

## The Catholic World.

**AFRICA.—Missionaries for Africa.**—St. Joseph's African Apostolic College, Cork, was honored recently by the visit of the Superior-General of the Society (Very Rev. Father Planque), who was accompanied by a Bishop of the Society, the Most Rev. Dr. Pellet, of Benin. Both are distinguished members of the African Missionary Society of Lyons, Father Planque being one of the pioneers and founder of the present spacious seminary at Lyons. This missionary body was formed over 20 years ago at the special command of the late Sovereign Pontiff, who entrusted its formation to the Bishop of Bruges (Mgr. de Marion Bressilac). The youthful prelate and four priests laid the foundation in Sierra Leone in Africa, and in a short time became martyrs to their zeal for the salvation of the pagans. Two houses exist in Ireland, both in the diocese of Cork. The Irish Superior, Pere Zimmerman, is a past professor of the Most Rev. Dr. Pellet, having been one of the staff at the Mother House in France when Dr. Pellet was a student there.

**BELGIUM.—Departure of a Public Benefactor.**—To the great regret of the agricultural population of the province of Luxemburg (writes a Brussels correspondent), the Rev. Pere Cus, S.J., left recently for the Belgian Congo, where he is to be employed in the missions of his Order. For some years past Pere Cus has identified himself actively with the social movement, and it is mainly to his zeal and energy the small farmers of the province are indebted for the foundation of the various works which have contributed largely to their prosperity. He was the principal organizer of an agricultural syndicate, a farmers' club, and an association of co-operative creameries, institutions which have immensely improved the condition of the cultivating classes and remain as a monument of his devotion to their interests. As might be expected, the good priest was not content with advancing the merely material well-being of the people, he also endeavored, and with success, to further their moral and religious welfare, and for this purpose he aided in establishing cheap Catholic papers, besides starting periodical retreats for working men. Pere Cus was very popular as a mission preacher, and his services in this connection were in frequent request in the rural parishes of the province. In recognition of his successful efforts in promoting works of social utility, the special decoration of 'Prevoiance' of the First Class was bestowed upon him by Royal decree a few days before his departure. In proceeding to the Congo Free State the worthy Jesuit, but resumes his missionary career in foreign parts. He labored for some time in the archdiocese of Calcutta, where he particularly distinguished himself by his zeal in protecting his native flock from the persecution of the Bengal zemindars. After his return from India he was stationed for a while at Charleroi, but for the last few years Arlon in Luxemburg has been his centre of activity.

**CANADA.—The Yukon District.**—The Rev. Father Gendreau, O.M.I., from the Klondike, passed through Liverpool and London recently. He explained that Dawson City is built on the Yukon River, of which the Klondike is only a tributary. There are now 16,000 persons in the Yukon district, about 1000 of whom are Catholics.

**CUBA.—A harsh Edict Revoked.**—The infamous Brook edict, which prohibited ecclesiastical marriages in Cuba, recognising only the civil ceremony, has been revoked. Governor-General Wood issued the order that the ecclesiastical ceremony be recognised as on a basis of legality like that upon which it rests in the United States.

**ENGLAND.—Pilgrimage to Rome.**—The great Catholic pilgrimage from England to Rome in October will be headed by Cardinal Vaughan and the Duke of Norfolk.

**Catholics and the Lord Chancellorship.**—The death of Lord Russell of Killowen has again raised the point whether a Catholic may with any hope of success aspire to become Lord Chancellor of England. It has been generally accepted that Catholics are disqualified by their religion from holding that post, as well as the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland, and 10 years ago a Bill to remove the disability, which smacks of bygone ages, was brought in by Mr. Gladstone and defeated by the Conservatives, who termed it the Ripon and Russell Relief Bill. It appears Mr. Shee, Q.C., holds that the profession of the Catholic faith does not disqualify for the office. Presiding at the Salford Hundred Court of Record recently, he expressed an opinion to that effect, and said that Lord Russell, had he lived, would probably occupy the post of Lord Chancellor. It certainly would have been appropriate had the first Catholic Lord Chief Justice after the Reformation been also the first Catholic Lord Chancellor since the days of Sir Thomas More. If there be a disability (says the *Catholic Times*) it is time that it should be done away with. We know what stress was laid on Catholic disabilities in the Transvaal by the very people who were instrumental in rejecting Mr. Gladstone's Bill for throwing the office open to Catholics.

