

BRIEFLETS.

The banner diocese of China is Kiang-nan. It has 156 priests, mostly Jesuits, some Chinese secular priests, 1230 catechists, 726 missions, 115,175 Catholics and 34,481 catechists. Its centre is the great city of Shanghai, near which is the philosophate and theologate of Zi-Ka-Wei with its seventy or eighty priests and scholastics dressed in all the shades of Chinese costume except white and black, with pig-tails and shaven heads. The diocese, or more properly vicariate apostolic, supports 390 schools for boys, 449 girls' schools, making 11,262 and 5,309 pupils respectively. The missionaries conduct a magnetic and meteorological observatory and publish a semi-weekly Chinese journal, along with a Messenger of the Sacred Heart in Chinese.

At a general meeting of the Irish hierarchy in June it was determined that a national pilgrimage to Rome be organized, and an executive committee was formed under the presidency of the Bishop of Canea, the secretary being Father Ring, O.M.I., whose successful conduct of the Papal Jubilee pilgrimage is still a pleasant memory to many. The pilgrimage will start in October.—The Tablet.

It is said that when Lingard's "History of England" appeared, Charles Kingsley—the same whom Newman silenced—complained because Lingard had been granted access to archives which "he used to traduce the blessed Reformation." This illiberal spirit, now happily extinct among real scholars, explains the character of the rubbish that has hitherto passed current among Protestants as history.—Ave Maria.

Fathers Grenier and Drummond, S.J., went to Austin last Saturday for the blessing of the new church built there by the Catholics of the place, prominent among whom is the Hon. Walter Clifford, brother of the present Lord Clifford of Chudleigh. Father Drummond preached morning and evening, on the latter occasion more than half the audience were Protestants.

The Rev. Edward Arthur Harris, for thirteen years Curate and Precentor of St. Alban's, Holborn, was received into the Catholic Church on Tuesday July 24, at St. Mary's, Great Yarmouth, by the Rev. Patrick Hassan, S.J.

Professor Windle, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the new university of Birmingham, England, is the Catholic representative on the Advisory Council to the Board of Education in that city.

Charles B. Lummis says: "No student dares longer refer to Prescott or Irving, or any of the class of which they were leaders, as authorities in history."

The annual retreat of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate began last Tuesday evening, Aug. 14, in St. Mary's Presbytery. The preacher is Rev. Father Lestanc, O.M.I. His Grace presides.

COUNT STOLBERG'S CONVERSION.

A hundred years have passed since Count Frederick Leopold Stolberg became a convert to the Catholic Church, and we learn from a Munster correspondent that the family, the Bishop, the clergy, and members of the Westphalian nobility have been observing the centenary worthily. The importance of a single conversion is indicated by the fact that no fewer than a hundred and twenty-two direct descendants of the Count were present at the fetes. But the influence of Stolberg's conversion had a wider range than his family circle. He was a scion of one of the oldest and

noblest houses in Germany, was recognized at the Courts of Copenhagen, Berlin and St. Petersburg as a diplomatist of high ability, was looked up to by the people with pride as a poet and a writer, was an intimate friend of such as Goethe and Kopstock, and, above all, enjoyed universal esteem for the uprightness of his character.

His submission to the Catholic Church at a time when eminent Germans were asserting their Christianity was approaching an end, and that it was all over with Catholic progress, created a remarkable sensation. His great work, "History of the Religion of Jesus Christ," was epoch making. It was for the beginning of the present century what Bossuet's "Exposition de la Doctrine Catholique" was for the seventh century, or what Mohler's "Symbolik" has been for the middle of the nineteenth century. "How many souls have been brought to a knowledge of Catholic truth by Stolberg's 'History of the Religion of Jesus Christ' will," says Frederick von Schlegel, who owed his own conversion to it "only be known on the day when all things are brought to light." The effects of Stolberg's labors are still felt, and his name will always be linked with that of Gorres for his success in reviving Catholic life in Germany.—Providence Visitor.

LADY ANNA'S WARNING.

"No, no, Ellis," Guy Durant said hastily, "you shall not enter upon such a bargain blindfolded. Let me see," the speaker consulted a schedule for a moment. "Yes, there's a train to Hemsford at 2.30. If you are not otherwise engaged, we can journey by it to Durant Hall. You can view the park and the few acres surrounding it, examine the house, dine and sleep there. Then, if you are foolish enough, tempt me with your offer."

