

General News.

The Catholics of the diocese of Cambrai, France, have reopened 340 schools to take the place of the 443 primary schools closed by the Religious Congregations' law.

In the Church of the Sacred Heart Edizburg, Scotland, there is a statue of the Madonna and Child, the only pre-Reformation statue of its kind in Scotland. It is looked upon as one of the greatest treasures of the Church.

With the closing of the convents of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart in France, the houses in the United States become the oldest foundations of the order. Of these the one located at St. Charles, Mo., which was founded by the saintly Madame Duchesne, heads the list.

The rather unusual ceremony of blessing a newspaper plant was performed a few days ago by Bishop Forest, of San Antonio, Tex. The plant so blessed is that of the Southern Messenger, a paper which has done good work for the Catholic cause.

The memorial placed by the Ratepayers' Association on the wall of Etloe House, London, to commemorate the fact that Cardinal Wiseman resided there for some years, was recently unveiled by the Archbishop of Westminster in the presence of a large assemblage.

A press despatch from Barcelona tells of a fatal riot at Castro on September 22. A religious procession, with the local priest at its head, was about to enter the church at Castro, when it was attacked by an armed mob. The priest and another man were killed instantly, and fifty-six others were injured.

The Rev. William F. Rigg, S.J., professor of astronomy in Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., has been honored with a fellowship in the Royal Astronomical Society of England, because of his contributions to various astronomical and other scientific publications dealing with his researches.

The "Observatore Romano" publishes the following official note: "Newspapers hostile to the Holy See announce that the Holy Father during his pontificate has received numerous and important legacies amounting to several millions. It is necessary to make known once for all that they are absolutely false and without foundation."

The German Catholic Journeyman's Society, is one of the most prosperous in the world. It is divided into diocesan groups. That of Rottenburg has 2800 members and owns property to the amount of \$200,000. Its 52 local branches have established libraries which aggregate in all twenty thousand books, with \$40,000 deposited in their savings banks.

A press despatch from Rome, dated October 11, says: "New rules affecting the Bishops throughout the world were made known at the Vatican to-day. These prescribe that the Bishops shall be allowed two years following their appointment in which to arrange the canonical visitations in their dioceses. Five years after that they must satisfy the obligation of visiting the Pope, such visits to be repeated once in every five years."

There has been a Catholic daily paper published in Manila for the past ten years. Libertas is the title of our Manila contemporary, and it celebrated recently its tenth anniversary with a special edition which contained congratulatory letters and articles from 26 members of the local clergy, including Archbishop Hart, canons of the Cathedral Chapter, pastors of the city churches and superiors of the religious orders.

A press clipping bureau has been installed at the Vatican at Rome. The Holy Father reads only two newspapers, the Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Holy See, and the Dirce of Venice. All other Italian newspapers are read by a young journalist, who cuts out all the news of interest and sends the clippings daily to Cardinal Merry del Val. All the clippings are bound separately, divided according to countries, and sub-divided according to newspapers and carefully indexed for future references.

Best Beloved Saint.

Eloquent Tribute in Episcopalian Organ.

The seven hundredth anniversary of the founding by St. Francis of Assisi of his First Order was celebrated recently by the various Franciscan Orders of the Church. The celebrations in most cases lasted three days, beginning October 3. The Lamp, the Episcopalian organ edited by Rev. Paul, a paper that has called forth some Protestant criticisms for leaning too much towards the old Church, prints a loving tribute to the saint whom it calls "the Saint of the Protestants." Under the caption, "The Call of St. Francis," the Lamp says: "Let us look back over the vista of the intervening centuries and try to form some scant idea of how much the Catholic Church owes to St. Francis. When shutting our eyes for the time being to every-

thing else, we regard him simply as a Religious Founder, and have traced down to the present day the three mighty rivers of Franciscan influence, which bear respectively the names of the First, second and Third Orders of St. Francis, let us not suppose that we have arrived at any adequate estimate of our saint. "We must also take into account that a great majority of the other notable religious founders, who have arisen since the days of St. Francis, have sprung from the Franciscan stock and were proud to number themselves among the sons and daughters of the Poor Man of Assisi.

"For example, the following great 'friends of God,' were members of the Franciscan Third Order: St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, and his two famous associates, St. Francis Xavier and St. Francis Borgia; St. Charles Borromeo, founder of the Oblates; St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists and of the Sisters of Charity; St. Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians; St. Francis de Sales, and St. Francis de Chantal, joint founders of the Sisters of the Visitation; St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists; St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists; St. Angela, founder of the Ursulines; Blessed John Baptist de la Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers; Father Olier, founder of the Sulpicians; Dom Bosco, founder of the Salesian Fathers and Sisters, and Frederick Ozanam, founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

INNUMERABLE FOLLOWERS.

