

claims to be an honored Freemason still. Only the lodge could have produced such a monster. One lesson is to be drawn from the whole affair, and that is, that a Freemason cannot be trusted, even after conversion, when he goes into the revealing business. He is as bad, then, as an ex-priest or an escaped nun. True converts are silent about the follies and crimes of former associates.

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The old Carmelite province of Upper Germany, which had been forcibly dismembered in 1802, has, at last, been re-established. It is now called the Province of Bavaria. Of all the former monasteries, Abensberg, Bamberg, Dinkelsbuehl, Heidelberg, Munich, Straubing and so many others, only Straubing had been allowed to serve as a house for the older members of the order. All the other convents were secularized, and the Carmelite Fathers of Straubing were not permitted to have a novitiate. Times have changed since then, and now the very same monastery which was to be the tomb of the last Carmelite, has become the cradle of a new province, with three monasteries. Absberg, Mainburg and Straubing. At the first provincial chapter in January last, Father Autonius Seidl was elected as the first provincial superior.

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Little we know of the great religious work progressing in far-off Patagonia. Who shall recount all the labors and sufferings of the missionaries in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Meagre reports tell us of the gigantic work done there by the zealous Salesian fathers, who find no difficulty too great when the glory of God and salvation of souls is in question. There are many heroes, the greatest of whom was Padre Francesco Agosta who has just

died a martyr to duty—being drowned whilst on a long and dangerous journey to a new mission. This is the first of the Salesians who has thus far made an offering of his life. The church is never wanting in hero-sons.

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A correspondent has taken the trouble to copy some of the beautiful quotations engraved on the corridors of our new national library. Some of the chiselled sayings are pregnant with thought for the reflecting Christian. For instance: "There is but one temple in the universe and that is the body of man." A sorry looking temple though, when given over to God's enemy. Here is another quotation: "Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wings with which we fly to heaven." However, there are times, we think, when 'ignorance is bliss.' Knowledge of sin, alas! has brought many a soul to hell.

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"They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts." This is another true quotation taken from the walls of our great national library. Suppose we apply it to poor old Bismarck who says he is getting lonely. Does he ever think of all the families he saw plunged into mourning? All the poor peasants who died on the battle-field deprived of religious consolations, and all the widows and orphans? Surely these are not inspiring thoughts during the lonesome hours of the once great chancellor who in the days of triumph exclaimed, "We Germans fear God and no one else on earth!" Time tames even men of "blood and iron."

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It warms the Catholic hearts to hear what good is being quietly done by zealous missionaries in all parts of the