

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Death of a Leading Catholic

A message was received by relatives in Scarborough towards the end of May announcing the death of the Dowager Lady Austin, widow of Sir John Austin, Bart. Lady Austin had been travelling in Germany, and according to the information received she was going, for the Passion Play, to Oberammergau, and her death occurred in the train. Lady Austin, who was 71 years of age, was a daughter of Mr. Samuel Standridge Byron, of West Ayton, near Scarborough, and she was married to Sir John Austin in 1866. The deceased lady was a devout Catholic, and amongst her numerous charitable works was the gift of a church and presbytery to Castleford.

A Silver Jubilee

The Right Rev. Mgr. Canon Tynan, of Farnworth, celebrated his silver sacerdotal jubilee on May 30. The jubilarian is the youngest member of the Salford Chapter, having been born 47 years ago at Camross, Queen's County, Ireland. He was educated at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and at Collegio Beda, Rome, and was ordained priest in the Church of St. John Lateran, Rome, in 1885. The Monsignor's work as an educationist is well known throughout England. In the diocese of Salford his services have been very valuable. He is Bishop's examiner for the junior clergy, and is direct correspondent in diocesan matters with the Holy See. Monsignor Tynan was presented on the occasion of his jubilee with an address and a purse of 400 sovereigns.

A Baseless Rumor

Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., preaching in the Church of St. Michael, Commercial road, London, said he wished to contradict a rumor that was being circulated in their midst, to wit, that King George and Queen Mary did not like Catholics. Let their Majesties' twelve millions of Catholic subjects know that the rumor was a baseless and cruel calumny. Though so long and so often before the public, not once in his whole life had King Edward VII. been known to do or to say anything against Ireland or against Catholics, and they might be sure that the present King would be equally fair, just, and impartial in his dealings with all his subjects.

FRANCE—The Greatest Day of His Life

A pathetic end overtook the Cure of the Parish of St. Just, Marseilles, on May 26. The venerable ecclesiastic was celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination, and the ceremony in the church was attended by the Bishop of Marseilles, the local clergy, and all M. Michel's flock. The old man mounted the pulpit to make an address of thanks, and he had just concluded his speech with the words, 'To-day is the greatest day of my life,' when he suddenly collapsed, and a few moments later expired.

Religious Instruction Only

Proceedings have been taken in the French courts against Father Canier, curate of Vinay, for opening a school contrary to the Act of 1886. This Act provides that the priests or others may teach and explain the catechism in the churches to the children who go there. The prosecution relied on the section forbidding the opening of a school without authorisation. The nature of the priest's offence may be seen from a question of the presiding judge. 'You know,' said he, 'that the priest must not teach history. He must confine himself to religious instruction. You are accused of having spoken to the pupils of Jeanne d'Arc and of Saint Louis.'

Meeting of Catholic Esperantists

The Congress of Catholic Esperantists was held in the great hall of the Catholic University, Paris, recently. The Holy Father sent his benediction, and expressed his approbation of the various points of the programme. About 500 persons were present, and the 20 nationalities represented were able to communicate freely their ideas, thanks to the auxiliary international language. France, Belgium, Holland, England, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Italy, Spain, and Poland were all represented, while letters and telegrams of adhesion were received from Jerusalem, the Philippine Islands, and Venezuela.

Government Spying

One of the glorious fruits of liberty as understood by the French State (says the *London Universe*) is a universal system of vexatious spying. We remember the indignation excited among fair-minded Frenchmen by the revelations of espionage directed against officers and men in the army who were suspected of the enormity of practising the most essential religious duties. The same odious system has been adopted towards officials generally, such things as using a prayer-book in church, or allowing children of the family to sing in the choir being noted down against public functionaries. Now it is the turn of priests giving missions or retreats. The justice of the peace for the canton of Perros-Guirec (Brittany) has issued a circular to the cantonal mayors, requiring them to send in at once a report on the

following heads:—Whether missions or retreats have recently been preached in their cantons by missionaries or former members of the religious congregations. Whether any such are at present in progress, and whether there is a prospect of a series of them being held. In any of the above cases the name or names of the preachers, as well as the names of the Orders to which they belong, are to be specified. In future, as soon as any mission or retreat is opened by a former member of a congregation, the communes are to give notice of the fact to the justice of the peace. Yet M. Briand has been declaring lately to electors in honeyed terms: 'You are attached to your religion. Very well, practise it without fear of hindrance!' Fortunately, though the result of the polls has brought no notable accession of power to Catholic representation in the Chamber, it has, nevertheless, put a check upon the persecution of Catholics in the matter of education. Or, rather, if the new Chamber carries out the mandate of the people, the clear majority just returned in favor of liberty of teaching has power to check the tyranny of the 'bloc.'

ROME—The Holy Father's Health

Those who have been present at audiences lately (writes a Rome correspondent) agree in stating that, although the Holy Father's appearance has somewhat changed, yet he gives every indication of enjoying the best of health.

SCOTLAND—The Faith in the Hebrides

Very Rev. Father Campbell, S.J., St. Joseph's, Glasgow, contributes to a Gaelic contemporary an article descriptive of a mission given by him in the Hebrides, beginning at Arisaig, his native place, and ending at Eriskey. Father Campbell declares that the faith is as strong and living to-day in Moidart, Arisaig, and Morar as in the days of Columcille, for the people have held fast to the Church and to old Catholic customs.

UNITED STATES—A Recent Decree

The decree regarding the secrecy to be observed by all those who, directly and indirectly have aught to do with the selection and forwarding of the names of candidates submitted to Rome for episcopal sees in the United States has been received (says the *Catholic Times*). The obligation of the secret, which is affirmed to be *sub gravi*, is declared in the decree to arise from the dignity of such an ecclesiastical election, from the important nature of the business involved, from proper reverence for the judgment of the Roman Pontiff, to which the names are submitted, and finally from a sense of fitting justice to the candidates themselves.

A Polish University

Chicago hopes to get the national Polish University which will be founded for the education of immigrants. It is understood that £15,000 has already been raised toward the fund, and the erection may be started in 1912.

A New Diocese

The Right Rev. Bishop Farrelly, of Cleveland, has received word from Rome that the consistorial congregation has decreed that the diocese of Cleveland is to be divided, the new diocese to be composed of the City of Toledo and adjacent territory. This division has been expected for some time. The new diocese of Toledo will have over 100,000 Catholics.

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Catholic University for Buenos Aires

One of the most important events in the recent commemoration of the centenary of Argentine independence was the inauguration of the Catholic University of Buenos Aires, under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Rev. Archbishop Mariano A. Espinosa officiated.

Catholic Chinese Printers

Sixty-four well-trained Catholic Chinese printers are employed at the Nazareth Printing Press of the Paris Foreign Missions at Hongkong. About 500 different works have been printed at this press, and most of them have run into many editions of several thousand volumes to each edition.

St Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society

According to the latest report, during the past five years the priests of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society have baptised 15,000 adults, an equal number of infants, and 3000 dying infants, making a total of 33,000.

Mr. Kinsey, the well-known photographer of Lambton quay, Wellington, makes a specialty of wedding groups....

'Our politicians have their fling,
Of course,' said Dismal Dan,
'But can't agree on anything,
Beshrew me if they can!'
Said Cheerful Charles: 'You've got the blues;
But needn't make things bluer!
They all agree to take their screws.
And Woods' Peppermint Cure.'