

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Ave Maria is publishing a number of the late Dr. John Gilmary Shea's posthumous papers. They deal with the history of the Franciscans and Dominicans, who were pioneers and missionaries in different sections of the New World. These papers bear the seal of the accurate historian's careful hand; like everything published by the Ave Maria, they are not only highly interesting but very instructive. By the way, we might remark that there is a liberal education in the columns of the Ave Maria alone. It has ever been our ideal of a Catholic magazine.

CHICAGO is surely a modern Babel. It is a city of languages and races. Archbishop Feehan has recently stated that the Word of God is preached in the Catholic churches of Chicago every Sunday in no less than fifteen different languages. No matter how varied the languages or the races that are found in the great Western centre, the Catholic Church is equal to the occasion, and is prepared to announce the Word of God in "diverse tongues," even as the Apostles spoke when the fires of Pentecost came down upon them in the first days of her establishment.

THE cities of Canada that honored Private Hayhurst and his companions, on their return from Biscay, honored themselves in the expression of enthusiastic appreciation. In fact a young country like this should seize upon every success gained, no matter in what line, by her citizens and turn it into an encouragement for the future. In almost every imaginable branch we find Canadians taking the lead, and it is only just that their fellow-citizens should feel proud of their success and let the rising generation understand that they are expected to emulate the examples set by men of this day.

IT IS WONDERFUL, at times, to read of the strange converts that Rome receives. They come from most unexpected quarters, and are often the very last persons that one would suspect of any inclination towards Catholicity. Charles E. Goppet is an example. For ten years he has been church-warden of the Protestant church of St. John, Hammer-smith, England. He became a Catholic the other day and five of his children are converts. It may be that the children converted the father; but in any case his entry into the Church has caused quite a surprise in St. John's congregation.

THE Western Catholic Summer School has closed its first session. As might be expected the first session was short, but it was very successful. The school treasury shows a surplus of \$2,300 over and above all expenses. The school will be held next year at Madison, and probably it will be permanently established in that locality. In the management of the school six ecclesiastical provinces are represented, namely, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dubuque and St. Louis. The idea of the summer school will eventually prove to be a healthy seed. The soil is good and the fruit will yet be abundant.

THE Portuguese Catholic Congress has been a wonderful success; it was very largely attended. Science, education, socialism, and other questions of vital importance were discussed. Amongst the distinguished persons present were two Cardinals, a great number of bishops and a Minister of State. It is surprising how all the world over the growing inclination is to meet in convention and to interchange ideas upon all the great questions that agitate the world. There is in this tendency a healthy sign for the future. Eventually by dint of meeting, communicating, giving expression to opinions, the non-Catholic world will soon become better acquainted with the Catholic Church, and the triumph of truth will be the final outcome.

ACCORDING to the Birmingham Daily Post the conversions in England this year surpass in number and importance any year for a long time past. By degrees the great wheel of time is revolving and slowly but surely the numerous bodies that separated from the great centre of Christianity find themselves returning to the point of departure. The mighty wave of Protestantism that broke over Europe has long since been shattered into countless fragments upon the Rock of Peter, and at each return of that tide and at each fresh shock it is more and more broken up. Meanwhile the mighty rock stands there immutable amidst all change, solid amidst the fluctuation of things around its feet, powerful and unmoved by the tempests that lash its hoary sides, and only the more magnificent from the wrecks of creeds and spasmodic religions that the tide has washed up against its foundations.

IT WAS recently announced that Mgr. Sourin, Archbishop of Bourges, could not replace thirty-two of his priests who had died. There were only five candidates

for ordination; all the remainder were serving in the army. In every diocese in France the same difficulty prevails, and in many localities the ordinations to Holy Orders for the year 1894 were not more than one-sixth of those necessary to supply the vacancies. It would seem, according to the above, that the French anti-clerical government is able to strike two birds with one stone—keep up the military strength of France and injure the Church.

