

the parsons or the demagogues of English-speaking communities accountable for the slaughter of little children that is thick among them? We do not, however, write to refute an explosion of irrepressible bigotry. We remember the Scriptural warning that the dog will return to his vomit and the sow to her wallowing in the mire. We write because it is useful for Catholics to know whom they have to deal with—and more especially the editors who pretend impartially to guide and inform them.

MR BLAKE, we perceive, is exerting himself in Canada, and not without success. The following are telegrams of a recent date published by the Home papers:—"Toronto, Tuesday.—Mr Edward Blake, M.P., estimates the total amount required by the Irish Parliamentary Party for the year at 240,000 dollars, and makes a strong appeal in the *Globe* to Irishmen on behalf of Home Rule. London, Tuesday Night.—Mr Justin McCarthy, M.P., received this evening the following cablegram from Mr Edward Blake, M.P., from Toronto: 'Five Toronto subscribers forty-five hundred dollars—BLAKE.' The need and the good example will of themselves plead with our readers more eloquently than any words of ours.

How circumstances alter cases. Signor Crispi, hims. If sometime a Sicilian conspirator of an extreme type, now denounces the revolutionary society in the island. He accuses them, moreover, of a design to hand over the principal ports to Russia, whose assistance was to be given them by bringing on a war. The situation does not seem very clear to the uninitiated. We can, however, believe that an unfortunate people, driven desperate by an extreme phase of the misery that all over the country has issued from misgovernment, would be eager to seize on any hope of relief, however wild or visionary. Crispi's word, nevertheless, is not to be taken on trust. He has no doubt some end to gain,—the adhesion, for example, to the Triple Alliance of England, by whom a Russian seizure of Mediterranean ports could not be suffered. Mr Balfour, by the way, has been pointing to Russian movements in Asia, and declaring, with regret, that the French also were hostile to England. But this we may take as part of the Tory programme—an attempt to hamper the Liberal Government by creating a scare among the people. Set a thief to catch a thief, meantime, is a proverb we may apply to Signor Crispi. Of quite a different authority and kind, we may add, is a recent declaration of the Pope's—that the present trouble throughout the world is due to the corruption of the peoples by the Masonic bodies and other secret societies.

## DIOCESAN SUMMARY.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

THE mission given to men by the Vincentian Fathers at St. Mary's Cathedral concluded on Sunday evening, February 25th. A renewal of baptismal vows was made on the occasion. Many members also joined the League of the Cross. The Pontifical Blessing was given. A mission to children opened on Tuesday, February 27th in the Te Aro parish and closed on Sunday, March 4th. In the evening a mission for women was commenced in the cathedral.

On Sunday, February 25th, His Grace, the Archbishop, laid the foundation stone of a church at Stratford.

An entertainment was given at Takaka, on February 22nd, to welcome the very Rev Father Mahoney on his return from his late tour in America. Father Mahoney gave an interesting account of his travels.

### DIocese OF AUCKLAND.

The Rev Father Kebos, who has been transferred from Karanga-hake to Tauranga, has received from his late parishioners a testimonial, and an affectionate and regretful address.

The Rev Father Purton, O.S.B., late of Rangiora, Canterbury, has been appointed to a mission in this diocese.

### DIocese OF DUNEDIN.

A consecration of members of the Confraternity of the Holy Family took place in St Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday evening. Aspirants received during the retreat given by the Very Rev Father Hilary, C.P., will be consecrated shortly after Easter.

### DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

The Redemptorist Fathers opened a mission in St. Mary's church, Manchester street, Christchurch, on Sunday. Tenders have been accepted for the erection of a school in the parish.

The election of a handsome crucifix in the pro-cathedral will take place at Easter as a commemoration of the Redemptorist Mission recently given there.

Miss Crawford's Commercial and Family Hotel, Palmerston North, will be found by visitors and travellers, and all who patronise it, a very comfortable, convenient, and well-conducted house.

