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AROUND THE GLOBE.

Baroness James Rothschild, whose conversion to Catholicity was recently announced from Paris, was baptized lately in the Cathedral at Beauvais.

It is believed that an Irish pilgrimage, headed by the Primate of all Ireland, will go to Rome next February on the occasion of the celebration of Pope Leo's Episcopal Jubilee.

General Rosecrans has been removed to Fortress Monroe, Va., in the hope that the change will remove the danger in his case of paralysis. He has already lost the use of his hands and is almost completely helpless.

Among the first to honor the Holy Father on the eve of his Pontifical Jubilee were the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, who presented His Holiness on November 10th with 50,000 francs and a magnificent ostensorium enriched with jewels.

A number of influential Italian Catholics have decided to make a handsome present to the Lord Mayor of London, as a mark of their appreciation of the energetic manner in which his lordship has defended his religious convictions.

Miss "Gwendoline" Caldwell, the Catholic heiress who contributed \$300,000 to the Catholic University, is now convalescing from her recent dangerous illness. It was thought that she would be a cripple for life, but her physicians now believe that her recovery will be thorough, though slow.

The Christian bishop's "crown and joy," says the Boston Pilot, are the loyalty of his people, and their loving co-operation in his good works. Few bishops are happier in their precious recompenses than the Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, N. Y. He called his people to his aid a few weeks ago, in the building of a new orphanage. He asked them for \$10,000. Last week they gave him \$13,000. This is the more to be noted when we recall the magnificent generosity of priests and people to the new diocesan seminary of Rochester, a year ago.

A papyrus manuscript found in the den of an old hermit in a cave near Jerusalem in the year 1880, and which experts have all along believed to have been the handiwork of St. Peter, was submitted to a committee of the Biblical society of London in 1890. They have arrived at the conclusion that the work is in reality exactly what it purports to be, the last literary work of the great apostle. It has not been ascertained who has charge of the relic, but it is said that a "Society of British literary voluptuaries" has offered \$100,000 for the document.

A dispatch from Berne, says: "At Einsiedeln about fifty young priests and nuns were consecrated for special missionary work in the United States. The church was packed, and the imposing ceremonies were attended with the most intense fervor. The priests and nuns will immediately embark at Antwerp. The field of the priests' labors will be in Arkansas, while the nuns go to Oregon. Among the latter is a niece of the bishop of Einsiedeln. Considerable interest is felt in the question whether the missionaries will be devalued as immigrants. Owing to accounts that have been received, however, of the pressing need for missionary work in the United States and especially in Arkansas, it is believed that they will be permitted to land without delay.

Archbishop Ryan has sent to the Catholic Standard, a note in which he says: "Under the heading 'The Archbishops' Report,' several newspapers contain articles of a somewhat sensational character, in which the writers affect to discern something new and startling in the report of the Archbishops by reading between the lines. As I wrote the report I beg to state that it is only necessary to read along the lines to understand it. In the report of the seven Australian colonies, the system of education is purely secular in two general religious teaching, as distinguished from dogmatic or polemical theology, may be given; in only one do voluntary schools receive public aid. In all the colonies the school buildings may be used out of school hours for the purpose of religious instruction, while in two, ministers of various religious communities are allowed to give instruction to the children of their adherents during school hours, at a time set apart for that purpose. The

FRUITS OF SECULAR EDUCATION.

The System in England and Other Countries.

DOES NOT DECREASE CRIME.

Startling Information Gathered from Various Sources Showing the Unsatisfactory Results of Godless Education.

In the December number of the Catholic World an article will appear under the caption of "The Old World seen from the New," calling attention to the recent Congress held in Folkestone, Eng. Through the courtesy of Rev. A. P. Doyle C. S. P. the CATHOLIC JOURNAL is enabled to give extracts from this able article, together with the following letter from Archbishop Corrigan, which will accompany its publication.

REV. DEAR SIR:—I have read with great interest and pleasure the advance sheets which have kindly sent me of an article which will appear in the December number of The Catholic World, under the rubric, "The Old World as Seen from the New." The facts which you present so clearly and so concisely, furnish a new proof—if any were needed—of the insufficiency of merely secular education. The experience of England, Austria, France, and Italy is a counterpart of our own.

It goes without saying that Americans are a practical people. Our national educators sincerely strive to obtain the best results. They are constantly devising some methods of exercising a still more beneficial influence on mankind. They shrink from acquiescing in even partial failures. You have done well, then, to call attention to the results of the recent Congress held in Folkestone. My experience in this Diocese coincides with the facts quoted in your article. I am sure your large opportunities of observation, as a missionary, very fully and emphatically confirm the same conclusion.

