

STANBROOK ABBEY AND THE POPE.

The *Rassegna Gregoriana* for February publishes the text of the letter addressed by the Lady Abbess and community of Stanbrook which drew forth the gracious reply of the Holy Father published in our columns. It runs as follows:

Beatissime Pater,—Nos, Cæcilia Agnes Heywood, Abbatissa et moniales hujus Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ V. de Consolatione apud Stanbrook, in Anglia, ad pedes sanctitatis tuæ humiliter provolutæ, læta desideramus effundere corda atque in te gratissima propter restauratum a tua sanctitate pristinum illum et authenticum Ecclesiæ cantum, sanctorum rituum splendissimum ornamentum. In hac restauratione specimen unitatis Ecclesiæ placet videre: nam antehac fide moribusque una, una in posterum, tua opera, in cantu quoque videbitur. Juvat etiam, S. enim Benedicti sumus filie, in mentem revocare monachos a Beato Gregorio Magno in insulam nostram missos hunc canendi modum, una cum fide Christiana, olim majoribus nostris tradidisse. Magno quoque nobis solatio est, quod modos traditionales primæ in Angliam reduximus. Post multos ergo annorum labores, leges musicas, usu nobis quotidiano caras, summa nunc tua approbatione confirmatas gaudemus. Itaque, Beatissime Pater, dum te cum summa salutamus reverentia, benedictionem apostolicam humiliter petimus; quatenus cælestes Sanctæ Ecclesiæ concentus cum amore et fervore persolventes, Angelorum fiamus æmulatrices quorum sanctum ministerium feliciter participamus.

NEWS FROM DIOCESES.—(Continued from page 315)

WESTMINSTER.

NOTTING HILL: PROFESSION AT THE CARMELITE CONVENT.—The solemn profession of Violet, second daughter of Mr. Lloyd Thomas, Cumberland Lodge, Wimbledon, took place in Chapter on Wednesday, 15th inst., at the Carmelite Convent, St. Charles's-square, Notting Hill (Order of the Discalced Nuns of St. Theresa) after Holy Mass. On the next day the professed nun, Sister Gertrude of Jesus, received the black veil publicly in the chapel of the Order at the hands of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, who previously sang the Mass, during which the black veil remained on the altar according to a special privilege granted to the Order by the Holy See.

MILE END: LADY MARY HOWARD'S SETTLEMENT.—On Thursday evening, the 16th inst., the club for girls, opened at Mile End eleven years ago and conducted by Lady Mary Howard, assisted by a number of other ladies distinguished for their unselfish interest in social work, made its anniversary display at the Beaumont Hall. The Bishop of Amycla presided. The girls in their becoming costumes went through a series of physical exercises. Their physical development, healthy appearance, and bright and happy demeanour bore witness to the beneficent and refining influence which is at work amongst them, and, as the Bishop said in his congratulatory address, it will be a sufficient testimonial of honour and worth for the girls to prove their membership of Lady Mary Howard's club.

FOUNDER'S DAY AT PROVIDENCE-ROW NIGHT REFUGE.—On Tuesday afternoon the seventh annual Founder's Day was celebrated at the Refuge in Crispin-street, established by the late Mgr. Gilbert forty-five years ago for the shelter of the homeless poor. Lord Justice Mathew, accompanied by Lady Mathew, presided, and he was supported by the Bishop of Southwark, the Bishop of Amycla, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen, friends of the charity. His lordship spoke warmly of the wonderful work of mercy which Dr. Gilbert had done in establishing and maintaining the refuge. He remembered the warning of Our Lord that the poor would always be with them. He knew the generosity of the merchants of the city of London, Catholic and non-Catholic, and he did not appeal to them in vain. Like so many good works from small beginnings the work developed to its present proportions and assured support in providing free meals and night shelter to the homeless outcasts of the great metropolis. Bishop Amigo congratulated the home on the number of free meals distributed daily and persons sheltered from the desolation of the streets. He pleaded for increased support from those present and others so that the number of meals and free lodging for the destitute might be doubled and trebled.

The Bishop of Amycla moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Justice Mathew for presiding, and for the interest and appreciation he showed in the work. He was personally grateful for the way his lordship had spoken of Dr. Gilbert, as, with one or two exceptions, he, Bishop Fenton, was the oldest friend of Dr. Gilbert. A lifelong friendship began with the time when he had the happiness to serve under Dr. Gilbert as his curate. They had frequently in those early days spoken together of the circumstances which led to the foundation of the home. Fifty years ago Moorfields was not what it is to-day, a place of great railways and palatial offices, but it was a nest of courts and alleys, where the poor Irish, famine driven, found shelter in their exile from their homes, from which they had brought their passionate and instinctive hatred of the poor-house. Dr. Gilbert, in his pastoral work, had seen many good and honest workmen brought down by loss of employment, sickness, and family trials to homeless destitution, preferring still the cold shelter of the doorsteps and the wind-swept passages of the deserted streets to the nameless degradation of the workhouse. He had seen young women driven to desperation with nothing between them and dishonour to their womanhood but starvation and death. His heart was moved to compassion for the homeless multitude, and the Night Refuge became a haven and a place of hope to thousands.

