

The Catholic World

CANADA—A Generous Benefactor

A diocesan seminary will soon be erected in the city of Toronto, Canada, through the generosity of Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, private chamberlain to his Holiness, and well known for his generosity to Catholic undertakings. Mr. O'Keefe has turned over to Archbishop McEvay the sum of £30,000 with which to begin a new seminary on land recently purchased. This is not Mr. O'Keefe's first noteworthy gift. The new St. Monica's Church, in his home city, with its fine parochial residence, stands as a tribute to his zeal for the faith and his devotion to the Church. It is all his own personal work down even to the humblest details of the finishing and furnishing. The new seminary will be known as St. Augustine's, and the plans now being prepared call for the erection of a building costing at least the amount of the gift. By a special arrangement with the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, which was founded primarily to provide priests for the needy places, particularly of Western Canada, this seminary will be not only for the students of the Toronto diocese and the neighboring diocese, but also for the young men preparing especially for the home mission field.

ENGLAND—The President of Ushaw College

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Mgr. Corbishley, President of Ushaw College, Durham, who passed away at Weymouth on Good Friday. He was born in 1851.

Westminster Cathedral

A cable message states that Westminster Cathedral is now free of debt. The consecration of the sacred edifice takes place towards the end of next month.

The Lord Mayor of London

Westminster Cathedral was crowded to the doors on Easter Sunday, when the unusual spectacle was witnessed of a Lord Mayor of London attending High Mass in state. Sir John Knill, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and attended by the Mace and Sword Bearers and Chief Marshal, was present at the Cathedral when Pontifical Mass was sung by his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster. Sir John and Lady Knill were received at the entrance by Monsignor Howlett, Administrator, and Monsignor Moyes, by whom they were conducted to special seats erected on a dais in front of the sanctuary. The sacred music was admirably rendered by the cathedral choir under the direction of Mr. Terry.

FRANCE—The Rights of Parents

The Catholic heads of families in France (says the *Catholic Times*) are beginning to recognise that, notwithstanding the secret plots of their opponents, they cannot be permanently deprived of their rights in a self-governing, democratic country if they are firmly resolved to maintain and defend them. They are getting their Government to perceive what our Government was made to understand some years ago—that the right of the parent to control the education of the child is a higher and more imperative right than that of the State. During the months of January and February this year some sixty associations of fathers of families were formed, and the movement is developing in all parts of the country. M. Briand, with the elections in prospect, does not consider it prudent to combat it directly, but his indirect opposition is decided and characteristic. Witness the petition just presented to him by the association of fathers of families of the Commune of Apremont. In consequence of repeated complaints made with regard to the use of school-manuals by Albert and Madame Dèz, which were openly anti-Catholic, these books were withdrawn, but for them has been substituted a work which, in the words of the petitioners, 'is worse than those that have been prohibited, is full of errors, and so distinctly violates the principle of religious neutrality as to constitute a real danger to the faith of the children.' This book will also have to be withdrawn. M. Briand will have to yield again, for he knows that unless he gives way the parents will keep their children at home and defy the Government.

Adaptability of the Clergy

One of the evil results of the separation of Church and State in France, the disestablishment for which atheists so long craved and at last obtained, has been the throwing on the labor market of a number of unskilled men (remarks the *Catholic Weekly*). Many poor priests have had to face the world with nothing but their knowledge of the classics and Church history to equip them, and many of them are in sore straits. It is true that the State affords them a miserable subsidy, but it is to be feared that not a few poor souls have gone under. The vast amount of agony that M. Combes and his advisers have caused will ever be remembered in France, and constitute an everlasting blot on the history of that fair land. It is, indeed, pleasant to be able to record that the unfortunate priests are fighting hard to keep body and soul together. Large numbers

are now working at trades. 'The Association of Working Priests' is well established, and already has an organ of its own, the *Union*.

