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ROME

The Rome correspondent of The New York Freeman's Journal says: Work has been resumed with renewed activity by the committee for the celebration of the Pontifical Jubilee of Pope Leo, and a circular has been addressed to all local committees urging them to promote the movement by all means in their power. Of course one of the principal features of the occasion will be the arrival of large numbers of pilgrims in Rome from all parts of the world. Surely the Catholics of the United States are going to do something worthy of themselves between March, 1902 and March, 1903. There are certainly thousands of Catholics in America with the means and the will to honor the Vicar of Christ and at the same time profit by the opportunity to visit the tombs of the martyrs and the endless treasures of art in which Rome abounds. With proper management pilgrims would be enabled to take ship at New York, spend three weeks in Rome, and return to their starting point for one hundred dollars — not a very formidable sum, after all This would mean a reduction of at least fifty per cent. on the ordinary cost of travelling. For the great majority who cannot give themselves the happiness of a material visit to the Eternal City, the committee urge that they be asked to associate spiritually in the national pilgrimage of their country and to contribute two or three cents to the gift which is to be offered to Pope Leo XIII. next year. This is to consist of a tiara of pure gold — a very appropriate offering, for the tiara represents the triple power of the Pontificate to which all good Catholics yield willing obedience. Finally all are asked to pray for the continued preservation of the life of the Pontiff, who has ruled the church of God with such consummate wisdom for twenty-four years. The principal event of the jubilee will be, as I have already stated, the restoration of the roof of St. John Lateran's, but this part of the work is beyond the scope of the International Committee, since it has been entrusted to the Third Order of St. Francis.

ENGLAND

The fourth pilgrimage to Rome was organized by the Catholic Association. The party travel by Modena, the Cenis tunnel, Turin, and Genoa, reaching Rome at midday on Thursday Dr. Whiteside, Bishop of Liverpool, will lead the pilgrimage while in Rome, and Father Carmody, President of the Society of Missionaries College, Rome, will act as ciceron to the pilgrims. Dr. Bourne, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, will join the party in Rome, and their headquarters will be at the Hotel d'Angleterre.

IRELAND

The Registrar-General's returns of births, deaths and marriages, and of emigration, just issued, presents in a remarkable way the decline of population in Ireland. From 1899 to 1900 the population had decreased 34,144. There was a decline in the birth-rate from 23.1 of the population to 22.7, and an increase of the death-rate from 17.7 to 19.6, But the decrease in the population is more than accounted for by the emigration. The Freeman's Journal says the number of emigrants that left the country in 1900 was 45,288, or over 10 per thousand of the population. It was the highest flow of emigration since 1895, and exceeded by 10 per cent. the proportion to population in 1899, and exceeded by 4 per cent. the average proportion to population of the previous ten years. The emigration returns continue to show that it is the young and the healthy that are flying from the country Eight and a half per cent. were under 15 years of age, 32.2 per cent. between 15 and 35 years of age. Thus 90.8 per cent. of the emigrants were under 35 years of age, while only 9.2 per cent. were over it. A melancholy feature of the returns is that the female emigrants exceeded the males by 1,486, numbering 23,387, as against 21,901. The greater number of the emigrants came from Munster, that province supplying 17,922, or about 40 per cent. of the whole. Connaught comes next with 14,060, but that province sent 17,000 migratory laborers to England this year, and the average migration for the past ten years exceeds 20,000. The emigrants from Ulster numbered 9,438 and from Leinster 3,857.

While this drain took place in the population, the pauper returns show that 41,882 inmates were relieved in the workhouses, and that 58,042 were granted outdoor relief. The number of persons receiving outdoor relief in 1900, numbering 58,042, had increased by 630 since the previous year. The emigration and outdoor relief statistics may be considered side by side with the prices of farm produce. Corn at the Dublin Exchange averaged a penny per cwt. less than in 1899, and 1s. 6d. per cwt. less than in 1898.

