



Current Events

—NEARLY a thousand persons in France have come forward to show that they are nonagenarians like Leo XIII.

—MGR. Donatus Sbaretti, formerly auditor of the Apostolic Delegation at Washington, was recently consecrated Bishop of Havana, Cuba.

—A STATUE is about to be raised in Central Park, New York, to honor the memory of Orestes A. Brownson, the distinguished publicist and convert to Catholicism.

—HIS Eminence Cardinal Trombetta, deacon of Sant' Eustachio, Rome, died on January 17, aged eighty. He was raised to the Cardinalate only ten months ago.

—TRAVELLERS may now reach the very base of the Pyramids on an electric tram from Cairo. The gondolas along the waterways of Venice are being shortly supplanted by the vaporetti. Needs of the times!

—CARDINAL-Vicar Jacobini died on February 1. He was once Papal Nuncio to Lisbon and received the Cardinalitial rank in 1896. The deceased prince of the Church was sixty-three years of age, and was a man of brilliant parts.

—No LESS than four hundred thousand square miles of territory, carrying a population of fifty-two million souls, are feeling the horrors of famine in India at the present time. The cost of relief, day-by-day, is involving a monthly expenditure of \$1,750,000.

—THE elevation of the Coadjutor-Bishops of Chatham and St. John, Rt. Rev. Drs. Barry and Casey, to the episcopacy, took place in the Cathedral of St. John, N. B., on February 11. Owing to its early going to press, the MESSENGER is unable to give any details of the celebration in the present issue.

—DR. St. George Mivart, the distinguished biologist of London, Eng., who, in recent articles of his, rendered his orthodoxy suspicious, and, moreover, confirmed the suspicion by refusing to sign a profession of Faith, has been inhibited from approaching the sacraments by Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster.

—A SUM of one hundred thousand dollars was willed to the Jesuits in San Francisco, some months ago, for the establishment and