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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WE find that the passages recently translated by us from Dr Bataille's book *Le Diable au Dix-Neuvième Siècle*, published at Paris in November, 1893, have attracted a good deal of attention. Some people have been astounded by them; others have been diverted. It may be well, therefore, to give some particulars about the author, with a passage or two from an apology he offers for his work. Dr Bataille, is no recluse; no hermit or dreamer, who, hidden away in some lonely retreat, has been the victim of morbid fancies. He is a man who has led a stirring life, mixed freely with the men of the period, been well acquainted with all their ideas, and shared fully in their smartness and their slang. When, in the year 1880, he undertook to enter upon the hazardous and, in fact, doubtful inquiry of which the book in question is the result, he was, and had been for some years, as he still remained, the doctor on board a vessel of the Messageries Maritimes plying from Marseilles to Yokohama and touching at the principal Eastern ports on the line of voyage. Carbuccia, whose narrative led Dr Bataille to adopt his enterprise, was an Italian, a man well advanced in the ways that mark the *fin de siècle*, a free-thinker or atheist of the ordinary type, and by calling a commercial traveller. He had formerly been engaged in travelling for firms in the South of Europe, whose trade it was to import the eggs of the silk worm. After a time, however, certain smart Japanese found that they themselves could profitably do the business at a cheaper rate, and the European travellers first, and then the firms for which they travelled, were ousted by them. At the time at which Carbuccia told his story to Dr Bataille his prospects were not very bright. But let Dr Bataille speak for himself. We translate freely and with some necessary abbreviation, but with a strict adherence, substantially, to truth:—This book, says the writer, cannot be too clear, since its end is to unveil things hidden with the most zealous care. And, in fact, the Doctor quotes the names of the people he accuses without the slightest attempt at disguise. The author, he continues, must also meet the criticisms of those who, without examination, question his truth. All kinds of objections must be foreseen by him, those of believers as well as those of sceptics. The strong-minded folk of the day exclaim "Sorcery! magic! invocations! All that is ancient history. It belonged to the dark ages. In this age of electricity and railways, there is nothing of the kind. There is no pythonesse to call the dead from their graves, and, if it were possible for some lunatic to invoke Satan, he would not appear." Certainly, explains the writer, we need not believe all that is told about Spiritism. But the Church herself teaches us that, if in these practices there is often trickery there are often also preternatural doings that proceed from demons. Sceptic, it is true, deny peremptorily. Entrenched in their prejudices they do not know that magic, white or black, has more adepts than ever. They cannot draw a line of separation between the different kinds of Spiritists. Of these, he says, there are two distinct classes—(1) charlatans who make use of trickery, and whose devices are sooner or later exposed; (2) Occultists, who carry on their undertaking in the greatest mystery, and who conceal their meetings as well as the results obtained by them. Sceptics, then, are wrong to sneer. From the trickery of which ordinary Spiritists are the victims they conclude that there are now no diabolical practices. They speak without knowledge, but if they would take the trouble to inquire as I (Dr Bataille) have done, they would soon change their minds. Occultism, he declares, is in full swing in Europe, Asia, America—everywhere. It has its haunts even in the heart of Paris, and M. Huysmans in his book last year (1892) on the subject invented nothing, although he gave his work the form of a romance. The black mass is said right enough; Satanism has its faithful, its zealots. This is horrible and abominable, but it is true. A great many priests, says the writer again, to whom some one or other of these misguided people in a softer mood makes a shocking revelation, know it—and, if they keep silence it is because they are bound by the seal of the confessional. Members of the religious orders are specially in receipt of

such confidences. The unfortunates who return to God, after having voluntarily and consciously served the devil, almost always address themselves by preference to a monk. This is well known. Sceptics not being accustomed to consult priests, much less the religious orders, know absolutely nothing of what takes place in the dens of Occultism. On the other hand, the writer goes on to say, there are Catholics—of rather superficial minds, it is true—who reason thus:—To whom, or why, should the devil manifest himself? If to an atheist, the effect would be to force him to recognise the supernatural, and he would certainly submit himself to God. If to a believer, he would be repelled with horror, and the Christian would love God all the more ardently. But, first, these people contradict the teaching of religion. God leaves the demons a certain power. They cannot, for example, bring back a departed soul to one who invokes it, but they can substitute themselves for it. It is, besides, admitted by the Church that the fallen angels appear to men even without being called. Theological writers, adds Dr Bataille, cite in profusion cases of diabolical apparitions to which the saints have been exposed. In this Nineteenth Century the Rev Father Jeandel, General of the Dominicans, saw Satan face to face in a meeting of an irreligious society, whither he had had the courage to betake himself. This venerable religious has so declared, and his narrative which is very circumstantial, exists, and has been often reproduced. The Abbé Vianney, the blessed Curé of Ars, who died in 1859, was assailed daily by the Prince of Darkness, against whom he had to sustain many very material fights. Now that these superficial Catholics—like prejudiced sceptics—are ignorant of, is that, apart from the Spiritists of the drawingroom, there are Occultists who are atrocious and execrable practices are hidden in the deepest mystery. These men, whose moral sense is absolutely perverted, believe in Lucifer—but they believe him equal to God, they pay him a secret worship. Several bishops, the writer asserts, still living, have had proofs of this Satanic religion—which they have loudly denounced. These proofs were necessarily incomplete, having been gathered in fragments, so to speak; but they are sufficient in number to be opposed successfully to interested denials or ignorant smiles. Dr Bataille declares that he bears his testimony, writing only what he has seen, and leaving the reader to judge. As we have said, he makes no secret of names, and he is equally frank as to dates and places.

AN event of some importance in the history of the Church in New Zealand—or at least of interest as bringing more clearly before our eyes the Catholicism of the Church, has been the arrival, which

took place last week, in Dunedin of the Rev Joseph Dahdab, a Maronite priest. The Rev Father, with a brother priest, the Rev Father Yazbeck, has lately been sent by the Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronites, as a missionary to the members of his flock scattered abroad through Australasia—the centre being fixed at Sydney, where the community are engaged in building a church. The Maronites are the Catholics of Mount Lebanon in Syria, and take their name from St Maro a monk who was contemporary with St John Chrysostom. They have from the first been in communion with Rome, and their boast is that, whatever may have been the heresies or schisms by which the East was disturbed, they have never swerved from their fidelity to the Holy See. Otherwise, also they have had a hard struggle to maintain, and may claim the place of a martyr people. Not only have they had to bear the religious tyranny of their Mahomedan rulers, but to suffer as well from the jealousy and enmity of heathen neighbours. It is but thirty-three or thirty-four years since a terrible massacre was made among them by the Druses, the heathens in question, and they were saved from extinction only by the armed intervention of France. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as celebrated by Father Dahdab in St Joseph's Cathedral has been an occasion of much interest. The language, as explained in the Cathedral on Sunday evening by the Very Rev Father Lynch, is the Syro-Chaldaic, for which it is claimed that it is the very tongue in which Christ Himself spoke, and wherein he pronounced the words of consecration at the last supper. The language is now a dead one, not understood generally by the people, whose vernacular is Arabic. Father Lynch explained that there were nine tongues in which the Mass was celebrated—all of them dead. There is also some variation of rites, but

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the substantial agreement, notwithstanding this difference, said the very rev preacher, serves to confirm the unity of Catholic doctrine. He also explained that the devotion of the Maronites to the Blessed Mother of God was very ardent. The feast of her Nativity, which occurred the day before and had been for us a day of devotion, had for them, he said, been of very special solemnity. We may add that on that morning, as again on Sunday, the Maronite missionary had preached to his people a sermon in Arabic—in which he appears to be eloquent. The epistle and gospel are read at the Mass in that tongue—as among ourselves in English. It has, meantime, been of some surprise to us to find how many members of our Catholic congregation belong to the Maronite people. With the appearance of some of the them in the church we had long been familiar—but had seen nothing to separate them, to the view, from other members of the community. Now we recognise them by their attendance at the Mass, and around the confessional of their own missionary. That the Maronite Patriarch, therefore, has taken a wise step, and one well calculated to serve the interests of religion seems evident. Father Lynch also mentioned that the Rev Joseph Dahdah had come here with a high recommendation from the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney. The rev gentleman, we may add, seems particularly adapted to his mission. His manner and address are winning in the extreme, and his devotion to his sacred calling and the task committed to him is most edifying. We are happy, for our own part to bid him welcome, and to wish him all prosperity and success.

WE are happy to congratulate the Legislative Council on their rejection of the Divorce Bill. It has been thrown out, on the motion of Mr Shrimski, in committee. It seems meantime, rather obvious

that the Labour members were unanimous in their support of the iniquitous measure. It was of old considered a reproach to high life that only within its precincts divorces took place. But now, among other privileges, in a lower station an immunity for vice is sought. The attempted identification of the cause of the people with looseness of morals is very unfortunate and most disgraceful to all who are connected with it—more especially to those of them who ought to know better.

The Otago Daily Times, though it supports the advanced Liberals in their attempt to debase society, is still honest enough to rebuke Dr Cowie for his late mistake as to the divorce of King Henry VIII. We find, however, that Dr Cowie had recently been anticipated by a Presbyterian divine at Belfast, who made the same statement in a lecture delivered by him. We do not know whether the Bishop would also agree with another statement made by the minister in question. The ex-communication of King Henry, he said, "drove England within the bounds of the Church of Christ," a Church, that is, founded fifteen hundred years after Christ and His Apostles had failed in an attempt to make a durable foundation. But if Dr Cowie in this agrees with the Presbyterian lecturer, he differs with those divines of his Church who put forth a claim to continuity. The Presbyterian lecturer also urged that plea which, as we have more than once pointed out, would make Christ accountable for the wickedness of Judas Iacabot. He charged with the blame of Henry's guilt the Pope and Cardinal Wolsey, who, he said, had taught him his morality. The Daily Times in conclusion quotes an old law that authorised a man to chastise his wife moderately with a strap or a stick. Possibly the re-enactment of this law would be less harmful to the dignity of women than the law of advanced Liberalism, which our contemporary inconsistently supports.

It is announced that the Trades Union Congress sitting at Norwich has adopted an extreme Socialist programme—the nationalisation, not of the land only, which the Socialists have always treated, in itself, with contempt, as wholly inadequate, but of everything. The resolution, which however, had been anticipated last year at Belfast, was hailed with enthusiasm. The time is approaching, therefore, at which the question must be seriously dealt with. What the nature of the dealings will be it is not very hard to foresee, considering that the question is one of a general surrender of property, to which many people cling more closely than to life itself. The Socialist programme may perhaps be carried out, but a fight, and a stiff one, intervenes. "Revolutions are not made with rose-water."

The Emperor of Germany has made another of those speeches, that seem designed by him to keep the world in hot water. In unveiling a monument to his grandfather at Koenigsburg the other day, he said the country had been won by the sword and he would keep it by the sword. Warlike thoughts, then, run in his Majesty's mind, and apparently he only awaits an opportunity to put them in practice. We conclude he hardly uses empty brag, to terrify his neighbours.

After all there does seem to be some chance of an effectual attack on the House of Lords. Mr Chamberlain, speaking at Liverpool last week, appealed to his hearers not to sacrifice it to two "rowdy Irishmen"—that is Mr Wm O'Brien and Dr Tanner. We all know the pressure under which men call names. On the whole, Mr Chamberlain's appeal seems helpful—that is, of course, in a contrary direction to that intended by the speaker.

A cablegram under date, London, September 4, runs thus:— "Mr John Redmond, at the National League meeting lamented the deadly apathy of American and Australian Irishmen in the matter of donations. But Mr John Redmond is himself chiefly to blame in the matter—the division in which he is a leader being the source of the apathy complained of. That it is not a sufficient source has been proved, for example, by the donations given the other day by Mr Gladstone and Lord Tweedmouth. It is easier, nevertheless, to do a mischief than it is to repair it.

We learn from the Boston Pilot that the Rev George William Knox, a Protestant clergyman, has published an account of the Catholic missions in Japan, in which he testifies highly to the work of St Francis Xavier, and the constancy of his converts and their descendants. "The history of the Roman Catholic Church in Japan," he says, "is one of the miracles of missions, a story of great success, of tragic failure, and of resurrection from the dead." Mr Knox contradicts the claim made last year at the Parliament of Religions, by certain Buddhists, to the effect that the religion of Buddha was guiltless of bloodshed. On the contrary, he says, Buddhist hatred and intrigue were the chief causes of the extirpation of the Catholics—on whom horrible torments were inflicted. "The Roman Catholic Church," he says, "prospered in Japan, not because its missions are allied with trade, or because feudal barons destroy temples and drive out Buddhist priests, but because these humble folk, without priest or book or sacrament or public assembly, endured in faith, and were stronger in their ignorance and obscurity than the power and wisdom of the world."

