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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.

The Holy Father will celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of his election on Feb. 20. His reign has already reached goodly length, a far longer period than most people imagined it would when, in 1878, he was chosen the successor of Pius IX. Then his frail appearance caused it to be said that his pontificate would be a brief one, but in the long line of popes there are not many who have filled the apostolic see as long as he has already occupied.

Right Rev. Edward Fitzgerald of Little Rock kept the thirty-second anniversary of his consecration this week, for he was mitered Feb. 3, 1867. Dr. Fitzgerald is one of the comparatively few American bishops living who attended the sessions of the vatican council. He was one of the few fathers of that council, too, who opposed at first the definition of Papal infallibility, but who all, of course, yielded to the voice of the majority.

The Propaganda Fide has published the following list of missionaries who went to their final reward during the past year—129 bishops and priests: France, 1 bishop and 66 priests; Italy, 2 bishops and 14 priests; Germany, 5 priests; Ireland, 4 priests; China, 4 priests; Holland, 2 bishops and 1 priest; Bulgaria, 3 priests; the United States, 3 priests; Switzerland, Mexico, Bohemia, the Argentine Republic and Bulgaria, 1 priest each.

Announcement was recently made of the reinstatement of the Dominicans at Cologne by the authority of the emperor. The convent is one of the most ancient and most celebrated houses of the order and was for several years the home of Blessed Albert the great, St. Thomas of Aquin, Blessed Ambrose of Sienna and others renowned for sanctity and learning. It holds a special place in the history of the Rosary and is famous for the great Rosary Confraternity established there by Father James Sprenger, who was one of the principal restorers of the confraternity not only in Germany, but throughout Europe. We hope this grand old convent of Cologne is about to attain once more its ancient splendor, that it will become as of old a centre of learning to spread the light of theological science and a source of piety and zeal to make the Rosary of Mary known and loved.

Right Rev. Mgr. Twomey, Catholic army chaplain at Aldenhot, England, died on Thursday night, January 6. During the evening he was present at a children's Christmas gathering and seemed in better health than of late. When his servant went to call him on Friday morning he made no answer and was found dead. The cause of his death is said to be aneurism of the heart. Mgr. Twomey was exceedingly popular throughout the army. He was born on April 6, 1843, and became an army chaplain in July 1878. In 1888 he attained the rank of major. In 1893 he was gazetted lieutenant-colonel and last year was promoted to first class of chaplains to the forces with the rank of colonel. Mgr. Twomey saw service in Cairo, Egypt, where he done innumerable good work, not only amongst the soldiers, but also amongst the French Catholics, who still hold his name in grateful memory. It was he who instituted the Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Cairo, which attracted so much attention at the time. For his services to the church in Egypt the Holy Father conferred upon Father Twomey the title of Monsignor.

The Duke of Norfolk is building at Arundel new Catholic schools to accommodate about three hundred girls and the same number of infants. The extensive restorations and additions to the castle which have been in progress for a number of years, employing some four hundred work people, are still far from complete.

Letters from Kiao-Chau furnish an account of the ill treatment extended to Father Stenz, the German missionary stationed at Shantung. He was hunted out of his hut and his clothes torn off. The mob tore part of his beard out, pinned him to the ground and pretended to sharpen a knife on his body, preparatory they said, to skinning him alive. The German Emperor will probably want a slice of territory by way of recompense.

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## FARMER CARSON'S SONS.

BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.  
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(Continued from last week.)  
CHAPTER V.

But to return to Dan, who is the hero of the last part of the story. Over a year passed after his baptism before he dared ask his mother's permission to carry out the desire of his heart. He had prayed most earnestly that she might not turn a deaf ear to his request, but dreaded to ask her for fear of being refused. He wished to enter the seminary this fall, and, as school was to open in a few weeks, he could not delay much longer. Each Sunday since the day of his first communion he had approached the holy table, but never had he felt more fervor than on the first anniversary of that great day, and as he left the church after mass he felt strengthened to let her know his desire. But how would he ask her that question which he knew in some measure must grieve her? This was the thought that occupied his mind all the way home, but he was resolved not to retire that night until he had spoken to her of it.

In the afternoon, finding her alone in the parlor reading her Bible, he went to her and told her he wished to talk with her. She laid down the book reverently, and turning to him said she was always happy to listen to anything her children wished to tell her.

