

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—A Distinguished Visitor
 This Institution is a Branch of the well-known House of...
 Rev. Mr. ... has arrived in London...
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FRANCE—War Against Christianity
 The Times is to be congratulated on the publication of the articles written for it by M. Tavernier...
 To say, as our contemporary does, that more has been heard in England of the views taken and often carried into effect by successive French Ministries than of those favored by the clergy and the Catholic laity is but a very mild statement of a fact of which we have frequently complained...
 The British press has been nobbled by the French atheists, and the case of the Catholics whom they ruthlessly persecuted has never been adequately presented to British Protestant readers...
 M. Tavernier has now, however, let in much light upon the intentions and doings of the persecutors...
 In the two articles which have appeared in the Times he has explained that the persecution is a deliberate scheme, long since concocted, for the destruction of Christianity in France...
 He has quoted confessions of atheism by the organizers and leaders of the campaign...
 M. Viani, the Free-thinking Minister of Labor, only spoke the truth when he said, "we have bound ourselves throughout the past to a work of anti-clericalism and irreligion." His boast that they had put out the lights in the heavens was but a declaration of atheism which had been made in other words by M. Gambetta, M. Clemenceau, M. Ferdinand Buisson, M. Paul Bert, and other men by whose efforts the present regime was established...
 About what the conductors of the campaign mean there can be no mistake. It is war to the death against any and every form of worshipping God.

GERMANY—A Prosperous Catholic Society
 The German Catholic Journeymen's Society is one of the most prosperous in the world...
 It is divided into diocesan groups...
 That of Rottenburg has 2800 members and owns property to the amount of £40,000.

ROME—The Treasury of St. Peter's
 The treasury of St. Peter's, by far the richest collection of church ornaments and vestments in the world, although open to the public, has hitherto been seen with difficulty owing to the very small space of the room in which it was contained...
 Thanks to Cardinal Rampolla, Archpriest of the Basilica, and Monsignor de Bisogni, Dean of the Chapter, to whom the work of arrangement was entrusted, the treasures are now properly set out, and arranged behind glass in two rooms which have been set apart for the purpose behind the sacristy...
 The gain is not only to the public, who can see them more easily, but it also contributes to the preservation of the more ancient vestments...
 Amongst these may be instanced the famous dalmatic of Leo III., worn at the coronation of Charlemagne, and since erroneously called the dalmatic of Charlemagne, a marvellous specimen of Byzantine art, which has kept its beauty of color for fully 1100 years...
 Many of the copes and other vestments, of which there is a vast collection, are hardly less beautiful and interesting...
 The most ancient treasure of all is the *Ornamentum*, which, according to tradition, was given by Justinian, Emperor of the East, and dates from the sixth century.

Works of Mercy
 The result of the works concluded in Reggio Calabria by the Pontifical Delegation (writes a Rome correspondent) is a source of much consolation to the Holy Father...
 This became specially evident during the audience given to his delegates, Monsignor Gottafavi and Count Roberto Zilari, who came to Rome for the purpose of giving *viva voce* to his Holiness an account of what has been done for the poor people of South Italy...
 A long list of churches, schools, colleges, and hospitals, etc., erected in those parts by means of the sums entrusted to the Pope by Christians from every part of the world, was read to the Pontiff...
 His Holiness examined the details of each undertaking and the plans made for further improvements in aid of the Calabrian brethren...
 At the end of a half-hour Pius X. expressed his warm approval of the works achieved by the delegation, and warmly thanked them for the assistance given...
 The great church of St. Peter's, which was destroyed in the earthquake was laid on October...
 Monsignor Arrigo, who was attended by almost all the clergy and

Municipal authorities of the second city... This will be the second church built in stone since the catastrophe, the first being now so near completion that the Archbishop expects to consecrate it on the first anniversary of the destruction of Messina.

