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## AROUND THE GLOBE.

### WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

The Catholic Congress of Portugal was held on the 14, 15 and 16 inst., at Braga.

Archbishop Manogue, of Sacramento, Cal., with his secretary, Father Grace, is in Rome.

In the fall all the Irish prelates will visit Rome on special business with the Holy see.

The Prince Regent, of Bavaria, will not prevent the assembling of the Congress of German Catholics. It will be held at Coblenz instead of Munich.

A pastoral letter, dealing with the school question in Austria, and signed by the Austrian Bishops, insists on the re-establishment of denominational schools under the control of the church.

Preparations are being made in Rome and elsewhere for the celebration next year of the tercentenary of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. The event will be celebrated with extraordinary splendor.

Cardinal Lavignerie, Archbishop of Algiers, announces to the Vatican that his missionaries have converted King Mwanga, of Uganda, to Catholicity. He will be baptised soon, the Pope becoming his sponsor.

Father Peter Verdaquer, pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of the Angels, San Francisco, Cal., has received a cablegram from Rome announcing that he has been appointed Bishop of Brownsville, Texas.

Fifty-two young ladies took the white veil at the Notre Dame Sisterhood in Milwaukee last week. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Zeininger celebrated mass and Rev. Father Abbelon performed the rites of reception.

One thousand Catholic workmen recently traversed the streets of Brussels to assist at high mass in the Church of St. Gudule. The Catholic workmen of Belgium are uniting, in an energetic and practical way, to solve the social question.

Rev. Louis Carew, superior of New Melleray Abbey, (Cistercian), near Dubuque, Ia., is going to France to attend a general chapter of his order. It is expected that Melleray will be canonically established as an abbey and Rev. Father Carew elevated to the dignity of abbot.

Rev. Alexander Richard Sidley, the pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood Wednesday, June 25th.

A magnificent set of vestments is now being made in France for the Church of the Immaculate Conception, East Cambridge, Mass. They are to be used for the first time by Bishop Harkins at the Mass of Consecration, next October.

The New York correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun* of last Sunday says: Sister Mary Frances Wallace, one of the original Sisters of Charity who came here from Emmitsburg, Md., long ago, is dying at the Mount Vincent's Convent. She is seventy-seven years old and has spent sixty years in the order. She is a native of Harrisburg, Pa.

Prof. John Singenberger, who in return for his valuable services in behalf of ecclesiastical music was created Knight of St. Gregory by his holiness, Pope Leo XIII., has arrived in New York where he will take charge of the St. Cecilia Singing Society, and will devote the short time before the dates set for the convention, August 6 and 7, to rehearsal.

## ST. MICHAEL'S.

### THE GRAND NEW CHURCH NEARLY COMPLETED.

Fair to be Held Next Week—Beautiful Stations of the Cross—Description of the Edifice.

At last what will be the grandest church in this section is approaching completion. Many hours labor, and anxiety have been passed by its pastor, but at last the good Father begins to see the fruits of his labors. St. Michael's congregation have good reason to congratulate themselves and their pastor. Hard, indeed, must be the heart that will not be thrilled with devotion to the Great Creator, when he enters this beautiful temple dedicated to His honor.

This week a JOURNAL representative visited the church. There is yet considerable work on the outside, as the steeple is not yet finished and will probably not be before the last Sunday in September, when it is expected the Rt. Rev. Bishop will perform the dedication ceremony.

The new church is of Gothic architecture and in the form of a Latin cross. The dimensions are: length, 177 feet; width of transept, 92 feet; width of nave, 72 feet; height of ridge pole of roof from the ground, 96 feet; height of middle arch of auditorium, 62 feet. The walls are constructed of Lockport white sandstone, with the exception of the case walls, which will be of Medina brownstone. The roof is of slate. Above the Clinton street front projects a tower with a tapering spire, the top of which will be 220 feet from the pavement. The base of the tower, in which will be the belfry, is 22 feet square. At the intersection of the roofs of the nave and transept there is a secondary tower of an ornamental nature, attractively constructed and extending 48 feet above the roof and 140 feet from the ground. There will be three entrances in front of the church, each surmounted by a gable. Stained glass windows will be placed above and back of each front entrance, the center window being larger than the others. Directly over the main entrance will be a statue of the Blessed Michael, the Archangel, with uplifted spear tramping on Satan and driving him down.