Dan paused as if afraid to speak, then in a few pleading words told her of his desire to become a priest.

"You become a Catholic priest?" she said in an agonizing tone. "Oh, Dan, my child, how can you think of doing such a dreadful thing? I could not have believed it of you."

"Yes, mother," he answered calmly, "I wish to become a priest and I hope you will not object."

"I object," said his mother, how could I do otherwise?"

He looked at her with pleading glance but said nothing, and she continued: "My boy, you do not know what you are asking of your mother, you do not realize what a foolish idea you have in your head, else you would give it up."

"I have thought of this for a long time, mother," he said, "and understand well what I wish to do."

"I fear you have been deluded into this," said Mrs. Carson. "I do not wish to accuse one of my own sons of doing wrong, but I believe that your brother Eddie is the cause of it; he has undoubtedly talked you into it."

"No, mother, do not blame him," said Dan. "Father Edward would never wish anyone to take so important a step if it were not their vocation; on the contrary, he would sooner do all he could to prevent it, but, mother, I feel myself that I am called to the same state of life which he is leading, and can find happiness nowhere else."

"Do you mean to tell me that Eddie has never spoken to you of this?" asked his mother.

"It was myself that thought of it first, mother," said Dan, "but I have said but little to him about it until quite recently, although the thought has been uppermost in my mind for a long time."

"How long?" asked his mother.

"Over three years," was the reply, "and cannot give it up now."

"So long as that said his mother, reproachfully, "and you never told me before?"

Dan did not answer, because he did not wish to tell his mother what she already knew, that he would only have met with an angry disapproval from her, while his strong will would have been unchanged.

"I suppose said Mrs. Carson, "that when you did tell your brother of your desire to follow his example by becoming a Romish priest, he left nothing undone to encourage your foolish whim?" There was a touch of little sarcasm in her voice as she spoke, but Dan choked back his anger at hearing his brother thus spoken of by his own mother, and tried to give no heed to her tone.

"On the contrary, mother," he said calmly, "my brother offered no encouragement at first, he did not even wish me to speak of it, and for that reason I kept silent for a long time, but can do so no longer, for I feel that it is time for me to be preparing for the work which I have chosen for life, and mother I wish to enter upon my studies very soon, but cannot do it without your permission."

"And that I shall never give," said his mother firmly.

"Oh mother!" he said, "if you only knew how much my happiness

depends upon it."

"I cannot help it Dan," said his mother, "have you no thought of the grief it would cause your mother to see you taking so foolish a step?"

"Mother," he said "it pains me beyond expression to cause you any grief, but how could you be grieved to see me, your son, spending his life in the service of God in that to which I know He has called me?"

"You are not called upon to make such a sacrifice of your life," answered his mother, "and I cannot permit you to do it so the sooner you give it up the better."

"Sacrifice, mother," he said "I see no great sacrifice in following the dictates of my own conscience in choosing the state of life which I know will lead happiness both in this world and the next."

"Dan, my boy," said his mother, "how can you talk thus?" You are not old enough to know your own mind. Your father and I have something better in store for you, it was for that I permitted you to become a Catholic, and I hope you will not disappoint us."

"Something better," said her son "what do you mean, mother, and what would your motive have been for permitting me to become a Catholic?"

Dan could never have believed, had he not heard it from his mother's own lips, that any worldly motive could have prompted her to so easily give her consent to his choosing a religion in which she did not believe, and now for the first time in his life he felt a shadow of distrust in her which it would have been hard to conquer. It dawned upon him that she was not the sincere Christian she professed to be, else how could she act thus?"

"My motive," said his mother, "I never intended to mention to you, for I had great hopes of seeing it carried out if I said nothing about it, but what you have told me this morning gives me to know that you do not intend it shall."

"Mother," said Dan, if your wish is a reasonable one and one that I can carry out without interfering with the duty, to which I feel my own conscience binds me, I shall try to comply with it."

"My boy," said Mrs. Carson, "you are rather young to be thinking of such things, but if you wish to know what it is I will tell you, and I hope in time you may think better of the foolish choice you have made."

"Yes, tell me mother," and I may be able to satisfy your wishes."

