

Current Events

— THERE are now 2,450,000 persons in receipt of relief in India owing to the famine.

— HIS Excellency the Apostolic Delegate has received instructions from Rome to make Ottawa his official residence.

— DR. CARL PETERS claims to have located the gold mines of King Solomon on the banks of the Zambezi in South Africa.

— IN the death of Mr. B. F. C. Costelloe, the Catholics in England have lost a lay server of their interests whose place will be hard to fill.

— ST. MARY'S Church, Campbellford, was burned to the ground on Christmas morning. Father McCloskey and his congregation have the sympathies of the MESSENGER.

— CONFIRMATION was given recently to forty converts in the Jesuits' Church in Edinburgh. These conversions are attributed to the plain explanations of Catholic doctrine which are given in that church nearly every Sunday throughout the year.

— DURING the nineteenth century 310 servants of God have been beatified by the Holy See, nearly all being martyrs in foreign missionary fields. The number of saints canonized has been 78, made up of 47 martyrs, 24 confessors and seven virgins.

— THE Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate have had to deplore the recent death, in France, of Very Rev. Eugene Antoine, first assistant general of their Congregation. Father Antoine spent many years in Canada and was well known as a pious and learned priest.

— IN the consistory held in December, the Right Reverend T. Casey was preconized Titular Bishop of Utina, and Coadjutor to Bishop Sweeney, of St. John, N. B. In the same sitting, Right Rev. T. Barry was preconized Titular Bishop of Tugga and Coadjutor to Bishop Rodgers, of Chatham, N. B.

— THE Holy Father said his three Masses on Christmas Day. This is believed to be the first time that this has happened since Leo XIII. ascended the Pontifical throne, for in the other years intervals were allowed to pass between the one and the other. This is a sign that the health and vigor of the aged Pontiff is not diminishing.

— MR. W. H. MALLOCK's article in the *Nineteenth Century* for November, 1899, on "The Intellectual Future of Catholicism," has