Lord Salisbury has been anxious to bring about the exclusion of aliens from England—under the system that has for some time been in use in America. Meantime a return prepared by the Commissioner for Labour shows that there are comparatively few foreigners in the country. The foreign Jew especially, against whom the chief outcry had been raised, is shown to be in a small minority. Popular objections against him, are based, it is stated, on his industry and dirt. He is also a sober person, but an inveterate gambler.

The motto *noblesse oblige*, it seems, while those to whom it belonged acted upon it, was not without its uses for people at the opposite social pole. Now that the fine folk are coming down a peg and taking a personal part in business, they are said to be thrusting the others into deeper places, and making it harder for them to earn a living. This is a social change that can hardly be approved of.

Some one or another has written something or another to our "Civis" relative to the devil's speaking English. We have lost the note and our memory of small jokes is defective. But, if we recollect our "Ollendorf" aright, Bohemian was the language assigned by the Emperor Charles V, who "spoke several European largesgas fluently," to the use of his Satanic Majesty. The proper use of English, said the Emperor, was to be spoken by geese. This fact as our readers will doubtless perceive, makes it most appropriate for the speech of "Civis" and his correspondents,—whatever may be the case as to that of the devil.

Here, for example, is how Carlyle speaks of that medieval Catholicism which we find constantly misrepresented by so-called historians, and stupid or interested people, who are misled by them. The contrast drawn by the writer between the Protestantism of the present and the Catholicism of the past—of the present, too, had Carlyle only known it—is notable. The reference is to an Abbot of St Edmundsbury, as described in a chronicle written by a monk of the house, one Jocelin of Brakelond, who was his contemporary:— "This is Abbot Samson's Catholicism of the Twelfth Century; something like the *Ism* of all true men in all true centuries, I fancy! Alas, compared with any of the *Isms* current in these poor days, what a thing! Compared with the respectablest, morbid, struggling Methodism, never so earnest; with the respectablest, ghastly, dead or galvanised Dilettantism (Puseyism then, Ritualism now), never so spasmodic! Methodism with its eye for ever turned on its own navel; asking itself with torturing anxiety of Hope and Fear, 'Am I right? am I wrong? Shall I be saved? shall I not be damned?' what is this, at bottom, but a new phase of *Ignoism* stretched out into the infinite; not always the heavenlier for its infinitude!" (Past and Present, Book II, p 101.)

The death of the Comte de Paris, which is announced from London, has removed a pretender to the throne of France, and, although, in fact, it would be difficult to make the pretensions of the House of Orleans more hopeless than they had already been, has, at least in appearance, annihilated them completely. No one in his senses can look upon the present head of the House as a possible King of France. To the late Comte the interest attached inseparable from one who had been born in the purple. True the regal colour had been usurped, and the monarch who had unjustly assumed it, had done nothing to deserve the respect of the country or the admiration of Europe. But little sympathy attended on his fall from the throne. The untimely death of the Comte's father, who was killed by jumping from a carriage whose horses had run away, had indeed been much lamented, but recent revelations seem to show that had he survived France would once more have been plunged into the commotions and

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miseries of a career in pursuit of the *ignis fatuus*, glory. The Comte de Paris, nevertheless, was looked upon throughout his life as the heir of a throne, who had been deprived of his inheritance, and therein seems to have been his chief claim to distinction. Personally the world in general appears to have known very little about him. He was, however, so far as we have ever heard, a man of respectable conduct, and in many respects estimable. His adherents, no doubt, will accept his son as his successor and continue to follow their chimera—with more or less sincerity.

The recent paternal and patheic appeal of the Holy Father to the Churches of the East still outside "the one true fold" (says the Sydney Freeman of September 1), probably awakened not a few Sydney people to the fact that there is quite a little Catholic community of Syrians in our midst. It will be remembered that in October 1892, his Eminence Cardinal Moran blessed the first Syrian church of the Malchite Order in Sydney, naming it St Michael's Catholic Church. Father Sylvanus Mansur, the pastor of this church, is now busy building his proposed new Syrian Church, on the corner site of Elizabeth street and Wellington street, Waterloo, adjoining Mount Carmel. At present Mass is said in the temporary chapel, 139 Elizabeth street, Redfern, the building accommodating a congregation of about 60 worshippers. The chapel is beautifully decorated, the Syrians having liberally contributed to the wall ornamentations, and Messrs Selim Bracks and Bros have presented a handsome statue of the Blessed Virgin. The Maronite Syrians asked the Propaganda at Rome and their Patriarch to send them pastors, and two were at once sent some 18 months back. On the 19th of May last his Lordship, Dr Higgins, Auxiliary-Bishop of Sydney, blessed the second church, under the name of St Maron, in Raglan street, Waterloo, and the two new priests in charge of this temporary church are now engaged in raising funds towards the erection of a church of their own. Father Joseph Dabdah, who is at present in Melbourne, is expected back soon. Meanwhile Father A. Yazbeck is the shepherd of the little Syrian flock. Mass in this church is said in Syriac. In the church at which Father Sylvanus officiates the Greek tongue is

and yet many braved a five-mile drive in the storm to attend Mass. Verily the old faith is still burning ardently in the hearts of the people.

OBITUARY.

THE death of Mrs Munson, taking place so soon after that of her father, Major Scully, brings additional sorrow to her friends, but our sorrow is as nothing to that of the loss to her children, ten in number, and nearly all of an age when they are in most need of the watchful care and instruction which can only be bestowed upon them by a good mother, as she had proved herself to be. Deceased was in what might be reasonably termed the prime of life, 41 years of age. Her father had only just returned to Napier after a lengthy visit to his daughter when he died, and no doubt his death, so soon after she had enjoyed the pleasure of his company, and been edified by the good example he had shown by his daily attendance at Mass, frequenting the sacraments, and otherwise conducting himself as a good Catholic, had the effect of assisting to break an already delicate constitution. Mrs Munson performed the duties of organist for about five years here without salary, which task is now performed similarly by her cousin, Miss Boylan. Her sister, before joining the Dominican nuns at Dunedin, assisted in teaching the children's catechism class on Sundays during her stay at Westport, in company with the writer of this much too brief obituary. This was the time when catechists were more required than they are now, as then we had no Catholic schools and the proselytising influence of Collier's History was doing its hateful work. Another cousin, now wife of Mr Lundon, of the Back of New South Wales, but then Miss Boylan, was teacher of our school after the retirement of Miss Munson, the first assistant teacher appointed to our school, and also organist in our church. The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 28, and although it rained all the time, great numbers attended. The body was taken from their cottage in Queen street, along Wakefield street, and past the shop and printing office of Mr Munson in Palmerston street, where the

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MASTERTON.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

September 3rd.

ON Sunday, 26th ult., at 11 o'clock Mass, Rev Father McKenna made a stirring appeal on behalf of Catholic education, which had especial reference to the duties of the young men of the parish in the good cause. He desired but a small annual subscription from them, and assured them that their funds would not be seriously effected by the donation, and that they would be adequately recompensed by the approval of conscience which would naturally result from the performance of so meritorious a work. The appeal, he remarked, was an urgent one, as the school funds were at a low ebb, but he was satisfied that their practical Catholicity would assert itself, and that there would be no necessity of further advocating the matter.

At Vespers Father McKenna again made an able discourse on "Confidence in the mercy of God," taking as his text the Gospel of the day. He deprecated the growing feeling of despair which was daily increasing throughout the world, and exhorted the weary to seek rest and refuge at God's altar and in His peaceful sanctuary. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed.

In consequence of the unusual severity of the weather influenza has made its appearance with a vengeance, and, during the past few weeks, has scarcely left one house in Masterton unvisited. I am glad to be in a position to state that Mrs Carrick, who has been seriously ill, is now almost recovered. Mr Pat Hourigan, who has been also confined to bed with inflammation of the lungs is, I am informed, convalescent.

September has come in like an Irish March—decidedly leonine, and in driving showers of icy sleet. The appearance of the district on Sunday morning (2nd inst) reminded me forcibly of a "dark" Christmas in the old country, sleet whitening every hill and dale,

deceased lady's kindly smile and words of sympathy to those in trouble will be met no more. From thence the procession passed along Brougham street to St Conice's Church, where the first part of the funeral services was performed by the Very Rev Father Walsh, the choir singing the usual music for the burial of the dead, Miss Pain presiding at the organ. The altar was draped in mourning, and the flowers beautifully arranged by Miss Lempfert. The coffin was carried into and out of the church, and from the hearse to the grave, by old friends and prominent citizens, including the Mayor and councillors, of which body Mr Munson is a member. Each and everyone seemed anxious to pay respect to the departed lady, and when the coffin was laid down at the place of interment, an enormous quantity of wreaths, the last gifts of friends were laid beside it to be placed on top of the grave after the funeral ceremonies were completed.—R.I.P.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE REV FATHER CAROLAN.

AT a meeting of ex-students of St Patrick's College, convened some time ago by the rector—the Very Rev Dr Watters—for the purpose of devising some means of perpetuating the memory of the late Rev Father Carolan, a committee was formed consisting of the Very Rev Dr Watters (president and treasurer), Very Rev Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., Rev Father Mahony, Messrs Ward (hon secretary), Houldsworth, Cooney, Orgau, Whitehouse, and Ryan.

Circulars were printed and sent out to former pupils and friends of the College, inviting them to subscribe towards a fund for perpetuating the memory of their former professor, friend, and adviser. This invitation was loyally and liberally responded to by a large number of ex-students and friends, so that the committee found themselves in a position to carry out the designs they had determined on, viz—(1) to place a marble tablet within the College; (2) to erect on the grave of Father Carolan a monument consistent with the religious vow of poverty; (3) to found, for all time, an annual prize, to be competed for by the pupils of the college.

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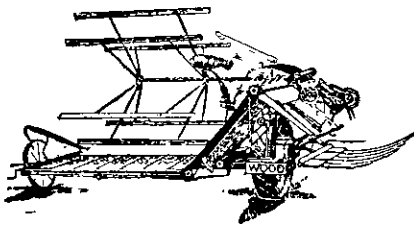
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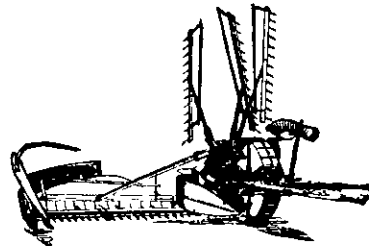
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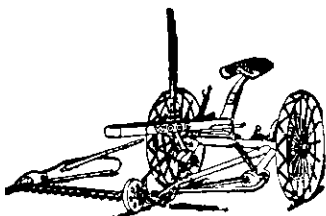
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The latest arrival from that intellectual and musical city of New Zealand is Miss Rose Blaney, who makes her first appearance on Saturday evening next at Mr Turner's new season of exhibition concerts. Though quite young, Miss Rose Blaney has already made many successful appearances, on the concert platform and in opera. She was educated at a convent in Dunedin and received her first lessons there in music and singing. When quite a child she sang at a school concert at the Dunedin Exhibition. So pleased were the commissioners with the little girl that they wrote inviting her to sing at two more concerts. About three years ago she came over to study under the late Madame Lucy Chambers, who had a very high opinion of her pupils' great ability and pure soprano voice. For private reasons she returned to Dunedin and remained there for three years' studying industriously and practising incessantly. A few

months ago she returned to Melbourne and had but resumed her studies when Madame Chambers died. Miss Blaney was the last pupil to whom the popular teacher gave a lesson. She is now under the tuition of Madame Simonsen. Her voice is a clear soprano of good quality with a range from G. to C.

