



CATHOLIC NEWS.

There are two hundred Catholic priests in Boston.

A body of Little Sisters of the Poor have gone from Marseilles to Naples to found the first house of their congregation in Italy.

A consistory will be held early in May. Father Newman, it is stated in Roman Catholic circles, will very probably go to Rome for the occasion.

St. Patrick's Day is henceforth, by special privilege, to be a festival of the first class in the Diocese of Buffalo, so that the penitential purple will no longer be used at Mass on that day.

The Catholic clergy of the Chicago diocese have selected Dr. Mullen as their first, Father Jordan as their second, and Father Conway as their third choice to succeed Bishop Foley.

The Bishop of Montpellier, in a recent circular, asks the clergy and pious associations to join, through him, in the prayer of the late Bishop of Orleans for the canonization of Joan of Arc.

On the 1st inst. there died in the Convent of St. Clare, Newry, Sister Mary Aloysius Collins, who for the last forty-five years was an inmate of the Convent. This venerable lady was sister to the late Daniel Collins, Esq., of Newry.

The Count de Piella, a rich Lyonnais, who does not wish to live in the mere enjoyment of wealth, has founded at Jerusalem an hospital for the reception of the sick of all nations. Another is being raised at Jaffa through his instrumentality. Count Piella is an example for young men of large fortunes.

The Abbe Roussel, director of the great orphanage at Autuil, near Paris, has called to his side some of the religious of Dom Bosco, the famous Italian prototype of Vincent de Paul, who has established no less than 30 asylums for abandoned or orphaned children, and has at this moment forty thousand under his care.

The Belgian bishops have issued a Lent pastoral condemnatory of the common schools proposed to be established by Government, and prescribing a prayer to be recited aloud after mass in every church and chapel. "From the schools without God and the schoolmasters without faith deliver us, O Lord," is one of the supplications enjoined.

PRESENTATION TO FATHER BAYARD.—On the festival of St. Joseph, Rev. Mr. Bayard, of Sarina, was presented with a beautiful silver goblet and toilet set by the children of St. Mary's school, that day being the twentieth anniversary of the rev. gentleman's ordination to the pastorate. The address which accompanied the presentation was read by Master James Reilly.

The Catholics of Rennes diocese are organizing a pilgrimage to Notre Dame de la alleto. It will set out on the 4th June. On the way it will halt at St. Martin-of-Tours, at Notre Dame de Fourviere (Lyons), and the Grande Chartreuse Monastery. On the return it will visit the tomb of the Cure of Ars, Paray-le-Monial, and Notre Dame du Sacre-Coeur at Issandun.

We have clipped the following from the London correspondence of the Cork Examiner.—The Prince of Wales was present to-night (Friday) for considerable part of the debate, and had a long private conversation with Lord Ripon, it is said, in reference to the religious views held by Prince Leopold, and in respect of which Lord Ripon was particularly in the confidence of his Royal Highness.

The Holy Father has intimated to the Bishop of Salford, as Superior General of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society of the Sacred Heart, that he intends to erect the far north of India into an Apostolic Prefecture, and that he desires to entrust it to St. Joseph Society. In obedience to the wishes of the Holy See, four missionaries will take their departure from Mill Hill on Tuesday in Easter week.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Cambrai says, with reference to the war declared against the Christian schools.—The duty of the faithful is, first, to send their children to schools where their faith will be best enlightened, and their morals least exposed to contagion; and secondly, to defend these schools by their votes and to assure them a private and free existence in every place where they have been deprived of their public character.

The Remains Religieuses, of Paris, says.—The Christian Brothers of Fiermeil, diocese of Auch, have presented for the examinations, which have taken place at Pauze, ten pupils, who have obtained the ten first places. The lay instructors on their part presented for the same examinations twenty-two pupils, who, between the whole of them, have gained one place—the eleventh. Is it in order to prevent such comparisons that they are immolating the Brothers?

The king and queen of Italy have made a handsome gift to the shrine of St. Januarius at Naples, in memory of their recent visit to that city. It consists of a magnificent episcopal cross ornamented with diamonds and emeralds. It was borne to its destination by two officers of the Court, in a carriage of state, and was received with due honour. The cross was suspended from the neck of the saint during the celebration of Mass.—La Defense.

