

THE CATHOLIC WORLD

The Jesuit Fathers have opened a new college in Los Angeles, Cal. In the opening week its registrations were over one hundred students.

After making special studies of Oriental languages in many of the countries of the Far East, the Rev. Thomas A. McCourt, S.J., has made his way back safely to the United States from Beirut, Turkey, where he was last stationed.

The centenary of the founding of the Mission San Rafael Archangel in California was celebrated recently. Nearly 20,000 people visited the mission as pilgrims, amongst them perhaps 3000 in the brown habit of the Third Order of St. Francis. Archbishop Hanna preached. Spanish hymns were sung.

Lady Cheylesmore, formerly Miss Elizabeth French, New York, and one of whose sisters is Mrs. Vanderbilt, renowned for her philanthropy, has with Lord Cheylesmore had a Belgian convent school established on their estate at Cooper's Hill Park, near Windsor, since the early days of the war. The eighteen nuns in charge of it escaped from Antwerp.

The Westminster Catholic Federation has now (states the *Catholic Watchman*) an accredited representative in Rome who communicates to its secretary authoritative statements to rebut popular misconceptions and misrepresentations. We Catholics are rather slow in tackling such problems as arise from the conscious or unconscious dissemination of biased and false non-Catholic or anti-Catholic press communications, and in meeting the enemy on his own ground, in the press and on the platform. Hence such a step as the above is doubly welcome, showing that though slow we are not hopelessly so.

Weeping for joy, walking quite freely on a leg that was diseased for 16 months, Edmond Bouchard, of Montreal, lately returned to Quebec from St Anne de Beaupre, using his healed leg, after having left his crutches at the foot of the statue of St. Anne. He sustained a double fracture of the right leg through a one thousand pound brace falling on him, and was five months with his leg stretched on a chair. Officers and deckhands on the Canada Lines steamer Quebec testify to having seen Mr. Bouchard walking miserably on his crutches, and that he came back aboard without his crutches and walking quite freely.

After being closed to the public since January, 1915—when the great earthquake injured this, like so many thousands of buildings over a radius of fifty miles in Italy—the Church of San Pietro in Montorio, has been reopened. Thanks to the munificence of Alphonso XIII., of Spain, the famous edifice on the Janiculum, which is under the patronage of the Spanish crown, is restored in all its old glory and beauty to the Friars Minor, who have tended it for centuries—long before it was made the sanctuary of the tombs of The O'Neils and The O'Donnells. A slab commemorates the generosity of King Alphonso to the church.

Lutherism has had a wretched time in this country of late (states the *Glasgow Observer* of October 13). No one seems to be able to work up the necessary enthusiasm for its laudation. Last week the Edinburgh Established Presbytery hit it hard. This week it is the University's turn through one of its most distinguished lecturers—Professor Sarolea. At the opening of his course in French, Dr. Sarolea said the first achievement of Dr. Luther had been that he had broken the splendid unity of the Christian Commonwealth, the continuity of the Catholic religion. Luther was the religious anarchist of the sixteenth century, even as the Kaiser was the political anarchist in the twentieth. Lutherism did not bring religious freedom—it brought religious depotism. Where now are the pre-war eulogies of Dr. Martin Luther?

The American Catholic Foreign Mission Society established its third centre of activities, in San Francisco, on September 13, on the eve of its Superior's departure for the Far East. On Van Ness Avenue, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, which will bear its

future missionaries to their field of labor, this young organisation, only six years old yet already vigorous, has opened a procure, where one of its priests will reside to further the interests of the society and to harbor missionaries on their passage to and from the Orient. The moving spirit in this latest development of the Maryknoll Society is the Rev. Joseph P. McQuaide, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, and one of the best known priests on the Pacific slope. Father McQuaide has been strongly encouraged in this effort by Archbishop Hanna, who welcomed Father Walsh on his passage to the Orient, and personally attended the opening of the new house. The headquarters of the society are at Maryknoll, Ossining, N. Y., while at Clark's Green, near Scranton, Pa., is located the Venard Apostolic School, a feeder for the Seminary at Maryknoll.

CONVENT SCHOOLS' SUCCESSSES

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, STRATFORD.

The following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions' Sacred Heart High School, Stratford, received certificates for shorthand and typewriting from the National Business College, Sydney, recently, as follows:—

Junior Shorthand.—Isabel Kirkwood, 94; Kathleen Donald, 94; Evelyn Sullivan, 92; Olga Taylor, 90; Jean Robson, 89.

Junior Typewriting.—Isabel Kirkwood, 96; Jean Robson, 94; Kathleen Donald, 92; Cassie West, 92; Evelyn Sullivan, 92; Olga Taylor, 90; Mabel Geraghty, 90.

Elementary Shorthand.—Monica Jans, 100; Olga Taylor, 95; Kathleen Donald, 92; Jean Robson, 90.

Elementary Typewriting.—Monica Jans, 98; Jean Robson, 94; Kathleen Donald, 90; Isabel Kirkwood, 90; Olga Taylor, 87.

Intermediate Shorthand.—Monica Jans, 92.

Intermediate Typewriting.—Monica Jans, 87.

Shorthand (Speed).—Monica Jans, 60 words per minute.

Typewriting (Speed).—Monica Jans, 40 words per minute.

MANAIA CONVENT SCHOOL.

The following is a summary of the inspector's report of the Manaia Convent School (Sisters of St. Joseph), given on the occasion of his annual visit:—

Reading: Very good, comprehension satisfactory. Composition: Essays satisfactory; grammar very fair. Writing: Good progress. Spelling: Good to very good. Recitation: Good. Arithmetic: Fair to good; oral work very satisfactory. Drawing: Good. Singing: Excellent tone; ear-training suggested. Other subjects generally very satisfactory. The clerical work was as a rule particularly neatly set out. This makes a good foundation for the work generally. Discipline and tone, good."

At the proficiency examination held on December 12 the three pupils presented—Willie O'Grady Lawrence Carroll, and Elsie Steffert—passed.

Book-keeping Examination.—Advanced: Katie Daley (distinction), Maggie Long. Elementary: Willie Vinten, Olive Vinten.

Shorthand Examination.—Primary certificates: Maggie Long, Katie Daley, Willie Vinten.

During the year, thanks to the efforts of the Hibernians and other kind friends, it was possible to obtain twelve new desks for the school, as well as several other necessary improvements. The present roll number is 108—a record for Manaia.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, WHANGAREI.

At the examination held recently, the following pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the St. Joseph's Convent School, Whangarei, passed with honors:—

Elementary Book-keeping.—Edna Taylor, 98; Charles Woods, 94.

Elementary Typewriting.—Edna Taylor, 90; Chas. Woods, 89.

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