



## Current Events

— **PILGRIMAGES** from the various countries of Europe continue to reach Rome.

— **COOK and Son** are advertising a personally conducted tour to the battlefields of South Africa.

— **LEO XIII.** has granted to the priests attached to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre, in Paris, the privilege of celebrating mass at midnight whenever a great multitude of the faithful assembles at the shrine.

— **BISHOP Gaughran, O. M. I.**, writing from Kimberley, says that notwithstanding the long and desperate siege, not one Catholic was hurt. This he attributes to their devotion to the Sacred Heart; for in every house a picture was hung up.

— **MGR. Boutros Sohdo**, a Syrian Jacobite Archbishop, along with many of his clergy and people, has been received into the Catholic Church. It is announced that these conversions will have a considerable influence on the movement towards reunion amongst the Churches of the East.

— **CARDINAL Mazella**, Bishop of Palestrina and Prefect of the Congregation of Rites, died recently. The dead Cardinal was a member of the Jesuit Order and taught theology for several years in the United States. His Eminence was the 128th Cardinal who has died during the Pontificate of Leo XIII.

— **GERMANY** counts 32,000,000 Protestants against 20,000,000 Catholics. But putting aside the millions of modern Protestant pagans and Social Democrats, there are more Catholic than Protestant Christians in Germany to-day. The German Empire may be considered one of the most Catholic nations of the world.

— **FATHER Algue, S. J.**, Director of the Observatory at Manila, now in the United States, has published a letter bristling with facts and figures, which victoriously refutes the statements of the Anglican Bishop Potter of New York on the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

— **THERE** are in the United States forty-four different religious Congregations of men, numbering seven or eight thousand members working unceasingly for religion. There are 118 congregations of nuns with a membership of fully 50,000 women, occupied in the work of instruction or charity.