

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The new St. John's Catholic parochial school at Chicago will cost \$60,000.

The Spanish Catholic Congress this year will be held at Tarragona in the first fortnight of October.

THE first band of "White Sisters," a new French order, recently left Paris for the great lakes of Equatorial Africa to help in the conversion of the natives.

There are 215 Catholic periodicals published in the United States. Of these 150 are issued weekly, 16 monthly, and others bi-weekly, tri-weekly, fortnightly and quarterly.

TWO RECTORS of Philadelphia churches completed their twenty-fifth year in the priesthood on the 29th ult. They are Rev. Michael J. Lawlor, rector of St. Thomas Aquinas, and Rev. Daniel O'Connor, rector of St. Agatha's.

SISTER CATHARINE, a daughter of Millionaire Drexel, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting the convents in St. Louis for several weeks, has been detailed to take charge as superior of the Ursuline Sisters' convent at Alton, Ill.

THE PUBLIC procession of Corpus Christi through the streets of Vienna was marked by its accustomed splendor. The Emperor and eight archdukes, among whom was the octogenarian Archduke Albert, followed the Blessed Sacrament on foot.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S day, Dec. 3, 1894, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the Sacred Heart. This association has grown most amazingly until it is now estimated that no fewer than 20,000,000 members join every day in the prayers for general and particular intentions.

The number of Catholics who emigrated from Europe to the United States for three years ending in 1891 were 946,100. Of this 156,000 came from Ireland, 151,000 from Italy, 107,000 from Germany, 104,000 from Austria-Hungary, 16,000 from Great Britain. The balance were divided up chiefly among Russia, France, Poland, Spain and Portugal.

A MONSTER meeting of Catholics has been held at Mayence, Germany, to counterbalance the demand made by the Evangelical synod of Heise, who protested against the recall of the Jesuits. The absurdity of a law which maintains without motive proscriptions against common rights was eloquently shown.

REV. EDWARD GIANNINI, late rector of Llandawke, South Wales, after going through the spiritual exercises of St. Saviour's Retreat, Broadway, Worcester-shire, made a public profession of adhesion to the Catholic Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi at the hands of Father McKillop, C. P.

On June 6th Dan Giuseppe Patrizi and Miss Mary Francis Donelan Lee-Cooper were married in Rome. The bride's mother is a niece of the late Confederate General Lee; "the great general Lee," as the Holy Father said to her recently. On the eve of the wedding the Pope accorded an audience of nearly an hour with the bride and her mother and the bridegroom and his mother.

ACCORDING to the "Annals of Lourdes," there have been during the last year seventy attested cures of different diseases through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, besides the many others not yet proved as miraculous cures by the medical academy established in that town. Most of the cases were desperate, among them being cancers, consumption, paralysis, asthma and rheumatism.

HIS Excellency, Mt. Rev. Francis Satolli, D. D., Apostolic Delegate was in Columbus, O., June 21, and under escort of the clergy and students of the Josephinum proceeded at once to that institution. On Friday morning the seminarians made the Juramentum into the hands of the Delegate, which ceremony was followed by Solemn Pontifical Mass. After the Introit, twenty of the students received the tonsure, following which ordination to sacred priesthood of Rev. Theo. Peters took place. The Rt. Rev. Bishop and all the city clergy were present.

THE late Chief Justice Coleridge of Great Britain, though not a Catholic himself, had a brother who was a member of the Society of Jesus; and his successor, who is a practical Catholic, has

also a Jesuit priest for a brother, Rev. Matthew Russell, S. J., well known throughout the English-speaking world for his literary abilities and productions. His uncle, Very Rev. Charles W. Russell, was for many years the president of Maynooth, besides being a member of the royal commission on historical manuscripts and a contributor to several leading British publications. Cardinal Newman often said that Dr. Russell contributed largely to his conversion to Catholicity.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