"It is this," said Mrs. Carson, "ever since you were children together, both Mr. Gibson and your father have looked forward to the day when you should be old enough to marry Mr. Gibson's daughter, Jessie. She is almost fifteen now, and it will only be a few years until you are both old enough to be married. We know, Dan, that you have always thought a great deal of her and she does of you, so I am sure you could not fail to be happy together, and there is not a girl I know whom I think would make a better wife than she."

"Did that have anything to do with your permitting me to become a Catholic?" asked Dan.

"Yes, was the reply, for I knew that Jessie would not wish to give up her religion for you, and I thought if you joined her church it would please her and you would be happier together."

"Oh mother," said Dan, "how could you do such a thing?"

"It was for your happiness, as I have told you before," said his mother, "and I hope you will try to win Jessie for your wife. You could never do better."

"I am very sorry mother, said Dan, "that you have made such plans for me. I have always liked Jessie as a friend, and still think a great deal of her, but I could never think of marrying her."

"There is time enough to think of that," said his mother, "and when you get a little older you may change your mind."

"I shall never change my mind mother," said Dan, "all I wish is to become a priest, my happiness depends upon it, and will you not give your consent?"

"Never," said Mrs. Carson, "and do not ask me again."

With an aching heart Dan left his mother, for he felt sure that she would never yield to him, and he must wait five long years, until he was of age, before entering upon the studies for which he was now prepared. It was almost time for vespers now and putting on his hat, he started down the road toward the village, but Grace called him back. He turned and saw her standing in the front yard with Jessie Gibson.

To be continued.

## A NEW COLLEGE.

WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

The College to be Used for Advanced Ecclesiastical Students of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Last October the Very Rev. Dr. Zahm, Provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross, purchased the beautiful tract of land known as Rosemount, adjoining the Catholic University, with the view, as stated at the time, of erecting on it a college for the use of advanced ecclesiastical students of his order. Although it was then announced that work on the contemplated building would be commenced at an early date, it will, we think, be a matter of surprise to many of our readers to learn that ground has already been broken, and that Holy Cross college—such is the name of the new institution—is to be ready for occupancy early next September.

In the presence of Monsignor Conaty, rector of the Catholic University, Mr. A. Von Herbulis, the architect, and Mr. Owen Donnelly, who has the contract for erecting the building, Dr. Zahm, after determining the exact site of the new structure, put a spadeful into the ground and threw aside the first shovelful of earth. Mgr. Conaty, who is much interested in this new addition to the University group of buildings, raised the second spadeful. The corners of the building were afterwards located by the architect and contractor, and a few hours later a large force of men were busily engaged in the work of excavation.

The plans for Holy Cross college have been drawn by Mr. A. Von Herbulis, the well-known Austrian architect of Washington, whose plans for the proposed Supreme court building have been accepted by the United States Senate. The style of architecture of the new building is pure classical Corinthian, and while embodying some of the most attractive features of such famous and imposing structures as the Leichtenstein palace in Vienna and the Palazzo Farnese of Rome, it is nevertheless of classic simplicity and admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is destined. The exterior of the edifice will be of Indiana limestone and Vermont granite, which will be so distributed as to bring out in bold relief the external beauties of the building. The interior arrangements of the college have received particular attention both from Dr. Zahm, who is an old college man, and thoroughly familiar with all the great educational institutions of this country and Europe, and from Mr. Herbulis, who has made a special study of the sanitary, as well as of the artistic features of modern architecture. The plumbing and ventilation are all that could be desired, and, judging from what we have seen of the plans and specifications, Holy Cross college will be second to no institution of learning in the country in the perfection of its appointments.

Notre Dame University, of which Holy Cross college is a branch, is famous for the beauty of its many buildings. Dr. Zahm, in selecting the plans for the new building, doubtless wished to have a structure that would be worthy of the institution with which he has so long been identified. If so, he may flatter himself that he has attained his purpose, and Notre Dame too will have every reason to feel proud of her youngest daughter in the capital of the nation. From an inspection of the plans, we should say that Holy Cross college in point of architectural beauty will compare favorably not only with the other educational buildings of Washington, but also with any of the many beautiful buildings for which the National capital is so celebrated. Situated as it will be, on the wooded summit of Rosemount, commanding a view of the surrounding country, it will, when viewed from a distance, remind one of some majestic temple on one of the Syrian heights of ancient Attica.

