

# Here and There

Several religious met their death in the course of the fighting in Syria when the Druses, Moslem rebels, attacked French troops and laid siege to a French detachment in the citadel of Soueida.

Sir John O. O'Connell, K.C.S.G., LL.D., M.A., J.P., has received the Benedictine habit at Downside Abbey. Six other novices were clothed at the same time. His name in religion is Brother Jerome.

Cardinal Bonzano, former Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has been appointed Cardinal Protector of the Sisters of the Third Order St. Dominic, forming a congregation of the Holy Name of Jesus in California.

Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, narrowly escaped serious injury when his limousine was in collision with a trolley car at Melrose, a suburb of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Gerald O'Hara, his secretary, suffered a broken hand. The Cardinal was bruised and shaken up. The chauffeur was not injured.

"Winters are going to be cold again and summers hot," announced Abbe Moreux, the famous astronomer-priest, from his look-out station at Bourges recently. He spoke on the day time changed. This official recognition of the arrival of autumn put an end to one of the most fantastic summers ever known in Europe.

One of the audiences which touched the heart of the Pope most deeply during the past few weeks was that in which he received the second Holy Year pilgrimage from Scandinavia. A peculiar characteristic of this pilgrimage was that it not only included some Protestants—as had the first Scandinavian pilgrimage—but that the Protestants were in an overwhelming majority.

The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, has been in session at Washington, D.C., and thereat arranged a programme of coming activities. Some of the latter are of prime importance to the Catholics of the country, who must concern themselves with the declarations of purpose made by the Masonic section indicated.

In other words, our Masonic brethren within this circle unanimously decided to undertake at once an intensive campaign to compel the attendance of all children at the public schools. That was one of the declarations. The other was a generous endorsement of the National Education Association bill for the creation of a Federal department of education.

According to an announcement by Mgr. C. J. Quille, general secretary of the Twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress, King Alfonso and Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain and King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium will attend the ceremonies of the congress.

To prepare for a residence of these royal visitors and the dozen Cardinals from Rome, as well as Cardinals O'Connell, Dougherty, and Hayes of the United States and a million other visitors, a special meeting of the housing committee and members of the Chicago Association of Commerce was held on October 29 at the Congress Hotel, at which time final arrangements with the leading hotels of Chicago will be made to reserve appropriate suites for the distinguished visitors.

The total number of Catholic priests throughout the world distributed among 300,000,000 Catholics out of a total world population of 1,700,000,000 is 312,000.

Of this number, two-thirds are assigned for regular priestly duties in Europe, leaving but one-third for all ministrations outside of Europe, including the missions.

The distribution for the several mission countries is as follows:—

	Catholic	Heathen
Africa has one priest for every 400	82,000	
Oceanica has 1 priest for every 300	110,000	
Japan has one priest for every 880	220,000	
China has one priest for every 800	180,000	
India has one priest for every 860	100,000	

## Retreat for Men, Wanganui

A Retreat for men will be held at the Villa, commencing on Thursday, January 21, 1926, at 7.30 p.m., and end on Monday morning, January 25, 1926—three days.

Retreat will be conducted by the Rev. T. G. McCarthy, S.M., Marist Missioner.

Those who intend making the Retreat should apply early to the Secretary Retreat Committee:

M. J. DOWLING,  
252 Victoria Avenue, City.  
Hon. Secretary.

## St. Patrick's Dominican Convent

### TESCHEMAKERS.

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT for Ladies, conducted by Very Rev. Prior Doyle, O.P., will commence on January 2, 1926.

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