

The organist had just resigned, and that particular Sunday night one of the junior priests presided at the organ at the first portion of the devotions, then went into the pulpit and preached a sermon, afterwards giving the Benediction, and at the conclusion of the service again presided at the organ. This is rather a unique performance.

Preaching at Oxford the other day, Rev. Bernard Vaughan referred to the revival movements in England and Wales. He said that he welcomed any movement which proclaimed the love of Christ to the people. In so far as these revivals did this he welcomed them with open arms. But their danger lay in their passing away. Religious enthusiasm was of no avail when served in homeopathic doses. Father Vaughan went on to declare that the sacramental system of the Catholic Church was sufficient to preserve the spirit of enthusiasm engendered by such movements.

Cardinal Ajuti died in Rome on Friday, April 28. He was born in the Eternal City on June 17, 1849, and was created a Cardinal on June 22, 1903. He was credited with having a part in the preparation of the memorable Encyclical of Leo XIII. on the reunion of East and West.

The clergy and laity of New Zealand, says the "New Zealand Tablet" of March 9, will be pleased to hear that on the invitation of His Grace Archbishop Redwood the Redemptorists have decided to establish a foundation in Wellington. The preliminary arrangements were made by the Provincial (Very Rev. Father Boylan) and the Vice Provincial (Very Rev. Father O'Farrell) during their recent visit to the city.

The centenary of the foundation of the institute of the Irish Christian Brothers at Carrick-on-Suir was celebrated on Sunday last. The foundation-stone of the new Science and Technical Schools was laid on the occasion by the Bishop of Waterford, Most. Rev. Dr. Sheehan.

The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, has arrived at Naples, and will make a stay of some duration.

The Rev. Father Easterman, who has been appointed Bishop of Lahore, in India, is a Belgian. He has had many years experience in English missions.

Rev. Father Maynard, S.J., left for Sault-au-Recollet, Que. last Friday.

In the "Zambesi" Mission Record for April Father Prestage S. J., relates how he discovered the remains of Father Augustus Law, S.J., the old-time naval officer and subsequently the intrepid African missionary, who died near Umzila's Kraal, Gazaland, on the 25th of November, 1880. Fr. Prestage had to walk, going and coming, 660 miles, in the intense heat of a tropical spring (September, 1904), the whole journey taking 48 days. The grave and remains were thoroughly identified by the testimony of natives who remembered the death of the "umfundisi" (teacher). As the grave lay just within Portuguese territory, Captain Machado, to whom Fr. Prestage had written, welcomed him and assured him that the Portuguese Governor wished every assistance to be given him in the search. "The evidence seemed so conclusive," writes Fr. Prestage, "that with the sanction of Captain Machado, who felt quite convinced that we had discovered Fr. Law's grave, I proceeded, assisted by the natives, to open the grave. We removed the stones and took away the earth very carefully, and at a depth of four and a half feet we came upon the remains" (which had not been visited for 24 years). "The sight was rare and singular. The skull and bones were completely covered with a network one-eighth of an inch thick of roots, of grasses and plants, which in their love for phosphorus, had penetrated deep down to their favorite food. The appearance was as if the skull and bones had been covered with cocoa nut fibre. A considerable portion of the cranium was intact, but was extremely thin and required the most delicate handling. Also most of the frontal bone was preserved, but the rest of the facial bones, with the exception of the lower jaw, had altogether disappeared. We also found the arm bones, and the bones of the legs, and the hip bones together with many of the ribs and other small bones." A physician of Gwelo, a junction station of two railway lines, to whom Fr. Prestage submitted the remains for examination on his return,

declared that the skull was not in a sufficient state of preservation to determine that it was a white man's skull. But cumulative evidence points to the remains being necessarily those of Fr. Law. 1. The headman, Kutsho, declared that only one white man had died in that district at that time, and that this grave was the grave of that white man. 2. The remains were found lying flat and parallel to the stones marking the top of the grave, whereas the natives of Gazaland bury their dead in a sitting posture or in a recess made on the side of the grave wall. 3. Several shirt and trouser buttons were found in the grave, showing that the corpse had been buried in clothes. This is the way Fr. Law must have been buried, for his companion, Br. Hedley, S.J., was far too ill and weak at the time to be able to attend to any preparation for the burial, and immediately after Fr. Law's death Umzila had Br. Hedley carried out of the country. When Fr. Prestage, having packed the remains very carefully, started to return with them to a mission churchyard for Christian burial, Captain Machado, out of respect for a former officer of the British Navy, hoisted the Portuguese flag on the staff by the Court House at Sepongombila.

Very Rev. Father Bernard was re-elected Superior General of the Passionists at a general chapter of the order held in Rome this month. The term is six years.

On Sunday, May 14, Catholic St. Louis had a great celebration, the conferring of the pallium on Archbishop Glennon. Archbishop Ireland preached a splendid sermon on "Rome's Imperial Sway." Father Phelan, in his Western Watchman, thus describes the Metropolitan of Missouri.

