

Items from Everywhere.

Professor Oulli has been examining the waters of "the yellow Tiber," and finds that the soil and sand they carry with them contain chemical elements so powerful as practically to disinfect the whole region through which they flow, and almost exempt it from malaria. He advises bathing in the river at Rome, as the carbonates and salts in the water have many of the medicinal effects of sea water, and its density makes it almost as good as a mud bath.

An old lady of 112, named Rosowska, presented herself recently at the prefecture at Lille to draw her pension. She served as a cauteen woman in Napoleon's campaign in Russia, was under fire in twelve other campaigns, was three times wounded, and wears the silver cross for valor in the field. She acted as surgeon in a Polish regiment in 1831. She brought up fourteen children, her last surviving son dying some years ago at 80.

The late General Newton was a classmate at West Point of General Rosocrans, and it is a coincidence that both soldiers subsequently became converts to the Catholic faith. General Scammon is said to have induced General Newton to become a Catholic, and General Rosocrans helped to make a Catholic out of his brother, who became in after years the first bishop of Columbus. Both these Generals were at one time in the Army of the Cumberland, so that their lives had several parallels. General Rosocrans outlives his old classmate, and is at present, the writer believes, out on the Pacific slope, whose climate he finds beneficial to his waning forces.

Cardinal Hohenlohe, who is said to have complimented Crispien an address which he recently delivered, appears to have a disposition to do undiplomatic acts. Some years ago he incautiously intrusted to the Berlin authorities a paper which was only intended to be shown to the Papal household, and was unable to secure its return. The Holy Father took him to task, it is said, for that act, and now it seems that he has deemed it necessary to reprove him for what he said in public of the Italian premier. The Cardinal is, as is well known, a brother of the present German chancellor.

By instructing the Papal nuncios to notify the governments to which they are accredited that any participation by them in the celebration next September by the Italian government of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its seizure of Rome will be regarded at the Vatican as an affront to the church, the Holy See simply acts consistently with that policy which has caused it to protest on every possible occasion against the wrong which was then perpetrated. This notification may not have the effect of preventing the participation of outside powers in the September demonstrations, but the governments that take part in these occurrences cannot now plead that they did not know how the Vatican would interpret their acts.

People who may imagine that the Catholic peasantry of France has any sympathy with the impious legislation which French legislators enact every now and then, should take note of an event that recently occurred in that city of Roubaix. The mayor of that municipality, who is probably a Free Mason, issued an order that priests carrying the viaticum to dying persons should do so without attendants and without ringing a bell. One of the pastors of the place, who paid no heed to the order, was proceeding with the sacrament through the streets in the usual way when a tool of the mayor made an attack upon his attendants. Instantly the bystanders fell on the assailant, drove him off and then constituted themselves a body guard to the priest until he had discharged his duty and returned home.

Notre Dame University announces the celebration of its golden jubilee and preparations for the event are now being made. Invitations have been sent to all the prominent ecclesiastical dignitaries of the country to honor the university with their presence during the celebration, and it is confidently expected by the faculty that many of the invitations will be accepted. There is no American Catholic institution of higher learning that is doing better work than Notre Dame, which has attained a wonderful influence and won remarkable success during the half century that it has been in existence.

The opinion seems to obtain in some circles in England that the Episcopal church of Scotland is best qualified to make the first move toward that reunion with Rome in favor of which the Holy Father recently wrote his apostolic letter. A writer on this subject said recently in one of the leading Scotch papers: "It seems to me that the Episcopal church of Scotland is pre-eminently fitted to take a leading part in the great movement. Unlike her sister, the church of England, she is bound by no trammels of the state, and if I may say so she has a fuller grasp of our Catholic truths which are a bond of spiritual union among all branches of the Catholic Church." It would be strange if Scotland were to lead England back to her former allegiance toward the Holy See.

