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Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

"KICK THE POPE."

WE perceive from a report in the Wellington Press that the Hon Mr Shawna Soggarth McCullough presided the other night at an entertainment given by the local branch of the Irish National Federation.

Here then, is something more than the little rift within the lute. A good big split forms the beginning this time, a hole, it may be, altogether in the piper's wind-bag. We fancy that many Catholics in New Zealand—most Catholics, in fact,—for surely the minority will be, in more senses than one, a small one, hardly visible to the naked eye and not worth examining with a microscope—will hold aloof from a movement in which the spirit of the priest-hunter is accorded a distinguished place. Decidedly we should say the word of advice by which the Hon Shawna Soggarth McCullough insulted Catholics, worthy of the name, has given the Federation movement a heavy check. Ireland, indeed, is poor, and has had a long course of misfortunes, but a very whipped hound and a beggar among beggars must she acknowledge herself to be when she sacrifices her priest-hood to anything—even worth a sacrifice. What should she be to sacrifice them to the impudent bigotry of any bit of a two-penny-half-penny axe grinder who condescended to give her a patronising word? No; Irishmen, if they would preserve in the future the manliness and honour that form the noblest record of their past, and which are inseparably bound up with their fidelity to their religion, must work out their freedom without the aid of Shawna Soggarth and with contemptuous rejection of his advice.

We give as a postscript, what by right deserves the place of honour in our columns. It was, however, dictated as an addition to what we have said above, and as a comment on Mr McCullough's piece of impudence. It did Shawna Soggarth more honour than he deserved to bring his 'cheek' under any such notice:—"Have modern politics come to this, that every extreme democrat whom accident has pitchforked into the Upper House can see no better way of regenerating the country, than to exclude from the political arena a class of men who have been the mainstay of the country, and so long directed its public opinion—who possess the talents, learning, culture, and power of thought of the country, and are masters of its traditions, literature, and history—to whose services, not only Ireland, but human liberty the world over, is indebted? Should they, indeed, be insultingly and ignominiously thrown aside, to make way for the ambitious career of every bit of a boy or slip of a girl, no matter how uneducated, giddy, or thoughtless? It is the old story repeated. We have ever found the most extreme *soi-disant* Liberal, the most inclined to active energetic tyranny in repressing the opinions and action of real men who dared to oppose his folly."

A FALSE CHARGE.

Mr Walter Bentley has given another lecture on his hobby, "Church and Stage"—this time at Wellington, and under the presidency of Sir Robert Stout. Mr Bentley is reported as accounting for

clerical opposition to the stage by, possibly, the intolerance and bigotry of the clergy of the Middle Ages. There was, nevertheless, a great deal in the medieval stage that called for the opposition of all decent people. The commencements of the drama are very ancient. Strolling players played in the towns of Greece ages before the great tragic poets lived at Athens. In the early Christian ages, also, the art was not forgotten. St Gregory Nazianzen, for example, was the author of a tragedy in Greek. The nun Hroswitha, who worked in Latin, on the model of Terence, in the tenth century, should also be remembered. To the twelfth century, however, is more generally attributed the mystery, or miracle play—mystery, if the subject were Scriptural, miracle play if it were traditional or legendary—perhaps because the earliest remnants preserved date from that age. The beginning was an attempt to place before the people, by a more vivid representation, the birth of Christ—a people, let us note, not, as false and dishonest historians, and their stupid or dishonest students, would seem to imply, possessed of culture and whom the Church was trying to brutalise—but a people, more

impressionable by their senses in the childhood of the race, and emerging from barbarism, whom the Church, herself necessarily served to a large extent by a less civilised ministry, was trying to teach and elevate. O her mysteries of the faith succeeded to those of the Nativity, and further developments took the representations out of the church into the churchyard. Thence they went out into the streets, the whole town or the market-place being the theatre. Here much arose that was bad. Disgusting coarseness, and even filthiness, became usual. We may, notwithstanding, take with some reserve, the charge that has been made of gross immodesty. Adam and Eve, it is said, appeared before the public in *puris naturalibus*. But to this it may be answered that the part of Eve was played by a boy. Women or girls did not act, even so late as the time of Shakespeare. Other conditions than that of nakedness were symbolised, and most probably such was the case with it also. Hell was freely represented, and legions of devils played pranks among the crowd. There was, in short, plenty for the Church legitimately to condemn. The charge of intolerance and bigotry, therefore, brought by Mr Walter Bentley against the medieval clergy, is groundless. Other charges preferred by the learned lecturer are little better founded

ODDS AND ENDS.

THERE is nothing like bringing a matter home to the man himself. Signor Crispi begins to acknowledge the truth, now that he feels his own skin in danger. It was quite another thing when his former friends, the Anarchists, aimed their efforts in another direction. Now he appeals for protection, not only to civil but to religious authority. They must unite, he said the other day in a speech, to fight the Anarchists, crying "For God, king, and country," and his speech, we are told, is looked upon as showing a desire on his part for better relations with the Vatican. There is, then, a useful lesson to be learned even from the explosion of an anarchist's bomb. Signor Crispi, indeed, learns this lesson rather late, but better late, they say, than never.

Another fact that tends to strengthen our suspicion as to the sincerity of the ultra-Democratic mind. Pullman, the railway-car millionaire, is about to marry his daughter to an impoverished Austrian prince—a cousin, no less, of the Emperor himself. We strongly suspect, from the example of these American and colonial millionaires, who are continually the purchasers of rank for their children in the European market, that in the hearts of all of us there is at least a latent worship of the kind. These men were working men just like those who now remain so—and, lo, when the opportunity offers, how they reveal themselves. We greatly suspect that the extremest bawler after equality, were his purse as full as theirs, would go and do likewise. As for the rack, meantime, exposed for a very questionable sort of sale, it should seem to suffer some degree of tarnish. Possibly titles set up openly to auction would be little less honourable, and they might be had without encumbrance.

It is complained that in a recent riot in Quebec, in which a French-Canadian mob attacked a Baptist mission set up for their perversion, the police either would not or could not make a single arrest. The sympathies of the police were, in all probability, legitimately with the rioters. We all know what a Protestant mission to Catholics means—that is, outrage, insult, and blasphemy, let loose without stint—or, to put it prettily, spit out fiercely. Here, besides, the matter seems to have been aggravated—a son-in-law of the wretched Chin quoy being among the missionaries. The character of Cainquy's missions is no longer doubtful. The sacrilege that characterises the abominable rites of the devil-worshippers, as we have already pointed out, is, either really or by pretence, one of their chief characteristics. The police, therefore, no doubt, knew whom they had to deal with. It was none of their business to take up men for fighting with old Nick. It has always been the privilege of the devil, besides, to take care of his own and why should the police interfere with him?

The Anarchists are still keeping their hand in. An explosion, without serious results, however, as it would seem, is reported from Turin. A graver report comes from Rome, where in the Vatican gardens, near the summer villa, a building recently erected, two armed members of the body have been found, their intention being,

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it is believed, to assassinate the Pope. But that is the grand coup for which all the rest may be looked upon as preparation.

"Blade" seems to be the new term—though a revival—for the fast hobbled boy. The *Fall Mall Gazette* gives a smart and amusing sketch of the qualities and feats necessary to entitle a stripling to the name. In these, however, there is nothing new. The "blade" might recognise himself in his grandfather if he could return in spirit to the time when that venerable individual also was a young donkey. We mean, of course, the exceptional grandfather who was so.—It is no fairer to tell tales out of the past than it is to tell them out of school. The *Gazette* says that the "eternal feminine" cannot be blades. But here, perhaps, there are tales to be told out of the future. We shall not try to anticipate them. All we shall say is that shadows cast before look promising enough.

But where were the ditch-liners? All gone out of town to enjoy the country air? It is reported that on the Feast of the Assumption a Catholic mob played the mischief in Belfast. "The disturbances began by a mob of Nationalists, who first attacked and beat a party of Protestants." But here we smell a rat. What, for example, was a party of Protestants doing on the scene? It was not a Protestant holiday or a day of any kind to bring Protestants peacefully together. Then the Catholics, we are told, vented their wrath on private property, almost wrecked a certain linen factory, and more or less damaged Protestant residences. Where, we ask again, were the ditch-liners? For the understanding of the matter that should be explained.

A friend has called us to account for noticing Dr Bataille's book. He says it contains the most "outrageous rot" that ever was printed. For our own part, meantime, we have not quite made up our mind. Dr Bataille's undertaking, and his method of proceeding, if he tells the truth, seem to us, indeed, altogether inexcusable, and some of his conclusions are at best idiotic—those, for example, relating to the Queen and the English people. But what is to be expected where the devil is concerned except "outrageous rot"? It is altogether a mistaken philosophy to endow him with heroic grandeur. Ugliness and absurdity, and everything that is beggarly and mean belong to him and proceed from him. This we say again:—If the things that Dr Bataille, apart from his preternatural revelation, says are done in the inmost secret lodges are really done there—and there be a devil at all, as there undoubtedly is—it requires but a little stretch of credulity to believe that he appears visibly at the meetings. Apart from his preternatural revelations, too, Dr Bataille is very specific. He accuses, as we said before, by name, date, and place, and he excuses in the same manner. He gives, for example, a list of the members of the higher Masonry, as it was drawn out by the patriarch of the Luciferians, the late Albert Pike, but he absolves from all knowledge or even suspicion of the existence of the Palladic Rite the great body of those entered on the list. One or two of these names, we may add, are of particular interest for us—for example, "Robert Stout a Dunedin," and "Mgr Newill, évêque protestant de la Nouvelle Zélande, a Dunedin (domestique attitré)." We admit, then, that our friend is, in a sense, right. The book does contain "outrageous rot." Whether this is out of keeping with its character or destructive of its authority is another question. Here, as yet, we say we have not quite made up our mind.

Anti-Catholic enthusiasm sometimes results in making those who are accountable for it rather ridiculous. One of our contemporaries, for instance—the *Christchurch Press*, if we recollect aright—recently gushed over a falsely reported condemnation by the Congregation of the Index of M. Zola's "Lourdes." As a matter of fact the Congregation had not bothered their heads about the trash, and are not likely to do so. Our contemporary, however, declared, in effect, that the book was immortalised, and the eternal glory of its author assured. Here is what Mr G. W. Smally, an anti-Catholic writer, has to say in the *New York Tribune*, no Catholic paper, concerning the book:—"Lourdes" is, in the beginning, a medical treatise, and a singularly repulsive one. What it may be in the end I do not know, nor expect to know. After fifty pages of loathsome physical details most readers will have had enough. Never before except in "La Terre" has M. Zola let his theories of realism run so completely away with him. Broadly stated, his theory is that the fact that a thing exists is a sufficient reason why it should be described. . . . The whole is inconceivably odious and revolting, and as remote from anything like true literature as the pages of the *Lancet* or *British Medical Journal*. What follows may be better or worse. It hardly matters which. If better, few will care to wade to it through the mass of filth in which M. Zola wallows with a sympathetic delight."

