

not, stop making their dusty records long enough to say "the Age of Miracles is past," and for them it will be past till they come to realise that He who made matters is just a little bit superior to His creation. When they can explain scientifically how a leg can instantly increase its length two inches; how an osseous tumor of three years' standing can be instantly healed and covered with a new skin, or acute pulmonary tuberculosis and natal blindness can be cured by a simple bath, then we will feel that they have some right to talk as they do.'

Winding up Estates.

The winding up of the estates of the Congregations which have refused to apply for authorisation (writes a Paris correspondent) is proceeding briskly. The Government agents are, however, experiencing more difficulty than they expected, owing to the fact which I have already pointed out often before, that the property of most of the important Congregations does not belong to those Congregations, but to companies which had been formed after the experience of 1880 to take up the property of the religious Orders in order to save it from eventual confiscation in case the war against liberty of association should be renewed. The advisers of the Government were confident that the title of these companies was rather flimsy, and that means could be found by which they would be prevented from intervening in the winding up of the estates. In this, however, they were disappointed, and the incidents which happened at Solesmes must have convinced them that the Jesuits were not the only ones who had known how to protect themselves. By order of the Minister of Justice, the Prefect, accompanied by a Justice of the Peace, and a number of policemen, went to the Abbey of Solesmes for the purpose of taking an inventory of the property and placing seals upon all the doors. As no notice had been given of this visit, the magistrates had no trouble in carrying out their intention, but people in the neighborhood of the the Abbey having advised the President of the Society which owns the Abbey of Solesmes, M. le Comte de Bastard, the latter immediately gave notice to the Justice of the Peace to remove the seals from the place. After referring the matter to the Prefect and to Paris, the seals were ultimately removed and the President of the Company placed in possession of the property. All the furniture and books had been taken away by the monks, who have gone to Tournai, in Belgium, where they have already a large printing and publishing establishment. From the Solesmes printing press issues that monumental publication, the 'Paleographic Musicale,' which is the most complete record in existence of all the melodies and musical pieces which have been left by former ages.

A Venerable Priest.

A priest's 75th anniversary of his ordination is a rare occurrence, yet such an occasion lately was celebrated by Rev. Father and Archpriest

Carl Mueller, at St. Vincent's Alsace Lorraine. The venerable clergyman is much esteemed throughout the province.

An old Organ.

The great organ of the Cathedral at Amiens, France, was the gift of the chamberlain of Charles VI. It is almost the only one of its kind in France.

INDIA.—Candid Testimony.

In the annual report of the Society of Protestant Missions in Batavia the following gratifying remarks are made regarding the progress of Catholicism in India:—'It cannot be denied that Rome makes in India disquieting progress. United into a powerful phalanx the Catholics advance further and further, and add victory to victory.'

PORTUGAL.—Religious Orders.

The Portuguese Government, following the example of France, required all the religious Orders in the kingdom to hand in a copy of their statutes and apply for official recognition. The Government has now announced that all the Congregations have been recognised and approved.

ROME.—Requiem Mass.

Lord Currie, the British Ambassador at Rome, and staff attended a Requiem Mass celebrated last week in the English Catholic Church, Rome, for the soldiers who had fallen in the war. The professors of the English, Scottish, Canadian, and Irish Colleges were present.

An Audience.

On Thursday, October 31, the Holy Father granted a special audience to the Rev. Father Gerald Fleming, O.F.M., who was accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary Fleming. The Holy Father received his visitors most cordially, graciously reminding them that he held their brother, the Very Rev. Father David Fleming, Vicar-General of the Order of Friars Minor, in the greatest friendship and esteem.

The Pope's Health.

It is stated that when his Holiness the Pope was informed of the rumors about his health that were current in the early part of November, he said: 'I suppose there is again a scarcity of sensational news, but I have yet much work to do.'

SCOTLAND.—A new Church.

St. Lawrence's new church, Greenock, was solemnly opened early last month by the Right Rev. Dr. Chisholm, the Bishop of Aberdeen. The church is built of red sandstone and provides accommodation for about 1000 worshippers. It has cost £10,000 in its erection, and a substantial presbytery adjoining the church will involve an additional expenditure of about £2000.

Those dreadful Jesuits.

To show the world has nothing to fear from the Jesuits, we (Ceylon 'Catholic Messenger') will tell something that came under our personal observation. One of the Jesuit Fathers, who stopped over at the Archbishop's house for a couple of

hours during the stay of the Messageries steamer in our port, was a professor of mathematics at the big College of Rue des Postes, Paris. This institution is the best preparatory school for the Engineer Corps of the French army. There are some 500 young men there preparing for not only military, but also civil engineering. The Government have driven the Jesuits from the College, and the former professor, with his companions, is on the way to China to toil and slave as a humble missionary. Surely the Jesuits well follow their device: All for the glory of God.

A Century of Scientific Progress

IT has been reserved for Professor E.E. Dolbear, of the United States, to give the most striking summary of the world's progress in science during the past century. It is an admirable instance of the multum in parvo and brings home the salient points of the century in a way that volumes of learned disquisition would not do:—

- The nineteenth century received from its predecessors the horse. We bequeath the bicycle, the locomotive, and the automobile.
- We received the goosequill, we bequeath the fountain pen and typewriter.
- We received the scythe, we bequeath the mowing machine.
- We received the sickle, we bequeath the harvester.
- We received the hand printing press, we bequeath the Hoe cylinder press.
- We received the painter's brush, we bequeathed lithography, the camera, and color photography.
- We received the hand-loom, we bequeath the cotton and woollen factory.
- We received the gunpowder, we bequeath nitro-glycerine.
- We received 23 chemical elements, we bequeath 80.
- We received the tallow dip, we bequeath the arc light.
- We received the galvanic battery, we bequeath the dynamo.
- We received the flint lock, we bequeath automatic Maxims.
- We received the sailing ship, we bequeath the steamship.
- We received the beacon signal fire, we bequeath the telephone and wireless telegraphy.
- We received leather fire-buckets, we bequeath the steam fire-engine.
- We received wood and stone for structures, we bequeath twenty-storied steel buildings.
- We received the staircase, we bequeath the elevator.
- We received ordinary light, we bequeath the Rontgen rays.
- We received the weather unannounced, we bequeath the weather bureau.
- We received unalleviable pain, we bequeath aseptics, chloroform, ether, and cocaine.
- We received the average duration of life of thirty years, we bequeath forty years.

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