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Persons and Facts

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The government grant to the local Catholic school for the current year is the highest in the record of the parish. The grant amounted to \$2,255.

There were, by the last enumeration, fewer than 1,200 divorced men in New York, of whom 350 were in Brooklyn, while in Chicago, the number was nearly 2,000, and in Indianapolis, which has less population than the borough of Queens, 600. There were only thirty-five in Queens. San Francisco, which has almost exactly one-tenth of the population of New York, had by the last census 800 divorced men, equivalent in the same ratio to 80,000 in New York, where actually the number is only 1,200.

It will be good news to art lovers throughout the world that the Palace of the Popes, at Avignon, France, one of the most remarkable historic buildings in Europe, which for years has been used as a barracks, will be transformed shortly into a museum of religious art. The papal chapel, conclave hall and private apartments will be restored as they were in the time of Gregory XI.

The famous priest composer, Rev. Dr. Hartmann, O.F.M., has just been elected a resident socio of the Italian Academy, an honor bestowed only on Verdi and Mascagni.

The decree of beatification of the Venerable John Duns Scotus is expected to appear in May.

A Catholic cathedral is to be erected at Tokio on a site given by the Mikado.

Rev. Father Fleming, the Garrison Chaplain at St. John, N.B., has just taken his departure from Halifax. He has been a devout and painstaking chaplain, and his transfer to Bermuda is to enable him to resume his duties as chaplain to the Imperial forces there, a duty which ceases in Halifax on account of the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from that station.

It is stated in Paris, France, that Cardinal Richard has declared that he will resign his position as archbishop of Paris. He is 87 years old.

In Ireland there are 169 conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; England, 196; Scotland, 23; Canada, 134; Brazil, 358; Egypt, 4; Turkey, 31; Africa, about 35; China, 3. In Rome there are 44 conferences; Geneva, 58; Turin, 51; Bologna, 28; Venice, 40; Milan, 76; Naples, 37; Modena, 16; Florence, 39.

A bill that will provide for the regulation of the liquor business along lines radically different from those now in operation will be presented to the legislature of New Jersey by a number of Catholic priests, who have formed an organization for that purpose. Bishop John J. O'Connor, of Newark, and Bishop James McFaul, of Trenton, have given their approval of the plan. The bill will fix the license fee at \$1,000 and will provide for the maximum of one saloon to each 1000 inhabitants. Saloons are to be permitted to do business only between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., and not at all on Sunday.

Father Elixia Maria Leycier, Procurator of the Servants of Mary, has brought out an index of the contents of 22 volumes, comprising the acts of Leo XIII. during his long and brilliant pontificate. This vast labor appears as Volume XXIII. of the "Acta Leonis XIII." and is divided into six parts, conforming to the diversified phases of this long pontificate. The three first divisions are topical, the fourth is analytical, especially concerned with the various subjects forming the matter of those famous Encyclicals, as regards the ecclesiastical hierarchy, civil society or principalities. In the sixth division are indexed alphabetically, states, dioceses, cities, parishes, etc., with various appendices, covering sermons or addresses of Leo XIII. and Concordats arranged by him with various governments prior to 1893. It forms 482 quarto pages, printed at the Vatican printing office.

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