

NOTES ON FOREIGN CATHOLIC NEWS.

Very Rev. J. H. Brammer, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., whose death was recently announced, was one of the most popular men in that State.

Pope Leo XIII., although he recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday, is still vigorous despite the rheumatism from which he suffers.

The Catholic children of Europe—and why may not those of Canada and the United States join them—by their prayers and aims procure baptism yearly for between 400,000 and 500,000 heathen children and help to clothe, feed and educate about 100,000 orphaned little boys and girls.

The first batch of Premonstratensian Canons has embarked from Antwerp, Belgium, for the Congo mission, which has been confided to the Order by His Holiness Leo XIII.

The annual general conference of the Catholic Truth Society will be held on the 30th and 31st of August and 1st of September at Nottingham, England.

A Mass in honour of St. Aidan, patron of the Irish diocese of Ferns, has been composed by Mr. William Grattan Flood, a Wexford gentleman, and is already declared a notable success.

A Passion Play is to be produced at Horitz, in the Bohemia, up to September 18th. Horitz is no more difficult of access than Oberammergau, and although its play has not so old associations as that of the Bavarian village, it is scarcely less interesting.

The Rev. Reginald Walsh, O.P., has been appointed to the additional Chair of Scriptural Studies newly established in Maynooth College, Ireland.

The National Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America will hold its annual convention at Boston August 10, 11 and 12, 1898.

and people. At a meeting of the Boston pastory, it was unanimously voted to invite the visiting prelates, and priests to the hospitality of their homes.

The archbishop of New York has constituted St. Mary's Church into an irremovable rectory, and Dr. Burtell has been made the first irremovable rector.

The Catholic Knights of Columbus of Brooklyn have purchased and sent to the army and navy chaplains 10,000 copies of vest-pocket prayer books for the Catholic soldiers and sailors.

The Chapter of the English Dominicans held at the Priory of St. Dominic at Haverstock Hill, London, has resulted in the re-election of the Very Rev. Father John Proctor, O.P., as Provincial for the ensuing four years.

The Right Rev. Bishop Gaughran has sailed from Southampton for his South African diocese. Previous to his departure he had been the guest of the Fathers at Tower Hill, London.

Dr. Laponi, the Pope's physician, states that the alarmist reports appearing in a Rome newspaper in reference to the Pope's health are absolutely imaginary.

The prize of ten thousand francs which the Holy Father promised last year to award for the best picture of the Holy Family presented at the Turin Exhibition has brought forth an unexpectedly keen and brilliant competition.

In a paper read the other day before the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland Mr. Robertson described a silver chalice made in the year 1000. It is known as the 'Archer chalice,' because it was given by Walter FitzRichard Archer, for the good of his soul, to the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin in the Monastery of St. Francis at Kilkenny.

THE BIBLE.

Cardinal Gibbons Recommends Diligent Study of It.

Speaking at the graduation exercises at the Catholic University, Washington, Cardinal Gibbons said:—

'Among the many advantages you enjoy in this young but flourishing institution of learning I may mention this one in particular, that you are taught by your able and discriminating professor what books you are to study, what authors you are to consult in your ecclesiastical or civil career.

'While I must disclaim the ability which would enable me to recommend to you the authors you should study, there is one book which I commend to you first and last and at all times, and that book is the Holy Scripture. The Word of God is justly styled by St. Ambrose the libro sacerdotalis, or priest's book by excellence.

But I would recommend the Holy Scriptures not only to you, reverend gentlemen, but also to those of you who are destined to the practice of the law or of any civil calling. Judge Robinson will agree with me that an argument from the Gospels will not fail to make a deep impression on a judge and jury in our country, for the common law in England, from which ours is largely derived, is interwoven with evangelical maxims.

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CLAN-NA-GAEL.

Great Gathering of Music-Loving Gaels From all Countries Held in Dublin.

At the recent Gaelic festival held in the Rotunda, Dublin, the immense hall was filled in every part. Every Irish-speaking county was represented; the Gaels in London and Glasgow sent embassies, while the Irish in Paris, Boston, New York and Chicago sent greetings to the common festival.

A delegation from the 'Mod.' of Scotland, consisting of Colin MacPharlin and Roderick MacLeod, was then played to the platform by the Highland pipes and was received with tremendous applause.

The secretary then read greetings, in Gaelic, from societies in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and also from the 'Inch-Celtic Society, New York; the Gaelic League, Chicago; the Philo-Celtic Society, Boston, and from Rev. Father O'Grady, Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.

Dr. Hyde next recited his Oireachtas ode, the melodic beauty and impassioned delivery of which charmed even those ignorant of Irish.

A band of Irish harps, conducted by Mr. Owen Lloyd, then played a selection consisting of 'The Gull,' 'Sir Festus Burke,' 'Banks of the Shannon,' 'Carolan's Receipt,' and an Irish jig.

The songs of Roderick MacLeod, 'He ro mo nighéan donn Broidheach' and 'Oran na Caillich,' brought down the house. Miss Harriet Rose Byrne sang 'Fear a' Bheata' and 'Hioro's na h-oro eile,' to the accompaniment of her Highland clairsach.

IRISH ORATORY.

Irish oratory, like Irish nationality, has with some a very circumscribed meaning. They understand by it a kind of eloquence, all figures and fancy, with no argument—the play of 'Hamlet' with the part of Hamlet left out.

It is not exaggerated and bombastic like the French, nor is it so practical and common sense as that of the English school, nor yet is it a fine art like ancient oratory, but it is something different from them all, yet retaining some of the features of each.

A very curious sign of the times is the campaign that has been carried on in France with increasing ardour of late years against classical studies in the state colleges and lycées.

no exception for the passed through the Ecole Normale. In a recent discourse at the Sorbonne he nevertheless declared that it was a joke to say that Greek and Latin were necessary to a doctor, a chemist, a judge, or an advocate.

EXCOMMUNICATED.

Punishment of a Polish Priest, Formerly of Chicago.

The Archbishops and Bishops of the various dioceses of the United States have received from Rome copies of a decree of major excommunication directed against R. V. Anthony Kuzlowski, a Polish priest formerly affiliated with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Commenting upon this sad event, the Catholic Standard, of Philadelphia, says editorially: It is certain to know that the Holy Father has been compelled, by the unending contumacy of the Rev. Anthony Kuzlowski, to pronounce against him the extreme ban of the Church.

It is the peculiar circumstances of this country, no other course was open to the sovereign authority of our Church if Catholic unity was to be preserved. The idea of separate nationality in Church discipline is incompatible with the general law and the general interest.

Some professional defamers of our Church endeavor to make capital against it by pointing to the process of excommunication as a thing peculiar to it—a species of ecclesiastical despotism exercised only by Rome.

It may be supposed by some ignorant persons that excommunication is a matter which only carries spiritual deprivation. No greater mistake was ever made. The Catholic Church never went beyond the form of excommunication, but in the Church of England, which is a branch of the State, excommunication is punishable by deprivation of civil rights, loss of vote and disenfranchisement to serve on a jury.

The man who lives beyond his means to keep up appearances, or who professes to be able to do what he cannot do, or who pretends to know what he does not know, or who aspires a virtue which he possesses not, works very hard for very poor returns.

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