

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND.

His Excellency the Count de Namirea de Arellano, Forest of Birse Lodge, Aberdeenshire, signalled the jubilee of His Holiness Pope Pius X. by a series of celebrations at Aboyne.

In the Public Hall the platform wall was draped with all the Papal colors, and in the centre there hung a framed photograph of His Holiness, signed by himself, which arrived that morning direct from Rome.

Rev. Dr. Prenter, a Presbyterian minister from Dublin, addressed a gathering in one of the Aboyne kirks the other day on the subject of Protestant missions in Ireland, in the course of which he was compelled to admit the staleness of the Irish Catholics.

There has just taken place the consecration of a beautiful Celtic cross, which has been erected in the private cemetery of St. Mary's College, Blair, in memory of professors and students.

WHAT A PARISH PRIEST SAW.

BOOKS AND PAPERS THAT OCCUPIE PROMINENT PLACES IN PARISHIONERS' HOMES—NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTES IN LITERATURE.

There was no more building to be done; and the mortgage on the church property was hit so hard with the surplus from the pew rent that it ceased to trouble, says the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee.

In this picture of affairs, it occurred to Father Dillon that he had leisure to take a census of the parish; and he would do it himself.

Father Dillon, in his affable and pleasant manner, thought to inquire into the activities and tastes of his people outside their church going; the affluence of the young men; the economic conditions of the young women; the progress of worldliness among the better-to-do; the actual nature of the people's home life, etc., etc.

He was not a little astonished at what he called "the progress of worldliness" among the Catholics in the matter of secular reading.

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At the home of Peter, a freeman in Engine House No. 1, he had bought it from a clerical student, but hadn't put an eye on it since it came six months ago, said Mrs. Fogarty.

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The result of his census showed that four hundred and sixty eight families in his parish took daily papers, and of these four hundred and eighteen took the Yellow Record.

Father Dillon was pleased to find how true it was that his really good parishioners—the intelligent ones—uniformly read Catholic papers.

One case especially amused the good priest. It was the reason assigned by old Martin Dooley for not taking the Catholic Sun.

At the wealthy Mrs. Lennox's mansion he did not encounter as good an excuse as that he had no time.

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