As Rosina in "The Barber of Seville" Miss Blaney was a great success at the Princess Theatre, Dunedin, under the direction of Signor Squarise. The amateur orchestra consisted of 16 performers, a large number for Dunedin, and the whole opera was a brilliant success. Miss Blaney made a favourable impression, both with her acting and her singing, and her performance was remarkable for the absence of that awkwardness almost inseparable from an appearance in opera if the performer has had no previous experience either in the chorus or as a soloist. Vocally, it was said Miss Rose Blaney was better fitted to play "Rosina" than any other young lady in Dunedin. Of the celebrated cavatina "Una voce poco fa," she gave an exceedingly creditable and finished rendering, but declined the proffered encore. In the music lesson in the third act she was brilliantly successful in a bolero specially composed by Signor Squarise. While still in New Zealand she appeared at the Theatre Royal, Timaru in a performance of "Guy Mannering," and played a gipsy girl in the second act, both looking and acting the part like an artist. Before leaving Dunedin some months since a complimentary concert was tendered to her as an indication of her personal popularity, the high opinion of her musical ability, and in recognition of her kindness in giving her services to charitable performances. Within a very brief period of her first appearance on the concert platform she was generally recognised as possessing musical talent considerably above the average, and this opinion deepened as further opportunities were afforded of judging her capabilities. She received for the beautiful quality of her voice many compliments and much praise from musical artists visiting Dunedin. As showing her personal popularity, at her benefit concert 22 of the leading musicians took part, and many others offered to assist. Miss Blaney sang Garcia's "Salve Maria" in excellent voice. She was accorded an enthusiastic encore, for which she sang Denza's "Call Me Back." On saying "good-bye," prior to her departure for Melbourne, the members of her testimonial concert presented her with a purse of sovereigns and a gold brooch set with sapphires and diamonds. Miss Blaney, like many of our own young artists, is ambitious for her future. By her own efforts, she has, so far, succeeded well. It is a coincidence that at the exhibition concerts, under Mr W. F. Turner's management, Ada Crossley and Lalia Miranda achieved greatness which was not by any measure thrust upon them, but won by the abilities of both young ladies. The third to make herself famous

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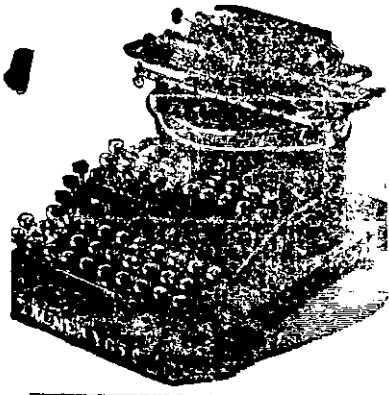
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CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From Exchanges)

ALFONSO XIII. a few days ago received from the hands of the Most Rev. Dr. Cos, Bishop of Sion, at the Mass celebrated in the Royal Chapel, the Cross of Celador of the Guard of Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the confraternity established in the parish of St. Martin, Madrid, making the same act of consecration as all the Celadores make, protesting that he will never ally himself with or become affiliated with any sect, Masonic, heretic, schismatic, but as far as he can seek to propagate the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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At the presentation of the Charity Cup to the Celtic Football Club on Thursday, June 21, in the Municipal Buildings, Glasgow, Colonel Merry, in asking the Lord Provost to make the presentation, uttered an eulogistic encomium on the presence of the Catholic clergy at football matches, and especially where the Celtic Club was one of the contestants. The colonel thought the presence of the clergy tended to repress rowdiness, and he also thought it had a good effect on those to whom the clergy ministered, as by their presence they showed that in any legitimate sport there was nothing harmful. He only wished the Protestants ministers would follow the same course. Ah, but what would become of the "Cult of the Long Face" if this were done?

Amongst the six new Cardinals created recently the personal appearance of Cardinal Svampa, the newly-appointed Archbishop of Bologna, is so remarkable that he attracts every eye. He is in his 43rd year, tall, handsome, with a face like an Apollo, black curly locks fringe a noble head. He is, perhaps, the best looking person in the Sacred College. One of these stories that arise, no one knows where or how, was whispered about him in the vicinity of the Sala Regia on the morning of his elevation to the Sacred College. An old priest, it is said, predicted that the youthful Svampa would be a priest, at a time when no one else thought of such a thing. Then he was ordained to the priesthood; the same old priest said that in the course of time he would become a bishop and finally a cardinal. The old priest is dead years ago, and this last part of his prediction is now fulfilled. But it is further added that when the Pope told him he was to be appointed to Bologna, he said that although he sent him to be Archbishop he would return to Rome and become its Bishop.

The Trappist General is thus described by a Protestant writer who was present recently at an ecclesiastical function at the Vatican in which the distinguished cleric took part:—"An unintelligible

call is uttered by an officer of the Palatine Guard, and the men salute as a shaven monk (the whole head shaven), dressed in cream-coloured robes that fall in majestic folds, comes, accompanied by another monk similarly arrayed. An enamelled cross—crimson and gold—hangs from his neck by a silken cord. He is the Father-General of the Trappists, the severest order in the Church. The officer of the Palatine Guards is profoundly respectful to him, and a solemn inclination of the shaven head recognises the attention. When he has passed, the officer says aloud to a German Cameriere Segreto that he and the solemn-looking Trappist were soldiers together in the Papal army over a quarter of a century ago. The change is great, indeed, from the noisy life of camp and barrack, with its sounds of drum and trumpet and ear-piercing pipe, and loud words of command or the laughter of the bivouac, to the awful stillness of life in a Trappist's monastery, where, save the chant of prayers or psalms, the human voice is never heard uttering other sounds but the lugubrious truism: "Brother, we must die!" It is true that a feeling of peacefulness is associated with the very presence of this silent general in his white robes and golden cross, and his calm face and bright gentle eyes. He is rotund and healthy-looking, yet he and all his order are the strictest of vegetarians. This tells well for a vegetable diet—and a silent life. And so he passes by, to re-appear soon after in the procession that accompanies the Pope.

The Catholic Indians of British Columbia, under the direction of their priests, have made rapid advance in civilisation. There are several excellent brass bands among them, and two or three newspapers set up entirely in shorthand. Shorthand is taught exclusively in the mission schools, so that the majority of adult Catholic Indians in British Columbia are good stenographers. They will hold a great re-union—the largest ever known in the province—at St. Mary's Mission in June. The Indians will come from all the Fraser River reserves, Squamish, Schell, Cowichan, Victoria, Nanaimo North B. rd., Kamloops, and other places. Particular honours are to be paid Bishop Durien by the Indians. A battery of ten cannon will be massed to herald his arrival.

On Sunday evening, June 24, the Sunday within the octave of St. Winefride's martyrdom, a ceremony of a very remarkable and picturesque character took place at Winefride's Well at Holywell. After Benediction in the Catholic Church, the congregation, some hundreds in number, proceeded down to the Well, where a service was held. After the singing of the hymn of St. Winefride, a procession of all present wended its way several times round the Well and precincts. The relic of St. Winefride was afterwards venerated. Father Beauclerk, before dismissing the congregation, addressed to them a few words upon the holy nature of the place, and mentioned that another miracle had been performed the day previously. A poor man came there, he said, suffering from a cancer or tumour of the tongue, which prevented him from speaking or eating, and the doctors had declared that the tongue would have to be cut out. Upon entering the water of the Well blood gushed from his mouth, and he was afterwards able to speak and to partake of food. On Sunday about 500 Catholic excursionists from Liverpool visited the Well.

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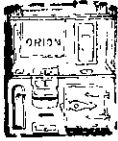
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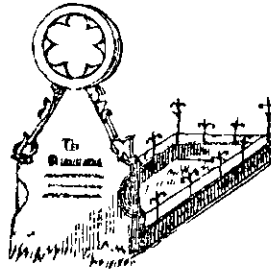
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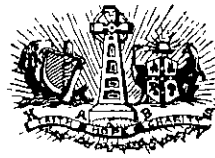
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A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending September 12, as follows:—

Store Cattle—There is no apparent change to record, a moderate amount of business passing, at the same time there is no great animation pervading the market, all offering at reasonable prices do not fail to meet with buyers, but there are not very many suitable lots for present requirements available, and holders of any such are not disposed to quit at prices that would be likely to leave the buyer a margin, consequently less business is being put through.

Store Sheep—The number of these changing hands at the moment is limited, a few crossbred hoggets are being placed, but most sellers of these, especially those who have sufficient feed in the meantime, are holding for higher prices than buyers care at present to give, and business outside of these is merely confined to small and mixed odd lots at the country auction sales held periodically, and prices obtaining for these are no criterion as to the value of well-bred, forward conditioned, straight lines.

County Sales—We placed 400 crossbred hoggets at 9s 4d; 90 do at 10s 6d; and 87 do at 10s; 144 crossbred ewes in lamb at 10s; 10 light steers at 13s 5s; 3 do at 14s; 7 do at 13 10s; 1 cow at 15 10s; 3 do at 14 10s; 1 at 14 5s; 1 at 13; 4 heifers at 13 5s to 14 5s; 16 yearlings at 12, 2 do at 11 10s 6d; and 2 pigs at 10s.

Wool—We have nothing further to report with regard to the tone of the market at Home, and until the news of the opening of the fifth series of wool sales in London, on Tuesday, the 18th inst, there will not possibly be very much of interest to call for attention. The prevailing idea, however, is that closing rates of the last series will be fully maintained, showing, perhaps, a slight advance.

Sheepskins—These continue to command very fair attention, and although prices ruling do not show much of an advance, late values are very firmly maintained. Our auction sale was well attended on Tuesday, when all the members of the trade were present, and competed with a very satisfactory amount of spirit for all sorts. The weather lately has not been favourable for felmongering operations, which, doubtless, to some extent affects the skin market adversely. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 2s 10d; do do merino, 1s 4d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 11d to 4s; extra heavy, 4s 3d to 5s 9d; good to best crossbreds, 4s 9d to 5s 3d; extra heavy, 5s 6d; medium to good, 3s 9d to 4s 6d; green merinos, 1s 10d to 2s 3d.

Rabbitskins—At our auction sale on Monday we had a very full attendance of buyers, when competition was spirited up to the level of last week's prices. It is evident, however, that buyers are not prepared to go higher. Prime winter grey does, 11½ to 1s; mixed bucks and does, best, 10½ to 11½; medium, 9½ to 10½; autumn and early winter, 7d to 9d; summer, 4d to 6d; suckers, half-grown, and inferior, 1½ to 3½; best black and fawn, 10½ to 1s; medium, 7½ to 9½; inferior, 4d to 7d per lb.

Hides—A steady demand exists for all coming to hand at late rates. Prime heavy salted, free from scars, 60 lbs and over, 2½ to 3d; medium, 1½ to 2½; inferior and light, 1d to 1½ per lb.

Tallow and Fat—The market shows no change. Prime rendered mutton, 18s to 20s; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior to medium, 12s 6d to 15s; best fresh mutton caul fat, 12s 9d to 13s; medium to good, 11s 6d to 12s 9d; inferior to medium, 10s to 11s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—Advices from Home in reference to the position of the market there are not so far very encouraging, prices remain fairly steady, but are still very low, affording but little inducement to export. The local market does not show very much animation, odd lots are disposed of at auction occasionally but not very many privately, showing that the demand is not by any means pressing. Shipments of Victorian continue to arrive, which is having an adverse effect on the tone of the market. There is very little show now for any further rise in price, rather contrary unless the market at Home shows an upward tendency which at the moment is somewhat doubtful. Quotations for best milling, velvet, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good to best do and best Tuscan, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; good to best red wheat, 2s 7d to 2s 9d; medium to good 2s 6d to 2s 8d; good whole fowl's wheat, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; broken and inferior, 1s 9d to 2s 4d; (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—A moderate demand only exists for these, and last week's quotations are more difficult to secure. Buyers while willing to operate are not in a position to give prices quite up to those lately obtaining except on very rare occasions. The business done is to a very moderate extent, millers' requirements are weekly becoming smaller, and they now purchase only when suitable lots offer at their valuations. The position is not by any means satisfactory. We quote prime milling 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; best short bright feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; inferior, 1s 1d to 2½d (ex store, truck extra, net).

Barley—The market for this cereal is in much the same position this week as last. There is very little prime offering, indeed not very much of any sort, though perhaps quite sufficient for present requirements. Prime milling, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; choice 4s; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; feed, 1s 8d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra).

Grass Seeds—Byegrass seed is moving off only very slowly, mostly in retail lots, there being but few sales of any magnitude effected. The demand is chiefly for small seed, well-dressed, for which we quote 3s 6d to 3s 9d; choice, 4s; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot is coming off in small lots, best fetching 6d to 6½d; medium, 5d to 5½d per lb.

Chaff—Consignments to hand during the past week have been on a large scale, prices in consequence are easier, best being worth L2 10s to L2 17s 6d; extra, L2 15s; medium to good, L2 5s to L2 7s 6d; inferior, L1 10s to L2 2s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Potatoes—The market is exceedingly flat, the demand being confined to requirements for local consumption, only it is difficult to quit consignments daily coming forward, making the supply so very much in excess of immediate wants, and buyers are not disposed to purchase for stock. Quotations for best Derwents, 32s 6d to 37s 6d; medium to good, 25s to 30s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Dairy Produce—Prime butter has some attention, but cheese is not in much request. Quotations for prime salt butter, dairy made, 7d to 8d; medium 4d to 5d; factory made, 1s to 1s 1d per lb. Factory made cheese, medium size, 4½ to 4¾; loaf shape, 4¾ to 5d; dairy made, 2d to 3½ per lb.

