

At the fifth meeting of the International Congress of Catholic Savants, recently held in Munich, 183 of the papers and addresses were in German, 4 in Latin, 9 in Spanish, 10 in Italian, 13 in English, and 41 in French. The subjects discussed were: Philosophy, history, philology, Orientalia, the history of religion, social science and jurisprudence, history of civilization and arts, natural sciences, which include mathematics, and geography.

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The following figures representing the sale of Kipling's books, furnished by *Literature* (London), are perhaps unprecedented:

"The Day's Work," 56,000; "The Jungle Book," 55,000; "Plain Tales from the Hills," 48,000; "The Light that failed," 44,000; "Life's Handicap," 39,000; "The Second Jungle Book," 38,000; "Stalky & Co." 33,000; "Captain Courageous," 27,000; "Soldiers three and other stories," 20,000; "Wee Willie Winkle," 17,000; "From Sea to Sea," 14,000; "Soldiers Tales," 11,000.

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On Friday, September 6th, the Catholic Summer School closed one of the most successful sessions in its history. Nearly five thousand persons visited this charming resort in quest of instruction and recreation. Thus this movement is found to be justifying the fondest hopes of its originators. Never before have so many and such eminent lecturers given of their time and their scholarship. Moreover, from a standpoint of social advantages, Cliff Haven has become a centre of far-reaching influence. Superior to beach and watering place, the Summer School is fitted to exercise upon all who attend its sessions a wholesome Catholic influence.

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For a nation that is so much pointed at as going into decay, France is remarkably progressive if her inventions in wireless telegraphy, and steering balloons, are tokens. The following dispatch in the *Sun*, New York, is curious: "A Paris physician has elaborated an ingenious process to increase the height of patients, by daily operating on the joints of the ankles and knees,