be compared with Italy, where, with a ray of sunshine and a slice of melon, a man might get on well enough; for in England the poor had neither sun nor melon. 'We are turned out of our homes,' say the people, 'and asked to emigrate to make room for the alien.' If only their legislators would live for a few days among the East-Enders, they would return to the House of Commons with true, practical, and statesmanlike views about such problems as the Aliens Bill and Housing and Sanitation Bills.

## FRANCE—Sanitation at Lourdes

The well known French writer Jean de Bonnefon has just drawn a united protest from the doctors at Lourdes. He described this famous resort of the faithful as a hotbed of infection. In an affirmation which they have signed they declare that the sanitary condition of Lourdes is excellent, that the rate of mortality there is lower than in other towns of the same size, and that the presence of the pilgrims causes no danger of an epidemic. As a matter of fact the pilgrims who visit Lourdes do not as a rule go thither suffering from contagious diseases. Many of them are blind, deaf, paralysed, and the victims of other incurable maladies, but the cases in which contagion is possible are rare. When they do occur the invalids are kept apart from other people, bathed in water which is reserved for them, and the water is continually renewed. In a word, the utmost possible care is taken to prevent the communication of disease. In France sick pilgrims are conveyed to Lourdes in special trains which are under medical supervision, whilst sick persons travelling to ordinary health-resorts often mix with general passengers.

## ITALY—An Act of Folly

An amusing incident occurred some time ago in Rome, when the Freethinkers of that city erected a monument to Nicola Spedalieri, being under the impression that he was a 'victim of Papal cruelty' and a Freethinker of the first water. There was not much difficulty in proving, however, that far from being a Freethinker, or a 'victim' of the Papacy, Spedalieri was in reality nothing more or less than an agent of the Holy See, from which he received a fixed salary. This discovery, after the statue had been erected, led to an amusing result. Spedalieri's name was erased from the pedestal, and no other placed in its stead, so that to this day the majority of the Romans are ignorant as to whom the statue represents. The tax-collector, however, is well aware why certain taxes have been so inordinately increased—simply to enable the Freethinkers and Freemasons to indulge their mania for erecting statues for the purpose of making themselves unpleasant to their Catholic fellow-citizens.

## ROME—The Pope as Arbitrator

The American Republics of Columbia and Peru having agreed to refer all questions arising between them to the arbitration of the Sovereign Pontiff, the Holy See has arranged that the contending Governments make a provisional accord by each withdrawing their troops from the disputed ground at Butumayo until the question is decided by arbitration.

## SCOTLAND—A Distinguished Visitor

Amongst the distinguished citizens of the States who recently paid a visit to Edinburgh was his Grace the Archbishop of New York. The Archbishop was accompanied by his secretaries, Father M'Mackan and Father Lewis.

## Scottish Priests and King Alfonso

Eighty Scottish priests who studied at the Royal Scotch College, Valladolid, Spain, which is under the patronage of the Spanish monarch, having sent an address of congratulation on the occasion of his Majesty's marriage to her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Eugenie of England, a gracious and grateful reply has been sent