

## RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The next Spanish congress will be held at Burgos in 1896.

Cardinal Gibbons is visiting his brother in New Orleans prior to his regular episcopal visit to Rome.

St. Augustine's Church, Andover, Mass., was destroyed by fire on November 8th. Loss, \$50,000.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood, December 27th, in Notre Dame.

In Pekin, China, which the Japanese armies are supposed to be about to capture, there are thirty-two Catholic priests, mostly French, and fifteen Sisters of the same nationality.

Miss Helen Martin, daughter of United States Senator Martin, of Kansas, has entered the novitiate at St. Mary's Catholic Academy at Leavenworth, intending to become a nun. She recently became a convert to the Catholic faith.

Brother Martin, one of the Trappist Monks at New Melleray, near Dubuque, Io., died on November 3rd. He had been a member of the order for forty years and was the carpenter of the monastery. He was buried in a plain pine coffin, according to the rules of the order.

Mr. George Parsons Lathrop delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Catholic Club Wednesday evening, November 21, at Concert Hall, Madison Square Garden, New York. The subject was "Religious Toleration." Seth Low, president of Columbia College, presided.

European exchanges announce the deaths of Right Rev. Mgr. William Provost Stopani, V.G., of Aberdeen; Father Mathias (Foot), O. S. F., at Guy's Hospital, London Bridge; Rev. John Francis Roche, at Southampton; Rev. Charles Boardman, D. D., B. A., of St. Wilfrid's, Longbridge, near Preston; Rev. Peter Wall, Preston, and Rev. W. Barry, St. Vincent's Home, Harrow road, London.

An article in the Catholic World by the Catholic Bishop of Tarsus, in Armenia, says that 200,000 schismatics have returned to the Mother Church, in that small principality, since 1850. This has necessitated the erection of sixteen dioceses in that patriarchate during that time.

The Rev. J. N. Connolly, private secretary of Archbishop Corrigan, is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever which has confined him to the house since October 10. His physician, Dr. A. M. Leon, has advised a change of air, and it is expected that Father Connolly will leave very shortly for the South, to remain away a month or two.

The introduction of nuns as teachers into the public schools, a case happening down at Gallitzin, Pa., is not viewed with favor by many Catholics, who hold that the sisters are out of their place there. At the same time, the Pennsylvania supreme court says that the law does not oppose their employment, and there is reason in its declaration that the garb of the teacher, especially when it is a badge of a Christian organization, should not be interpreted as meaning that the teaching she imparts must necessarily be sectarian in its character.

Bishop Wigger, of Newark, has at times been accused by some of his opponents with discriminating unfairly against priests of Irish birth or descent under his jurisdiction; but that the Newark prelate entertains no narrow race antipathies would appear to be rendered plain by his action in bringing some Christian Brothers from Cork, Ireland, into his diocese, to take charge of educational institutions. The bishop was principally prompted to this step by what he saw of the excellencies of the brothers' schools in Cork, which he visited on his way back from Rome.

Father Walter Elliott, who is at present preaching a series of missions to non Catholics in northern Ohio, is meeting with much the same success there as he did in Michigan, in which state he began his present work earlier in the year. Crowds of non-Catholics flock to hear the eloquent Paulist, listen attentively to his expositions of Catholic truths and depart pleased if not convinced. The questions which are propounded to Father Elliott by his Protestant and Unitarian hearers are very quick

ones, but the preacher manages to answer them all very satisfactorily; and in this he shows himself admirably equipped for the work that he has undertaken and is doing so well.

Prince Waldburg, eldest son of the reigning Prince of that ilk, who a year ago renounced all his rights to succession in favor of his younger brother, Maximilian, on entering on his novitiate as a member of the Order of Jesuits, has now completed his term of probation and has just been admitted to the membership of that order, which counts among its ranks more princes and nobles than any other religious community.

Cardinal Gibbons, it is announced, will start early in December for Rome, to visit the Holy Father, who has expressed a desire to see and talk with the Baltimore prelate regarding the condition of the church in this country. The Cardinal will thus spend the Christmas-tide in the Eternal City, and he may be detained there for some weeks of the new year. His visit may prove productive of important results for the American Catholic Church; and it is not beyond the possibilities that one consequence of it may be the calling of another plenary council, to pass upon measures that seem to call for concerted action on the part of the American hierarchy. It is ten years this month since the last plenary council assembled.

## WHEN THE POPE DIES.

Scenes and Formalities Which Attend His Deathbed.

As soon as it is clear that the Pope must die soon all the Cardinals composing the Sacred College who are in Rome gather at the bedside, and on their knees wait for the end. The Sacristan Bishop administers the Viaticum and the Extreme Unction, the Grand Penitentiary gives absolution, the Penitential Psalms are then intoned, the Sacristan Bishop pronounces the consecrated formula, the dying Pope, if he has the strength to do so, gives his benediction to the assembly, and the dirge to the hymns for the dead continues to the last. Then the Camerlengo, to make the official record of the death, with a silver hammer strikes three light blows on the dead man's head and calls him by his Christian name.

