

## What Catholics Are Doing Elsewhere.

**THE A.O.H.**—The Ancient Order of Hibernians in Butte, Mont., have their own magnificent hall known as "Hibernian Hall." It is free of debt. Division No. 2 is now about to build another block and hall of their own, costing \$60,000.

**MISSION WORK.**—It is stated that 2,000 Brahmin boys attend the Jesuits' school at Trichinopoly, India, and many of them have embraced the true faith, so the Fathers are endeavoring to establish a school for the Brahmin girls, in order that Christian Brahmins may be able to have Christian wives in the future.

**AUSTRIA'S BIRTH RATE.**—One Catholic country is not falling off in population. Austria has the largest natural increase in population and a birth rate higher than that of any country in the world. The average birth rate for all Europe is 32 per 1,000; for Austria it is 43 per 1,000.

**UNIVERSITY IN MEXICO.**—Archbishop Silva, of Michoacan, Mexico, opened a new and notable Catholic University in Morelia, with imposing ceremonies in January. Well known professors of Mexico and Europe occupy the chairs of physics, chemistry, astronomy, meteorology, history and literature.

**THE K. C.'S NOBLE WORK.**—Thirteen Catholic young men will be given a college education free by the Knights of Columbus of Michigan. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Michigan Council K. of C., held recently in the Hotel Cadillac, Detroit. The educational plan is that each council in the state will select some worthy young man, who, on recommendation to the general committee, will be furnished with money raised by contributions from the councils to defray the expenses of a college course.

**LENTEN SERVICES.**—Catholic noon-day Lenten services have been inaugurated this season, for the first time, we think, in the United States, in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Philadelphia. The Most Rev. Archbishop Ryan preached at the first of these on Ash Wednesday, an impressive discourse on the spirit of penance. These services are intended principally for business people. We learn from the "Catholic Standard and Times" that the Church was crowded; and the congregation was largely made up of professional and business men, employers and employed, among whom were some non-Catholics. The middle aisle, reserved for men only, was not large enough to accommodate them with seats. Some few took to the side aisles, but most of those unable to get into pews in the centre aisle remained standing there and in the rear. The ladies from nearby stores and offices composed the major portion of those in the side aisles, though there were some others who took advantage of the convenient hour to attend.

**A NEW CATHEDRAL.**—Bishop O'Dea has purchased a site for a cathedral at Seattle, Wash., and the see will be moved from Vancouver to Seattle. A \$200,000 cathedral will be built on the new site.

**SOUTHERN MISSIONS.**—The Catholic Missionary Union has spent in the last few years, in assisting the work of the missions in the south over \$20,000. It pays a salary of \$500 a year to a diocesan priest selected by the bishop to give missions. There are eight priests on its roll of diocesan missionaries.

**SISTERS OF CHARITY.**—There are in the leper home in Louisiana thirty-six inmates—nineteen males and seventeen females. Five Sisters of Charity nurse these unfortunate. The leper colony is a state institution.

**ASSUMPTIONISTS.**—The French Assumptionist Fathers have 200 missionaries in the foreign field. They are at work in Constantinople and Asia, and have houses in Chili and elsewhere in South Africa.

**SCHOOL QUESTION.**—The clergy of Oakland, California, have entered protest against the further use of "Shaffer's Bible Readings" in the Oakland High School. The protest is made with the approval of Archbishop Riordan. Shaffer's book is held to be distinctly sectarian in character.

**A BAZAAR.**—The net receipts of St. John's Church fair, Rensselaer, amounts to the handsome sum of \$5,842.

**CATHEDRAL AT DENVER.**—The subscription list for the new Cathedral now amounts to \$40,000, according to a recent report.

**AT ST. LOUIS ALSO.**—In this column an item is published about mid-day Lenten services in Philadelphia. In the Cathedral at St. Louis, Mo., special services at 12.30 noon will be held each day, for those persons whose occupation may interfere with their attendance in their own parishes at the usual Lenten services, an exchange says. It has been found, on previous occasions, that hundreds of men and women have gladly taken advantage of this opportunity thus afforded them. The services, this year, will be in care of the Franciscan priests.

**AN EDIFYING SPECTACLE** was recently witnessed in the Church of Plaugastel, in Brittany, when Mgr. Dubillard gave the benediction to sixty-six couples who entered into the marriage state. According to the Breton custom the sixty-six couples, dressed in picturesque national costume, went in procession to the church, which was reached at 9 o'clock, and after Mass had been said, the couples were one after another blessed by the Bishop, the church meanwhile being thronged by visitors, who came from all parts to see the ceremony.