I am, Rev. Dear Sir,
Very faithfully yours,
M. A. CORRIGAN, A.D.P.

At the recent Congress of the Established Church of England, held at Folkestone, one of the subjects discussed was the result of the neglect of religious education (1) at home; (2) in the colonies; and (3) in other countries. Papers were read by men of large experience who had arrived at their conclusions more than a decade from the practical outcome of the system. Many of the facts mentioned are too important not to be noticed. These facts form a striking justification of the attitude taken by the church throughout the world—an attitude which has elicited from many outsiders who have at heart the moral and religious welfare of their fellow citizens the warmest tributes of admiration and respect. The writer of the paper which dealt with Great Britain quoted the testimony of Mr. Justice Mathew, who said: "At Leeds, where the cases brought before him disclosed a lamentable want of moral and religious training. Notwithstanding the attendance at school, the children in most cases are totally unconscious of any difference between right and wrong. A Sunday-school teacher of thirty-six years' experience in Birmingham, and a member of the School Board for fifteen years, wrote that the present generation seemed to be hopelessly ignorant of the fundamental truths of religion, and that the result of secular education is expressed in the one word 'disaster.' Moreover, workers in the great towns and in the East End of London declare that in the absence of definite instructions they can make no progress towards civilization.

THE COLONIES.
The state of things is much worse when we turn from England, with its long-standing religious traditions, to new countries like the colonies. In the report of the seven Australian colonies, the system of education is purely secular in two general religious teaching, as distinguished from dogmatic or polemical theology, may be given; in only one do voluntary schools receive public aid. In all the colonies the school buildings may be used out of school hours for the purpose of religious instruction, while in two, ministers of various religious communities are allowed to give instruction to the children of their adherents during school hours, at a time set apart for that purpose. The

struction to a place outside of the regular course has not proved satisfactory. The ministers who attempted to make use of this concession found that they could not even keep the children quiet, and that they had not the smallest influence over the general conduct of the school; in fact, they were treated very much in the same way that the teacher of French is too often treated in our schools. The trial was too great for their zeal, and in most cases the effort to give religious instruction under these conditions has been abandoned. The children are growing up in an astonishing ignorance, even of the small amount of religious knowledge which is included in a Protestant course, nor do the Sunday schools succeed in supplying the deficiency. In fact, one of the things brought home by the experience which has been had of the practical working of the secular system in the colonies is that a very large part of the good which results from Sunday-schools in England is due to the influence which religious day-schools exert.

Consequently, unbelief and freethinking are so common and prevalent in the colonies as to astonish and even to dismay visitors from the old country. This, however, would scarcely be deplored by the supporters of purely secular education; other results, however, which even these supporters would doubtless lament have ensued. The Bishop of Manchester, who was for many years a bishop in Victoria, applied to that colony a test of the legitimacy of which even the most advanced advocate of secular education cannot dispute. In fact, it is their chief argument for a purely secular education, so far as the state is concerned, that it will be sufficient to make good citizens and that that is all the state need care for. Now, purely secular education has been almost universal for twenty years, and therefore a fair judgment of its fruits may be formed. Here are some specimens of those fruits: While the population has increased in the last decade by less than one-third, the made criminals summarily convicted have increased by more than one-half, the number of persons convicted of murder or manslaughter, by nearly two-thirds and the persons convicted of robbery with violence are twice as many in 1890 as they were in 1880. The number of criminals has, therefore, increased out of all proportion to the increase of the population. Moreover, the most serious crimes committed by the best educated criminals; in fact, while in 1880 only 74 out of 100 of the criminals were able to read and write in 1890 89 out of 100 were able. And this notwithstanding the fact that the managers of the government schools have introduced, as a substitute for the Gospel, the Moral Education Book of Mr. Hackwood—a book which consists of a great number of undoubted moral truths, but which its author has not been able to present to the minds of the children with power and efficacy sufficient to influence and control their conduct. The bishop united with the tribute paid by the Duke of Argyle to the action of the church in the colony. He says: "If we except a small number of schools which, with noble fidelity the British Catholics have maintained, there are very few schools of a debilitated character which have been established to counteract the influence of the secular system."

