

## CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES

**happenings Throughout the World of Special Interest to Catholics.**

### Progress of the Church at Home and Abroad.

A unique and handsome gift has been made to the Czar by the French clergy. It is an ivy crucifix three feet long, originally the property of the ill-fated Queen Marie Antoinette.

A Russian dignitary, Mgr. Synem, titular Archbishop of Zenopolis, is at present in Rome. He has had an audience with the Holy Father, and is quite a prominent figure among Roman visitors.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, will soon be adorned with fourteen new Stations of the Cross, said to be the finest ever executed by an artist. They will be eighteen feet high and cut in the purest white marble.

The Trappists having decided to found a new house in Madagascar. The subject was discussed at the general chapter of the order, which has recently been held under the presidency of the Father General, Don Sebastian Wyrat.

The Syrian Archbishop of Damascus, Monsignor Gregorio Abulh, has been received into the Catholic Church by Father Barnier, S. J., a missionary in Syria. This is said to be a direct fruit of the Pope's appeal to the Eastern Churches.

A venerable landmark has passed to his eternal reward. James Madron, the old conclave of the New Orleans archdiocese, fell asleep full of years and honest labor, crowned with the esteem and respect of all who knew him. Within the ancient Cathedral two years ago M. Madron celebrated his golden wedding.

The Caldwell heirs own much valuable property in Louisville. Among it is an entire square in the heart of the city. This is to be given to the Church if a cathedral befitting the value of the property be erected upon it. A lack of money has deferred acceptance of the bequest and the property lies idle, a playground for boys.

Among those who received Confirmation recently at Colchester, England, from Cardinal Vaughan, were Mr. Dudley Baxter and his brother, Mr. Stafford S. Baxter, who have lately been received into the Church. They are the most direct descendants of the Nonconformist divine, Richard Baxter (author of "Saints Rest," etc.), of the seventeenth century.

The Trappist Monastery of Petit Clairvaux, Tracadie, N. S., with its immense barns and mills was burned to the ground last week. The loss was about \$75,000. This is the second time the Trappists of Tracadie have been visited by fire, as four years ago the Monastery itself was utterly destroyed; since which time the monks have been occupying temporary quarters.

Senor A. M. E. Jurado writes that the brave and respected Marshal Blanco, Captain General of the Philippines, has telegraphed that there is no truth in the statement of the Imparcial of Madrid that a hundred members of religious orders are believed to have been massacred in the Philippines, several being tied to trees and burned alive. Only thirteen friars are missing, and there is no evidence of their having suffered death.

The Rev. L. L. Conrady, successor to the celebrated Father Damien as missionary to the lepers at Molokai, Hawaii, returned to Oregon last month. Father Conrady has also done splendid missionary work in another field, having labored among the Indians in the eastern section of Oregon for twelve years. The tribes in Umatilla, Wallawa and Gilliam, which took the warpath periodically, received his attention, and many of their "bad men" were converted through his zealous efforts.

Passengers for Salt River. Or any other place can buy their baggage best at Likly's, Main or State.

## TOWN OF WEXFORD.

**Edmund D. Whelan Discourses on the Beauty of the Slaney and the Neighboring Ruins.**

### A Visit to the Immaculate Conception Church.

WEXFORD, IRELAND.

