

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Catholic Members of Parliament

The defeat of Major Sykes in the Buckrose Division of East Riding (Yorks) (remarks the *Catholic Herald*) determines the number of Catholic members of Parliament in the new House. In the old Parliament there were nine Catholic members for British constituencies; in the new Parliament there are eight. Mr. Belloc retired from South Salford, and Sir Wm. Dunn was defeated in West South-wark. That reduced the number by two, but it was augmented by the victory of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart in Cardiff, so that the Catholics representing British constituencies in the new Parliament are as follows:—Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Liverpool, Scotland Division; Mr. James O'Grady, East Leeds; Sir Ivor Herbert, South Monmouth-shire; Mr. Rowland Hunt, Ludlow; Major Archer Shee, Finsbury; Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, Cardiff; Lord Edmund Talbot, Chichester; Mr. J. P. Hope, Central Sheffield. The first three named are on the popular side of politics; the last five named are Unionists.

ROME—The Brighton Converts

All the five recent converts to the Church, Messrs. H. Prince, A. Ceeks, E. R. Sheffere, A. J. Hinde, and O. Henly, have decided to study in the Eternal City for the priesthood, every arrangement, both as to professors and a place of residence, having been made for them to pursue their course (writes a Rome correspondent). Contrary to expectations, they have not been assigned to the Beda College, but rather to the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics, which up till recently had been reserved exclusively for the sons of the aristocratic families of Italy, who, when promoted to the priesthood, generally followed the diplomatic career. The group has been joined by Mr. J. Steele, an Irishman, who served for twenty-two years under Lord Erne. The Rev. Gregory Cleary, D.D., D.C.L., of the Irish Franciscans of St. Isidore's, has been appointed their Professor of Moral Theology.

School of Gregorian Chant

Under the patronage of the Italian Association of St. Cecilia the project of initiating a school of music in the interests of Gregorian Chant, which was mooted some months ago for Rome, will shortly be an accomplished fact. Not only in various other countries, but in Italy itself, at least in some parts of it, a difficulty was experienced in carrying out the ideas of the Holy Father concerning the famous chant, through the lack of competent choirmasters. This institution is calculated to help the clergy to acquire a thorough knowledge of the art. Pope Pius X. has accorded the 'placet' to the project, and the Cardinal Vicar of Rome has solemnly blessed the apartments that have been fitted up for the accommodation of the classes which will be formed in January. Some of the greatest authorities on Gregorian Chant have been engaged to lend their services to the institute. It is believed that this project will have a wide influence on Church music in Italy and elsewhere within a very few years.

Prize Day at Propaganda

Though twice the number of students attend lectures in the Gregorian University—it had last year about 1400 on its rolls, I believe—in comparison with those frequenting the Propaganda, there is always more interest felt in the prize-list of the latter institution on account of the number of nations represented there (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*). Not to speak of the Americans, Irish, Maronites, Canadians, Armenians; Greeks, Bohemians, and various religious Orders that attended lectures there, the Urban College alone, which was founded for the training of young men of every nationality to serve heathen nations in the priesthood, shows the universality of the Propaganda. From the figures of the Urban College a few years ago it appeared that it had within its walls: Canadians, 7; Greeks, 4; Irish, 20; North Americans, 11; Chinese, 6; Syrians, 8; Australians, 5; Newfoundlanders, 5; New Zealanders, 2; South Americans, 3; South Africans (Zulus), 2; Japs, 1; Swiss, 3; Armenian, 1; Scotch, 5; Spanish, 1; Norwegian, 1; English, 2; Indian, 1; Roumanians, 4. The Rectors and students of the various colleges held the distribution of prizes in the Propaganda College recently, under the presidency of his Eminence Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda. According to the official list furnished me, the North American College has seven doctors of theology after the year, the Canadian College three, while each of the other institutions gain two or more four-cornered birettas. Three students of the Irish College have gained the licentiate in the same subject, and seventeen Americans; while five students of the former college and twenty-eight of the latter were awarded the bachelorship. The same proportion was observed in the awarding of the philosophical degrees; so I pass on to the premium list. In Scripture the Bohemian College leads, two first premiums falling to the American College. In Dogmatic Theology first place falls again to a Bohemian, an American and an Irishman also securing places in connection with this pre-