Let us now turn to France where, since 1880, secular education has been established, and where the education of the schools was decreed in 1886, although the latter measure has scarcely come into complete operation yet. In all public schools religious instruction is prohibited, but instruction in moral and civic duties is enjoined. It is even unlawful to use the school buildings for the purpose of giving religious instruction, although the schools are closed one day in the week in order that parents may get their children instructed elsewhere. And what have been the practical results of this system? So bad that even the Protestant ministers of France, who at first were overjoyed at the passing of an act which involved so great an abatement of the priest's influence, are all now agreed that these results are deplorable. An official report addressed in 1888 to the President of the Senate in Paris, where the schools have been longest and most thoroughly secularized, and where they have reached the highest intellectual standard, contains the following observations:

"We have noticed with pain the lack of moral instruction in their children (viz., the juvenile delinquents). Although they have attended courses de morale in the schools, they had just left, they show little trace of it. It proves that this instruction is given in a most imperfect manner. It is an important duty to report, M. Prefect, that for want of moral education the children are losing all notions of self-respect and duty, and becoming addicted to bad language and obscene expressions. Their conduct in the public street is often scandalous. Every one is complaining, and many employees will no longer engage apprentices on account of the trouble they cause. It is high time to put an end to these moral disasters."

Roman No. 5.
The Holy Father has directed that all documents relating to the coming Consistory shall be ready by the tenth or the fifteenth of December. This order proves nothing decisive as to the date of the Consistory. The Pope has often delayed to appoint when everything was perfectly ready. This time, it seems, that the Consistory may take place beyond the dates mentioned, in view of the fact that His Holiness is still preoccupied with the decision of matters of grave political import. The political situation in Europe fills his thoughts to a great extent. His Christmas discourse four years ago was a vibrating appeal for peace.

Official Inquiry into Women's Work in Religion.

The Board of Woman Managers of the State of New York for the Chicago Exhibition, this week, Mrs. George Washington, of the Catholic Church, in regard to the work of women in the Catholic Church. Her Grace, Archbishop Corrigan, approves of her undertaking. Mrs. Washington has sent out circulars to all the rectors of churches and superiors of convents throughout the state and she hopes that the Reverend clergy and Mother Superiors will kindly aid her in her good work by filling in and returning the circulars at their earliest convenience.

The Orphans' Fair.
Rev. J. F. Keenan, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday morning read the following statement of the amount raised by the cathedral at the recent fair: Candy table, \$234.30; flower table, \$148.50; tea table, \$106.45; orange tree, \$60.05; Young Ladies' sodality of the Blessed Virgin, \$178.81; Rochester Catholic Reading Circle, \$73.12; refreshment tables, \$1,010.72; young men, including the young men's contest, \$534.75; Rosary societies and other sources, \$562.75; children of the parochial school assisted by the parochial school and Nazareth hall, \$409.80; total, \$11,334.06. From this sum there is to be deducted \$550 for expenses, leaving a net balance of \$10,784.06. The cathedral raised more than the \$10,000 asked for by Rev. Bishop McQuaid. The other churches collected as follows: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, \$5,365.00; St. Bridget's church, \$1,810.87; Holy Apostles church, \$1,049; Church of Corpus Christi, \$1,202.18; Holy Rosary church, \$550; church of Our Lady of Victory, \$125; St. Mary's church, \$2,200; total, \$23,046.03.

Lyons.
The Lyons Council C.B. L. 1855 elected the following officers on Sunday, Dec. 4, for the ensuing year: President, John P. Robinson; Vice-President, W. T. Bergery; Orator, Eugene Violet; Secretary, John Bradley; Collector, N. J. Dwyer; Treasurer, H. F. Myers; Marshal, John H. Myers; Grand Marshal, James B. Robinson; Alternates, H. F. Myers, Chaplin, Rev. D. W. Kavanagh; Trustees, D. Moran, Aldice Lewis, C. E. McPartland.

Mount Morris.
Miss Ethel Johnson visited friends in Canastota last week. Miss Mary Bergery has returned home from Rochester, where she has been visiting friends. Bishop McQuaid will administer Confirmation to a class of about ninety persons at St. Patrick's Church in this village Sunday, Dec. 11th. Miss Nellie Casey visited friends in Rochester last week. Miss Ella Kingston of Canastota, who has been visiting Miss Mary Bergery, returned home Monday night.

Catholic Societies.

Official Organ C. M. B. A.
All communications to this department should be addressed to Rev. T. H. Donnelly.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SOCIETY WEEK.
Monday, Dec. 13, 1892.
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 83.
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 181.

There will be a meeting of the grand council officers in this city next Wednesday.
The annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the rooms of Branch 81 Monday, Dec. 13, at 8 p. m.

PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT NO. 15 AND 16.
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1892.
New York Grand Council—Grand Secretary's Office.

Notice of assessment 15 and 16 was issued from this office Oct. 6, 1892. It was received from the branches in the following order:

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