There will be 1,100 sittings and this number can be increased at any time by building a gallery. The vestry in the rear of the church is built so as to connect the church with the parochial residence. The present school building will be altered into a school house, the building now used as a school house being too small to accommodate all the children of the parish. The contractor for the mason work is H. H. Edgerton. Joseph May, a member of the congregation, has the carpenter contract, and Whitmore, Ranher & Vicinus that for cut stone.

Stepping inside the church, although much of the scaffolding used by the workmen decorating the ceiling was still in place, the beauty of the structure became apparent, likewise its size. The pretty stucco work on the ceiling and walls adds greatly to the effect. But that which will most strongly impress the visitor are Stations of the Cross. They are about four feet high, set in the wall, while the figures are in bas-relief—the latter, indeed, are so lifelike and the flesh tints so natural, that for the moment one imagines he is looking upon figures imbued with life. In no one does this idea strike more vividly than in the one representing the nailing of the Blessed Savior to the Cross. Christ's hands are already nailed to the Cross and a Roman soldier stands with spike resting on the ankle and hammer

poised aloft for the final blow. So lifelike are the figures that the onlooker expects to hear the hammer fall.

The stained glass windows are now nearly all in position and alone worth a visit. They are designed by Munich artists and imported from Germany. Directly over the altar is a vivid representation of St. Michael, the Archangel, the patron of the church, overcoming Satan; on either side are the Angel Gabriel appearing to the Blessed Virgin, the Angel warning St. Joseph to flee with the Child into Egypt, St. Raphael and Tobias, and the Angel Guardian with the Child, at either end of the long communion rail are representations of Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Vision, and St. Stanislaus receiving Holy Communion, while ill in the house of an infidel who would not summon a priest, from an angel by special Divine interposition; at either side of the rail will be two large windows, portraying the first appearance of Christ at Bethlehem and the last at the Judgment Day.



St. Michael's New Church.

As has been announced, it is the intention to hold a three weeks' fair, four nights each week, in the church before the seats are put in. It is expected the scaffolding will be out to permit the commencement of the fair next Monday night. We bespeak for Father Pascafer a large attendance and liberal patronage.

### SISTER M. FLORENCE.

Consumption Claims Another Youthful Bride.

On Friday, July 18, at 12.30 o'clock, there died at Nazareth Convent a member of the Order of St. Joseph, Sister M. Florence Hussie. She was the only daughter of the late Michael Hussie, of Scranton, Penn.

Sister Florence was born in Hanley, Penn., and received her education at the Academy of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, Scranton.

She entered the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph in August, 1876, and, although of a delicate constitution, she labored earnestly and constantly until within three years of her death, when her Superiors relieved her of all duties. She had the special charge of the Musical Department at Nazareth Convent at St. Mary's, Auburn, and at Ithaca, N. Y.

Her short life, of thirty-four years, was full of acts most worthy of a Christian.

She was possessed of a personal magnetism that few who came in contact with her failed to recognize. Always ready and willing to assist others, one could call upon her for a service without fear of a refusal. Her patience and sweetness during her

long and tedious illness were truly edifying. Cheered and sustained in her long illness by the frequent reception of the Sacraments, she longed only for union with her heavenly home.

On the day of her death, and but two hours previous thereto, Rev. J. P. Kiernan, rector of the Cathedral, administered to her the last Sacraments, together with the last benediction and indulgence. She remained peaceful and in perfect possession of all her faculties until the moment of her departure. To a remark made by one of her sisters that no one but God knew how she suffered, she replied "True, but He alone also knows the priceless graces that have been showered upon me during the long days of my illness."

Sister Florence leaves behind her to mourn her loss, besides the sorrowing members of her community, her mother, Mrs. M. Hussie, of Scranton, Penn., and two brothers, Rev. Jas. V. Hussie, of Carbondale, Penn., and Master Willie, a boy of seven years. Her funeral took place from Nazareth Convent on Monday, July 21st, at 10 a. m. A solemn Mass of requiem was offered for her soul, her brother, Rev. Jas. V. Hussie, being celebrant with Rev. Jos. Coroner, of Pittston, Penn. (a cousin), as deacon, and Rev. J. Van Ness, of the Cathedral, Rochester, as sub-deacon. Rev. Martin Clancy, of St. Mary's, Rochester, master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary, Very Rev. Mons. De Regge (chaplain of the convent), Revs. Jas. Kiernan, Wm. Harrington and J. P. Quinn, of the Cathedral, J. F. O'Hare, D. D., and Wm. Gleason, of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Jas. O'Connor, St. Bridget's, J. J. Leary, Corpus Christi, F. Oberholzer, Holy Redeemer, Rochester; Wm. Mulheron and J. Dougherty, St. Mary's, Auburn; J. J. Donnelly, Victor; Rev. Chas. Flaherty, Mt. Morris; Geo. Bisler, Caledonia; also Rev. P. Colligan, Williamsport, Penn., and Rev. Jas. Fagan, Susquehanna, Penn.

