

deduct all the non-Christian elements, Jews, Mormons, savages and avowed infidels, and there will very probably not remain fifty millions of the non-Catholic population openly recognizing the divinity of Christ.

This country is the only break in the universal Catholicity of the New World. But remember the wonderful history of Catholic conquest in the United States during the century just elapsed. At its beginning there was one Catholic for every hundred of population. At its close there is one for every six or seven persons.

**Hard Work Crowned With Success—
Indian Boarding-School Dedicated—
Father Isidore's Letter.**

Rev. Father Isidore Ricklin, O. S. B., who has devoted his untiring energies for the benefit of the Comanche Indians for over a year, beholds now his work crowned with success. The new school for the Kiowa and Comanche Indians was dedicated on November 11th. I can not refrain from giving an extract of the good Father's letter, hurriedly written at 11 P. M., after a hard day's work:

St. Patrick's Mission, Anadarko, Okla.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER:—Everything goes on well here; fifteen children in school the first week; Sisters all very good; work hard; scrub the little Indian girls from head to foot; on very good terms with the agent; draw weekly rations for the children that attend school; feel happy and contented, especially since the Sisters are here. My best wishes to all.

**We Are Not Americans,—We Are
Columbians!**

With the proudest satisfaction we all can look back on the "Columbus Day." On that day there was no distinction made in creed, color or politics. We were all *One* in doing honor to our Starry Flag, our glorious country and the greatest discoverer, Christopher Columbus. But did it not strike you that in spite of these great demonstra-

tions of honor to Columbus, there was still one drawback? *Why is not his name stamped upon our country?* That is the question, and it is no indifferent one. Certainly all of us, we, you, and everybody, would like to have things called by their proper name. Then let the boys and girls organize clubs, and call them "Young Columbians." Let them send in their petitions to Congress, signed by all the club members. Get up all the clubs you can, and have them numerically strong. Congress must listen,—will listen. "WE ARE NOT AMERICANS; WE ARE COLUMBIANS!" shall be our motto. *Young Cath. Messenger.*

**Pastoral Visits of the Right Rev.
Theo. Meerschaert.**

The Right Rev. Bishop left Guthrie on Sept. 8th, for the Eastern Missions of the Territory. On Sept. 11th, he dedicated a new church at Eufaula, Creek Nation, with the following interesting incident:

The Catholics are in great minority at Eufaula; still Rev. Fr. Ketcham has succeeded in building a church there, and had everything arranged for a great celebration on the 11th, which was to be presided over by the Right Rev. Bishop, the fame of whom as an orator had preceded him; hence, all looked forward to the event with pleasant expectation. The ceremonies were to begin at 10 A. M. Now, the *Methodus Preachers* made all arrangements for their services to be held exactly at 10 A. M. also; fine music was provided to entertain church goers. God, however, moved his little finger, and all things turned for the best; during the night preceding the celebration it rained, and on the morning thereof it was very muddy. At 10 A. M. only a few people came to the Methodist church, and these reporting that the whole town was going to the Catholic celebration; whereupon the leading