The birth-rate shows that of the 101,459 children born in 1900, 97.3 per cent. were legitimate, and 2.7 per cent. only were illegitimate. The "model" province of Ulster supplies 3.6 per cent, of the illegitimate births, and Connaught one-half per cent. Ulster is in this respect an improvement on 1893, when the illegitimate births were 3.7 per cent., and throughout the decade it has maintained its bad pre-eminence. The death-rate was highest in Leinster, where it was 21.9 per thousand. Ulster comes next with 20.2, Munster 19.1, and Connaught 15½ per thousand. The death-rate was lowest in Mayo, Roscommon, Kerry and Sligo, and highest in Dublin, Antrim, Armagh and Monaghan. The deaths from zymotic diseases were 10,163, being 1,306 over the number for the preceding year, and 1,766, or 21 per cent., over the average of the decade. The increase was mainly due to influenza, which caused 4,677 deaths, as compared with 1,716 in 1899. One death reported from smallpox occurred in the Glenties Union. The mortality from measles showed a decline of over 50 per cent. since 1899, and numbered 640, being 178 less than the ten years' average. On the other hand, the mortality from scarlatina was 40 per cent. more than in the previous year, but was 205 under the average of the ten years. There was a decline in the death-rate from typhoid from 890 to 769, the latter figure being 109 less than the ten years' average. Whooping cough was half the ten years' average, the deaths numbering 680. The deaths from typhoid in both Dublin Unions (63 in the North and 73 in the South) were more than 17 per cent. of all the deaths from typhoid fever in the country. Belfast, however, throughout the year was the worst spot in Ireland for deaths from insanitary conditions. The death-rate from typhoid in that city was 74 per thousand of the population, as compared with .35 per thousand in the Dublin Registration Area, or more than double the rate in the metropolis. While there was a fall from 379 to 362 in the deaths from diphtheria, the latter figure was still 20 in excess of the average of the previous ten years. Sixty-eight deaths from this disease occurred in Belfast Union, and 58 in the Dublin Unions (21 in the North and 37 in the South). No county escaped the ravages of influenza in 1901. King's County was the greatest sufferer with 1.83 deaths per thousand, and Kildare the least with a death rate of 6. per thousand. The death-rate from tuberculosis reached the high proportion of 2.88 per thousand, or a total of 12,848, being 36 more than in 1899. Dublin was the greatest sufferer from tuberculosis, the death-rate in the North Union being 5.7 per thousand, or 2.82 above the average of Ireland, and in the South Union 5.5, or 2.80 above the average. Cork ranked next with a death-rate of .6 per thousand. The next with 4.2, Waterford 3.6, Limerick 3.4, and Derry 2.9. Belmullet Union was lowest with only .8 per thousand. Cancer caused 2,717 deaths, and the rate .6 per thousand, shows an increase of 02 per thousand on the previous year. The mortality from this cause varies considerably in the different counties, being only 2.76 per thousand in Kerry, as compared with 10.09 in Armagh. The Dublin rate was 8.19. A diagram exhibits the death-rate from cancer in Ireland, England, and Scotland from 1864 to 1900, the rate in Ireland in 1899 being 5.7 per thousand, as compared with Scotland 8.2 and England 8.3 per thousand in the same year. A map shows the distribution of the disease in Ireland during the years 1896 to 1900, and a table classifies the number of deaths in proportion to the ages.

UNITED STATES

The daily papers of Monday last published accounts of a deplorable incident in a Catholic Church of Chicago in connection with the excommunication of Rev. Jeremiah Crowley. The subject in its more sensational aspects having gained the widest publicity The Register this week publishes the letters of excommunication in the matter.

It is by virtue of the decree of Cardinal Martinelli that Rev. Jeremiah Crowley stands excommunicated. The decree of the Cardinal is in Latin and may be translated as follows:

Apostolic Delegation,
Washington, D. C.

Inasmuch as the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda of the Faith has learned that certain priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago have regarded with hostile disposition the election of Rt. Rev. P. J. Muldoon to the Episcopacy, and have with the utmost vigor, with pertinacity, and with evil intent, protested against his consecration, by a letter dated at Rome August 21st, 1901, being number 45,708, said Congregation has committed to this Apostolic Delegation the duty of watching strictly lest this matter should become a grave scandal, and at the same time of canonically warning and, as far as might be necessary, of affecting with ecclesiastical censure whomsoever it might find to be guilty.