We have before us an idiotic bit of twaddle in the appropriate shape of a tract that some bedlamite—whose madness may, but whose ignorance does not, excuse his impudence—has forwarded in an envelope addressed in a scribble to Bishop Moran, Batory street (sic), Dunedin. But even this booby should know that a Catholic priest is obliged to be acquainted with every shade of false doctrine. There is nothing in any Evangelical tract that even the dullest nincompoop—and this W.T.P.W. is about as dull as they make them—can com-

pose too poor to have come in some shape or form under the notice of the Catholic theologian. His interest in the salvation of souls necessitates his familiarity with lies of every kind, just as a doctor must know all about all diseases, even the foulest, in order to attempt their cure. No Evangelical tract, therefore, could place anything strange to him before Bishop Moran or any one whose falsehood it would cost him a moment's thought to point out. The "rot" in question bears the following title, "Do you hope or know that you have eternal life?" by W.T.P.W. Its money value—the only value it possesses—is the hundredth part of half-a-crown. If it had been much more we may bet the sender would have stuck to his property. He has, nevertheless, lost his penny stamp. The tract has come to the editor of the TABLET—a pretty hard case, we admit—and not to Bishop Moran. In consideration of this we shall not tear it up. It shall go away whole in the dust cart, so that if the owner likes to go and grope wherever the rubbish of the town is emptied he may find it safe and sound. That is all we can do for him at present.

Our contemporary, the *Ave Maria*, has apparently had a true prevision. In connection with the report quoted by us above, in relation to Signor Crispi, our contemporary's note seems singularly to the point. It runs as follows:—"The violent death of Carnot is probably not without effect on others of his ilk. The Italian Premier, especially, is no doubt filled with alarm; and it is to be hoped that he will mend his ways before the scare passes away. The Frenchman's sudden taking off was a warning for the Italian, and he must realize that he can not count on a ten minutes' preparation, for death, daggers, and dynamite are ungraciously expeditions. It is said that in his youth Crispi composed poems in honour of the Blessed Virgin. He has hardened his heart since then; but such a panic as only an Italian is capable of experiencing might dispose him to prayer; and he is in sore need of it, by all accounts."

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH IN TARANAKI.

(From the *Taranaki Herald*.)

THE following account of the establishment of the Catholic Church in Taranaki, forming as it does a chapter in the history of the district will, we feel sure, be read with interest at the present moment:—

Notwithstanding the Maoris were thickly spread over this portion of New Zealand, the Catholic missions established at Auckland and Wellington at the time this settlement was founded did not extend their ramifications to Taranaki, and therefore, owing to the absence of a priest more than one Catholic family who came with the early settlers soon left for New South Wales for the sake of the religious education of their children. The Rev Father Pezant was the first priest who visited the district, and he used to travel on foot between Waanganui and New Plymouth, through a very rough country, which at that time, was only inhabited by the natives. In 1855 a grant of a town section at the east end of New Plymouth, was made by the Government to the Catholic mission, which was supplemented by a donation of four others adjoining it, by the late Mr Richard Brown, a merchant in the place, who was treacherously shot by a surprise party of Natives in 1860, the Maori who killed him being Tawatibi, who had recently been in Mr Brown's employ. About the same year a Native disturbance took place and one or two companies of the 65th regiment were sent from Auckland to New Plymouth, and their being a number of Catholics amongst the men, a collection was made not only in Taranaki but also in Wellington and other places, and from the funds so obtained a small chapel was erected on the mission land in Courtenay street. It was a very small place, not more than twenty or thirty persons being able to be seated in it, and in this building a visiting priest used to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

It was not until after 1860 when the Maori rebellion broke out, and a large number of British troops were stationed in New Plymouth that a permanent priest was sent to attend to the spiritual wants of the men. Rev Father Treasallet was the priest appointed for that duty. The soldiers' barracks were built on an eminence to the west of the town, and as the little chapel in Courtenay street was too far for the men to attend Mass regularly, an acre of ground was purchased in 1862 in Devon street west, a more central spot and on a fine elevated situation. So the chapel in Courtenay street was removed, the soldiers giving their labour gratuitously, who also enlarged the structure. In 1863 the Rev Father Pertuis was sent to relieve Father Treasallet and he had additions put to the church, for as the troops increased naturally the congregation got large.

In 1865 the Rev Father Rolland was the priest who took charge of the parish, and he attended to the spiritual wants of the Catholics between Patea and New Plymouth—the whole of which district was at that time unsettled, but detachments of soldiers were stationed at Patea, Wahi (Hawera, at that time, was not in existence), Opunake, Warea, Okaro, as well as Bell Block, Waitara, and White Cliff. Between 1865 and 1868 there was a cessation of hostilities, but detachments of troops were scattered all over the district. In February 1868, Rev Father Rolland purchased the section of land and

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a house, the site of the present Presbytery, and he was having plans prepared for the erection of a new church when some Natives near Waikato killed four military settlers, which caused hostilities between the two races to again commence. Father Rolland then had to devote his time between the men's gazel at the front fighting and his parishioners in New Plymouth. He, however, arranged his time so as to be able to accompany the forces when an engagement was imminent, which called forth the following eulogium from a Protestant soldier (Major Von Tempel) who was killed in an engagement with the Maoris on the 21st August, 1868, on their way to attack the stronghold of the rebels at Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu (the beak of the bird). "On that grey and rainy morning," wrote Major Von Tempel, "when the snoring waters of the Waingoro were muttering of flood and fury to come, when our 'three hundred' mustered silently in column on the parade ground, one man made his appearance, who at once drew a leys upon him with silent wonder. His garb was most peculiar; scant but long skirts shrouded his nether garments, and an old waterproof sheet hung loosely over his shoulders. Weapons he had none, but there was a warlike look in the position of his broad-brimmed old felt, and a self-confidence in the attitude in which he leaned on his walking-stick, that said, 'Here stands a man without fear.' Who is it? Look underneath the flap of his clerical hat, and the frank, good-humoured, brave countenance of Father Rolland will meet you. There he was lightly arrayed for the march of which no one could say what the ending would be. With a good-humoured smile he answered my question as to 'what on earth brought him there.' He said that in holding evening services he had told his flock that he would accompany them on the morrow, and there he was! True, there stood 'a good shepherd.' Through the rapid river, waist deep, along the weary forest track, across ominous looking clearings, where, at any moment a volley from an ambuscade could have swept our ranks, Father Rolland marched cheerfully and manfully, ever ready with a kind word, a playful sentence to any man who passed him. And when at last in the clearings of Ngutu-o-te-Manu the storm of bullets burst upon us he did not wait in the rear for men to be brought to him but ran with the rest

the next year, arriving at New Plymouth on September 20, 1875. The following morning he blessed the chapel.

At the beginning of 1879 the Rev Father Berkler relieved Father Lampilla, who was becoming aged and infirm. This priest remained twelve months, and during his administration the presbytery, which had got into a very dilapidated condition, was repaired, the school-room renovated, a large bell purchased and christened on December 7th, 1879, by the Rev Father Rolland who was on a visit to the district and who was assisted by the Rev Father Berkler and the Rev Father Adelaar. The bell was christened "Ambrosea," and was then so amply blessed, and, after a few appropriate prayers, was rung by the priests each in his turn. A debt was incurred during the year of £500, which existed at the time of the Rev Father Berkler's departure. For eight months there was no parish priest, the Rev Father Grogan, who was stationed at Hwera, visiting New Plymouth monthly.

On October 10, 1880, the Rev Father Chastagnon took charge of the parish, who remained till November 10 1884. During the years Father Chastagnon was parish priest he reduced the debt by one half, (£250); he had the large bell erected on a strong scaffolding; the chapel was lined and ceiled with timber, and painted; and the altar newly carpeted and furnished. In 1884 Rev Father Chastagnon induced the Order des Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions to erect a convent in New Plymouth, and a handsome three-storied building, costing over £3000, was placed on the chapel grounds, the land of which was made over to the Sisters. He also built a small chapel at Okato, and did other good work in the parish.

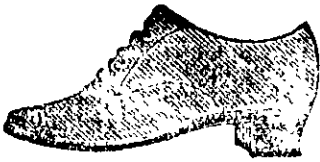
On November 10, 1884, the Rev Father Cassidy took over the affairs of the parish, Father Chastagnon going to Ashburton. During the five years this priest was in charge he made several improvements in the old church, and in 1889 had the building which served for many years as the priest's residence removed to a section facing Pendarves street, and the present presbytery built and newly furnished throughout. He also rebuilt the church at Inglewood, and made improvements to the other sacred buildings in his district.

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On peace being restored Father Rolland gave his attention to matters at the New Plymouth end of the district and procured land at Lorn, about ten miles from town, where he erected a house as a monastery for men. At one time he had twelve novices there, some of whom were employed in cultivating the land, whilst others were engaged in instructing boys, who were sent from various parts of the colony to be educated. With a view of collecting subscriptions and getting help to carry out his project, he obtained permission from his Lordship Dr Viard, the Bishop of Wellington, to go on a three-months' mission to the West Coast of the South Island, visiting Greymouth, Hokitika, and other settlements on the goldfields. The Rev Father Blusfield temporarily filled his place whilst away, and was present at the demonstration held on the departure from New Plymouth of the 1st Imperial Regiment (18th Royal Irish). He remained here from November, 1869, till March, 1870, when Father Rolland returned to resume his duties in the parish.

In May of the same year the Rev Father Lampilla arrived, enabling Father Rolland to go on another mission to the goldfields, to collect subscriptions for the Koru Monastery. Whilst he was away on one of these missions, his Lordship Bishop Viard died (June 3 1873), and the various priests had to remain at the various places they happened to be residing in at the time. The Rev Father Lampilla being at New Plymouth, remained in charge of the parish, and at once began to build the chapel that has been removed, and which was completed about the middle of 1874. His Lordship Right Rev Dr Hedwood, Bishop of Wellington, arrived in the colony on November 26, 1873, and made a pastoral visit throughout the district

On September 15th, 1889, the Rev Father McKenna was appointed parish priest, taking over a debt on the church property of £450, also the debt on the Inglewood property of £116. Father McKenna first set to work to reduce the debts, which he succeeded in doing to the extent of £140 on the New Plymouth property and £100 on the Inglewood church. He then started raising a fund for building the church in course of erection, the subscription towards it being very liberal considering the smallness of the congregation, who are by no means a wealthy community. The Rev Father McKenna also started the "Taranaki Catholic Institute and Library," utilising the old presbytery for that purpose. The library contains fully a thousand volumes, consisting of secular, as well as religious works, and is well supported by the members of the congregation. The Rev Father McKenna's work in other parts of his large scattered district, we have on more than one occasion referred to. He has recently had built a very handsome church at Stratford, and the Catholic schools there, which he has established, are well attended by children. Rev Father McKenna is very attentive to the spiritual welfare of his people, and accordingly is very much beloved by them; and his kind and genial nature has also gained for him the esteem of all the other sections of the community.