"In personal appearance Archbishop Glennon is tall and erect. He stands fully six feet two inches and is as straight as an Indian. He has a soft and rich complexion and wears a sweet smile that seldom wholly vanishes. His voice is sweetness itself, yet it is resonant and can, without the least effort, fill any hall. Such a voice is rarely heard and the hearer never tires listening to it. His Grace is an easy, fluent, forcible speaker, and holds his audience without effort by the magic of his tones and the witchery of his manner. He is very affable to all, and never seems to think of rank or station when conversing with others. He is as much loved by Protestants as by Catholics, to the former being a revelation in the flesh of what a great Catholic churchman is, now sometimes depicted in the modern popular novel. He is a hard-working bishop and for some years will be wholly engrossed in the erection of his new Cathedral."

Rev. Father Plante, S.J., has been and is preaching short missions in North Dakota on the following dates: Bottineau, May 7, 8, 9; Souris (N. Dak.), 10, 11; Hamel, 12, 13; West Hope, 14, 15, 16; Deep River, 17, 18; Glenburn, 19, 20, 21; Lansford, 22, 23; Sherwood, 24, 25; Mohall, 26, 27, 28; Sicard, 30, 31. He has had a great deal of driving in very bad roads and in rainy and snowy weather. As an instance of the fertility of the soil, he mentions a prominent Catholic who, last year, by leasing his 320 acre farm on condition that he should receive one-third of the profits, cleared \$1100. At Souris, N. D., Father Plante met several people he had known at or near Guelph, Ont. He preached in the Opera House of Souris. At Glenburn half his audience was Protestant, there being two ministers on the front seat. As Fr. Plante may call at Belcourt, N.D., to see Fr. Choiniere, who is dangerously ill, he may not return to St. Boniface till June 5.

The cable announces on Thursday morning, May 25, that the Vatican authorities have written to Mgr. Sbarretti approving his attitude in the case of the Manitoba boundary extension.

The Rev. Edward Lecompte, Superior General of the Canadian Jesuits, successfully underwent, on May 18th, an operation for appendicitis. The patient is doing well.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface arrived here from the East on Friday about noon. He was accompanied by His Lordship Bishop Pascal, who continued his journey the same evening to Prince Albert; by the Very Rev. Vicar General Dugus, and by the Rev. Mr. Joubert, deacon, who, having concluded his theological course, will now remain in the diocese and will be ordained priest this summer.

Persons and Facts

A number of Poles and Galicians now employed across the border are moving toward the Canadian Northwest.

The wet weather, snow and rain which lasted till the middle of the month and threatened to injure the crops by too much moisture, ceased at the beginning of last week just in time. In his last circular His Grace very opportunely suggests that priests may say the collect "for rain" or for "fine weather" according to local conditions.

The Irish Court of Probate had before it on Tuesday a will case in which the monks of Mount Melleray were concerned. A lady named Margaret Brown, who died at Fermoy in February, 1902, deposited a carpet bag at the Monastery and in it was her will by which she left all she possessed—some hundreds of pounds—to the Institution. After her death a man named O'Keefe forged a will and took possession of her property. The fraud was discovered and he was sent to penal servitude. The will contained in the bag having been found, the relatives contested it. Ultimately the case was arranged.

Cardinal Moran's proposal for the support of the Home Rule Cause is that a fund of \$20,000 per annum be raised, namely, £10,000 from Ireland, £5,000 from the United States, £3,000 from Canada, and £2,000 from Australia and New Zealand.

Cardinal Logue, in a letter to Australia on the Australian Catholic Congress, says: "I am proud and happy to find that it was such a triumphant success. Indeed, it could not be otherwise, when it had at its head your great Australian Cardinal, and my old College companion the Archbishop of Melbourne who throws himself with whole hearted earnestness into every work which he undertakes."

Quebec, May 15.—The following announcement appears in local newspapers: "Mr. and Mrs. Plattondon wish to inform their relatives and friends of the birth of their twenty-seventh child."

Mr. Plattondon is a bailiff residing in this city.

Cardinal Gibbons informed us during his stay in this city that he had only a few days before starting West received a letter from Bishop Spalding, written by his own hand in which the Bishop of Peoria says he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. This will be good news to his many friends.—Western Watchman (St. Louis), May 18.

The Germans over the world are just now celebrating the centenary of the death of Schiller. They certainly have reason to be proud of their great national poet; but what part have the Lutheran ministers in such celebrations. Schiller was not a Catholic, but he was as little a Lutheran as he was a Turk. His sympathies were all Catholic; his principal works have Catholic subjects; and his genius finds a congenial field only in the delineation of Catholic character. He was too great an artist to have been a Protestant, and was on the whole, not much less a Catholic than our Catholic Shakespeare.—Ibid.

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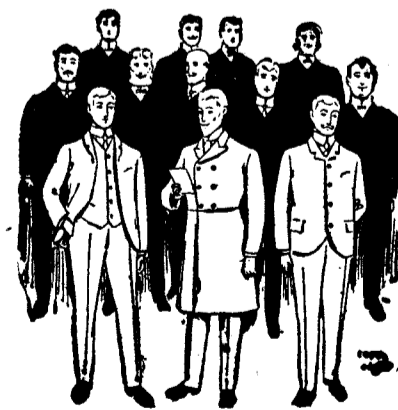


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