

# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND

### DEATH OF A VENERABLE NUN.

With regret we (*Catholic Weekly*) announce the death, which occurred at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, in Grove End Road, St. John's Wood, of Mother Anastasia, who was in her 86th year, and was one of the few survivors of that band of English ladies who went out with Miss Florence Nightingale at the time of the Crimean War to nurse the wounded soldiers in the hospital at Scutari. Mother Anastasia, on her return, was one of the Sisters who, with the assistance of Cardinal Wiseman, founded the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth. In 1887, at the time of her jubilee, Queen Victoria recognised Mother Anastasia's work by bestowing upon her the Order of the Royal Red Cross.

### THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The movement known as the Catholic Missionary Society, initiated by Father Chase, and now conducted by the Rev. Father Herbert Vaughan, is spreading apace. The object of the Society is chiefly the conversion of non-Catholics to the true Faith, and the work already accomplished in this direction has amply justified its existence. Their Lordships the Bishops of England have blessed the movement and are anxious to extend it in their respective dioceses. In order to propagate the work in the large and important diocese of Liverpool, the Rev. Dr. Downey and the Rev. Father Joseph Howard, both of whom, after their ordination, went through a course of study in Rome, recently left the diocese at the desire of the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Whiteside, for the Mission House, Brondesbury Park, London, there to prepare for their future work among those who are yet without the Faith. The Missionary Fathers, in the prosecution of their labors, will give fortnightly missions in the churches of the Liverpool diocese where required, the first week of which will be devoted to the Catholics of the parish, and the second week to the non-Catholics of the district. The address to non-Catholics will be of an expository character, and nothing that could wound their religious susceptibilities will be advanced. Questions will be invited and answered, and for this purpose a 'question-box' will be placed at the end of the church, and the queries replied to on the following evening.

## GERMANY

### COMMEMORATION OF A CENTENARY.

On December 25, the Catholic people of Germany will commemorate the centenary of the birth of one of the greatest and noblest sons of that land, William Emmanuel Baron von Ketteler, Bishop of Mayence for twenty-seven years. He was a leader among his fellow-religionists in the dark days of the Kulturkampf.

## ITALY

### THE HOLY FATHER AND THE WAR.

The *Osservatore Romano* has at last set at rest any lingering doubts as to the attitude of the Vatican towards the war. In view of several unofficial, ecclesiastical, and lay pronouncements about the Tripoli campaign, which might give color to the notion of the Tripolitan enterprise being a holy war, undertaken in the name of Religion and with the support of the Church, the Vatican organ (says the *Catholic Weekly*) is authorised to declare that the Holy See does not assume any responsibility for such interpretation, but, while remaining outside the actual conflict, cannot approve of it, but rather deplures it. If anything were needed to emphasise the Vatican's definite pacific policy, we have it here, in this maintenance of the traditional policy of peace that our present Holy Father has so con-

sistently maintained throughout his pontificate—a policy which he world will remember was pursued by his illustrious predecessor. Your readers will, after this, take cum grano the absurd statements made by unauthorised journals concerning the line taken by the Sovereign Pontiff, in a question which is entirely outside the religious domain. It is a commercial war waged for commercial ends, and cannot be viewed as anything else.

## ROME

### RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP OF DERRY.

The Holy Father on October 24 received in private audience the Right Rev. Dr. McHugh, Bishop of Derry. His Holiness listened with great pleasure to an account of the state of the diocese, and warmly congratulated the Bishop on the work done, remarking that such a result was just what was to be expected from a country which he affectionately styled 'Ever Faithful Ireland.' The Pope gave Bishop McHugh the Papal Blessing for his people.

## SCOTLAND

### PROTESTANT TRIBUTES TO THE CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Scottish Reformation Society, held in Edinburgh on October 19, Rev. Dr. W. M. McGregor made some interesting references to the work of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Contrasting the conditions of North and South Uist, he said that in the former, which was mainly Protestant, the proportion of lunacy was very much greater than in the latter, which was wholly Catholic. He merely stated this as a fact and did not offer any explanation. It was to the credit of the Catholic Church in Scotland, he said, that it was much more carefully shepherded now than it had been a generation ago. What attracted men and women to the Catholic Church was the note of authority. —In a paper read recently to a gathering of ladies in Glasgow, on the Mormon propaganda, Mrs. George Carden, said that what was wanted was clearer and more definite religious teaching. The Mormon missionaries had little success among Catholic women.

## UNITED STATES

### IMPRESSIVE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

No greater public manifestation of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament has ever been given to the United States than that which found expression in the fifth national Eucharistic Congress at Cincinnati. Nearly two score members of the hierarchy, five hundred priests and seminarians, and an immense assembly of the laity participated in the event. Amongst those present was the Right Rev. Bishop McSherry, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Notable sermons were delivered and papers read by Archbishop Ireland and other distinguished men.

## GENERAL

### FACTS ABOUT TRIPOLI.

The province of Tripoli contains 1,260,000 inhabitants, and of this number 5541 are Catholics, who are served by 23 Capuchin Fathers, 16 Franciscan nuns, 16 Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph, and a number of Marianist Brothers. In the city of Tripoli there are 4400 Catholics, a church and two schools, one for boys under the Marianist Brothers, and the other for girls under the Sisters of St. Joseph. At Mexria, near Tripoli, the Franciscan nuns have a church, a hospice, an orphanage, and a school; there is also a resident population of 600 Catholics. At Koms, Bengas, Barcas, and Derna there are small congregations of Catholics, each with its school taught by nuns.

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