

The Havana University, two professional schools with meteorological observatories, one agricultural school, and two seminaries are the chief educational institutions.

— THE German Government wants to erect a Chair of Catholic Theology in the Strasbourg University, and so to do away with the episcopal seminary which is regarded in Berlin as a French citadel in the heart of a German province. Baron Hertling, a probable successor of Dr. Lieber, is in Rome negotiating the change.

— A CORRESPONDENT in the Liverpool *Catholic Times* writes: "In banks, of which I have twenty years' experience, railway companies, business firms, and the like, Freemasonry is eating the vitals out of common justice. It is rampant in Ireland, and presumably more so in England." And how is it in Canada?

— THE Paris Exhibition which opens on April 14, will begin with solemn High Mass, celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at which Cardinal Richard will pontificate. The Vatican is manifestly much interested in the Exhibition, and every effort is being made by the authorities to render practical assistance. Two ecclesiastical dignitaries are appointed to reside in Paris during the season.

— "No Jesuits, no fleet," is said to be watchword of the German Centre Party for the coming session of the Reichstag. The exclusion of the Jesuit Order is the last remnant of Bismarck's Kulturkampf. It has been repeatedly condemned by the Reichstag and the Imperial Parliament of the Empire; but is persisted in by the Emperor's Council. The Catholic Party is determined not to give a vote in favor of the Naval Bill unless the Council allows the Jesuits to return to Germany.

— THE European Catholic press is giving considerable space to the great international pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial. Already bands of pilgrims are organizing in Portugal, Poland, Spain, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Roumania and Bulgaria. America is announced to send contingents from the United States, Canada, the Argentine Republic and Brazil. "The year 1900," says the chief promoter, Father Coubé, S. J., "seems propitious for this manifestation. . . . The Paris Exhibition will singularly facilitate our object by bringing together thousands of Catholics to whom a further journey to Paray-le-Monial would be but a trifling expense." The Liverpool *Catholic Times* says that "the opportunity is unique for seeing the Exhibition and on the same occasion taking part in a great religious manifestation of world-wide interest."