

# The Catholic World

## CANADA

### A BIGOTED OFFICER.

Great annoyance was caused in Montreal, Canada, by the refusal of the Dominion Government to allow the 65th Regiment, the famous Carabineers Mounted Royal, to carry arms while escorting the Host in the Corpus Christi procession. The 65th, which is Catholic to a man, has always officiated at such religious ceremonies, and as Montreal is essentially a Catholic city, no objection has been raised hitherto. Colonel Hughes (Minister of Militia and Defence), who incidentally happens to be an Orangeman, has forbidden the carrying of more than side-arms, as laid down in the Militia Act regulations covering church parades.

## ENGLAND

### THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Missionary Society, held recently, it was reported that fourteen out of the sixteen dioceses had been visited by the motor-chapel attached to the mission, and, with the exception of two cases, in every place visited there were now churches and priests. Father Bernard Vaughan, the Cardinal, Mgr. Benson, the Duke of Norfolk, and the Bishop of Northampton all spoke eulogistically of the work of the society. Interest was added to the proceedings by the presence of three Canadian bishops—the Archbishop of Toronto and the Bishops of Victoria and Antigonish.

### IN THE WAKE OF THE MOTOR MISSION.

About three years ago the motor mission visited Wymondham, in Norfolk, to re-establish the True Faith. The opposition then, as now, was very strong. However, a small structure in a garden was secured and made into a mission church, and a priest from St. John's, Norwich, periodically said Mass for a few isolated Catholics. At present Father Delaney, of St. John's, serves the mission, it being still part of the work of the Norwich clergy. He began work in Wymondham just a year ago. When he arrived the actual Catholics were only six in number: now there are thirty-one. At Christmas fourteen were received into the Church, and at Pentecost nine, and there are now several under instruction. On Friday Bishop Keating visited the church and gave the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of candidates. The Protestant population showed much interest in the coming of the first Catholic Bishop to their town since the Reformation. Bishop Keating, addressing the congregation, said that those in Wymondham who had embraced the Faith were considered strange creatures by those around them. They could, however, console themselves with the fact that the very first Christians, like them, turned their backs on the national religion, and thereby gave up the glory of the Temple of Jerusalem, and all that that implied. Those courageous people had to make tremendous sacrifices and worshipped God how and when they were able. The case of the Wymondham converts was very similar. They had found the pearl of great price, and must make the necessary sacrifices to retain it.

## FRANCE

### THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The forthcoming Eucharistic Congress at Lourdes (says the *Universe*) bids fair to surpass in point of numbers and magnificence the congresses which have been held in former years. Up to the present some 170 cardinals, archbishops, and bishops have announced their intention of being present, and they are coming from all parts of the world. It would be difficult, in fact almost impossible, to mention a country which will

not be represented at the Congress. For a time it seemed that the exorbitant charges of the hotelkeepers of Lourdes would have kept many people away from the Congress, but ample arrangements have been made for the accommodation of congressists in the neighboring towns of Tarbes and Pau, and hence the hotel 'corner' at Lourdes has been broken up.

## GERMANY

### THE TWO LARGEST DIOCESES.

Numerically the archdiocese of Cologne, Germany, is the greatest in the Catholic world. It numbers 3,873,751 souls. It has more Catholics than all Ireland with its four archdioceses and 24 dioceses, even adding the archdiocese of Westminster, London, with its 250,000 Catholics. The second largest diocese in the world, numerically, is Breslau, with 3,675,300 Catholics.

## ITALY

### ITALIAN MINISTER DEFENDS SISTERS.

In a recent session of the Italian Chamber of Deputies a Socialist deputy, Mr. Carot, asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs whether a consul could use the funds entrusted to him by his government to promote denominational propaganda and what the cabinet member intended to do about a subsidy given to Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Chicago by a royal consul. Minister Borsarelli replied that, in spite of repeated warnings by the government, Italian immigrants kept pouring into Chicago. In consequence, there was much suffering among them. In view of this the Sisters offered to take over, without pay, the work in the institution for homeless Italians and in popular kitchens. This generous offer was gratefully accepted, and the consul paid 1000 dollars towards the support of these undertakings. Borsarelli added that the Sisters in question maintain two hospitals, one in Chicago and another in New York, as also five orphanages. All these institutions, said he, have the warm approval of the authorities. Mr. Carot will probably not ask Borsarelli any more insulting questions.

## UNITED STATES

### HANDSOME BEQUEST FOR UNIVERSITY.

The late James Campbell, of St. Louis, Mo., left an estate valued at between 35,000,000 and 40,000,000 dollars. According to his will, this estate, after a period during which it will be held in trust for the family, will go eventually to found a great hospital and medical school in connection with St. Louis University, St. Louis. This University is a Jesuit institution which has developed from an academy for boys opened in 1818. In 1820 it was constituted a college, and in 1824 the Jesuits, who the year before had established a school for Indians in Florissant, Mo., were persuaded by Bishop Du Bourg to take it over. This was the first important step toward making the institution a permanent one.

## GENERAL

### JESUIT SOCIETY CELEBRATION.

The Society of Jesus celebrated on August 7 the centenary year of the restoration of the society ordered by Pope Pius VIII. A solemn triduum of thanksgiving in memory of this happy event will be celebrated in all the churches and oratories throughout the world belonging to the Jesuits. The Holy Father has issued a *Motu Proprio* addressed to the Catholic world granting special spiritual privileges to all who during this triduum visit a church or oratory, public or semi-public, of the society.

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