

CATHOLIC NEWS.

At the recent Brazilian elections several priests were returned as members of the Republican Congress.

Representatives of the Catholic press of Hungary have held a meeting to organize a league against Freemasonry.

The Rev. D. Die Pietra, S. J., who was recently appointed Bishop of British Honduras will be consecrated this month. He has labored in that country for twenty four years.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London gave a banquet on April 12, to Cardinal Vaughan, the Archbishop and Bishop of the province of Westminster. A large number of the leading Catholics of Great Britain attended.

The children of the Indian school at the Mission San Diego are endeavoring to raise funds through the visitors mitebox, for the rebuilding of the old mission building erected by their ancestors 120 years ago and are meeting with considerable success.

Among the little children received in audience by Pope Leo XIII., at the beginning of the present jubilee celebration were ten who were deaf and dumb to whom His Holiness gave special affectionate attention, presenting them with silver instead of bronze medals.

German Catholics are about to raise a monument to their deceased chief—the illustrious Herr Windthorst in his native town of Meppen. The sculptor Pohlmann has been commissioned to execute the statue. The sturdy old politician will be represented erect, in the act of making a speech.

Ansonio Franchi, once one of the leading promoters of irreligion and atheism in Italy, and the editor of a paper, the "Difesa," which was notorious for its fierce hostility to everything Christian, is now a lay brother novice in the Carmelite house at Genoa. Thus he is making reparation for the scandals of his earlier career.

Official confirmation is given to the news of a grant of fifty thousand francs from the Pope to aid the Belgian anti-slavery expedition to Tanganika. The expedition which embarked at London April 6th, will go by the Cape to the mouth of the Zambesi. It is under command of Captain Descamps. Its route will be by the north of Lake Nyassa, and thence by pilgrimage of a month to its destination.

One of the bells of St. Peter's, Rome, known as "the bell of the preaching," which was cracked by the late winter frosts, has been taken down from the belfry, and is lying in the portico of the sacristy, whence it will be transferred to the Lateran Museum. It was cast in 1285 by order of a certain Riccardo, a notary of the times of Pope Nicholas IV., and was the work of Guidotus Pisanus. Its weight was 1850 Roman pounds.

The Abbe Lang, of Sainte Marie aux Mines, in Alsace, has been prosecuted by the Germans for having lit up a transparency on the day of the Pontifical Jubilee with the name of the Pope in French—Leon XIII. in place of Leo XIII. It is not the first time the patriotic priest has been subjected to annoyance. He has been condemned for having given as examples, in a grammar which he edited, phrases considered hostile to Germany.

The pilgrimage of penitence which left Marseilles for Rome April 12th, and will leave Naples for Jerusalem on the 21st, has received a number of adhesions in France, Germany and England. It is intended to visit Galilee and Nazareth. A group will go to Lake Tiberias and other spots consecrated by mention in Holy Writ. The Eucharistic Congress will occupy twelve days, but will not hinder those who wish from making excursions to Bethlehem, the Jordan, and the Dead Sea.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster has already taken the preliminary steps to found in London a Museum of Christian Art. He is also organizing an exposition of religious articles to be borrowed from monasteries, convents and churches and private collections from all Catholic countries. This exposition is to take place in 1895 on the ground to be occupied by the future cathedral of Westminster. And thus the Church is keeping up her magnificent conquests in England.

The third chapel to the left as one enters the Church of St. Carlo on the Corso at Rome has been dedicated to the Catholics of Norway, with the approval of Cardinal Parocchi and the sovereign authorization of the Pope. The altar is surmounted by a picture of large dimensions representing St. Olaf, with the arms of monarch and warrior, in the act of slaying the dragon, for the same high deed is attributed to him with which our St. George is accredited. There is an inscription on it by Mgr Tarozzi, secretary of Latin letters, and two dates, 1030-1893, the first being that of the martyrdom of the Patron of Norway.

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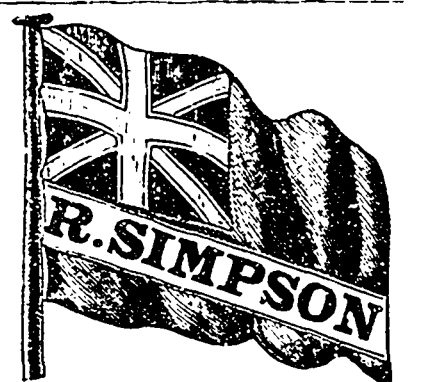
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