A run of an hour and a half on the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway brings the traveler from New Ross to Wexford. There is nothing very particular to note on the journey save the fine railway viaduct, which crosses the Barrow about a mile from Ross, and the tunnel immediately afterwards. One is reminded, as he penetrates this country, that Wexford deserves its name of the "Model County" from the evidences of tillage, thrift and farming industry seen on every side. At Macmine Junction is seen Macmine Castle, belonging to Captain Richards, situated in a very pretty valley, through which the river Slaney runs. Here the station house is built on the very edge of the river. While waiting to make a connection with the train from Wexford to Dublin, I had a chat with a very nice, civil, communicative station master, who seemed enthusiastic about the beauty of the Slaney and its scenery. On the river was seen a few black-capped coal luggers and also some fishermen's cots. From this to Wexford, nine miles, the scenery of the Slaney is very pretty. The river derived its name from "Slane," which signifies in Irish, health—from the purity of its waters. Its banks are dotted here and there with the ruins of old castles, varied by handsome modern residences. After viewing this pretty river one easily agrees with a local writer in his description of the Slaney, thus: "Below Enniscorthy and from thence to Wexford the banks of the Slaney are high and sloping, beautifully ornamented by many elegant seats, where art and nature are combined in rendering this part of the country, equal to any in the United Kingdom, highly deserving the attention of the traveler." Before running into Wexford, one sees a round tower, an old castle, and a bridge which spans the river, where it forces itself through a rocky gorge. This is called Ferry-carrig Bridge. Then you are in "Gallant Wexford," and the first object that strikes one's attention getting out at the station is the long low bridge across the Slaney, which is considerably wide here and broadens as it approaches the sea with a low lying coast line. The first person I met at the station was "Johnny," the "boots" at White's Hotel, the oldest little Wexford man one could meet, who there and then gave me a good impression of the historic town.

The first thing I did was to locate myself at White's Hotel, a handsome block of buildings in the main street. I was hardly well inside when I could see at a glance that my new quarters was O. K. with regards to the wants of a traveler, well kept, well equipped, clean and comfortable. "White's," as it is called, is a first-class hotel—a visitor could not desire a better one, while viewing the historic town of Wexford and the very interesting country round about it. It does credit to the owners, Messrs. Byrne and McCarthy, the young, energetic, courteous, managing partners, who very kindly posted me on the sights and attractions of Wexford, telling me what I was glad to learn, that Wexford and neighborhood contains many interesting and historic spots, well worthy the attention of visitors. As I viewed the situation from my bedroom window, I was convinced of the accuracy of my host's statements, for I could see fragments of ancient walls, towers, abbeys and churches, displaying their ivy-clad remains on every side in the midst of modern buildings. One ruin in particular, consisting of the tower and other fragments of Selskar Abbey, bear unmistakable signs of former grandeur. Then I walked out through the narrow quaint streets and could not help thinking that, like Ennis, Athlone, and a few other

Irish towns, the Wexford people might shake hands across the street without leaving their own doors. Or if they had any political or family differences and felt like settling them by an appeal to "Tipperary Rifles," they might easily reach each other's craniums by three foot black-thorns. Then, when the population turns out on mass for an evening promenade, you are liable to be jostled about by scores of pretty girls, in an effort to pass. But there are many young men who would not mind that. Well, if every town was alike, displaying wide streets and boulevards, it would be quite monotonous. It is at least instructive to come along and find some change, something quaint and old, as a relief for the piles of modern innovations, which one meets everywhere in this progressive age. But outside of fun, Wexford is a good substantial town, having many nice, well-stocked shops, which, as I have said, I could not but admire.