## H. A. C. B. S.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

AT the usual meeting of St Patrick's Branch No 82 H.A.C.B.S., held in Christchurch on Monday last, President Brother Rogers, junior, in the chair, Brother Rogers senior introduced a deputation consisting of Miss Margaret Rogers and Miss O'Shea representing the young ladies of the parish. In introducing the deputation Brother Rogers remarked that the young ladies in presenting the flag wished to supply a long felt want, viz., a national flag to remind the members of the land of their birth.

The young ladies here presented the flag, a very handsome one 9ft by 6ft, made of the best bunting with the harp of Erin in the centre, a wreath of shamrocks underneath, and the letters H.A.C.B.S. in a circle above, making in all a flag of which any branch might well feel proud.

The president thanked the ladies on behalf of the members for this handsome gift and assured them the members would ever treasure that which is so dear to every Irish heart, "the national flag," and asked them on behalf the branch to hoist it for the first time on St Patrick's Day, to which they readily agreed.

Bro. Sellars moved a hearty vote of thanks to the fair donors for their handsome and generous gift, and spoke in feeling terms of the patriotic manner in which it was done.

Bro. Russell O'Shughnessy seconded the motion and endorsed the remarks of Bro. Sellars.

On the motion being put it was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Rogers, senr., replied on behalf of the ladies thanking the members for their very kind remarks and assured the meeting it was their patriotism moved them to do what they had done.

The deputation then retired.

After the business of the meeting was over refreshments and harmony were indulged in.

Mr Sheahan, J.P., of Auckland, and secretary of the Irish National Federal League, who was a delegate to the district board meeting, left Wellington for the West Coast on Wednesday night. I am sure the presence of that patriotic gentleman will be to the Irishmen of the West Coast as it were the renewal of their baptismal vows, for I am informed a better Irishman or more fervent Catholic never crossed the line. One of the delegates who was present at the district board meeting in Wellington, informed me that Mr Sheahan moved the motion of condolence with Bishop Moran in his serious illness in a manner that betrayed the feeling of his heart. He believes that it was with great difficulty he prevented the tears from flowing down his cheeks.

I believe one of the delegates urged Mr Sheahan very hard to visit Christchurch on his return from the coast, but time would not permit him to do so. I firmly believe the good work he has devoted his time and attention to, viz., the federation League, will, through him, be taken up in this city. In my opinion, in the history of the great struggle for freedom in Ireland, assistance was never more needed than at the present day to accomplish and bring to a final issue the work that was commenced by the Great Liberator. I understand that Messrs Patterson and Fairweather, trustees of the New Zealand district board H.A.C.B.S. are on a visit to Christchurch. The branch officers here went to meet them at Lyttelton to-day.

## DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS.

THE death occurred early on Wednesday morning at St Dominic's Priory, Dunedin, of the Sister Mary Francis. The deceased nun had been suffering from paralysis for some years and was attended by Dr Alexander Fergusson, under whose skilful treatment she had the benefit of all the resources of science. Sister Mary Francis had been known in the world as Miss Maria Sullivan. She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr Ambrose Sullivan, a solicitor of good position residing in Stephen's green, Dublin, but who afterwards emigrated to Queensland, where, after a comparatively short settlement in the town of Ipswich, he died, some 29 or 30 years ago. Deceased, at the age of 27, entered the order of St Dominic at Sion Hill Convent, Black Rock, remaining there until she joined the Sisters, nine in all, who left Ireland in company with the Most Rev Dr Moran and the late Monsignor Coleman to found the convent of their Order in Dunedin, where they arrived in February 1871. She has been the first of this pioneer body of nuns to be called to her rest. She had been 44 years a nun and was aged 71. All who were acquainted with Sister Mary Francis will hold her memory in love and reverence. She was a perfect religious; gentle, kind, and thoroughly refined in mind and manners. Her talents were of a very high order, and all that industry and diligence, seconded by good opportunities, could do had been done to make the best of them. Her acquirements were various and profound. Her skill as a teacher was admirable, and she possessed in a very uncommon degree the power

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