

Holy Year Pilgrimages.—A Rome correspondent, writing on September 1, says—The Holy Year pilgrimages, which had not been suspended during the summer, as erroneously stated by some papers, but only limited to the less numerous groups so as to fatigue the aged Pontiff as little as possible during his much-needed holiday, have now entered upon a period of renewed activity. "Mortui in fine velocior," and the closing months of the Jubilee Year will doubtless surpass all the preceding ones in regard to the number and solemnity of the pilgrimages. On Thursday Leo XIII. granted a special reception in St. Peter's to nearly 10,000 pilgrims from the dioceses of Padua, Bologna, Foligno, Trento, Trieste, Udine, Piacenza, and Verona, who were led by seven bishops and archbishops. Cardinal Svampa, Archbishop of Bologna, having been unable to come, had delegated the Vice-Chancellor (Cardinal Respighi) to represent him. The Holy Father made his entry into the basilica at about 12, and when the venerable white figure on the 'sedia gestatoria' appeared, passing by the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, enthusiastic cheers made the majestic temple ring again, and the numerous standards of Catholic associations were lowered respectfully as the stately procession swept up the aisle to the Altar of the Confession, from whence it proceeded to the Papal altar. Here the Holy Father descended from the 'sedia gestatoria' and knelt for some time in prayer, while the Pontifical Choir sang the litanies and the 'Laudate.' Leo XIII. then arose, and with a firm voice, which was distinctly heard throughout the vast basilica, imparted the Apostolic Benediction to the pilgrims. After receiving the homage of the bishops and leaders, whom he thanked for their praiseworthy initiative, the Pontiff again blessed the pilgrims and retired to his private apartments—apparently none the worse for the fatiguing function, which had lasted nearly two hours. A numerous group of Maltese pilgrims, led by Archbishop Pace, arrived at Naples on Friday on the Paraguay and at once proceeded on their journey to Rome. They will probably be received by the Holy Father together with 800 pilgrims from Sicily and Calabria who have just arrived.

SCOTLAND.—Retirement of a well-known Police Officer.—After a long and honorable career of 38 years' faithful and distinguished services in the Edinburgh police force, where he rose from the rank of constable to his present position, Lieutenant Durkin, the well-known Catholic police inspector of the capital, has just retired. Both Press and people of the country are unanimous in their praise of this veteran officer's services to the city and State.

Charitable Bequests.—The inventory of the heritable and movable estate of the late Rev. Father Shaw, lately residing at Stanley street, Aberdeen, has been lodged with the Sheriff Clerk of Aberdeenshire, and amounts to £1715 15s 7d on which £70 7s of estate duty has been paid. He leaves to the Lady Superior of the Home of Little Sisters of the Poor, Gilmore place Edinburgh, on behalf of that institution, £150, to the Lady Superior of Nazareth House, Aberdeen, for behalf of that institution, £150, to Bishop Chisholm, in aid of Blairs College, £200, and to the administrator of St. Mary's Cathedral Aberdeen £100. All the legacies are free of duty.

On a Visit to Ober-Ammergau.—Lord Dumfries, Lords Ninian and Colum Crichton Stuart, and Lady Margaret Crichton-Stuart left recently for Ober-Ammergau. They are accompanied by the Rev. Sir David Hunter-Blair, of Fort-Augustus Abbey.

Valuable Presentation to a Church.—A costly monsternace, the gift of Mr. Stuart A. Coats, was used for the first time at Benediction in St. Margaret's Ayr, on Sunday evening, August 20. The monsternace, which is of superb design, exquisitely wrought, and richly set with rubies, was much admired. It will be remembered that Mr. Coats, a member of the well-known firm of thread manufacturers, was received into the Catholic Church about a year ago.

Presentation to a Highland Priest.—The Rev. Father John Mackintosh, late of Bornish, South Uist, and now at Campbelltown, was recently presented by his former parishioners and friends at Bornish with a beautiful purse containing 100 sovereigns. Father Mackintosh, who had to relinquish his charge in South Uist owing to ill-health, was a very popular cleric amongst all classes of the community, being the honored chairman of the Parish Council and School Board of the island.