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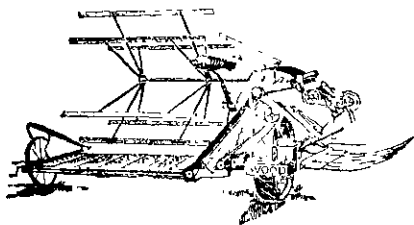
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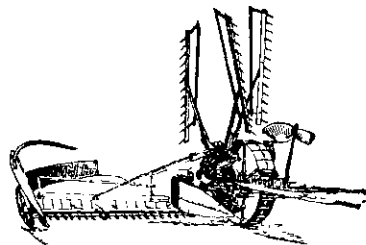
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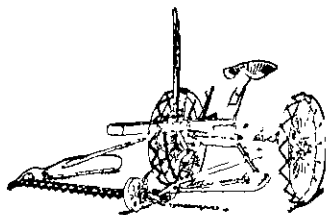
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SERMON BY THE BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

A LARGE congregation filled the pro-Cathedral, Christchurch, on Sunday morning when his Lordship the Bishop of the diocese delivered an eloquent sermon on Catholic education. Taking for his text the passage from Genesis iv. 9 "Am I my brother's keeper," the preacher made a comparison between the crime of Cain and the still more heinous crime of destroying the life of the soul, and the answer given, if not in words, in deed by who those support and promote the unholy work of destroying the spiritual life of our dear little ones, by forcing upon them a godless system of education. The Bishops of New Zealand had recently met in conference upon matters affecting the spiritual interests of the Catholics of this Colony and foremost amongst these was the all-important question of religious education. The venerable champion of the cause of Catholic education—the revered Bishop of Dunedin was unable, owing to severe illness, to attend, but he had cordially endorsed the decisions arrived at: "That in view of the deplorable fact that a large proportion of the Catholic children attending the non-Catholic schools in this Colony practically lose their faith, the Bishops of New Zealand again inculcate the grave duty incumbent on Catholic parents of sending the children to the Catholic schools, and warn them that the sending of their children to non-Catholic schools generally constitutes a grievous sin, which debars them from the reception of the sacraments so long as they persist in such a dereliction of parental duty." The publication of this short resolution has given rise to much averse criticism and amongst others the following questions have been asked. "What, then, do the New Zealand bishops mean by their recent pronouncement? Have they given a further proof of their intolerance and narrow-minded bigotry? Does the Bishop of Christchurch agree with the paragraph which week after week heads the leader in the TABLET, the only Catholic journal in New Zealand?" In answer to these queries his Lordship ably showed that we are our brother's keeper. Bishops, priests, parents, and guardians realise that they have a sacred duty to perform in regard to the children, a responsibility which they cannot shirk and which no power on earth can abrogate nor usurp. In the discharge of this solemn obligation the spiritual heads of the flock have met to warn parents and guardians against impending dangers to the faith and morals of their children. Now we all know by daily experience that the faith and morals of our people are greatly menaced by the godless system of education which is sought to be thrust upon them in this Colony. Are not the bishops bound in conscience to warn and if needs be to threaten those who are

in danger of repeating the awful crime of Cain? We believe New Zealand is a Christian colony and that the children of Christian colonists should be brought up as Christians, not as heathens or atheists. Hence we insist upon facilities being afforded us of having our children educated in schools in which Christianity is not ignored. The Catholic Church possesses educational rights on a twofold ground. She acknowledges parental rights in this respect, in their fullest extent, and as guardian of all rights, more especially of natural ones, she has ever protected parents in the exercise of their legitimate authority. In support of this his Lordship quoted a passage from the writings of St Thomas Aquinas, wherein the angelic doctor strongly opposed a proposal to usurp the parental rights of children of Mahomedans and Jews, declaring it to be "contrary to right reason and repugnant to natural justice." The parent of every child has received from God an inalienable right to which is annexed a solemn duty to educate his or her child. No power on earth should wrest this right from the parent. Inasmuch as the peace and honour and moral well being of the family depend upon the religious principles instilled into the mind and heart of youth it is manifestly a sacred obligation for parents to have their offspring educated in schools in which, whilst receiving such instruction in secular subjects as will fit them for their calling in the world, they will imbibe those principles of faith and morality which are the ground work and motives of their fidelity to their duties towards God, towards their fellow-citizens, and themselves. It is on these parental rights that the Church rests in great measure her propagation amongst men by means of infant baptism. The law of nature makes the child, as it were, an instrument so regulated by the parent's intelligence that it thinks with the father's thoughts and wills with the father's will. Now a Catholic parent by the very fact that he professes to be a Catholic publicly and solemnly acknowledges before his fellow-men his conviction of two cardinal truths. First he acknowledges that it is his conscientious duty to submit to the Catholic Church as the infallible teacher of truth; and, secondly, he acknowledges that to belong to the Catholic Church is necessary for salvation. In virtue of this first principle he acknowledges his obligation to follow the guidance of the Church in all that concerns the possession of truth and the preservation of the faith; and in virtue of the second he admits his obligation to place within her, as within an ark of salvation, all those whose interests are dear to his heart, and who have been confided to his care. Hence love no less than duty leads him to hand over his infant treasure to that divine society which he loves to call by the endearing name of his Holy Mother, the Catholic Church. And what the Church refuses to do in the case of unwilling infidels she does in the case of Catholic parents. Gladly accepting the child offered her, she regenerates it

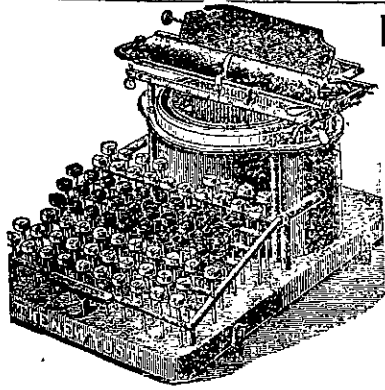
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mess of pottage. In this as in all other questions involving the most sacred principles we are not alone amongst our brethren in this determination. We have the example of our fellow-Catholics of the British Isles, and of Catholic Belgium, whose faithful people when an impious Masonic Government passed a law suppressing religious teaching in State schools, withdrew their 200,000 Catholic children from such schools and established good Catholic schools. Since then the number of these voluntary schools has considerably increased and what has been done in Belgium is being done in France and in Germany. Is it not an act of cruel injustice and tyranny to oblige a number of poor people to pay for the instruction of other people's children in schools to which they cannot, on grounds the most conscientious, send their own? We are surely all in New Zealand equal before the law. There is no State religion. In theory, at least, no preference is shown, but as a matter of fact what happens? Is it not a fact that Catholics, otherwise competent, have been strictly excluded in some places from the position of teachers in Government schools merely because they are Catholics? And yet our people are obliged to contribute to the building and maintaining of these schools. Is it not a fact that the State schools are favourable to those who are irreligious, since no mention is made of God in them, no reference to the sublime truths He taught, the deeds He did, nor any mention of the end of our creation? Are they not practically in favour of atheists, of freethinkers, of those who scout the bare idea of the God of the Christians? Are they not truly godless? Is not the present system of State education a premium offered to secularism, to freethought and infidelity, and that, too, at the expense and to the detriment of the Christian colonists? Is it not an endorsement of irreligion, of godlessness? I will not say a word about the daily and forced intercourse with companions whose conversation is that of the irreligious and carping sceptic, nor of the dread, often expressed to me by non-Catholics, of the evil influence of godless teaching and vicious example of many children whose parents live in a continual atmosphere of irreligion and utter depravity. We believe that our children must be trained from their earliest years in an atmosphere breathing religion and morality. We believe that children cannot grow up moral where the very basis of morality is most studiously withdrawn from them during the noblest years of their lives. For what, according to all, is the basis of morality? Is it not religion, and religion alone, which treats of our relationship towards God and our neighbour—God and his revelation—the wondrous life, sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Divine Redeemer? What morality can there be without the decalogue and the many sublime dogmas of Christianity? All this being banished from State schools how can we expect children trained therein to have when they grow up what has been so heartlessly kept from them during the many plastic years of their youth? Does not daily experience prove that many children taught in State schools grow up treating the great truths of religion, if not with open contempt, at least with indifference the most undisguised? Has not one of the greatest warriors and statesmen of modern times said: "Beware of the man who attempts to inculcate morality without religion." Who can blame us if we refuse to have our children brought up in such schools? The learned preacher, in an eloquent peroration, appealed to parents and guardians to protect their children from the spirit of godlessness and irreligion, to be faithful to the sacred trust imposed in them by God, to be unswerving in their allegiance to their Holy Mother the Church and so struggle courageously and perseveringly under her guidance, against the injustice done them in the matter of education.

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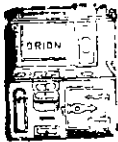
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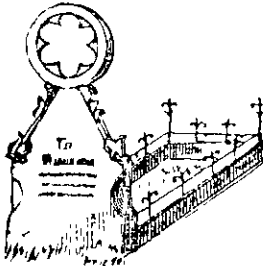
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(From the Thames Star)

THE Rev Father O'Reilly returned to the Thames on Tuesday night, 4th inst, from his holiday trip to Australia, and received a most enthusiastic welcome. On Wednesday afternoon he was accorded a hearty reception from the scholars attending the parochial school. The interior of the building was very tastefully decorated, whilst in the centre was the motto, "Welcome Home." The Sisters of Mercy had the children all nicely arranged, and the proceedings were opened by a chorus, "Welcome home to our pastor," numerous beautiful bouquets of flowers being appropriately tendered by the performers. A greeting by juveniles followed, each having in its hand a letter, and when all stood in a line before the rev gentleman, the word "Welcome" stood out most prominently, and it is needless to state that the effect was exceedingly pleasing. At this stage Miss Mulligan stepped forward, and read the following address, which was beautifully illuminated:—

"Very Reverend and Dear Father O'Reilly,—It is with joyful and grateful hearts we welcome you home, and sincerely trust your health has been benefited by the change of air and scene you have enjoyed for the past few months. It is needless to say how we missed your welcome visits to our school, to which we looked forward with such pleasure each day, particularly many of us who have for years past experienced the unremitting care and earnest solicitude you evince for our temporal and spiritual welfare. Dear Father, be assured it is fully appreciated, and we constantly hope it may please God to spare you for many years in health and energy to instruct and guide the flock committed to your paternal care. We ask you to pray that we may all live here so that after death we will meet in heaven, and there in bliss to separate no more. May your life on earth still be blessed, and a sparkling gem in St Patrick's crown for all eternity, is the fervent wish of your devoted children of the Parochial School."

The Rev Father O'Reilly, in very feeling terms, thanked the scholars for their kindly expressions, and trusted that the harmony at present existing would continue, and that conjointly they might live long and work energetically in the cause of the Lord. The rev gentleman then referred to his visit to Australia, which he said he enjoyed very much and which had benefited his health considerably. He again thanked the school for the welcome they had given him, and for the good wishes expressed relative to health and labour.

The programme, which was then continued, was as follows:—Chorus, "Angels of each country," illustrative of each country claiming a crown for their meritorious deeds. This was rendered by a number of the children, each having a flag representing the different countries. Recitation, "Barbara Frietchie"; dialogue by three girls, "The wonderful scholar."

The gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "God save Ireland."