Strolling about I saw a very tall spire, and I entered one of the handsomest churches I have seen. This is the Church of the Immaculate Conception, usually called the "Bowe Street" Church, a beautiful building in the Gothic style, having a very graceful spire, as I have remarked. The beauty of the interior is in keeping with that of the exterior, especially in the profusion of fine stained windows. The church is made still more attractive by well-kept grounds, which are enclosed by a portion of the old ivy-clad town wall, with the remains of an old Danish tower at this point. A short distance off is another beautiful church which, together with the one I have been describing, are called the "twice churches." The other one is called the Church of the Assumption. They were both built, I was told, in the space of seven years, and were completed in 1858, by the late Very Rev. James Roche, P. P., V. R., whose achievements and fame as a church-builder are fittingly perpetuated by those noble structures as well as by a marble statue in the grounds of one of them. The combined cost of these two lovely churches, I was informed, was \$24,000. In front of the main entrance of both churches are traces in the petty pebble pavements the following words: "Erected by Very Rev. James Roche, P. P., V. R., April 1854." Pursuing my explorations, I visited the sister church, which seems an exact copy of the one referred to save some little difference in the windows, but is equally pretty. Both churches are built of park stone, trimmed with granite. The beauty of the latter are very much enhanced by a handsome Convent of Perpetual Adoration hard by, with pretty grounds, while just opposite is another nice institution, the Christian Brother's Schools and residence. At the church the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for perpetual adoration, and it was a beautiful sight, as I entered, to see the white-robed nuns kneeling before Our Lord in the holy Eucharist. The altar, too, is kept exceedingly beautiful by these same Sisters. What a blessing it must be for a town or city to have such an order of Sisters in their midst—forever pleading before the Throne of the Lamb for their welfare! O, you busy, rushing, thoughtless, materialistic world, if you wish to see the most beautiful sight on earth, but not of earth, come with me and witness the sight I saw in that Wexford church—a scene of Perpetual Adoration!

### EDMUND D. WHELAN

Very Rev. Father Frunwith, Master General of the Dominicans, has presented to the Holy Father a rich album containing a number of poetical compositions addressed by the youthful members of the order to His Holiness. It further contained an historic account of the connection of the Dominican Fathers with the worship of the Holy Eucharist and with the Basilica of Orvieto.

The next Italian Catholic Congress will be held at Milan, and the Holy Father has written to Father David Albertario, editor of the Osservatore Cattolico of that city, blessing and encouraging him and his journalistic colleagues in the work of preparing for it.

Ripans Tablets assist digestion.

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

BY SARAH TRAINOR SMITH.

Oh, there's in far Bologna a banner old and worn,  
Its silken web decaying, its golden fringes torn,  
Faded its azure background, and all its tints forlorn.

Long, long ago a painter, whose name will never die,  
Set forth its tender meaning to face Bologna's sky.  
The banner of our Lady in honor borne on high.

Still fair its pictured Presence, and clear its outlined thought,  
Worthy the master fancy, the master hand that wrought,  
And true as truth the lesson its ages long have taught.

High threaded on clouds of Heaven our Lady sits a Queen,  
In radiant state and matchless, sweetest smile looks between,  
And purity and pity in her dear face gleam.

Upon her knee supported, our Lord, the Infant King,  
Brings, yet commanding, to every earthly thing,  
Blessed, reaching hands of wisdom to blessoms on the wing.

Her robes—roses blushing, and roses red and white,  
And buds the choicest just peeping, and pearls and pearls bright,  
Float airy and thickly in Heaven's all golden light.

Below, the kneeling people tell over their heads:

The Rosary of Our Lady each soul devoutly pleads,  
Lifts toward her throne entreating the helper of our needs.

The roses are their pleadings, their whisperings of love,

The sighs, the yearning longings of faith and hope which move  
The air of earth, and blossom to loveliness above.

Oh, deathless thought! The painter linked with us to-day,  
Our Lady! at thy footstool thy children ceaseless pray,  
And with these blessed roses strew all thy radiant way.

O holy Infant Jesus! may thy dear hands still solve  
The blossoms of our pleadings around thy Mother's knee,  
And treasure in Thy bosom our prayers as well as these!

The Archbishop of New York is sometimes spoken of as being the largest point of Catholic population in Christendom, but it will have to grow considerably before it can rival Cardinal Krementz's district, the Archdiocese of Cologne, which, according to late statistics, contains more than two millions of Catholics, or twice as many as reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

Through ill health the Rev. Henry J. Lissner, pastor of the parish of the Sea Church, Far Rockaway, has sent in his resignation to Bishop McDonnell. Hereafter he will live quietly in the old town of Jamaica. His successor, Rev. M. J. Flannery, will have a building fund of \$20,000 awaiting him.