Death of the Marquis of Bute.—A cablegram received the other day announced the death of the Marquis of Bute in his 83rd year. The deceased nobleman had been ill for some months, but when the last mail left England he had sufficiently recovered to take a trip to the Continent. He was born in 1817 and succeeded to the title in the following year. He was a convert, having been received into the Church in 1868. He was created a Knight of the Order of the Thistle in 1875. He presented the Great Hall to the University of Glasgow. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews. He has published translations, as well as lectures, essays, etc. He was elected mayor of Cardiff in 1891, being the first peer chosen for such an office since the Reform Bill. He was married in 1872, and has issue living—three sons and a daughter. The Marquis of Bute had been considerably occupied of late with the progress that was being made at Mount Stuart House, his princely residence in Rothesay, in the fitting out of the private chapel he was having erected there. When completed it will be one of the finest examples of distinctively religious architecture in the United Kingdom. The marble for the interior pillars and arches is said to have cost, in an unworked state, over £10,000, and for the altar alone, which is a unique specimen of its kind, a shipload of red-veined marble had been brought from Italy. A cable message of Saturday states that the deceased nobleman has bequeathed £100,000 to Catholic charities.

The Glasgow City Fathers at a Requiem Mass.—The Bailies of the City of Glasgow and the Town Council having been invited to attend the Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the King of Italy, at a meeting of the Bailies to consider the matter, Bailies John Ferguson and D. M. Stevenson urged it would be a graceful indication of respect for a friendly nation and for the religious opinions of their Roman Catholic fellow-citizens. With some slight dissent, it was agreed to bring it before the Town Council, where it was agreed to unanimously. Accordingly, some seven or eight of the Bailies, headed by the Lord Provost, and bearing their chains of office and attended by about 30 members of the Town Council, proceeded on Wednesday morning, August 8, to St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral, where they occupied seats in front of the High Altar. It is needless to say that since the Reformation no such public recognition of Catholicism has taken place in Scotland. To the credit of the Press, not a word of adverse comment appeared in the editorials; but, as might be expected, some fierce attacks have been made upon the 'magistrates attending Mass' and in 'this great Protestant city sanctioning superstition.'

A railway accident near Rome on Monday, August 13, caused 15 deaths. Among the injured was the Capuchin Father Vannutelli, brother of the Cardinal of that name.

Rumor has it that Sir Hubert Jerningham will be given the Governorship of one of the Australian provinces presently, under the new Federal scheme, which is to come into operation at the beginning of 1901.

If the Shah had fallen a victim to assassination there would have been no trouble about finding a successor so far as the number of his relations goes. He has six sons and 12 daughters, six brothers and 12 sisters. 'In fact,' says the *Statesman's Year Book*, 'the royal family is very numerous; there are some thousands of princes and princesses, but the official year book only mentions two uncles, two aunts, and about a hundred great uncles and cousins of the Shah.'

The New York *Freeman's Journal* writes thus of the late Judge Smythe—Frederick Smythe, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, died at his summer home at Atlantic City, August 18. His career shows how a determined, industrious boy may work his way to an honorable position. He came to this country from Galway, Ireland, in 1819, his only inheritance a good common school education. He soon got a place in a law office at three dollars a week; made himself so useful by his industry and application that in a few years he became a partner in the law firm. Until a few years ago he was an Episcopalian and a Freemason. But in his later years he gave the subject of religion much thought and study. Shortly after his wife's death his daughter renounced Protestantism and soon after he followed her into the Catholic Church.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald is an Irishman (says M.A.P.) who glories in his nationality, and would never be happy living out of his native country. He is by no means exclusive about his acquaintances, and sometimes rather shocks the stately county families by inviting to his house people whose social status is not particularly high. But this does not trouble Lord Maurice, who, with an assured position of his own, firmly believes that 'manners maketh man—to say nothing of talent. He married an heiress—the elder daughter of the late Lord Grandard. Johnstown Castle, a most beautiful place, containing many art treasures, is her property. Lady Maurice was a very handsome girl, and is a good-looking woman still, though she does not care in the least for dress, and takes no trouble about her appearance. Her eldest girl is now 18, and came out this season, but Lord and Lady Maurice Fitzgerald only stayed a short time in town, and are now back in Wexford. The present young Duke of Leinster is a nephew of Lord Maurice, who is greatly attached to his late brother's three boys, who so early lost both their parents.

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A RICH RETURN.

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