

ordinary people in it. They do an immense amount of work, but they really are the most self-centred, undisciplined and difficult people I ever came across."

It is estimated that about 30,000 conversions to the Catholic Church have taken place in the United States during the past year.

Some people will perhaps be surprised that in the speech from the Throne to the English Parliament no mention was made of the Catholic University for Ireland. However it is worthy of note that the Irish questions were the first to occupy the attention of the House.

There is sorrow in the A. P. A. camp over the election of the Hon. Joseph McKenna to the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The only objection that could be raised against Mr. McKenna was the fact that he is a Catholic. We are glad to see however that only a small and insignificant part of the people of the neighboring Republic consider this so grievous a fault in a public official.

The *True Witness* says: "The building committee of the Catholic Cathedral at Westminster have received an anonymous donation of £1,000 through the Very Rev. Canon Pyke. It is now confidently anticipated that if the subscriptions come in with sufficient rapidity to enable the present rate of progress to be maintained, the edifice will be ready for consecration and opening by Sept. 29th 1900, which will be the golden jubilee of the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in England. The occasion is expected to be celebrated by a grand *Te Deum* beneath the dome of the new cathedral."

Speaking before the Catholic Workingmen's Club on the struggle going on between the workingmen and their employers, Rev. Thomas J. Ducey of New York city gave the following as the rich magnate's version of the Lord's prayer: "My Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; my kingdom has come on earth; Thy will be done—in heaven; my will be done here. Give me this day all the income I want. Give me my debts in violence against humanity, in foreclosures against my debtors. Deliver us this day from all the 'isms that destroy our power to enslave humanity. Mine is the Kingdom and the power, and Thine be the glory, forever. Amen."

A case of peculiar interest to Catholics was recently tried before the Supreme Court of Kansas. A lady in her will had made provision to have masses said for her soul after death. Some of the heirs protested this part of the will, but the case was decided against the plaintiffs. In their summary of the case the judges say: "Although we may question the soundness of these beliefs and deride the efficiency of the service which she desired to have performed, the law has no care for contrariety of faith as to spiritual things, and will, therefore, sanction the bequest she has made. The law interferes with no mere religious opinions, nor with religious practices, except such as tend to subvert the foundation of public morals and order.

Magistrate E. T. Lloyd, of Cahirciveen, County Kerry, Ireland, pays the following high tribute to the people under his jurisdiction. Speaking from the bench he says: "I should like to congratulate the