Mr. Bellord seconded the vote of thanks, after which the company visited the Refuge and saw the supper served to those who had been admitted to the shelter.

NEW HALL: SOLEMN PROFESSION.—At the Convent of the Holy Sepulchre, New Hall, near Chelmsford, Frances Anne Trappes-Lomax, second daughter of the late Colonel Trappes and Mrs. Trappes-Lomax, of Clayton Hall, Lancashire, took her final vows as a Regular Canoness of the Holy Sepulchre. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop of Westminster, the Rev. Joseph Browne, S.J., Rector of Stonyhurst, sang the Mass, and officiated at the ceremony of profession; the Rev. Edward Hury, chaplain of New Hall, assisted as deacon; and the Rev. Cyril Shephard, of Chelmsford, as subdeacon; the Rev. T. Gerrard was master of ceremonies. The acolytes were Mr. Christopher and Mr. Robert Trappes-Lomax, whilst Mr. Edmund Trappes-Lomax acted as thurifer, brothers of the newly-professed. The Rev. J. Pinnington, S.J., of Stonyhurst, was also present. Special leave was obtained from Rome to celebrate a Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost with *Gloria* and *Credo*. The altar was decorated with red and white flowers, and the vestments and cope used were presented by Mrs. Trappes-Lomax. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Bernard Vaughan, S.J., who took for his text: "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. As the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love" (John xv.). The Holy Father himself said Mass on the morning of the 8th, the morning of the ceremony, for Sister Anne Francis, and sent her his blessing. She also received the special blessing of the Very Rev. H. Martin, General of the Society of Jesus. Mrs. Trappes-Lomax having been obliged to winter on the Riviera, she and Miss Josephine Trappes-Lomax were unable to be present.

SOUTHWARK.

POPE'S GIFT TO WALWORTH.—The Pope has given a silver snuff-box for the bazaar at Walworth, and Father Newton is expecting to get its weight in gold.

NORTHAMPTON.

EAST BERGHOLT: SOLEMN PROFESSION AT ST. MARY'S ABBEY.—At St. Mary's Abbey, East Bergholt, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., took place the solemn profession of Miss Lucy Mark, in religion Sister Mary Walburga, of Kendal, in Westmoreland. The long and beautiful ceremony which includes both the solemn profession as prescribed in the Rule of St. Benedict, and the yet more ancient "Consecration of Virgins," taken from the Roman Pontifical, was performed by the Right Rev. Patrick Canon Rogers, of St. Pancras', Ipswich, assisted by Father Walker, of Ipswich, as deacon, and Father Miles, of Stoke-by-Maryland, as subdeacon, while Father Bede Birchby, O.S.B., chaplain to the monastery, acted as master of ceremonies.

SALFORD.

THE GENERAL MISSION.—The general mission to take place in Manchester and Salford will be inaugurated in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 25, when the Bishop of Salford will meet the missionaries, and the following day the mission will begin and will continue until Palm Sunday. As far as possible the missionaries will be drawn from the religious orders, most of which will be represented in the pulpit.

PENDLETON: CLERICAL CHANGE.—The Rev. Raphael Moss, S.T.L., late Prior of the Hawkesyard community of the Dominican Fathers, has taken up his duties at St. Sebastian's Priory, Pendleton, in place of the Rev. Michael Browne, who has been transferred to the Holy Cross Priory, Leicester.

MANCHESTER: OPENING OF NEW CONVENT.—The Bishop of Salford on Monday morning last opened a new convent at "The Home," Whalley-road, Manchester, S.W., in the presence of some forty or fifty ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood. After celebrating Low Mass, his lordship gave a short account of the origin and work of the Congregation of St. Joseph, to which congregation the nuns belong. An interesting fact connected with the life of the foundress is that as a girl she was a student at the school taught by Mlle. Duberville—the notorious "Goddess of Reason" of the French Revolution. The work of the congregation is to do whatever the ecclesiastical authorities of the district consider useful. Spread through most parts of the world, having houses in Algeria, Egypt, Malta, Burma, Western Australia, and North America, the Sisters are in some places engaged in educational work, in other places devoted to the service of the poor, and in other places still nursing in the hospitals or going out to nurse the sick at their own homes. The present is not the first time the congregation has attempted a foundation in England. In 1854, through the efforts of Cardinal (then Dr.) Wiseman, and of Bishop Patterson, a house was established at Oxford, but owing to the opposition they encountered in that city, the Sisters had to return to France. Fifty years later, in 1904, at the invitation of the present Bishop of Salford, they again came to England, and their new foundation in Whalley Range will, it is hoped be successful. The work the Sisters intend to undertake is the care of the sick at their own homes, and to provide in the convent a home for invalid ladies of the middle class.

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