SO RIDER HAGGARD has been defeated in his attempt to secure a seat in the Imperial House of Commons for an English Protestant constituency. He was rejected by a large vote. Little did it profit the romantic, high-flying, elastic imaginationed, false-principled novelist to have lied about Mexican convents and calumniated the nuns of the Catholic Church. The dark days are dead when men could with impunity cast mud at the exemplary women who are the brightest ornaments of civilization.

FATHERS ELLIOTT, KRESS and MUEHLENBECK are to continue their series of lectures to non-Catholics in Cleveland. So successful had been the missions in that diocese during the past year that arrangements were at once made for their renewal. The lectures will be given in the Music Hall, Cleveland, and funds to defray the expenses have been raised by the Catholics of that city. There is in this movement, in the zeal of the Paulists and in the hearty co-operation of Catholics, a sign of a strong and widespread desire to have our Church and her teachings better known to the non-Catholic world. It is the very best means of defeating the A. P. Aists and their unpatriotic plots against Catholicity.

THERE are many Catholic members of forbidden societies who hesitate to leave them on account of the life insurances they will have to lose in thus abandoning the associations. If, then, the insurance is a stronger magnet than faith, we must admit there is very little Catholicity in these persons. They may have been born, baptized and educated as Catholics; but the faith must have been badly shaken when they entered the forbidden societies, and, certainly, it cannot be even as much as "a grain of mustard seed," if it does not outweigh an insurance policy. It will, however, be a fine test of Catholicity in the person who obeys the Church and seeks not what temporal loss the act of submission may entail.

IN France, an Anarchist miner, named Camille Decoux, attempted to blow up the director of a mine with dynamite. The director was coming out from Mass when Decoux made the attempt. Fortunately he missed the director and still more fortunately for the world he blew himself to atoms. We are not prone to rejoice in death; we deplore the loss of life even of the outcast; but we do confess to a certain sensation of pleasure whenever we read of a bomb-thrower being "blown up with his own petard." These demons in human form care so little for human life that they are ready to sacrifice the innocent and unoffending in order to attain their wicked purpose. The more of them that are sent into atoms the better; and it is preferable that they should perish by their own act.

THIS week's notes are written under the trees, by the river's bank, in a quaint and ancient village that might well be styled the "Sweet Auburn" of Canada. It is a long and straggling town; it has a single front street with houses on one side only of that thoroughfare. The quiet, silent, smiling, easy town leans its back comfortably against primeval wilderness and mirrors its thin face in the waters of the St. Lawrence. Beyond the arm of the river are extensive fields with hundreds of heads of cattle and horses rambling at sweet will up and down the slopes, some knee-deep in the sedgy waters, others reposing in the shade of the giant elms, and again others grazing upon the bright green pasturage. How like Grand Pre, as Longfellow pictures it, in the days when the tyrant Laurence caused the deportation of the happy Acadians! Even, to complete the picture, over the brow of the hill, and from out the darkness of the forest, rises the white, slender, tapering, cross-crowned spire of a little rural church. The voices of children come floating down the waters wafted upon the perfume-bearing breeze that rustles the leaves in the maples, and the glory of a Canadian sunset is upon the landscape. Well might one repeat that stanza of Moore's:

"I know by the smoke that so gracefully curl'd,
Above the tall elms, that a cottage was near;
And I thought if there's peace to be found in this world,
For the heart that is humble, it surely is here."

THAT anti-Christian Masonry rules the French Government is no secret. Although the powers in France may not always care to admit the influences that guide, or rather force, them to action, still the general course adopted and followed by the infidel rulers of that country indicate that Free Masonry is the religion

(if we may so call it) of the realm. Not long ago M. Gadaud, the Minister of Agriculture, received in official audience a deputation from the Masonic R. V. L. "L'Humanite," of Nevers. In replying to the address he said:

"I am very sensible of the honor done me to-day by the Council of the Order. It shows it has confidence not only in me but in the Government which I represent. You know that Government cannot specially connect themselves with Freemasonry; but I can assure you they inspire themselves with its principles and its doctrines."

This, however, is sufficiently plain language. There can be no doubt as to the truth of the Minister's words. But without such a clear statement ever having been made, it would not be difficult to perceive that the governing body of France is "inspired with its (Masonry) principles and its doctrines."

