

6. Entering a Religious Order of men or women specially devoted to work among the Indians.

Donations either in money or clothing should be addressed to His Grace Archbishop Langevin., St. Boniface, Man., or to Rev. C. Cahill, O.M.I., Rat Portage, Ont.

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Burns and Oates the famous publishers of London, England, give some very interesting statistics regarding the Church in Ireland and throughout the British Empire. In the British Empire there are 28 archiepiscopal and 104 episcopal sees, 28 vicariates apostolic and 11 prefectures, making a total of 171. Including 11 coadjutors and four bishops auxiliary the number of archbishops and bishops now holding office in the British Empire is 167. The Catholic population of the United Kingdom is estimated at five-and-a-half millions, and that of the whole British Empire at 10,500,000. Ireland contributes 33 per cent of the whole number. This recalls to mind the words of Cardinal Manning who once said "Take the Irish out of my diocese and what would I have left."

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The *Liverpool Catholic Times* in a recent editorial under the heading "Education in a Catholic State" gives some interesting information concerning the educational school system in Costa Rica. It says:

"Costa Rica is a republic in which the people are Catholic. They are mostly of Spanish blood, and we know how persistent are the charges made against Spaniards on the score of progress. Yet the educational system of Costa Rica is undoubtedly one of the best and most advanced in existence. As president Yglesias told the 'Daily News' with pride, it has free, compulsory and universal education, both primary and secondary. In the capital there are the great colleges of medicine, of pharmacy, of law, where professional men finally graduate for their careers. In the cities next in size to the capital are schools taking their pupils up to the sixth degree—that is, the highest degree of education next to the colleges. In smaller towns pupils are taken up to the fourth degree, and in the villages they take the scholars to the third degree. This third degree provides all knowledge that is necessary for the working man to know, to intelligently understand affairs and transact business, the first rules of mathematics, reading and writing, geography and the like. If a lad shows extra intelligence and his parents desire to