

CATHOLICITY IN CHINA

The Annuario likewise gives the statistics of Catholicism in the Chinese Empire thus: The inhabitants in China number 390 millions, of whom some 483,403 are Catholics, who possess throughout the Empire 2,430 churches and chapels. The faith is preached therein by 471 European missionaries, whilst the Chinese Catholic priests amount in all to 281. The Catholic schools founded by these missionaries, already number 1,779 with 25,216 pupils, and they have thirty three seminaries with 654 clerical students. The blood of the numerous martyrs, who have given their lives for the faith in the pagan land, having indeed sown the seed of the church. —On July 6th was held in the vatican the preparatory Congregation of the Sacred Rites to judge of the virtues and miracles of another hero of the faith. The venerable servant of God John Gabriel Perloyre, priest of the congregation of the mission martyred in China September 11th, 1840.—The reports of the nomination as Nuncio Apostolic to China of Mgr. Agliardi, are wholly premature, as also the statement of his proximate departure from Peking, on August 20th, in company with two interpreters of the Chinese language, from the College of Propaganda; there are no Chinese students in the Urban College of Propaganda, and Mgr. Agliardi is resting quietly in his native Bergamo.—London Tablet.

THE BIBLE IN GERMANY

Many persons are of the opinion that Martin Luther was the first who translated the Bible into the German language and yet the oldest which the Germans possess in their language is a part of the Bible translated by the Bishop Ulfilas, who, toward the middle of the fourth century translated the sacred text of the Old and New Testaments into Gothic; after he had invented for this purpose a Gothic alphabet. This translation of the Bible has a singular history. For centuries it had been out of notice. Then Arnold Mercator discovered in the 17th century in a Benedictine monastery at Werden the translation of the four gospels. The book contained the title of "Silver-Codex," because the letters were written with silver. From Werden the Codex was brought to Prague and when the city was taken in 1684 by the Swedes it was carried off as a great prize. After having gone through different fates it was finally presented to Queen Christina of Sweden. Since 1669 this remarkable book has been in the library at Upsala whose principle treasure it forms. Besides this book other parts have since been discovered by different persons, especially by the celebrated Cardinal Angelo Mai in the library at Milan.

INDIFFERENCE AT HOME.

Ingratitude and indifference sometimes mar the character of men. A husband returns from his business at evening. During his absence through the livelong day, the wife has been busy with mind and hands preparing some little surprise, some unexpected pleasure to make his home more attractive than ever. He enters, seemingly sees no more of what has been done to please him than if he were a blind man, and have nothing more to say about it than if he were dumb. Many a loving wife has borne in her heart an abiding sorrow, day after day, from cause like this, until, in process of time, the fire and enthusiasm of her original nature have burnt out, and mutual indifference spreads its pall over the household.

THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

By the excess of births over the deaths the population of the United States is annually increased by two per cent, according to the most careful computation. In accordance with this the number of inhabitants can be ascertained with tolerable accuracy, although a general census is taken only every ten years. To the figures obtained by the census, 2 per cent annually, including the number of immigrants in the course of the given year, is to be added. This estimate indicates that at this moment, the population of the United States has already exceeded the sum of 60,000,000. The amount exactly computed reached, on the 1st of July of the current year, the sum total of 60,025,000, and the probability is that these figures fall somewhat below the reality, inasmuch as the immigrant report, it is well known, is never entirely complete. At the time of the last census, made July 1, 1880, our population amounted to 50,155,783, so that for the six years which have since elapsed an increase of nearly 10,000,000 is to be noted. There are only three countries whose population exceeds that of the United States numerically, namely Russia, British India, and China. All the rest fall far behind the United States in the number of their inhabitants. Germany has nearly 15,000,000 less; France Austria, Great Britain, and Japan have over 20,000,000 less, and among the remaining states there is not one that

could exhibit even half as many as this country.—Translated for Public Opinion from the Cincinnati Volksblatt.

WHAT A LIBERAL! IS

As a rule, the narrower a man's views on religious questions, the more likely he is to call himself 'liberal'. Commonly, the man who insists upon that designation for himself is one whose belief is narrowed down to vagueness of opinion on every point. The only thing that he is sure on is, that everybody who believes more than he does is bigoted.

A FAMOUS PICTURE.

M. de Munkacsy's celebrated painting, "Christ before Pilate which brought the master the title of nobility and world wide renown and which has been visited by over 1,500,000 admirers in Europe is to be exhibited in the United States this fall at the urgent invitation of many prominent art lovers. The negotiations are about concluded between the owner Mr. Chas Sedelmeyer and the impresario Alfred Fischel elder brother of Sedelmeyer's son-in-law the well-known pianist, Fischel.

