

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—The Sisters of Nazareth

Referring to the demise of the Mother-General of the Sisters of Nazareth, the London *Daily Telegraph*, in an appreciative notice, says the many thousands of the hopelessly poor are to-day mourning the death of a gentle lady who devoted a strenuous life to the amelioration of theirs. Full of sympathy for the poor, a fine judge of character, possessing tact and an infinite amount of courage, Mother Mary not only interested herself in cases of distress brought before her, but sought out persons in difficulties, and by her advice and assistance many a woman has been able to redeem a position which seemed hopeless.

A Staunch Catholic

Mr. Bernard Augustin Dromigoole, J.P., founder and former editor of *St. Helens Newspaper and Advertiser*, died at St. Helens recently, aged 93. He was a prominent Liberal and a staunch supporter of the Catholic Church. He leaves a widow, twelve sons, and three daughters.

An Appointment

The Right Rev. Mgr. Butt left for Rome on December 28 to take up his duties as Vice-Rector of the *Collegio Beda*. His departure is greatly regretted by his late colleagues at Archbishop's House, Westminster, who will miss his genial presence very much.

Father Vaughan as a Preacher

Father Bernard Vaughan delivered an address on a recent Sunday in Bradford in aid of the local hospital. Never before had the visit of any lecturer created such interest in the Yorkshire town. The leading Yorkshire paper in its notice of his discourse had the following appreciative sketch of the well-known Jesuit: 'One realises, in listening to the famous preacher, how much of an orator's success is due to his physical endowments. Father Vaughan has a presence that commands and holds the attention of his hearers. The portrait which appeared in our Saturday's issue is an admirable one, but no portrait could do full justice to the expression of austere benignity which is the dominant characteristic of the face. It is not a mobile face; the outline of the features has an ascetic hardness; the play of expression, even in the lightest passages, softens but never quite eradicates the note of austerity, as of a deeper something reserved and unexpressed. The voice is high-pitched, clear, penetrating, musical; but there is an occasional break in the higher tones, perhaps the effect of overstrain, and the falling cadences are sometimes lost. Comparing his manner with that of some famous preachers of the past, one is struck by the absence of any marked peculiarity. He is as full as Spurgeon was of simple illustration, of the homely wit that has a universal appeal; but he has not the easy conversational air of the Baptist leader of last generation. He makes much more use of the art of the orator. The pause before the pregnant word, that makes expectation double the effect; the skilful adaptation of tone to matter—these are used but not abused, and the art is not apparent, nor the effect histrionic. There is, however, a kinship to Spurgeon in matter as well as manner. Father Vaughan makes little appeal to intellect, still less to violent emotion. His is a Gospel of common sense, a prudent balancing of the facts of life, a wise regulation of it in accordance with them.'

The Progress of the Church

The Catholic clergy of Great Britain now number 4166, an increase of 91 during the past year. The actual increase (says an exchange) is made up of 46 regulars and 45 seculars—a disproportion accounted for by the continued immigration of exiled French religious to our shores. We note the largest gain in clergy belongs to the diocese of Birmingham, which has 21 more priests than it had a year ago. The total number of churches, chapels, and stations in Great Britain has risen by 16 during the past year. Mr. Hope's reappearance in the *Directory* list brings the Catholic representatives of English constituencies in Parliament to a record total of nine. The Irish members are stationary with a formidable 73. Lord Queensberry's name comes second on the list of peers, which has a further addition in Lord MacDonnell, of Swinford. A third name may now be added—that of Lord Skerrington, a Scotch Lord of Session. The list of baronets, through the loss of Gordon of Letterfourie, by extinction, stands at 51 instead of at 52, as in 1908. The knights are augmented by such names as Sir Heffernan Considine, Sir Alessandro Chapelle, Sir Henry T. Taschereau (who follows his kinsman, Sir Henry E. Taschereau), Sir Charles Euan Smith, and Sir William Patrick Manning.

UNITED STATES—A Talented Religious

An engineers' license has been granted to Sister Gregory, of the Little Sisters of the Poor of Boston. Sister Gregory has been attending the engine and heating plant in the main building of the Home for the Aged for sixteen years. She received her instructions for operating the engine and boilers from the engineers who equipped the building. She passed her examinations for an engineer's license with a high percentage.

The See of San Francisco

Bishop O'Connell, Bishop of Sebaste and Rector of the Catholic University of Washington, has been appointed Auxiliary to the Archbishop of San Francisco.

A Catholic Chaplain

Justifiably elated were the Catholics of California, and particularly of San Francisco, when (says the *San Francisco Monitor*), on January 4, 1909, Very Rev. Henry H. Wyman was chosen Chaplain of the State Senate. The selection was made after an eloquent speech of nomination by Senator Edward I. Wolfe. This is the first time in the history of the Senate of the State of California that a Catholic priest has been chosen as chaplain.

Early Missionaries

Very Rev. Dean Harris, who is engaged in writing an early history of Catholic Missions and Missionaries in Utah, finds from ancient documents preserved in the Washington library that missionaries visited there as early as 1776.

An Old Printing Establishment

Years previous to the English settlement of Virginia and New England, and the Dutch colonisation of New York, Father Francisco Blanco, O.P., of illustrious memory, set up the printing press in Manila, as early as 1602 printing a volume in Tagalog on *Our Lady of the Rosary*—the first book printed in the Philippine capital. From this establishment, continuously in existence for upwards of three centuries, and known as 'The University Press,' there has just begun to issue a weekly paper, printed in English and entitled *The Philippine Catholic*.

PAEROA

The opening ceremonies in connection with the first church erected at Waikino (says the *Ohinemuri Gazette*) took place on Sunday, February 7, and were attended by crowded congregations. The Very Rev. Dean Hackett and the Waikino church committee left nothing undone to make the event a red letter day in the history of Waikino. The members and friends of the Paeroa and Karangahake Church choirs rendered the music of the Mass. Mrs. Collins (Paeroa) presiding at the organ. The sermon was delivered by Very Rev. Dean Hackett, and in the evening Rev. Father Bradley preached. The collections taken during the day amounted to £80 3s. Dean Hackett expressed his thanks to the members of his flock at Waikino, to the visitors who came from Paeroa, Karangahake, and Waihi for their pecuniary assistance, also to the Waikino church committee for their voluntary help in connection with the decoration of interior, and the altar society for its services. The Dean had a special word of praise for Mr. Thomas Cummings, Owharua, who advanced the amount required by the Waikino Catholics to have a church in their midst. Special thanks were tendered by the Dean to the Very Rev. Father Brodie (Waihi) and the members of the non-Catholic churches present at both services. When reading the list of contributors Dean Hackett referred to the name of one contributor who was present with them that day—Mrs. Benjamin, mother of Mrs. W. Smith-O'Brien, Waikino. She served as a link connecting the past and present. The venerable lady present that day attended the opening of old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, and was now present with her gifts for altar and subscription for the latest church building erected in the Auckland diocese. The Dean made feeling reference to the old Catholic pioneers who were passing away, and exhorted their descendants to follow in their glorious footsteps.

After the Mass, the members of the choir, the priests, and visitors were the guests of Mrs. Bright, Victoria House, Waikino. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the two choirs were driven to Waihi for an outing, and while there visited the local hospital and rendered some sacred solos for the patients.

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