"At the present time there are in various parts of the world in round numbers some twenty-five thousand Franciscans. Friars, one hundred thousand Franciscan Sisters and one million Franciscan Tertiaries.

"This is a splendid showing after seven hundred years and best of all no sign of decay, on the contrary the close of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century have been marked by an unprecedented revival of Franciscanism and an extraordinary feature of this revival is the remarkable way in which the cultus of St. Francis is spreading among Anglicans and Protestants.

"The other day in Washington a Protestant minister said to us: 'Francis of Assisi is the Saint of us Protestants,' and certainly he voiced the sentiments of a vast number of his fellow religionists. The Salvation Army has published a short life of the Saint, which has been read by many thousands of the proletariat, and a Socialist writer and lecturer of increasing distinction was heard to say in the company of other socialists some weeks ago: 'I consider St. Francis of Assisi the most perfect follower of Jesus that ever lived.'"

Briefly reviewing the work of the saint, the writer suggests that from the signs of the times, it would appear that God is contemplating sending another St. Francis of Assisi. He then continues:

LIBERTY OF CHOICE.

"As of old St. Francis gives the individual his choice, according to his condition and state of life; first, there is his great religious order for men, those who in the present age as did his original follower seven hundred years ago, follow the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and keep the Rule of the Friars Minor, which Francis declared he received, not from man, but from God. Then for women who would forsake the world altogether and serve God in seclusion, strictest poverty and ceaseless prayer, St. Francis' Second Order, the 'Poor Clares' as its members are commonly called, still offers a refuge and retreat. But for those who would serve God in Holy Religion, and yet after a less stringent rule and in the way of the active life, by teaching youth or ministering to Christ in the person of his poor, the sick, the fallen and the outcast, the doors of convents and religious houses of the Third Order Regular almost without number stand ready to be opened, if any, as a postulant, will but knock.

THIRD ORDER HOPE OF THE WORLD.

"As for those who find themselves bound by the ties of family life, they, too, may hear the call of Francis to take up, in their state of life, the Cross, and as true disciples of the Crucified to strive in the midst of the world to live a life of entire consecration to God, cultivating the virtues of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, of St. Louis of France, and of the Blessed Luce, who was the first to be clothed by St. Francis in the Tertiary habit. The Third Order Secular of the Seraphic Patriarch invites all such to embrace its rule and to be girded with the white cord of St. Francis. Pope Leo XIII., of blessed memory, declared the Third Order of St. Francis to be the hope of the world in the face of the advancing tide of materialistic socialism and unbelief. Recall to mind how St. Francis, as a true Social Reformer, emancipated the Catholic masses of Feudalism and justly earned the title of the Father of Christian Democracy, which posterity more recently has accorded him. Especially here in America, which Franciscans first discovered and evangelized, we need a countless multitude of Franciscan Tertiaries, obedient to the rule and teaching of Jesus Christ, bent on carrying out politically as well as religiously the Christian democracy of St. Francis of Assisi, to offset the soulless feudalism of incorporated greed. He that hath ears to hear the call of St. Francis let him hear."

NEWS BY THE IRISH MAIL.

The farmers of County Down interested in the growing and marketing of flax are being organized with a view to establishing open markets for the sale of flax and joining the newly-formed Belfast Co-operative Flax Growers' Society. Meetings for these objects have been held in the Holywood and Killinbeg districts, addressed by Richmond Noble, Samuel Boyd, James Marshall, and others. At the meeting of Castleblayney Board of Guardians a resolution was adopted calling on millowners to have flax sold in open market, and the matter was also discussed at a meeting of the Joint Committee of the Armagh City Council and Armagh Rural Council.

Athy, Kildare, supporters of the Athy-Castlecumber proposed railway are quite sanguine as to the prospects of the project. Last week the Athy Committee completed their collection in aid of the costs of the Bill, and have now lodged their contribution, amounting to over £600. The response in Castlecomer has, it is said, been equally satisfactory, and the Kilkenny men have also practically subscribed their portion of the guarantee. An Athy gentleman who has taken a leading part in the promotion of the great scheme stated that he had not the least doubt but the capital necessary for the construction of the line would be forthcoming in due time.—Leinster Leader.

Speaking in the Cathedral, Cavan, on Sunday, his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Boylan said that Cavan should take up the lace industry as well as the surrounding counties. By doing so they were encouraging Irish industries, and also making plenty of money for themselves. If the industry were taken up properly, plenty of money could be made out of it, as it was well known that in small places where it was taken up as much as £700 per annum could be realized. He advised those who could do so to attend regularly to the lace classes which were about to be established in the district.

