

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

On the 10th prox, the "cardinal" consistory will be held. It is said that thirteen will be raised to the cardinalate.

The degree of master of theology was conferred on Tuesday, October 25, on the Very Rev. Reginald Walsh, of Dublin, a member of the Order of Preachers.

The French Catholics in Bridgeport, Ct. have now raised almost a sufficient amount of money to erect the new church contemplated. The structure will probably be located in the West end.

M. Rodrigues, the Catholic president of Costa Rica, in Central America, since the 8th of May, 1890, has resolved to establish religious education in all the public schools in his government.

The distinguished French Benedictine, Rev. Dom Piolin, died recently at the Abbey of St. Peter Solesmes, in the 76th year of his age, and the 51st of his monastic profession. His chief work was the "History of the Church of Le Mans."

San Antonio, Texas, still preserves the Spanish language in her cathedral, the language of the followers of Columbus, although not the language of the country of his birth. In this respect she is one of the three remaining cities that do so, the others being Santa Fe, N.M., and Los Angeles, Cal.

An inmate of an Armenian convent in Jerusalem died a short time ago at the age of 115 years. The official announcement of her death includes the remarkable statement that she entered the convent at the age of 17, and from that time until her decease, a period of 98 years, was never outside the convent walls.

The population of the American Continent is thus classified religiously: North America—The United States, Catholics, 13,000,000, non-Catholics, 50,000,000. British possessions, Catholics, 2,000,000, non-Catholics, 3,000,000. Mexico, Catholics, 12,000,000. Central America and the West Indies, Catholics, 5,000,000; South America, Catholics, 24,000,000. Totals, Catholics, 56,000,800; non-Catholics, 53,000,060.

The remains of the soldiers—French and German—who perished during the siege of Strasbourg have been collected in the cemetery of St. Urban and piously laid to rest in peaceful congregation. Prayers were said over the spot where hutes are buried by Catholic and Protestant military chaplains, and the bands of the garrison played appropriate sombre and sacred airs. Thus in the grave, where there is no strife, a lesson is inculcated which should have been instilled in life.

The care with which the Catholic Church provides for the selection of fit persons for places of trust and responsibility in her orders is well illustrated by the election of a commissary-general for School Sisters of Notre Dame, vice Mother Catharine, deceased. Such an election was held by representatives of this sisterhood last week at Milwaukee, but before their choice goes into effect it has to be approved by the general of the society, resident in Munich, and then approved by the cardinal protector at Rome.

It is stated that there are more priests, monks and nuns in Jerusalem in proportion to the population than any other city in the world. They belong to every nation of Europe, and many of Asia, and are of every creed, form of worship and dress. The Roman Catholic Church nuns attract a great deal of attention, and receive the attention of all classes by their modest deportment and the general services that they render to all; but there are also quite a number of Protestant sisters, earnest, devoted Christian women from England and Germany, engaged on every hand in doing good.

NEWS FROM ROME.

(Gleaned from the London Universe.)

The customary Requiem Mass for the souls of Pontifical soldiers deceased was celebrated on the 11th instant in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in the Via Porta Castello, at Rome.

The Holy Father has received in private audience M. Cambon, Ambassador of France at Constantinople. Among the subjects treated of was the protectorate of the Catholic Church in the East.

His Holiness has received in private audience His Excellency General Velez, Minister from Colombia to the Holy See, on his return from a short leave.

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Likewise there have been received at the Vatican within the past few days Count Moltke Hvitfeldt, Danish Minister at Paris, and Mgr. Papiri, Bishop of Macerata.

Among recent receptions at the Vatican were Mgr. Du Rousseaux, Bishop of Tournay; Mgr. de Luca, Bishop of St. Marc and Bisignano; Mgr. Gordon, Bishop of Leeds; and Mgr. Farley, Vicar-General of New York.

Rumors still go their rounds concerning the Consistory, which, it is now alleged, will not be held before February next, perhaps not before March. A certain nomination is that of Mgr. Mocenni, actually substitute for the Secretary of State. He will be created Prefect of the Apostolic Palaces as well as Cardinal.

At the request of the Holy Father the Trappists of Belgium have accepted the task of founding a mission in the Free State of Congo, which has undertaken to furnish the necessary expenses. Leopold II. was at the bottom of the suggestion. Those who go forth on this heroic duty are religious from Westmalle, near Antwerp, and Achel. If the enterprise succeeds a penitential colony will be finally attached to it.

Mgr. Verius, who lately had an audience of the Pope, was seized with serious illness at Ollegio in Piedmont, and succumbed to the attack. In his last moments he was surrounded by missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who had hurried expressly to his bedside from Rome. His death will be an immense loss for New Guinea, where he was a veritable apostle. His obsequies were presided over on Tuesday by the Bishop of Novara.—R.I.P.

THOSE CONTESTED SEATS.

Mr. Davitt's Danger.

LONDON, December 3.—The Parnellites were jubilant when they succeeded in having Mr. Fullum, the anti-Parnellite, who was elected to represent South Meath in Parliament, deprived of his seat, and there is a prospect that they will have further cause for joy in the case of Mr. Michael Davitt, against whose return from North Meath a petition has been presented. As in the case of Mr. Fullum, clerical intimidation in favor of Mr. Davitt is charged. It is expected that the judges, after unseating Mr. Davitt, will report Bishop Nulty, of Meath, and several priests of that diocese, to Parliament as guilty of intimidation. It has been stated that Mr. Davitt desires to resign his seat and to stand again for election without priestly assistance, but under the charge of undue clerical influence he would not be allowed to accept the stewardship of the Children Hundreds. Should the election petition judges send to Parliament a presentment against Bishop Nulty and the priests, who are accused, the Irish executive would have no alternative but to prosecute them. The Irish Catholic bishops have already decided to convene a meeting to discuss the situation as bearing on future political manifestos which it is likely will be more carefully worded than those heretofore issued by bishops. The Worcestershire election petition has been rejected with costs against the petitioners, who are Liberals.

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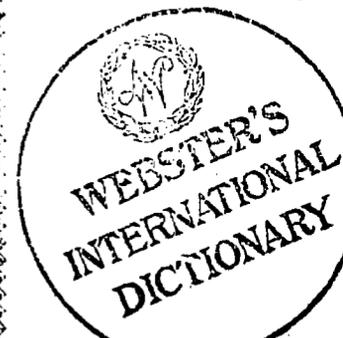
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