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AROUND THE GLOBE.

WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING IN THIS AND OTHER CONTINENTS.

Many Items of General Interest That Will be Appreciated by Our Readers.

Bishop Christie, who was born up in Vermont, has been installed in the see of Vancouver's Island, for which he was lately consecrated at St. Paul. According to one account the bishop was in poor health when he reached the episcopal city, and had to enter an hospital. The priests and people of his jurisdiction accorded him a cordial welcome, and his friends in Minnesota and elsewhere hope that his administration may prove a long and prosperous one.

It appears that had his life been prolonged a while, the late Archbishop Walsh of Toronto would in all probability have been made a cardinal, as it is understood Leo XIII. favored him for the next Canadian member of the Sacred College. The Kingston see, whose archbishop, Dr. Cleary, died a short time before Dr. Walsh, can claim to have given Canada its first cardinal for Monsignor Weld, whom Pius VIII. made a member of the Sacred College in March, 1830, was coadjutor at the time of Bishop Macdonnell, the first Kingston prelate.

The next American episcopal consecration will be that of Bishop-elect Cunningham for Concordia, which event is to take place early in September at Leavenworth, Kan. Dr. Cunningham has for some years past been the vicar-general of the Leavenworth diocese, rector of the cathedral and dean of the Leavenworth district. His new appointment will not take him out of Kansas, and the Concordia clergy and laity will doubtless rejoice when they secure a chief pastor of their own as they have been without a resident bishop since Dr. Scannell, their first ordinary, was transferred to Omaha eight years ago.

The Protestant association known as the Army and Navy Christian Commission has secured from Adjutant-General Corbin of the war department permission to carry on its work among the Spanish prisoners and in Porto Rico. We suppose the adjutant-general could not well refuse this permission when it was requested, but he might have pertinently asked this commission what work it expected to do among Catholic people. If the commission is disposed to waste its time and labor in vain efforts to make Protestants out of people who will never become such, we suppose it is at liberty to do so. This is a free country, and the fools are not all dead yet.

Prince Max of Saxony, who has just been appointed Bishop of Kulm, is well known in England from his labors and preachings (in fluent English) in the East End of London during the last two years. Prince Max, who is only in his twenty-eighth year, was after due novitiate appointed chaplain of Walburg at Eichstatt, the very place where he was garrisoned and where his conversion was effected. Shortly after he preached his first sermon at the Chapel Royal, Dresden, to the king and queen, his parents, and his sisters and brothers, a most eloquent and stirring discourse, which moved all to tears.

The latest Australian mail announces the death at Sydney of an Irish priest, Rev. P. A. Aylward, for many years attached to St. Patrick's cathedral, Melbourne, and lately parish priest of St. Mary's, Melbourne. Father Aylward was thrown out of a buggy about six months ago, and never recovered completely from the injuries he sustained. Under medical advice he went to Sydney, where he was attacked by influenza and died at St. Vincent's hospital there, aged 50 years. Father Aylward was a student of All Hallows, Dublin.

A notable reception took place in the church of the Passionist Fathers, Paris, recently, when the Vicomtesse Lionel de Dampierre embraced the Catholic religion. The ceremony of reception, which was performed by Rev. Father Cuthbert, vicar of St. Joseph's, consisted of the profession of faith usually required on such occasions, followed by baptism administered under the conditional form, and absolution from heresy. At the close of the function the "acte d'abjuration" was signed in the sacristy by the newly received convert, together with the Vicomte Gerard de Dampierre, Mlle. Beatrice de Dampierre, Mlle. Marie de Rochelle and Madame Theimard, who were present in the capacity of witnesses.

HEROINE OF CHARITY

BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.
Author of "The Two Cousins."

CHAPTER II.

(Continued from last week.)

Toward midnight Bessie grew decidedly worse and it was feared that she was dying. On one side of the bed stood the weeping mother and Inez watching for the last, and at the foot stood the father with folded arms and his eyes fixed upon the dying child. On his face was a careworn look that told he was no stranger to suffering.

"Please don't cry so mamma," said Bessie, noticing the tears in her mother's eyes, "for I am so happy and have been so ever since I received my first holy communion this morning. I can almost see the angels in Heaven now and will soon be with them."

"When you get to Heaven, darling," said the man at the foot of the bed, "I hope you will not forget your father." It was the first time in many months that he had seemed to think of heaven, or care for any one's prayers. Bessie smiled and said, "I am so glad, papa, that you want me to remember you in Heaven. I will think of you there, and pray for you there as I have often prayed for you here. And now papa," her voice grew weaker, "will you promise me that you'll go to confession this week, receive the sacraments often, and try to be better than you have been? Please do, papa."

The father gazed at her, pleading, for a few minutes; then answered in a strange voice that seemed not like his own. "Yes, Bessie, with the help of God's grace I will."