**AN OFFER OF CITIZENSHIP.**—Eight citizens of Little Falls, in the diocese of Albany, have offered the use of \$10,000 without interest for a period of four years for the purpose of erecting a convent school.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY.**—In all the churches in Manchester and Salford the collections at all the Masses were in aid of the various hospitals in the city and adjoining borough. During the past year no less than 224,000 persons were treated in these institutions.

**QUEENSTOWN CATHEDRAL.**—It is said that although \$135,000 has been spent on the work of completing the Cathedral, Queenstown, during the episcopate of the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, the debt has not been increased. For the purpose of lessening it a great bazaar will, His Lordship has announced, be held in the autumn of next year. The Rev. P. M. Murphy, C.C., has been commissioned to organize it.

**TO AID PRISONERS.**—The Central Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the West of Scotland have unanimously agreed to make a donation of \$600 to the Catholic Prisoners' Aid Society.

**FOR THE AFFLICTED.**—A movement has been started in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, to erect a Sisters' hospital. Physicians are willing to contribute liberally to the new enterprise. A business man of that city has offered to give \$500, another \$200.

**RELIGIOUS LIFE.**—Two young ladies received the white veil in the Ursuline Order Feb. 11, at the convent in Toledo, Ohio.

In the Convent of the Mercy Order in Mobile, Ala., Feb. 7, three ladies received the white veil at the hands of the Right Rev. Edward P. Allen, D.D.

Two Sisters of the Good Shepherd were professed at the convent in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8, and four received the habit. Archbishop Kain presided at the ceremony.

**ARCHBISHOP RYAN** of Philadelphia, was seventy-one years old, on the 23rd of Feb. It is said that in accordance with his wish there was no other observance of the event than a low Mass of thanksgiving, which he celebrated in the cathedral at 7 o'clock that morning.

**BISHOP PHELAN**, of Pittsburgh, at the recent celebration of his 75th birthday announced his intention of asking for a coadjutor.

**SILVER JUBILEE.**—The Rev. Nicholas Leonard, O.F.M., of St. Anthony's Monastery, St. Louis, Mo., celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination Feb. 1.

**SOME IDEA** of how our co-religionists in New York organize euchre parties may be inferred from the following particulars concerning a recent euchre held in aid of the Dominican Convent of our Lady of the Rosary, New York. Exactly 2,640 players sat at the tables and contested for 289 prizes, big and little, ranging from a diamond ring to a pack of cards. One prize was a jewel case, sent by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, wife of the President, and another was a fan, given by Mrs. A. S. Crowninshield, wife of the chief of the Navigation Bureau.

The proceeds of the euchre, about \$7,000, will be used in completing the new buildings of the orphanage of the Dominican Sisters at Sparkville.

### BAEQUET TO MINISTERS.

The Bar of Quebec District banqueting the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor-General at the Garrison Club on Saturday last.

Mr. J. E. Bedard, K.C., Batonnier of the district, presided. Mr. W. H. White, K.C., represented the Montreal Bar. There were only two toasts, "The King" and "Our Guests." Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Carroll responded very happily, and received a splendid reception from their brother lawyers. The banquet was private.

### Hope For Consumptives.

HOW THE RAVAGES OF THIS SCOURGE MAY BE STAYED.

Statistics Prove That More Deaths Occur From Consumption Than From All Other Contagious Diseases Combined—How Best to Combat the Disease.

The ravages of consumption throughout Canada is something appalling. In the province of Ontario, where statistics of deaths from all diseases are carefully kept, it is shown that 2,286 of the deaths occurring during the year 1901 were due to consumption, or about 40 per cent. more than the number of deaths occurring from all other contagious diseases combined. These figures are startling and show the urgent necessity for taking every available means for combating a disease that yearly claims so many victims. The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctors have given up hope. Taken in its early stages, consumption is curable. Consumption is a wasting disease of the lungs and at the earliest symptom of lung trouble steps should be taken to arrest the waste and thus stop the disease. Consumption preys upon weakness. Strength is the best measure of safety. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic and strength builder known to medical science. The record of this medicine speaks for itself and proves conclusively that taken when the symptoms of consumption develop they build up, strengthen and invigorate the patient to a point where disease disappears. In proof of this take the case of Ildege St. George, of St. Jerome, Que., who says:—