Lady Alexander Gordon Lennox and Lady Herbert de Lea have arrived in Rome and are staying, the former at the Europe Hotel, and the latter at the Roma. Lady Herries is shortly expected. The Hon. Edward Noel, son of Lord Gainsborough, and Mr. Henry Bellingham are on their way to Rome. Mr. Bellingham is one of the Camerini Segreti di Spada e Cappi to Leo XIII. and comes to Rome to pay his duty to His Holiness. Rome is just now full of visitors, and the Vatican audiences are crowded.—Freeman's Correspondent.

The Osservatore Romano publishes the Latin text of a brief issued by Leo XIII. on the 10th of September last, granting 300 day indulgence to all those who, to the customary ejaculation, "Blessed be the holy Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin," add the words "Mother of God." This brief was issued because of the propagation of opinions antagonistic to the belief expressed by the ejaculation, and has now, at the request of one of the monks of Ara Celi, been published in consequence of their public repetition.

The great changes which Pope Leo the Thirteenth has introduced into the personal expenditure of the Vatican bring the routine of the Pontifical household somewhat more into harmony with that personal simplicity which is not more striking in him than it was in his predecessor. Thus the Ninth at the same Spandan dinner, but he was too gentle and goodnatured to abolish long-existing abuses. Pope Leo does not see why a perspective of kitchens and an army of cooks should be daily in labour for the production of that villosa mensa, his daily minestra and single dish of meat.

In the city of Florence, Italy, a precious relic is preserved. It is nothing less than the staff carried by St. Joseph at the time of his espousal to the Blessed Virgin. This staff was brought to Florence by the celebrated Greek Cardinal Bessarion in the 15th century, on the occasion of the General Council held in that city. The relic was then confined to the monks of the monastery of St. Mary of the Angels, in whose guardianship it still remains. It has been the object of great veneration to the faithful, who flock to the sacred shrine in large numbers. In very many cases their confidence in the glorious intercession of the foster-father of Our Divine Redeemer has been miraculously rewarded.

A telegram from Rio Janeiro, dated March 13th, announces that the Catholic bishop continues his attack on Freemasons. He has publicly stated that the cemetery has been polluted by the burial of some members of the craft. This announcement caused great excitement. The Minister of the Empire, on being interpellated on the subject, said that the Government awaited official reports respecting the proceedings of the bishop. Should the bishop assail the right of the State the Government would urge Parliament to pass measures authorizing civil marriages, the secularisation of cemeteries, and civil registration, and granting to priests the right of appeal against the episcopal decree of suspension.

The magnificent cathedral of St. Patrick, New York, will be solemnly consecrated on the coming 25th of May. This glorious structure, commenced by Archbishop Hughes, is now all but complete, exteriorly and interiorly, on lines of extraordinary dimensions, on the Gothic style, and is ornate and symmetrical in the highest degree. It has already cost millions of dollars, and yet no considerable work remains. The outer surface is all of polished white marble, and it shines like burnished gold under the rays of the sun. The window frames, girders, and supports of roof and tower floors are of iron. The two front spires have yet to be completed and carried up to an amazing height. The eloquent pulpit orator, the Right Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, Coadjutor Bishop of St. Louis, will preach the consecration sermon. Archbishops, bishops, priests, and a vast concourse of laity from all parts of the United States are expected to be present, and the celebration will be on a scale of imposing grandeur.

The Colonization Scheme.

The following items of information regarding the grand Colonization scheme now afoot may be of interest.—The name of the Society is "The Colonization Society of the Diocese of Montreal," and it is calculated that if each of the 300,000 Catholics in the diocese give ten cents a year, the sum of \$300,000 thus realized would enable the stream of emigration to flow onwards and thus relieve the diocese of a number of poor people who would be made independent and in turn help others and advance the interests of the country in general and Montreal in particular. Out of this annual subscription a church will also be built and primary roads constructed.

A monthly annal of the doings of the new Colony will be published, each director who pays an annual subscription of a dollar receiving one gratis.

The Patron Saint of the new colony will be Saint Isidore, and on the 15th of May every year the feast day of this Saint, Grand Mass will be celebrated in one of the Churches of Montreal, chosen by the Bishop, in order to call down the blessing of Heaven on the national enterprise.

