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## PROGRESS OF THE LUSITANIAN CHURCH.

Writing of the progress of the Lusitanian Church, the Rev. Diogo Cassels, Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Evangelist and Salvador do Mundo, Gaia, states that the number of registered contributory members of his congregations is now about 400. There is always a large attendance at the Eucharist on Sunday mornings, while the offerings for the half-year amount to 4451. 8s., given by a congregation consisting principally of the working class. "We are," he writes, "on friendly terms with neighbouring clergy, especially since their liberties have been curtailed, and have even cooperated with them in the protection of rights and liberties of schools not supported by the State, and in the distribution of food to the indigent poor. They know that we make no attempt to proselytise among the members of their flock, although we cannot refuse to give comfort or Christian privileges to those who have left Rome, or are unable to accept the unlawful terms of communion imposed by that Church."