

Jubilee of this great event on the opening of the New Year. Representatives from all the countries of the world are expected at Rome for the occasion.

From the *Northwest Review* we learn that the proceeds of a bazaar held recently at St-Joseph, Manitoba, for the benefit of the local Catholic Schools, amounted to the respectable sum of six hundred dollars. Whatever may happen, these people seem to be determined to maintain their own schools. The late bye-elections in that Province may also be significant.

Rev. Father Hagen, a Jesuit of Georgetown College is soon to publish a series of "Charts of the Variable Stars." The Rev. Father has been engaged for a long time in preparing these charts and no doubt they will be welcomed by all astronomers. As yet the movements of these stars cannot be accounted for with any great degree of certainty, and this work will be of great help in solving this difficult problem.

In a sermon preached at Washington on Thanksgiving day by Rev. Dr. Johnston, the preacher took occasion to explain away the strange idea that Catholics can be honest citizens of the American Republic. His remarks would not be worthy of notice had they been spoken on a less important occasion, and before a different congregation. The presence, however, of President McKinley in the church, gives evidence of the poor taste and extreme bigotry of the preacher. As a result of his action Dr. Johnson has been attacked on all sides not alone by the Catholic press but also by most of the leading non-Catholic papers which desire to see all citizens, irrespective of creed, enjoying the blessings of liberty.

The Jesuits seem at last to have secured a champion. It may appear strange but that champion is no other than the mighty German Empire. It happened thus, Two Jesuit Fathers expelled from Germany, went as missionaries to China, and were murdered by the heathen Chinese. This foul deed was resented by Germany and a naval expedition promptly set out to demand reparation. This action is most commendable in itself, but is hardly consistent with the principles of a country which looks upon Jesuits as too dangerous a class to remain as citizens. If every country were to adopt the German manner of dealing with the Jesuits, all these unfortunates might as well at once proceed to China and be there murdered. Germany would then protect them.

The *Ave Maria* says: "The conviction seems to be gaining ground that Captain Dreyfus, the young French officer who was degraded and banished for alleged treachery to France, was punished for the offense of another. However this may be, one cannot withhold a tribute of admiration to the noble wife who has stood by her husband through good and evil fame; and who, with no thought of divorce, devotes herself to the forlorn hope of securing his liberation and vindicating his character. The sovereigns of Europe must surely find it hard to resist the appeal of this faithful and courageous woman. Her letter to the Holy Father after enumerating the reasons for a new trial, concludes in these words: 'Lucie Eugénie Dreyfus, at the feet of Your Holiness, humbly supplicates the compassion of the Father of the Catholic Church. She declares that her husband is innocent, and the victim of