

in the pulpit. Mgr. Vaughan gives up the world, and is seeking retirement in the cloister as a Carthusian monk. He joins the order in the Certosa of Lucca where the General lives. The Carthusian institute, founded by St. Bruno, is the strictest of all the Orders. Each monk observes perpetual silence except for one hour in the week, abstains always from flesh meat, and with the exception of the choral services in the church remains secluded in his cell. Those who have assisted at the long midnight Office in a Carthusian monastery, or at the Mass with its strange sites will know what a singularly solemn service is there offered to God. The prayers of all who have benefitted by Mgr. Vaughan's sermons and writings will be with him during the three years in which he is to pass in "dying to the world." Mgr. Vaughan and his brother, Mr. Frank Vaughan, have had a private audience of the Sovereign Pontiff.

—Rome Correspondence of the Catholic Times, April 20.

The latest news about the Very Rev. Father Martin, General of the Society of Jesus, is good, and restores the hope which was somewhat dashed by the third and succeeding days after his operation. On the day of the operation a Jesuit Father chanced to have audience of the Pope. His Holiness learned with deep gratification of the successful issue, and said that he would not allow the beloved priest to be deprived of his consolation of daily Mass, provided that another priest assist him at the altar. And as we have spoken often, in truthful terms, of Father Martin as a beloved priest, we may say that one Providential aspect of this painfully touching episode has been to show how unreal is the life of legend even though it survive on the lips of men. Every incident of the event, and every circumstance attending its publicity in the anti-clerical press have proved alike that nothing but lofty esteem for the official and veneration for the aged, gentle priest ever existed in the mind of the public.—Ibid.

Apropos of the Pope's congratulations to the Archbishop of Dublin on his manner of speaking Italian, it may be stated that it was at the critical period when the Plan of Campaign was being considered at Rome that His Grace learned to speak Italian fluently. His Grace whilst awaiting an audience with Leo XIII., devoted himself for some weeks to the study of that beautiful tongue, and at the end of that time astonished people by the success with which he spoke it. Monsignor Nugent referring at the time to what the Archbishop had done, said His Grace had ability enough to accomplish anything.

Archbishop Colgan, of Madras, who is in his 82nd year, conducts a weekly newspaper, the "Madras Catholic Watchman." He is a native of Donore, Co. Westmeath, Ireland, and is the only survivor of fourteen young ecclesiastics who went out to India in 1844.

Mgr. Vay de Vaya, the young Hungarian prelate visiting in this country, speaking in New York lately, said it would be "a matter of a short century or two" before Japan would become Christian. The new laws and moral code of the country were based upon Christianity, and their rapid material progress would help the spiritual work which would of necessity come last, although it should be first.

Rev. Father Deshaies is a guest at the Archbishop's palace.

Rev. Father Plante, S.J., left on Friday, the 5th inst., for Bottineau, N.D., where he will give three missions in neighboring places. He will be absent about three weeks.

On Wednesday morning May 3, Feast of the finding of the Holy Cross Mgr. Racicot was consecrated titular Bishop of Pogle, and coadjutor of Montreal by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, assisted by His Grace Archbishop Langevin, a nephew of the new Bishop, and by His Lordship Bishop Emard. His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti and Archbishops Duhamel and Begin were present.

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Persons and Facts

In St. Augustine's church are to be seen a very handsome set of the Stations of the Cross, which have just arrived from Antwerp and are beautifully painted on aluminum. The stations themselves were a gift from the late Father Godts, while the frames, beautifully carved, are the work of a work carver brought here specially, have been presented by different members of the congregation.—Brandon Sun, Ap. 27.

John H. Cunningham, a jeweller of Eaton, Ind., has constructed what is believed to be the smallest engine in the world. It stands on a five cent piece, and so small are some of its parts that a magnifying glass is necessary to distinguish them. It is run by steam, and operates at a remarkable rate of speed. The screws that hold the parts together are made of needles, and the eyes are so fine as to defy the naked eye. The boiler is made of a part of a hand bicycle pump. The striking boxes are packed with lint scraped from silk thread, cotton being too coarse for the purpose.

