CATHOLIC POPULATION

There are 15,015,569 Catholics in the United States according to the 1912 edition of "The Official Catholic Directory," published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons of Baroksy street, New York. The figures given in the 1912 volume include only continental United States and do not embrace the number of Catholics in any

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Comparing the figures of the 1911 and 1912 issues a gratifying gain is seen in the number of Catholics for the Directory of 1912 shows an increase of 396,808 souls for the year. The figure 15,015,569 includes all Catholics and does not deduct 15 per cent. for children and infants as was done by the government in its census of 1906 99, and which is invariably done by Protestant statisticians when quoting numbers of Catholics. It is of interest at this time, also, to look back ten years and discover what gains have been made. Glancing through the 1902 Catholic Directory published by the Wiltzius Co., in Milwaukee, it is seen that the Catholic population at that time was 10 976,757 and compared with the present total of 15,015,569 a gain of 4,038,812 is recorded for the decade.

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Not only has there been a gain in the number of souls, but there has, also, been an increase in the number of Catholic clergymen, in the number of churches, sohool academies and charitable institutions during the past year, and by referring to "The Official Catholic Directory" for 1912 it is found that there are 17,491 Catholic priests in the United States. Of these 12,996 are secular clergymen and 4,495 are members of religious orders. This figure shows a gain of 407 priests.

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Four hundred and seventy-eight additional churches are recorded in the Kennedy publication, and the general summary shows that at the beginning of this year there were 13,939 Catholic churches in America. Of these 13,939 nearly 10,000 have resident pastors or, to be exact 9,256 churches have resident priests, the other 4,683 being mission churches, that is, attended from neighboring parishes.

There are at present fourteen archi-

bishops in the United States, each of the fourteen archiepisopal sees being occupled. Three are cardinal archbishops. In addition to these there are titular archbishops in the United States, both being retired ordinaries. It is a remarkable fact, and deserves special attention, that according to the Directory there is only 1 vacancy in the bishopries of this country. The Vicariate of Brownville, Texas, is mourning the loss of its bishop. All told, there are 97 bishops in continental United States, some of these, of course, being coadjutor and auxiliary bishops. In addition there are 2 arch-abbots and 15 abbots.

Eighty-three seminaries are discovered in various parts of the country, and 6,006 students are preparing for the holy priesthood in these seminaries. There are 229 colleges for boys and 701 academies for girls, although there are more students in the 229 colleges for boys than there are in the 701 academies for girls.

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One of the most interesting features of the Directory's table are the statistics for parochial schools. According to the Directory there are 5,119 parishes which have schools attached, with an attendance of 1333 736. Over and above the parochial schools there are 289 orphan asylums, in which 47,111 orphans are taken care of. Counting the children in parochial schools, the number of young ladies and young men in academies and colleges, and including the orphans and children in other charitable institutions, it is found that at present there are under Casholic care in the United States 1,540,049 young people. Special attention has been given to the Directory figures, and as the reports were received from the chancery office of every diocese in the country, the figures must be taken as correct. They are official because they are furnished by the authorities of the various dioceses.

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was "a blow at human liberty," "at the
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should now hold their peace. For it
has been proved that a similar rule
holds among Scotch Presbyterians and
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FATHER COURTOIS DEAD

We regret very much to have to chronicle the death of the Rev. Joseph Edward. Courtois, parish priest of St. Josehim, Essex Co., which took place at 2p. m. on Easter Sunday. He succumbed to an acute attack of diabetes after less than twenty-four hours' iliness. His obsequies were held at 10 s. m. on Wednesday the 10th inst. His Lordship, the Right Rev. M. F. Fallen, D. D., presided in cope and mitre, assisted by Rev. Father James, O. F. M., and Rev. P. Corcoran. Solemn Requiem Mass coram episcopo was celebrated by Right Rev. Mgr. Aylward. Rev. J. A. Pinsonneault acted as deacon, Rev. D. Brisson as sub-deacon and Rev. L. Pitre as master of ceremonies. Besides these the following priests were in the sanctuary: Rev. Fathers West, St. Cyr, Brady, Aboulin, C. S. B., Murray, C. S. B., Langlois, Besudoin, Parent, McCabe, Hodgkinson, Renaud, C. S. B., Fuma, C. S. B., Downey, Tobin, Landreville, Laurendeau, Martin, O'Neil, Ford, Stroeder, O'Connor, Fuerth, Robert, Neville and Doe. Rev. P. L'Heureux lead the choir in the rendering of the sacred and solemn chant. The sermon was delivered in the French language by Mgr. Fallon, Bishop of London.

