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ROMAN EVENTS.

Mgr. Montagnini's New Post.

When French gendarmes at the bidding of their Masonic masters conducted Mgr. Montagnini to the frontier, two years ago, as if he were a common malefactor, there was a lack of sympathy for the outraged diplomatist in quarters whence it should be forthcoming. Even high ecclesiastical circles, passing over the fact that if the Auditor of the Papal Nuncio were an American, a German, or an Englishman, the French authorities would never have dreamt of offering him such an insult. It was believed in Rome that through having allowed the famous "dossier" to get into the hands of the French officials, Mgr. Montagnini fell into disgrace at the Papal Court, so that some time ago when Pius X nominated him to a sanctorum in St. John Lateran, the appointment was regarded by many as a method of shelving the ex-Auditor by way of punishment. Within the last fortnight, however, the air has become considerably cleared; for a proof of confidence in Mgr. Montagnini is given both by Pius X and the Cardinal Secretary of State at the very time that an official investigation held in France over his expulsion from French territory two years ago is concluded. In the temporary absence of Mgr. Canali, Mgr. Montagnini has been appointed to the office of Deputy to the Secretary of State and Secretary of the Cipher, a post, needless to say, of delicacy and importance. This appointment, combined with the fact that no compromising or important document was found in the "dossier" during the investigation made by the French government, has had the effect of removing some very serious impressions from men's minds in Rome.

Pius X. and the Irish Race.

At the audience given by the Holy Father a few days ago to the Right Rev. Dr. Duhig, Bishop of Rockhampton, Australia, Pius X gave striking testimony to the part which Irishmen have played in the building up of the Catholic Church in places and their own shores. In the course of conversation Dr. Duhig related that he had been born in Ireland, that nearly all the Catholics scattered over his immense diocese, which covers an area of 250,000 square miles, are Irishmen. On hearing this the Pope made use of the following words: "I am well aware of the constant fidelity of the Irish people to the See of Peter. And I well know the great share they have had in building up the Catholic Church in Australia and in the United States of America. This great fidelity and missionary zeal of the Irish race I am most anxious to acknowledge." Speaking with your correspondent over his audience, the Bishop of Rockhampton said that what was most striking in this declaration of the Pontiff was not so much the words as the earnestness of manner with which they were uttered, for the Holy Father expressed himself with deep feeling. Dr. Duhig left Rome on Saturday for Ireland, whence he starts after a visit to Limerick, his birthplace, for the United States. His Lordship returns to Rome in October for a stay of several weeks.

The Rector of the Catholic University of Washington.

One of the most interesting foreign visitors to the Vatican palace during the week was the Right Rev. Dr. Shahan, newly-appointed rector of the Catholic University of Washington. The nomination of Dr. Shahan to direct the destinies of this seat of learning had come directly from the Pope himself, and the present occasion served as an opportunity of

thanking the Holy Father for the honour done him. Pius X discussed at length the affairs of the University, and passed half an hour conversing on its past achievements and the great future which he believes lies before it. Then his Holiness gave Dr. Shahan an autograph letter of two pages, in which he bestows the highest encomiums on the Irish-American ecclesiastical, conferring on him at the same time the title of Monsignor of the first order. Dr. Shahan left Rome on Thursday, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. McGoldrick, of the diocese of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dr. Pace, Professor of the University of Washington.

The Codification of the Canon Law.

During the present week preparations are being made for the despatch of the third part of the newly codified law of the Church to all the Bishops of the world for the purpose of having their opinion and hearing of the changes which may be deemed necessary in the great work. European Bishops are to send their replies within three months. Six months is the time allowed to those outside Europe. It is confidently expected that within two years the new Code of Canon Law will be completed.

Prince Max of Saxony.

The appointment of the Rev. Prince Max of Saxony to the rectorship of the Austrian College and church, Dell' Anima, in Rome, will recall to English readers the apostle of the slums of London some years back. This nomination of the Prince-priest is looked upon in Rome as being one of importance. Undoubtedly the position will afford a wide field for the spirit of zeal which Prince Max has shown since the first day of his elevation to the dignity of the priesthood.

STORY OF THE LATE BISHOP CURTIS.

The Ave Maria, tells this anecdote of a beloved American prelate: "Preaching at the anniversary Mass for the late Bishop Curtis, Father Mickle, a friend, of thirty years' standing, of the deceased prelate, said of him: 'It was always: Follow me.' I remember on one occasion, when I was rooming with him in some out-of-the-way little place, awaking in the morning to find he was up before me and quietly blacking my shoes. He was my bishop at the time. 'You shall not do that.'—'Why not?' said he. 'I may as well do it, as I have finished my own.' The only undignified thing for a man is sin, he would say, and mental occupation lowers no man. Who could help learning a little in such a school as that and with such a teacher? His introspective power was strong, and as his ideal was perfection, he would ever see in what he differed from it. Let each of us reform himself, and that will be the best way to reform and convert the country. Such was the method he proposed to use, and himself ever followed. And how successful the method proved in leading its follower to a notable degree of Christian perfection is becoming better and better known as the months go by."

KITCHENER, FIELD MARSHAL

Lord Kitchener, commander of the British forces in India, has been appointed to succeed the Duke of Connaught as inspector general of the Mediterranean forces. Lord Kitchener will take the rank of field marshal and will become a member of the committee of imperial defence. The inspector general has command of the garrisons of Malta and Gibraltar and all the British troops in Egypt, the Sudan and Cyprus. Lord Kitchener will represent England at the Japanese manoeuvres in November.

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THE OUTLOOK.

Capt. I. D. Morton, of Digby, N. S., returned from D'Israeli, Quebec, a few days ago, where he has been inspecting the D'Israeli Asbestos Company's property in the interests of investors of Digby. His report of the possibilities of this company's property was very favorable and in his opinion the D'Israeli Asbestos Company's holdings are second to none in the province of Quebec. As a result of Capt. Morton's visit he and a large number of investors have increased their holdings.

TO SECURE SALVATION.

Replying to a correspondent who asks, "What is the Catholic idea and belief with reference to the future, after death, of non-Catholics, such as —?" (several specifically named individuals), the Bombay Examiner, answers: "We do not profess to know the future fate of any man except by forming a judgment from his manifested conduct. According to our theological principles, every man who dies in what we call a 'state of grace' is saved, and every man who dies 'out of the state of grace' is lost. In speaking with outsiders, it will be enough to explain the 'state of grace' as a state of friendship with God, implying a good life according to the man's lights, and either freedom from grievous sin or else sincere repentance. This rule applies not only to Catholics, but also to non-Catholics, so far as they are sincere in their convictions, and fail to realize the claims of the Church and their duty of joining it. These being our principles, their application depends on a question of fact. Do the various persons enumerated answer to the above description? If so, we may assume that they will be saved, through God's accepting their good faith and their good intentions. This is all we can say on this subject. Apropos of this question of the salvation of non-Catholics, it is to be remarked that the more extended becomes the knowledge of Catholic doctrines among those outside the Church—and missions to non-Catholics are certainly disseminating those doctrines very widely—the less likely is the plea of 'invincible ignorance' to be valid. Most educated non-Catholics, it would seem reasonable to suppose, must nowadays entertain at least a doubt as to the fact of their sect's being the true Church of Christ, and another doubt whether the genuinely true Church be not that of Rome."

MEETING TODAY.

The New Brunswick High School Teachers' Association will hold its third and most important session in the St. John High School building on Saturday August 14, at 2.30 p.m. Reports of committees on salaries and curriculum will be presented. A full attendance of high school teachers is expected.

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