The newspapers will publish the names of those who give the annual subscription of one dollar.

Parish priests, presidents of colleges, directors of convents, religious and national societies will be appointed to take charge of circles of ten, twenty or a hundred members of the Society and receive contributions.

Every year the missionaries will advocate the cause in the diocese.

The Government will be requested to make an annual grant of \$500, to make roads, build bridges, etc., which sum will be accounted for.

The colonization of the counties of Montcalm, Berthier and Joliette is also to be advocated in this connection.

The Council of the Society will meet on the 15th of May, annually, in Montreal, and after Grand Mass proceed to deliberate, the President acting as chairman.

The Council will also assemble quarterly at 7 p.m., at the Palace of the Bishop.

Make but few explanations; the character that cannot defend itself is not worth vindicating.

There can be no greater honour than to serve God and belong to Him. To serve Him is to reign.

SCOTCH NEWS.

Trade is improving in Peebles.

The building trade of Killin is very active. A letter-carrier has been appointed for Coll. There is no improvement of trade in Dysart.

The Selkirk Liberal Association has funds in hand.

A Liberal Association has been formed in Portobello.

Some improvement is taking place in the trade of Beith.

A picture, said to be by Turner, has been sold in Glasgow for £1,500.

The Milton Paper Works, Dumbarrow, will shortly pass into new hands.

The white fishing of Berwick and Eyemouth has lately proved unproductive.

The Earl of Mar and Kellie has been elected chairman of the Alloa School Board.

A branch of the Workman Public House in Moss Street, Paisley, has collapsed.

An affiliated college of the St. Andrews University is to be opened in Dundee.

Mr. David Stodard will represent the burg of Lanark in the General Assembly.

Steps are being taken towards the erection of the proposed Sailor's Home in Dundee.

The latest accounts from Naples show that the Duke of Roxburgh is improving in health.

The Highland Borderers Militia have assembled at Stirling for their annual training.

The sum of £77 14s. has been forwarded from Bathgate to the Glasgow Bank relief fund.

Application has been made for permission to form a Rifle Volunteer Corps in Gatehouse.

Fever is prevalent amongst children in Broxburn, said to be caused through bad water.

Ther died at Shamrock Building, Bathgate, on the 28th ult. Isabella Miller, wife of Wm. Roberts, auctioneer.

Mr. Coats has offered another donation of £1,000 to the Paisley School Board for the building of a school.

Sir George Douglas, is to rebuild the flour mill at the mouth of the Teviot which was lately destroyed by fire.

On the 27th ult. a draft of 131 men of the 91st Highlanders arrived at Stirling, and were quartered in the Castle.

A crew for the ship "Challenge," for a voyage to Quebec, has been engaged at Greenock at the rate of £3 5s. per month.

The new bridge which has been erected in place of the old one at Bridge street, Paisley, is fast approaching completion.

The Marquis of Bute has bought Sudbrook Park, near Richmond, a place which until recently was a hydropathic establishment.

On the 26th ult. Craigwater Coopers at Alloa was exposed for sale by public roup at £330, but there was not a single bidder.

A specimen of the rock coal has been exhibited in Alloa, which measured 3 ft. 5 in. in length, 2 ft. 6 in. in girth, and weighed 40 lbs.

The Edinburgh Association of Science and Art have appointed a committee to investigate and report upon the phenomena of spiritualism.

The Millport Commissioners have decided to apply for the loan of £200 for the purpose of draining the new section of the western district.

The Roman Catholics of Greenock are about to erect large new schools at the east end of that town, at the cost of several thousand pounds.

The Borge School Board consists of the following:—Mr. Elder, Mr. McClymont, Mr. R. Sprout, Dr. Cook, A. Coorie, and Sir Wm. Gordon.

The first of a series of musical entertainments in connection with the British Workmen Public House, Blantyre, was held on the 26th ult.

On the 27th ult. James McAlpine, miner, Harthill, while working in No. 10 coal pit at West Banhar, was killed by a fall of stones from the roof.

The following have been elected on the Sprouton School board:—Mr. Brunton, Rev. A. M. Craig, James Turnbull, J. F. Darling, and John Clay.