Flax—This being the off season, in the absence of any business being done of any consequence, quotations are nearly nominal, say for medium to good L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12s per ton (ex store).

STENOACH BROS AND MORRIS report for week ending 11th Sept. as follows:—

Fat Cattle—176 head yarded, being sufficient for requirements. Best bullocks, L9 to L12 5s; Medium, L6 5s to L8.

Fat Sheep—2505 penned. Best crossbred wethers 15s 6d to 16s 9d; merino do, 4s 9d to 12s.

Pigs—Only 69 were submitted. Suckers, 8s 6d to 12s 6d; slips, 14s to 16s; stores, 19s to 20s; Porkers, 27s to 32s; light baconers, 35s to 38s.

Store Sheep—Good crossbred and half-bred hoggets are enquired for, but holders' values are a little too high to allow of much business being done.

Rabbitskins—We sold on Monday a very heavy catalogue under good competition. Best winter greys, 1s 0½; all off season sorts showing some little improvement.

Sheepskins—Sales to-day were well attended. Dry crossbreds brought up to 6d per lb; green do, up to 5s 6d each; and merinos, dry, 4½ per lb.

Wool—Last cable report sales of merino wool at an advance of from ½ to 1d per lb, and state that prospects are encouraging for coming auctions.

Hides, Tallow, and Fat—Market unchanged. Demand steady.

Wheat—Best milling to 3s per bushel.

Oats—Prime milling and feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d.

Potatoes—Market dull. Best derwents, 37s 6d to 40s; medium do, 32s 6d to 35s.

Chaff—Heavy, well cut and good colour, L2 15s to L2 17s 6d.

MESSRS DONALD REID AND CO. report as follows:—

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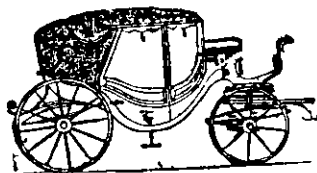
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Tallow—Prime rendered, 18s 6d to 20s; medium, 15s 6d to 18s; inferior, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 10s to 13s 6d.

Wheat—Very prime milling, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good milling, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; fowl feed, 1s 10d to 2s; 6d sacks in).

Oats—Bright and milling feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; medium to good do, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior and musty, 1s to 1s 3½d (sacks extra).

Barley—Best malting, 3s 6d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s to 3s 5d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; feed, 1s 6d to 2s (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Best derwents, L1 15s to L1 17s 6d; medium, L1 10s to L1 12s 6d; kidneys, L2 5s to L2 15s (sacks in).

Chaff—Bright oat sheaf, L2 15s to L2 17s 6d; extra heavy, to L3; medium, L2 5s to L2 12s 6d; straw and inferior, L1 10s to L2.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: feed, 1s 3d to 1s 5d; seed, 1s 7d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 9d to 3s; fowls' wheat, 2s 0d to 2s 6d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, 30s to 45s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 15s 0d. Hay: Oats, £3; ryegrass, £2 5s. Potatoes: seed kidneys, £2 10s; derwents, 30s to 35s. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 to £7 15s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £8 10s; bulk, £8. Butter, fresh, 7d to 10d. salt, 7d, fair demand. Eggs, 6d per dozen (fair supply.)

WELLINGTON STOCK, HORSE, AND PRODUCE MARKET. A. G. TAINE, and Co. report on the markets for the week ending September 6:—

Fat Sheep—Prime are in good demand, heavy weathers up to 17s 6d; good weathers, 14s to 16s; light, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; fat ewes, 12s 6d to 13s 6d for good weights; store weathers, 11s to 12s for very fresh; 9s 6d to 10s 6d for ordinary; ewes in lamb, a good inquiry, sales effected at and up to 8s 6d; young do, 10s to 11s 6d; hoggets, good inquiry but few offering, we quote up to 10s; medium to 7s.

Fat Cattle—We can place all offering at market values and quote prime beef, 20s to 21s per 100 lb.

Store cattle are selling freely now that the grass is springing. Weaners, 27s 6d; yearlings, 40s; 2-year-old steers, L3; 3-year-olds L4 to L4 15s; dairy cows, still a good demand for young cows and even aged cows are selling now if just calved or close to calving; aged, L5 to L5 10s; young, L7 to L8 10s. We held our monthly stock sale at the Lower Hutt on Tuesday last. The entry was composed mainly of dairy cows and cattle. We sold a line of heifers at L4 10s; cows, L5 to L5 12s 6d; aged do to L3 5s; yearlings 36s; 5 sows at 25s, and store pigs at 12s 6d.

Horses—There was only a small entry of horses in the yards on Saturday last, including a few draughts. The attendance was moderate but a fair number of horses changed hands. We sold draughts at L11 10s; and got L5 10s for an aged draught; specimen hacks sold at L6; and harness horses at L6 to L8. A few weeks time should make a difference in the demand for hacks and harness horses.

Sheepskins—The fine weather has caused buyers to operate more freely, and we can now place large quantities at good prices. Quotations are a shade firmer than last week.

Tallow—18s to 20s for best; medium, 15s to 16s.

Wheat—fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 9d.

Oats—Quiet, 1s 9d to 10½d for best.

Potatoes—Plentiful supply, slack demand, market falling.

Property—We have inquiries for good 4 to 6 roomed houses and can effect sales at firm values. Hotels are also wanted.

Messrs Brown, Ewing, and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, are now showing their spring and summer novelties. The selection of the goods has been made with the special taste for which the firm has long been notable—and the public will find their wants provided for in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. Please see G. & T. Young's advertisement on first page. Note also the following:—Fashions in Jewellery, etc, change more rapidly now than they used to do, and, in order to be able to purchase the newest patterns as they come out, G. & T. YOUNG have laid aside a large lot of goods of all kinds which have been in stock for some time, and which they have decided to clear at any price. Now is the time to secure bargains. Call and see those we offer, and amongst them a special line of silver American Waltham watches. G. & T. YOUNG, 88 Princes street, Dunedin, and at Wellington, Timaru, and Oamaru.

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In the dim and countless eons long ago,
"I will build a stronghold high,
Ocean's power to defy,
And the pride of haughty man to lay low."
Crept the minutes for the sad:
Sped the cycles for the glad,
But the march of time was neither less nor more;
While the formless atom died,
Myriad millions by its side,
And above them lifted slowly Roncador,
Roncador of Caribee,
Coral dragon of the sea,
Ever sleeping with his teeth below the wave;
Woe to him who breaks the sleep!
Woe to them who sail the deep!
Woe to ship and man that fear a shipman's grave!

her many a galleon old,
vy-keeled with guilty gold,
Fled before the hardy rover smiting sore;
But the sleeper silent lay
Till prayer and his prey
Brought their plunder and their bones to Roncador.
Be content, O con queror!
Now our bravest ship of war,
War and tempest who had often braved before,
All her storied prowces past,
Strikes her glorious flag at last
To the formless thing that builded Roncador!

—JAMES JEFFREY ROCHE, in the *May Century*.

AVONDHU.

Oh, Avondhu! I wish I were
As once upon that mountain bare,
Where thy young waters laugh and shine
On the wild breast of Meenganine.
I wish I were by Cleada's bill,
Or by Glenruchra's rusby rill;
But, no! I never more shall view
Those scenes I loved by Avondhu.

Farewell, ye soft and purple streaks
Of evening on the beauteous Beaks;
Farewell, ye mists that loved to ride
On Cahirbearn's stormy side;
Farewell, November's moaning breeze,
Wild minstrel of the dying trees;
Clara! a fond farewell to you,
No more we meet by Avondhu.

No more—but thou, O glorious hill,
Lift to the moon thy forehead still;
Flow on, flow on, thou dark, swift river,
Upon thy free, wild course forever.
Exult, young hearts in lifetime's Spring,
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 Friday, 21—ST MATTHEW, Apos'tle, Quarter Tense.
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The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1894.

PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

THE Catholics of New Zealand provide, at their own sole expense, an excellent education for their own children. Yet such is the sense of justice and policy in the New Zealand Legislature that it compels these Catholics, after having manfully provided for their own children, to contribute largely towards the free and godless education of other people's children!!! This is tyranny, oppression, and plunder.

"ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BILL."



HEN Baron Von STEIN inaugurated his system of Prussian Land Banks it was confidently predicted by his political enemies and the many interested opponents of the measure that agriculture would be retarded and national disaster take the place of national progress. The event has long since shown the wisdom of practically "trusting the people" and helping, by timely monetary assistance, the struggling German farmer. Money was lent at low rate of interest to tillers of the soil, with the result that languishing agriculture flourished apace, commerce increased with marvellous rapidity, and the country quickly prospered. "An Advance to Settlers Bill" has been laid before the House by the Government. It is proposed to lend money at a very low rate of interest to New Zealand farmers, both freeholders and leaseholders. Immediately from end to end of the Colony a howl of disapproval is raised by the large number of men who have no direct interest in helping the farming class or who have a direct interest in retaining the present high rate of interest and excessive legal charges. "New Zealand is on the verge of national bankruptcy!" "This novel, unheard-of, ill-considered measure will by no means advance land settlement, but bring ruin, or something approaching to national disaster on our fair

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young land!" We have listened to this kind of talk during the nearly quarter century of our existence. We have, however, invariably noticed that pessimists in opposition become optimists when they have the box seat and drive the coach of State. It is not to be expected that the shareholders in land companies and directors of financial institutions, who have received handsome fees and dividends out of the enormous interest paid by farmers, will take kindly to a policy which substitutes 5 per cent for 10 per cent or more. We need not wonder if all over the Colony the gentlemen who obtain the very maximum of legal charges, and see business taken out of their hands and transacted at a minimum rate, will view the proposal through bright gold-rimmed spectacles. New Zealand has now its croakers, and Prussia once, in this same matter, had its prophets of evil. We trust that the experience of the Old World may be repeated at the Antipodes. We have long been of opinion that the prosperity of this magnificent Colony is coterminous with the promotion of agriculture. "Settle the people on the land; help the struggling farmer." That should be the cry of every true lover of his country. Even if some direct loss were the consequence of assisting land cultivation and farming industries, great indirect gain would justify the Colony in promoting some scheme like the one before the House. We consider the money spent in opening up the country and developing its resources well spent, and do not feel alarmed at even the possibility of some loss. When comparatively useless railroads were made along our fine seaboard we heard little from the benefitted landowners who are now so opposed to borrowing for works which will be of real service to the development of colonial industries. We are not prepared to say that the present measure is the best possible of its kind. It is necessarily tentative here. Hence care should be taken in framing its every provision, but careful action is preferable to selfish inactivity. The principle of the Bill is sound, as experience in older lands has shown, and, we feel assured, will commend itself to the people. As to the provisions of the measure, it is said that 1½ per cent will not cover all expenses of management, and provide for certain losses. No doubt, however, Government have carefully considered the matter and ascertained the views of men experienced in such finance before coming to a conclusion. It is considered that advance to the extent of two-thirds value of freehold lands and one half value of interest on certain leasehold lands will be safe finance. Opposition says "No"! Government says "Yes"! Whom are we to believe? We note that the present Government proposes as its great policy to help agriculture and land settlement. We remember who have retarded land settlement and promoted land monopoly. We incline to the belief that the people should be trusted now. We do not heed the bogey that they will by political trickery repudiate their debts to the country. The farming class is not all New Zealand. We have a large commercial, artizan, and labouring class, who though divided at present would at once combine if preponderating influence were given to a privileged class. We favour the creation of a special Office for this special work. Every chance should be given for the effective working of the Bill, and undivided interest should be given by the Superintendent to his great work. With a general board of six persons consisting of the Colonial Treasurer, the Public Trustee, the Government Insurance Commissioner, the Surveyor-General, the Solicitor-General, and the Commissioner of Taxes, there will not be much danger of hasty action or ill-advised advances on the part of the Superintendent even though he preside and have a deliberative and casting vote. With regard to advances themselves, not less than £50 or more than £5000 will be given on freehold. The term of loan is 36½ years, repayable half-yearly at five per cent. The mortgagor may reduce his mortgage debt by earlier payments of principle. A noticeable feature in the Bill is the small figure for legal charges. The sum of £1 11s 6d for valuation and legal expenses for £1000 loan appears insignificant alongside the heavy costs which borrowing farmers have hitherto reckoned as part of their outlay.

ST PATRICK'S church, South Dunedin, will be opened by the Bishop of Christchurch, on Sunday, October 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. The Very Rev Father Mackay, Diocesan Administrator, will act, on the occasion, as celebrant of High Mass.