Over eighty tenants on the Wandersford, Kilkenny, property, having petitioned the Estates Commissioners to have their farms inspected before the sale is sanctioned, the Commissioners have declared their intention of acceding to the request. That is but fair to all parties, and will tend to satisfy the claimants, while it will also show that all that is wanted on the part of the petitioners is value for the money which they and their descendants will have to pay for the purchase of the lands.

The picturesque mansion of Ravensdale, County Louth, which some years ago was purchased from the De Vespi family by the late Sir Daniel Dixon, Bart., M.P., who was seven times Mayor and Lord Mayor of Belfast, has been sold to the Earl of Arran by Sir Thomas Dixon the deceased Baronet's son, who has taken a long lease of Hillsborough Castle, County Down, from Lord Downshire. The Earl and Countess of Arran have already taken up their residence at Ravensdale. The mansion was for generations in possession of the Fortescue family, one of whom fought at Waterloo.

The sixth annual show of the Oldcastle, Meath, Agricultural and Industrial Society was held in extensive fields in the vicinity of that progressive town. Each year since its inception has been marked by continuous strides in the direction of public appreciation. This year's exhibition, however, eclipsed its predecessors in this respect. The attendance totalled several thousand people more than last year, whilst the entries were 1700, as against 1600.

It was but natural that the revival of interest in that fine game, handball, should have caught on in Athy, whose exponents of the pastime once were of national repute. That interest in sport should have been allowed to decline is, perhaps, due to the absence of proper facilities for practice. Now, however, that the town is provided with a really fine court, we may hope for a revival that may result in great things being done. The match played recently attracted the greatest interest, and though the result was, not unexpected, it was, nevertheless, disappointing.

The centenary of the Presentation Order in Dungarven was celebrated on September 14 with impressive religious ceremonies, in presence of the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and a large number of clergy. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father Gwynn, S.J. Subsequently addressess were presented to the nuns by the local Urban Council and religious societies.

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LONGEVITY IN IRELAND.

REMARKABLE HEALTHFULNESS.

Interesting Comparisons Worth Reading.

The Old Age Pension law has been a good thing for old Ireland. It may be socialistic and all that, but Ireland is not afraid of a bugaboo which enables her to draw \$7,500,000 annually from the British treasury. And for that matter, the money is merely restitution money anyway. Think how Ireland has been robbed in the past!

Many have told of the natural beauties of Ireland, but among her attractions as a place of residence a high place must be given to the fact that her climate seems to promote the chances of a long life, says the London Tablet.

THE STATISTICS.

Mr. Lloyd-George published some interesting figures as to the total payments in respect of old-age pensions from January 1 to September 2:

England and Wales £3,270,000
Ireland 1,541,000
Scotland 598,000
Total £5,409,000

The number of pensioners in the three countries was as follows on June 30:

England and Wales 410,000
Ireland 184,000
Scotland 78,000
Total 667,000

The population of the three countries is:

England and Wales 35,756,000
Ireland 4,877,000
Scotland 4,877,000
Total 45,510,000

The number of pensioners in proportion to the population thus works out at:

England and Wales 11 per 1000
Ireland 42 per 1000
Scotland 15 per 1000

MOST HEALTHY COUNTRY.

The Daily Mail points out that the total calculated number of persons aged seventy and over in Ireland was placed officially in 1907 at 173,000. But of these many would be disqualified as paupers and persons with incomes above the limit. Yet there are 11,000 more Irish pensioners than the total number of Irish persons over seventy, as calculated. So Ireland must be admitted to be one of the most healthy countries in the world. The expenditure per head of the population on pensions in the three countries in the first eight months works out at:

England 1s 10d
Ireland 7s 0d
Scotland 2s 5d

The total cost of old-age pensions can be roughly calculated from the above figures. Assuming that they include administration charges, the outlay for the year at the same rate will be over eight million pounds. Mr. Asquith's original estimate was £6,000,000.

Important Meeting of C. T. A. U. of Canada.

A special meeting of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Canada was held Tuesday evening, President P. Polan presiding.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. W. P. Doyle, seconded by Mr. J. Easton, was unanimously adopted and directed to be forwarded to His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi at Quebec:

"That the sincere thanks of this Union, with its affiliated societies, be extended to His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi for having given our temperance demonstration his patronage, his kindness in placing his Cathedral at our disposal, and for his further proof of his interest in the cause. We fully concur with His Grace as regards the early closing of saloons, a matter in which we are already engaged in combating, and the various other suggestions contained in his letter will prove good and effective work for the future.

We assure His Grace of our loyal and hearty support at all times in the work he has so well inaugurated, and which we, as total abstainers, love to see prosper. We feel that the demonstration just held is a mighty stride forward for the temperance cause in our city, and that with the combined action of the English and French Catholic societies, which we look forward to in the near future, practical results, which, after all, is what is required, must follow.

