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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

The schools opened for another year's work on Monday. Full returns kindly furnished by the Sisters of St. Joseph show that there were 1,704 children present on opening day at the schools under their charge. The Brothers of the Christian Schools also report the return of pupils in gratifying numbers. The remainder of the schools are taught by the Ladies of Loretto, whose classes are likewise well filled. A slight change has been instituted in some of the higher grades, the Ladies of Loretto now doing part of the High School work for girls, the which has heretofore been all done by the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is pleasing to know that the children are returning to school in such large numbers thus early, and it is to be hoped that the interest in the schools will be maintained throughout the year. According to the last Government report, although the total attendance was 4,463, the average was only 2,071. Nearly half of the children were present only about one hundred days in the year. This condition of affairs is not in the interest of either the schools, the teachers or the children, and care should be taken that the present high level of attendance is kept up.

The clergy of the diocese are this week in retreat at St. Michael's College. Rev. Father Wissel, C.S.S.R., is conducting the exercises.

Mr. J. J. Curran, Solicitor-General was in town on Monday, the guest of Hon. Frank Smith.

One of the chief officials of the A. P.A. in Ohio having affirmed that Governor Wm. McKinley, a possible Republican candidate for President, is a member of that order, the subject was taken up by Father Lambert in his paper, the *Catholic Times* of Philadelphia. Mr. McKinley denies the statement implicitly.

At the close of the retreat of the Community of St Basil last week, announcements of changes were made as follows: Rev. P. Shaughnessy goes to Owen Sound, from St. Michael's; Rev. M. Kelly goes from Owen Sound, to become Professor of Mental Philosophy at Sandwich; Rev. T. Hayes goes also to Sandwich, and Rev. T. Hayden takes the place of the former at the novitiate. A further important change is to be noticed. Some years ago the community established the novitiate. This year they have taken still another step, and Rev. R. McBrady has been made Superior of Scholastics. The scholasticate is for novices who have been through the novitiate and is a part of the Community's system which they have not been able hitherto

to to adopt. Father Muleahy takes Father McBrady's place as Director.

Rev. P. J. Hurth, C.S.C., Principal of St. Edward's College at Austin, Texas, has been appointed Bishop of Dacca in Bengal. Bishop Hurth is a young man, an energetic educationist and an accomplished orator.

The Income Tax Appropriation Bill to which there was such strenuous opposition on the part of the great



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capitalists, has passed into law in the United States.

Bishop Lafleche of Three Rivers is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The venerable Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis has just entered upon his eighty-ninth year and is in fairly good health. The Archbishop is the oldest but one in the church in point of long service as a bishop.

In Corea the Catholic missions, which have proven very dangerous fields for those who have entered them, are supplied with priests by the *Missions Etrangères* of Paris. China is evangelized by different religious organizations, the Jesuits, the Franciscans, the Lazarists and other orders being represented in the several districts; and Japan, although it has a hierarchy, established a few years ago by Leo XII., receives the bulk of its missionaries from the Catholic countries in Europe.

Portuguese Catholics are waking up. It is not very long ago when a Sister of Charity could walk through the

streets of Lisbon without meeting with insult. Every day fervor is increasing among the people. The recent public religious festivities held at the famous sanctuary at Sameiro, near Braga, presided over by the Cardinal-Bishop of Oporto and the Papal Nuncio, have been followed by other manifestations of a like character. The latest move is a eucharistic congress, which is about to take place at Guimares, in the south. The choice of the situation is

excellent, as the Catholics of the vicinity are active and pious, and, therefore, likely to take up the congress with enthusiasm. In order to show their attachment to the Holy See, the inhabitants of Guimares erected some years ago a colossal statue of Pius IX. on one of the high mountains overlooking the town.

A Catholic Bishop has been appointed by the Chinese Government a Mandarin of the third class. He is the Right Rev. Mgr. Anzer, Bishop of Telepte, Vicar Apostolic of Southern Chantong. He now ranks among the officials of the Celestial Empire with Judges of Courts of Appeal and generals of the army. He is held in the highest honor by all classes, and his new dignity will give him increased respect with the natives.

Winnipeg Catholics have done just what was to be expected. A formal meeting was called, which was attended in large numbers. Father Allard, administrator of the diocese, addressed those present and reminded them that the object of their gathering was a question which had been uppermost in

the mind of Archbishop Tache up to the day of his death. A prominent layman detailed the steps which had been taken to arrive at an amicable arrangement with the civic authorities on a basis of allowing religious instruction between the hours of three and four. As these overtures had been rejected, the meeting enthusiastically determined to maintain their own schools notwithstanding the additional cost.

Dom Sebastian Wyart, General of the order of Trappists, has convened a chapter of the brethren at Tolburg, Brabant, Belgium, this fall. Until last year the various branches of the great religious house of La Trappe in Normandy enjoyed a kind of autonomy, each under its own abbot. Eighteen months ago, the Pope consolidated them into an order, and appointed Dom Sebastian Wyart the abbot-general of all the Trappists of France and Belgium.

Princess Frederick Charles, wife of the "Red Prince," has become a Catholic. Her close friendship with the late Queen of Bavaria was one great factor in her conversion. Immediately after the death of the queen she desired to announce herself a Catholic, but she was dissuaded from that step by her daughter, the Duchess of Connaught and the Emperor. Since then two Prussian princesses have joined the Greek Church, and the opposition to Princess Frederick Charles had to yield. These Prussians are only going back to the religion of their fathers, the Dukes of Badenburg.

A copy of the Judgment in the Jewers case has just been made public. From this it appears that the surmise expressed elsewhere in this paper is the correct one. Mr. Jewers, while within Church property, failed to comply with the custom of the Catholic people in removing the hat as a mark of respect. His costs in the action which followed amounted to one hundred and sixty dollars. The case was dismissed for the sake of preserving harmony. The *Montreal Witness*, which was at first very severe upon the Quebec magistracy, now acquits the magistrate of laxity, and says that the Protestant who goes into a Catholic church with his hat on is guilty of reprehensible rudeness and responsible for any excitement that may result.

Cardinal Vaughan is about to begin work on a new Catholic cathedral in London. This was the dream of Cardinal Manning. The people's Cardinal, however, never could spare enough from his poor to begin. When Westminster Abbey comes back to the Church it will have a rival on the ground.