MR ROBERT C. GILMOUR, in a letter to the *Otago Daily Times*, asks for the false position stated by the historian Mosheim, and the

statements from St Eligius, which give the historian the lie direct. Here is the one, the passage from Mosheim, as quoted by Mr Gilmour in a letter of August 30:—"During this century true religion lay buried under a senseless mass of superstitions, and was unable to raise her head. The earlier Christians had worshipped only God and his Son, but those called Christians in this century worshipped the wood of a cross, the images of holy men, and bones of dubious origin. The early Christians placed heaven and hell before the view of men, these latter talked only of a certain fire prepared to purge away the imperfections of the soul. The former taught that Christ had made expiation for the sins of men by his death and blood; the latter seemed to inculcate that the gates of heaven would be closed against none who should enrich the clergy or the church with their donations. The former were studious to maintain a holy simplicity and to follow a pure and chaste piety; the latter placed the substance of religion in external rites and bodily exercises. Did anyone hesitate to believe, two irrefragable arguments were at hand—the authority of the church, and miracles, for the working of which in these times of ignorance but a moderate share of dexterity was requisite." The other passage, that from St Eligius, runs thus, as given by Cardinal Newman in his "Lectures on the Present Position of Catholics in England,"—"Wherefore, my brethren, love your friends in God, and love your enemies for God, for he who loveth his neighbour hath fulfilled the law. . . . He is a good Christian who believes not in charms or inventions of the devil, but places the whole of his hope in Christ alone; who receives the stranger with joy, as though he were receiving Christ himself. . . . who gives alms to the poor in proportion to his possessions. . . . who has no deceitful balances or deceitful measures. . . . who both lives chastely himself and teaches his neighbours and his children to live chastely, and in the fear of God. . . . Behold, ye have heard, my brethren, what sort of people good Christians are. . . . to the end that ye be true Christians, always ponder the precepts of Christ in your mind, and also fulfil them in your practice. . . . Keep peace and charity, recall the contentious to concord, avoid lies, tremble at perjury, bear no false witness, commit no theft. . . . observe the Lord's day. . . . do as you would be done by. . . . visit the infirm. . . . seek out those who are in prison."

A PASSAGE relative to the late Major Scully quoted by us in a recent issue was accredited by mistake to the *Hawke's Bay Herald*. It had appeared in the *Evening News*.

HERE is another hopeful sign with regard to the House of Lords. It is evidently found necessary to pile up the agony in support of it. A cablegram, under date Washington, September 11, runs as follows:—"The Irish Nationalists in America have issued a manifesto pointing out that whereas the American Irish at a secret meeting in 1884 agreed to suspend active operations, and 10 years have not hampered the parliamentary party in England, and that the latter have gained nothing, the truce should now be ended."

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

THE following circular has been addressed to the clergy, by his Lordship the Bishop:—

Dear Rev Father,—You have already received the circular addressed by the bishops of New Zealand to all the priests of this Colony. It is to be read and explained to the faithful, who should be reminded of their solemn duty of sending their children to our Catholic schools, when not farther distant than three miles from their homes.

You will also receive by this mail a touching appeal for Mount Magdala. It was written by the Christchurch correspondent of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET. It embodies a deal that I had intended to say to you about that noble institute. Be good enough to tell your people that the collection prescribed in this diocese on Rosary Sunday will be taken up on that day in all the churches and chapels in behalf of the home of the Good Shepherd at Mount Magdala.

You may read from the printed appeal, what, in your wisdom and charity, you deem most appropriate to rouse the generosity of your respective flocks. Once read it should be affixed together with the Bishop's circular to or near the church door. It will again remind our faithful people of the wonderful work so wonderfully performed day after day by a few heroic spouses of Christ for poor souls sprinkled with the Blood of the Spotless Lamb. This telling appeal, added to the eloquent words wherewith you will not fail to put forth the claims of the devoted Sisters, and their dear children of Mount Magdala, will, I trust, cause this year's collection to exceed any ever made on Rosary Sunday.

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Wishing you and yours every blessing,—I remain, dear Bev Father, yours faithfully in Christ,

† J. J. GRIMES, S.M., Bishop of Christchurch,
 Christchurch, Feast of our Lady's Nativity, September 8th, 1894.

Correspondence.

[We are not responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

LOWER HUTT PARISH.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—Be good enough to insert in your next issue some special parochial news, and you will oblige. Thus—owing to the increase of population in this parish, and also the extent of same, His Grace the Most Rev Dr Bedwood, S.M. deemed it necessary and expedient to divide the parish. As the division has actually taken place I think it only fair, just, and proper that I should give an account of my stewardship during the time of my office.

I do so, in all conscience, through the medium of your invaluable journal, in order that the outlying districts may know how they stand financially, in regard to their respective places. I also wish to tender my most cordial thanks to my parishioners for their very great and unceasing kindness to me, as also to express my very high esteem and appreciation of their untiring efforts in co-operating with me in my humble endeavours to improve the status of the Church in this locality. The members of the parish deserve richly all the praise and encomiums I can lavish on them, because of their ardent zeal and fervent devotion in the cause of religion.

Now I wish to be as brief and as concise as possible, and place before my people a summary of the various improvements and expenditure accruing therefrom since I have been appointed to take charge.

Through the kindness of my illustrious Archbishop, I was appointed to look after the spiritual welfare of the Hutt parish in February, 1886. At once, through the generous and liberal assistance of my new parishioners, we set about erecting a presbytery—and the result was that a very nice, commodious and respectable one was put up at a cost of £703, including out offices. In the first two years the debt was cleared off.

Our next and best efforts were directed towards the school. The school has been improved considerably, painted, furnished, and a substantial addition put on to it at an outlay of £210. This expenditure also was wiped away in a short time, leaving the parish a handsome, accommodating school for the children. A sound, practical, and Christian education is being imparted by the talented nuns of the illustrious Order of Mercy, from Wellington, which is a very great boon in an out district.

During the last two years our attention and energies were given towards our church at Lower Hutt, which stood in need of repairing and enlarging. A beautiful transept has been erected, together with furnishing, carpeting, statues, baptismal font, and has come to £701 13s. Towards the liquidation fund we had been able to pay in £532 13s, leaving a debt balance of £169 still to pay on the church here.

Now, as regard the Upper Hutt, which is twelve miles from Lower Hutt, I may without any exaggeration say that the members

of the Catholic Church up there have one of the nicest country churches in the colony, which reflects very great credit and honour on them. However, of late years we incurred a little expense in painting it, and erecting a very fine vestry, total cost, £120, and paid for, so that they can boast of having no debt on their church whatever.

At Pahautanni also, which is about twenty miles from the Hutt, there is a very pretty little church, which does honour to the members of the congregation there. The families, indeed, are very few, but zealous and good. Through their ardent devotion and fervent piety, as well as their generosity, they painted, lined, and built a nice porch to the House of God. They have, moreover, fenced in the grounds and purchased an organ—all told, amounted to the sum of £170 which they have paid off, reflecting very great credit on the few, but well-to-do, members of the district.

During the last two years the Obaro district has been annexed to Hutt parish, and the parishioners there were not found wanting in their refined task and zeal for the glory of God. They purchased an organ, ironed their church, and Mr Bassett, an old and much respected member of the congregation, made a fine present to the church in the way of a nice pair of candelabra. Cost of repairs, £60, all paid for except a little on the iron as yet, which I believe is cleared off by this, and so a good accommodating church stands to their praise and glory.

In respect to Porirua, another of the outlying places, let it be understood that no church stands there at present, but an old settler named Mr McGrath, who died a few years ago, left to the Archdiocese a legacy of £200 to erect a church there, so I dare say, before long, the people will have a church going up in their midst.

Petone has no church as yet, but there is one in contemplation. Many of the residents came in to the Lower Hutt church, as it is only a distance of about 1½ miles. Petone, being a suburb of Wellington, is wonderfully progressing and so now demands a pastor of its own, owing to the increasing population.

Petone and the other outlying districts go to form the new parish, to the charge of which His Grace has appointed Rev E. Donnelly. The Hutt proper are to remain under the old rector, J. J. Lane.

Sundry repairs to St Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt, old part, such as erecting a gallery staircase, and painting, repairing tower, amounted to £109 9s.

This very concise balance sheet has been submitted for the information and satisfaction of all concerned, and not through any vain or nonsensical motives of vanity on my part whatsoever, and it will be seen from the summary of the bulk sums of expenditure given, that a total of £2,073 13s has been spent in various improvements and that only a debt of £169 remains to be paid off, and this on the transept of the Lower Hutt church. This may not appear much, but when we consider the sparse and scattered population, it is a great deal and speaks volumes for the goodness and generosity of the people who live in their respective districts. I beg to thank all most sincerely for their warmheartedness and liberality towards me personally, and express my deep debt of gratitude to them for their exceedingly kind co-operation with me in seconding my little efforts for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

I also return my best thanks to my many kind friends in Wellington who have, on all occasions, patronised us at the Hutt and encouraged us by their presence at picnics. My especial thanks are due to the kind, good, and generous-hearted Lady Buckley who gave me a nice donation of ten pounds for the church. Once again I express my gratitude to all and trust that the best and warmest Christian feelings of charity will always exist between us and our new parish. Wishing the new rector and his promising and good parishioners all joy and success,—I am, etc.

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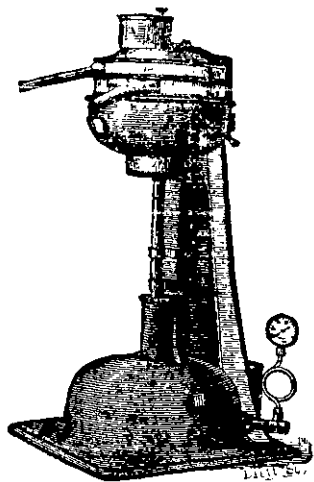
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A SKELPING FOR SCOBIE.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—I noticed in the last issue of the TABLET that you let Scobie Mackenzie down very tenderly. True the immortal poet says that mercy "is mightiest in the mightiest, it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown." Yet there is such a thing as an abuse of mercy. This must be admitted by even the large-hearted and magnanimous editor of the TABLET. Why not then call a spade a spade and say that Scobie's speech at Naseby was a piece of blatant egotism, treacherous innuendoes, and studious insult to the "crowd"? Doubtless those of the crowd who saw the report in the *Daily Times* have long ago come to the same or a like conclusion. Anyone undertaking to go to the trouble would find that the pronoun "I" occurs about eighty times to a column of the speech. I, I, I, I, I, Scobie, Scobie, Scobie, Scobie, Scobie, and nothing but Scobie, self-sufficient, boastful, all-important, endeavouring to make appear that he was all victorious, the hero of the hour. He is just like man in the novel who in a pugilistic encounter got tumbled on the broad of his back and being flattened in the mud and mire found his antagonist still making broader and broader the base of his already bloody nose. But strange to say as the blows come down in rapid succession the unfortunate man used to cry out "I'm the boy for you, I'm the boy for you, I'm the boy for you," which rustic parlance meant that he was the victor. So does Scobie too. Though he is debarred from a seat in the House of Representatives and consigned to stomp on the "tailings" of Naseby, yet, like the man with the "bloody nose," "he is the boy for us," he is the victor. Here is some of his boasting twaddle. "I don't think," he says, "there can be any doubt that it is better to be defeated and respected than victorious and despised," yes, but no one has the least doubt and least of all Scobie himself that he is not only not victorious and not respected but even thoroughly despised. In the course of his effusion he complained of the attitude of his friends. "He noticed," he said, "how cautious all the speakers were to keep off dangerous ground." It was dangerous then even there in presence of the great Scobie to say a word against the Government or in favour of the Oppositionists. There poor Scobie sat, and neither on his right nor on his left could he find one who thought his policy worthy of praise, or one who would give him the satisfaction of saying one word against the policy of his political opponents. And this, forsooth, is the man who was all victorious, who was highly respected, who was not thoroughly despised. Perhaps he was most ludicrous when he gloated over the battles which he fought and won in other days—his ancient renown, and splendour and glory. "I believe," he says "I have had to fight the very stiffest political battles the Colony has known: the fighting was there to do and I did it." Oh yes, no doubt when long ago building in imagination his temple of fame, he made ample provision for statuary, which should at once express and reflect the brightness of his stainless character, the lustre of his victories, the splendour of his renowned achievements, and the brilliancy of his proud triumphs. But lo! what disappointment: "*sic transit gloria mundi*" "Thus the glory of the world fades away." "Oh, how fallen, how changed from him" whose very name according to his own notion of himself was the admiration of his friends as well as the terror of his foes. But a year ago and Scobie might have stood against the world. "Now lies he there and none so poor as to do him reverence." "From what a height fallen." What a colossal collapse! The political back of the Oppositionist's ridden to death by his masters. This Naseby effort sounds very much like a dying groan. Why Scobie claims the respect of the people no one, not even himself, can tell. To judge him by this very speech he merits the opposite. In this very speech