"About a year ago I became greatly run down. I lost color, suffered constantly from headaches and pains in the sides; my appetite left me, and I became very weak. Then I was attacked by a cough, and was told that I was in consumption. The doctor ordered me to the Laurentian Mountains in the hope that the change of air would benefit me. I remained there for some time, but did not improve, and returned home feeling that I had much longer to live. I then decided to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using several bottles my appetite began to return, and this seemed to mark the change which brought about my recovery, for with the improved appetite came gradual but surely increasing strength. I continued the use of the pills, and daily felt the weakness that had threatened to end my life disappear, until finally I was again enjoying good health, and now, as those who know me can see, I show no trace of the illness I passed through. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I hope my statement will induce similar sufferers to try them."

These pills are also a certain cure for the after effects of la grippe and pneumonia, which frequently develop into consumption. Through their blood-renewing, strengthening qualities they also cure anaemia, heart troubles, neuralgia, rheumatism, stomach troubles, kidney and liver ailments and the functional weaknesses that make the lives of so many women a source of constant misery. There are many imitations of this medicine and the health-seeker should protect himself by seeing that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is on every box. Sold by all dealers in medicine or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Peter's Pence Offerings.

The Roman correspondent of the "Catholic Times" of Liverpool writing on the above subject says: It is well known that as the Sovereign Pontiff, following the example of his predecessor Pius IX., has always refused to accept the yearly sum of £140,000 apportioned to the Holy See by that monstrous make-believe of legality known as the

"Law of Guarantees," the principal source of the Holy See's revenue, with which the numerous needs of the Church throughout the world and the expenses of the Papal Court have to be met, is the "Obolo di San Pietro," or Peter's Pence. It is therefore not without a very justifiable feeling of anxiety, almost amounting to alarm, that the Papal Commission of the Obolo have noticed a steady decrease in the Peter's Pence offerings.

The annual report for the year 1901, submitted by Cardinal Mocenni to the Pontiff the other day, shows that the total outcome of the Obolo only amounted to 2,301,000 lire, or £92,040, representing barely one-third of the average before 1870. France, formerly one of the most generous contributors to the Obolo, now figures at the end of the list, after Great Britain and the United States! Italy comes first with £12,440, Austria second with £10,600, the United States a good third with £9,960. Then follow Germany (£8,520), Spain (£8,080), Great Britain (£7,760), Belgium (£6,520), and other countries for the total amount of £27,960. The only satisfactory symptom in this list is the indication of the enormous strides recently made by Catholicism in English-speaking countries, and especially in the United States.

I am informed that the Holy Father will shortly appoint a committee of Cardinals to study the question of the alarming decrease in the Obolo, and that an appeal will be made to the Faithful throughout the world in a Papal document now in course of preparation. One thing is certain, namely, that if the present falling-off in the output of Peter's Pence continues for a few years longer, the Holy See will be unable to make both ends meet.

**ABOUT NAMES.**—"The freakish oddities of some parents in the naming of their children is beyond question. It is well known that Catholics at baptism must give their offspring a Christian name, but some of them get around this by dropping without delay the saint's name, and using a middle name that gives play to their antic intentions. One can not help but pity the unfortunate youngsters saddled for life with these nondescript appellations. You can not but think they are little clowns when you hear them called. A poor little fellow died the other day, and it really seemed a blessing that he should go hence, instead of living and growing up with the absurdly grotesque tag that singled him out. Give the child an honest Christian name and call it by that name. Do not fit it out with an ever-present disadvantage. And in this connection spell the name in a Christian manner. Some of our women are laughing-stocks with the mongrel spelling of their names. It does not need to particularize. Even some of the sensible sisters cater to this fantastic spelling of honest names. The saints for a certainty can not recognize their proteges. — Pittsburgh Catholic.

