

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Catholicism is making great progress on the Gilbert Islands, that Pacific group lately taken possession of by England.

Three ministers of the Established Church of England have joined the Catholic Church since the beginning of this month.

Rev. J. L. O'Neil, O.P., has been transferred from Memphis, Tenn., to New York City, to resume the editorial work of the Rosary Magazine, of which he was founder and first editor.

Henry Adams, formerly rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, in Buffalo, N.Y., and a recent convert to the Catholic Church, lectured in that city recently. In the audience were many of his former parishioners, who gave him a hearty welcome.

There are 108 Catholic churches in Chicago, 98 of which have resident pastors, and ten are attended from other parishes. The 98 are divided as follows: English 51, German 22, French 5, Polish 11, Bohemian 6, Italian 1, Arabian 1, Lithuanian 1.

The Burman Catholic News publishes the statistics of conversions in the Apostolic Vicariate of Lower Burma, for the twelve months ending July 31, 1893. They are as follows: Baptisms of converts from Paganism, 1041; converts from Protestantism, 22; total, 1063.

The nocturnal exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, under the auspices of the League of the Sacred Heart, was introduced for the first time in New York last week, beginning at the Cathedral. The members of the League were divided into bands of 100 each, and relieved each other every hour.

Brother Maxwell, superior general of the Irish Christian Brothers, celebrated the golden jubilee of his entrance into the order recently. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin presided at High Mass, which was celebrated in the chapel of the O'Brien Institute, Clontarf. The Holy Father sent his benediction to the Jubilarian.

Brother John McElroy, S.J., died at St. Mary's Church, Boston, Mass., on Monday last week. Paralysis of the brain was the cause of death. He was the oldest member of the brotherhood of the Jesuit order in the United States. He was born in Ireland, May 1, 1812, and spent the last forty-seven years of his life at St. Mary's.

An Indian found a worm-eaten leaf which showed a tracing of the Virgin Mary at the City of Mexico on Saturday last. He showed it to his master, who said any worm could do it as well, and snatched the leaf with a cane. In revenge the Indian that night burnt the hacienda and 1,000 bales of cotton. A general rising of the Indians is feared.

Caughnawaga Indians are holding services to celebrate the conversion of the wife of their chief to the Catholic faith. She is the wife of Big Medicine, known among the whites as Deer. He is a lacrosse player, and took part in the indoor games at Madison square gardens a few years ago. The convert is a handsome young American woman.

By the death of Father Corrigan, of Hoboken, the Catholic Church of America has lost a brilliant thinker and a broad-minded theologian. His advanced views on matters pertaining to the civic relations of our religion were all in harmony with the best thought of the hour, and were calculated to bring additional honor and glory to the Church. It was a pity that he should die while still in the ripeness of his brilliant powers.

Catholicism is evidently in no danger in Mexico, despite the efforts that are being made by some sectarian propagandists to prevent the people from practicing their ancestral faith. At the recent celebration, at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, of the national religious festival, no less than 800,000 Mexicans attended the ceremonies, which covered the period of a full week, and closed with great pomp and solemnity on the octave of the feast, which fell a few days before the joyful holiday of Christmas.

A new Catholic weekly paper, The Memorial, has been started in Rome, and promises to be a successful journalistic venture. Its direction is in the hands of Right Rev. Mgr. Puyol, Domestic Prelate to His Holiness, and celebrated for his erudition and writings. The new paper will make the world know the real religious life of Rome, without touching upon the vexed question of politics. The chronicle of the Vatican, of Christian Rome, and of the Ecclesiastical Congregations will be fully given, and articles of the highest merit are announced.

GENERAL NEWS.

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Home Rule a Certainty.

In its retrospect of the past year the Liverpool Catholic Times points out that politically 1893 will remain noteworthy for the acceptance of Home Rule by the Commons and its rejection by the Lords. Never before, perhaps, did a constitutional struggle produce such fierce controversy, and the rejoicing of Conservatives and Liberal Unionists was proportionately great when the bill was thrown out by the Upper House. They have, however, had some time for reflection since then, and, at this moment, there are probably very few of them who are not convinced that the concession of Home Rule, though it may be delayed, is a certainty, and that the time is coming when the Upper Chamber will suffer retribution for its action.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Wife: "How is my husband this morning?" Doctor: "He has a very high fever." Wife: "That's just like him. He always wants the best of everything."