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His Lordship began by referring to the fact that this was the second time in a little more than a year that death had deprived the people of St. Joschim of the shepherd of their souls. But this last bereavement, from one point of view, was sadder than the first. Father Lorion's death had come after a long and lingering illness and when he was already well advanced in years. It was long expected by himself and by his people. But that of Father Courtois was appalling in its suddenness and so had given a violent shock not only to his own people but also to his brother priests, to his Bishop and to the whole diocese. On Holy Thursday he was in the episcopal city to assist at the solemn blessing of the holy oils and appeared to be in his usual good health and now he lies cold in death's embrace. From the suddenness of his going His Lordship drew some useful lessons for all those present. Continuing he referred in words of praise to the character and work of the departed priest, and emphasized in particular his modesty and love of retirement. He had no desire to make himself prominent among his brother priests or conspicuous among his fellow-men. The Right Reverend speaker then expressed his gratitude to the good spriest who had gone for the his fellow-men. The Right reverends aspeaker then expressed his gratitude to the good priest who had gone for the reverence and obedience which he had always rendered to his Bishop. A secular priest takes but one vow on the day of his ordination—the vow to "rever-



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whole of his sacerdotal life had never given an uneasy moment to those whom God had placed over him. The good work which the departed priest had done in the different parishes over which he had presided was then touched upon. In the French Settlement and at Paincourt, where most of his days as a priest had been spent, he had labored zealously and with no little success for the spiritual and temporal welfare of those parishes, building churches, establishing schools, and applying himself with energy to all the duties of a good pastor of souls.

These duties, broadly speaking, were three: 1st, to exercise the ministry of the word by preaching God's word and it alone from the pulpit: 2nd, to administer the sacraments of the Church—to baptize the little ones of the fold, to absolve the penitent from their sins, to feed the flock of Christ on the Divine Food prepared for them by the Good Shepherd and to comfort and strengthen the dying for their last journey; 3rd, to stand at the altar of sacrifice and to plead the the altar of sacrifice and to plead the cause of his people before the throne of Divine Justice. Father Courtois had always recognized that these were the duties and the only duties of a good pastor and had performed them with care and with zeal. And, said His Lordship, any pastor who fulfils these sacred obligations well will always find enough to do. His pastoral work will engage all his time and all his energies and will his time and all his energies and will leave him no leisure to squander on things foreign to his vocation in life or to meddle with affairs which do not belong to his province. The duties of a parish priest begin and end with the promotion of the spiritual and temporal interests of that portion of the flock of Christ which has been committed to his care by his ecclesiastical superior. Father Courtois' life was an exemplification of this truth.

In conclusion His Lordship reminded his hearers that although they would never again see their late pastor at the altar of their church or hear his familiar voice from its pulpit nevertheless they still had a duty to perform towards him
—the duty of prayer for the repose of
his soul. This duty was all the more
imperative because of the suddenness
with which the hand of death had been laid upon him. They should urgently beseech the God of mercy to deal leni-ently with His servant departed and to grant to him eternal light, rest and

peace.

His Lordship then sang the absolution, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery adjoining the presbytery, the thirty priests present leading the procession with lighted tapers in their hands and singing the Benedictus. The body was carried to its last resting place by Messrs E. Quennville, E. Tellier, W. Giroux, C. Laporte, C. Caza and E. Pinsonneault. The last prayers at the grave were chanted by Bishop Fallon.

The late Father Courtois was born at Gentilly, P. Q., in the diocesse of Nicolet. His classical studies were made at the diocesan college; later he studied

let. His classical studies were made at the diocesan college; later he studied for some time at Assumption College, Sandwich, acting at the same time as master of studies. He finished his theological course at the Grand Semin-ary, Montreal, and was ordained in St. Peter's Cathedral, London, on August Peter's Cathedral, London, on Angust 25, 1889. The RECORD extends its sincere sympathy to the good people of St. Joachim in this the second sad sfliction which has come to them in a twelvementh. May the soul of the faithful priest, who has now gone to his reward, rest in peace!

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Before leaving for home Bishop
Fallon appointed the Rev. C. Laliberté
as the successor of Father Courtois.

ence and obey" his Ordinary. Father Courtois had always been faithful to that solemn engagement and during the whole of his sacerdotal life had never given an uneasy moment to those whom God had placed over him. The good done in the different parishes over which

A BISHOP TO NON-CATHOLICS

ON INVITATION OF PROTESTANTS DELIVERS A LECTURE ON THE CHURCH

As part of the work of the visitation of his diocese Right Rev. John W. Shaw, D. D., of San Antonio, Texas, is giving lectures to non-Catholics. While visiting Del Rio it is interesting to note that he received an invitation for a lecture from the non-Catholics. He gladly accepted, and a large sudience, composed chiefly of the non-Catholic citizens, greeted him at the Vendome Theatre. The subject of his lecture was "The Catholic Church, the Only True Church of Christ." On the rostrum the newly elected Major of Del Rio, Hon. George McMullen, and Hon. C. K. McDowell, County Judge, both non-Catholics, occupied prominent positions. Catholies, occupied prominent positions.
Judge McDowell introduced the Bishop and during the evening the later claimed the closest attention of one of the most representative audiences that has been gathered in Del Rio. They were all gathered in Del Rio. They were all grateful to the Bishop for his masterly presentation of the Catholic position, and said they understood the claims of the Catholic Church better.

Murphy.—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, March, 31st, 1912, Mrs. Joanno Murphy, widow of the late Mathew Murphy, of Whitby, Ont. aged, seventy-one years. May her soul rest

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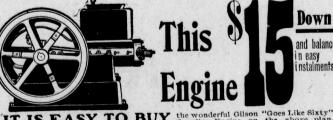
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