

the office is discharged by a Cardinal resident at Rome, and bearing the title of Vice-Chancellor. The diocese of Cologne at present contains 2,600,000 Catholics, and the Metropolitan Province of Cologne includes the Suffragan Sees of Munster, Paderborn, and Treves, the whole province counting over 6,400,000 Catholics, and is thus one of the most populous and important ecclesiastical provinces in the world. Much interest has therefore centred about the appointment of the new Archbishop, and, although it is said the Emperor William desired the appointment of a certain candidate, the Pope declined to favor any departure from the long-established right of the Chapter of Cologne to choose the names for presentation to the Holy See. The choice of the Metropolitan Chapter has fallen on Monsignor Fischer, Auxiliary Bishop of Cologne. He was born on May 30, 1840, and has been Auxiliary Bishop since 1889 to the late Cardinal Krentz, and in that capacity rendered much aid in repairing the evils wrought by the Bismarckian Kulturkampf. From the arrest of Cardinal Melchers in 1875 till the appointment of his successor, Cardinal Krentz, in 1886, the Sacrament of Confirmation was never administered, nor a church consecrated, nor an altar blessed. Monsignor Fischer has won a great name throughout the whole diocese in the field of social and Catholic works. His arms show a dolphin twined round an anchor between the letters Alpha and Omega, with the motto, 'Omnibus prodesse; obesse nemini'—'to serve all; to hurt none.'

ITALY.—Catholic Organisation

Count Grosoli, the new President of Catholic Congresses in Italy, has issued his first programme to the various committees and associations engaged in Catholic organisation of various grades and kinds. Drawn up in conjunction with ecclesiastical authority the document defines the aim of the organisation as follows:—'To unite Catholics and Catholic associations in one common and convergent action for the defence of the rights of the Holy See, and religious and social interests, and to make the Christian life flourish in communities and in families.' The President specialises the following ideal—'To accept without restriction all that the Pope has believed to be necessary; to exclude unequivocally everything which he has excluded; to allow, within the vast field between these two immovable limits complete liberty of discussion and application.' The 'Osservatore Romano' bears testimony to the satisfaction everywhere resulting from the nomination of Count Grosoli to his present position. It warns journalists against discussions on the meaning of Christian democracy, adding—'It is the will of the Pope that they should abstain from empty disputes of a theoretical or personal nature, and concentrate their efforts to the utmost on the practical ground of popular Christian action.'

Church at Florence

On Sunday, November 9, in the afternoon, his Grace the Archbishop of Florence inaugurated the new pulpit erected at St. Joseph's, in memory of the late Queen Victoria. The pulpit itself is extremely handsome, well suited to the church, richly carved, and on the panels are the rose, thistle, shamrock, and eagle, the wood being walnut. The pulpit is a gift of the English to this church, and the time of its inauguration fits in well with the tenth anniversary of the opening of the mission. The Archbishop spoke to the point in the address which he gave in Italian on the value of preaching and all the wonders it might effect. He spoke highly of the zeal, example, and charity of the rector of St. Giuseppe's, Monsignor Harington-Moore, M.A., Protonotary Apostolic, and gave his blessing to England and the congregation present, in which, by the way, were many Italians.

ROME.—An Appeal

His Holiness the Pope, according to the London correspondent of the 'Liverpool Post,' has made a direct appeal to members of the English Catholic hierarchy to assist him in completing the Vatican Library. The purpose of his Holiness is to secure a collection of manuscripts and books dealing with all phases of the history of the Church. These he will place at the disposal of the remarkable Biblical Commission which he called into existence in the Encyclical Letter of 1893, and which is in some measure to pursue its duties under his own personal direction.