he did all in his power to wreck and ruin the influence of the New Zealand Parliament and the credit of the Colony. The Parliament is the representative of the people, and the Parliament as a high court of justice he treats with jibes and sneers. How any man who has the welfare of the Colony at heart could sit down tamely and listen to Scobie traduce New Zealand is more than can be reasonably comprehended. It was simply wicked for him to assert that the colonists were dead to all responsibility in the matter of borrowing—that they borrowed without any intention of paying. The words he puts into the mouths of the people mean nothing else. He says, "They (the people) seem to say to themselves, 'the Colony is just as bad as it can be; let us get a little money in heaven's name and let the future take care of itself.'" "It is a terrible prospect," adds he. It would be a deplorable prospect for the integrity and independence of New Zealand if the day should come, and a man could with impunity malign to his heart's content his fellow colonists. It was a deplorable sight in Naseby that no one present had pluck enough to apply the gag to Scobie. The reason why he made this insidious attempt to blight and blast colonial reputation is not difficult to find. The crowd are becoming possessed of the land; squatterdom, if not defunct, is in the throes of death; men, women, and children are taking the place of the shepherd and his dogs. Scobie is not the man whose eyes are shut to this fact, that very soon the "crowd" will be the owners of the land of New Zealand. Scobie knows this and Scobie hates the crowd. The old proverb, "The ruling passion strong in death," revealed itself in his raving at Naseby. But really it is only a political maniac would treat the crowd as he, by implication, treated them in this banquet speech. He is speaking of the borrowing policy of the Government and he makes a Cabinet Minister "with a scrap of conscience" put to the Ministry in Council the following question: "What is the use of our talking about non-borrowing and self-reliance while the real facts are stated in the public accounts?" He makes "a more daring Minister" answer, "Don't you trouble yourself about the public accounts. The crowd knows nothing about them and cares nothing about them. Let us keep on the right side of them by harping on the large estates, the workingmen's Government and all the rest of it, and they will believe us or pretend to believe us in spite of the fact." And immediately he adds, "That is in effect what is being said and done." Here the crowd are charged with suffering themselves to be belittled and to be despised by the Ministry, and with suffering their intelligence to be insulted. And it is said, in effect, that they are incapable of resenting the insult thus offered to their manhood. The crowd are also charged with lying wholesale. It is absolutely charged that they (the crowd) have themselves offered a most terrible outrage to their own moral nature. "The crowd knows nothing about them, and cares nothing about them, and they will believe us or pretend to believe us in spite of the fact." "This," Scobie says, "is in effect what is being said and done"—said by the Ministry and done by the crowd. Ah, Sir, Scobie detests the crowd, Scobie despises the crowd, and Scobie hates the crowd. Those have been always the leading features of his political creed, and now that he is in the throes of political death, the ruling passion would have its fling. But though Scobie be in the throes of political death, his insults should be answered with a blow, and with such a blow as would be sure to extinguish beyond recall the political existence of one who has gone out of his way to traduce the people of the Colony.—I am etc,

ONE OF THE CROWD.

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Irish News.

(From the Irish World.)

Antrim.—A circular has been sent to the members of the North Antrim Constitutional Association, calling a meeting of Unionist delegates in Ballymoney on Thursday next to select a candidate for North Antrim, in the room of Mr Connor, who is about to resign. The candidates likely to be put forward at the meeting are George Hill Smith, B.L.; Charles McNaughton, B.L., London; Colonel McCalmont, and Dr Traill, while the claims of several prominent Liberal-Unionists will be discussed.

Clare.—O'Donovan Bossa's visit to Ennis and lecture on his prison experiences were marked by an original incident. It was originally contemplated to have the lecture in the Town Hall, but the Ennis Town Commissioners Committee declined to give it, as the address would be a political one, and there is a clause in the lease under which the building is held against letting it for such uses. A special meeting of the commissioners subsequently ratified the action of the committee, and it was understood the meeting would be held in the Ennis Temperance Hall. However, after Mr Bossa's arrival in town some of his friends succeeded in getting into the Town Hall through the caretaker's apartments and opened the front door to the public. A large and most enthusiastic public meeting was then held under the chairmanship of Mr P. J. Linnane, T.C. After the lecture speeches were delivered by various speakers, and the action of the Town Commissioners in refusing the hall was criticised sharply.

Cork.—Lady Aberdeen recently visited the Convent of Mercy, Kinsale, and was received by the reverend mother and the other

try." Then English laws and cruel landlords are responsible for the increase, if any.

Fermanagh.—Right Rev Mgr. John A. Maguire, a reputed scion of the Maguires of Fermanagh has been appointed auxiliary Bishop of Glasgow, Scotland. The new prelate was born in Glasgow of Irish parents and is one of the ablest preachers in the United Kingdom. A great churchman he is, and the only man of Irish blood among the Scottish Hierarchy.

Kildare.—The County Kildare Grand Jury, assembled in the Courthouse, Naas, to-day, for the transaction of the fiscal business of the county. Baron de Bobeck, D.L., was foreman, and there was a large muster of grand jurors present. The promoters of the projected steam tram way between Newbridge and the Curragh applied for power to construct the proposed line, and submitted a number of witnesses on behalf of the scheme. The project was opposed by the War Office and by a large number of the inhabitants of Newbridge. After considerable discussion the project was unanimously rejected. It is stated that the matter will be brought on again.

Kerry.—Seizures of fifteen head of cattle were made recently on the Kenmare estate from tenants named Hoolahan and Cahill.

An extraordinary seizure has been made at Ansee, when after several days' siege, the Sheriff's bailiff's succeeded in obtaining possession of twelve head of cattle belonging to a farmer named Mulvihill. Some days ago the bailiffs proceeded to put a decree for a sum of £42 into execution and succeeded in securing a quantity of hay and turf, not, however, sufficient to satisfy the debt. All the stock of Mulvihill, including cows and pigs, were stored in a room of his dwelling house, and securely locked up. The bailiffs appeared at a loss how to proceed, and telegraphed for instruction to the Sheriff as to their action, and were told to smash the doors and procure the

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Yesterday a large and enthusiastic Nationalist meeting was held at Mallow under the auspices of the National Federation. A very interesting speech was delivered by the president, the Rev F. M. O'Callaghan, C.C., in the course of which he said—As the most effectual mode for the prevention of warfare is to be ever prepared for the fray, so the best mode of action with regard to the inevitable general election is to present to our Tory and Redmondite adversaries a united front, a consolidated body. Accordingly, though much has been done within the past few months in the way of registration and enrolment, yet much remains. Mallow has been named a "centre," and to it, as to a rallying point, other branches, adjacent and remote, direct their attention. We then wish that it go forth from us that none should remain unenrolled, none backward, where all are necessary (cheers).

Dublin.—Dr Hack Tuke's statement as to the reason for the alleged increase of insanity is correct. He says that: "The mental worry and excitement that arose out of evictions that had taken place in Ireland irrespective of whether they were justifiable or not—had tended to increase the amount of insanity in the coun-

cattle. Forty police arrived on the scene, and some five hundred persons from the surrounding districts assembled, evidently bent on rescuing the cattle, and it was not till the consequence of such a step was pointed out to them that they were dissuaded from their intention. The doors of the rooms in which the cattle were confined were broken open and twelve head of cattle, which presented a very poor appearance owing to their enforced imprisonment, were seized.

Kilkenny.—At the suit of Messrs Priestly and Flynn, through the Bankruptcy Court, the eleven months' grass of the evicted farm of John Conway was put up for auction at Ashtown. The only bidder was Aylward at £10, the man from whom Mr Conway bought his interest.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquarians, held at Kilkenny, the Rev Canon Hewson read a paper on "Oghams, including four recently discovered." He said that the prevailing opinion was that the Ogham stones dated before Christianity, and that their language was purely Irish, while Bishop Graves of Limerick contended they contained Latin words here and there, and even the names of historical persons known to have been Christians. Canon Hewson mentioned that in Kerry, there was an inscription which contained a Latin name borne by several distinguished Irishmen, historical personages in ancient times. Bishop Graves read this as the Latin name of a man. Naturally, while Mr Brush, the author of a very learned standard book on Oghams, treated it as Irish, and found in the Irish part of the same the Irish for plain, field or territory, and in the latter part the well-known Irish name Rian or Ryan, translating Ryan's country, on the same stone the Bishop found a cut that he took for the Christian symbol—a cross inclosed in a square. Mr Brush believing that the Ogham was prior to the introduction of

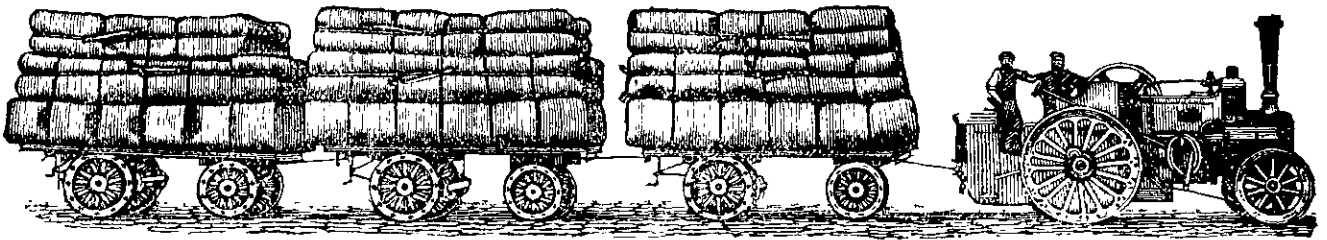
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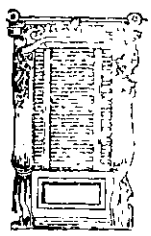
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Christianity, suggested that this was a map of Ryan's country. This case illustrates the divergence of the two opinions, but it also shows the unquestionable antiquity of the name of Ryan, so familiar throughout Tipperary.

Leitrim.—Intense pleasure has been expressed in Nationalist circles in Leitrim at the appointment of Dr Mulcahy, Ballinamore, and Mr Robert Wallace, Cloonmorris, Dromod, to the Commission of the Peace. These are gentlemen who never wavered in their devotion to principle when occasion needed avowal, and their intelligence and independence of character have been already well known.

Mayo.—The Right Hon Mr Justice O'Brien entered the Crown Court at Castlebar to-day, and the grand jury having been sworn, his lordship in addressing them said—not very many cases will come before you at this session for the exercise of your authority as a branch of the criminal jurisdiction of the county, and they are not of the least degree of importance—assaults not of a serious character, and trifling offence of a purely social and domestic nature, such as will always occur in any community. The returns of the constabulary of the offences reported show some increase on the corresponding period of last year.

Meath.—During the past fortnight several meetings were held in North and South Meath. New branches of the National Federation were formed or old branches reorganised. Resolutions in support of the Irish Party were passed and in many cases arrangements made for collections for the National Fund. Mr P. F. McDonald addressed the various meetings.

Monaghan.—The Irish National Federation is making rapid strides in the county. Branches are being established all over the county.

Roscommon.—Maria Wallace of Ashbrook, who was a familiar figure around Stokesstown, and whose grotesque sayings were ever the source of much merriment to her neighbours, died suddenly a few days ago. She always talked largely about imaginary legacies bequeathed to her. She was in Stokesstown a few hours before her death, and her demise caused no little surprise.

The Newcastle Evening News of Monday says in its editorial column: "Mr Jasper Tully, editor and proprietor of the *Roscommon Herald* and proprietor of a newspaper at Mullingar, has commenced a series of political addresses in our neighbourhood. He is going the round of the district with Mr Ryan, the well-known organizer, in the interests of the National League. Mr Jasper Tully should know as much about the Irish question as any Irishman living. He was a "suspect" and has been imprisoned under all the recent Coercion acts. It says very little for the deterrent influence of these laws that the men who have most suffered by them are the most honoured by their own countrymen. We wish Mr Tully every success."

Tipperary.—At a recent meeting of the Grange branch of the Irish National Federation, Mr John Morrissey presiding, the following resolution was passed proposed and seconded by Patrick Wall and Thomas Keating, respectively: "That we call on Nationalist M.P's, under the leadership of Mr Justin McCarthy, to obey the ruling of the majority in all matters of Nationalist interest, and as the general election may be on at any moment, to close up their ranks and present an unbroken front to the enemy."

Tyrone.—The police of Donegan went out on revenue duty recently, and after a hard search found a still at work, with four barrels of wash, also a large number of utensils generally used for illicit distillation.