A Catholic gentleman, living in one of our large cities, recently gave his reasons for buying a building lot at the Summer School in Plattsburgh, where he intends to build a cottage. He has a large family and his young people are growing up not so thoroughly Catholic as he would wish. They are sound in the faith, they attend Mass and frequent the sacraments, they are good practical Catholics. But their associations are not Catholic; many of their friends are Protestants, or young persons of no religion. They read secular—which means Protestant—books, papers and magazines; they acquire, without knowing or meaning it, if not a Protestant, at least a non-Catholic way of looking at things. The tendency is to make them think of their religion as one thing and the rest of their daily life as another and distinct affair. "I shall build a cottage at Plattsburgh," said he, "and take my family there every summer, for the sake of having them live, for a part of every year at least, in a Catholic community. For two or three months out of the twelve they will be in a Catholic atmosphere; surrounded by persons of their own way of thinking and believing in religious matters. They will become accustomed to the application of Catholic principles to all the affairs of life, small and great. Above all they will learn to feel that their religion is not unusual, that Catholicism is not strange or exceptional; that it need not be apologized for and explained away. When they pass one quarter of their lives in a community like that, where every one is happy and proud to be a Catholic, it will be impossible for them to be ashamed of their religion. For this, more than for the intellectual part; for the moral and unconsciously educational rather than for technical instruction even from our able and brilliant Catholic lecturers and teachers, do I make my summer home in Plattsburgh." It is precisely these considerations which seem in our eyes to constitute the supreme attraction for Catholic parents at the Summer School. It is to this enlightening and reinforcing influence that we look for inestimable good.—*Sacred Heart Review*.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

Second week, July 22-27.—Preachers—The Rev. Walter Elliott, C.S.P.; the Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P.

Lectures by Richard Malcolm Johnston of Baltimore, Md.; the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, director of the Cathedral Library Reading Circle, New York City; James Jeffrey Roche, editor of the Boston Pilot; Dr. Valentine Brown, president of the Board of Health, Yonkers, N.Y.; Hon. Charles E. Gorman, Providence, R.I.; the Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, president of the Catholic Educational Union, Pittsburg, Pa.

Third week, July 29, August 3.—Preachers—The Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J., the Very Rev. James S. Lynch, D.D., LL.D.

Lectures by the Rev. George M. Searle, C.S.P., the Rev. M. G. Flannery, director of the Fenelon Reading Circle, Brooklyn, N.Y.; John P. Leahy, president of the Catholic Union, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. B. Ellen Burke, conductor of the Teachers' Institute, Malone, N.Y.; the Rev. Michael P. Smith, C.S.P. The convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union will be held this year on July 31 and August 1, during the third week of the session of the Summer School.

Fourth week, Aug. 5-10.—Preachers—The Rev. James A. McCallen, S.S.; the Very Rev. William O'B. Pardow, S. J.; the Very Rev. Frederick W. Wayrick, C. S.S. B., of Rochester, N.Y., will preach morning and evening on Aug. 12.

Lectures by the Very Rev. William O'B. Pardow, Jesuit Provincial; the Rev. James A. Doonan, S.J., of Boston College; Principal George E. Hardy, president of the New York State Teachers'

Association; Principal Marc F. Vallette, LL. D., of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Brother Adjutor, of Manhattan College, New York City; Principal John H. Haaren, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Temperance Notes.

Our Catholic total abstinence societies are composed very largely of men who have never experienced the temptation from any sort of strong drink, but who have devoted themselves to the practice of total abstinence in the spirit of penance for the sins of others, and also to set an example to their brothers.—Bishop Watterson.

The constitutional convention seems to be utterly afraid to use any of its power in checking the lawlessness of the liquor traffic. According to all accounts it passes the bulk of its time in listening to petitions for inspecting convents and fencing in sectarian institutions. Like moles under their little mounds, the members of this convention seem to worry themselves under elaborate trifles. Gentlemen, if you want to be good to the taxpayers of this state let sectarianism alone and fence in the liquor traffic. Perhaps even you know by this time that sectarian houses of correction reform the majority of their unfortunate inmates into sober and respectable citizens, whilst the state institutions are very likely to turn out padded criminals and branded outcasts. If you have any energy left procure a tabulated account of the want, ignorance, crime and taxes caused in this state by the liquor traffic. No! Adjourn forever, and let younger and more practical men perform the work which you are too reluctant even to begin.

Mayor Hopkins of Chicago, in his recent annual message to the City Council said: "The humiliating spectacle is presented of the city of Chicago being obliged to depend on the receipts from saloon licenses to eke out its municipal existence." The rowdyish element which in times of strikes or other disturbances are ready to destroy property, is strong wherever the saloons thrive. The state of New York would not have sent its soldiers to Buffalo two years ago if alcoholic drinks had not acted as a fire-brand during the railroad strike. Mr. Hopkins' advice to the Chicago council is timely. American cities will ultimately come to the understanding that it costs them ten dollars for every one received from saloon licenses, to protect life and property from dangers constantly conjured up by alcoholism, and to take care of the total wrecks which the saloon traffic keeps strewing upon the land.