When in 1878 the dead Pope was Pius IX. (Giovanni Mastai Ferretti) the Camerlengo, Cardinal Pecci, the present Pope, after striking the three blows with the hammer, called "Giovanni! Giovanni! Giovanni!" Then turning to the assembly, said: "The Pope is really dead." Thereupon, while the assembly is kneeling, the Camerlengo intones the De Profundis. The Master of the Chambers then removes from the dead Pope's finger the "fisherman's ring" and hands it to the Camerlengo, a symbol of the temporary transfer of the authority of the Holy See. At the first plenary meeting of the Sacred College, this ring, the seals, and other insignia of office connected with the late Pope are broken up and destroyed. The temporary sovereignty has passed into the hands of the Sacred College.

In its choice of a Pope the Sacred College is not limited by law or regulation to Italians, though it is 370 years since the Pope of any other nationality has been elected. The last was Adrian Florent, a Netherlander, Pope Adrian VI., in 1522-23, whose nearest non-Italian predecessor was the infamous Rodrigo Borgia, Pope Alexander VI., elected the year of Columbus's discovery of America. Neither is the College restricted by law to Cardinals or to priests; any faithful Catholic, even though he be a layman, is eligible; the Conclave has the whole Catholic world to choose from, but for a precedent for a layman Pope it would have to go back to 1024, when the Patriarch Crescentius became Pope John XIX. The only indispensable rules are that a majority of all the Cardinals living shall be present, and that of those present a majority of two-thirds is required to elect. Thus, if the Sacred College had its full number of seventy Cardinals, which it rarely has (the latest lists contains only sixty-two names), thirty-seven of these must be present at the Conclave, and at least twenty-five of these would then have to agree on the same candidate. There were fifty Cardinals present at the conclave which elected Pius IX. and sixty at that which made Leo XIII. Pope. On the last two occasions the Cardinals now living were thirty-seven.

to elect the next Pope, thirty-two are Italians and thirty belong to other nationalities. The Bull issued to regulate the next Conclave confirms to the Sacred College the exclusive right to elect the Pope, absolutely excluding any intervention on the part of the secular power; all previous rules as to the duties of civil and municipal magistrates in connection with the Conclave are done away with, leaving the regulation of all matters concerning it in the hands of the Cardinals. Should the Pope die at Rome, the cardinals present must decide at once by a majority vote whether the Conclave shall be held out of Rome and out of Italy, or not; if held in Italy, the moment any pressure is brought to bear on it either by private persons or by the Government the Conclave must dissolve and reassemble out of Italy. The Pope expresses his personal wish that, considering the peculiar position of the Holy See, the next Conclave be held out of Italy.

In times past, France, Austria and Spain have vetoed elections, and these countries still claim the right to veto; if any one of them were to try to exercise it, it is very likely that Italy would claim the right too. The Papal See has never acknowledged the legality of these claims, but the possibility of the intervention of a veto undoubtedly has weight in the selection of a candidate.

## GOT A GOOD THRASHING.

THE FATE OF A SPANISH SOLDIER WHO INSULTED A CAPUCHIN FATHER.

A Spanish soldier, who was leaving a tavern, met a Capuchin, a stalwart man and vigorous, but who was following his road with the utmost composure, his eyes on the ground, never looking at anyone. The soldier taking it into his head to insult him, put himself directly into his path.

"Father," he began, "I want you to smoke a cigar."

"Permit me to pass, my son."

"You have to smoke."

"I can't."

"You'll enrage me."

"I am aware of it, but bear in mind that I am forbidden to smoke."

"Will you smoke?"

"No."

"Then take that," and suiting the action to the word, he dealt the poor Capuchin the finest blow on the cheek that ever a drunken soldier gave a friar.

"God commands me to pardon thee," said the Capuchin humbly, "and I pardon thee."

"Ha! ha! a man as strong as you are, to do this!" answered the soldier breaking into a hoarse laugh.

"Nay, more; God commands me to offer the other cheek, and here it is."

"Ah!" exclaimed the soldier, "then take another," and he delivered a blow, twin-sister to the first, on the cheek that the priest was holding to him.

"God be my aid," said the friar, as he threw off his cowl and rolled up his sleeves.

"And now what does God command you?" ironically inquired the ruffianly soldier.

"He commands nothing. He leaves me at liberty."

And with this he flew at the soldier like fury, felled him as if he were a straw man, and let fall on him such a hail of buffets and bruises that left him half dead.

Then he covered his head again with his hood and tranquilly pursued his way, saying:

"The Gospel says, 'If one strike thee on the right cheek turn to him also the other,' and further than this it commands nothing. Well, then, when the law says one must obey; when it is not a command to do evil—Northwestern Chronicle.



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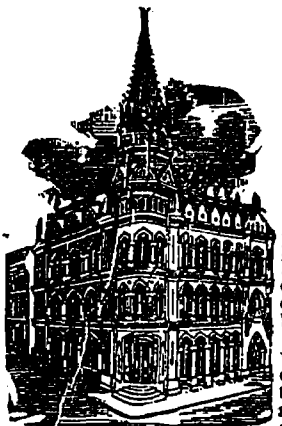
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## NAZARETH ASYLUM.

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