

CATHOLIC NEWS.

Cardinal Gibbons will celebrate his silver episcopal jubilee on Aug. 16.

The Peter's Pence collection in the archdiocese of Cincinnati amounted to \$7,000.

The archbishops and bishops of Brazil have issued a joint letter, emphatic in its tone, in favor of the restoration of the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See.

The pilgrimage for Jerusalem in connection with the Eucharistic Congress, will start from Marseilles on April 12th. Inquiries may be addressed to the secretary's office, 8, Rue Francois Ier, Paris.

The Pope has created something of a stir in Church and Government circles in Rome by cancelling an order, which has been long in vogue, prohibiting Italian army officers in uniform from visiting the observatory at the Vatican.

It is announced that Mgr. Satolli, the Papal delegate, and Cardinal Gibbons are to visit Toledo, O., with a view to adjusting the differences that have long existed between the several Catholic clergymen of that city on the separate school question.

Hon. James Campbell, the last survivor of President Pierce's Cabinet of 1853, died a few days ago in Philadelphia, aged eighty-two years. He was the only Irish Catholic who ever occupied a Cabinet position. This was the only Cabinet which never had a change.

There are now in the United States half a dozen bishops and several hundred priests who were educated at the missionary college of All Hallows, near Dublin, Ireland. It is proposed to organize them into an alumni association and have a reunion at Chicago during the World's Fair.

General de Leo, who will officially convey to the Pope the congratulations of the Emperor of Germany on the occasion of his Holiness's Episcopal Jubilee, has always been regarded as the confidential man of the Catholic Centre Party, and the future Catholic candidate for the high office of Chancellor of the German Empire.

The occasion of the marriage of the Princess Marie of Edinburgh at Sigmaringen, the German Emperor held a long conversation with the Benedictine, Father Walter, the mitred abbot of Beuren, and drank to his health at the banquet. The King of Roumania conferred on the abbot the Roumanian Order of the Crown.

"Long live the Pope of the working men!" was one of the acclamations which greeted Leo XIII, on a recent semi-public appearance in Rome, and one which shows that the Italian wage earners are as well acquainted as the rest of the world with the signal benefits which His Holiness, by his famous encyclical "On the Condition of Labor," bestowed upon the laboring classes of the whole world.

A gentleman who lately had occasion to call at the residence of President-elect Cleveland, in New York, says that the place of honor, on the wall at the head of the main drawing room, was occupied by a beautiful bronze plaque of the Madonna and Child. It is a fine, artistic piece of work, well harmonizing with the tasteful surroundings. Under it was a Florentine chair, on the back of which is a profile of Savonarola.

An international exhibition of Catholic art is proposed for London, in 1895, the place to be the site of the great Catholic cathedral of Westminster. It is thought that monasteries, churches, private chapels and collections belonging to devout Catholics can be reckoned on to furnish many interesting objects for such an exhibition. Not only are Great Britain and Ireland, but the continent also is expected to contribute.

Some of the gifts presented to the Holy Father on the occasion of such events as he is now commemorating are odd enough. At the time of his golden sacerdotal jubilee he received, among other things, a bicycle and a sewing machine; and already this year he has had a couple of shawls presented to him. The shawls in question, though, are magnificent ones, embroidered in gold, and His Holiness will doubtless find some use for them. What the givers expected the aged Pontiff to do with a bicycle or a sewing machine, though, is rather hard to see.

Bishop Keane scored a number of remarkable successes during his recent visit to Boston and vicinity, and won un-

qualified praise from the daily press for the admirable tact and wisdom he displayed in the addresses which he delivered thereabouts. His biggest triumph occurred at Cambridge, where he was introduced to his audience by President Eliot of Harvard, who, in a characteristically manly way, paid a merited tribute to the Catholic church for its zeal in the cause of education.

The Very Rev. Father Martin, the General of the Jesuits, after leaving England passed through Holland. At Miestricht, where the Society of Jesus has its chief house in Holland, he received an ovation from the Catholics of the town, and many of the Dutch Jesuits were assembled at the college to greet him. The address of welcome was read by a notable man, Father Van Gestel, who was an advocate before he entered the Jesuit novitiate, and whose works on jurisprudence are used as text books in the Protestant University of Groningen.

THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Who is she that stands triumphant,
Rock in strength upon the Rock,
Like some city crowned with turrets
Braving storm and earthquake shock?
Who is she her arms extending,
Blessing thus a world restored,
All the anthems of creation
Lifting to creation's Lord?
Hers the kingdom, hers the sceptre!
Fall, ye nations, at her feet!
Hers that truth whose fruit is freedom;
Light her yoke, her burden sweet!

As the moon its splendour borrows
From a sun unseen all night,
So from Christ, the Sun of Justice,
Draws His Church her sacred light;
Touched by His, her hands have healing,
Bread of life, absolving key:
Christ incarnate is her Bridegroom;
The Spirit hers, His temple she—
Hers the kingdom, hers the scepter!
Fall, ye nations, at her feet!
Hers that truth, whose fruit is freedom;
Light her yoke, her burden sweet!

Empires rise and sink like billows,
Vanish and are seen no more;
Glorious as the star of morning
She o'erlooks their wild uproar.
Hers the household all-embracing,
Hers the vine that shadows earth;
Blest thy children, mighty Mother,
Safe the stranger at thy hearth.
Hers the kingdom, hers the sceptre!
Fall, ye nations, at her feet!
Hers that truth, whose fruit is freedom;
Light her yoke, her burden sweet!

