

## Catholic World

### THE NEXT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

Announcement has been made that the next International Eucharistic Congress is to be held in the city of Amsterdam from July 22 to July 27, 1924. This will make the 27th of these great demonstrations of faith in the Real Presence. The 28th will be held at Chicago in June, 1926. This has been definitely decided upon at the annual general assembly of the permanent committee just held at Paris under the presidency of Monsignor Heylen, Bishop of Namur, at which meeting the Most Rev. Archbishop Mundelin, Archbishop of Chicago, and Monsignor Callier, Bishop of Harlem, were elected honorary members, while Prince Wladimiro Ghiki, of Roumania, and Mr. Martin Manton, Judge of the Court of Appeal, New York, were elected associate members.

### NOTES FROM ROME.

(Catholic News Service, London, December 29.)

The academic year of the *Nunci Lincei* was inaugurated at the new quarters of this renowned Roman Academy which have been erected in the Vatican Gardens. The Holy Father presided at the ceremony, and with his Holiness was the Cardinal Secretary of State, and their Eminences Cardinals Merry del Val, Vannutelli, and Ercole, with the president and members of the Academy. In a short speech his Holiness expressed his satisfaction at having been able to offer a new home to the Academy, in a location that was particularly suited to its object of the investigation of truth.

M. Doucet, the French Ambassador to the Holy See, who succeeds M. Jonnart, has been received in formal audience by the Holy Father for the purpose of presenting his credentials. The audience took place with the usual formalities in the Throne Room, and the new Ambassador after leaving the Pope paid the customary visit to the Cardinal Secretary.

Cardinal Sincero, Archbishop of Genoa, has now taken possession of his titular church of St. George in Velabro. Mgr. Jorin, Protonotary Apostolic, read the Bull of Appointment, to which the new titular replied in a very fine discourse, during which he referred to the somewhat lamentable condition of this ancient church which is a votive temple of the reconciliation of the Orient with the Roman Church. The Cardinal spoke of the efforts of the Holy See and the Italian Government in the direction of restoration, and concluded with a prayer for the union of the Oriental schismatics with Rome. The ceremony was a very colorful one. Taking part in it was Mgr. von Huyn, formerly Archbishop of Prague but now Latin Patriarch of Alexandria. Many archbishops and bishops were present, also the Nicaraguan Minister, the ex-Premier Orlando, and students of the Oriental seminaries and colleges.

The *Ancien et Nouveau Testament*, published by A. Brassac, of Paris, has been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books by the Congregation of the Holy Office. The volumes condemned are those for the years 1907, 1909, 1911, 1917, and 1920.

### POLISH DESIGNS ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

A Bill for the secularisation of church property in Poland, which was brought before Parliament a month or so ago, is the subject of a strong protest from Cardinal Dalbor, Archbishop of Posen and Primate. This Bill provides for the reversion to the State of all landed property still held by the Church, except that which goes directly to provide for religious services.

Consequently the endowments in land for the episcopal mensa, stipends for the cathedral chapters, support of parishes and convents, would go to the Government, which proposes some monetary compensation on a scale to be worked out by an agreement with the Vatican.

This—Cardinal Dalbor says in a strongly-worded letter

to the Ministry of Worship—is nothing short of wholesale robbery. Things were bad enough—says the Cardinal—when Poland was parcelled out among the Germans, the Russians and the Austrians. Yet even these hostile and domineering Governments gave back part of their ill-acquired gains. And it has remained for a Polish Government to propose taking away practically all the endowed landed property of the Church.

The Government justifies the proposed measure on the ground of agrarian reform, which, as other countries of Europe has seen, amounts in fact to a spoliation of the Church. There is a strong feeling of opposition in the country against the project, though of course the measure is not lacking its supporters.

There is the possibility that a parliamentary majority may be able effectively to throw out the Bill. Though perhaps the opposition might be inclined to consider the idea, provided that an adequate monetary compensation were offered, at least not less in value than that of the confiscated endowments, if they ultimately are confiscated.

### THE POPE CREATES TWO CARDINALS.

At the Secret Consistory held on December 20, the Holy Father raised two ecclesiastics to the Sacred Purple. The new Cardinals are Mgr. Evaristus Lucidi of the Congregation of the Council, and Mgr. Aurelius Galli, Secretary of Briefs to Princes and Latin Letters. By these new creations the number of Italian Cardinals is brought up to 33.

Preceded by the Swiss Guards and the choir of the Sistine, His Holiness entered the Consistorial Hall, where the three orders of Cardinals with their Dean, Cardinal Vannutelli, awaited the coming of the Holy Father. After his Holiness had ascended the Pontifical Throne the "Eccent omnes" was sounded and the doors were closed on all those not having prescriptive right to be present at the Consistory.

In beginning his Allocution, the Holy Father deplored the brutal murder of Cardinal Soldevilla, Archbishop of Saragossa, who, he said, had been the victim of an atrocious and sacrilegious crime, but who, his Holiness hoped, was even now enjoying blessedness in the Presence of God. The Pope then referred to the present conditions in Europe, particularly in regard to peace, acknowledging that unfortunately there was little change for the better. Bitter feelings and divisions still exist, and penury and destitution are on the increase, especially with the approach of winter. Recalling his letter to Cardinal Gasparri, in which an appeal was made to all countries having a surplus of wheat, his Holiness expressed his satisfaction at the abundance of help that had been forthcoming from all quarters.

The Pope mentioned particularly the assistance given in Central Europe and the Near East, which had been the means of snatching many unfortunate people from death. His Holiness further expressed his own anxiety regarding the fate of Archbishop Cieplak, who was still languishing in prison in Russia.

The Eucharistic Congress at Paris, the great Eucharistic Congress of Genoa, and the centenaries of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Josophat of Ploek, were recalled by his Holiness, who mentioned particularly the visit of the Spanish Sovereigns who "throughout their sojourn in Rome gave the most noble testimony to the faith and respectful devotion to the Holy See," thus truly representing the Spanish nation as faithful to Christ and His Vicar.

"Finally," declared his Holiness to the Sacred College, "We have to announce the good news regarding Ireland, that land so dear to Our heart, where a settlement is happily approaching. We have received comforting assurance of this in the recent pastoral letter from Cardinal Logue, which has been confirmed by later news."

After the investiture of the new Cardinals the doors of the Consistorial Hall were flung open, and after imparting the Apostolic Benediction, his Holiness accompanied by the members of the Pontifical Court returned to his apartments.

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