At St Thomas' School, Willoughby street, on Wednesday night, an excellent programme was gone through, whilst in the course of the proceedings the following address was presented to the rev gentleman:—

"Rev and Dear Father O'Reilly,—It is with loving hearts we welcome you once more to our midst after a well-merited holiday, which we are pleased to learn has been very beneficial to you. We thank God for having restored your health, and we pray that he will spare you to us many years, and reward you for your untiring zeal in the cause of education and the interests of the parish committed to your care. Though only children, we can appreciate the unselfishness and devotedness which characterize your actions, and we hope that when we shall have bade adieu to the schoolroom, and have entered the busy arena of life, we shall ever prove our gratitude to you. We are indebted to the Rev Father Golden for his kindness to us during your absence, and for conveying to us the tidings of your improvement, which was a source of consolation to us. Wishing you *Cead Mile Failte*, and thanking you and the Rev Father Golden for your pre-

sence here to-night, we remain, your devoted children, the pupils of St Thomas' High School."

The address was read by Miss E. McDonald. The programme was as follows, every item being deservedly well received:—Duet, "Qui Vive" Misses McDonald and Garvey; chorus, "Welcome"; solo, "Ventre a Terre," Miss Garvey; song, "The idol of my heart," Miss J. Keeford; duet, "Band on the pier," Misses Ashby and Walsh; chorus, "The Harp"; solo, "Ab del Kader," Miss E. McDonald; chorus, "All Hail Zealandia"; dance, "Hunter's Fling," Miss Walsh; solo, "Chilperic," Miss McDonald; drama "Birthplace of Pledgers"; chorus, "God defend New Zealand."

Father O'Reilly feelingly responded, and in referring to his travels said he had received marked attention and kindness in the southern parts of New Zealand, Melbourne, Sydney, and other parts of Australia. For this he must acknowledge his indebtedness to bishops, priests, and people alike, but his own flock were first in his mind, and he was anxious to reach home as soon as his health permitted. He now thanked God his health had been restored, and he was very happy to be back with his people again. He also wished to thank his old friend, Father Golden, for the zeal and attention he had bestowed on the parish. He felt sure while away that everything was in safe hands, which served not a little to make his mind happier. In conclusion he thanked the children for their beautiful address and for their welcome entertainment, and also the audience for their presence, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

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If Jabez has impoverished thousands he has at least enriched some of the languages with a new word—a *la* boycott. The *Westminster Gazette*, which is taking a leading part in urging the Government not to delay any longer in taking proceedings in the case of these companies, reverting to the fact that a new verb has been coined in the Argentine—viz., to *Balfourisar*, meaning to cross a frontier, suggests an English adaptation of the verb—to *Balfourise*, meaning to delay, to temporise.

Mr Bernard de Lisle has become the proprietor of the *Loughborough Examiner*, a journal founded to spread Liberal principles.

A prominent feature in the newest Blue-book of the Education Department is the lengthy reference of Mr J. G. Fitch to the work carried on by the Sisters at the Notre Dame Training College, Liverpool. There is no limit to Mr Fitch's admiration of the system pursued and the results attained. He is unstinting in his praise of both.

O'Donovan Rossa delivered an address in the Round Room, Rotunda, on his "Prison Life," June 26. When leaving Costigan's Hotel for the Rotunda he was loudly cheered. The Round Room was filled with people, who gave Rossa a most enthusiastic reception. Mr Frederick Allen presided. Rossa's visit financially was a success.

We beg to notify the public that Bock and Co, manufacturing chemists, have opened a depot at 82 Tory street Wellington. The following are a few lines tested with most satisfactory results:—Fire-proof cement, 1s, for mending china, glass, metal, etc. Water-proof cement, large bottles, 1s, to cement leather, delf, glass, wood, etc. will resist hot or cold water. Non-mercurial plating fluid, 1s 6d unequalled for cleansing gold, silver, or replating brass and copper. Camphylene Balls in air-tight jars, 1s, to keep moths out of clothes. Herb extract, 1s, an infallible cure for toothache, guaranteed harmless to the teeth. German cure 1s, for burns, warts, and chilblains. We are sole agents for A. Hoolbreck's Mortein insect powder and spreaders, 1s each, this will kill all the flies and mosquitoes in any room within five minutes and destroy all vermin, but is quite harmless to animal life. All these things will be sent post free to any part of New Zealand on receipt of postal notes and 1d or 2d stamps. A trial solicited. Please address: Paul Bock, 82 Tory street Wellington, N.Z.—[ADVT.]

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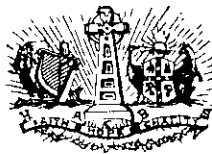
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A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending September 19, as follows:—

Store Cattle—There is but little change in the tone of the market since our last issue, a moderately fair demand is experienced and a quiet business passing.

Store Sheep—Most of the transactions coming under notice are confined to crossbred hoggets, which are changing hands pretty freely at prices ranging from 10s to 11s for best; medium, 8s 3d to 9s 9d. Old lots of crossbred wethers are occasionally in the market, and meet with buyers when strong and healthy, at prices from 10s 6d to 13s 6d. A few crossbred ewes also move off.

Sheepskins—A very steady demand exists. On Tuesday we submitted a moderate catalogue when the usual number of buyers were in attendance, prices secured being full up to previous rates. Country dry skins, inferior to medium crossbreds, brought 1s 7d to 2s 9d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 9d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 10d to 4s 3d; extra heavy, 4s 6d to 5s 10d; good to best merinos, 1s 11d to 3s; extra heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; dry pelts, 2s to 1s 1d; best green crossbreds, 5s to 5s 3d; extra heavy, 5s 6d; medium to good, 3s 10d to 4s 10d, green merinos, 2s to 3s 3d.

Rabbitskins—Prime winter grey does, 11s 1d to 1s; extra choice, 1d more; best bucks and does mixed, 10s 1d to 11s 1d; medium do, 9s 1d to 10s 1d, autumn and early winter, 7d to 9d; summer, 4d to 6d; suckers, half-grown, and inferior, 1s 1d to 3s 1d; best black and fawn, 10s 1d to 1s 0s 1d; medium to good, 7s 1d to 9s 1d, inferior, 4d to 7d per lb.

Hides—The market is bare of heavy sorts which are readily placed, while inferior and light are in over supply, and difficult to place at satisfactory prices to the vendors. Prime heavy, 60 lbs and over, 2s 1d to 3d; medium, 1s 1d to 2s 1d; inferior and light, 1d to 1s 1d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—There is a steady demand for all offering, most of which comprise broken packages and station rendered. Prime rendered mutton, 1s 6d to 2s; medium to good, 1s 6d to 1s 7s 6d, inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 5s; 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—A moderately fair demand is experienced, but which is entirely confined to the requirements of our local millers. Owing to the supply from the south being almost now exhausted, the bulk of the wheat graded here at present is drawn from Canterbury and Victoria. The quantity held in store here for disposal is very limited. Fowls' wheat is somewhat scarce, and a moderate supply could be readily placed. Prime milling velvet, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good to best do and best Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; good to best red wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 9d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d, broken, 1s 9d to 2s 2d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—There has been a little more inquiry for these since we last reported, and now that sellers are more disposed to quit at lower prices a good deal more business is being put through. Prime milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5s 1d; best short, bright feed, 1s 1d to 1s 1s 1d; medium, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; inferior and musty, 1s 2d to 1s 3s 1d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—There is very little being done in this cereal, stocks are also low and in few hands, but sufficient in the meantime for requirements. Quotations for prime malting, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; extra choice, 4s; medium to good, 3s to 3s 3d; milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; feed, 1s 8d to 2s (ex store, sack extra).

Dairy Produce—Market quiet, business confined to retail lots. Prime dairy made salt butter, 7d to 8d; medium, 4d to 5d; factory made, 1s to 1s 1d per lb. Factory made cheese medium size, slow sale at 4s 1d to 4s 1s 1d; loaf shape, 4s 1d to 5d; dairy made, 2s to 3s 1d per lb.

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Sheepskins—Butchers' green crossbreds, up to 5s 6d; dry crossbreds, to 6d; merinos, to 4s 1d per lb.

Hides—Best heavy weights, in good condition to 3d per lb; medium, 1s 1d to 2s 1d; light and slippy, 1d to 1s 1d per lb.
Tallow—Best rendered mutton to 20s; best mutton caul fat, 12s 9d to 13s per cwt.
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Oats—Best feed and milling, 1s 4s 1d to 1s 5s 1d per bushel.
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Sheepskins—Green crossbred merinos, 3s 8d to 5s; green merinos, 2s 1d to 4s; dry crossbreds, 2s 11d to 5s 3d; dry merinos, 1s 7d to 4s.
Wheat—Prime milling velvet, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; good milling, 2s 9d to 2s 10d; medium, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; fowls' feed, 2s to 2s 6d (sacks in).
Oats—Bright milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5s 1d; medium to good feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4s 1d; inferior and musty, 1s to 1s 3s 1d (sacks extra).
Barley—Best malting, 3s 6d to 3s 10s 1d; medium, 3s to 3s 5d; milling 2s 3d to 2s 10s 1d; feed, 1s 6d to 2s (sacks extra).
Potatoes—Best derwent's, L1 15s to L1 17s 6d; medium, L1 10s to L1 12s 6d; kidneys, L2 5s to L2 10s (sacks in).
Chaff—Bright oat-sheat, L2 12s 6d to L2 15s; medium, L2 5s to L2 7s 6d; straw and inferior, L1 7s 6d to L2; trussed ryegrass and clover hay, L2 15s to L3 per ton (sacks extra).

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MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—

A small entry of horses was offered at our sale on Saturday, and as the attendance was also small the demand was anything but brisk. The horses offered were almost all town and dealers' lots. Buyers were present for spring van and draught horses, but as there was only a small selection to choose from the most of them had to leave without supplying their requirements. We beg to draw special attention to our sale of draught horses which we are holding on Friday, the 25th inst, the day after the horse parade. Full particulars in advertisement in *Otago Witness*. We quote: First class draughts (extra heavy), L25 to L30; good ordinary draughts (young), L18 to L22; medium draughts, L12 to L16; aged draughts, L6 to L10; good backs and harness horses, L12 to L16; medium do, L7 to L9; light and inferior do, L2 10s to L5.

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Fat Cattle—We can place all offering at market values, and quote: Prime beef, 20s to 21s 100 lbs.
Store cattle are selling freely now that the grass is springing, weaners, 27s 6d; yearlings, 40s; 3-year-olds, L3 to L4 15s
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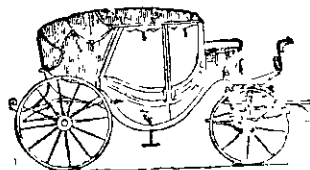
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DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE usual weekly meeting of the D.C.L.S., was held on 12th inst the rev president taking the chair and about 30 members present.

Mr M. Power was elected a member of the society.

A paper was read by Mr Eiger on "An aim in life." Mr A. Cosellou gave a description of a trip to Nareby, and a recitation entitled "The Progress of Madness" was delivered by Mr A. Quelch. A vote of thanks to these gentlemen proposed by Mr Griffen and seconded by Mr T. Drumm was carried after the items had been discussed by Messrs Marlow, Waters, Carolin, McCormack and Haughton.

