

Between Ourselves.

To the Editor of the Catholic Register.

Sir.—Under the above heading I read in your paper a sketch of Dr Conan Doyle in which that gentleman is stated to be "not a Catholic like his uncle," the celebrated artist of Punch in its earlier days. I have since read in another newspaper that he is a Catholic and that he was educated by the Jesuits at Stonyhurst.

Now of course it is a matter which really concerns Dr. Doyle alone, but as a matter of historical reference hereafter it might be as well to have the question settled.

Yours, BRANNAGH.

[We have noticed the statement in other papers that Dr. Doyle is a Catholic. The Catholic Columbian was the first. The source of their information is not known. To our own view the internal evidence is strongly against the assumption that Dr. Doyle is a Catholic. In the White Company there are views expressed concerning conventual life which could not honestly have been written by one reared in the church. Again "The Refugees" brilliant as it is in some ways is simply stupid when dealing with the priesthood. It were as well however that there should be some definite answer to the question if one is forthcoming. At present it looks as if the Irish of him is as much as can be taken credit for.—Ed.]

St. Mary's, Ont.

Christmas was celebrated with unusual splendor in the R. C. Church here. Masses were celebrated at 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock by the pastor Rev. P. J. Brennan, who delivered eloquent sermons appropriate to the festive occasion at the first and last Masses. The sanctuary of the elegant new church was beautifully decorated with flowers over which numerous tapers shed a soft light. The choir under the capable leadership of Miss K. McKeough rendered Leonard's Mass in a brilliant and pleasing manner. The chief solos were taken by Misses Hughes and Clark, and Messrs. Fleming, Burns and McKeough. One of the new and interesting features of the occasion was the singing at early Mass of the Christmas anthems "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Adeste Fidelis" by the children of the Separate school who had been trained for the occasion by the organist Miss Kate McKeough.

Ordination.

On Friday Dec 21st His Grace Archbishop Walsh ordained the Rev. J. Minahan to the order of priesthood at the chape of St. Josephs Convent. His Grace was assisted by Fathers Marijon and Frachon C. S. B. Father Damouchelle acted as master of ceremonies and the young priest was assisted by Fathers Coyle and Cruise. Rev. Mr. Phelan acted as crozier bearer and Rev. Mr. Finegan as mitre bearer.

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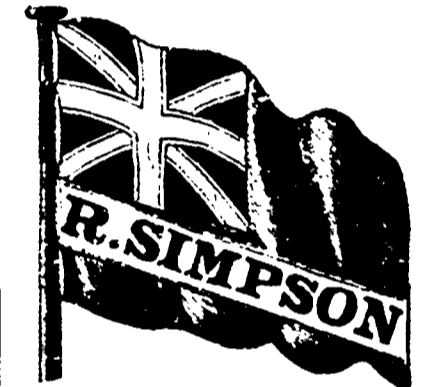
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