Dr. George Matheson Cullen has been elected to the position of Bailie at a meeting of the Edinburgh Town Council. He has the distinction of being the first member of the Church of Scotland to be elected to the membership of the Edinburgh Town Council.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, PONSONBY
 (From our Auckland correspondent)
 The annual concert and distribution of prizes took place at the Sacred Heart School, Ponsonby, on December 10. Among the clergy present were the Rev. Fathers Edge and Doyle. The programme was a varied one, and the pupils are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they acquitted themselves...
 The following were the items: Pianoforte duet, Misses Jones and Amodeo; chorus, 'Zealandia,' pupils; address, Miss Kate Lanigan; vocal duet, Misses 'Lowry' and 'Lynch'; piano solo, 'We shall go to school' any more, pupils; dances, 'The Hop', Miss E. Dodson; pianoforte solo, Miss Amodeo; 'Through Darkness to Light,' in which the characters were sustained by Misses E. Doherty, Rita Lanigan, M. Hopkins, Tu. O'Connor, E. Furey, E. Murray, M. Dunne, George M. Dunne, A. Webb, and K. Culhane; hat dance, 'The Rev. Father Edge thanked the pupils for the nice entertainment they had given, and congratulated them on the successful examination held by Mr. Goodwin...
 Certificates of proficiency were presented to M. Hopkins, Rita Lanigan, Alice Webb, and Violet Analey.

The following is the prize list:
 Standard VI.—Attendance, Rita Lanigan; Christian doctrine, A. Webb; good conduct, H. Doherty; aggregate marks, M. O'Connell; improvement, M. O'Connell; attendance, M. Dunne; Christian doctrine, E. Furey; aggregate marks, G. Casier; general improvement, A. O'Brien.
 Standard IV.—Christian doctrine, I. Anderson; attendance, M. O'Connell; good conduct, A. Ingles; general improvement, E. Dunne.
 Standard III.—Christian doctrine, W. Russell; good conduct, E. O'Dowd; attendance, R. Silvan; improvement, E. Dunne.
 Standard II.—Christian doctrine, E. Pavinelli; good conduct, K. Ingles; attendance, J. Parris; aggregate marks, G. Casier; general improvement, A. O'Brien.
 Standard I.—Christian doctrine, K. Flynn; good conduct, B. Fee; aggregate marks, E. O'Connor; attendance, W. McMahon; general proficiency, M. Keating.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, PONSONBY
 The annual concert and distribution of prizes took place at St. Mary's Convent, New Street, Ponsonby, on December 15. There was a large audience on the occasion...
 His Lordship Dr. Lenihan presided, and the clergy were represented by the Rev. Fathers Edge, Doyle, Holbrook, Cahill, and Carren...
 The concert was opened by a brilliant duo on three pianos, 'Spanish dance' (Moskowski), played by the Misses Margaret and Rosie Ralph, E. Kelly, S. Fraser, R. Shirley, and G. Darby...
 An address was then read by Miss D. Ferguson...
 The trio 'Rondo' was played with precision by the junior grade pupils, Misses K. Kelly, E. Miller, R. Foster, M. Han, L. Harris, E. White, I. Noton, M. Casey, and J. Evans...
 'Teddy bear,' a charming song by the junior pupils, caused much merriment, each child carrying a teddy bear...
 The intermediate grade then played the 'Bolero,' the performers being Misses D. McStay, G. Martin, M. McVeagh, D. Sneddon, M. Noton, S. Ralph, Leila Tanner, E. Lynch, and Irene Tanner...
 A solo 'Melodie' which was played by Miss J. Hutchison, received an enthusiastic encore...
 The senior choruses, 'The noisy mill,' 'Carmena,' and 'The harp that once,' were deservedly applauded...
 The duet 'Swing song' was gracefully played by the Misses A. Ferral, L. Bolton, D. Ferguson, E. Ferguson, M. Chisholm, and G. Darby...
 The conclusion of which Misses P. O'Connor and G. Evans rendered the 'Arlinquinade' arranged for two pianos in a most effective manner...
 The advanced pupils, Misses J. Amodeo and D. White, Evans and P. O'Connor, charmed the audience with their exquisite rendering of the song 'Bux Blas'...
 The 'Apple Baby' song, by a number of pupils, was deservedly enjoyed...
 This charming action song, Misses J. Lynch, M. A. Han, M. O'Veagh, and M. Kelly, taking the solos...
 The brilliant recitation by Misses M. O'Veagh and D. White, in the solo 'Patillon' by the A-form, and in the sparkling duo 'Chick' which was heartily applauded for her rendering of the song 'Roses,' which was encored...
 I. NOTON'S 'WARRIOR'