

his Jubilee Mass. The Holy Father, who has always had a great personal esteem for Bishop Woodlock, whom he himself consecrated in the Sistine Chapel, in 1879, willingly promised to comply with the request.

Among the gifts which have been made to the Holy Father, on occasion of his Jubilee, is one which has had a curious history. It is a painting by Annibale Caracci, representing the *Ecce Homo*, which on the day of the arrest of Pius VII., in July, 1809, had been stolen from the Vatican Gallery by a French soldier, and after passing through many hands in France, had finally come into the possession of a worthy ecclesiastic of Burgundy, who, at the pressing request of the Bishop of Dijon, generously restored the picture to the Holy Father, and the Bishop had the satisfaction of placing it in the hands of Leo XIII.

The Holy Father has fixed the month of February as the period, during his Jubilee celebration, at which the cornerstone of the new basilica of St. Patrick, in Rome, will be solemnly blessed and placed. Prior Glynn hopes to be able to add the name of Archbishop Carr, of Meibourne, representing the Antipodes, to those of Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Archbishop Croke, of Cashel, as one of the preachers of the day.

The venerable Capuchin, Cardinal Massaia was recently received in private audience by the Holy Father, to whom he presented the fourth volume of his important work relative to his thirty years of mission life in Upper Ethiopia, just issued from the press of the Propaganda. This fourth volume of *I miei trentacinque anni di Missione nell' alta Etiopia*, is specially valuable because of the large geographical map, the work of

the celebrated Antoine d'Abbadie, member of the Institute of France, the first modern explorer of the African regions, and the prince of geographers relative to Ethiopia and Eastern Africa. The Holy Father greatly admired the splendid copy presented to him, and warmly congratulated, blessed, and encouraged the venerable author to proceed with the weighty task of completing the entire work.

Our English exchanges announce the death of the Rev Father Keogh, a well-known priest of the London Oratory. He was born in 1833, and educated at St. Edmund's College, Ware, where he was the favourite pupil of the famous Dr. Ward. At the age of twenty-one he joined the London Oratory, and then began a long life of devotion and varied usefulness. Father Keogh was the author of "Specimens of Scientific History," and a collection of lives of new English *Beati*. His devotion to this latter task, which is only half completed, is thought to have hastened his last illness. He also finished and prepared for the press Father Knox's "Life of Cardinal Allen." St. Raphael's Hospital for Catholic men, the only institution of its kind in London, of which Father Keogh was the founder, will perpetuate his memory. *R.I.P.— Ave Maria.*

In old days there were angels who came and took men by the hand and led them away from the city of destruction. We see no white-winged angels now. But yet men are led away from the threatening destruction. A hand is put into theirs, which leads them forth gently towards a calm and bright land, so that they look no more backward; and the hand may be a little child's.— *Geo. Elliot.*

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