A letter from Mr James O'Connor was read, in which he complimented the members taking part in the performance on the previous Friday night, referring in particular to Messrs McCormack and Cantwell, whose acting was scarcely excelled by that of actors of long experience. The rev president also congratulated them all on their success both financially and otherwise.

A vote of thanks to the chair then brought the meeting to a close.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

A BUSY scene of industry are the works of Messrs Irvine and Stevenson in Moray Place and George street, Dunedin. As to what the works produce, it is almost infinite—that is in particular lines. To avoid confusion, we may begin with the department entered first by the principal door in Moray Place. Jams are the article in preparation here, including, as well, candied peels. The fruits and sugar used are the best procurable and the process of preserving is carried on with the utmost care and cleanliness. A department further on and to the right, is allotted to the manufacture of the tins used by the firm. It is especially notable that the soldering is done by a method that makes it impossible for any of the material used to reach the inside of the tin. The jams, meats, and other eatables sent out by the firm may therefore be used with perfect safety and without any risk whatever arising from their coming in contact with the solder. The inside of each tin also undergoes a course of preparation to insure the wholesomeness of the contents. The firm, however, make use, likewise of jars, obtained from the Milton Pottery Works, which largely benefit by their orders. The meat preserving department embraces all kinds of meats, which are prepared to suit every variety of palate. The newest triumph of the *cuisine* is the campie, which combines many excellencies and needs but a trial to establish it as a household favourite. The potted tongue also is deserving of special mention. Among the fish a chief delicacy is the Wakatipu trout. Pickles and sauces are also manufactured and turned out in a manner to defy rivalry. The ham and bacon curing branch might form in itself a whole business, on so extensive a scale is it conducted. A refrigerating chamber ensures the freshness of more perishable goods. Even a cursory inspection of the works must necessarily give an impression of their importance and must recommend to the admiration of the visitor the enterprise of the proprietors. To keep such an undertaking going is indeed no light task—the amount of employment given, besides, is a matter of very great consideration. A brisk demand for the firm's manufactures must go far towards solving the depression—creating as it would far and wide a market for raw produce and giving proportionate opening for labour. The patronage of the public, therefore, cannot be better bestowed than on the firm's manufactures, which, besides, as we have said, are in all respects excellent.

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On the back of cover of this week's TABLET Mr W. T. Horsley, proprietor of Papanui Town Hall boot depot, begs to announce that he has opened up business in a more central position in Colombo street, Christchurch (next Eden George's old studio). From the big shipment of goods which has just arrived, it is evident that the wants of the Catholic public in town and country, in any shops or form in the boot line, can be supplied by Mr Horsley. A fair share of our subscribers' support is all Mr Horsley desires, and he guarantees to give full satisfaction in all cases.

IRISH NATIONAL FEDERATION.

(Wellington Evening Press, September 11)

THERE was a very large attendance at the Skating Rink last night on the occasion of the social under the auspices of the Irish National Federation, only standing room being available some time before the commencement of the programme. The concert, which was in aid of the Parliamentary and Evicted Tenants' Funds, passed off most successfully. After an overture by an orchestra under the conductorship of Mr E. King senr, the chairman (Hon Mr McCullough, M.L.C.) explained the object of the gathering, stating that as members of the Imperial Parliament were not so fortunate as their New Zealand brethren, in that they received no pay for their services, it was necessary to provide funds for those who were fighting for Home Rule for Ireland. He also dwelt on the misery endured by evicted tenants, and urged those present to give all in their power to aid and ameliorate it. The chairman read telegrams from Messrs J. A. Toke and M. Sheahan, Auckland, expressing their sympathy with and well-wishes for the success of the undertaking. Letters were read from Mr W. Hutchison, and Mr G. Hutchison, the latter regretting his inability to be present owing to Parliamentary duties.

Miss May Driscoll sang "The Irish emigrant," and in response to an encore gave "Kathleen Mavourneen"; Mr Farquhar Young's song, "The wearing o' the green," was enthusiastically applauded, and he had to respond to an encore. No man in New Zealand has a finer or better cultivated bass voice than Mr Young, and as he knows how to use it with effect, yet without affectation, it is a truly great pleasure to hear him.

The Hon Mr Jennings, M.L.C., then made a few remarks, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present, and hoping the large audience would do all in their power to aid a good work, stating that the well-known liberality of New Zealanders would find a fitting object in aiding the Irish people to a better state of affairs in their at present poverty-stricken country.

"The meeting of the waters," by Miss May Sullivan, was encored, and in response she gave "The last rose of summer" in a very pleasing manner.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mr P. J. O'Regan, M.H.R., who was clear, forcible, and to the point. He stated that Home Rule was not a question for Irishmen only to deal with, but that it should appeal to the heart of every true Liberal, as true Liberalism meant the helping of those who were in distress. By aiding Ireland to improve her condition they were paving the way to better conditions for the poor and other countries, for under existing conditions England had not time to attend to her own local matters, and by giving Home Rule to not only Ireland, but Scotland and Wales, a chance would be given her to sweep away some of her own poverty and distress. He concluded by asking all to help the good work.

Mr Farquhar Young sang "Ode to Philadelphia," and as an encore gave "Father O Flynn."

Miss M. Kelly and Mr J. Keareley acted as accompanists throughout the evening.

Mr Collins, M.H.R., after a short address, gave a grand lime-light display of Irish views and portraits of famous Irishmen, and the concert concluded with votes of thanks to the chairman and the performers.

The floor was then cleared for dancing. A large number remained, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

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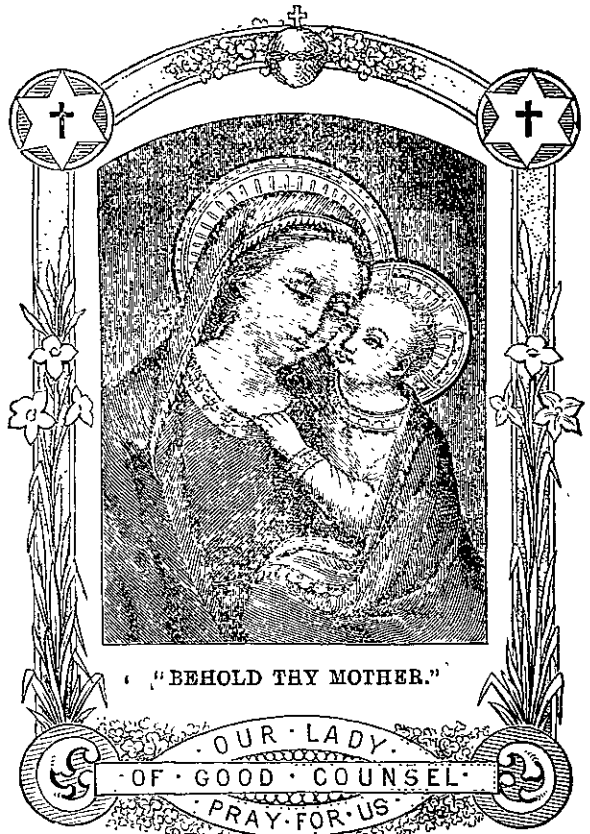
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DEATH.

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Sunday Corner.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

NO SURRENDER.



OUR readers will learn from the discourse of the Most Rev Dr GRIMES on the all-important subject of education, published in another column, that fault is found with the NEW ZEALAND TABLET because of the short standing leader which every week calls the system of godless schools a system of tyranny, oppression, and plunder. Fault is also found with the action of the New Zealand hierarchy because of their recent pronouncement. "It was," forsooth, "ill-advised and hurtful to the best interests of Catholicity." Who are the candid advisers of the outspoken Bishop of Christchurch? We know not. Are they Catholics? We hope not. Are they shoneen Catholics who would tarnish the brightness of a great cause for a trifling mess of political or social pottage? Whoever they are their counsel has fallen into the ears of their listener as profitless as water in a sieve. Our New Zealand bishops, true to the constant teaching of the Australasian Church for over fifty years, will not turn aside from the plain path of duty at the bidding of selfish axe-grinders. We ourselves have been much advised on the same subject; the counsel for us, too, is profitless. In the matter of education we have tried to be and hope to continue "constant as the northern star, of whose true-fixed and resting quality there is no fellow in the firmament." Here, then, is our answer to the unheeded counsellors of the Bishop of Christchurch: The words of our standing leader are the words of a wise and venerated chief who has ever been our father and the true friend of his people. The reign of "tyranny, oppression, and plunder" continues. Let the words, therefore, remain. We have been many times reproached by secularists for the repeated insertion of the disliked sentences. We have always made answer: You are tyrannical. Do you not compel us to support a system which we abhor? You are oppressors. You strive by iniquitous legislation to crush our people to the very earth. You are plunderers, too. No matter how you call it, you take our hard-earned money to educate your children and for the promotion of a system from which we are practically excluded. There is still "tyranny, oppression, and plunder," and our standing protest will remain, despite the horror of shoneen Catholics and bitter secularists. We are blamed by some so-called Catholics in New Zealand because we strive to keep alive and brightly burning a just agitation for simple justice. Evidently the same opinion of our supposed folly is not entertained by contemporary Catholic journals in other parts of the world. Nearly all, if not all, of these reflectors of Catholic feeling have, with commendation, quoted our standing leader. Indeed, in several distinguished quarters we have received the sincere compliment implied in the reproduction or imitation of the lines which head our leading column. We ask our readers to compare the protest which, week after week, for a lengthened period found its definite place in the *Irish Catholic* with our own paragraph. The *Irish Catholic* simply changed the "tyranny, oppression, and plunder" of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET into "injustice, oppression, and intolerance." Ireland, however, though tardily, is on the way to obtain justice. In New Zealand thorough going secularists will not even allow public inspectors, to whose

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salaries we contribute, to examine our schools. In Ireland justice has partial freedom. Here her hands and feet are tied as far as Catholic children are concerned. We are asked to submit to the inevitable. "No change will be made. What is the use of keeping up the party spirit fostered by agitation of the school question?" We cannot change our conduct because we cannot change our opinion as to the paramount importance of Catholic schools for Catholic children. Thank God, our feeling is shared by the overwhelming majority of our countrymen. Love for children, and desire for Christian child-culture have ever been characteristics of the Celtic race. After the battle of Magenta, the noble Celt, Marshal McMahon, riding through the crowded streets of Milan, saw a tiny child in the roadway, who was in imminent danger of being crushed and injured by the advancing soldiery. The kind commander rode quickly to the spot, lifted the little girl on to his saddle bow, and, to the delight of onlookers bore her to a place of safety. So, too, in New Zealand the Irish Catholics, true to the instinct of their race, lift the child from the dangerous way of advancing indifferentism, and godlessness, and wild socialism, and glory in placing it in the haven of rest and security afforded by the Church of their Fathers.

THE Bishop of Christchurch will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Sunday, September 30. Other parts of the diocese will afterwards be visited by the Bishop for a similar purpose.