Through the kindness of Cardinal Vaughan, Mr. George Augustus Sala obtained a card of admission for the Requiem Mass in the Sistine Chapel on the last anniversary of the death of Pius IX. In describing the scene at the entrance, he tells how an English gentleman who could not speak Italian asked him to intercede for him in Italian with the Swiss Guard. This gentleman wore a Monte Carlo jacket instead of the usual evening dress coat, and the guard refused to allow him in, though he admitted his wife, whose costume was quite correct. Mr. Sala described the Monte Carlo jacket as the *ultima moda*—the latest fashion in England. The guard smiled, but did not relent. Then Mr. Sala took charge of the gentleman's wife, and gave him his carriage to drive to the hotel and borrow a dress-coat. In due time he returned. He had borrowed a "frac" from the hotel manager, but the manager was short and thin, and the ex-wearer of the Monte Carlo was tall and stout. Again the Swiss Guard smiled. The garment was indubitably a "frac," and ingress was given to the wearer.

United States Church Notes.

It seems that there was really no foundation for that story which the daily press recently circulated regarding the tenure of church property in the St. Louis diocese. Archbishop Kain declares that there is not the slightest cause for apprehension regarding that property, inasmuch as a duly made and attested will of Archbishop Kenrick, transferring it to his successor, was made years ago, and is now in the possession of Archbishop Hennessy of Dubuque. Monsignor Kain also declares that the reason of Archbishop Ryan's visit to St. Louis was not what it was stated to have been in this sensational story.

Cardinal Gibbons called a meeting of the prelates of the Baltimore province last week at his residence, being doubtless desirous of consulting with his suffragans prior to his departure for Rome, for which city he is to start this month, after he has participated in the celebration of Archbishop Williams' golden jubilee. All the prelates of the province responded to his invitation for a conference except Bishop Becker of Savannah who is on the other side of the Atlantic; and Monsignor Satolli and Archbishop Ryan were also present at the meeting. What matters were discussed have not, of course, been made public.

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for Coal and Wood, to be delivered to the undermentioned institutions for the term ending July 1, 1896.

TORONTO

	Hard coal, tons of 2,000 pounds.	Soft coal, tons of 2,000 pounds.	Hard wood, cords of 124 cubic feet.	Soft wood, cords of 124 cubic feet.
Government House, about	250	30	1	1
Old Parliament Building, about	45	0	1	1
New Parliament Buildings, Queens Park, hard wood coal, taking delivery of from the 1st of June to time to time, as may be required, up to a total of from 1,200 to 1,500 tons, and Educational Buildings, about	45	40	40	20
School of Practical Science, 11 barrels of soft wood charcoal, and about	250	0	5	1
Osgoode Hall, about	450	60	30	10

OTTAWA

Normal School, about	300	2	35	35
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The coal and wood must be delivered and stored away by the contractors in the bins or other receptacles at the respective institutions in quality and manner satisfactory to the persons in charge, and, at Toronto, at any time until the 14th October next, except that for the Government House, Osgoode Hall and the Educational Buildings about one-third of the furnace coal cannot be received until after the 31st December next, and for the old and the new Parliament buildings it must be delivered from time to time in such quantities as may be required during the term ending July 1st, 1896. Coal for the Government House, old Parliament Building, School of Practical Science, Education Department and Osgoode Hall must be weighed at such scales as shall be approved, and coal for the new Parliament buildings at the scales connected therewith. The coal and wood for the Normal and Model Schools at Ottawa must be delivered not later than 1st August next. The wood must be of good quality, the hard wood in the proportion of not less than one-half maple and the residue of birch or kinds equally good.

Forms of tender and other information can be had on application to this Department. Separate tenders will be received for the supply of any one, or more, or all the kinds of fuel required, and for any or all the departments and institutions named. The bona fide signatures of two sufficient sureties will be required for the fulfillment of the contract or for each of the contracts.

W. HARTY,
Commissioner.

Department of Public Works,
Toronto, May 22nd, 1895.

Oak Hall.

The specialties this week at Oak Hall comprise nice lines in boys', youths' and men's clothing. The prices are right at this commodious and well-stocked establishment, and the imprint of Oak Hall on the goods is a guarantee that they are first-class in every respect—in style, material and workmanship. The address is 115 to 121 King street East, opposite St. James Cathedral.

St. Basil's.

Rev. L. Brennan, C.P.B., who has but recently recovered from a severe illness, is to take a holiday within a few days. He will spend a couple of months in rest and travel, part of which will be in Ireland. On Wednesday evening a number of his friends and parishioners met Father Brennan after May devotions and presented him with a well filled purse and general good wishes. The sum was sufficient to materially assist toward ensuring a pleasant time.