

Current Events

— HIS Holiness has assigned \$100,000 for the development of the Provincial Catholic Seminary at Kandus, in Ceylon.

— THE Bishop of St. Gallen, in Switzerland, Mgr. Egger, has just published a pamphlet on insurance against sickness and accidents.

— AUBREY DE VERE, the oldest living English poet, said recently that the greatest event of his life was his conversion to the Catholic faith.

— THE German Catholics have collected nearly \$100,000 for the erection of the new Church of the Dormition at Jerusalem, the site of which has been given by the Emperor.

— LEO XIII has consented to sit again for a portrait. A well-known Hungarian artist, Philipp Laszlois, is about to paint a full-length picture of him, seated on the Papal chair.

— THE population of Australia is 3,546,700; divided as follows: N. S. Wales, 1,248,400; Victoria, 1,162,900; Queensland, 482,400; S. Australia, 370,000; Tasmania, 182,300.

— THE paintings of the Life of Christ, by Tissot, are about to be brought to Brooklyn and to become the property of the citizens of that borough, under certain conditions, which seem almost certain of fulfilment.

— CARDINAL Vaughan has entered into a working alliance with Dr. Barnardo, by which the latter undertakes to report to the Catholic authorities all Catholic applications in England and Ireland for admission into his Homes, allowing a fortnight's time to deal with each case.

— FATHERS Algue and Close, S. J., Directors of the Manila Observatory, P. I., have reached Washington, on the invitation of the United States Government. These learned priests are about to publish twelve large volumes on the typhoons, earthquakes, meteorology, etc. in the Philippines.

— THE diocese of Havana, to which Mgr. Sbaretta was recently appointed, contains 134 parishes and a population of 1,200,000 Catholics.