THE Rev Father Regnault, S.M., delivered, at Waimate on Thursday evening, the 13th inst, a most interesting lecture on his recent visit to New Caledonia. The lecture was delivered in aid of the parochial school fund, which at present stands much in need of replenishment. The lecture, we understand, will be repeated with the same intention in some other towns in the district, where, no doubt, the rev lecturer will also meet with the support deserved by him—both from the interest of his narrative and the merit of the object to be served.

THE ordinary meeting of the Westport Branch Irish National Federation was held in St Canice's schoolroom, Mr James occupying the chair. The Rev Father McCormack was elected a member of the branch. After the ordinary business was concluded the chairman read from the N.Z. TABLET a report of the speech delivered by Mr O'Regan, M.H.R., before the Wellington Branch of the I.N.F. Mr F. Robertson contributed a stump speech, which was well received. Songs, recitations, etc. were given by Messrs Sherlock, Sharkey, Naylor, Kelly, and Callaghan, while Mr Sharkey enlivened the proceedings by playing suitable selections on the violin. The Very Rev Father Walsh expressed his pleasure at being present, and congratulated the members of the branch on the way the meeting was conducted.

MR MARTIN KENNEDY has forwarded to the secretary of the Irish National Federation at Wellington the generous subscription of £5 5s.

THE following congratulatory letter has been forwarded to Lord Russell, of Killowen, upon his recent elevation to the position of Chief Justice of England, by the Hon J. A. Tole, President of the Auckland Branch of the Irish National Federation:—"The Right Hon the Chief Justice of England: My Lord,—I have the honour to inform your Lordship that at a recent meeting of the Auckland, New Zealand, Branch of the Irish National Federation, a resolution was passed with acclamation, congratulating your Lordship on assuming the exalted position of Chief Justice of England, to which your Lordship's great talents, illustrious career, and signal services to the Empire, and especially to the cause of Ireland, have so justly entitled you. As Liberals, and especially as Home Rulers, your Lordship's rapid ascent to this highest dignity is most gratifying to us, and we most sincerely trust that your Lordship may be long spared as one of Ireland's most distinguished sons to reflect the lustre of which Irishmen the world over are so proud."

At the last Mass in St Joseph's Church, Buckle street, yesterday (says the Wellington Post of the 10th inst), Archbishop Redwood administered the sacrament of Confirmation to about 180 children and adults, including 30 pupils from St Patrick's College. The altar and sanctuary were beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev Father Bowden, S.M. His Grace was assisted by the Very Rev Dr Watters, Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., Rev Fathers Bowers, Goggan, and Timmons, S.M. The church was crowded, additional seats being placed in every available space. The Archbishop preached an eloquent and touching sermon on the graces attending the sacrament and the obligations contracted by all those who received it. The choir rendered appropriate hymns.

ON Monday last (says the Nelson Star of the 13th inst) Mr Harkness, Chief Inspector of Schools, and Mr Ladley, Assistant Inspector, conducted an examination under the standard pass system of the boys at St Mary's orphanage at Stoke, and on Tuesday a similar examination was held at the Convent in Nelson. These schools had been previously inspected by the late Mr Hodgson, but hitherto no pass examination has been held in connection with the institutions. The present examinations have been conducted at the request of the education department, and it will be very pleasing to the conductors of the schools to learn that the Chief and Assistant Inspectors have expressed themselves highly satisfied with the results. The pass results were satisfactory, whilst the discipline and general behaviour of the children was exceedingly good. The singing of the pupils formed a special and interesting feature of the examinations, those taking part acquitting themselves most creditably. At Stoke the function concluded with a selection from the recently formed Brass Band which was well executed, considering the short time the members have been in practice.

THE Rev Father Howard, a young priest, late of the Irish College in Paris, and ordained for this diocese, arrived last week in Dunedin.

THE Rev Father O'Neill will deliver a lecture, under the auspices of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society, on Friday evening the 28th inst. The subject will be "Some Irish writers."

RELIGIOUS RECEPTION.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE beautiful and impressive ceremony of reception of the holy habit of the Order of Mercy took place recently at the parent house of the Order in Auckland, St Mary's, Poonsonby. The young ladies who had the privilege of being enlisted under the banner of Mercy came out in January from Ireland, where they were being trained for the mission at the training college, Callan. Their names are Miss Kenny, in religion Sister M. Josephine; Miss Fortune, Sister M. Berchmans, and Miss Marnell, Sister M. Liguori. They were most tastefully attired in white cashmere, trimmed with cream ribbon and lace and white flowers, and very touching it was to see those three fine specimens of the Irish race, in the bloom of youth, leaving home and country, to dedicate their young lives to the service of God in this distant colony, as so many of the sisterhood have done before them.

The Bishop performed the ceremony, the following clergymen being present: Dr Egan, O.S.B.; Father's Parson, O.S.B.; Davey, O.S.B.; Leuban and Mabony. His Lordship addressed a few words to the novices elect on the dignity of the religious state, dwelling particularly on their sacrifice of leaving Old Ireland, to lead a life of self-sacrifice in this country. He said "God will bless you for it." At the conclusion of the discourse the postulants retired to change their bridal robes, for the humble dress of a Sister of Mercy. It is, perhaps, the most impressive part of the ceremony, when, to the beautiful music of the "Veni Sponsa," the novices appear clad in the religious dress.

The music of the ceremony was performed by the convent choir, assisted by the Misses Darby, Lynch, Lily Thomson, and Dr Egan. Mr James Lynch, of Reefton, gave valuable assistance both vocally and with his violin; a morceau by Spohr, was particularly worthy of mention. Cherubini's Ave Maria, was sung by Miss Lily Thomson with great finish. Dr Egan was suffering from a severe cold, still his fine tenor voice was heard to great advantage in the music, especially Murphy's "Tantum" with Miss Maud Johnston, one of the young lady boarders, who possesses, for one so young, a fine soprano voice, which promises much in the future. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the day's proceedings to a close.

During the month the Consecration Day of his Lordship was celebrated by a concert given by the pupils of the Convent assisted by some friends. The entertainment was given in the High School, which was crowded by the friends of the pupils, etc. The Bishop was present, also Fathers Paul and Downey. The following programme was gone through, many of the items being of exceptional merit: Duet, two pianos, "Sans Souci" (Ascher), Misses Ruthven, Thompson, de Bourbel, and Johnston; address, Miss Toughy; chorus, "God bless the Bishop"; duet, two pianos, "Norma," Misses Kearney, Stinchbury, C. Haven, and Jones; song, "The better land," Miss L. Thompson (violin obligato Mr Lynch, Befton); duet, two pianos, "Cynthia," Misses Thompson, Rice, Ruthven, and Johnston; song, "The carnival," Miss Maud Johnston; violin, solo, "Martha," Mr Robert Mahoney, piano, Miss E. Tole; duet, two pianos, "Polonaise" (Schmitt) Misses Rice, Johnston, Ruthven, and Thompson; May-pole dance; duet, two violins, Messrs Lynch and Mahoney, piano, Miss May Lynch; song, "Love's sweet dream," Miss Thompson; duet, violin and piano, "Irish airs"; drama, Mistress Mary, or high school in the moon—Mistress Mary, Miss Maud Johnston; 1st class wranglers, Misses Ruthven and Corbett; the comet

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Miss Trice; servant, Miss F. McCabe; town crier, Miss E. Binstead. The audience elicited their appreciation of the various items by repeated applause; the may-pole dance and the drama giving particular pleasure. In the latter Miss Maud Johnston acquitted herself most creditably. On the whole the greatest credit is due to the good Sisters for the pains taken to render the entertainment a success.

THE VINCENTIAN FATHERS AT WANGANUI.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

DURING the latter part of last month the Vincentian Fathers were busily engaged giving a mission at Wanganui. It was opened by the Rev Father Hanley whose eloquence and earnestness made a deep impression on all who heard him. There were two Masses each morning, one at 7 o'clock and the other at 9 o'clock. At the end of the second Mass a short sermon was given and at 3.30 o'clock an instruction for the children. In the evening also there were devotions consisting of the Rosary, followed by a sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The services continued for a fortnight and were so well attended that on most occasions it was impossible to find sitting room for all. The labours of Father Hanley were ably seconded by Father Lynch, a young and zealous missionary. During both weeks the confessionals were thronged and towards the close the Rev Father Broussard and his Grace the Archbishop assisted the missionaries, so great was the number waiting to approach the Sacrament of Penance.

On the last Sunday of the mission there was a general Communion of the whole congregation at the 8 o'clock Mass. The church was crowded, many having to stand, and nearly everyone present received Holy Communion. The sight at the time of the Communion was one not easily to be forgotten as the vast congregation rose and went in an orderly and quiet manner to the altar, going up at one side and coming down at the other. The number of communicants was about four hundred and fifty.

In the afternoon of the same day his Grace the Archbishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to those who had been preparing to receive it, there being about one hundred and fifty, several of whom were adults.

During the progress of the mission, Father Hanley re-organised the confraternity of the Sacred Heart (which had already been established in the parish) and established the League of the Cross. Large numbers both of men and women joined both associations and the rev missionary expressed himself highly gratified at the result.

The concluding ceremony of the mission was a general renewal of baptismal vows on the evening of the last Sunday. The church was as usual crowded to overflowing and the sight of that vast concourse of people, each one holding a lighted candle in the right hand, was one of unexampled beauty and brilliancy.

At the close of his farewell sermon Father Hanley said the mission in Wanganui was the most successful of those held in New Zealand and congratulated them on their diligence and fidelity in attending the exercises. He also spoke in warm terms of the kindness and courtesy shown him and his brother missionary by the Very Rev Father Kirk during their stay at St Mary's Presbytery.

After concluding in Wanganui the missionaries devoted a week to Turakina and other country places attached to the Wanganui station.

Mention may be made here of two beautiful stained glass windows which have recently been placed in the side chapels of our church. The subject represented in one of the windows is the Annunciation and in the other the adoration of the Magi. The various tints have been most delicately executed and the colours skilfully arranged so as to form in each a most beautiful picture. Artists have spoken in the highest terms of praise about them as indeed have all who have seen them. One was the gift of the Children of Mary, and the other was presented by the Reverend Mother of the Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui, in memory of her late father.

Correspondence.

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

SCHOOL BOOKS.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—The letter in your issue of the 31st ult., signed "Catholic Parent" will in addition to calling attention to what is apparently a grave inconsistency, prove of service to Catholics in the more remote districts. There are many settlers in the back blocks who, refusing to have set or part in the godless system of state education, strive to teach their little ones at home until they reach such age as will enable them to profit by the excellent education given by the Brother's schools or convents.

The existence of such "readers" as are mentioned by your correspondent is, I think, comparatively little known. I feel assured that were the possibility of obtaining such books (which are daily used and which would be of infinite assistance as aids to religious teaching) made generally known, their use would become universal in such cases as I have alluded to. For their benefit, then, I would ask that information as to publishers, price, etc., should be made known as widely as possible, and am certain that it would be a favour to others besides.—I am, etc,
G. GIRLING BUTCHER.

Takaka, Sept. 6, 1894.

IRISHMEN! GOD HELP US.