AN EVICTION DESCRIBED.

A special to the New York Herald from Cork City, Ire., under the date of Aug. 5. reads thus: The following intelligence comes to day from Kiltush, county Clare, near where the Shannon broadens, and gives evidence of the peacefulness of Irish Home Rulers amid the increasing asperity of the landlords' interest. It seems that some time ago a private estate—which, by the way, includes Hog Island—evicted the Widow McNery, aged 86 years, and her unmarried daughter from their cottage in a hamlet called Leaheena, but they had returned during the absence of the legal caretaker. Then proceedings were begun against them as trespassers and for a fresh eviction. Yesterday the resident magistrate, named Dunsterville; and an inspector of the constabulary, with a posse, attended, and a large concourse of neighbors joined them, but there was not the slightest violence offered to the law. The appeals of the old lady to let her die in the home of her childhood moved the crowd and the parish priest, Father Quinlaven, to tears, impressing also the magistrate, who on a certificate of the parish physician of the imminent danger of her death, postponed the eviction. This decision, amid the dramatic expressions of gratitude of the mother and daughter, was hailed with cheers. The concourse; headed by the priest, then formed in a procession and marched to a spot not far away, the scene of another recent eviction. There were met similar delegations from Kiltree, Dunbeg and several other villages of Clare, and there was a widow named Murrhay with her four children and her venerable mother. They had been several days sheltered by the roadside under an impromptu covering for their sancty furniture. The peasantry delegations had brought boards, thatch window panes, tools, mortar and the like and in two hours willing hands had erected on the roadside a comparatively comfortable hut, in which the widow, her children and the old grandmother were placed while Father Quinlaven blessed the humble home and willing workers who then peacefully dispersed for homes not much better.

EDITING A PAPER.

Editing a paper is a pleasant business—if you like it. If it contains much political matter people won't have it. If the type is large it don't contain much reading matter. If we publish telegraph reports folks say they are nothing but lies. If we omit them we have no enterprise, or we suppress them for political effect. If we have a few jokes folks say we are nothing but rattleheads, if we omit jokes folks say we are nothing but fossils, if we publish original matter they abuse us for not giving selections. If we give selections people say that we are lazy for not writing more, and giving them what they have not read in some other paper. If we give a complimentary notice we are censured for being partial. If we don't all hands say we are a great hog. If we insert an article which pleases the ladies the men become jealous, and vice versa. If we remain in office attending to our business folks say we are too proud to mingle with other fellows. If we go out they say we don't attend to our business.

It suffices for a soul to be in suffering to bring Our Lord nearer to her in some one. He listens like a watchful parent to every cry that ascends from earth, and to His loving Heart it is not only the voice which cries; it is all sorrow, all suffering, all trial; and Jesus hears with a loving, tender compassion. He does not always heal—for sorrow has its mission—but He always consoles and encourages.—Golden Sands.

ESCORTING EVICTED FAMILIES TO THE WORKHOUSE.

On August 23d an immense procession entered the town of New Ross from Fethard, County Wexford. First came the Ross brass band, then three waggons, containing sixty-two persons, being the wives and children of thirteen small farmers evicted last week from their holdings on the Marquis of Ely's estates. The waggons were followed by 300 horsemen, four deep, a number of priests on cars, headed by Father Tom Boyle, the friend of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, the procession being closed by a string of cars in single file, said to be several miles long. The procession was intercepted with some five or six bands, the bandmen carrying green flags on gilded pikes. The object of this extraordinary gathering was to escort the evicted families to New Ross Workhouse, where a "ward of honor" had been set apart for their use. Notices had been previously posted about the town calling upon the people to assemble in their thousands to witness the last resource of landlord oppression, and to the poor evicted on their way to the workhouse. In compliance with this suggestion all the shops were shut, and the town was decorated. An extra force of police was drafted into the town, and about 1 o'clock a battery of artillery from Duncannon Fort, en route to Clonmel, arrived, and were assigned quarters for the night in view of possible disturbances.



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A. M. BURGESS
Deputy of the
Minister of the Interior.
Ottawa 31st Aug., 1886.

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Sketches showing the position, approximately, of these berths, together with the conditions on which they will be licensed, may be obtained at this Department or at the Crown Timber Office at Winnipeg, Calgary, N. W. T., and New West Minister, British Columbia.

A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior
Department of the Interior.
Ottawa, 14th August, 1886.

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