

RANDOM NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

A PECULIAR UNIVERSITY - In Sweden there is a university that is essentially Scandinavian in its characteristics.

This great body of Swedish students is divided up into what they call "nations." This congregation of "nations" constitutes the most peculiar characteristic of the institution.

The members are of two sorts, active and honorary. The active include usually the students; honorary the teachers of the university, former active members and certain persons elected.

The government of each nation is entrusted to a few officers known as "inspectors," and curators and other functionaries.

THE TRANSGRESSOR, - A local manager of an American Surety Company and treasurer of a charitable home was convicted of stealing thousands of dollars from both institutions recently.

CARNEGIE AGAIN - Andrew Carnegie's proposed gift of \$1,500,000 for a building in New York city, as the common home and source of income for the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has led to the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature to enable the original incorporators of the United Engineer Society to accept money and to hold real estate.

FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES. - The Boston Pilot says: Steps are being taken to form a federation of Catholic societies in Canada by prominent members of the clergy and laity.

THIRTY-FIVE CONVERTS. - Thirty-five converts were the immediate fruits of a week's mission to non-Catholics which closed last Sunday in the Church of the Holy Rosary, New York, of which Rev. Francis H. Wall is rector.

A LARGE AUDIENCE. - Fully three thousand people were present at a lecture on Ireland delivered by Father Donnelly, S. J., the other day in the public hall, Preston, England.

IRISH LANGUAGE. - The Dublin

Corporation has decided to make the Irish language an obligatory subject at all future competitive examinations for clerkship in the service of the Council.

DRINK HABIT AMONG WOMEN - The Pittsburg Catholic says: "A St. Louis priest inveighs strongly against the drink evil among women. It is the weak, foolish woman who indulges in strong liquors.

AN OLD FRIEND. - On Easter Monday a dramatic event which attracted much attention was held in Long Branch, N. J., in aid of the parish of the Church of Our Lady.

A SUBSCRIBER. - Enclosed please find one dollar, being renewal of my subscription to the True Witness for the ensuing year.

Allow me to compliment you upon the literary excellence of the old journal; in my opinion it now stands without a peer among the many news papers of this continent.

MAKING OF MONEY. - An American newspaper refers to an investigation now going on in connection with certain public utilities, in one of the cities of the United States, in which it was stated by one of the witnesses that he had been associated with "deals" involving at least \$100,000,000.

To make money, remarks the Journal, implies the production of something of value which people want and for which they are willing to pay. Did the parties, in their association, ever produce \$46,000,000 worth of anything? Did they ever, either in company or in antagonism, bring forth anything for which other people should pay them a price netting them \$46,000,000 profit? Certainly not.

REQUESTS TO CHURCHES. - The Western Watchman remarks: Fighting in the Courts over bequests made to the Church is always very distasteful to Bishops.

A QUEER REPLY. - "No, I do not contemplate joining the Catholic Church," said Russell Sage a couple of days ago, to a reporter who asked him if there was any truth in the report that he was being instructed in the Catholic religion by the Very Rev. Dr. Lavelle, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

THE REDEMPTRIST Order is contemplating the erection of a monastery building 200 by 400 feet at Elcheater, Md., on the Howard county side of the Patapsco.

CAPITAL AND LABOR. - Recently Bishop McFaul, in referring to "the relations of capital and labor, said: "In view of the numerous violations of law and order that have dis-

turbed society in various parts of the United States, we deem it necessary to emphasize the necessity of Christian principles and their practical application to political and social life.

"We express our firm intention to uphold Christian principles, not only by our opposition to mob rule and lawlessness, but also by declaring ourselves opposed to all principles subversive of human society, whether they be known as liberalism, socialism, anarchism or by any other term. For the preservation of Christian order in society we condemn liberalism because it proclaims the absolute autonomy of the individual or society without regard to the laws of God and the Church. We condemn socialism as opposed to natural justice, since its primary object is to deprive man of the lawful possession of staple and permanent private property, which is necessary for the welfare of the individual, as well as of the family.