A vote of thanks was also tendered Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, Vice-Chancellor, who was appointed by His Grace to deal with the members of the Union in his absence, in arranging the celebration in the Cathedral, also to the Rev. Father O'Hare and the Rev. Father Tranche-montagne, preachers of the occasion.

The ungrateful thanks of the Union was tendered to the members of St. Ann's brass band and the Juvenile Pipe and Drum Band who furnished music for the parade. Committees were appointed at this meeting to confer with the French Total Abstinence Societies with a view to their joining the Union. President P. Polan, W. P. Doyle and J. Easton were appointed de-

BELLS

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal, Circuit Court of the District of No. 21693. Montreal.

Joseph Ulric Emard, of the City of Montreal, Plaintiff, vs Ernest F. Colthorpe, of the same place, brick-layer, Defendant.

The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month. Montreal, 5th October, 1909. (By order) J. CARTIER, Deputy Clerk of said Court. EMARD & EMARD, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a general and special meeting of the members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company 'La Providence' will be held at the office of the undersigned, No. 15 St. Lawrence Boulevard, city of Montreal, the 15th of November, 1909, to take into consideration the liquidation of the said company and to pass resolutions to that effect. By order of the Board, THEOPHORE MEUNIER, Secretary and Manager.

legates to represent the Union at the temperance congress of the St. Pierre aux Liens Temperance Society to be held Monday, Oct. 25th, at Blue Bonnets.

Local and Diocesan News.

LOCAL CALENDAR.

Sat. Oct. 23. St. John Capistran. Sun. " 24. St. Raphael, Archangel. Mon. " 25. SS. Chrysanthus and Daria. Tues. " 26. St. Evaristus. Wed. " 27. St. Frumentius. Thurs. " 28. SS. Simon and Jude. Fri. " 29. St. Theodorus.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.

Monday, Oct. 25, Terrebonne; Wednesday, 27th, Grey Nuns, St. Jerome; Friday, 29th, St. Joseph's; Sunday, 31st, Lachine.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO CEMETERY.

The Franciscan Fathers will hold their annual pilgrimage to the cemetery at Cote des Neiges on Sunday afternoon next. The Way of the Cross will be preached by the Rev. Father Eichelbert. To begin at 3 o'clock prompt. The same evening at 7.45 the annual retreat for men will open in the Franciscan (lower) Church, Dorchester street west. The Rev. Father Dunstan will be the preacher. The brother Tertiaries cordially invite their gentlemen friends. Services each evening at 7.45.

MT. ST. LOUIS CADETS FOR BISLEY.

Eight members of Mount St. Louis Cadets have been chosen to go to Bisley next year to enter the competition specially organized for schoolboys of the Empire. The eight representatives were chosen after trial rifle matches held at Pointe aux Trembles, where forty members of the cadets took part. The representatives chosen are Clavet, Dufresne, Pepin, Potvin, Daoust, Porgue, Larviere and Papineau.

ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

There was no truth in the despatch from Quebec stating that the Fathers of the Plenary Council had adjourned till Tuesday and that several of those attending would in the meantime visit Montreal. The archbishops and bishops are in session every day, but the various committees were so far ahead of the General Council that they did not meet till Tuesday.

Rev. Canon Roy, Archbishop Bruchesi's theologian, came to Montreal to attend to urgent business and returned Monday morning. Rev. Canon Dauth, representing the Metropolitan Chapter, came to see his mother, who is ill.

The only other member attending the Council to come to Montreal was Right Rev. Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, who came to consult an expert regarding his hearing and in consequence has been excused by the Papal Legate from further assisting at the council.

OBITUARY.

MRS. HUGH HOLT.

Word has just reached us of the death at Port Townsend, Washington, U.S.A., of Mrs. Ellen Holt, widow of the late Mr. Hugh Holt, formerly of Chatham, N.B., but later of Montreal, where she was much respected and loved for her quiet unostentatious Christian life. She was a most devoted mother, true friend and kind neighbor. Mrs. Holt left Montreal just a year ago. Her health was rapidly failing, and she wished to be with her daughter, Mrs. Griffith, of Quilcome. She remained there only about six months, the family removing to Port Townsend, as there was no Catholic church in Quilcome, and Mrs. Holt's happiness was only complete when she was in the shadow of the Church. To her bereaved family we offer our most sincere sympathy in their great loss. May she rest in peace.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

THANKSGIVING DAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1909. Round Trip Tick ts will be sold at SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE between all Stations in Canada, Fort William and East. Going Dates—October 22nd to 25th, inclusive. Return Limit—October 27th, 1909.

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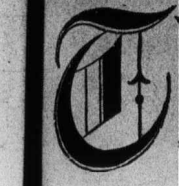
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