GERMANY—Returning to the Fold

It is stated that the Kaiser's cousin, Prince Frederick Henry of Prussia, eldest son of the late Prince Albrecht, Regent of Brunswick, has embraced Catholicism, ceded his entire fortune to the Catholic Church, and entered an Italian monastery as a monk. He is known in the monastery simply as Brother Henry. The fortune which he has given to the Church in Italy is estimated at £250,000. It will be devoted solely to charitable and humane purposes.

ROME—The Pope and the German Chancellor

The German Chancellor (says the Rome correspondent of the *Universal*) was received in audience by Pius X. on March 25. Following the procedure first established by his Sovereign in the relations with Quirinal and Vatican when in Rome, his Excellency left the Palazzo Caffarelli, seat of the German Embassy accredited to the Court, and went to the Villa Bonaparte, where the Prussian Legation accredited to the Pope resides. On arriving there he left the carriage of the Embassy, and taking one of the Legation carriages drove in it to the Apostolic Palace. Military honors were rendered by the Swiss Guards. The Chancellor was greeted by several high officials of the Papal Court, and was then introduced into the presence of the Pontiff, who was entirely dressed in white, and who greeted him most cordially, preventing him kindly from kneeling and giving him his ring to kiss. The audience lasted over half an hour, after which Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg went to the floor below to visit Cardinal Merry del Val, with whom the conversation was carried on in German. Although the greatest reserve is maintained on the subject, it is reported that the conversations turned chiefly upon the Catholic Centre Party in Germany, the position of Catholics in Poland, and the protection of Catholics in the East and Far East.

A Private Audience

On Sunday, March 6 (says *Rome*), Col. the Hon. Newton James Moore, C.M.G., M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer of Western Australia, was received in private audience by his Holiness Pius X. The audience was arranged at short notice on a particularly busy day at the Vatican through the kindness of his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val and Monsignor Bisleti, who in this wished to express their appreciation of the sterling personal qualities of the Premier and their regard for the flourishing State of Western Australia. In introducing the Premier to his Holiness, the General of the Redemptorists referred to the eminent merits of the Premier, and especially to his impartiality to all classes irrespective of their creed, which was evidenced by the high esteem in which he was held by the Catholic citizens. The General was assured by his Father in Perth that any kindness shown to the Hon. and Mrs. Moore would be appreciated not only by the Redemptorists but by the whole Catholic body of Western Australia. The audience was a very familiar one, and during the conversation both his Holiness and the Premier expressed their appreciation of the favor of the visit and audience and the pleasure it afforded them. On parting his Holiness wished prosperity of every kind to the Premier and his family and also to his important State of Western Australia.

UNITED STATES—Convention of Charity Worker

Right Rev. Mgr. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University, Washington, is planning for a great national convention of Catholic charity workers to be held in Washington in the near future. The project has the approval of Cardinal Gibbons.

A Mission to Newspaper Men

Three Vincentian missionaries recently gave a mission to New York newspaper men, services being held at 2.30 each morning. At this early hour over seven hundred men attended regularly.

Catholic Pupils Successful

All the prizes offered recently by the *Toledo Times* for essays on George Washington, and open to the pupils of public and private schools of Toledo, were won by pupils of Catholic schools. More than 3000 essays were received in the contest. The judges—Mr. George W. Stevens, of the Toledo Museum of Art; Mr. Grove H. Patterson, editor of the *Times*, and the Rev. Patrick O'Brien, pastor of the Good Shepherd Church—were unanimous in the opinion that the prizes should go to the Catholic contestants. The *Toledo Record* says that 'this is a splendid testimonial to the thoroughness and efficiency of the work of the teachers in our parochial schools and our academies.'

GENERAL

New Cathedral in the East

A new Cathedral was dedicated at Rangoon on February 22 by the Right Rev. Bishop Cardot. Six bishops were present, and also Sir H. White, Lieutenant-Governor of Burmah.

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