

CATHOLICS OF SCOTLAND.

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PART II.

GEORGE HAY, JOHN GEDDES, ALEXANDER MACDONALD, AND THEIR TIME.

Mr. Thomson, writing to Bishop Geddes, argued the worst consequences from the incipient revolution in France. Many eminent statesmen and patriots in England, meanwhile, were exulting over the fall of the Bastille and the extinction of despotism.

From the 18th to the 19th of August an incendiary fire occurred at Stobhill. The priest's servant and another man having been awakened by the smoke, gave the alarm and called Mr. Macpherson. Some of the neighbors cheerfully gave their assistance in extinguishing the flames; others stood by, or passed on unconcerned.

On the 18th of August, the fire broke out in the choir of the church. The fire having been wilfully raised, and so many of the neighbors declining to aid in extinguishing it, there could be no doubt that the greatest caution was necessary to avoid any step that might fan it into a flame.

On this account Bishop Hay considered that they were justified in the joint resolution which they had taken, of putting a stop to the singing scheme, and he entrusted his coadjutor to see it noted upon without delay wherever the bishops at their recent meeting had concluded against singing in the churches.

There were but few cases of insanity among the clergy. That of Mr. Gordon, brother of the principal at Paris, has been already alluded to. Another melancholy instance occurred in the person of Mr. James Cameron.

If one may judge from a list of books at Stobhill, a higher class of studies was now pursued there, under the auspices of its episcopal president. The books referred to which were sent from Edinburgh, were, among others, Altieri's Italian and English dictionary, Schreyer's Lexicon, Richard's classical dictionary, Knex's history of Scotland; two copies of a translation of the Mass, lately made by Mr. Robertson, priest at Edinburgh, and Buchin's medicine, a new edition of which was soon to appear, when it also would be sent.

On the 28th Nov. 1789, Mr. Thomson, informed Bishop Geddes of the death of the Duchess of Albany at Bologna, on the 17th Nov. 1789. The agent states in his letter, that "she died

in an edifying manner, and was much regretted. She left the Cardinal, Duke of York, her heir. There is also Mr. Thomson's news the nomination of the first American Catholic Bishop of Baltimore, in the person of Mr. Cary (Carroll). He was mistaken, however, in stating that the United States had refused to receive a Vicar Apostolic with the title of bishop in partibus. On the contrary, they declined all interference in the matter.

It would appear that Bishop Geddes concurred reluctantly in the peremptory prohibition of music which Bishop Hay had issued. He now, according to promise, prepared his reasons for requesting that the prohibition should be so far modified as to admit of some hymns being sung in the churches of Edinburgh and Aberdeen, after Christian doctrine on Sunday afternoon.

The delicate position in which the Catholics and clergy, and even the higher magistrates stood, at this time, is well illustrated by the circumstances of a capital execution. The town council resolved to permit any Catholic clergyman to assist the culprit publicly on the scaffold.

Some busy bodies among the Catholics of Edinburgh were pleased to circulate the rumor that Bishop Geddes, contrary to the prohibition which he and his coadjutor had destroyed the best take place openly in the bishop's chapel; that a new teacher of music had been engaged at a salary of £25 a year; and that Bishop Hay was blamed for refusing a similar permission to Mr. Menzies.

The question of music being, for the time, disposed of, the Bishop gave his attention to another subject of great importance, the proper education of the children of the poorer classes. A Mr. Fleming kept a charity school near Stobhill, at a place called Badoevich, where he taught the children to read, to sing, and to work. He obliged them to learn his Protestant catechism on Saturdays, threatening to expel all who refused.

A severe trial. Frances S. Smith, of Emerald, Muskoka, writes, "I was troubled with vomiting five times a day. One bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."

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He was, besides, a good Latin scholar, and was superior to Mr. Fleming as a pen man. The people was much pleased, procured for him a school room and sent their children to him, preferring to pay a teacher who could instruct their children according to their own principles.

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CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Jesuit Fathers of Detroit are about to build a new college to cost \$100,000.

The Car of Russia wears a ring in which is embedded a piece of the true cross.

One of the pioneer priests of Brooklyn, Father Huber, of College Point, is dead.

Coadjutor Bishop Ma'z of Denver says the new cathedral to be erected in that city, and for which a fair is now being held, will cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The testimonial to Cardinal Manning in the silver jubilee of his episcopate will take the form of freeing his pro-cathedral at Kensington from a debt of \$65,000.

The Pope, through Cardinal Lavigier, has sent to Cardinal Manning a large gold medal as a token of the share which he desires to take in Cardinal Manning's episcopal jubilee.

One of the most esteemed German artists, Edward Knacktus, of the Academy of Dusseldorf, Germany, has just entered the novitiate of the Dominicans in that city.

Among recent building improvements in Jerusalem is the "German House" for German Catholic pilgrims. From the top the German and Papal flags float side by side.

The Apostolic Delegate to China is about to open negotiations with the Imperial Government on the subject of direct diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Peking.

The Catholic journals of France state that one of the latest receptions into the monastery of the Grande Chartreuse is the son of an Anglican bishop. A correspondent from the monastery itself to the Paris Croix confirms this news.

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