THE LYNCHING MANIA is travelling north, says the Chicago New World, at a rapid pace. During the week a white man was lynched in Vermont and an attempt made to lynch another at La Crosse, Wis. Rumor asserts that another massacre of Jews may be expected in Russia about Easter, but here in America lynching bees appear to be the growing order of the day.

THE POPE'S HEALTH. - Recently all the Italian and most of the foreign newspapers reported that the Pope was more or less seriously ill. In contradiction of all this, however, the Pope's brother, Angelo, has received a letter in which His Holiness says: "Although the newspapers state that I am suffering from neurasthenia, homesickness, sleeplessness, aversion to food, and particularly sore eyes, I thank God that up to the present I do not feel the least symptom of any of these ailments.

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STILL VIGOROUS. - Right Rev. Monsignor Nugent, founder of the League of the Cross, Liverpool, was present recently at the thirty-second anniversary of the starting of that organization, and delivered an address. The Monsignor entered on his eighty-third year, and, through total abstinence, is hale and strong, and thinks nothing of undertaking long

journeys by sea and land. There was a private view of the statue about to be erected to the Monsignor in St. John's Gardens, Liverpool. A touching effect is produced by the introduction of a poor little boy with whom Monsignor Nugent is sympathizing.

A NUN DEAD. - Mother Mary Bonaventure, prioress of the Dominican Convent at New Orleans, where she labored for over 33 years, died last week, aged 54 years. She was a native of Cork, Ireland, and came to America in 1871 and was chosen mother superior of the Dominicans in 1877. She leaves two sisters, one an Ursuline nun, the other a Sister of Charity.

CATHOLIC REQUESTS. - The following bequests for charitable and religious purposes are contained in the will of John Moan, admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court, Baltimore a few days ago:

Two thousand dollars to the Little Cent's Male Orphan Asylum.

Two thousand dollars to St. Mary's Female Orphan Asylum, otherwise known as the Protectors of St. Mary's Orphan Female School.

Two thousand dollars to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Forty-five hundred dollars to St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, of which \$2000 is to be used for the benefit of St. James' Home, a branch of the corporation, and \$2500 for the general purposes of the corporation.

One thousand dollars to St. Elizabeth's Home for Colored Children.

Fifteen hundred dollars to the House of the Good Shepherd for Colored Girls.

LOVE OF COUNTRY. - At the recent banquet of the Los Angeles chamber of Commerce, the guests included about 350 of the most influential citizens of Los Angeles, and the principal speakers were Bishop Conaty and Governor Pardee of California. The Bishop was accorded an ovation. His theme was "Our Country," and was the feature of the evening.

VICTIMS OF DRINK HABIT. - A more Christian method of dealing with the unfortunate victims of the drink habit has been adopted in two cities of this Province, Montreal and Quebec. The treatment is an experiment, and Dr. Mackay, of Quebec, is the promoter.

A SAD SEQUEL - Under this heading a correspondent of the Catholic Columbian writes:

Twenty years ago, while I was in active journalism in Washington, D. C., I became acquainted with a young man, in the same profession, who had all the gifts of person and mind to reap a brilliant reward. He was very handsome, sweet-tempered and genial, popular with everybody, and full of versatile talents.

"Goodness is the source of greatness, and the good man is the best citizen. The man who believes in God and loves Him will give the best service to the State. Educate men, but have God in their education. Honor the man who demands that religion be the wool and warp of all education. Liberty demands that we should look to the source of our citizenship and allow no poison to enter into the well springs of public life. We need manhood more than money, and character more than arms. We need respect for moral law more than statute enactment. Magnificent in its possibilities, O my country, raise up true men to love thee, to guide thee, to protect thee, to fight for thee, and if necessary to die for thee."

A REMINDER. - At the annual dinner of the Bristol Hibernian Society, held in Bristol, Eng., on St. Patrick's Day, much enthusiasm was displayed.

