

The Catholic World

ENGLAND

LOUVAIN AT CAMBRIDGE.

Mgr. Arthur S. Barnes, chaplain at Cambridge, has announced that the University has invited the University of Louvain to migrate to Cambridge, and there continue its studies, granting its own degrees, and continuing its own activities, as formerly, on its own foundation. Cambridge will supply the necessary technical facilities. Hospitality in the way of living accommodations will be offered by the individual colleges and by private residents. The professors of the University of Oxford have offered a home for the winter to the children of the professors of the exiled Belgian University, an act of courtesy which has called forth enthusiastic thanks from Belgium.

CATHOLICS' GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

A great responsibility has fallen upon the Catholics of England in connection with the thousands of Belgian war refugees who are arriving daily (says the *Catholic Times* of September 25). At Folkstone alone there are some 38,000 Belgians, many of them destitute, having lost all their possessions. Of these a large proportion are young people and children, some orphans. The public relief committee has appealed for hospitality for these poor people, or homes where the victims can be maintained at the expense of the committee. Several buildings in various centres owned by the Young Men's Christian Association have been thrown open for this purpose, and many have been the offers to take one or two Belgian children into English families. But there is a difficulty, which the St. Vincent de Paul Society is doing its best to cope with. If these Belgian children are farmed out promiscuously, they stand in grave danger of another misfortune, that of losing their faith, even without the assistance of the proselytizer who is ever on the watch, but by simply entering an impenetrably Protestant atmosphere. For this reason the St. Vincent de Paul Society has come forward and called on all its branches to send in lists of Catholic families in all parts of the country who are ready to take young Belgians into their midst for a time.

FRANCE

BROTHERS AS SOLDIERS.

The Christian Brothers of the French Institute are returning from foreign countries to France to serve under the flag. A short time ago two steamers arrived at Marseilles. One of these vessels, from Egypt, brought 63 Brothers, the other 24 Brothers, from Smyrna. They are now on the battlefield, or, at least, in the line of defence. The Monks of La Grande Chartreuse, banished from France by the French Government, have been welcomed back by the people on their way to the front. The populace cried aloud as they saw the white habit of the monks—'Vivent les Chartreux!' 'Vive Dieu!'

RUSSIA

AN INTERESTING RING.

Among the many treasures of the Czar is a ring containing a piece of the true Cross. It was presented to a former Russian autocrat by the Vatican, and Czar Nicholas plans never to be without it. It is told of him that several years ago he started on a trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow. When he had gone a considerable distance he discovered that he had left this ring behind. He immediately had the train stopped, returned to St. Petersburg, and once more started on his journey with the precious relic in his possession. In Russia there are about as many Catholics as are at present in the United States. They number ap-

proximately 13,000,000. There are 2900 parishes, 3300 churches, 2000 chapels, 4600 secular priests. The regular or religious clergy number only 150 priests, and 550 Sisters of Charity. It may be said that there is an average of one priest to every 3000 Catholics.

SPAIN

NOT BACKWARD EDUCATIONALLY.

It is customary for some misinformed and prejudiced individuals to sneer at Spain and call it a backward nation educationally. But as a matter of fact there is an elementary school to every 500 inhabitants in Spain. There are 35,000 schools supported by the Government and Commune; private schools number 8200. Female students attending the universities exceed those of other countries. Spain's universities number ten, which is double the number of England, with twice Spain's population.

SCOTLAND

BENEDICTINES TO THE FORE.

Twenty-four members of the Benedictine Community at Fort-Augustus have become fully qualified members of the British Red Cross Society. The collegiate portions of the Abbey buildings are now equipped as a convalescent hospital, for which purpose they have been provisionally accepted by the Admiralty. Should the tide of war ever flow down the Great Glen of Scotland, it may be hoped that the Red Cross flag on the Abbey tower may be more respected than the Geneva flag was at the great Belgian Abbey of Maredsous, which, when actually full of wounded soldiers, was shelled by the Germans, and the two splendid church towers demolished.

UNITED STATES

SCHOOLS FOR NEGRO CHILDREN.

Mother Katherine A. Drexel, Superioress of the Sisterhood of the Blessed Sacrament, a short time ago opened the new St. Mark's Parochial School for negro children in New York, and the home for the Sisters adjoining it. The home and school have been built at a cost of £20,000 through the efforts of the Mother Superior, who was formerly Miss Katherine A. Drexel, niece of the well-known banker A. J. Drexel. The negro school was opened two years ago in temporary quarters. With the school opened in New York and three others opened simultaneously in Boston, Cincinnati, and St. Louis, there are sixteen schools for negro children under the direction of the Order.

A SPLENDID CHURCH.

St. Paul's Cathedral, at St. Paul, Minn., which is considered one of the grandest churches in the world, was opened with a Solemn High Mass on September 12. During the seven years since the first work on it was begun, \$1,300,000 has been spent. It will probably be two or three more years before the interior of the edifice is completed. The remainder of the work will necessitate an additional expenditure of about \$200,000. Because the site of the old Cathedral has been leased for ninety-nine years to a business firm, it was necessary to abandon the old edifice on September 1. Two buildings have been purchased and moved to sites near the Cathedral, where the bishops and priests will make their homes.

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