

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

Incendiaries attempted to burn St. Peter's church in Boston on March 6.

The bulls appointing Dr. Howley to the diocese of St. John's in succession to Bishop Power, deceased, have been received in Newfoundland.

Rev. John P. Chidwick, of New York, has been confirmed as chaplain of the U.S. navy. He is the third priest to hold that office.

It is stated that Sir John Honeywood, Bart., of Exington, Ashford, Kent, has been received into the Catholic Church with his two daughters and two infant sons.

When Mr. Morley is in London he generally attends the High Mass at the Oratory on Sunday, finding pleasure in the music and listening keenly to the sermons.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris has been obliged to sacrifice some of the valuables of the church in order to relieve the distress prevailing among the poor in the city.

Prince von Lowenstein has addressed a circular to the Catholics of Germany requesting them to take a worthy part in celebrating the centenary of the Holy House of Loreto.

There are at the present time eighty students for the priesthood at the Damien Institute in Aerhot, Belgium, who intend to devote their lives to the evangelization of the lepers in Oceania.

The many Catholic friends of Mrs. Frank Tussaud, of the Exhibition, Baker street, London, will be pleased to hear that she has been received into the Church by Father O'Halloran, at Ealing.

Archbishop Walsh of Dublin was lately appointed a member of the National Board of Education for Ireland. Dr. Murray was the last Catholic Archbishop of Dublin to receive a similar appointment.

Mother Mary Bernard, foundress, and for six years Superioress of the first Ursuline monastery in Australia, died at Armadale in the early days of last month. She was a native of Hanover, and before going to Australia labored for some time in London.

On Thursday of last week Sister Mary Gonzaga Hough, whose labors in Batavia, Corning, Wellsville and Hornellsville, N.Y., have been crowned with signal success, died at the Convent of Mercy in the latter city. Katie Hough was born in Horseheads, N.Y.

It is a matter of record that Dr. McGlynn, during the years immediately preceding his removal from St. Stephen's, paid off the enormous sum of \$180,000 of the debt. This is a financial feat which no rector in New York had ever before, or has ever since, achieved.

The Catholic religion is making progress all through New England. The latest evidence of its spread comes from the staid old puritanical town of Truro, on Cape Cod, where the Catholic population has so increased that a church has become necessary. A lot in the center of the place has been obtained, and a large skating-rink building has been moved to it and been fitted up for religious services.

The notorious Professor Walter Sims, who ought to know about the matter, seeing that he was an Apatist himself, says that the claim of the A.P.A. to have 100,000 members in Michigan is untrue. The professor asserts that there are not more than 5,000 Apatists in all Michigan to-day; and he declares that the proscriptionists exaggerate their numbers everywhere. What is more to the purpose, Sims says the order is rapidly dying out in the West, and adds that no one is more aware of that fact than the official who lately declared that it was 100,000 strong in Michigan alone.

The Marquis of Queensbury has been committed for trial upon a charge of libeling Oscar Wilde. The Marquis admits the libel, and says he wrote the objectionable words in order to separate his son from Mr. Wilde.

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