

The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE...

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ROME

THE ROMAN CATACOMBS.

The Roman Catacombs have been recently described in an anti-Catholic paper, published in Rome, as fit objects for the State to look after, and take over into its possession. This is the way the comedy begins. The Italian State has an avicious longing to possess these sacred Christian cemeteries, and to turn them into a show-place, and to make money out of them.

There was a cessation in the more extensive work of the Commission. Yet, it was shortly after the Italian invasion that De Rossi, assisted by the generosity of the late Monsignor Xavier de Merode, brought to light the Church of St. Domitilla, built in the second floor of the Catacomb of St. Petronilla.

The "Bulletin of Christian Archaeology," written by De Rossi, was continued in spite of the unrestricted means of the Commission. That "Bulletin" is continued even to-day by his scholars and followers.

To tell all the discoveries made, and the labors achieved in the Catacombs within the years that have elapsed since the invasion of Rome, would occupy volumes rather than a few lines in a letter.

The fact that the Prince fell ill at Paris shows the dangers attending aged persons when travelling. The Prince was ever restless, and instead of remaining quietly on his property in Germany he came to Paris, and three days after died at Ragatz, in Switzerland, where he had hoped to pass the summer.

All Catholics will be deeply touched by the Pope's letter to the Orders and Congregations now persecuted in France, and especially by that part of it wherein he says that he did his best to avert persecution but his efforts were unavailing.

lunched here on this occasion. The fact establishes the condition of the Pope's health. In the morning he paid a visit to the vineyard, which he has had planted in the Gardens, inquiring minutely of its condition from the gardener.

IRELAND

DEATH OF CANON M'NEECE, MAGHERAFELT.

When the death of the highly revered parish priest of Margherafelt, the Very Rev. Canon Henry M'Neece, was received in Armagh it caused the sincerest and deepest possible regret. He had labored zealously in the Cathedral Parish for many years as curate and Administrator and during that time he became greatly endeared to the parishioners.

FRANCE

It is rather remarkable in connection with the passing of Prince Von Hohenzollern that he practically received his death summons in Paris, a place with which he was so closely identified for many years during his long career. The great German Catholic nobleman succeeded as Ambassador here Count Harry Arnim, who had gone against Prince Von Bismarck on many questions, and who, notably, would have preferred to see a monarchical restoration in France after the war of 1870-71.

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French Catholics, most of whom, however, bowed their heads in submission to the Pope. Now all the efforts of His Holiness have proved futile, and the Republic, with its motto of "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," has again been guilty of political incoherence.

This has naturally aroused the ire of the anti-Clerical Belgian papers. The sneering Independence Belge says that clerical Rome is no longer on the banks of the Tiber, but in Belgium. The Patriote retorts that the people are utterly foolish who refuse to see that Belgium can profit in many ways owing to the influx of French Religious.

UNITED STATES

A RELIC OF MARQUETTE.

Frankfort, Mich., July 8.—Much interest has been occasioned by the finding of a golden crucifix by a workman at the new hotel. The crucifix, which is 11 inches in length by 5 in width, is mounted on a base 2 inches square, is heavily plated with gold and believed by some persons to have been the property of Father Marquette.

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Telegraphic despatches at the time announced that in the presence of the Catholic Bishop of the Upper Peninsula some bones were disinterred which were found wrapped in a birch bark coffin. The belief was expressed that Father Marquette's bones had really been found.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY HONORED.

My Dear Sir—I take pleasure in transmitting to you a copy in Latin and English of the autograph letter of His Holiness recently sent to me by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons.

TO OUR BELOVED SON, JAMES GIBBONS, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Titular of St. Mary's Beyond the Tiber.

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since the clergy shall be educated under one and the same teaching, and animated by one and the same spirit. Hoping for the accomplishment of these good things, with the same desire with which you are striving for the good and honor of your churches, we most lovingly impart to you, Our beloved Son, to the Rector, the professors and the students of the Washington University the Apostolic Blessing, as a pledge of Our love.

Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, on the thirteenth day of June, 1901, in the twenty-fourth year of Our Pontificate.

POPE RAISES MONSIGNOR CONATY TO BE A BISHOP.

Plattsburg, N. Y., July 17.—It is reported that Mgr. Thomas J. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., who is delivering a course of lectures before the Catholic Summer School, at Cliff Haven, this week, on "Christian Education," has been highly honored, and that he has received a cablegram from Cardinal Gibbons announcing that the Pope has elevated the Monsignor to a bishopric.

