

the only persons privileged to see the sacred relics between the septennial exhibitions being crowned heads.

Influence in the Holy Land.—At a meeting of the Germany Holy Land Society in Cologne, the President called attention to the growth of German influence in Palestine since Emperor William's visit. 'German Catholics in Palestine,' he said, 'no longer recognise France's protectorate over Catholics in the Orient, but have placed themselves under German protection.' He announced that Catholics in Germany had raised 750,000 marks for the church to be erected in the Holy Land on the site presented by Emperor William.

RUSSIA.—A Concession.—Russia permitted all the Catholic priests in the Empire to visit Rome during the holy year. This does not seem much of a concession to us, but it marks a new era in the relations of the Vatican with St. Petersburg. The wise policy of Leo XIII. is bearing fruit.

SCOTLAND.—The new Archbishop of Edinburgh.—The enthronement of the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 20th of December. The Consistory which confers the pallium was held on December 12, and it was agreed to send the pallium by registered letter or parcel.

The late Marquis of Bute.—A message from Jerusalem states that at the interment of the heart of Lord Bute, at the Mount of Olives, Lady Bute was accompanied by the daughter, her eldest son, the young Marquis, and her youngest son, and that they were joined by the second son, who travelled from Russia. Bishop Turner, of Galloway, officiated.

The Archbishop of Glasgow and the Archæological Society.—The Most Rev. Archbishop Eyre, D.D., LL.D., President of the Glasgow Archæological Society, has intimated to the Council that he desired to retire from office, and the Council has passed the following resolution:—'The Council resolved to record on its minutes the expression of their deep and sincere regret that Archbishop Eyre had resolved to retire from the position of president before the expiry of his term of office, and the secretaries were instructed to convey to his Grace the Council's acknowledgments of the ability and courtesy with which he had filled the chair, and the expression of the hope that he would continue to pursue the valuable researches, the fruits of which he had in the past contributed in instructive and learned papers to the meetings of the society.'

SPAIN.—A Present for the Pope.—A gift presented to his Holiness by the Spanish pilgrims lately in Rome was a book, every leaf of which was a bank note of a thousand francs, the whole of these costly leaves comprising the sum of 250,000 francs, bequeathed to his Holiness by a Spanish lady recently deceased, of the diocese of Bilbao.

UNITED STATES.—Unselfish Women.—'These unselfish women,' says the *Middland Review* writing of the Sisters of Mercy, 'have freely fed the hungry and clothed the poor, and again and again have educated at their own cost deserving young women devoid of means, and helped them forward on paths otherwise impossible to their feet. An instance of this—a noble and notable instance—is exemplified in the case of Mother Austin Carroll, of Mobile, Ala. Author of nearly 40 volumes, she has earned by her pen nearly £12,000. Every cent of this money has gone toward educating poor young girls who found themselves at the bottom of the world, without money, without friends, yet anxious to struggle and rise—to grow into noble womanhood and be of service to their kind. A part was expended in aiding poor convents, it is true, yet the purpose was the same. All went to aid the poor and make nobler their lives.'

A Prosperous Catholic Club.—The Catholic Diocesan union of Brooklyn, which has a membership of over 5000, contemplates the erection of a fine clubhouse, and steps will soon be taken for raising the necessary funds. The building will cost about £4000.

Requests to Catholic Charities.—Catholic schools and societies are to receive the whole of an estate of £13,000 left by John Gallagher of Chicago. With one exception, they are the only beneficiaries. The largest beneficiaries are St. Mary's Training School for Boys at Feehanville, and St. Joseph's Provident Orphan asylum, each of which is to receive £5000. The residue of the estate is left to the archbishop of Chicago, to be held in Trust as equal endowments for the boys' school and orphanage. Among other beneficiaries were: St. Paul's Home for boys; St. Vincent's Foundling asylum; the mother superior of the House of the Good Shepherd; the Little Sisters of the Poor; missions for Indians and Negroes of North America; Society for Care of Irish Immigrants, Castle Garden, New York, and the Holy Family parish.

A Parish Larger than Ireland.—An American priest who has a parish larger than the whole of Ireland (says the *Montana Catholic*) is at present a visitor at the parochial residence. His name is Father T. B. Hayes, and his parish includes a part of Montana and North Dakota and stretches for hundreds of miles through Wyoming. During the first year of his priesthood Father Hayes travelled over 10,000 miles in discharge of his clerical duties, looking after the spiritual welfare of his scattered flocks. On one occasion he rode 143 miles on a train, 35 miles by stage, and 215 miles on horseback to baptize a child. On another occasion Father Hayes rode 500 miles on horseback through the mountain region of Wyoming to attend the spiritual needs of a few scattered Catholic families. Father Hayes is an athlete of the type so much sought after in a crack college team. He can make 20 or 30 miles at a good pace and frequently walks from his home at New Castle on Sunday morning 18 miles into the mountains, where there is situated a small mission, saying Masses at both places on the same day. The reason this particular walk is made is the fact that the trail is not a passable one in several places for even the most rugged and practical mountain climbing pony.

Destructive Fire at Notre Dame University.—A fire which occurred at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, has destroyed the gymnasium and caused damage to the amount of £10,000.

GENERAL.

The College of Cardinals.—The new issue of the official *La Gerarchia Cattolica* states that during the pontificate of Leo XIII.—1878 to 1900—no fewer than 174 of the Cardinals have died. Only four still live who were his fellow-Cardinals under his predecessor Pius IX. The normal number of the College is 70, but 13 of the seats are at present unoccupied. Seven Cardinals died in 1899, and four have died during the present year. Of the present College 31 are Italians, 23 of whom reside in the Curia at Rome; seven are French, four Austro-Hungarian, nine Spanish, and seven German; there is one Pole, one Portuguese, one Belgian, one North American, one Irishman, one Australian, and one Englishman. The oldest Cardinal, Luigi di Canossa, Bishop of Verona, is in his 92nd year; the youngest, Giuseppe Calsanzio Vives y Tuto, is 41 years old.

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