SIR,—In your issue of the 7th inst there appears a report of a speech made by the Hon Mr McCollough at a meeting of the Irish National Federation. In this speech the hon gentleman undertakes to give his views on Irish affairs, as he saw them on a recent visit to Ireland. With a good deal of what was said we can all agree, but there were some statements made which should not have been allowed to pass without some expression of dissent. He told his audience that he blamed the clergy in great part for keeping alive the political feeling in Ireland. Had he been speaking at an Orange lodge I can quite understand such a gross libel passing unchallenged but addressing Catholics and Irishmen, who ought to be well awar

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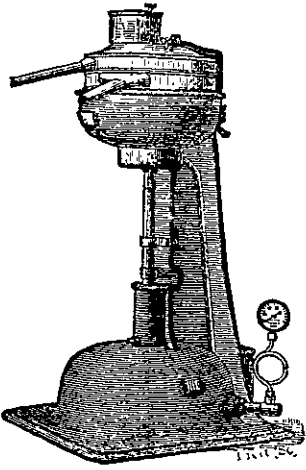
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of the solid grievances under which their countrymen at Home labour, such silence can only be construed into a tacit acknowledgment of their inability to perceive the mischievous nature of the speaker's words, or a still more disgraceful acquiescence in the sentiments uttered.

The speaker again tells his audience that the arguments in favour of the interference of the clergy in political affairs do not apply to the present day. Why not? If it was right for the Irish priest to stand between his flock and their oppressors in the dark and troubled past, why is it wrong to-day? That education is more widespread in Ireland to-day than it was in the beginning of the century is quite true, and hence the confidence reposed in the priest is founded to-day upon an intelligent knowledge of the advantages to be derived from his help. It is only in the case of a few insignificant and untrustworthy puppets of the Queen's Colleges that education has been abused and turned to their own destruction. The bulk of the Irish people do not believe the doctrine enunciated by Mr McCullough, and tacitly endorsed by the audience whom he addressed. The union between priest and people in Ireland was never stronger than it is at the present day. Mr McCullough acknowledges the influence of the priests in the affairs of their people, whilst he deprecates it, because he cannot understand the motives that prompt Irish Catholics to place confidence in their clergy.

From personal observation during a recent visit to Ireland, I can assure Mr McCullough and his Wellington audience that the interference of priests in political matters has been instrumental in the preservation of law and order and in the prevention of crime which otherwise would have stained the record of the present struggle. Had Mr McCullough been present at an Irish eviction and seen the priest using all his power to instil calmness and forgiveness into the heart of the unfortunate farmer, who with his family was being thrown ruthlessly on the roadside, he would learn to appreciate the love and trust with which the Irish Catholic looks up to his clergy, and would see less danger to Ireland in priestly interference. But I am afraid Mr McCullough saw Ireland through an orange coloured eyeglass and did not go to the most reliable sources for information as to the real state of affairs.

Mr McCullough's assertion that the education system in Ireland (for I take it that the word "ecclesiastical" is a misprint for "educational") was not as perfect as that of New Zealand, was the crowning insult to his admiring hearers. Bishop Moran had been for twenty years and more leading a crusade against injustice and oppression to the Catholics in educational matters, and yet this gentleman tells a Catholic audience that the New Zealand system is more perfect than that of Ireland, where in primary and intermediate education Catholics are enjoying the same advantages as non-Catholics without running the risk of loss of faith.

If sympathy for Ireland can be got from disinterested colonials only at the expense of gross insult and misrepresentation, the sooner honest Irishmen recognise that they can dispense with such humiliating support the better for their own self-respect and the good of the cause which they champion.—I am, etc.,

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N A P I E R.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

September 11th, 1894.

At St Mary's, on Sunday, the Very Rev Father Grogan read a short circular received from the Archbishop of Wellington, containing the resolution respecting Catholic education passed at the late conference in Auckland. As far as this was concerned, said the Rev Father, it was not necessary for him to say anything in explanation, because the children of the Napier parish were, he was pleased to say, attending their own schools faithfully, more so than hitherto. There was still a small percentage who attended the public schools, but these were hardly worth mentioning. Another thing, they were generally the children of parents who did not attend Mass, and neglected their duty. He did not know how they were to be dealt with, but perhaps the mission which was to be held shortly would have some effect on them. It was not, however, on the subject of the circular he wished to say a few words to them, but in reference to parental control. It was not enough for the child to be sent to school, remain there five or six hours, and be taught figures, geography, etc. The parents' home should be the school, and the lessons should be attended to there that could not be attended to in the school. The child from its earliest moment of reason ought to be taught there was a God, that He is continually watching over it, and that it was possessed of a soul, which was immortal. Do what the child might, it was always under the eye of that God, and one day would have to render an account of the life led on this earth. The parents should teach their children to go to Mass, and what Mass was, teach them the meaning of prayer, particularly in the house of God. The father's home should be the school for all this: Children should be taught the nature of a mortal sin; to observe Fridays and fast days; to be truthful; never to allow them to tell a falsehood, and every means taken to correct a falsehood when it comes to their knowledge. Teach them to be just; never allow an immodest word to be uttered without being corrected immediately; teach them to be humble, not to despise their neighbours, but to respect them as creatures of God, having the same privileges as themselves. But how could parents teach their children if they did not believe in or act up to these matters themselves? If a father did not go himself to Mass, how could he teach his child to go, or to abstain from flesh meat on Fridays if that was the common meal on the table? How could parents teach their children to go to confession and communion if they never complied with that obligation themselves, or to be peaceful, if their own moral habits at home were bad. If such were the case it was a moral impossibility to bring up the children properly. A child's mind was white like a piece of paper, and any kind of mark could be put upon it. The Rev Father Grogan made many other observations, and also referred to a case now being tried in the Supreme Court, in which an old man with a number of young girls are implicated. He was pleased, however, to say that no Catholics were concerned in the case. The speaker concluded an excellent discourse by appealing to the congregation to follow the advice of their bishop in the matter of religious education for their children.

In addressing the grand jury in the case in which an old man and several girls are concerned, Mr Justice Richmond said, if the depositions were true, it showed a moral rottenness amongst the people of Napier. He would not say whether the Church, the State, the school, or the home was to blame.

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Irish News.

(From the Irish World.)

Armagh.—David Fox and William J. Verner were charged at Portadown Sessions "for having on the 13th May, at Maghera, wounded Patrick Tennyson, and for having engaged in a riot." Verner was returned for trial at the Armagh Assizes, but admitted out on bail. At the same sessions the case against Daniel Skilton and William McKenna for assault on Robert McMinn was adjourned until Saturday, the 16th June, the injured man being unable to attend. James McKenna, John McKenna, Daniel Skelton, John McAnulty, Neil McAnulty, Daniel Haggao, and Patrick Robinson were returned to the Armagh Assizes for creating a disturbance. Bail will be accepted for their appearance, themselves in £20, and two sureties of £10 each. These are the Orangemen and the originators of the whole business. On the National side James McKenna, William McKenna, William J. Tennyson, John McAnulty, James McAnulty, Neal McAnulty, Felix McAnulty, James McAnulty, Peter McAnulty, Daniel Haggan, Joseph Haggan, Patrick Robinson, and Patrick Margarray have been returned for trial simply because they defended themselves.

On Sunday a Nationalist demonstration took place at Aughagallon and was attended by Mr John Dillon, M.P. The place of meeting is situated on the borders of the Counties of Antrim, Down, and Armagh, and lies about five miles from Lurgan. It is the centre of a thickly populated district, and the gathering was attended by a number of people, not only from the immediate neighbourhood, but also from Belfast, Lisburn, and Lurgan. The following priests were present: Rev Father Quail, P.P., Magheralin; Rev Father

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Down.—The cowardly attacks of which the Rev William McCartan, C.O., of Gilford, was the victim on Sunday at the hands of some Orange rowdies, after the termination of the meeting addressed by Mr John Dillon, near Lurgan, call for the most energetic action on the part of the authorities. The scene of riot which is described would be shameful among a community of savages, and we trust that no effort will be spared to bring to punishment the would-be murderers of Father McCartan.

Dublin.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin convened a public meeting at the Mansion House on the 18th June, for the purpose of congratulating the Countess of Aberdeen on the success of the Irish Village at the Chicago Exhibition, and thanking her for the services she is rendering the country in the revival and promotion of its industries. The fair visitor was enthusiastically received. Her departure from Dublin on the termination of her husband's being the Lord-Lieutenant was forcibly brought to her mind.

Galway.—In the course of a lecture delivered in Dublin by the Rev David Murphy lately on the Irish crosses, reference was made to the Tuam cross as one of the most beautiful and perfect specimens of its kind in the world.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland—Lord Houghton—lately visited Connemara. At Bealraigan he was met by Father Flatley, Garumna, and Patrick Toole of Lettermore. He inspected the bridge and causeway and expressed himself pleased with them, and complimented Mr Toole on the satisfactory manner in which he had carried out his contract. The pass leading into Lettermore Island

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McPolin, C.O., Magheralin; Rev Father McCartan, C.O., Tullylish; Rev Father O'Loan, C.O., Aughagallon. In the unavoidable absence of the parish priest the chair was occupied by Father O'Loan, C.O. When Father McCartan was returning from the meeting and passing through Lurgan, he was most brutally assaulted by Orangemen and sustained serious personal injury. He was turned out of two houses wherein he sought shelter.

Derry.—Following is the story of a Catholic named Hugh Kane, who was brutally assaulted by Orangemen: Hugh Kane deposed that he was in Kiltrea on the 16th of May. He was going home between 9 and 10 o'clock. At Mullin crossroads he was met by a crowd. He knew the defendants. When he came forward to where they were on the Garvagh road, he made to pass. He was passing on the left hand side and the accused were across the footpath. He went off it. They didn't move to let him pass. When he was going forward James Michael sprang forward, and hit him on the cheek with some short weapon. It brought him to his knees. James Killough then hit him on the head with a weapon. That knocked him down, and he fell against the side of the road. James Michael cried out to "Let into him." When he was down four of them surrounded him. He was kicked more than once or twice down the body. He was kicked on the arm. He lost his hat and the goods that he had. Kane then went to the police barrack to lodge a complaint, but was arrested and placed in the lockup in the awful condition he then was. His request for a doctor was refused. He was fined, while his assaulters were allowed to depart without receiving any punishment.

Donegal.—Mr George Moore, auctioneer, lately sold a farm of twenty-two Irish acres at Coolcolly, near Ballyshannon, with a

was next inspected, and after lunching at Lettermore the party proceeded to inspect the pass leading from that island to Garumna.

Kerry.—Lady Aberdeen was enthusiastically received in Tralee recently. Quite a number of addresses were presented to her, and in reply she said: "There is always one special difficulty that confronts me when speaking to an Irish audience such as is gathered here to-day, and that is to try and find some new words in which to say; 'Thank you.' But, indeed, ladies and gentlemen, I hope you will receive my most heartfelt and cordial thanks, both on my own behalf and on behalf of Lord Aberdeen (applause) for the very kind way in which you have received me."