Waterford.—Waterford Corporation has refused to accept the Compulsory Education Act until the Government includes the Christian Brothers in the Act. Rev J. T. Hayes, Superior Waterpark College, and the Rev J. Nugent, Superior Christian Brothers' schools, were present.

Westmeath.—On Sunday last a veteran Walthonian named Wm Meares, who resides in Mullingar, had the good fortune to capture by means of rod and reel a huge trout. The following are

the dimensions of the fish.—Weight, 26lb. 2oz; length, 34½in; girth, 28½in; at the gill, 20in; at the tail, 9in; tail, 10½in; diameter, 12in; thickness, 5½in.

WHO KILLED GEORGE TENER?

(By MAGDALEN ROCK, in the *Ave Maria*.)

(Concluded.)

So long did Mary remain with the priest's house-keeper that she met Mr Nagle returning alone; and Mrs Cregan was sitting, pale and tearful, on the side of the road opposite to her house when she arrived.

"What did he leave you, Margaret?" Mary questioned, eagerly.

"Mary," Mrs Cregan responded, with a great sob, and catching fast hold of the woman, "God is good. Patrick is cleared."

"Cleared!"

"Yes: the magistrate has Morgan's confession in his pocket. He says he'll be home soon. Oh, I can't thank God enough! But sure I never doubted—I never doubted all the time."

She fell on her knees with a cry, dragging the bewildered Mary with her.

"And I'm forgetting him," nodding toward the house, "and he lying. Mary pray, pray that God may give him grace to die well—that he may forgive him. Father Dan is with him."

It was some time before Mary understood how Morgan had confessed that he had murdered Tener for the money he carried with him that night. He had thought that, once he was settled on the Widow McGuinness's farm, with her father's help, he might win Sheila for his wife. He did not intend to fix the guilt of murder on Patrick Cregan; but when he saw suspicion falling on him, he had thought how well it would be to get rid of a rival, and thus to secure his own safety.

Mary had gone to spread the wonderful news through the village before Father Dan opened the cottage door and signed to Margaret to enter. A great change had taken place in Morgan's appearance: his features were drawn and pinched, and his eyes had the glassy stare of death; but an expression of profound peace was there too. He shrank back on the pillows as Margaret came forward.

"Margaret," the priest whispered, "for his own soul's sake forgive him."

She did not speak, but her glance reassured Father Dan, and he let her approach the bed.

"I forgive you from my heart," she said—"from my heart, James Morgan; and I promise Patrick shall forgive you too."

"You can say that, now that you know all?" Morgan cried.

"I can, I can, thank God!"

"Then Father Dan, I have hope. God will not be harder—" he stopped, and looked at Margaret. "It was when I heard her praying for me that I first thought of telling all, and then I thought again I would rot; and sure I need not be thanked, now that I am dying." His pause a moment. "You reminded me of my mother. If she had lived, I would not be what I am—not that I meant to kill him: I wanted the money, but I could not get it—till—till he was dead. She was a good woman, and maybe she was praying for me too. I did not follow her teaching; and when one has neither kith nor kin nor home—"

His voice failed suddenly, and Mrs Cregan raised him and held a cup to his lips.

"It will soon be over. O Father, say it again—that you are sure God will forgive me!"

"He will, He will! He Himself has said so!"

And Father Dan, ere he began the prayers for the dying, quoted the words that have consoled many a sinner. Before they were ended Morgan was dead.

There were many formalities to be observed, and it was some time before Patrick Cregan was released. When he reached Lisbeg,

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Shiela and he were quietly married shortly after his release, Mrs Cregan, strange to say, preferred to live in the home to which she had come as a bride, and in which she had passed so many lonely hours. Patrick's affairs prospered; and many times in the year Mrs Cregan is still brought over to see the grandchildren, who never weary of hearing the story of Morgan's confession and of her own most welcome legacy.

Dublin Notes.

(From Contemporaries.)

THE Countess of Aberdeen arrived in Achill Sound on Tuesday afternoon, July 24, accompanied by the Right Hon T. A. Dickson, Mr T. W. Belleston, and Mr Graves, of the Irish Industries Association, The Rev P. J. Connolly, P.P., and the Rev Mr Fitzgerald, rector, read and presented addresses of welcome. The object of the visit is to get information, and to find out whether the Irish Industries Association can be of any use in promoting home industries by which the Association intends to try to ameliorate the condition of the people of Achill.

Rarely has there been such general tranquility in the South of Ireland as exists at present. Nothing has so strikingly demonstrated the peacefulness and good order that prevails as the sobriety and decorum which were shown at athletic meetings which have recently taken place in County Cork. At Donoughmore on Sunday, and at Riverstown a week previously, crowds of 10,000 to 15,000

Is it true that a new feature was added to the Orange arch celebrations this year—one, too, that was not intended to be included in the programme? At one arch in particular, at which was suspended the figure of the great Parliamentarian of Ballykilbeg, with a sash on and one arm extended, as if addressing an Orange audience, two old men returning from Drumboe went down on their bended knees, right under the figure of this apostle of religious liberty and Orangism. Their faces were fixed fervently, and their lips moved as in prayer. Will Mr Johnston sanction this dedication?

His Grace the Most Rev Dr Walsh presided over a large meeting of the people of Howth, held in the old chapel on Sunday, July 15, for the purpose of raising funds to erect a new church, the need for which is much felt in this favourite suburb. An excellent site has been obtained through the generosity of Lord Howth, who has given a lease of it for 999 years at a shilling a year. In the course of an excellent address his Grace said it is a characteristic of the spirit of our Irish people, no matter in what part of the world their lot may be cast—in America and in distant Australia, just as here at home—that when a new mission is opened by an Irish bishop or priest for a congregation of Irish Catholics, scarcely is the roof raised upon the walls of the new church than the walls of the new school begin to rise beside it. Then comes the next stage, when religion has begun to prosper in the place, when the Catholic population has increased, when both church and school are becoming overcrowded. As a rule they put up for a while with the little inconvenience of the overcrowding of the church, and turn to the urgent work of enlarging the school or of building a new one. That was the line taken, in one most important section of his diocesan administration, by that great and most eminent ecclesiastic, Cardinal Manning, so true a friend and so staunch and sturdy a champion of our Irish people and of all their interests, temporal as well as spiritual, that it needs some effort for us to think of him as anything but an Irishman. When urged to go on with the building of a great cathedral in London he replied, "So long as I am Archbishop of this diocese there will no

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On Sunday, July 15, an enthusiastic meeting of the parishioners of the late Very Rev Canon Lee was held in St Mary's Church, Haddington road, to take steps to perpetuate his memory. Mr Commissioner Lynch, a parishioner of 35 years' standing, presided. He spoke in the highest terms of the deceased clergyman whose life was one uninterupted period of devotion to the poor. It was unanimously resolved that as the most enduring memorial the parish church should be further enlarged and a suitable front erected. His Grace the Archbishop wrote in support of the project and promised to give substantial help towards the carrying out of the work.

The war chest of the Irish Parliamentary Party is rapidly filling. From all sides the contributions come. The Press Association announces that Judge Thomas A. Moran, of the Irish National Federation of America, has arrived at Queenstown with a £1000 cheque, collected in Chicago for the Irish Party, in his pocket book, of which 100 dolrs comes from his own bank account. In Belfast the subscription up to date reaches the tidy total of £364, including £10 from the Most Rev Dr M Alister, bishop of the diocese. The Arran quay branch of the Federation has, we understand, got together £10, which, remembering the many claims on its straitened resources, is a very substantial subscription. On all sides there seems a wholesome emulation to take part in the good work. The contribution is a testimonial to the steadiness and self-sacrifice of the Irish Party, and will cheer them to renewed exertions.

The traditional reverence of the Irish people for their priests manifests itself even in the grammar of the Gaelic language. In that tongue every individual is addressed in the singular, as "thou," "thee," "thy," but an exception is made for the saggarth—he is to be spoken to with the pronouns "you" and "your." He was called "the soul-friend," and no reasonable mark of honour was too good for him, in the estimation of his devoted flock.

be a stone placed upon a stone for the building of a great cathedral whilst we are open to the reproach that there is a poor Catholic child in London without a Catholic school to go to." That answer of Cardinal Manning was the answer he sometimes felt inclined to give when people came to him and said, "Why not give us the word, why not give us the chance of building a great cathedral in Dublin, a cathedral that will be in every way at least the equal of the old ones we have lost?" There is a prior claim, a prior duty to be discharged, a duty which, he was happy to say, is being rapidly and splendidly discharged by the Catholics of the city and diocese of Dublin. They had finished the good work of providing ample school accommodation, and now are turning their attention and energies to the great work which, by this time, has in its turn undoubtedly become a work of urgent need, the building of a new church worthy of the Catholic people of Howth, a church really fit to stand in a locality famous all over the world for its natural beauties.

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The Princess Theatre was crowded throughout on Friday evening by the dramatic entertainment announced by us, in aid of the building fund of St Patrick's church, South Dunedin, took place. The chief performance was "The White Horse of the Peppers," Lover's well-known play, in which an incident of the victory of William of Orange in Ireland is celebrated. Everyone will remember how, in this play, a Dutch major obtains the grant of a confiscated estate, and is humbugged and frightened into relinquishing it to its owner. Gerald Pepper, the owner, in disguise, leads the intruder a wild-goose chase across the bogs, where he loses his horse in a bog-hole, to a ruin which he is assured is the castle of his grant. A mob of peasantry, meantime, taking part fervently in the plot, and hot in pursuit, display a most bloodthirsty frame of mind. The Dutchman at length thinks himself a very clever fellow to effect an exchange of his ill-starred property against the famous white horse—which he buys to carry him in all haste out of the district.

Miss Florence Pearson, as Magdalene, Gerald Pepper's wife, a dignified and lady-like character, acted with grace and feeling. Miss Kitty Blaney, as Agatha—a sprightly peasant maiden—who also counterfeits an old woman—was arch and spirited. Her singing, too, was one of the chief attractions of the evening. "Native Music," and "Going to Kildare," her solos, were pretty songs, new to a Dunedin audience, and they were well sung—sweetly, expressively, and charmingly altogether. The damsel took part, besides, in a duet with her lover—the broth of a boy named Phelim, suitably represented by Mr Thorold D. Waters who, with a pleasing voice and a correct ear, sang very tunefully. As the only lover in the play we give him precedence. Next comes Gerald Pepper, the hero of the piece. This part was filled by Mr Harry McCormack who is to be commended for the cleverness of his acting. In his proper character he was intelligent and manly. His great success, however, was in the disguise assumed—that of Rafferty, a genius racy of the soil. In this the actor was perfect—brogue and all—not a trace being discernable of his other part or of his true identity. Major Mansfeld was represented by Mr Joseph E. Cantwell, who gave the bewildered Dutchman to the life. A hard curmudgeon with a Dutch pronunciation of the English tongue—such did the Major remain throughout the play—not for a moment, whatever might be his quandary, losing his particular tone. Colonel Chesham, a military personage of martial bearing and honourable disposition, had a sympathetic and imposing representative in Mr John A. Geerin. Darby Donohue, host of the "Fig and Whisker," found justice at the hands of Mr Thomas Hussey, and Lawyer Dillon, Rafferty (the original), a Peasant, and Dennis, were respectively well represented by Messrs Nicholas C. Griffen, Joseph Rodgers, George A. Hesford, and Maurice Oghlan. A jig introduced into one of the scenes was very deftly danced by Mr R. McCormack, and much applauded. The dresses were appropriate and tasteful. A nice discrimination in the matter of rags was shown in some instances—those *par excellence* of Rafferty, both the original and the counterfeit. The scenery also was good and some handsome furniture for the mansion had been kindly lent by Messrs Scouler and Ohisholm.

The second play was "An Ugly customer,"—wherein a captain from India insists on marrying, without a moment's delay, an engaged young lady, over whose father he exercises a despotic power, first, as knowing of his dishonest practices in trade, and, afterwards, on account of his own wealth. Sophia, the young lady in a delicate position, was represented by Miss Josephine Macedo, who very effectively mingled sentiment with the vainer affectations of her sex. The part of Mary, a parlourmaid, was played by Miss Cecilia Macedo, whose acting was, in every respect, capital. Simon Coobiddy, a retired grocer of doubtful antecedents found an appreciative representative in Mr Patrick Carolin. The introduction of a comic song into the part was an opportunity of which Mr Carolin was able to take a lively and most agreeable advantage. Captain Coriolanus Snapdragon was, so far as appearances were concerned, as hideously as possible exhibited by Mr Harry Mooney. Redness was the distinctive mark of the Customer's ugly looks. The merit of his acting however, made amends. The part of Albert Weston, the fair Sophia's favoured suitor was briskly played by Mr Thorold D. Waters. An efficient orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr A. F. Robertshaw, contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening.