THE Chautauqua, the different Catholic Summer Schools, and all those organizations for the propagation of learning, will gradually bring together many who are now so separated that their ignorance of each other causes that separation to exist permanently. Professor Maurice Francis Egan was the first lecturer invited to Chautauqua, by Bishop Vincent, to give the Catholic point of view. On July 30 he lectured on "St. Francis and Dante." The effect of the lecture may be gleaned from the following words of a Catholic, who was in the audience:

"I wondered how the hearers would take Mr. Egan's very beautiful description of the stigmata and miracles of St. Francis; it amazed me to hear his most Catholic phrases applauded. This is a new departure, and shows that Bishop Vincent has himself become even sympathetic towards the Church."

ONE of our Catholic contemporaries has the following paragraph:

"The Governor of New York should pardon that poor Italian peasant girl, Maria Barberi. She shot and killed the man who, having seduced, refused to marry her. It puts us in mind of the Irishman that confessed that he had killed a landlord, and being asked, how many, replied: 'Father I came here to confess my sins; not to boast.'"

The first part of the foregoing may be very humane and the second part very funny, but we fail to see the point of application or the meaning of the joke. There is always something witty in a well-chosen Irish story, but here we are unable to see how the Irishman's case illustrates the Italian girl's, or how the latter could remind any one of the former.

THERE is one thing that we have often found it difficult to understand. It is the fact that some of the most able, erudite, refined and sincere Protestants have expressed, in many forms, their admiration for the devotion that Catholics have for the Blessed Virgin, and yet they fail to feel a similar devotion towards that loving and lovable Mother. Take the following, for example, from the many fine expressions of Nathaniel Hawthorne:

"I have always envied the Catholics their faith in the sweet sacred Virgin Mary, who stands between them and the Deity, intercepting somewhat of his awful splendor, yet permitting his love to stream upon the worshiper more intelligibly to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness."

IN an enumeration of Christian names recently taken in Austria-Hungary, Francis heads the list of men with 1,834,000, followed by John with 1,384,000, Joseph with 1,085,000, Leopold with 584,000, and Wenzel with 441,000; nearly 2,000,000 women are called Anna, 1,652,005 Mary, and 1,260,000 Elizabeth. In connection with this information we are reminded of a remark made by the New York Catholic Review a couple of weeks ago. In referring to the great extent to which the name Francis is used in Europe that organ says:

"Possibly one of the reasons why the name of Francis is so popular, is that it has so many saints back of it. Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Francis Regis, Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Francis Borgia, are some of its patrons. Besides in its abbreviation form it is so frank!"

STRANGE testimonies to the Church's greatness come from all sides. Macaulay's tribute is lost in the flood of expressions favorable to Catholicity that arises on all sides. The New York Independent (a Protestant organ) declares—

That Catholicism stands like a rock, one of the most wonderful of human institutions in its continuity, its adaptability to human nature, its power over the minds of men. Those outside its influence can estimate the peace and joy which its communion brings, only by seeing its effect on those within. Possibly Protestantism of the highest sort has a hard fight before it. There must be something wrong when so many of the noblest minds have, within the last fifty years, left its ranks and put their reason under the yoke of Catholicism.

There must be something supernatural in the Church that can command such opinions in opponents.

The National Society of Sculpture, No. 104 St. Lawrence Street, Montreal, Drawing every Wednesday. Lots valued from \$100 to \$1500. Tickets, 10 cents.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL MATTERS

Discussed by the Commissioners at Friday's Meeting.

Improvements will probably be undertaken shortly in Montclair and Sarsfield Schools, as the School Commissioners have received a report signed by Mr. W. E. Doran, architect, and approved by Dr. Beaudry, of the Provincial Health Board, and Mr. J. E. Dore, sanitary inspector, recommending certain ameliorations. Friday's meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners was presided over by the Rev. Canon Bruchesi, there being also present Fathers J. U. Leclerc and J. Quinlivan, Prof. L. E. Desjardins and Ald. Beausoleil. A communication was read from the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the effect that Mr. F. D. Monk had resigned his seat on the Board.

The parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Hochelaga, will be annexed, for school purposes, to the city of Montreal, from July 1, 1896. The joint report of the Finance and Works Committees respecting repairs to schools was adopted without modification. A communication was read from the Commissioner of Public Works to the effect that the Government Inspector had been instructed not to apply the rule, requiring public buildings to be provided with incombustible fire escape ladders, to day-school buildings.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

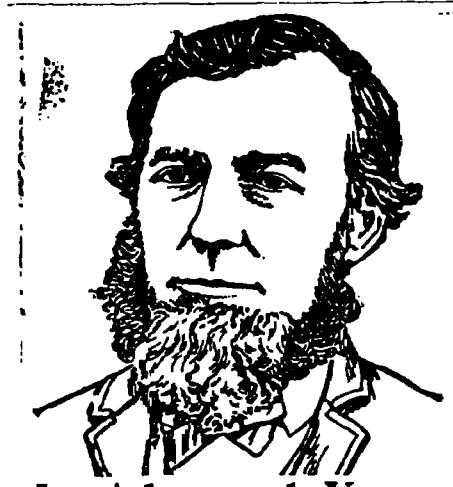
Great Success.

The usual weekly Concert on last Thursday evening scored another extraordinary success, the hall, corner of St. Paul and St. Jean-Baptiste Streets, being fully filled; but a few members of the Club, acting as ushers, secured seats for the citizen visitors, and are especially attentive to the kind ladies who attend well every week. The following very kindly assisted:—Mr. Shea, silver cornet. Miss Shea, piano, Master Shea, violin, honored the Concert by their presence, and the distinguished talent of the trio was most deservedly appreciated. Messrs. Harry O'Brien, Henry Jones, Robt. Scott, J. McCormack, J. Hurley, Wm. Wright, J. Cunningham. Miss Milloy gave a recitation in her usual fine style. Mr. M. Power was also present in a recitation. Messrs. Greenwood, Hartford, Villeneuve, piano solo; Alfred Godfrey, Holmes, Pariseau and Durette, in their usual fine dancing; Connell, Miss Sharp and Miss McBurnie, pianoduet. Mr. Rankin's good singing was appreciated; Mr. Brown's concertina solo was very good. Mr. R. Milloy favored the audience with the recitation "Shamus O'Brien" in his well-known able manner. The Concert begins at 8 and closes at 10 p.m. Any person desiring to assist in this good work may be invited to the stage, on giving their name, etc., to one of the ushers in attendance. Mr. J. P. Curran was chairman, and Miss Wheeler presided at the piano. A good programme for to-morrow evening's Concert.

EARL OF DERBY AND HIS TENANTS.

NEW YORK, August 19.—The Times' London cable says: The late Canadian Viceroy, Earl Derby, has engaged in combat with the inhabitants of one of his Flintshire manors, which it is reported has developed into a small civil war. They have enjoyed a short cut foot path over the hill on his castle domain for three generations; he has now enclosed it with a high fence and ordered that admission to the hill and castle ruins shall be only by ticket. Mobs of indignant villagers tore down the fence as fast as it was built, and burnt the notice boards, and a Welsh member, who passed through the district to-day, tells me the expectation is that a force of Chester police will be brought out to coerce the crowd, which is quite resolved to resist.

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A BRITISH WAR SCARE.

A Circular Sent Out From the War Office Causes Some Excitement.

LONDON, August 19.—The British War Office has issued an emergency letter to the city officials and Metropolitan Boards of Guardians asking whether, in the event of war, they would be prepared to allow the War Department to utilize the infirmaries for the mobilization of an army corps for home defence. The letter is probably a routine affair, without significance, but some of the Sunday papers try to raise a scare over the matter. Lloyd's calls it alarming, and says that naval military men at the service clubs told a Lloyd's enquirer that never in their experience had the War Office so suddenly issued such an alarming circular. They could not imagine any reason for such proceeding on the part of the War Department, and indulged in the gravest surmises over the matter.

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