Safe:—"So you are going to marry? Have you anything laid up?" "Yes; I've got a rich uncle laid up with a paralytic stroke, and I'm his only survivor relative."

"Well, I'm not going to run any such risks, my dear." "That's just like you John! Ever since you got your life insured, you've been awfully afraid you'd get killed!"

First Twin—Well, what do you think of this world, any way? Second Twin—Pretty rocky.

Mrs. Lakeside—This financial panic is awful. Mrs. Wabash—Yes; I am really afraid I shall not be able to afford a divorce this year.

Simplifying a Problem.—Teacher—If I should give you ten cents and your father should add twenty-five cents and your mother five and your sister none, how much would you have? Dull Boy—Nothing like that ever happened to me.

"Just imagine it has happened. Can't you imagine?" "Yes'm." "Well? Come! Seems to me you are a long time at it."

"Yes'm, I'm imagining I'm rannin' to a candy store so it will be easier." "How will it?" "Cause then there won't be any left."

Reginald—Miss Parker—Maud—will you marry me? Let me be your protector through life. Maud—Thanks, Mr. Jones, I must decline. I am not a protectionist. When I marry it will be on a revenue basis entirely.

"I have no objection, Tommy, to your playing with the rich banker's son," said the poor widow, "if he is a good boy. But you don't toady to him, do you?" "Yep," answered Tommy. "Me and him plays leap-frog."

"Isn't that delicious, uncle," ecstatically cried the young girl; "did you notice that lovely strain?" "Yes," laconically remarked the old man, as he anxiously watched the pianist swaying back and forth, "but ef he makes another strain like that he will break his back."

ALL MEN.

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A Starving Man's Rights.

The position that a man who is starving, and who cannot obtain food by working or begging, has the right to take from his neighbor sufficient to relieve immediate necessities, is a position neither new nor novel. That the right of a starving man to his neighbor's bread was held by Cardinal Manning with these limitations, there can be no reasonable doubt. This was not his position merely; it is a maxim in all the works of the great Catholic writers on theology and morals. It is in extreme exceptional cases, such as sometimes occur, although but rarely in civilized communities, that these writers say "All things are common."

Catholic theologians lay it down as a fundamental principle that man owns nothing absolutely; that all things, even man himself, belong to God, and that lands and earthly possessions are God's bounties, for their use, of which men must give an account.

The sentiment expressed by Cardinal Manning is not peculiar to Catholic writers. It has been taught by philosophers for centuries, and it has been more or less recognized in ancient and modern systems of legislation. Moses made a clear distinction between theft and taking from a neighbor sufficient of the earth's products to supply immediate necessities, although all the land was held by individual owners.

The right of a starving man to take bread from his well-to-do neighbor, without the latter's consent even, when he cannot otherwise supply his absolute necessities, springs from the natural right to life, which certainly prevails over not only all positive laws of property, but over all positive laws for protecting life. A man assailed under circumstances that give these laws for the protection of life no opportunity to serve him, may strike down his assailant with impunity. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature." This is as true when life is in danger from starvation as when it is threatened by the knife of the assassin. The right of a man to food in his possession beyond what he requires ceases in the presence of a famished person's necessity. The State, recognizing the truth of this proposition, takes money enough from the pockets of its self-supporting citizens to save from starvation such as must have aid or die—aged poor, orphans, idiots, lunatics, etc. The State further takes money from its citizens to clothe paupers and make them comfortable while they live. The right, then, of any individual to his property is not so absolute that no condition of a starving brother is certainly sufficient to impair the right to so much of this property as may be necessary to prevent his death by starvation—B. F. Underwood, in Twentieth Century

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II. DAYS OF FAST. 1. The forty days of Lent. 2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent. 3. The Ember days, at the four Seasons being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of: a. The first week in Lent. b. Whitsun Week. c. The third week in September. d. The third week in Advent.

4. The Vigils of: a. Whitsunday. b. The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul. c. The Solemnity of the Assumption. d. All Saints. e. Christmas.

III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. All Fridays in the year. Wednesdays in Advent. Thursdays in Holy week. Saturdays The Ember Days. The Vigils above mentioned.

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