Now, therefore, inasmuch as we have sure knowledge that the Rev. Jeremiah Crowley, a priest of that Archdiocese, has offered a most bitter opposition to the aforesaid election and consecration, and does not even now desist from that course; and as we have before our very eyes the following: Firstly, the legal process which he has brought in the civil tribunal; secondly, the defence which his lawyer undertook to prepare for him; thirdly, the pledge made by him regarding the book which he was soon about to publish and in which a certain lamentable condition of the Archdiocese existing in his own mind was to be set forth;

Therefore, we call upon the said Rev. Jeremiah Crowley for his own good and for the honor of the Church to desist from his pertinacity and at the same time we peremptorily warn him that he must give sure signs of reformation and reparation. If he is unwilling to do this, and if within the space of ten days from the day that this admonition is given him, he shall not have repaired the scandal he has done by, firstly, ceasing to prosecute his suit in the civil tribunal; secondly, preventing the printing of his promised book, or, if it shall have been printed, by not publishing it; thirdly, making public reparation for the public scandal he has given; fourthly, submitting himself to the authority of the Archbishop, we declare him ipso facto excommunicated, the annulment of which excommunication we reserve for this Apostolic Delegation.

We further command the Curia of the Archdiocese of Chicago to execute this decree; to which, therefore, we commit the duty of bringing this letter to the knowledge of the aforesaid Rev. Jeremiah Crowley, having observed such formalities as by law ought to be observed; but, if the said Rev. Jeremiah Crowley be absent, or cannot be found, then let this decree be posted in the churches or some other public place, and if he shall not, within the space of ten days after such posting, desist from his pertinacity, then it is our will that this decree shall go into like effect.

Given at Washington from the mansion of the Apostolic Delegation on the 13th day of October, 1901.

Sebastain Cardinal Martinelli,
Pro-Delegate Apostolic.

The letter of the Archbishop to the clergy is as follows:

"Chicago, Oct. 26. — Whereas, the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, a priest exercising aculties in the Archdiocese of Chicago, has grievously violated the laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and as he persists contumaciously in his unlawful conduct, therefore, after due warning from the Apostolic Delegation of the United States, as shown by the above document, which was delivered to the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley in person on Wednesday, the 16th day of October, 1901, and the said Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley having failed to comply with the conditions laid down by the Apostolic Delegation within the period of time allotted to him in the said decree we hereby declare publicly and solemnly that the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley is excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church and all participation therein, according to the decree of His Eminence Sebastian Cardinal Martinelli, pro-Delegate Apostolic.

"The effects of this most grave censure of the Church are:

"1. He is cut off from the communion and society of the faithful.

"2. The faithful are forbidden, under severe penalty to hold communion with him or assist him in his unlawful conduct.

"3. He cannot receive or administer any of the sacraments of the Church. Should he attempt to give absolution in the tribunal of penance, and absolution is invalid and sacrilegious.

"4. He cannot be present or assist at any of the public exercises or offices of religion in the Roman Catholic Church, nor can he be present at Mass, Vespers or any other public service in the Roman Catholic Church.

"5. He cannot receive or fill any office within the gift of the Roman Catholic Church.

"6. Should he die while under this excommunication he will be deprived of Christian burial.

"All the pastors of this Archdiocese are hereby commanded, sub poena suspensionis, to attach the above decree and this letter on the walls of the sacristies of their churches for thirty days, in such a manner that it may be easily seen and read by all.

"This order goes into effect immediately upon receipt thereof.

"Given at Chicago, on this 26th day of October, 1901.

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A RUSSIAN TALE.

Hallowmen, or All Hallow's, as the feast of All Saints (November 1) used to be called, is, as every one knows, the day upon which the Church pays honor to the many saints not especially calendared in the feasts of the year. Now, in Russia, where the Greek Catholic, or "Orthodox," communion is the State religion, the feasts and fasts are almost like our own, for the Greek schism did not occur until the eleventh century. St. Henry (feasts, July 15), who opposed the schismatics, does not appear in the Greek calendar. On this fact hinges the following amusing law story:

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