

at the first battle of Bull Run. When in 1872, the Bishop of Newark, Roosevelt Bayley, became Archbishop of Baltimore, Father Doane was made rector of the Newark cathedral, a post which he held till his death. In 1873, the new Bishop of Newark, Michael Corrigan, made him vicar general of the diocese, and when Bishop Corrigan, in 1880, was appointed coadjutor to Cardinal McCloskey, Father Doane, who was then a Monsignor of the second order, became Administrator of the diocese of Newark for a year until the appointment of Bishop Wigger. In 1890, during a visit to Rome Mgr. Doane was raised to the dignity of Prothonotary-Apostolic.

Reports from Rome state that the Holy Father intends to prevent Roman prelates from remaining all their lives in diplomatic functions by assigning them to vacant dioceses for a few years in order that they may gain pastoral experience as bishops.

By general consent, says The Monitor, of San Francisco, the effigy of Friar Junipero Serra will be one of the two historical figures representing California in the group of American immortals in Statuary Hall at the National Capital. No other selection is rationally possible as first choice. For the second, there is a wide range of claims to pick from.

Rev. Father Boutin, F.M.I., was here on Sunday last.

In an audience granted on Jan. 4th, to Father Feean, of Hobart, Tasmania, who presented greetings to his Holiness from the Most Rev. Daniel Murphy, the Archbishop, the Pope said that he was most pleased to hear directly about the oldest member of the Catholic Episcopacy, and recalled the fact that Archbishop Murphy is the only survivor of the Bishops who were present at the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The Pontiff charged Father Feean to take to Archbishop Murphy his special salutations and also his own photograph, on which his Holiness wrote the Apostolic Benediction.

Bishop Blenk has expelled from Porto Rico, Fathers Paradise and Zuniga, who have been proved guilty of grave infringements of Church laws, and who will be unable to exercise their functions elsewhere. All the Catholics of the island strongly indorse the Bishop's vigorous and fearless enforcement of ecclesiastical discipline.

The bishops of Switzerland have published a collective letter to their flocks, urging them to support Catholic newspapers. They said: "Whoever takes a journal hostile to the Church, participates by so doing in its bad deeds... Subscribe to Catholic newspapers; when you have read them pass them on to others to read."

Under the auspices of the Commission on Music, a meeting of priests was held the other day in Cathedral College Hall, New York, for the purpose of forming a priests' choir. Invitations were sent to about thirty priests, all of whom are the possessors of excellent voices. About twenty responded and were present at the meeting. Professor E. G. Hurley, the director of the Paulists' choir, was selected to be the leader of the new choir. Most of the time of the meeting was devoted to practising the chants. It is intended that the priests' choir sing the Gregorian music at all the Requiem Masses for priests and at the Office of the Dead.

The bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Milwaukee are conferring together in that city with regard to the proposed new diocese of Superior. Recently Mgr. Falconio referred the documents in the case back to Archbishop Messmer for further information.

The latest reports from the bedside of Bishop Spalding state that he has rallied splendidly from his attack of January 6, and will soon be able to be about again.

Last Sunday at the German Church His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface conferred the holy order of priesthood on Rev. Nicholas Paul Junker, late of the diocese of Treves, and minor orders on Rev. Walter Henry Speman, late of the archdiocese of Cologne. Mgr. Langevin preached a long and eloquent sermon

on the duties of the priest. Besides Rev. Fr. Cordes, O.M.I., the pastor and Rev. Fr. Hilland, O.M.I., the assistant, there were present Rev. Fr. Gladu, O.M.I., Rev. Dr. Trudel, Rev. Fr. Descoteaux, S.J., and Rev. Josephat Magnan. On Monday Father Junker said his first Mass in the chapel of the Grey Nun Mother House, his second on Tuesday in the Archbishop's private chapel, his third on Wednesday in the chapel of St. Boniface College in presence of all the students, and his fourth on Thursday, at the Maison Chapelle.

Rev. Father Bastien was a guest of the Archbishop last Tuesday.

Rev. Fathers Lecoq and Page, O.M.I., were at St. Mary's Presbytery this week; so was Rev. Fr. Van Tighen, O.M.I., on his way back from Europe.

Persons and Facts

Dennis Mulvihill, who three years ago, from a stoker in an east-side factory of Bridgeport, Conn., became Mayor of that city 'sets a fine example of honesty and disinterestedness by having a bill prepared in the Connecticut legislature, providing for the reduction of his salary by one-third. The salary is \$3,000.

"This Mayor's job is easy," said he. "I never had easier work in my life. The salary is much too high. A thousand dollars could be cut off from it and then it would be sufficient. I spent all my time in the interests of the city and believe that I have been overpaid for my services. I want the Legislature to cut it down to \$2,000."

During his fatal illness at Abbotsford, some of Sir Walter Scott's last conscious words were those of one of the great hymns of the Church, the "Dies Irae." His Abbotsford now belongs to Catholics. The Hon. Mrs. Maxwell-Scott tells in a current issue of the Catholic World that after young Sir Walter's death it devolved on her uncle, Walter Lockhart, son of Sir Walter's eldest daughter, and Mr. J. G. Lockhart. On his early death the place came to his mother, who married Mr. James Hope. They were converts. In accordance with the terms of Sir Walter's will, they added Scott to their name.

Princess Louise of Saxony recently arrived in Rome for the purpose of imploring the Pope to intercede for her with her late husband, now King of Saxony, to permit her to see her children. She was received in audience at the Vatican on Thursday, but it is understood that his Holiness was unable to hold out any hope that he would be able to intervene in the matter. On leaving the audience chamber the Princess appeared to be overwhelmed with grief.

The present Russian royal family is descended from Peter the Great only by the female line. Properly it is a German family (Holstein-Romanoff). Russian royalty has numerous intermarried with the various princely houses of Germany.

The London Times publishes a very interesting observation, which ought to enlighten those advocates of an Anglo-American alliance, who think such an alliance would mean economy: "We note with interest that The New York Sun, not hitherto very friendly to this country, thinks that expenditure upon the navy might be reduced by an alliance with this country on the model of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It is needless to say that anything tending to cement our friendship with the United States would be welcome to this country, but we hardly follow the argument that an alliance of the kind suggested would render a strong American navy superfluous. It seems, on the contrary, to make it necessary if the alliance is not to be impossibly one-sided and at the same time ineffective for the contemplated purposes. England and America, both strong upon the ocean and linked by a solid alliance, would be the best possible guarantee for the peace of the world."—Catholic Citizen, (Milwaukee).

The announcement last week that Signor Marconi was to marry an Italian princess is pronounced inaccurate. A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Marconi and the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, fifth daughter of the

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