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Bishop O'Reilly To Be Consecrated By Card. Dougherty

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Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The consecration of the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, D. D., Bishop-designate of Scranton, Pa., whose appointment to that suffragan see was announced by the Holy Father two weeks ago, will take place in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland, on February 16. His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will be the consecrator. His Eminence also will solemnize the enthronement of Bishop O'Reilly in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on March 15, the seventh anniversary of the cardinal's investiture by Pope Benedict XV. with the red hat. The Bishop-designate is the rector of the Cleveland Cathedral.

London's Catholic Cathedral Has Cost \$1,610,000 to Date

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Dec. 26.—More than \$1,000,000 has been spent on Westminster Cathedral up to date, and the work is not nearly completed. According to a statement by the diocesan treasurer, just published, \$65,500 was spent during the financial year now ended.

The work of building the cathedral was begun in 1895 and it has been going on steadily ever since. Gradually the walls and ceilings of the side chapels are being covered with mosaic and marble. Eventually the interior of the great building will be decorated with marble covering the now bare brick walls.

**Cardinal Mercier's
Hands Sculptured**
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Louvain, Dec. 26. — In 1887

in this city, with a view to forming a permanent bond between the Catholic news writers of all countries through which their own material and moral interests may better be helped, and by which the cause which they all serve cannot fail to be advanced.

Egypt Cordially Receives Pope's New Delegate

Jerusalem, Dec. 16.—Archbishop Valerio Valeri, new Apostolic Delegate to Egypt and Arabia, has arrived in the country of his new labors and has received a cordial welcome which augurs well for his stay in Egypt.

New Argument Made For Dual School System

London, Dec. 26.—Education will form the election issue for Catholics when the next parliamentary general election comes around. Cardinal Bourne dropped a hint to this effect, in a bazaar-opening speech, in which he showed that the attempt to do away with nonproviding schools (in which religion is a blot on the liberties of the working classes.

At present the only alternatives to the State-built council schools are the schools run by Catholics, Anglicans and others erect at their own expense to safeguard the teaching of their faiths. Owing to the increased cost of construction there is a danger that this "dual system" may collapse from the inability of Catholics and others to continue to build schools.

Life and Property Safe in Palestine Bishop Kean Says

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Dec. 26.—Security of life and property has been established everywhere in Palestine through wise British administration, declares Bishop Godric Kean, Auxiliary to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, in an interview with the Manchester Guardian.

High Prices Paid For Old Japanese

Catholic Book
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Tokyo, Dec. 30.—Old Catholic books and relics of the days of persecution are now in great demand in Japan and bring high prices.

Several years ago, a copy of the very rare book "Contemptus mundi" was discovered in a Japanese family descended from the early Christians. This work is the Japanese translation of the "Imitation of Christ." It was printed with wooden movable type in the sixteenth century. The copy was bought by Mr. Hayashi Wakichiro, a well-known antiquarian of Tokyo, at the price of \$1,500.

Recently, the booksellers Magnus in London told the "Doctrina Christiana" to Mr. Itô Gensei of Kobe at a high price. This book, which is written in Japanese, was published in Japan during the thirteenth or the seventeenth century. Mr. Itô discovered the title of the book in the catalogue of these London book-sellers and immediately telegraphed to England. The booksellers replied that the volume was desired by the King of Portugal. Mr. Itô finally outbid the King.

Fr. Beck, Cincinnati, Badly Hurt By Auto

Clipsman, Dec. 21.—In boarding a street car in a congested section of the city, Monday, the Rev. Camper Best, twenty-eight years old, of St. Mary's Church, was struck by an automobile in which two negroes and a white companion were riding. He sustained concussion of the brain and lacerations on the body. At St. Mary's hospital he was said by condition was

Two Brothers Serve As Deacons At First Mass Sung By Third

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Mobile, Ala., Dec. 25.—The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception were witnessed an event of unusual interest Christmas when the Rev. George C. Rayer, ordained two days before by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Poolen, Bishop of Mobile, sang his first solemn high Mass assisted by his two brothers, the Rev. Walter Rayer, deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Rayer, sub-deacon.

Oldest Church Bell In World

Paris, Dec. 26.—As a result of an inquiry undertaken by a French Catholic paper, *Le Droux*, it has been learned that the great bell of the Cathedral of Beauvais, cast in 1349, is probably the oldest bell in the world. Its date, with an inscription, scattered with fleur-de-lys, the royal flowers of France, is beautifully engraved on its side.

The saloon was purchased by Father H. Shea because of the difficulty of finding a site in an already com-

gested area, and the old material was used to save expense to the poor parishioners.

Organist in Georgia Plays At Christmas Mass For 52 Years

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Prof. J. G. Weller, who made his debut as organist at St. Joseph's Church, here on Christmas, 1876, has presided at the organ in the church every Christmas to the still more interesting season.

The village where he first played has long since disappeared, his successor being the present stately St. Joseph's Church, directed by the Rev. Mr. Weller. The Rev. Theo. D. Weller, Jr., is pastor.

Anti-Catholic Order Of French Socialist Council Overruled

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Prefect of the Department of the Haute-Vienne, by a recent order, annulled as unjust and intolerant decision made by the Municipal Council of the industrial town of St. Leonard, whose membership is composed chiefly of anti-clerical socialists.

Career of New Delegate
The new Delegate brings to Egypt a brilliant and ripe record of work for the Church. A native of Italy, he

where he won the Academy St. Roman, Philosophy, of Divinity, of Canon and Civil Law. In 1803 he was made a Canon and Professor of Theology in the Central Seminary of Troy. From 1816 to 1818 he was a military chaplain, and after the war he was promoted to the chair of Public Ecclesiastical Law at the College of St. Apollinaire in Rome.

His diplomatic career began in 1820, in the office of the Vatican Secretariat of State for Ecclesiastical Foreign Affairs. In the same year, he accompanied Monsignor Curioni to Paris, where he served as Auditor of the Nunciature, whence he has now come to Egypt. In Paris he had charge of the Nunciature during its interim, and did notable work. In the French Capital he also was known for his piety and devotion to the poor, spending many hours in confessions at humble chapels. He spent his leisure in study and in many other acts, and won many friends.

Monsieur Valeri is noted for his scientific attainments. He speaks and writes Italian, French, Spanish, German, and Latin.