Regrets at their unavoidable absence were received from Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara, of Scranton diocese, who visited Sister Florence just one week previous to her death, and from Rev. J. P. Malley, of Halley, Penn., an uncle of the deceased. Besides her mourning sisters in religion, her remains were accompanied to their final resting place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, by nine priests and Messrs. O'Donnell, O'Malley and Joyce, the few of her relatives who could make proper connections to reach Rochester in time for the funeral. The singing was by the Convent Choir, and was, as usual, of a high order of excellence.

### Roman Intelligence.

The Pope has approved the decision of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda which divides the present diocese of Galveston, Texas, erecting therefrom a new Episcopal See, that of Dallas, which will embrace the entire northern portion of the former Bishopric of Galveston, comprising an extension of some 108,000 square miles, with some twenty cities and about 15,000 Catholics, served by 17 priests of different nationalities. The new see, the titular to which is not yet appointed, possesses already, it is said, three stone churches and twenty-five churches constructed of wood. His Holiness has further sanctioned the decree of the same Sacred Congregation, nominating Vicar Apostolic of Brownsville, with Episcopal character, Rev. Peter Verdaquer, rector of the Church of Our Lady of Angels, Los Angeles, diocese of Monterey.

Father Verdaquer has been himself recently in Rome on his return from a visit to Palestine. — Catholic News.

## IRISH NEWS.

Rev. Joseph Doyle was recently removed from the parish of Moghara to Seagol, and the former parishioners presented him a purse of sovereigns. The retreat for the confraternity of the Holy Family of Ballynahinch parish was recently closed with all the usual and faith-inspiring ceremonies inseparable from these missions.

A week's mission was recently held in St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick, by Rev. Fathers Dempsey and Storey, of Carrickfergus. Marie Stephanie, only child of the late Duke and Duchess de Rivoli, and widow of the late Prince de Carrigaholt Castle, died June 14th at 26 Elgin Road, Dublin. J. W. Slattery, to whom rumor has assigned the presidency of the Cork Quaker College, is a native of the diocese of Waterford and was educated in a Catholic college. Mr. Slattery resided for several years in New York City.

The Sisters of St. Louis, who are about to open a ladies' boarding school in their Convent, Essex Quay, Carrickmacross, Ireland, under the patronage of Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Clogher, have achieved a remarkable success as teachers in every department of education. At the intermediate examinations they have been in the front ranks of the convents of Ireland. Their new convent, Essex Castle, was formerly the residence of the Marquis of Bute, but that nobleman having sold his Irish estates to his tenants, sold also his splendid residence to Very Rev. P. Birmingham, who at once handed it over to the good Nuns of St. Louis for a convent. The beautiful park, avenue and pleasure grounds attached to the convent cover an area of 150 acres, and are laid out in the most exquisite manner. Since 1888 the Sisters have expended over \$30,000 in making the castle and grounds suitable for their requirements, and they have everything now in readiness to open their boarding school in September next. Essex Castle was also the ancestral home of the Melbourns, chiefs and owners of the barony of Farnley.

A very handsome marble pedestal erected as a memorial of the late Father Roche, O. M., was opened on June 29th, in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, Ireland, in presence of a very large congregation, the inaugural sermon being preached by the Very Rev. Arthur Ryan, President of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, who, taking for his text the words of the Apostle, St. James, "Be ye doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving your own selves," dwelt at considerable length on the importance of preaching, and the duty of the laity to reduce to practice the lessons delivered from the pulpit.

At the convent, Dunmore, on June 22, Miss Bridget Maguire, died, aged 31 years, a member of the Holy Sisterhood. On the 25th, after high mass in St. John's church, Waterford, her remains were interred in the little cemetery adjoining.

The Dundalk bakers, who were on strike, resumed work on June 21st, the master bakers having agreed to abolish Sunday work and night work, and the system of compelling the bakers to serve the bread. A week of 66 hours has been agreed on, and the rate of wages is increased by 3s. a week, from 24s. to 27s.

On June 22d, the school established at Trim for the industrial training of the pauper children of the county houses of Drogheda, Donabate, Kells, Navan and Trim was opened, and the first class of pupils entered.