"May God bless our child," said the mother in a tone mingled with joy and sorrow. "She has been such a comfort to us; even now, her presence is a blessing in our home, and oh? how can I part with her?"

"I know it is hard," said Inez; "but it is God's will, and may be for the best. If you pray to Him he will give you strength to bear it."

The father said nothing, but stood like a marble statue gazing fixedly at the face of his child, until about half-past two, when without a murmur or a groan, she gave herself up to the angel of death, who had been hovering over her bed, and passed away as quietly as if she had fallen into a peaceful slumber. Her father's face was the last one she saw, and as she was dying he was seen to close his eyes for a minute as if to escape from her searching glance; which even in death seemed to read his innermost thoughts. When she was gone he sank helplessly into a chair and burst into a passionate flood of tears, such as only a strong man can shed. It was in vain that Inez tried to comfort him, but his efforts seemed only to increase his grief.

"I know you have suffered, Inez," he said, in a tone of bitterness, "and can truly sympathize with the afflicted, but I have suffered more than you and cannot accept your sympathy—cannot accept it because I know that I am unworthy of such kindness from you. Give what you have to my poor wife. She is far more worthy than I."

At the mother's request Inez called in one of the neighbors to help lay out the child and she remained until morning when, after rendering all the assistance possible, she returned home, to find her parents not a little surprised to learn that she had been away all night.

"You shouldn't have done it, Inez," said her mother, when she told her where she had spent the night, "for you are not strong enough to lose your night's rest."

Inez had been reproved thus before and she now answered as she had then: "Mother, it is no more injurious to my health to spend it in a heated ball room as I have so often done."

Not content with what she had already done for the parents of little Bessie, Inez felt that her work was not finished until after the child was laid in her grave. It was she that closed her lids in death, it was she that now bought and made the little white burial robe, and it was she that prepared the corpse for the coffin and laid it in as tenderly as her own mother could have done, then covered the coffin lid with white flowers from her own nursery. After the funeral was over she returned home with the parents to offer a few more words of consolation, for she was one of those few who seem to realize, when there is a death in any household excepting their own, that the few lonely hours after the funeral are often the saddest ones for mourners. It is then that those who came to comfort them before, or, perhaps, visited them in their

deep affliction through idle curiosity, think no more of them now that their dear ones are hidden from their sight.

This instance was only one of the many, and by no means one of the greatest acts of charity performed by our brave young heroine. They were looked upon by the poor, and those whom she called her true friends, as the noblest sacrifices, while, on the other hand, those who had once known her in the social world and doted on her beauty, wealth, and accomplishments looked upon them as the greatest acts of foolishness. Let the worldly think what it may, such noble deeds as hers cannot go unrewarded, for in the record above all of her good works are kept by one who sees and knows the sincerity of her heart, and by the same hand that kept the record of the good done his comrades by Walter Tracy in a land far away from where he now sleeps.

CHAPTER III.

As the weeks went by and the time for Sir Edward Sarsdale's visit to Torrance drew near the feeling that Inez had when she bade him good-bye returned and she dreaded his coming as she would the entrance of an enemy into her peaceful home. She had conquered her hatred toward him, but it now again rose within her and she almost felt that she could not meet him but would like to flee from home before he came if it were possible. There were duties at home that needed her attention and to perform them she must stay and meet him. In a moment it came to her again that she knew no evil of him and that it was wrong to thus give way to her own foolish scruples. It was now the middle of April, and that evening as she sat in the parlor with her parents a letter was brought in for her father. It was from Sir Edward, and said that he would be at the mansion on the first day of May. On hearing the letter read Inez's first impulse was to tell her parents how unwelcome he would be to her and beg her father to write and tell him that it would not be convenient for them to entertain him then, but remembering that she had no reason to dislike him, she would offer no objections to his coming. When he had finished reading the letter, Lord Ashleigh turned to his wife and daughter and said, "I suppose Sir Edward will be welcome to you both."

"Certainly," said Lady Ashleigh, "I shall be pleased to see our old friend at any time."

"And you Inez?" asked her father. "Anyone who is welcome to mother and you are always welcome to me," she said, with a smile that hid the great effort her words cost her.

Among other duties that Inez had taken upon herself was to prepare a large class of children for their first holy communion, which they were to receive on the feast of Corpus Christi. The class was to meet on the first day of May and so interested was Inez in them that she almost forgot that on that afternoon Sir Edward was expected. At three o'clock the children were assembled in the church to receive a few words of instructions from the priest before reciting their catechism. The instructions were over and Inez had commenced to hear the class recite when the church door opened and Sir Edward entered. She looked up, thinking it might be one of the children, but when she saw who the visitor was she turned again to her class book and took no more notice of him. He had probably just arrived and had stopped to visit the Blessed Sacrament, but this surprised her a little as she had always known him to be very indifferent to religious matters.

