

ants do not claim beyond 18,000,000. So that there are 40,000,000 citizens who belong to no church. The Bishop added that non-religious education was dechristianizing the United States.

— THE Catholics in Germany have the pious custom of saluting each other entering or leaving the Church with those beautiful words of Divine praise: "Praised be Jesus Christ" (Gelobt sei Jesus Christus). Response: "Now and evermore" (In Ewigkeit). This form of salutation is also practised in convents, presbyteries and in good Catholic families, instead of "Good morning" or "Good night." A correspondent in the *Catholic Times* is looking for a reason why Catholics in other countries should not imitate the edifying custom.

— BISHOP Fallize, Vicar Apostolic of Norway, speaks and writes in high terms of the friendly disposition of the Norwegians towards the Church. He cites an example: "Catholic schools enjoy perfect liberty, and where they are established they enjoy exemption from the public school tax. According to an ancient law, charitable societies, still under the presidency of Protestant ministers, were empowered to place destitute children in various homes where they might be brought up as Protestants; a special committee also had the right of sending Catholic foundlings either into Protestant homes or public institutions. I applied to the Storting for a modification of this law, and found the Government disposed to accede to all my demands." Compare Norwegian methods with those in vogue in Canada.

— THE cities of Hull and Ottawa were visited with a disastrous conflagration on April 26, twelve or fifteen thousand persons being left homeless. According to eye-witnesses, the scenes during the actual burning were appalling. A private letter from a religious in Ottawa gives us some interesting facts. She writes: "I shall never forget the sight as long as I live. Imagine the whole of one city and half of another in flames and the wind blowing furiously. The fire in Hull was just opposite our convent, and we were in danger. Luckily for us, the wind did not change. We had the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel, and we spent the greater part of the night there..... One of our schools is closed. There was an attendance of 110 pupils there; out of that number about 80 have lost their homes. Eleven children out of my class are homeless....." Recent investigations place the losses at about \$9,000,000, covered by only about \$4,000,000 insurance. The disaster excited the sympathy of the whole world, and contributions have been pouring in from various parts of the Empire. Several hundred of our Associates suffered by this fire; we bespeak for them the charitable prayers of our readers.