Like her Bridegroom, heavenly, human,
Crowned and militant in one,
Chanting nature's great assumption
And the abusement of the Son,
Her Magnificat, her dirges,
Harmonize the jarring years;
Hands that fling to heaven the censor
Wipe away the orphan tears.
Hers the kingdom, hers the sceptre!
Fall, ye nations, at her feet!
Hers that truth whose fruit is freedom;
Light her yoke, her burden sweet!

AUBREY DE VERE.

A SUCCESSFUL JOB.

"Bill," said the piano merchant to the man who swept the office, "I want you to go down the street and tune a piano for a family. They're in a great hurry or I wouldn't ask you to do it, but the regular tuner has gone for the day."

"I can't tune pianos," replied the man. "Oh, yes, you can," said the dealer cheerfully. "Just open the lid and you'll see a lot of keys. Give 'em a few twists so as to tighten the wires, thump on the keyboard like a crazy man for fifteen minutes, charge them four dollars, and then come back in time to put the coal in."

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The Catholic Population of Our Indian Empire.

Through the courtesy of Mr. F. A. Baines, Census Commissioner for India, we are enabled to give our readers, from the hitherto unpublished returns of the census of 1891, a complete statement of the number of Catholics, Native, Eurasian and European, in our Indian Empire—which politically includes Burma, but excludes Ceylon. Of course the French and Portuguese territories are also excluded from the British census. The following table gives all those who returned themselves as Roman Catholics in the last census:—

ROMAN CATHOLICS BY CENSUS, 1891.				
	Total	Euro-peans	Euro-asians	Natives
Ajmer.....	598	203	244	151
Assam.....	734	101	181	452
Bengal.....	89,796	5,352	6,182	78,196
Berar.....	511	56	69	41
Bombay, Sind and Aden.....	118,364	7,087	4,655	106,622
Burivia.....	24,542	2,590	4,193	17,759
Central Provinces.....	5,336	1,094	768	3,475
Coorg.....	2,588	16	112	2,460
Madras.....	565,159	5,601	18,507	519,051
N. W. P. and Oudh.....	10,313	6,850	1,589	1,944
Panjab.....	7,054	5,331	643	1,080
Quetta.....	607	571	35	91
Audamans.....	57	12	8	37
Hyderabad.....	10,274	1,743	929	8,102
Baroda.....	298	30	50	218
Mysore.....	26,518	1,410	17,57	23,512
Rajputana.....	589	153	149	96
Central India.....	1,574	635	240	739
Bombay States.....	6,916	90	158	6,668
Madras States.....	442,861	90	535	442,239
Central Province States.....	211	11	44	157
Bengal States.....	323	9	16	296
N. W. Province Panjab.....	11	9	2	2
Shanoutford.....	59	34	13	13
	19	11	2	6
	1,315,263	35,645	36,089	1,243,529

Provinces..... 825,807 31,907 32,213 761,687
Native States..... 489,156 3,738 3,816 481,872

It will be observed that the upper part of the table gives the numbers divided among the various provinces and states seriatim, the lower part gives the same returns divided into the two sections of British Provinces and Native States.

The census of 1881 returned the total number of Catholics at 963,059; but as Sir William Hunter shewed (*Gazette of India* vol. vi., page 265), this was erroneous by about 100,000. Serian Catholics being omitted, so that the real total should have been 1,063,059. Our ten year's increase has been, therefore, close upon 300,000 all told.

It is more interesting to observe that the official census shows that we have really under-estimated our strength. An esteemed correspondent has made a careful and minute comparison with the statistics published by the Madras Catholic Directory of 1892 and the Propaganda annual *Missiones Catholicae* of the same year; and he finds that our two Catholic hand-books actually under-state our numbers by something like 57,000. Our ecclesiastical authorities, therefore, cannot be accused of exaggerating our strength.

Our readers will probably remember that the 1891 census has given 302,127 Catholics for Ceylon. Of the number of Catholics in the purely French and Portuguese possessions (whose entire population is about 800,000), we find, in careful calculation that the total is 308,262.

As India ecclesiastically embraces Ceylon, but excludes Burma, we may, by exchanging the figures for the two

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countries, conclude that the total Catholic population in charge of the Indian hierarchy is about 1,592,729, plus the Catholics of French and Portuguese India, or altogether 1,900,991.—*Illustrated Catholic Missions*.

HOW SHE KNEW.

AGENT—Mawning, ma'am; Don't you want your children's lives insured? The lady next door has insured every one of hers.

Mother—I knew that before I got acquainted with her.

Agent—How so?

Mother—Because she allows them to play on the railroad track, and walk on the pond in a thaw, and hang half way out of a third-story window, and make mud-pies in the middle of the street when there is a runaway team coming, and hang by their heels over a bridge, and play with matches. How do I know? Why, I can tell by the lines around her mouth and the steel-like glitter of her eye that she would poison them if she dared. Now, you can clear out of here!—*John Spotton, in Wade's Fibre and Fabric*.

Immaculate Virgin, chosen from all eternity by the great and all-holy Father who consecrated you, with your holy and well-beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit the Comforter, in you is the fullness of grace and every good.—*St. Francis of Assisi*.

Labor, calling, profession, scholarship, and artificial and arbitrary distinctions of all sorts, are incidents and accidents of life and pass away. It is only manhood that remains, and it is only by manhood that man is to be measured.—*J. G. Holland*.

The mother's yearning, that completed type of the life in another life, which is the essence of real human love, feels the presence of the cherished child, even in the base, degraded man.—*George Eliot*.

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