He remained until the class was dismissed then as Inez was about to leave the church he stepped up to her and offered her his hand saying that he was very happy to have been so fortunate as to meet her before reaching her home and at the same time apologized for having intruded upon her. He said that he thought there was no one in the church when he entered but when he found her there with her class he could not help admiring the interest she took in her work and waited to accompany her home. As soon as they reached the mansion Inez excused herself and went to her own room leaving her guest with her father who they found watching for them from the front porch as they came up the walk leading to the house.

Inez had resolved that although she would treat Sir Edward with every respect that courtesy and hospitality demanded during his visit she would shun him as much as possible.

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SPIRITUAL REVIVAL.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE POPE TO ARRANGE FOR THE GREAT EFFORT.

Memorial Crosses to be Erected and Pilgrimages to Holy Land to Take Place.

An international committee formed under the patronage of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. and having at its head, as honorary president, Cardinal Jacobini, invites all Catholics throughout the world to unite in a solemn manifestation of faith, of love and of reparation, in expiation of the sins of the century which is near its close, and to consecrate to Almighty God the century that is to follow.

In order to prepare for, and fully accomplish this grand act, the international committee proposes the following means:

I. Catholics during the close of the century will greatly increase the number of pilgrimages to the most celebrated diocesan and national shrines. They are specially invited to take part, either personally or by uniting in prayer, in the four general pilgrimages that will be made.

1. To Lourdes, in 1898;
2. To the holy places in Palestine, in 1899;
3. To the Holy House of Loreto, in 1900; and
4. Rome, in 1900-1901.

II. During these three years, in the different dioceses, as may be directed by their respective ecclesiastical authorities, the committee asks for the organization of missions, or special sermons, works of devotion and prayer to obtain for the people the grace of perseverance in the faith, the return of separated Christians to the church of Christ and for peace and prosperity among all nations.

It is proposed, besides this:

1. The erection, in cathedrals and in important churches, of a commemorative cross, bearing the following inscription:

ANNO. MDCCC.
IESUS. CHRISTVS. DENIS-HOMO
VIVAT. REGNAT. IMPERAT.

These monuments will be inaugurated with great solemnity on the night of the 31st of December, 1900.

2. The solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during forty consecutive hours, beginning the 30th of December, 1900, in the evening, and lasting until the morning of the 1st of January, 1901.

3. The adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in all the churches during the night will unite the two centuries.

4. It will be in Rome, the centre of our holy religion, that the most solemn and impressive ceremonies of expiation, of gratitude, and supplication for mercy and grace will take place, in which it is desirable that all Catholics should unite.

5. The Sovereign Pontiff, on the feast of the Epiphany, 1900, will receive, officially, the homage expressive of the gratitude, the fidelity and the love of all his faithful children throughout the world.

6. The International Committee will, on this occasion, place at the feet of His Holiness an offering commemorative of the devotion of all Catholics to their chief pastor.

7. Individuals, families, cities, nations, the clergy, the faithful, will all unite in intention, in heart, and thus contribute to render a solemn act of homage to Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and to his august Vicar on earth.

ANNUAL RETREAT.

Priests of the Syracuse Diocese at St. Bernard's Seminary.

The annual retreat of the priests of Syracuse occurred at St. Bernard's Seminary this week. Rt. Rev. Bishop Ludden took part with his priests.

From the diocese of Rochester the following priests were engaged in the same retreat: Rev. J. F. Farrell, Rev. J. J. Gibbons, Rev. B. G. Gunninger, Rev. Dr. Hanna, Rev. J. W. Kelly, Rev. J. Kennedy, Rev. Jeremiah Maley, Rev. S. V. McPadden, Rev. Dr. Nolan, Rev. J. H. O'Brien, Rev. W. Ryan and Rev. E. Scheid. These priests of Rochester will be stationed at convenient points, and will minister to the people of all the parishes of the diocese of Rochester during the retreat of the Rochester priests which will open on Monday evening.

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WILL NOT AFFECT THE CHURCH.

Papal Delegate Martinelli says Catholics Will not Suffer by Porto Rico Change.

Mgr. Martinelli, the Papal Delegate, when asked what would be the effect of the annexation of Porto Rico to the United States he answered:

"I am not a politician and do not know enough about the place to tell whether it will be a benefit to this country to own it or not. As far as the interest of the Porto Ricans is concerned there is no doubt that they will profit by the change."

"Will your jurisdiction as apostolic delegate extend to that island when it is annexed?" he was asked.

"That is a question for the Holy See to answer. My lines of jurisdiction are already drawn and I cannot extend them without a positive order from Rome. What will be done in that regard, if anything is done, is a question for the future and one upon which I have had no communication with the Pope. Political changes do not influence Rome in the management of the church. We can safely say she will do what is for the best."