mium; while three Americans and an Irishman figure on the list for the second premium. In the Sacraments a Propagandist leads the way, followed closely by an American and an Irishman, the Ruthenian College coming last on the list for this premium. An Irish student obtains second premium in De Locis Theologicis, and first place for Moral Theology goes to an American, the Urban and Bohemian Colleges sharing the other places between them. First and second premiums fall to the American and Irish College in Ecclesiastical History, while the latter institution obtains both a first and second premium in Canon Law. The Archaeological prizes, as usual, fall to America and Ireland in the case of the first premium; a place is given also to a Maronite. In Mental Philosophy first premium is given to the Maronite (Regulars) and the American Colleges, the Oriental carrying off the medal, and second premium. But it is in Physics, Mathematics, the History of Philosophy, and Greek and Natural History that both the Irish and American Colleges display most striking success, for in these subjects they have divided the prizes among themselves first, then giving a certain number to the Urban and Bohemian institutions. To the Irish College special credit is due for the excellent position which it has acquired, particularly when we remember that the number of its students does not exceed forty-five or thereabouts.

SCOTLAND—A Golden Jubilee

The golden jubilee of the priesthood of the Very Rev. Donald Provost Mackintosh, Moidart, was celebrated in Oban on December 13. Pontifical High Mass was sung by his Lordship Bishop Smith in presence of a large congregation. At the close of the service a meeting of the clergy and laity was held in the hall, and the Rev. Provost was presented with a handsome cheque as a mark of appreciation on the attainment of his golden jubilee as a priest. His Lordship the Bishop, who presided, spoke in high terms of the devoted service which had been given to the Church by Provost Mackintosh for the long period of fifty years, and these long years of service from first to last had been spent in the diocese of Argyll and the Isles. The early labors of the Provost in South Uist were of a particularly arduous nature, because at that time the number of priests in the Western Isles was comparatively few. All through these many years Provost Mackintosh had never spared himself in the service of his people, and he had won in full measure their love and affection. Of a modest and retiring disposition, the Provost had endeared himself not only to members of their own Church, but to those of other denominations. Towards the presentation subscriptions had been received from all parts of the United Kingdom, and not only from Catholics but from friends belonging to other Churches. Amidst great applause, his Lordship presented the venerable Provost with a cheque for £300. Provost Mackintosh, in acknowledging the presentation, expressed his deep gratitude to all those who had subscribed to that splendid token of their regard for him. The Very Rev. Donald Provost Mackintosh is a native of Glenfinnan. Feeling called to devote himself to the service of God as a priest, he was sent to the national college at Blairs, Aberdeen. There was no convenient West Highland Railway in those early days, sixty years ago, so the journey to Glasgow had to be made by coach. From Blairs Father Donald was sent to pursue the higher studies of Rhetoric, Philosophy, and Theology at Ratisbon, in Bavaria, and in due time was raised to the priesthood in 1860, on the Feast of St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland. The clerical life of Father Donald has been divided between his labors in the Outer Isles and Moidart. For several years he was assistant to the Rev. John Chisholm—also a jubilarian—who died at Bornish in 1867, and he has repeatedly expressed his gratitude that he was privileged to have the guidance and example of that good man at the beginning of his career. It has exercised an influence over his whole life. The thirty-three years Father Donald spent in the Outer Hebrides were years of incredibly hard work, of which those who dwell in cities can have no conception. His life in Moidart has been the same, the daily faithful discharge of his manifold duties to his flock.

UNITED STATES—Appointment of Bishop

The Holy Father has ratified the proposal of the Consistorial Congregation, recommending the appointment of the Very Rev. John Ward, rector of St. Mary's, Kansas City, as Bishop of Leavenworth. Monsignor Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Leavenworth, was, some months ago, appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Kansas City, with the right of succession.

Colored Congregations

The yearly report of the colored missions in the United States shows that there are twenty-six congregations with resident priests.

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