During an interval in the performance, the Very Rev Father Lynch, on behalf of the Bishop, returned thanks to the members of the Catholic Literary Society for the trouble they had taken in getting up the entertainment and for their excellent performance. He also thanked the audience for their presence. The financial success, however, was assured.

We are happy to congratulate the Society on the pleasant results of their undertaking, which, under every aspect, have done them credit.

Another Protestant clergyman—the Reverend George F. Fisher of Newton, L.I.—has become a Catholic.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

ANOTHER of the series of welcomings accorded to his Lordship the Bishop which is well worth recording is that given by the Sodality of the Children of Mary on Sunday, 26th August. The members assembled at the Convent in the afternoon to the number of about seventy, and upon the appearance of his Lordship, the proceedings were opened with a song of welcome which had been specially composed for the occasion. The president of the Society, Miss O'Rourke, then read an address to the Bishop on behalf of the members, welcoming him back to their midst after his absence in the South Seas. The members also presented his Lordship with a handsome Japanese writing desk as a small souvenir of their regard. The Bishop thanked them for their kind expressions and handsome present, gave the members some useful advice and expressed the hope that the Society would continue in its present flourishing condition. Rev Father Cummings, V.G., chaplain of the Society, also addressed the assembly upon the aims and objects of the Sodality and the benefits of belonging to such associations, after which some light refreshments were handed round by the members, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. During the afternoon several musical selections were rendered, notably by Miss Lonargan who sang the "Pater Noster," and "Ora Pro Nobis."

Readers of the TABLET are, no doubt, well aware by this time that a branch of the Irish National Federation is firmly established in this the City of the Plains, but I wish to further inform them that the said branch is in a very flourishing condition and is exceeding our most sanguine expectations. We have this advantage in our flat country, that the log rolls easier and has no prospect of going downhill. There are people who endeavour to hamper the movement by circulating reports to the effect that the movement is in a critical condition, and to these I would say their ravings are not likely to effect in any way the progress of the I.N.F. At the last meeting twelve new members were elected. A resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to Auckland to the senior branch asking them to formulate a scheme for obtaining a united expression from all the branches in Australia, and calling upon the Irish parties at Home to settle their petty differences and unite their forces for the common good.

OAMARU.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

September 3, 1894.

IN CONNECTION with the death of Mr George Piper, a short account of which appeared in a late issue of the TABLET, there is an incident well worth recording. At the time of the accident Michael Piper, a younger brother of the deceased, was standing near, and when he saw his brother fall, carried away by excitement and fraternal affection, he immediately jumped over the cliff after him. Strange to say he was not at all hurt, though the distance jumped was fully thirty feet, and the same fall had killed the stronger man. The mother, wife, and friends of the deceased have the sympathy of very many in the district, as was evidenced by the very large number of people who attended the funeral.—R.I.P.

Influenza has been very prevalent here of late, so much so as to assume almost the dimensions of an epidemic. Neither youth nor old age secures immunity from attack, and its ravages have carried desolation to many a happy home. The very changeable weather we have experienced has, no doubt, proved a strong ally. In the beginning and middle of last week we enjoyed real summer weather, but towards the end of the week winter seemed to have again claimed dominion, until early on last Sunday morning it culminated in a rather severe snow-storm. Despite the fact of its being Sunday many of our youths indulged in the favourite pastime of snow-balling, and those who had braved the elements to attend early church had to exercise great caution to avoid the fusillade vigorously kept up by many a lively band of youthful snow-ballers. It is to be hoped that this fall of snow will have the effect of clearing the air, and carrying away all traces of our friend the influenza.

Your Oamaru readers will hear with regret of the death of Mr Thomas McEwen, which took place last week at his home in Queens-town. Mr McEwen spent about three years in Oamaru, and by his quiet and unassuming manner gained the respect of all with whom he came in contact. The deceased was possessed of considerable dramatic talent, and was ever ready to give his services at any entertainment in aid of the Church or schools. He was also one of the first members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society.—R.I.P.

The work in connection with our new Church is steadily progressing, and the time for the opening is fast approaching. With this in view the members of the choir, under the conductorship of Mr M. Towsy, late of Dunedin, are practising assiduously. The Mass to be rendered on the auspicious occasion of the opening is Mozart's

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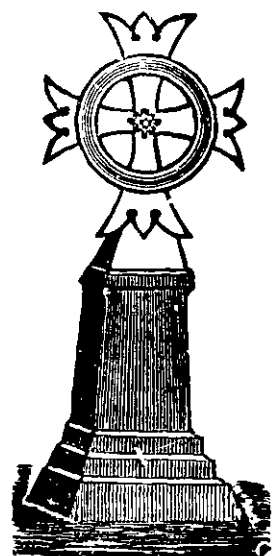
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Twelfth. There is a rumour of a special train from Dunedin. Should this prove correct we hope to see a very large number of Dunedin people coming up to Oamaru, and assisting us by their presence and also by their purse, for by it remembered that the people of Oamaru were never backward when appealed to for assistance for the cathedral or other diocesan works.

Every winter business seems to grow duller in Oamaru, and the number of unemployed to increase. For an honest attempt to cope with this difficulty, the present Government deserves the gratitude of the people of this district. Men to the number of thirty have been put to work on the Naseby road, and another forty or fifty are working at the water-race. It is to be hoped that our water supply will be improved by this last work, for the water at present supplied to householders is almost unfit for consumption, being of the colour and density of rich pea-soup.

The Divorce Bill of the Hon Mr MacGregor continues to meet with strenuous opposition from the Protestant Ministers of Oamaru. They have sent a petition to Wellington against the Bill, and the members of their congregations are doing likewise. The attitude of Catholics and their priests is too well known to necessitate their moving in the matter. Should this measure become law, it will be a sign certain that our representatives do not represent us (a seeming paradox), for I venture to assert that this Bill is not approved of by ten per cent of the electors of the Colony.

WESTPORT NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(By OLD IDENTITY.)

Westport, September 4, 1894.

THE new curate, the Rev Father McCormack, has been appointed to assist the Very Rev Father Walshe in ministering unto the spiritual wants of the people of this extensive and scattered parish, which, by the way, extends from the Razorback (Brighton) to the Land of Promise (Karamia). Father McCormack arrived in Westport by the s.s. Wainui on Tuesday evening last, and celebrated Mass at Addison's and Charleston and Vespers at Brighton.

The ball held on the 17th ult at Addison's Flat, under the auspices of the local branch of the I.N.F. proved a brilliant affair and was an immense success.

The annual borough elections take place on the 13th September, the following councillors three year's term of office expiring through effluxion of time:—North Ward, Cr Jules Simon; South Ward, Cr Wm. Maher; Middle Ward, Cr Robert Carr. It is understood the two first-mentioned are to be returned unopposed, and the member for the Middle Ward, who has retained his seat for three successive terms despite strong but ineffectual opposition on each occasion will be opposed. However, I have authority for asserting that the sitting member for the Middle Ward (Cr Carr), has his "loins girded," and is quite ready for the fray against all comers, even his old opponent the legal luminary with his active supporters.

Mr C. E. Hardey, solicitor, of this town, has instituted proceedings by his solicitor, Mr Moynihan, against Mr Fergus Ferguson Munro, clerk, for libel. The alleged libel was contained in an open column letter, which appeared in the evening paper, referring to the now *cause celebre*, George Ferguson v. Dr Wright. Discussion of the latter's bankruptcy proceedings and a circular from the Medical Association, Dunedin, by an anonymous writer, is to be the subject of a second action. Seeing that the first mentioned case is, as they say in the law courts, *sub judice*, and, moreover, the air being surcharged with libel, I deem it prudent to withhold further comment for the present.

Dr Wright having resigned the medical officership of the district hospital, applications are being invited for the position in New Zealand and Australian papers. The district board meets on or about the 20th instant when the vacant post will be filled, and it is more than likely should Dr Wright apply he will be re-appointed.

The numerous friends of Captain Nolan in Westport were very sorry to hear of the death of his daughter Minnie, a fine amiable young woman, aged 19 years, who died at Geymouth on the 17th ult, after a painfully brief illness.—*Requiescat in pace.*

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The death has just taken place, at Black lane, New Ross, of Mrs Holden, who was evicted in 1882 from her farm at Shaubough, the property of Mr Thomas Boyd. Mrs Holden was the mother of Mr James Holden, who was imprisoned during the Forester regime as a suspect. The remains were interred at Glenmore, attendance at the funeral being numerous and representative.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM.

THERE are some truths that ought to be blown through a million speaking trumpets every hour; that ought to be printed in big type on the front page of every newspaper; that ought to be painted on every signboard of the crossroads; that ought to be taught in every school. And this is one of them. *There is no such thing on earth as a tonic medicine.*

People talk of "tonics" and doctors talk of "tonics." Pshaw! When a country is discovered in which no food stuffs are ever raised or imported, and in which the men, women, and children are all well and hearty, we may conclude they subsist on some sort of "tonic." The mischief this delusion about tonics has done is beyond calculation. It leads the sick to lean on broken reeds, to expect relief from a source from which it is simply impossible that relief can come, to waste money in buying "tonics," and precious time in waiting for these alleged "tonics" to work miracles.

Mr Thomas Foster, of 15, Chatham Place, Adelaide street, Hull, in an account of a recent illness says, among other things, this: "I then tried stomach tonics, but they did me no good."

Suppose we have his whole story, which is short, and make our comments on it afterwards. He says: "Up to the month of June, 1891, I was strong and healthy. At that time I fell into a low, weak condition. I felt languid and heavy, and was always tired. I had a foul taste in the mouth, and a dreadful pain in the chest and sides after eating, whilst my stomach was like a burning fire. I was much troubled with wind, which seemed to roll all over me, and I had a constant belching and rising in my throat. I was in agony day and night, and for hours I walked about the room rubbing my chest in the effort to obtain relief. I lost a deal of sleep and felt more tired in the morning than when I went to bed. Gradually I became weaker and weaker until I had hard work to follow my employment, for I was in misery all the time.

"I went to a doctor, who sounded me and gave me medicines, but I got no relief, and after taking his medicines for a month, I left off going to him. I then tried stomach tonics and other medicines but nothing did me any good. In this state I continued weak after week, growing more feeble all the while. I felt that if I did not soon find a remedy I should be done for altogether.

"In October, 1891, a book was left at my house telling of a medicine called Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and describing a case like mine that had been cured by it. As I had often heard this medicine well spoken of, I made up my mind to try it, and got a bottle from Mr Cousins, in Anlaby road. After I had taken two doses, I felt grateful relief, and before I had quite finished the bottle I was completely cured, and have since been in the best health.

"I thank God that this medicine was ever made known to me. Otherwise I should have been in my grave before now. I will answer anyone who may write me concerning the facts here set forth. Yours truly (Signed), Thomas Foster, 15, Chatham Place, Adelaide street, Hull, March 24th, 1892."

Now let us see. The symptoms of Mr Foster's complaint are easily recognisable. He suffered from indigestion and dyspepsia. The medicines administered by his physician or purchased by himself proved useless because they were not addressed to the disease with which he was actually afflicted, but possibly to one or more of its symptoms. To abolish any existing evil it is always *causes* we must work at—never mere consequences.

The "stomach tonics" which Mr Foster hoped might relieve him may have done so for a moment on precisely the same principle that a sharp application of whip and spur wakes up a tired horse, not by giving him strength, but by rousing his reserved nervous force, with a deeper re-action to follow. That's how it ever was and will be.

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W A I T A H U N A.

(From an occasional Correspondent)

September 3rd.

The beginning of September and the snow that has held off all the winter is falling now, putting a check upon farmers' sowing operations. Judging by the preparations being now made for next year's crop the sowing in this district will not be very large, prices are so very low. Farmers generally seem to expect larger profits from sheep farming but this heavy snow will not benefit the early lambs which have made their appearance here. If farming is backward, however, mining on Havelock Flat, by latest reports, shows brighter prospects, as, although Grugley and party have had a poor wash-up, in O'Kane and party's claim the wash is looking better than it has been for some time past.

The dredge on the river has resumed work after being repaired and improved; buckets have now replaced the suction pump, and the returns are giving the enterprising owner, Mr Perry, great confidence in the success of his venture. No doubt in a short time the returns will be still greater. The nature of the soil and the system of working carried on for the last twenty years and more, specially favour the dredging system.

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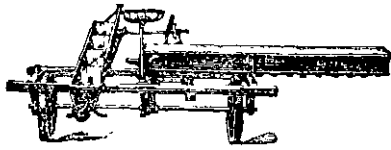
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