

Here and There

During the Church Unity Octave at Geneva the celebrated French preacher, Pere Eves de la Briere, gave a series of sermons on the invitation of the Genevese Catholic Federation. The sermons were preached in the church of Notre Dame on the subject of "The State of Catholicism in the World of To-day."

According to Mgr. Lagier, who has succeeded Pere Charmetant as director general of the *Oeuvre des Ecoles d'Orient*, nearly a million and a quarter Christians have been massacred in the Near East since 1914. Among these are certain Catholic bishops, and at least one French Archbishop who was put to death by the Turks.

With the death of the Count de Bussy, which took place in his 85th year at Provence, there passes away one of the most interesting figures of an interesting period. The late Count was at one time a Pontifical Zouave, and an officer in the army of the King of Naples, whose troops he commanded in the eventful year 1870.

The English Dominicans have lost their oldest member, Father Thomas Laws, who died at the Priory at Haverstock Hill in London, after having been 57 years in religion. At various times Father Laws was elected Prior of the Dominican houses in London, Woodchester, Hinckley, and Newcastle, and on two occasions he was sent by the Province as representative to the General Chapter of the Order.

The Catholics of Wigan have sustained a severe loss in the death of the Very Rev. Dean O'Donoghue, whose death has been reported by wireless from Rio de Janeiro. The Dean was on a visit to South America for his health, and his death took place whilst only two days out from Rio. His body was to be brought back to Lancashire for burial. Dean O'Donoghue was a native of Kilkenny, and after studying at Ushaw and Rome, he was ordained priest in 1888. The whole of his clerical life was spent in Lancashire, and in 1904 he was appointed Missionary Rector of St. Mary's, Wigan, one of the most important churches in the archdiocese.

It is known in Rome that Pius XI. is particularly interested in the progress of the Church in Wales, and the latest Papal honor, the conferring of knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory on Mr. T. J. Callaghan, has given the greatest satisfaction in the Welsh metropolis—particularly as it is only a week or so ago since his Holiness conferred the same distinction on the former Lord Mayor, Alderman Turnbull. The Papal Brief addressed to the new knight states that the honor is in recognition of Mr. Callaghan's services on behalf of students for the priesthood. Mr. Callaghan is a well-known public man in South Wales, and is head of one of the largest coal businesses at Penarth, a suburb of Cardiff. During the war, as vice-chairman of the Central Executive Committee, he was instrumental in sending large supplies of coal and fuel to the Holy Father's native country.

With the concurrence of the Vaughan family, the Provincial of the English Jesuits has entrusted to Father Martindale, of Campion Hall, Oxford, the task of writing the life of the late Father Bernard Vaughan. Father Vaughan travelled widely, not only in the United States, but also in Japan, where he lectured before the House of Peers, and in other countries of the East. His memoirs, therefore, promise to be of the widest interest. Father Martindale is appealing to correspondents of the late Father Vaughan, particularly those overseas, for the loan of correspondence and for information dealing with Father Vaughan's tours abroad. Owners of such correspondence are asked to communicate with Father Martindale at Campion Hall, Oxford.

Downside's new Abbot, the Right Rev. Dom Leander Ramsay, was blessed and installed in his office by the Bishop of Clifton during the octave of St. Maurus. Abbot Ramsay, who was at one time a clergyman of the Church of England, is the third head of Downside in succession from Cardinal Gasquet, who resigned office as Prior in 1885 to devote himself exclusively to historical research. Although the history of the Downside community goes back to about the year 1605, it was only in 1900 that the house was

raised to the rank of an abbey, with Dom Edmund Ford, the immediate successor to Cardinal Gasquet, as its first Abbot. Dr. Butler, who resigned the abbatial office last year, is now devoting himself to work on the Commission for the revision of the Vulgate in Rome which is being undertaken by the Benedictines.

In the past few weeks (says *Catholic News Service*, London, for January 29) France has gained two cardinals but lost two bishops. Mgr. Fabre, the Bishop of Marseilles, who died in his 79th year at Marseilles, was a native of the diocese over which he was called to rule. His capabilities early attracted the notice of Cardinal Andrieu, who appointed him to the Chapter of Marseilles, and later on made him Vicar-General. He was appointed Protonotary Apostolic in 1908, and the next year the Holy See nominated him as Bishop of the diocese with which he had so long been connected. It was Cardinal Andrieu, then about to go to the archdiocese of Bordeaux, who consecrated him to the episcopate.

Mgr. Morelle, Bishop of the Breton See of Saint-Brieuc, who has just died in his 74th year, was born in the diocese of Amiens. He came to Saint-Brieuc in 1890 as private secretary to the Bishop, Mgr. Fallieres. On the death of his superior he was appointed Vicar Capitular, and when, in 1906 he was appointed Bishop, he received consecration at the hands of the late Cardinal Amette. Mgr. Morelle played a great and an heroic part during the war, and like the late Bishop of Marseilles, he was decorated by the King of the Belgians in recognition of his services to the Belgian people and soldiers. The French Government also conferred on him the Cross of the Legion of Honor for his services to the wounded and prisoners.

The Herald's College, which gives English social-climbers the right to use a coat-of-arms, and finds out the number of griffins, hends and bars in their escutcheon, is now largely directed by Catholics (says the *Catholic Press*). The Ku Kluxers will find some diabolical plot in this. There are three English Kings of Arms—Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy. Their sphere of action lies in different parts of Great Britain. The Clarenceux King of Arms died in January, and was succeeded by Mr. William Alexander Lindsay, K.C., Norroy King of Arms, who now ranks as second King of Arms, after the Garter. Mr. Lindsay was born in 1846, the eldest son of the late Hon. Colin Lindsay, fourth son of the 24th Earl of Crawford. Educated at Eton and Cambridge, he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1873, becoming a Q.C. in 1897 and a Bencher in 1906. He married in 1870 Lady Harriet Gordon, second daughter of the fifth Earl of Aberdeen. His brother is Mr. Leonard Lindsay, F.S.A., so well known as a brother of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Their father was founder and first president of the English Church Union, but, more happily guided than his successor, Lord Halifax, he relinquished that position to become a Catholic. To Mr. Lindsay's office Mr. Gordon Ambrose de Lisle Lee, C.B., who has been York Herald since 1905, succeeds. He is a son of the famous old Vicar of All Saints, Lambeth, founder of the "Order of Corporate Re-union," and secretly its first Bishop. His mother was a cousin of Cardinal Newman. Dr. Lee was reconciled to the Catholic Church before his death. Mr. Lee was born in 1864. He was secretary to the late Duke of Norfolk (Earl Marshal) for six years, and is now secretary to the Deputy Earl Marshal, Lord FitzAlan. From 1889 to 1905 he was Blue-mantle Pursuivant of Arms. He has written many biographical and genealogical books, and was part author and producer of the Chelsea Pageant in 1908.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 5. After the last Mass on Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and many attended in adoration during the afternoon. There was a very large congregation at the evening devotions, when the usual monthly procession in honor of the Blessed Sacrament took place, in which the various sodalities were strongly represented. Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., preached on the "Life of St. Joseph." Devotions are being held in the church every evening during March in honor of St. Joseph.

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