

Mr F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices:—Oats: New feed, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; old, 1s 7d to 1s 9d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 6d to 2s 10d; fowls' wheat, 2s 0d to 2s 3d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, 30s to 40s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 15s. Hay: Oats, £3 0s; ryegrass, £2 5s. Potatoes: Kidneys, £2 10s; derwents, 4s to 5s. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 10s to £8 0s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £9 0s; bulk, £8 10s. Butter, fresh, 6d, 7d to 9d; salt, 6d, poor demand. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen (market fair supply.)

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND CO. report as follows:—

The entry of horses for our sale on Saturday was composed, for the greater part, of medium-class hacks and harness horses, the balance being made up of inferior draughts and light horses. The demand from start to finish was very slack, and only about half the horses forward changed hands. Next week we shall offer a large number of very useful draughts, of which full particulars will appear in the *Otago Daily Times's* advertising columns. We quote—First-class draughts (extra heavy), L25 to L30; good ordinary do (young), L18 to L22; medium do, L12 to L16; aged do, L6 to L10; good hacks and harness horses, L12 to L16; medium do do, L7 to L9; light and inferior do do, L2 10s to L5.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From Contemporaries.)

FATHER CLARKE, S.J., has resigned the editorship of the *Month*, and is succeeded by Father Gerard, S.J.

Father Holweck, an American priest, has classified and innoted a calendar which shows that there is no day in the year on which the Blessed Virgin is not somewhere publicly invoked under one of her numberless titles.

Hoffman's Catholic Directory of last year gives the Catholic population of the United States as 8,806,000. This year it reports the number to be 8,902,000—an increase of 96,000 in one year. This does not look as if the Church were losing ground.

A committee has been formed to celebrate the first centenary of the birth of Pius IX. One of the objects of the committee is to complete the baptistry at Sinigaglia Cathedral, where Pius IX. was baptised. With the approval of Cardinal Vaughan and the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, a committee has been formed to represent Great Britain in the carrying out of this work.

Dr Knowles, a priest who some years ago seceded from the Catholic Church in America, has just made his submission, and begged to be re-admitted to the Catholic fold. Dr Knowles is a man of considerable literary ability, and his return to the Catholic Church has caused considerable stir in the United States.

The last words of Manning were reproduced at Whitehall during the week from a phonograph. They were—"To all who come after me: I hope that no word of mine, spoken or written, will be found to have done harm to anyone after I am dead."

As a result of the recent Eucharistic Conference at Jerusalem twenty-three of the schismatical Syrian bishops have returned to the Catholic Church. They are probably but the heralds of a greater host. In England, within a few months, fourteen Anglican ministers have become Catholics. So come the tokens from East and West of a great movement for the re-union of Christendom on the only possible basis—re-union with Rome.

Archbishop Ireland believes that the anti-Catholic party, popularly known as the A.P.A., would die out if it were not noticed. Many other Catholics, both of the clergy and the laity, believe it wiser to kill off the secret anti-Catholic societies by forcing their membership into the light. Here is a case where good men, working towards the same end, must agree to disagree as to the best route and methods.

Mr Pringle Nichol, a distinguished Oxford student, and the son of a Glasgow professor, has been received into the Catholic Church. The conversions are also announced of Mrs Badley and her daughter, who belong to an English family of high position, and who were received into the Church recently in Rome.

It is proposed to hold a series of Catholic meetings in South London after Easter for the purpose of answering several statements made by anti-Catholic lecturers. The Guild of Bazem has the matter in hand, and the lecturers will include Father O'Brien, O.S.B.; Father Croke Robinson, M.A., and Father J. S. Vaughan.

The new Church of St Joachim, which has been built by donations of the faithful of all parts of the world, was formally handed over to his Holiness on Saturday, February 17. A cardinal represented the Pope on the occasion. There was a numerous concourse of people. One of the last presents to the church were some magnificent blocks of cedar trees from Lebanon, from the Patriarch of the Maronites.

On the anniversary of the death of Pius IX., his Holiness the Pope assisted at the Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pontiff. The whole Papal Court were present, besides twenty-two cardinals, several archbishops and bishops, the Diplomatic Corps, and many of the Roman nobility. After the Mass, his Holiness was robed with a large red cope—red being the mourning colour of the Popes—and gave the ablutions.

