

The Catholic World

ENGLAND

RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS.

On Sunday, May 25, in connection with practically every London church to which grounds are attached or to which convents are adjacent, outdoor processions of the Blessed Sacrament were held. In some cases the processions had to pass through a few streets to reach the grounds in question, and where spectators assembled their attitude was generally respectful.

KEEPING PACE WITH GROWTH OF POPULATION.

Cardinal Bourne, in a speech at Newcastle-on-Tyne on May 26, claimed that the Catholic religion was the only one which was keeping pace with the growing population of Great Britain. Speaking of the coming Education Bill, his Eminence said Catholics looked for absolute equality, and would accept nothing less. Any solution which did not insist on denominational teaching in schools must inevitably fail.

ROME

THE PRESIDENT OF THE VULGATE COMMISSION.

The Right Rev. Abbot Gasquet, O.S.B., President of the Vulgate Commission, has left Rome for England, accompanied by the Rev. Dom J. Corney, O.S.B., for the purpose of presiding over the Congregation of the Benedictines of Great Britain and Ireland. Abbot Gasquet, since it is his intention to visit America this year in the interests of the Vulgate Commission, will not return to Rome until the opening of 1914.

THE HOLY FATHER'S HEALTH.

At last we have a tangible and conclusive proof of the Pope's complete recovery (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Universe* under date May 25). To-day have taken place the first public audiences since his illness. At 11 o'clock this morning, in the Hall of the Consistory, over two hundred people were admitted to audience. Besides the Apostolic Blessing, they had the satisfaction of hearing a brief address from his Holiness. Then in the afternoon at 5, in the same hall, the pilgrims of the Viennese arch-confraternity of St. Michael the Archangel, under the direction of their president, Mgr. Wolny, were received. The Austrian Ambassador to the Holy See, Prince Schonburg Hartenstein, was with them. A few words of fatherly affection and encouragement from the Pope provoked enthusiastic 'hochs' from the pilgrims. Let us hope that with the resumption of public audiences there will be an end to all false reports that 'the continued isolation of the Pope must be due to his convalescence being by no means complete.' Precautions will still have to be taken, and the wise prescriptions of the doctors will have to be obeyed; but at least his children know and can see for themselves that the Holy Father is well again.

THE BISHOP OF DUNKELD.

On Sunday morning, May 25, the Right Rev. Mgr. Robert Fraser, rector of the Scots College, received episcopal consecration at the hands of his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State, in the oratory of the famous Convent of Tor de' Specchi, which was founded in 1433 by St. Frances of Rome. Assisting the Cardinal were the most Rev. Dr. Mackintosh, Coadjutor Archbishop of Glasgow; and the Right Rev. Bishop Kennedy, rector of the North American College; and amongst those present from the Scots, Irish, and English colonies were the vice-rector and students of the Scots College, the Very Rev. David Fleming, O.F.M., Consulor of the Holy Office; Right Rev. Mgr. O'Riordan, rector of the Irish College; Right Rev. Mgr. Price, Judge of the Rota; Right Rev.

Mgr. George, Beda College; and Very Rev. Mgr. Cronin, vice-rector English College. The appointment of Mgr. Fraser to be Bishop of Dunkeld (says the *Universe*) is welcomed by many non-Catholics in Scotland as well as by the clergy of Scotland and the entire Catholic body in Dunkeld. There are many little happenings on record which have made the new Bishop a *persona grata* with his compatriots. His Lordship represented his Holiness at the celebrations, two years ago, of the Quincentenary of the foundation of the famous university of St. Andrews, and was then brought into personal association for a considerable time with the *savants* of Europe, who journeyed to the old mist-laden city on the North Sea to commemorate one of the many favors bestowed upon pre-Reformation Scotland by the occupant of the Papal Throne.

INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS' LEAGUE.

The following letter from the Holy Father to Cardinal Dubillard, Archbishop of Chambéry, will probably appear in the next issue of *Acta Apostolicæ Sedis* (writes the Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times*):—'To Our Beloved Son,—Health and the Apostolic Benediction. Sufficient praise cannot be given to the International Priests' League "Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia," which, founded under your auspices, recognises you as its General Director, when one comes to consider its utility and the opportune moment at which it commences its career. For, those who, at the instigation of Satan, push forward daily the old design of impeding work for securing eternal salvation, which the Divine Redeemer at the price of His Blood purchased for the human race, seek nothing so eagerly as the withdrawal of men from devotion and attachment to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, knowing only too well that he does not love Jesus Christ who feels indifferent towards His Spouse and His Vicar. This is why the clergy, above all, are exposed to the perfidious machinations of wicked men. If the clergy failed in their duty, the perversion of the people would soon easily follow. This, therefore, is the reason why it is necessary to strive in every way so that those in Holy Orders may grow more and more in devotion to the Church and to her Head, as it is necessary that all should be inflamed by a holy ardour for the cause and communicate their sentiments to others. Now it is precisely for this end we find instituted the Sacerdotal League of which we speak, the members of which, though they have only the obligations common to all priests, nevertheless make profession of a particular diligence in their observance. What is in a special manner most agreeable to Us is the fact that they adopt the resolution of generously obeying all the orders and regulations of the Roman Pontiff, whatever these may be, and that they promise to employ themselves zealously in inculcating them upon others. It is also a source of pleasure to Us that, as far as the publications of Catholics are concerned, whether these be daily or periodically, they bind themselves to support with their whole strength those who openly defend the cause of religion, under the guidance of the Apostolic See. Finally, considering the poverty of the Vicar of Christ, they do not think it sufficient to alleviate it each year by an offering, but bind themselves by a vow to do so. In this they certainly merit special praise from Us and a particular recompense from God. On this account, with a view to make manifest to these dear sons Our gratitude and at the same time to make their efforts more fruitful, We have, as you are aware, recently granted numerous indulgences taken from the spiritual treasury of the Church, the distribution of which belongs to Us. Moreover, We declare that We approve of and ratify all that you have devised for the universal government of the League, as explained to Us. And now, while praying God to protect a work so well commenced, as an earnest of celestial favors and in testimony of Our special benevolence, We grant from Our heart the Apostolic Benediction to you, beloved son, as well as to all the members of the Sacerdotal League. Given at Rome from St. Peter's, on April 28, 1913, in the tenth year of Our Pontificate. Pius P.P. X.'

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