The Bishop of Chifton, in the course of an eloquent speech, said he was not an Irishman, but a Sassenach who had spent a great deal of time in Ireland. He mentioned many illustrious Irishmen, including St. Cuthbert, whose cross he was proud to bear, for he had been the patron of the diocese. Ireland was an island of saints long before England was, and did not Ireland contribute to the expansion and extension of the commerce of this country? Whence did they obtain their greatest generals and some of the mightiest and noblest statesmen? Were it not for the lively Irish sallies in the House of Commons it would be a dull assembly indeed.

DAWN OF BRIGHTER DAYS. - Signs are not wanting to show that a new era is opening up for the sturdy race. The London Universe furnishes the following evidence in that regard. It says in its column of notes on the "Irish in London":

"The interesting Gaelic celebration of St. Patrick's Day at Dockhead Catholic Church must have brought joy to the hearts of many old, and indeed young, Irish people. The recital of the Rosary and the preaching of a sermon in Ireland's native language must have recalled days long past-days when our people worshipped God in their own tongue in their own land. At the present moment it is, I think, opportune that steps should be taken by those interested in the language revival to have prayers said and sermons in Irish preached as often as possible. I see no reason why Irish Catholics in London should not have a Church built where all services would be performed in Gaelic. Surely if the French, Germans and Italians resident in London can do so, we, who are numerically stronger, should be able to do likewise. I hope that the Irish societies interested in the language movement will take this matter up.

NON-CATHOLIC FIGURES. - According to recent statistics compiled by the authorities in England, the Established or Anglican Church provides 7,127,834 sittings; the Nonconformists 8,171,666. The Anglican communicants are 2,050,718; the Nonconformists, 2,010,530. The number of children in the respective Sunday-schools is almost the same - about 3,389,849.

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furnished 93 per cent., the western hemisphere 4.5 per cent., and China and all other countries 2.5 per cent.

Of the total immigration into the United States from 1821 to 1903, Germany and the United Kingdom furnished 56 per cent., as follows: Germany, 24 per cent.; Ireland, 19 per cent., and England, Scotland and Wales, 13 per cent. During the same period Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia and Poland furnished 21 per cent., as follows: Italy, eight per cent., Austria-Hungary, seven per cent., and Russian and Poland six per cent. Of the total immigration in 1903, Germany and the United Kingdom furnished only 12 per cent., while Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia and Poland furnished 68 per cent.

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"As torrents roll incroous rills With rage impetuous ing hills; Rush to the vales, at the plain, Roar through a thou the main."

Thus it is that Oss like picture: "As rush foam from the dark s Cromla; when the th above the dark-brown half the hill."

In Pope again we fi description of a battle

"Now shield with shie helmet clos'd, To armour armour, opposed.

Host against host, squadrons drew, The sounding darts in flew;

With streaming blood fields are dy'd, And slaughter'd her dreadful tide."

Milton has a passage in other words, the sa "Arms and armour c

Horrible discord, and wheels

Of brazen chariots rag

Eighteen centuries Pope or Milton, Ossian

"As autumn's darls from two echoing hills, other approached the dark streams from high and mix and war on t rough, and dark in lat lin and Innisfail. Chi stroke with chief, r steel, clinging, sounded mets are cleft on high and smokes around, f on the polished yews; along the sky; spears circles of light that gl face of night."

Another passage of many of the readers w thus: -

"As when two t With heaven's artillery rattling on Over the Caspian."

Here is Ossian's mode the same thought: - "Who are those, lik and their swords like li them?"

We will now quote on beautiful comparisons works:

"But when he speaks, w flows! Like the soft fleeces snows."

To my mind Ossian's the same thought is cer sublime; it is as follow

"Pleasant is thy vo said the blue-eyed chief ly are the words of othe are like the calm show when the sun looks on the light cloud flies ove

Milton again has this sage:

"As when hee Hath scath'd the fores mountain pines with sing'd tops, their st tho' bare

Stand on the blasted h Here is Ossian's versio

"They (the heroes) s heath, like oaks wi branches round them, w to the stream of frost, withered leaves rustle on

Virgil and Milton have comparison that, while taken from Ossian, is ce er in each of their great in that of the Celtic b likely that Virgil ever sian, although his date is recent; and it is more p Milton's thought was original, that it was i