There are now some signs of a partial revival of trade in Airdrie. The extensive engineering works of Dick & Stevenson have been put on full time.

Steps have been taken for the purpose of placing the county down in telegraphic communication with the village of Gifford, one of the centres of the upland district.

The Tillicoultry School Board consists of the following:—Revs. James Davidson and James Smith, John Paton, John Gilliland, Alex. Hope, A. Hogg, and Alex. Scott.

Maidenbower Craigs, a favourite resort of the Dumfriessians, have been deprived of a great ornament—the fine woodland grove which rose up in front of the principal craigs.

The following have been elected on the Gourcock School board:—Provost Binnie; Commissioner Haldane; Rev. Mr. McOulloch; Rev. Mr. Russell; Dr. Wylie; and Mr. Simpson.

The regulations of the Highland and Agricultural Society for the show to be held at Perth in July and August next have been published. The amount of premiums offered is £2829 8s.

On the 27th, ult. Sir Wm. Cunningham held a conference in Ayr with the friends of temperance, in regard to the report of the Committee of the House of Lords on intemperance.

The Whitburn School Board consists of the following members:—Thomas Steel, Thomas Nimmo, James Brownlee, Sir Wm. Bailie, and James Brownlee.

James Anderson, T. Sommerville, and T. Thornton.

The Campbelltown School Board consists of the following:—Charles MacTaggart, Dr. Cunningham, the Rev. J. C. Russell, the Rev. G. Thomson, Lachlan McIntyre, and Joseph Tait.

A fire, resulting in the complete destruction of one of the railway stores at Larbert Station, and the yardward on the adjoining premises of Mr. Jones, wood merchant, took place on the 29th ult.

The spring hiring fair in Dumfries was largely attended. There was a general decline in wages, those for men being 30s. to 40s. less than those given in the current half-year; for women and lads, 20s. to 30s. less.

On the 24th ult. much excitement was created in Dalbeattie and neighborhood by a report that the wood near Plantain Loch was on fire. The streets in Dalbeattie were vividly illuminated by the reflection from the sky.

Lieut-Colonel Wilson, of the Stirlingshire Rifle Volunteers, has presented a challenge cup valued at 50 guineas, to be competed for by the various corps of which the battalion under his command is composed, and awarded to that which on inspection is found to be the best appointed and drilled.

The final meeting of the Central Committee for the relief of the destitute in Dundee was held on the 27th ult. It appeared that the total sum collected, with a balance of £216 10s. 11d. from the previous winter, amounted to £3411 19s. 9d. and that the total sum expended amounted to £3208 13s. 8d., leaving £2128 14s. 7d. in the bank at present.

The present intended to be offered to Lady Frances Campbell on the occasion of her approaching marriage, by the working people of Rosneath, consists of a gilt Ionian cross, in miniature, set on an oblong pedestal, with the following simple inscription:—"To the Lady Frances Campbell on her marriage. Rosneath, April, 1879."

Since Dr. Gilliland's death his admirers have felt much interested in the question of publishing an authentic "Life." The reverend gentleman early accustomed himself to keeping a diary, so that his biographer will, with that and an overflowing store of contemporary MSS., have a plentiful supply of material. To his nephew-in-law, Frank Henderson, has been confided the task.

Lately a case has been pending in the Sheriff Court, at the instance of Mr. Gillespie, captain of the Carron Volunteer corps, against a sergeant in the same company, who was dismissed on the ground of inefficiency. The defender challenges the power of his captain to dismiss him on the mere ground of inefficiency, and refused to deliver up his uniform. The sheriff has taken the case to adivandum.

An unusual spectacle has been presented on the banks of Johnson Loch, in the parish of Old Monkland, by the washing ashore of several tons of dead fish. The facility is attributed to large quantities of artificial manure laid upon the lands surrounding the loch during the winter by the farmers, for the improvement of the somewhat barren soil, and which has been washed into the loch by the rapid melting of the snow.

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A public meeting was held in Mallow, for the purpose of protesting against the schools lately occupied by the Christian Brothers being handed over to teachers under the National System. A letter was read from Archdeacon O'Regan intimating his intention of replying immediately to his representations that have been addressed to him on the subject. It was stated that the Bishop of Cloyne is not opposed to the continuance of the