**Death of a prominent Liverpool Catholic.**—The news was received in Liverpool on Saturday, August 11, with deep regret, of the death of Mr. John Tunnicliffe, sen., West African merchant, which sad event took place on Friday evening at his residence, Lansdowne, Blundellsands Road East, Blundellsands, in his 70th year. The deceased had been identified with the West African trade for the past 50 years, and was one of the principals of the firm of Messrs. Thomas Harrison and Co., one of the largest West African firms of the country. He was at the time of his death chairman of the African Association, which position he had filled for some years, and in which company one of his sons, Mr. John Tunnicliffe, jun., is at present one of the managers. He was also a member of the Liver-

pool Chamber of Commerce, and represented the African Association on that body, and his practical experience and advice will be sadly missed in all matters connected with the trade of West Africa. He was well known on 'Change and his affable and kindly disposition and his honesty and integrity of character and purpose won for him a legion of friends, who held him in the highest respect and esteem. His death was very sudden, after an attack of gastritis. He had just returned from Harrowgate, where he had been for the benefit of his health, but had been obliged to return home owing to the inclemency of the weather. He was a practical Catholic, and gave freely to the schools and other institutions.

**ROME.—Prince Henry and the Holy Father.**—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Emperor William, had a long audience with the Holy Father on the occasion of his visit to Rome for the funeral of King Humbert.

**SCOTLAND.—Continental Catholics in Glasgow.**—The spiritual welfare of the Catholic foreigners in Glasgow is not lost sight of by the authorities. Some months ago a mission to Italians was given in the Cathedral. Only quite recently Father Woity, of Manchester, conducted a retreat in St. John's Church for the Poles resident in the city. There was a capital attendance of Polish exiles, who displayed exemplary fervor during the retreat.

**Death of a Priest at Coatbridge.**—On Sunday, August 12, the death occurred at Coatbridge of the Rev. Father Hughes, of St. Augustine's Church in that town, after a somewhat lengthened illness. Father Hughes was close on 50 years of age, and went to Coatbridge some seven years ago to found the parish of St. Augustine's. The rev. gentleman was an ardent temperance reformer. Last year he erected a new church as a cost of £10,000, and also established a secondary school for the Monklands district. He was a member of the Old Monklands School Board, and also a member of the Parish Council. He was one of the most popular Catholic priests in the West of Scotland, and his demise will be deeply and widely mourned by all who came under his influence, or who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**Clerical Assistance.**—We (*Catholic Herald*) learn that 15 new priests are coming from Ireland to take up missionary work in the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Most of them belong to the Dioceses of Kerry, Cashel, and Killaloe, and have been recently ordained.

**UNITED STATES.—Providing a Residence for the Archbishop.**—I hear (writes a New York correspondent) that the clergy of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati propose to present to the Archbishop of Cincinnati a suitable home. Archbishop Elder has approved of the plan, since the present cathedral residence is inadequate, and the venerable prelate wishes to provide for the future. The house in view is a magnificent two-storey, stone front, with 12 rooms, located only a short distance from the cathedral. The place is known as the Levi Mansion, and cost, with the property, fully £15,000. It was purchased by the Sisters of Charity a few years ago for a private hospital, at the low figure of £3,000. The Sisters are willing to give it to the diocese for the same money. It is likely that the diocese will assume the Sisters' debt and pay the interest, which is three per cent. The new residence will be worthy of the diocese, and a tribute to the generosity of the clergy and laity, as it is proposed to pay off the cost by voluntary contributions.

**A Priest's Heroism.**—Among the police officers fatally wounded by the negro desperado, Charles, in New Orleans recently, was Corporal Lally. When the corporal fell he expressed a desire to see a priest. A young man hastened to St. John's Church, a few blocks distant, and summoned Father Fitzgerald. The priest hastened to the side of the wounded man. At that time there were but few policemen on the scene and but few citizens, but the priest went into the house where the hunted man lay hidden with a loaded Winchester, and proceeded to administer to the dying officer the last Sacraments of the Church. He had just started on the last sad office, when suddenly the negro and the enraged citizens began exchanging shots at each other. The brave priest had but one thought at that moment, and that was the life of the terribly wounded man. With no care for himself, he raised the wounded form of the officer and placed it behind the door of the room, where at least there would be some little protection from the further murderous fire of the desperado, who was just above them. After doing this the priest then attempted to leave the building. He left the rear structure in which lay the dead and wounded, and tried to effect his escape through the narrow alley that led to the street. This alley was in a line of fire from three different directions, and he was in a veritable hail of bullets. He had only proceeded a few feet when he stumbled over the dead body of Brumfield the young man who only a few minutes before had summoned him to the side of Corporal Lally. In a glance he saw that there was no need of his services there, and he continued his way to the street. Only a matter of 30 feet or more at the corner of Saratoga and Clio streets, beneath the shed of Hodgins' grocery, ex-officer Evans was seated, bleeding profusely from a shot in the abdomen. The good Father asked for his welfare, and at a request from him for the last offices of the Church, and amidst a veritable bombardment, the priest performed the duties toward the wounded man which tended to console him in his last hours. The bravery and coolness of Father Fitzgerald was much commented upon by all who witnessed it.

### GENERAL.

**History Repeating Itself.**—*Appropos* of the celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a writer pointed out that a recent census of the Jesuit Order shows the number of members is over 15,000. It is just 86 years since the Order was re-established in 1814. It is a curious fact that when the Order was first founded it took just 86 years to bring its membership to 15,000. Thus history has repeated itself.