As was announced, when the property on which the new building is to be erected was purchased, Holy Cross college is intended for those members of the congregation of the Holy Cross who have taken their degrees in the University of Notre Dame, and who are here to complete their theological course, or who are to do post-graduate work in some of the many departments of the Catholic University. Most of the students of the new establishment will equip themselves for future work in the various educational institutions conducted by the congregation of the Holy Cross in the New and the Old World. Others still will

prepare themselves for missionary and cognate work, for which such wide fields have been opened in our recently acquired territories.

Dr. Zahm, as is well known, is an ardent advocate of the higher education of the clergy. His books and contributions to the press are full of the subject, and now that he has been given charge of the province of his order in the United States, he is evidently determined to put in execution what he has so long and so strenuously been urging as one of the prime necessities of our age and country. Like the eloquent Bishop Spalding, who has during the past few days been delighting the people of Washington with his masterly lectures on education, Dr. Zahm is of the opinion that the education of priests should be "the highest education of man, since the ideal of the Christian priest is the most exalted, his vocation the most sublime, his office the most holy, his duties the most spiritual, and his mission, whether we consider its relation to morality, which is the basis of the individual and social welfare, or to religion, which is the promise and secret of immortal and God-like life, is the most sacred which can be assigned to a human being." He insists with the learned prelate of Peoria, that the priest "must possess the best mental culture of his age; that without this he fights with broken weapons, speaks with a harsh voice a language men will neither hear nor understand, teaches truths which having not the freshness and glow of truth, neither kindle the heart nor fire the imagination." With Bishop Spalding, Dr. Zahm declares that "in the face of the modern world, that which the Catholic priest, after virtue, is the best cultivation of mind, which issues in comprehensiveness of view, in exactness of perception, in the clear discernment of the relations of truths and of the limitations of scientific knowledge, in firmness and flexibility of thought, in ease and grace of expression, in candor, in reasonableness; in the intellectual culture which brings the mind into form, gives it the control of its faculties, creates the habit of attention and develops firmness of grasp."

In his well known address before the international Catholic scientific congress at Brussels some years ago, Dr. Zahm outlined a programme of study for the clergy. Will he now carry it into effect in the college which he has just founded? And will he be able to realize his lofty ideals? His friends say he will, and point to the results achieved by him in building up the splendid school of science at Notre Dame University as an evidence of his earnestness and persistence of purpose in a work to which he is thoroughly devoted.

In connection with Holy Cross college, Dr. Zahm, we are informed, proposes organizing at Notre Dame a special school for candidates for the priesthood who have not the means of educating themselves. Many of the brightest and most promising youths of the country, young men who are eager to devote themselves to the service of God in religion, are often prevented from carrying out their wishes because their parents are unable to defray the heavy expenses incident to the long and arduous course of study through they must pass before they can be raised to the dignity of the priesthood. To these deserving youths the Provincial of the Holy Cross intends to give a helping hand, and thus secure for the service of the church many who would otherwise despair of ever realizing their fond dreams of becoming ministers of the Most High.

Holy Cross college, we have stated, is to be completed early in September, but it will not be formally dedicated until next October, at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Catholic University. The archbishops of the country will then likewise have their annual meeting, and the occasion will be an auspicious one for the consecration to science and religion of an institution from which so much is expected. In ecclesiastical circles the event promises to be the most important which has occurred since the solemn opening, nine years ago, of the Catholic University of America.

Attending to Business.

"I suffered very much from fever and kidney complaint and heart trouble. My whole nervous system came near giving out. I was unable to attend to business. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, I was able to attend to my business as well as I ever could."—Ransom B. Brown, Levant, N. Y.

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## FOR THE FAITH.

OFFERING OF THE BISHOP OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Exposition of Our Faith in the Light of the Signs of the Times.

Mrs. Vidal, Vice-Secretary of the Fiji Islands and administrator of the Solomon Islands writes that the Very Rev. Father Martin, Superior General of the Marists:

"We have been in this much-vaunted archipelago for the last two months, and so far, we have suffered nothing from the unwholesome spot fever."

"After a long voyage, we landed on the Florida Islands May 21st. A Chinese pelago. On one of them, Father Mr. Woodford, the Marist, was kindly received by the natives, who gave me some excellent sheltering our first establishment."

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