Efforts are being made both at home and abroad to encourage devotion to Our Lady under the title of "Our Lady of Light." Though not much known just now among English-speaking people the title was common enough in the earlier ages. The *Ave Maria* looks forward to the day when the title will find its place in the Litany of Loreto, and, meantime, the Holy Father has enriched it with an indulgence of a hundred days.

The Vatican is waiting. That is its force. For nineteen centuries the Church has observed the movements of the nations and striven to advise them to justice. It has been rarely listened to. But it has seen the nations grow, and wax strong, and decline, and pass into a state of feebleness. It would be a difficult task to predict Italy's future; but, whatever it be, the Vatican, or rather the Papacy—for the very material existence of the Vatican has been threatened over and over again—will, as before, aim at guiding the nations to justice.

Cardinal Parocchi presided at the final sitting of the eleventh Italian Catholic Congress, which was held on Sunday, February 18, in the Church of San Carlo. About a thousand delegates were present. Resolutions were carried affirming the necessity for strict discipline in the Catholic Church, recommending, as regards the attitude of Catholics to the social question, that assistance should be given to the agricultural classes by means of rural banks, urging that a federation of Catholic journalists be formed, and demanding the freedom of religious instruction at any rate in Communal schools.

The French-Canadians of Father Point, Quebec, every one of whom are Catholics, have again shown their liberality and tolerance, by unanimously choosing for the fifth consecutive time a Protestant, Mr J. McWilliams, for Mayor. Mr McWilliams, besides being the only non-Catholic in the parish, is also the only English-speaking person there. What a lesson the members of the Protestant Protective Association and also their American confederates might learn from these Catholics! But this noble example will be lost on these bigots just as surely as that of the Catholics of Ireland, who show similar generosity, is lost on the Orange fanatics.

THE NEW ABBOT OF MOUNT MELLERAY.

THE appointment of a new Abbot of Mount Melleray—Father Delaney, who has been Prior for the last thirty years—reminds me (a writer in *United Ireland*) of an amusing passage in Duffy's "Young Ireland," describing the visit of the author, John (afterwards Judge) O'Hagan, and Dennis Florence MacCarthy to the monastery in 1844.

"Have you ever visited Mount Melleray?" writes Duffy to Davis. "Do. The monks show what industry and security could make of the waste lands of Ireland. It is very solemn up yonder in the mountains, and the organ in the little church playing a *Te Deum* for our victory [O'Connell and the other State prisoners had just won their appeal in the House of Lords and been released from prison] moved me as music never did before. It was like a chorus of exulting angels. We were delighted to find the 'Voice' (of the *Nation*) in their library, and when we reached Cappoquin celebrated our visit by six and thirty rhymes on Melleray, which are duly recorded in O'H.'s journal. . . . Somebody started the idea of finding a rhyme for that puzzling noun proper Melleray. It was at first assumed that there was no English rhyme but celery. The travellers, however, soon hit upon others, and agreed to fabricate a couplet in turn till one of them broke down. They succeeded in turning out three dozen jingles, and each new success was welcomed with a chorus of huzzas and laughter louder and heartier, of course, when the success was only won by a hair's breadth. After a lapse of a generation some of the couplets linger in my memory, with other reminiscences of that pleasant time. This was the first and the worst:—

From O'Connell and Steele and that jolly good fellow Bay,
I've scampered away to the monks of Mount Melleray.

And this, perhaps, the most audacious, when one of the competitors was driven to extremity for the sixth and thirtieth rhyme:—

They tunnelled a road would have puzzled Brunell, E.E.,
Such adroit engineers are the monks of Mount Melleray.

Long before each man had completed his round dozen it became necessary to shift the accent from the antepenultimate syllable; *ez* 97:—

I met a young maiden, but straightway down fell her eye,
She took me for one of the monks of Mount Melleray."

Messrs Herbert, Haynes and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, call special attention to their mantle department. Exceptional circumstances enable the firm to offer to ladies a choice not to be found elsewhere, and which must meet the most exacting requirements.

Messrs Langdown and Steele, Colombo street, Christchurch, will be found always supplied with a large and excellent stock of meat of every description. Orders will receive prompt and satisfactory attention.

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