"Nonsense, Durant! I am perfectly satisfied to give you the money I say for your property," Kirby Ellis answered. He was a short, stoutly built man, with keen black eyes and a square determined jaw. Possibly there was Hebrew blood in his veins. At any rate, few men on the Stock Exchange were bolder in their speculations, and fewer still were as successful.

"But I am not satisfied to take it," his companion remarked, quietly. "To tell you the truth, you offer too much. Durant Hall is a dilapidated old structure, and I won't sell it to you except you see it."

The speaker leaned back in his chair as he spoke. For two or three generations the Durants had been going steadily to the bad, and Guy Durant had been but little wiser than his immediate predecessors. Not that he was either a gambler or a spendthrift, but he possessed an easy-going, generous disposition, some artistic and expensive tastes, and no business instincts. He had married a pretty young English girl, who had died, leaving him with a baby two months old. The child he had placed under the care of her maternal aunt, and for many years he had led an aimless, pleasurable existence, in Continental cities chiefly.

A few months previously he had taken up his residence in London, for the purpose of being near a physician in whom he had much dependence. He had been aware for some time that his heart was affected, and Dr. Chalmers had told him that his length of days could not be long, and for the first time he had begun to consider his child. No provision had been made for her, and Durant Hall and its few hundred acres were heavily mortgaged. He had been not a little surprised when Kirby Ellis had offered him a fancy price for the remnant of his property. He had met that gentleman once or twice

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abroad, and had wondered why he was so anxious to cultivate him, since he settled in London.

"Well, what do you say?" Durant demanded, after a short silence "I suppose you must have your way," Ellis replied, rather shortly. "All right then. I'll wire to the old housekeeper to expect us, and meet you in Paddington in half an hour," Durant said, raising.

Ellis nodded, and the two men separated. Three hours later they were at Durant Hall, and its owner insisted on its would-be purchaser seeing the entire property he was so eager to possess. Evening had closed into night when at length they sat down to dinner in the large wainscotted library. It was the most comfortable room in the lower part of the mansion, and various portraits of dead and gone Durants hung upon its dark oaken walls. One of these seemed to have a special attraction for Ellis, and Guy Durant laughed as he noticed it.

"Every one remarks that portrait," he said. "Shall I tell you Lady Anna's story?"

"I shall be glad to listen," the guest promised. "She is very beautiful," with another glance toward the picture.

"She was, if that represents her with any degree of correctness. It was painted long after Lady Anna had shared the common fate of humanity, from an old miniature of her. Yes, she was beautiful.

The speaker paused to look at the delicately moulded features, at the slender neck encircled by the enormous ruff that was the fashion of the time, at the fair hair swept high from the level brow.

"And the story?" Ellis said. "Well it seems that the Lady Anna was a Catholic, though the Durants were then, as now, Protestants."

Guy Durant laughed cynically as he paused for a moment.

"They attended to worldly matters, if the story is true, more than to spiritual and accepted Henry's Six Articles as readily as his son's Thirty-nine. But Lady Anna was different. Her husband, Piers Durant, was one of Elizabeth's courtiers, but this fact did not save his wife from being denounced as a Catholic, nor did his entreaties save her life when she was convicted of assisting a priest to escape. She was executed in the courtyard of the hall, and died as bravely as her co-religionists usually did"

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Dauphin, Makinak, Gladstone, etc. to Winnipeg. Mon. Wed. and Fri.	11 40		21 20
Winnipeg to Winnipegosis, Thurs.		7 15	20 K
Winnipegosis to Winnipeg, Mon. and Fri.	8 K		21 20
Winnipeg to Swan River, Sat.		7 15	24 K
Swan River to Winnipeg, Mon.	24 K		21 20
Dauphin to Swan River, Wed.		3 00	16 K
Swan River to Dauphin, Thurs.	7 30 East		15 10 West
Winnipeg to Warroad and Int. Stns. Mon. and Thur.	8 20		15 45
Warroad to Winnipeg and Int. Stns. Tues. and Friday.		9 K	16 40
Winnipeg to Bedford and Int. Stns. Mon. Wed. Thur. and Sat.	8 20		
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Morris, Brandon and intermediate points, Mon. Wed. Fri.	10 45 a.m.	
Morris, Brandon and intermediate points, Tues. Thurs. Sat.		4 30 p.m.
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