His Holiness has, in accordance with instructions from his physician, Dr. Laporte, spent much of his time lately in the Vatican gardens, taking whatever recreation the weather would permit of. He usually remains all sunset, when he returns within the palace walls.

Clonfort Cathedral in Connecticut is in need of repairs that will cost \$4,500. The Cathedral is one of the smallest in great Britain, but is very beautiful. It has a magnificent doorway of the twelfth century and a chancel window nearly a thousand years old.

Hon. Basil Hilding, standing for the priesthood and is going to Rome. In London Mr. Hilding, who is a brother of the Earl of Denbigh, has devoted himself to boys' rescue work and similar charitable undertakings.

One of Cardinal Satolli's last acts was to present a portrait of himself to his secretary, Dr. Rooker. It was recently painted by Castagnoli, and Dr. Rooker at once presented it to the Corcoran Art Gallery.

Ripans Tablets: pleasant laxative.

## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What's Transpiring in the Diocese of Rochester—Current Calendar.

C. R. & B. A.  
Monday—25, 50.  
Tuesday—10.  
Wednesday—25, 50, 60.  
Friday—25, 40, 50.

Council 28 will give a progressive Pedro party at their rooms in Floral hall on Wednesday evening, Nov. 11. Sister Councils are cordially invited to attend.

Council 18 will hold an open session at its rooms in the Durand building, on Tuesday evening, November 10th. The object is to give non-members an opportunity to become acquainted with the association. After the session there will be a progressive Pedro party and refreshments. Friends of the G. R. & B. A. are cordially invited.

A. O. H.  
Tuesday—6.  
Wednesday—3.  
Thursday—1, 7.

The members of Division 7 are invited to attend a progressive Pedro party given by Auxiliary 7 at their hall, Cox building, Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th.

After distribution of prizes dancing will be indulged in.  
A short session will be held by the Auxiliary at 7:30 p. m., previous to the party, at which the officers and members are especially requested to be present.

The third annual ball of Division 4 was held at their hall, corner of "Warrior and Wolf streets, Monday evening, and was a complete success. During the dancing programme J. P. Kernan was introduced and presented an Irish jig to the satisfaction of all present.

D. O. F. M.  
Monday—1.  
Tuesday—7.  
Thursday—3.

The first social of Auxiliary No. 6, Daughters of Erin, will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th, at their hall, over 82 State street.

C. M. E. A.  
Monday—14, 21.  
Tuesday—12, 22, 30.  
Wednesday—14, 22, 117, 131.  
Thursday—20.  
Friday—27.

A Berlin correspondent says an interesting contribution to the history of the Kulturkampf is published by the Westphalian Gazette. Prince Bismarck having been accused of being really responsible for the May laws, the Hamburger Nachrichten printed a vigorous denial and called upon Dr. Falk to admit his authority of those measures. Dr. Falk has consequently forwarded to the Westphalian Gazette a declaration to the effect that he alone was responsible for the initial measures directed against the Catholics in 1872.

The Missionary Union announces that in a very short time they will be priests appointed in many dioceses of this country, whose duty it will be to give missions to non-Catholics.

The Very Rev. Father Blaisdell, C. M. E., formerly Pro-Vicar General of Sierra Leone, died recently in Senegal, after forty-five years of missionary life on the west coast of Africa. This zealous priest was the founder of many important missions on the coast, notably at Sierra Leone.

Very Rev. Father Corvillat, Pro-Vicar General of the Dominican Republic, has been appointed a Counselor of the Holy Office.

The Rev. Fr. Agostino, for a long time, was in doubt whether to kiss Mrs. Adams or not.

Alfred: Well, what did you do?

Agostino: Gave to the Devil of the South—Washington Times.

Strength and sex in woman. It is noted that the women of the royal families of Europe are, on the average, much stronger, mentally and physically, than the men.

A man usually uses his best judgment in buying grain, and when selecting a wife.

Ripans Tablets for constipation.

Ripans Tablets cure torpid liver.

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Ripans Tablets: one gives relief.

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