Visit of the Bishop of Cork

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, O.P., has arrived here on the customary visit 'ad limina,' and is staying at the Dominican Convent of San Clemente, where I had the honor of an interview with him (writes a Rome correspondent) His Lordship said that he had found the Holy Father looking very well and in excellent health and spirits; indeed, there was no appreciable change, his Lordship thought, since he had last seen the Pontiff four years ago. As usual, Leo XIII. displayed the keenest interest in Irish affairs, coupled with a profound knowledge of the most important problems connected with Ireland. Referring to the recent Irish pilgrimage, the Holy Father said that of all the manifestations of filial devotion received during his Jubilee year, it had been the most acceptable, and had given him unbounded satisfaction. His Holiness added that he had devoted a whole day to the Irish pilgrimage, cancelling all other engagements for that date. The Pontiff quoted Cardinal Moran as having stated, on his return from Ireland, that he had found the island progressing in every way, not only materially, but from a point of religion and morality as well, and was much pleased when Dr. O'Callaghan cordially endorsed this

opinion. In Vatican circles some state that the Holy Father will probably publish soon an important document on the situation in Ireland, in the form of a letter addressed to Cardinal Logue.

The Pope and the Workers

The 3rd of March will be a memorable day, for on that date (says the 'Catholic Times') Leo XIII. will complete the 25th year of his pontificate as the successor of Peter. Catholic workers have adopted a most appropriate method of celebrating the event. A committee representing them in Rome will, on that day, present to the venerable Pontiff three bronze tables. These tables will constitute the international homage of the Catholic toilers. Upon them will be inscribed the social doctrines of Leo XIII. as expressed in his three Encyclicals on the labor question. After they have been presented to his Holiness the tables will form the essential part of a monument symbolising the workers' cause sanctified by religion. The monument will be erected at St. John Lateran's, the mother church of all the Christian churches in the world, and will, it is expected, be finished about the 15th of May. The secretaries of the committee, Mgr. Pezzani, Monterone, 79, and the Rev. Professor Carlo Salotti, Via Umlita, 36, Rome, inform the public in a letter which they have just issued that the names of all contributors of 10 lire will be cut upon the monument. The Holy Father will be highly pleased with this tribute, for there is no title he loves better than the Workman's Pope.

Prompt Steps

A good deal of very justifiable alarm was caused some time ago by the announcement that the magnificent ceiling of St. John in Lateran (writes a Rome correspondent) was so seriously damaged as to constitute a danger for the faithful visiting the church. Cardinal Satolli, Archpriest of the Lateran Basilica, has, with characteristic promptness and energy, taken all necessary steps to avoid what might have proved a disaster in every sense of the word. A massive scaffolding is being erected, and a careful investigation has led to the satisfactory conclusion that the ceiling may be saved. The repairs, however, will be extremely costly, necessitating the expenditure of £16,000. Of this sum one-fourth has already been contributed, and it is understood that the Holy Father has promised, with his usual munificence, to complete the amount out of his private purse.

SCOTLAND.—New Provost

The Right Rev. Monsignor Canon Brady, of St. Patrick's, Edinburgh, has been appointed by his Holiness the Pope, Provost of the Chapter of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, in succession to the late Right Rev. Mgr. McKerrill.

Mr Carnegie's Kindness

Some time ago, noticing that the clergy and congregation of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Galashiels, were making strenuous efforts to raise funds for an organ, we ('Catholic Times') respectfully suggested that Dr. Andrew Carnegie, the generous patron of church music, irrespective of creeds, might be kindly disposed to help if Galashiels Catholics only took courage and asked him to do so. We are glad to learn that at last they have done so, and that the result is an intimation from Mr. Carnegie that he will be pleased to give £300, provided that the congregation contribute another £300. Needless to say, the delighted parishioners are only too happy to comply with Dr. Carnegie's easy and generous conditions.

Death of a Priest

Rev. Father Donnelly, pastor of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, died on November 20, in his 50th year. The deceased was a native of Greenock, and was ordained in 1876. He had been for 16 years parish priest of Hamilton, and was greatly beloved by all classes.

GENERAL.

The New Bishop of Guiana.

Dr. Galton, S.J., has been consecrated Bishop of British Guiana as successor to the late Dr. Butler. The new Bishop is the second son of Mr. Theodore Howard Galton, of Hadzor, near Droitwich, Worcestershire, England, where he was born 47 years ago, and is the nephew of the late Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., a former president and secretary of the British Association, and one of the first authorities in England on sanitation.

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