Archbishop Ireland looks to the coming temperance convention in St. Paul as one of the most solemn festive occasions for his diocese. Speaking of the delegates he said: "We will have brought them from great distances, and we want the memories that they will carry back of the treatment of the St. Paul total abstainers, and as well the St. Paul citizens, to be of the brightest that are stored up of the enjoyable times of their lives. Not only St. Paul but adjacent cities and places of interest are waiting to entertain the delegates, and we want them to be sure and be with us for a number of days."—*Catholic Union and Times*.

ROME'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES.

The Roman correspondent of the Herald, gives an interesting description of some of the lesser known but beautiful churches of the Eternal City.

Who has ever made his first visit to Rome prepared for the supreme beauty of her churches? No tales that travelers have told ever prepare one for these exquisite features of the Eternal City. The connoisseur, the rapt enthusiast, the lecturer, the writer, the siphonic out-pourers of bubbling journalistic leave all of us unready for the great surprise.

There is a magic in these churches of Rome which evades the skill of the trained writer and the rattling assaults of the perferid chronicler. Rome surprises us because no one is capable of providing us with an adequate picture of her.

The churches of Rome amaze us by their splendor because there has not yet arisen a master of language who could convey to us an impression of their

loveliness. They defy words. The combination of many colored marbles, of paintings, of sculptures, of gilded carvings, of admirably proportioned masonry, makes these churches not only unlike any others in the world, but far more beautiful than any others. In them, too, one finds, perhaps, the only instances of the decorative schemes so favored in Italy completely carried out. It is only when you find lame imitations of these schemes, and partially completed work of the sort, that you are oppressed by heaviness and gaudiness. But it is not in Rome's multitude of churches that you find this ineffectiveness, for here you behold for the first time the work perfected.

Any one of a score of Roman churches that I can call to mind would be the art wonder of America could we have it there. But Rome is filled with these triumphs of the imaginative craft of man, preserved by a bright and kindly climate.

I stood one day at dusk in an old church. Odors of incense lingered in the air; here and there were gold and ruby gleams from candle flame and lamps burning at shrines and altars, reflecting in the polished walls of veined marble, lapis lazuli, agate, amethyst and porphyry. From the arched roof, where the last shafts of the day's sun shot over the gilded groins, there fell a mellow light, rosy with the tints which some inspired artist had left centuries ago in matchless fresco. History, tradition, beauty, bound one there in reverent admiration, none the less profound for having beheld ere the light failed one of the master paintings of the world. And yet this church is numbered among the minor ones of Rome.—*Sacred Heart Review*.

THE SAILORS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

The sailors' concert last week presented several new attractions in the form of recitations by Miss M. Milloy, a well known and very clever young lady. The St. Laurent College orchestra had intended to enliven the concert with some of their musical selections, but they were unavoidably obliged to postpone their performance until to-morrow night. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted at the evening's entertainment: G. Parkes, P. Milloy, F. Butler, H. Lamarche, Misses May Milloy, Delany, Whelan, Denis, Mr. McCormack and others.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 2, C.M.B.A., held in their hall, Tuesday, July 17th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the sympathy of this Branch be conveyed to Brother Shea, for the loss he has sustained by the death of his father; that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to our brother, and inserted in the TRUE WITNESS. It was also,

Resolved,—That the sympathy of this Branch be conveyed to Bro. M. Loughman for the loss he has sustained by the death of his two children; that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to our brother, and inserted in the TRUE WITNESS.

T. KEOUGH,
Rec. Sec., Br. 2.

ACTIVE EXERCISE

and good food in plenty, tends to make children healthy. If children suffer, however, from Scrofulous, Skin or Scalp Diseases—if their blood is impure and pimples or boils appear, they should be given the right medicine. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery brings about the best bodily condition. It purifies the blood and renders the liver active as well as builds up health and strength. Puny, pale, weak children get a lasting benefit and "a good start" from the use of the "Discovery." It puts on *whole-some flesh*, and does not nauseate and offend the stomach like the various preparations of Cod liver oil. It's guaranteed to cure you, or your money is returned.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation, headaches, indigestion, dyspepsia. One a dose. Sold by all dealers.

Ton: What's the matter with your clock? It's stopped. Tailor: I never wind it up. I use it as a motto. Ton: What do you mean? Tailor: No tick here.