

Notes From England.

AT THE CHURCH of the Franciscan Fathers, Peckham, Father Colthbert, O.S.F.C., in the course of a discourse delivered recently, said:—
 "To-day the Nonconformists were for the secularisation of education. Let them gain their end, and to-morrow their political allies of to-day would be for entire de-Christianisation of all State policy and legislation. The situation, then, with which the English nation was confronted was this: A strong political party is growing up which, under the aegis of Nonconformity, is tending to bring about a divorce between Christianity and the State. And what is to oppose this power? Anglicanism? No, for Anglicanism was itself a house divided against itself, never knowing from one day to another its own mind. Why, on so urgent a question as primary education the Anglicans could formulate no consistent policy to preserve the religious education of our children. No, if England was to preserve its character as a Christian State one power only could save it, and that power was the Catholic Church."

A NEW PRESBYTERY.—In the presence of a large gathering of clergy and laity, Mr. Justice Walton while in Liverpool on circuit, performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new presbytery and sacristy in connection with St. Michael's Church, West Derby Road, Liverpool.

His Lordship said he regarded it as a great honor to come to St. Michael's that day and pay a tribute to the work of Father Flynn. Referring to his early days in Liverpool, he remarked that he well recollected the time when he received in the old presbytery of that church the kind hospitality of one whose name he trusted had not been forgotten—Father Kelly. The church of which they were so proud had been practically re-built, and in that operation a member of the congregation had been particularly liberal in contributing to the funds. The schools had accommodation for 900 children, and it was a pleasure to him to see so many of the rising generation at nine o'clock Mass that morning. He was sure the congregation would not be sorry that the time had come when they would be asked to do something for the priests themselves. They wanted a home which would also provide greater facilities for parish business. During his early days in Lancashire the priest was always the most intimate friend of the people, and to whom a warm welcome was extended. By contributing liberally the parishioners would show their gratitude for the work, the carrying on of which the priests were sacrificing their lives for the good of the people. Concluding, he said that they could look upon that event as a keystone of unity and affectionate and respectful co-operation between the people of the parish and their priests (applause).

LADY BACHELORS.—Under this caption the London "Universe" says: Life is evidently becoming too short for man to try to hold his own academically with his fair competitors. In the pass-lists of the London Bachelor of Arts examination there are some 33 ladies' names in the first division to 22 men's. In the second division the proportion is slightly varied, the ladies being 50 to 43. In the list of candidates recommended for a pass diploma there are six ladies to four men. From these figures, which, totalled up, give 89 lady bachelors of arts for 1902, as against 69 gentlemen bachelors, we must either regard men as losing their former intellectual superiority, or as estimating as mere dross the magic letters B. A., which never yet did much to help on in the stress of money-making—the real art of the present day.

Remarks of Scientists.

AS TO APPENDICITIS.—The views of Sir Frederick Treves, by reason of his exalted position of a surgeon and particularly because of the prominence of his recent operation upon Edward VII., are of great interest. In a recent Cavendish lecture entitled "Some Causes of Inflammation of the Appendix," he pronounces a warning against making a diagnosis of appendicitis simply because the patient has tenderness in the neighborhood of the

appendix. In the matter of treatment he takes a conservative stand. He is an ardent advocate of the interval operation and says that he has operated on more than one thousand patients between attacks, with but two deaths. Regarding the operative treatment of appendicitis, he says:—

1. It is a mistake to base the necessity for immediate operation upon the idea that "gangrene or rupture of the appendix" and "perforation of the appendix" mean the same danger and require the same treatment that do "gangrene or rupture of the bowel," "perforation of the stomach" and "acute peritonitis."

2. The greater proportion of cases of appendicitis recover spontaneously; if examples of all grades of appendicitis are included, the mortality of the disease will probably not be above five per cent.

3. Operation carried out during an acute attack is attended by a mortality of over 20 per cent.

4. Relapses may occur after operation done in the acute stage.

5. Removal of the appendix, between attacks of appendicitis is attended by only a trivial risk.

He believes that cases which require immediate operation are those presenting ultra-acute symptoms, a type which the term fulminating is often applied, and those in which there is a reasonable suspicion that suppuration has taken place. He also states that he believes that the great majority of cases of appendicitis recover spontaneously without either an operation or the formation of an abscess. In those cases in which an abscess has formed and healed, removal of the appendix may be indefinitely deferred, since by the occurrence of suppuration the patient is, in but a very small percentage of cases, cured of his trouble. Should a recurrence of symptoms take place in such a case the appendix should be removed.

EFFECT OF MEAL-TIME.—The daily family gatherings at the dining table should be made events of good nature and pleasant conversation. The scientific thinker knows the effects upon the digestion of happy surroundings. The influence upon the mind of a joyous and contented mood when partaking of food is invaluable. It is an education in the family of no small importance, and in no way is the standard of the family manners more correctly estimated than by a close observance of how its members conduct themselves at table.

"LAZY DISEASE."—A patient at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is said by the physicians there to be suffering from a disease which has, as far as records go, only once before appeared in this State. The disease is known as ankylostoma, or "lazy disease," and acquires its name from the fact that the most striking visible symptom is an increasing disinclination for physical exertion of any kind and the most extreme lassitude.

The authorities at the hospital refuse to divulge the name of the patient under treatment, but stated that a brother of the patient recently died from a similar disease.

Guided by the facts furnished by a post mortem examination in the former case, Superintendent Hurd, of the hospital, states that the patient will recover.

The only other case is reported in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin, December, 1901, and was that of an English sailor, who was sent to Bayview Asylum from a vessel which had recently arrived in port from a Southern voyage. He was supposed to be suffering from anemia, and continued to sink until he died on the eighteenth day after his admission.

A post mortem examination by the physicians at the Johns Hospital, made at the request of the Bayview authorities, revealed the fact that many thousands of infinitesimal parasites were actively at work boring into the mucous membrane of the intestines and causing a loss of blood, with resultant lassitude and inertia, and finally producing death.

These parasites, according to the statement of Dr. Hurd, are especially abundant in certain sections of the Carolinas and Georgia, and the disease is prevalent among what are known as the "clay eaters" of that region.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.—From London, England, comes the report that the School of Tropical Medicine has issued a report on the sleeping sickness, which is now devastating Uganda. Though it was discovered only a few years ago, it is computed that the disease has already killed from 20,000 to 30,000 people, and is spreading to new areas with in-

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 Montreal, 23rd December, 1902.

creasing violence. Its extension to the north will be of the greatest menace to Egypt.

Scientific reports made on the spot describe the sleeping sickness as a complaint something like that of group of diseases known as meningitis, or inflammation of the brain. It begins insidiously with changes in the mental attitude of the patient.

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