The annual list, for 1904, of the members of the Society of Jesus who died during that year would present an interesting subject of study for an insurance actuary, especially because the Jesuits, being more evenly distributed throughout all the climates and countries of the globe than any other religious order or congregation, fairly represent the average duration of active but well regulated human lives. At the beginning of 1904 there were 15,404 members in the whole order. Of these, 202 died between the beginning and the end of that year, the average age at the time of death being 58 years and nine months. Of the 202 deceased Jesuits fifty had spent fifty years or more in the order, and the average age of these jubilarians at the moment of death was 79 years and six months. Of these fifty sixteen had from 60 to 68 years of religious life to their credit. One who entered at sixteen died at ninety-one, having spent 75 years in religion. Another, who is not among the jubilarians because he entered the order at the age of 53, lived till he was ninety. He would have been condemned as "a bad risk" by any ordinary insurance agent at the time of his entrance, and yet he lived on for 47 years. These 202 deaths occurred in different parts of Europe, North and South America, Asia, Africa and Australia, from Montreal to Valparaiso, from Beirut in Syria to Calcutta, from Cracow to Messina, from Alexandria in Egypt to the Zambesi Mission in South Africa, from Manila to Fei-ho in China.

The Holy Father on April 19 received in audience the Right Rev. John Cameron, Bishop of Antigonish, Canada. After the audience Bishop Cameron presented Sir Charles Tupper, ex-Premier of Canada, and for some time Leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Canadian Parliament, to His Holiness, to whom he recalled Sir Charles's consistent defence of the rights of Canadian Catholics. The Pope speaking in Latin, said he knew of struggles Sir Charles had sustained, and warmly commended him for his efforts on behalf of his Catholic compatriots. At the close of his remarks the Pope, laying his hand on Sir Charles's shoulder gave him a special blessing.

Professor Haeckel lectured in Berlin, April 13, on natural science and religion. The main part of the lecture was devoted to a review of the recently published book by the Jesuit priest, Father Wassmann, "Modern Biology and the Science of Evolution." Father Wassmann's claim that man should be exempted from the Darwinian theory of evolution on the ground that he is of essentially different form from animals, and that he alone possesses a soul, was, says a correspondent, upheld by the professor, who claimed that Wassmann's book is a great victory over the teaching of Darwin and modern biologists.

The Marquis of Bute is to erect at Rothersey a Catholic church which will cost £30,000.

Sir Edward Blount, who died on March 15, left estate of the gross value of £160,147.

Sir Antony MacDonnell has been committing other crimes. He visited the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, on Monday, and had an interview at Athenry with Canon Canton, P.P.—Catholic Times, Apr. 20.

Wilfrid Shebbeare, organist and director of music at the Cowley Fathers' (Anglican) Church, Oxford, England, was recently received into the Church by Father Maturin. He is a very able musician, and his work at Cowley received exceptional praise from Padre di Santi, S.J. (member of the Papal Commission on music) when he was in England last autumn. Two of the elder choir boys of the same church were also received into the Church a few weeks ago.

Sister Loretto—in the world Miss Anna Smith—died lately at the Convent of Mercy, 1075 Madison avenue, after a brief illness of heart failure. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Ann Smith. Her father made a large fortune as a candy manufacturer in Greenwich street, the place, near Liberty street, being one of the downtown landmarks for more than half a century. It was inherited by Sister Loretto and her three brothers. She devoted her share, more than \$100,000, to religious purposes. When her mother died two years ago, the four children sent \$50,000 to New York Catholic charities in her memory. They have spent another \$50,000 in redecorating the interior of old St. Peter's Church in Barclay street, as a memorial of their parents.

Mr. T. M. Healy, K.C., M.P., who was on Saturday co-opted as a Bencher of the Honourable Society of King's Inn, is the first representative of the popular movement who has ever found his way into that body. He is now one of the recognized leaders of the Irish Bar, and his services are in great demand by litigants of every shade of politics.—Catholic Times, April 20.

The orchestra of St. Boniface College which was so highly appreciated in its first concert early in the winter, will give its second annual concert next Monday, 15th inst., in the College hall at 8 p.m. The number of musical performers in this excellent college orchestra has been raised from twenty to thirty. The selections, which will be more popular and less severely classical than last time, will, in part, be taken from Donizetti, Weber, Haydn, Handel, Verdi and Gounod. Between the two parts of the concert a clever comedy, "The Rival Lodgers," will add a spice of fun to the entertainment. Most of the best seats are already bespoken. The uniform price is 50 cents. Seats may be secured at the college or at Miss Kerouck's bookstore, corner Water and Main streets.

Mr. Daniel Miller, who spent so many years here as Manager of the Merchant's Bank of Canada, and who has been for the last sixteen years Manager of the same institution in Toronto, is about to retire from active participation in business concerns. Mr. Miller is a native of Gloucestershire, who came to Canada in 1866, passed from Ritualism to Catholicism and has ever since been a devout son of the Church. He has been 37 years in the service of the Merchant's Bank. His prudent management enabled that bank to ride in safety the financial tempest produced here by the collapse of the 1882 boom.

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