"Will the church suffer in any way from the political changes that are likely to take place in the Philippines and other Spanish islands?"

"I do not think that any one who knows the American people would for a moment entertain a thought that the church will be in any way interfered with, where ever the United States, by conquest or purchase, acquires possessions. The change of government will take place, I suppose, but I expect to see everything else go on as it has in the past. Priests as well as people will be as well treated as they are here in the United States and the church will go on doing the good work she has done in the past, perhaps with a little more freedom."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES AT WILLARD.

Superintendent Macey Brings the Matter Before the Board of Managers.

Arrangements are being made for holding services at Willard for the Roman Catholic patients. The various other denominations have heretofore held weekly services, but there have been no services for the Roman Catholics. In an interview regarding the change Supt. Macey said:

"I have wished, since I have been at Willard, that arrangements might be made to hold occasional services for Roman Catholic patients of the institution, knowing from experience that attendance at such services by them was a privilege that was very much appreciated. This matter was broached by me before Father O'Connell died, but owing to his ill health and the fact that he had to have services held at Romulus as well as Ovid, and other reasons, nothing was done in this matter until after the Rev. Joseph W. Hendrick assumed charge of the pastorate. I talked this matter over with him and found that he was very glad to advance the matter, and met with a very hearty and ready cooperation from him. He submitted the matter to Bishop McQuaid and acted wholly upon his advice. A short time since Father Hendrick notified me that arrangements could now be made to hold Catholic services as soon as certain provisions for it could be made at the hospital, and this matter has been taken in hand, and at the last quarterly meeting of our board of managers, I reported the matter to them, and it not only met with their entire approval, but they directed the acting secretary to express in the formal minutes of the meeting their appreciation for the efforts of Father Hendrick in assisting us in carrying this out. As soon as a proper altar, etc., can be arranged for, Father Hendrick proposes to hold services."

"Since you have called upon me for some facts in relation to this matter and I have an opportunity, I wish to record my own appreciation of Father Hendrick's efforts in cooperation with me, and of the interest he has shown in the welfare and happiness of our people."—The Independent.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

PICKINGS FOR THE GOOD OF THE C. M. B. A.

BY J. J. H. D. S.

CHAPTER V. SERIES I.

A candidate for the C. M. B. A. must come under the tongue of good report. This means that he must have developed and acquired a character in the community where he resides, and that he is generally well spoken of by those whose opinion is best worth considering. This phrase does not imply, however, that the candidate should be praised by everybody, or that he should have no enemies. A positive man is very likely to be harshly criticized at times. A man possessed of a sensitive conscience will make foes as well as friends. It is essential that every candidate for the C. M. B. A. should have a good reputation; but this requirement will be met in not a few cases by men who have made enemies, though not by any unworthy action. Men of this class are entitled to membership if otherwise they can comply with all requirements, for it is better to be condemned by certain people rather than to have their approval. The curses of the vicious are as much to be expected by a good man as are the praises of the virtuous.

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What the Young Men's Institute Is.

The aims, the high ambitions, and the sublime purposes of the Y. M. I. are such as should attract the Catholic young men of every degree throughout the country, to its standard. It needs no better, no more comprehensive motto than that by which it is at present guided and sustained. The magic words, which are leading this representative Catholic organization to success are "Pro Deo, Pro Patria."—"For God and Native Land." These are the keys of its greatness—these, the fruitful sources of inspiration, which in the future, as in the past, must lead it on to step all the greatest good in the present number is finally attached.

The principles of no other society appeal in a more liberal manner to the hearts of our Catholic people. They stand for all that which is great and elevating in human character; they point upwards to God, and onwards to all men of our faith, holding up to their eyes the beauty and the grandness of catholicity; they teach respect for lawfully constituted authority, both human and divine; and they inculcate those principles of justice and morality which have ever been dear to the heart of our holy mother, the church.

The Y. M. I. is an organization not alone of abstract principles and professions. It is eminently practical in its character. Besides securing the inalienable benefits of its religious social features and the fraternal union and good will which are developed in its membership, young men who are enrolled in this organization are the special objects of its attention and its protection. When a student is well, he has before him high aims to imitate, and every possible chance to improve himself mentally, morally and physically. In case of illness, he is comforted by his comrades relieved and the soul departs the body, he is over and cared for by the organization. The names offered up by the Y. M. I. have left behind to remember.

The social, literary, religious features of the Y. M. I. such as have brought forth the organization, the spiritual blessings of the church, the hierarchy of this country, one of the main hopes of the future in the United States, ranks will in the future be recruited, and will be the shining light of the ministry in the future, in the walks of literature, in the walks of science, in the walks of art, in the walks of industry, in the walks of commerce, in the walks of the world.