

The Catholic World

AUSTRIA—King Edward at High Mass

King Edward, when on a holiday at Marienbad in August, was present at a High Mass celebrated in honor of the birthday of the Austrian Emperor. In the evening the King entertained a party of friends at dinner, the guests including the two leading Catholic clergy of Marienbad.

ENGLAND—A Catholic Settlement

A Catholic settlement, to be conducted on similar lines to Toynbee Hall, will be opened during the coming autumn in Hoxton, with the sanction of his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster. The scheme owes its inception to, and has been formulated by, a body of Catholic laymen working under the presidency of Mr. Justice Walton. Among other members of the committee are Mr. Francis J. Hemelryk, Dr. S. Counsel, Mr. G. Gavan Duffy, and Mr. R. S. Nolan. Mr. B. W. Devas, 8, Old Jewry, is the honorary secretary of the committee, which has been registered under the name of the Catholic Settlements Association.

Father Vaughan's Sermons

Father Bernard Vaughan, says the 'Westminster Gazette,' has created a good deal of interest in America by his denunciatory sermons on 'The Smart Set,' and as a result some enterprising Catholics in New York have invited him to give a series of addresses in that city. Father Vaughan has not made up his mind yet whether or not to decline the invitation, but he looks askance at the proposal. 'They will,' he remarked to a friend, 'run me off my feet if I go there.' The reprint of the Farm street sermons, by the way, has gone through nine editions, and translations have been prepared in French, German, and Italian.

GERMANY—Greetings to the Holy Father

It was decided at the German Catholic Congress to celebrate the Pope's Jubilee in the autumn by an extraordinary increase in the contributions of Peter's Pence in order to relieve the pressing financial necessities of the Holy See. Telegrams of greeting and allegiance were addressed to the Holy Father, the Emperor William, and the Prince Regent of Bavaria. In the telegram to the Emperor special reference was made to his Majesty's repeated professions of belief in the importance and value of the Christian faith.

The Catholic Congress

The German Catholic Congress at Wurzburg was opened on Saturday, August 24, and on Sunday there was a great labor demonstration in which three hundred associations, with ten thousand members, took part. Herr Brandts presided over an immense meeting and bade the workers from all parts of Germany welcome. He stated that the South Germans have over 100,000 members in their working-men's associations. Dr. Thaler presided over the first general meeting, which was so numerously attended that hundreds were unable to gain admission.

ROME—Death of a Cardinal

The death of Cardinal Taliani (writes a Rome correspondent) was very sudden. He was conversing with friends at his villa at Montegallo when he suddenly fell to the ground, stricken by apoplexy, and it was found on examination of the body that life was extinct. Cardinal Taliani commenced his diplomatic career at Munich, and he then was appointed Nuncio at Paris, and remained there five years. Leo XIII. next sent him as Nuncio to Vienna. Here he had to deal with a situation that was delicate and full of difficulties. Promoted to the Cardinalate, he took an active part in the work of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, of which he was a member. He was sixty-nine years of age.

The Attack on Cardinal Merry del Val

His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val (writes the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Weekly') has received a great many telegrams and letters, congratulating him on his escape from violence at Marino, and denouncing the dastardly attack of which he was the victim, from the members of the Sacred College, the diplomatic corps, bishops, priests, Catholic associations, etc. The municipality of Castelgandolfo sent a delegation to his Eminence to express the deep veneration of the townspeople for his person, and their indignation at the outrage perpetrated at Marino.

The Suppression of Pilgrimages

With regard to the suppression of pilgrimages it will be well to remember (says 'Rome') that while all those arranged for the months of August and September have been countermanded, the Holy Father has yet to decide whether it will be prudent to permit those organised for the remaining months of the year. Priests and nuns are still being constantly insulted in the streets of the large towns by anti-clerical roughs—the sharpshooters of the movement, but the organised demonstrations of rowdyism have ceased, and a great deal now depends on the turn that may be given to events by the coming festival of 'XX. Settembre.'

SCOTLAND—Catholic Progress

A remarkable tribute to the self-sacrifice of the Catholics of Scotland (says the 'Catholic Herald') in providing and maintaining schools for their children is given by the latest Scottish Education Report. While Episcopalian schools have only risen from 46 in 1872 to 62 in 1906, the Catholic schools, which numbered but 22 in 1872, rose to 196 in 1904 and to 208 in 1906. Still more instructive are the figures with respect to other denominations. The public schools now number 2903. The Church of Scotland is credited with only 18, the Free Church with 6, whilst undenominational and other schools, not included amongst the public schools, amount only to 65. The total amount earned by the Catholic schools out of the General Aid Grant in 1906 amounted to £11,077 17s 3d.

Death of a Professor

The death occurred on August 20 of Rev. Andrew Fleming Murdoch, Professor at Blairs College, at the early age of 33. The deceased belonged to an old Catholic family in Enzie, which gave several distinguished men to the Church, notably Bishop Murdoch, who was Bishop of Glasgow for many years.

Argyll and the Isles

The newly erected Chapter for the diocese of Argyll and the Isles was recently installed at St. Columba's Pro-Cathedral, Oban. As already announced, permission was granted from Rome for the erection of a Chapter for the diocese, and subsequently the following appointments were made:—Provost: Very Rev. Donald Macintosh, Moidart. Canons: Very Rev. Donald McDougall, Roy Bridge; Very Rev. Alexander Macintosh, Fort William; Very Rev. James Chisholm, Arisaig; and Very Rev. John Macdonald, Campbeltown. The ceremony of installation, which attracted a large congregation from all parts of the Western Highlands, opened with the Profession of Faith, which was made by the provost and each of the Canons of the new Chapter. Thereafter the Canons were conducted by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles to their respective stalls. After the singing of 'Tierce' Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship, the Rev. W. A. Mackenzie, of Barra, being assistant priest, with Rev. James Barry, of Glencoe, and the Rev. John MacMillan, of Eigg, as deacon and subdeacon, and Rev. Alexander Mackintosh, Oban, as master of ceremonies. An impressive sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Canon Mackintosh, of Glasgow, in the course of which he sketched the history of the ancient dioceses of Argyll and the Isles.

GENERAL

Not Disheartened

Twice the Fathers of the Holy Ghost have tried to establish a mission in the Negro republic of Liberia, and as often failed, on account of the death of the missionaries or illness which incapacitated them for the arduous work. They have undertaken it a third time, through the effort of Father Kyne, Prefect-Apostolic.

Christchurch Catholic Club

The following is the report presented at the annual meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club, and which was crowded out of our last issue:—

The committee in presenting their annual report and balance sheet for the year ended August 31, 1907, desire to heartily congratulate the club on the success that it has attained during the past year, which has been, without doubt, the most successful since its inception. The financial position of the club is now upon a thoroughly sound basis, and your committee are convinced that with the marked increase of membership, and great interest displayed it is now on a fair way to make its influence felt in Christchurch. The net assets of the club have now reached the sum of £156,