

The Catholic World

AFRICA—The Vicar-Apostolic of Liberia

The Right Rev. Stephen Kyne, D.D., has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of Liberia, Africa. Dr. Kyne, who has been recently honored by Pope Pius X, is a Mayo man. He joined St. Joseph's Society for African missions and made his preparatory studies at the College of the Order in Cork, completing his course in the mother house of the Order at Lyons. He was for ten years professor in the seminary of the Order in Egypt. The mission over which Dr. Kyne is to preside as Bishop is a territory twice as large as Ireland, and it is called the America of Africa, from the fact that it was colonised by American slaves set free in 1820. They carried with them to Africa the American Constitution and a republic was set up and still exists on the lines of the Greater Republic they left. They have two legislative chambers and a president.

CANADA—An Oblate Missionary

The veteran Oblate missionary, Father A. G. Morice, is one of the most interesting figures among the many men of science who have been collected at Quebec to assist at the International Congress of Americans. Anthropologists owe a great debt to this broad-minded Frenchman. A great part of his life has been spent in the interior of British Columbia, many miles away from civilisation, among the Carrier-Indians, so called because, before the advent of white men and Christianity, it was the custom for the widows among them to carry on their persons for a definite period of mourning, portions of their deceased husbands' bones. Besides evangelising this people, Father Morice has given years to studying their manners and traditions.

ENGLAND—Golden Jubilees

Monsignor Provost Clegg, of Hooton, Cheshire, and Canon Duckett, D.D., Norwich, have just had their golden jubilees. The two events were enthusiastically celebrated, presentations being made to the jubilarians.

Death of a Jesuit

A distinguished and very able Jesuit has passed away in the person of Father Peter Gallwey, who died in London on September 23, in his eighty-sixth year. The rev. gentleman filled the highest offices in the Order, and was well known throughout the United Kingdom. Born in 1820 at Killarney, he was a brother of Mr. Thomas Gallwey, who for many years acted as land agent to Lord Kenmare, and whose name is still deeply respected by the people of the town and neighbourhood as that of a man whose heart was full of kindness. Father Gallwey entered the Society of Jesus in 1836.

Catholic Conference

The Catholic Conference, which took place at Brighton during the last week in September was decidedly one of the most successful annual meetings ever held by the English Catholic Truth Society. The Bishop of Southwark, and all the ecclesiastical authorities of the diocese, encouraged by his Lordship's practical zeal, did everything that was possible to achieve success. In the attendance, the papers read, the speeches delivered, and the proofs of Catholic unity which the Conference afforded, the Brighton gathering gave splendid evidence of the power of the Catholic body.

Pastoral by the Hierarchy

The Archbishops and Bishops of the province of Westminster have addressed a Pastoral to the clergy and laity of England and Wales on the education question, in the course of which they say:—In the case of about half of our schools all public aid is refused, though rates will still be demanded of us, part of which will be devoted to a religious teaching alien from, and in many things opposed to, the teaching of the Catholic Church. These schools will be starved to death by the action of the Liberal Government, in defiance of all the principles to which it owes its appellation. Then, in the areas where, under these circumstances, no Catholic public elementary school can any longer exist, Catholic parents may be left under the compulsion of the law to send their children to non-Catholic schools in opposition to the dictates of their conscience. The Government is thereby creating a situation of peculiar difficulty and delicacy, in which Catholics may be obliged to disregard a law which

is manifestly unjust, and to obey, rather, the law of God, which no Legislature has power to abrogate or set aside. In those schools in which it may, according to the provisions of the Bill, be possible to teach Catholic doctrine to Catholic children, no guarantee whatever is given that the teachers shall be Catholics. We are told to trust to the goodwill and fairness of the local authorities. Such assurances are unworthy of serious legislation. Lastly, the oversight which the Catholic Church has always claimed in connection with the religious teaching and influence to which her children are entrusted, receives no recognition of any kind, but, like the appointment of teachers, it is left absolutely to those who, if they are candid, would be the first to acknowledge that they are not competent to deal with matters of this character. It is unnecessary to state the position at greater length. Our claims are well known to all who care to know them. Their justice is clear to all those who will cast prejudice from their minds. They have been set forth on many occasions and on many platforms, and nowhere more eloquently or more forcibly than by the Catholic Members in the House of Commons. Our public appeal now lies to the House of Lords, and we call upon the Members of that House to prevent the injustice which is contemplated, and to see that fair treatment is meted out to all parents alike, without violating the religious convictions of any.

INDIA—A Nun Honored

The Lieutenant Governor of Burma a few weeks ago presented to the Rev. Mother St. Vincent, Superior of the Rangoon Convent, the Kaiser-i-Hind Silver Medal, which was conferred on her by the Government of India for 34 years of faithful and devoted service in the cause of charity and education.

SCOTLAND—Catholic Truth Society

The proceedings at the meeting of the Scottish Catholic Truth Society, which was held at Aberdeen this year, were marked with great enthusiasm. Whatever subject was taken up (says the 'Catholic Times')—whether it was the situation in France and the rights of the Holy See, lay help, the connection of the Holy See with Scottish Universities, or Catholic apologetics—it was dealt with in a thorough and up-to-date manner. The spirited and kindly words in which Bishop Chisholm—who is such an invaluable supporter of the Truth Society—conveyed to the Archbishop, Bishops, and clergy and laity of England and Wales whole-hearted sympathy from their Scottish brethren in the fight for the schools will be cordially appreciated, and we thank the Bishop and the Catholics of Scotland for their cheering message. There was a peculiar appropriateness in the fact that the Catholic Conference and the centennial celebrations of Aberdeen University fell at the same time, for the University is a Catholic foundation, and it was also fitting that the Very Rev. David Fleming should by his presence in Aberdeen at the juncture have renewed the ties that once bound the Franciscans to the city.

Honorary Degrees

Among those on whom honorary degrees were conferred in connection with the celebrations of the Aberdeen University Centenary are Right Rev. Mgr. Robert Frazer, Scots College, Rome; and Right Rev. Mgr. Gerald Molloy, Vice-Chancellor of the Royal University of Ireland, and Rector of the Catholic University of Dublin (Doctor of Laws).

A Work of Charity

No more self-sacrificing or noble work is performed in this city (writes a Glasgow correspondent) than that by the Sisters of Nazareth, the majority of whom are Irish ladies. Since their coming to Glasgow the good Sisters have done much to assist young orphans and the aged poor. To extend their labors still further they have erected a new home at 'Halfway,' at a cost of £18,000. The new home was opened on September 23.

SWITZERLAND—The St. Bernard Monks

A despatch from Geneva, under date September 18, says: The St. Bernard monks made their first trip this week from Martigny to the St. Bernard hospice with their new motor transport car, which has been specially constructed to carry heavy weights on steep gradients. The car, which is of 40-horse power, is fitted with special tire coverings to grip the snow and ice. Six monks from the hospice recently went to Milan to learn the art of driving a motor-car, and are now expert chauffeurs. Two monks, wearing the usual habit and cowl, drove the heavy car loaded with provisions and firewood up the mountain road to the hospice without the slightest difficulty. Next season the monks will start a motor-car service for tourists from Martigny to the hospice.