#### CATHOLIC NEWS

According to the latest published list, the subscriptions already received for the Church of St. Joachim, Rome, the Pope's jubilee church, amount to very close on 500,000 francs.

The annual retreat of the Children of Mary of the Convent of Notre Dame, Boston, began Tuesday evening, May 2, and ended the Saturday morning following. It was conducted by Rev. George B. Kenny of Guelph, Ont

Mr. Joseph Fleckenstein of Fari bault, Minn., has a curious old German Catholic Bible that he intends sending to the World's fair. It is large—it weighs fourteen pounds—and was published shortly after the so called Reformation.

The Jesuits are to build a \$250,000 church in Milwaukee, which, when finished, will be the finest edifice of religious worship in Wisconsin. The new structure is to have five altars, marble floors and is to be lighted by electricity. The highest tower will be 250 feet, and the church will be called the Gesu. The Jesuits have already two charches, both attached to Mar-

quette College, in Milwaukee.

At the Catholic eductional exhibit at the World's fair there will be displays from the deaf, dumb, blind, mute, negro and Indian schools, in ad dition to the regular parochial school exhibits. Nearly all the religious orders in this country will, through their schools, academies and colleges, be represented in his Catholic exhibit, which promises to be one of the most interesting and successful features of the fair and whose success will reflect great glory on the Catholic American church and bespeak its zeal in education.

The visit which the German Emperor made to the Vatican is not apt to have any important consequences, for the reason that Leo XIII. refused to discuss political matters with his imperial visitor. It would, doubtless, have been extremely gratifying to William II. to carry away from the Vatican an assurance that the influence of the Holy See would be exerted in favor of his pet military measures, now unable to secure enactment at Berlin, but as long as Germany upholds Italy in her present occupation of Rome, her Emperor can hardly look for any favors of a marked character from the Sovereign Pontiff.

Cardinal Sepiacci, whose death was announced the other day, was a great favorite with Leo XIII., to whom he owed most of the bonors that came to him during his ecclesiastical career. The deceased cardinal belonged to the Augustinians, and his knowledge of canon and ecclesiastical law was very extensive. The Pope thought some of sending him over to preside as delegate at the last Baltimore council; but desisted from doing so through appre-hension that the sending hither of an Italian prelate would be misjudged, an apprehension which the cordial recep tion tendered to Mensignor Satolli would seem to indicate was unfounded.

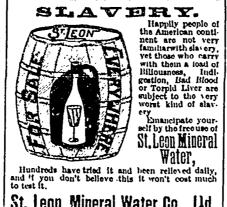
One feature of the Emperor's visit to Rome was noteworthy. At the dinner at the Prussian legation he had on his right hand Cardinal Ledochowski, the prefect of the Propaganda, with whom he conversed during nearly the entire dinner, and to whom he made a valuable present before quitting Rome. Yet Monsignor Ledochowski is the pralate whom, when he held the archbishopric of Gnesen and Posen, the Emperor's grandfather, through Bis-marck, doposed from his see in 1875, for resisting the Kulturkampf, and afterwards imprisoned. The policy of Berlin toward Rome has plainly changed during the past eighteen years.

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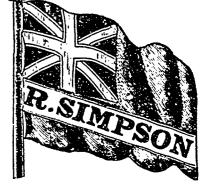
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