WAS IT A MIRACLE?

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—Acting under orders from Rome, Archbishop Kain has appointed a court of priests to investigate the alleged miraculous cure of Sister Catherine Burke, of the Sacred Heart, from a malignant cancer with which she was afflicted. Details of the case have already appeared in The Catholic Standard and Times. The investigation is secret and the conclusions will be sent to Rome, where the seal will be broken.

Sister Catherine Burke is 36 years old and is a native of St. Louis. She joined the order when 17 years old. Two years ago, when stationed at Omaha, Neb., she became afflicted with a stomach trouble. An Omaha physician said she had a cancerous tumor and he finally gave her up. The last sacraments of the Church were administered to her. The Sisters decided to make a novena to Mme. Barrat, foundress of the Order of the Sacred Heart.

MARRIAGE FRAUD ON A CATHOLIC.

New York, July 16.—Justice Maddox, of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, annulled yesterday the marriage between Josephine Millang Breuer, of Bay Side, J. I., and Charles Breuer, of Great Neck, L. I., on the ground that the woman's consent to the marriage contract had been secured through fraud. The plaintiff was allowed to resume her maiden name.

Both Breuer and Miss Millang are, or were, Catholics. The Catholic Church does not recognize divorce for any cause. Breuer, who had been previously married, but had divorced his wife, in order to secure Miss Millang's consent to marry him told her that his first wife was dead. After their marriage he confessed that his first wife was alive. Immediately upon learning that she had been deceived Miss Millang left the man and never afterward lived with him.

Breuer is a man of considerable wealth and lives the life of a country gentleman at Great Neck. He was first married several years ago, and some time later secured a divorce from his first wife, who is said to be living in Arlington, N. J. About two years ago he began paying court to Miss Millang, the daughter of a wholesale florist, who died several years ago, leaving a considerable estate. She learned in time that her suitor had divorced his wife. When he proposed marriage she told him that being a Catholic she could not marry him while his first wife was alive.

On Long Island and be married again according to the law of the Church. On the way to the ferry the bride asked her husband to what priest they were going and he then said that it would be impossible for him to be married by a priest. She asked why it would be impossible, and he said that if they had a religious marriage he would have to tell the priest that he had divorced his first wife and then lie to him, because a priest would not marry a divorced man with his first wife living.

ANGLO-SAXON BIRTHRATE.

(San Francisco Call) In the New England States it has long been noted that the old families of so-called "native Americans," that is to say, the people of British descent—have actually ceased to multiply, and in some New England localities the death rate among them is higher than the birth rate. The recent census in England shows that the birth rate there in 1899 was but 29.3 per thousand inhabitants as compared with 35.6 in 1878.

From these figures philosophers draw the conclusion that the British race has passed the period of its highest fertility and has started on the decline. It may be the facts cited can be explained upon some other hypothesis than that of a diminished fertility, but if so it is curious that the diminution should have occurred so generally in all parts of the world where British races have settled and colonized.

It would be a curious thing if the Anglo-Saxon race, which has met the new century with proud expectation of dominating the world before the century closes, should suddenly cease to multiply in proportion to other races and lose its prestige among the peoples of the earth. It is to be noted there is no diminution of the birth rate among the Italians of the Germans. The rapid increase of the Italian race of recent years has been, in fact, one of the marvels of Europe.

NEW ENGLAND'S DECAY.

Ottawa, Ont., July 10.—A remarkably outspoken letter on the lack of children in New England families is printed here from the Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice Writing to a friend Mr. Mills says: "The New England people are upon the soil, but not of it. They obviously dislike farming as much as their women do having children, and were it not for the foreigners who have taken up their residence among them, there would be neither children born nor fields cultivated.

"If left to themselves, the existence of a descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers would be as rare as the great auk, and the race is sure to share the fate of the dodo. "This must be a very serious problem for the United States statesmen. Stop the foreign immigration and the United States would not increase in population, and after a time their numbers would begin to diminish. There is obviously something wrong with a people who, under conditions so favorable, have such small families.

GOOD DIGESTION SHOULD WAIT ON APPETITE.—To have the stomach well is to have the nervous system well. Very delicate are the digestive organs. In some so sensitive are they that atmospheric changes affect them. When they become disarranged no better regulator is procurable than Parmentier's Vegetable Pills. They will assist the digestion so that the hearty eater will suffer no inconvenience and will derive all the benefits of his food.

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