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Catholic Progress

Sometimes, it is not otherwise to sound one's praises, but there are occasions when it is not so. We have been reading some significant figures as to the astonishing progress in the last century of the Catholic Church in countries where we are weak. In Germany, listed as a Protestant country, the Church has made a remarkable progress. Aside from the purely church side, it may be noted that in Germany there are 40 Catholic daily papers alone, to say nothing of the weeklies and monthlies.

In 1800, Holland had only about 300,000 Catholics. To-day there are 1,832,000 Catholics and 3,758 priests. The Catholic population of Switzerland has grown from 420,000 in 1800 to 1,300,000. In Russia between 1905 and 1909 there were 230,000 converts; from 1901 to 1906 the Catholics in Turkey increased by 24,855.

The Catholic population in Africa in 1800 was only a few thousands, now it is estimated at 856,000. In Asia there are now 40 dioceses with a Catholic population of 4,600,000. In India the progress of the Church has been rapid. The Indian hierarchy, established by Leo XIII embraces nine Archbishops, 24 bishops, 4 vicars-apostolic and 2,687 priests. There are 105 colleges and seminaries and 2,300 schools in India.

The same is true the world over, for which let us give thanks.

### Distinguished

Rev. Anthony J. Maas, S. J., president of Woodstock College, has been appointed provincial for the Maryland-New York province.

The new Jesuit provincial ranks as one of the most distinguished scholars of his order. He was born in 1858 in Westphalia, Germany, entered the Society of Jesus in Spain in 1877, came to this country and entered Woodstock in 1880. In 1883-84 he was professor of Latin and Greek in the Jesuit novitiate at Frederick, Md. Then he was sent to Spain, where he was a student in theology at Manresa for a year and then returned to Woodstock College, where he was made professor of Hebrew in 1885. At Woodstock he has been professor, librarian, professor of scripture, prefect of studies and president.

In Oriental languages Dr. Maas is an authority acknowledged in the whole world, and as a scriptural scholar he has been commended specially by Pope Pius X. He speaks fluently his native tongue, German, English, French, Spanish, Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

### Truly, a Priest!

Publication of the last will and testament, dated April 13, 1902, of the late Cardinal Coullie, Archbishop of Lyons, has made it known that his Eminence was a true priest of the Catholic Church. The Cardinal says:—

"My good relatives, cousins germane, know that I entered into the priesthood poor. They will not be astonished, that I die poor. I desire to repose in the primatial church of Lyons. A simple slab will close the vault, with simply the name, the date of death and the 'Requiescat in pace.' No flower, no wreath on my coffin or on my tomb. No word the day of my funeral; prayers only—above all, prayers."

You did not notice this in the columns of the secular non-Catholic press, did you?

Ten days more and the election of 1912 will pass into history.

### Blessed Sacrament.

The boys and young men of the parish are invited to receive holy communion Sunday.

High masses of requiem were offered during the past week as follows: Tuesday morning for John and Mary Groves; Wednesday for Daniel Fitzgerald, and Saturday for Mrs. James Welch. Br. 238, C. M. B. A., observed the 11th anniversary of its organization Friday evening. Several speeches were made followed by a smoker. The meeting was well attended.

### Nun's 25th Anniversary

A happy event of Sunday was the celebration at St. Peter and Paul's church of the 25th anniversary of Sr. M. Georgia as teacher in the parochial school of this parish. Sister M. Georgia has given splendid service in the cause of Catholic education and for 25 years has been in charge of the graduating classes of St. Peter and Paul's school.

Sister Georgia is distinguished for her success as a teacher and is loved and revered by hundreds of young men and women who have had the benefit of her wise guidance.

High mass opened the anniversary exercises Sunday morning which was attended by a large number of former pupils and graduates.

In the afternoon a reception was given in her honor in the new school building at which her former pupils had the pleasure of greeting their former teacher.

An address was delivered by Rev. E. J. Gefell pastor of the church on the splendid work accomplished by Sr. Georgia in the cause of Catholic education and the presentation of a handsome bouquet was made by Mr. John Schreiner, class '94.

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