### A Chat About Slang.

It is needless for us to repeat the oft-established axiom that "slang" indicates a lack of classic refinement." We all know that the writer, whose style is calculated to impress the more intelligent reading world, abhors the use of slang words. But of all the many pleas against the use of this more or less vulgar mode of expression (which is actually an abuse of English) the contribution of Rev. E. L. Dondoville to the "New World" on this theme is possibly the most original. The writer of the condemnation in question says very truly that "to account for the origin of slang were almost an endless task," and we have no intention of entering into any analysis of the subject. But we cannot avoid remarking how very prevalent is becoming the use of slang in our schools and colleges. It is learned on the playground and naturally creeps into the more serious conversations and even the compositions of students. This is a grave error against which no end of precaution should be taken, for, like all evil, or even indifferent habits, it is easier to contract than to conquer in the future. However, we take the following extract from the Rev. writer's criticism, and it has its obvious purport:—

"Sometimes it is but a corruption of the pure text, a colloquialism, or a striking figure from commonplace and odd objects. The lower classes of society have always been more than deservedly blamed for this innovation, while the men in different professions of life and even the followers of the liberal and polite studies are unmindful of the assist-

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ance rendered daily and constantly by themselves to this work of mutation. Every caste in society, every distinct locality, every sport and avocation, in fact, has a technical language in slang peculiar to itself, and as we commingle these local expressions, as they have force or color, one by one creep into general acceptance and thereby threaten the unity of our mode of speech. The ridiculous part of it all and the part hardest to reconcile with common sense is when you hear one who does not know a "Nancy Hanks" from a "selling plater," or a baseball game from squat tag, or student life from barbarism, or the class room technicalities from parlor chit-chat, persist in the use of such expressions as "bolted from the track," or "strong finish," or "good hit," or "bold tackle," or "on the carpet," or "funkt in the finals," or "quizzed to a finish," and a thousand other expressions as alien to him as is a saga to a peon or a tuxedo on the Apollo Belvedere."

From this we may learn that the tendency to make use of game-terms or sport-terms, in and out of season, is actually a pronounced kind of slang, and one that should be avoided as much as possible, since its evil effects cling to the young person in later life, and militate against the acquirement of either a polished or refined style.

### The Magistrate's Lesson.

A Parisian correspondent relates a recent occurrence of an amusing character. A young lady was being driven along one of the fashionable highways of the gay French capital when suddenly the horse became unmanageable and dashed at headlong speed, upsetting everything that stood in its way. Just as it reached one of the public squares, threatening lives and limbs, three rag pickers jumped at the unmanageable beast and succeeded in arresting its disastrous course. The young lady, in a moment of easily understood gratitude, threw a hundred franc note out of the window of her carriage to her saviors. One of them seized it and refused to divide the spoils with his two companions. The result was an appeal to the nearest magistrate who ordered the money to be divided into three parts,—this the holder of the note refused to accede to, and the other two were quite satisfied with the decision. Thereupon His Honor taking the note, cut it in three parts, giving one part to each, the third of the note telling them to come back to him when they had agreed upon a just division, and he would paste the note together again to give to each the share agreed upon. — A veritable Solomon.

### MILK VENDOR FINED.

In the Recorder's Court this week, Mr. Recorder Weir rendered a decision declaring that the Adulteration Act of Canada made it illegal to sell "skimmed milk," unless it was clearly marked on the tin from which it is sold, that it is such; and Mr. Gregoire Jubinville was fined \$25 and costs for a breach of the act.

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**WHO ARE PARISH**  
All Catholics residing tory, and whose language, belong to St. P. of all other languages or other of the French Notre Dame, St. Louis, according to families where French are equally spoken, of the head of the family what parish the family belongs to the family is French and to St. Patrick's ther tongue of the head is English. In case especially on occasion parties should consult of the pastors of the which they live.

ON SUNDAYS AND  
Low Masses, at 6, 7  
High Mass, at 10 o

On Sunday last the St. Mary's parish, w Church was destroyed recently, attended service of St. Bridget's Maisonnette street. Rev. Father Brady read pathetic letter from the Archbishop, in which his great sorrow suffered by the parish mentioning the painting of Good Counsel," which in Rome and had world-renowned origin zano.

His Grace in referring said:—

"This should not d You must always bear brethren, that Almag whose name and honor this, will keep a permanent of and amply your past efforts and have been offered in temporary place of w know that you fully a courtesy. Still, your rise out of its ruins a The task is a difficult confident that your we it of the faith, and y generosity, will achieve results.

"As soon as you are of your new Church I pleasure to present y other copy of the pai Lady of Good Coun which you will be just

"Your duty is clearly union is strength." I like Christians of old, and one in soul, you new burden unpinching your utmost to erect a will unmistakably n