

mitted, but our Government has been less logical than those of other countries; some exceptions have been made for the sake of Catholics. But those who are constantly quoting the authority of Jefferson in favour of their plans of government, may be surprised when they hear that he was decidedly opposed to centralization in school matters. He would have subdivided the counties into 'hundreds' or 'wards,' corresponding to the militia districts, and have made the district school house the place of local assembly and primary education. Education would be placed by him in the hands of the fathers and mothers of each school district; but it is the duty of the State to support and endow higher education. "The future of the primary schools," says Cardinal Manning, "is really the future of the people of England." And the same is true of every country; the national character is formed by the fireside, at the parent's feet, at school, and in the church. If the future of a country is left to a godless State, the State itself will soon fall. Jefferson knew this, and his admirers and followers, who are a large nation, would do well to follow his judgment in this matter.

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Bishop Keane arrived home from Europe on Sunday, May 5. The plan of the new Catholic University was submitted to the Roman authorities, and after four months, was approved in its entirety. Bishop Keane visited the Roman institutions, the Universities of Vienna, Bonn, Munich, Munster, Louvain, Lille, Paris, and the Seminaries of Fulda and Cologne. He consulted eminent educationalists, and amongst others, Cardinals Manning and Newman. The chair of dogmatic theology will be filled by Dr. Schroeder, of the Seminary of Cologne; Dr. Bouquillon, of Lille, will fill the chair of moral theology; that of Holy Scripture will be filled by Dr. Hyveniat, a Frenchman, and a great

Assyriologist and Egyptologist, who was not sufficiently appreciated in Europe, and is looking for a new field. Dr. Pohle, of the Seminary of Fulda, will be professor of philosophy, while the chair of canon law will be occupied by Rev. Sebastian Messmer, of Seton Hall College. There are many deficiencies incident to the newness of the organization, and to supply these, lectures will be delivered during the course of the coming year. Father Hewitt will lecture on the Development of the Church in the first centuries; Father Searle, a graduate of Harvard, will do the same for astronomy, and Charles Warren Stoddard will give a course in literature. The University opens next November with the celebration of the centennial of the American hierarchy. The course will last four years in addition to the usual seminary course. Nothing is spared to make the institution worthy of the country which it is destined to illuminate.

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The Angel of Death has been busy of late thinning the ranks of Catholic journalists. The latest victim is Mr. John McCarthy, who died a few weeks ago. Mr. McCarthy was at one time editor of the *Tablet*, and editorially connected with the *N. Y. Catholic Review*, and was a constant contributor to the *Catholic World*. He was also the author of a History of the World, in which the philosophy of history holds a more important place than in any similar work we know. Catholic journalism has few attractions for its devotees—hard, unceasing work, and scarcely enough to keep one from the poor house. Mr. McCarthy's career perfectly exemplified this fact, he had all the time toiled to advance the cause of Catholic literature, and he was followed to the tomb by but three of his friends in life, the undertaker being obliged to call upon his assistants to act as pall-bearers for the deceased writer.