Seizures for rent are being made daily on the Kenmare estate. This morning Tom Babilly, the Sheriff's bailiff, seized nine head of cattle and a horse and car belonging to Mr Daniel Crowley. Mr Crowley is relieving officer for a portion of the eastern part of the union. About two years ago a garnishee order was served on the Board of Guardians impounding Mr Crowley's salary until a sum of £40 was paid, the cost of a Dublin lawsuit between Mr Crowley and Lord Kenmare in respect of his farm, from which he had been evicted. This meant absolute ruin to Mr Crowley, but the Guardians interfered and effected a settlement. The landlord offered to withdraw the garnishee order if Mr Crowley would pay a gale's rent and take up possession of the farm. Mr Crowley accepted the offer and went back into his farm, and, notwithstanding, his things are now sold. Mr Tom Babilly was the auctioneer. Quirke, one of Lord Kenmare's bailiffs bid £10, and Lynch, another, offered £11, and for which sum he was declared purchaser.

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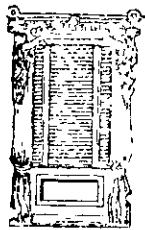
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lately, which resulted in the total destruction of their extensive stores and their valuable contents. The loss is estimated at £5,000. The stores, of which only the four main walls are visible, consisted of a series of buildings. The first and largest was a permanent structure, 150 feet long by 40 feet wide and 30 feet high; at the end of this was the goods office, and then a long wooden building known as the granary. It was here that the fire broke out. In less than ten minutes the fire travelled up its entire length of 200 feet, spreading out on either side. The enormous corrugated iron roof became red hot, and fell in twisted and unshapely forms below, where the miscellaneous stocks of oils, grains and provision were burning with intense fury. Six and a half tons of flour, consigned to local merchants (Messrs Hackett and Flynn), were in the centre of the shed, and the fire, in its inrush from the granary, literally embraced and consumed them in five minutes' time. In another part of the same building was £100 worth of Guinness' porter in hogsheads and nine-gallon casks. These were burned up with amazing rapidity.

At Tullamore Quarter Session it was decided that a herd named Patrick Fleming, who had saved £100, could not purchase a farm of 100 acres, as the County Court Judge held he was not a man of sufficient mark to bind the landlord, Mr Horindge, to accept him as tenant.

Limerick.—Lady Aberdeen recently attended at the Limerick Corporation for the purpose of receiving an address from the Council and having the freedom of the city conferred upon her. The Council Chamber was profusely decorated with plants and flowers. There was a large attendance of the general public and the Countess was warmly cheered. On being presented with the freedom of the ancient and historic city Lady Aberdeen said: "Mr Mayor, Aldermen, and Town Councillors of the city of Limerick: You have made me a proud woman to-day, and I know that you have also made my husband a very proud man. Lord Aberdeen and I have had ample opportunities of finding all over the world how ready and quick are the Irish race to recognise any effort made to save them, and to-day, Mr Mayor, you and the people of Limerick, in your generous recognition, have conferred upon me the highest honour in your power to give in enrolling me as a freewoman (laughter) and making me one of your own (cheers). I am deeply sensible of the honour you have thus done me, and I cannot hope to express what I feel. Indeed, the words which you have spoken and which are found in the address, can only make one feel humble when one thinks of how little has been accomplished. You have, Mr Mayor, estimated my deserts not according to accomplishments but according to aid, for indeed I will yield to no one in my desire to do all I can for Ireland" (applause).

Mayo.—Father McGirr, the warm-hearted and pious administrator of Westport, and his zealous colleagues, Father Mackan and Father Donnellan, have splendid evidences of the piety of the people at the mission now progressing by Father O'Sullivan and Father Robinson of the Vincentians, Phibbsborough. The crowds that attend morning and evening are as much as the beautiful church can accommodate. The old mountain, the Beek, Murrisk Abbey, the ground trodden by St Patrick and blessed by the touch of his hands, are landmarks of religion from which piety and faith will sparkle like the dew, purifying the atmosphere and touching the hearts and souls of the good people forever.

Meath.—Last Navan fair was well attended. Following were the prices: Prime beef, 56s to 60s per cwt; second class, 45s to 52s per cwt; fat sheep, L2 12s 6d to L3; mutton, 7d to 8d per lb; lambs, 25s to 32s; springers near calving, L18 to L21; second-class: L14 to L16; milch cows, L11 to L13; strippers and dry cows, L10 to L12; three-year-old heifers and bullocks, L11 to L13 10s; two-year-olds, L8 5s to L10 10s; yearlings, L5 6s to L6 15s; weanlings, L2 2s to L3 5s. In the pig fair bacon pigs sold at 45s to 48s per cwt; store pigs, 30s to 35s; bonhams and slips, 17s to 25s each.

Monaghan.—Members of the Castleblaney branch of the Irish National Federation met last week, the vice-president, Father Ward, in the chair. The following resolution was proposed by Mr G. Jackson, seconded by Mr John Graham, and carried unanimously:

"That, having heard with regret that certain persons in Castleblaney have taken certain lands, we condemn in the strongest manner the action of those men, and we think the time has come for united action and organisation to protect the land properties of residents in towns."

Wexford.—On Friday five evictions were carried out on the estate of the Marquis of Ely. The bailiffs were Donovan and Dwyer. Head-constable Feecey was in charge of the police, and Mr Godfrey L. Taylor, agent, was also present. The first house visited was that of Mrs Caulfield, Killesk, and when the party had evicted her they proceeded towards the hook, and evicted Martin Murphy and Patrick Brien, of Brownhill, both of whom made offers which would not be accepted. They next went to Templetown, where they evicted John Byrne. The next scene of operations was at Churchtown, where John Fortune was dispossessed.

A PRIEST'S STORY.

DECEMBER 24th, 1874, ushered in one of the severest storms that I have ever seen my lot to witness. I was that day midway on a journey from Helena to Missoula and had stopped for the night at a stage-ranch, one of the old-time rude wayside hosteleries, of which to-day, in the changed conditions wrought by the advent of railroads but few remain. Black, angry clouds had gathered upon the horizon, and as evening approached, light, feathery snow, began falling, which rapidly increased in quantity until the air and earth were blended in a black and white shroud, beneath which surrounding objects gleamed weird and spectral through the deepening gloom. We were a motley group as we gathered around the large open fire to enjoy our post-prandial pipes, while the storm beat fiercely without and the flickering red flames limned the circle of bronzed and bearded faces with fitting Rembrandt like lights and shades. In the centre sat a broad-shouldered, portly man of apparently fifty years of age, whose smooth-shaven and kindly face, as well as the sober cut of his dress, unmistakably proclaimed the priest.

To pleasantly pass the evening, story after story was related by several of the persons present: and when the priest announced his willingness to entertain his companions, we all attentively listened to the tale he told. In a voice, low, musical and impressive he thus proceeded:

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For a number of years following, my field of operations was confined to the savage tribes inhabiting the regions within which I and my co-workers were the only white men, save a few traders of the North-West Fur Company, stationed forty miles distant at Fort Benton.

The discovery of gold, however, within the territory in 1862 led to the vast influx of adventurers and the mountains were soon filled with seekers for the precious metal, while little towns here and there began to spring up like mushrooms among the gulches.

One night, after having worked rather harder than usual with our Indian school, which had been only recently organised, I retired to my apartments. I was just in a dose when a rap came on my door and our superior walked in with a troubled face.

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Within an hour after leaving the mission the rain fell in torrents, but we pursued our way without halting. It was well on towards morning when a few patches of light suddenly appeared, and in a few moments we rode into a village of tents from some of which came the sound of rude music and revelry, and from some others the shouts and curses of drunken men.

We rode through a long avenue of these canvas tents, until we reached the end of the row, where we drew rein before a high log building, apparently the most pretentious one in the 'city.' As we dismounted the door was flung open and a bright light streamed forth, revealing a neatly, almost luxuriantly furnished interior, with a roughly attired man outlined in the foreground. A bright fire burning at one end of the room, and entering, I was left alone to dry my drenched garments before its cheerful blaze.

Some minutes passed during which I heard moans issuing from an adjoining room and a low murmur of voices, when the door leading to the apartments was suddenly opened and I saw before me what for the moment I believed to be a vision, due to the excited state into which I had been thrown by the events of the night and my mysterious surroundings. It was the figure of a young girl, seemingly about seventeen years of age, whose radiant and almost unearthly beauty might well have beguiled other men than myself. Dressed in simple white, with her hair falling about her in a wealth of golden glory, and an expression of sadness upon her spiritual face, she carried my thoughts instantly to the Madonna in the chancel of the cathedral of Milan, in my native land.

Beckoning to me, I instantly arose and followed her to the room whence she had come. I there saw before me a little group of men

child often attracted my attention, as she sometimes came through the gates laden with rare flowers, stolen gifts to her by the conservatory keepers, and I entered with her guardian the family carriage always waiting near.

One day my neighbour came to me and put a terrible temptation in my heart. It was a scheme to kidnap the child in question, send it into concealment at a distant point in care of some of his relatives, and exact a large ransom for the recovery of the stolen babe.

I did not then consent, but the soft and seductive words with which he repeatedly urged his fiendish project at length overcame my resolution and we lay in wait for the little one for days, until the nurse girl being temporarily enticed away, we obtained the desired opportunity and snatched the child away from home and friends.

We had not anticipated the frightful hue and cry which our deed awakened, and before we could cover our tracks the sleuth hounds of the law were hot upon our trail.

Finding the toils slowly closing about me, I sold my business one day for what I could get for it, and accompanied by my sister, fled to the place where the child was hid, and taking her away, went far out into the wilds of Colorado. There I took up gambling as a profession, and, following one mining stampede after another, at last drifted into Montana.

To-night in an altercation over a game of cards, I received the fatal shot which sends my soul to perdition, but of that I have no wish to speak. I desire in the few short moments remaining to me to repair, so far as I can, the wrong I have done.

This kneeling girl is the stolen child, grown to womanhood and though I have committed toward her a crime which can never be forgiven, I have tried to be as kind to her as an affectionate and dutiful father could have been. She is the daughter of—the Wall street millionaire, and loving hearts, position and fortune await her in the great city of New York. My sister is innocent of complicity in this crime, as she has never known the circumstances under which I obtained the child, for I lied to her. I commit the girl to you as a

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'Yes,' I said; 'what have you to say that may ease your conscience or assuage your suffering?'

An expression of pain crept over his face, and reaching forth his hand, he uttered the name of 'Myra.' The girl I have described glided quickly forward and reverently kissed the outstretched hand, sunk upon her knees and wept bitterly. As he tenderly stroked her golden hair, he thus spoke, his words being listened to, at his request by all present:

'Knowing that I am soon to die, I want all here to listen to what I am to say, and I desire that my confession shall be written down.'

I had my notebook in my pocket, and drawing it forth I took his statement word for word, as I shall now attempt to give it—the public nature of the recital authorising me. 'Twelve years ago I lived with my sister here in the city of New York. We plied the trade of 'fencing,' or to be plain, we were receivers of stolen goods. There lived in the same street a man with whom I had many confidential transactions. Our two places of business were near one of the great city parks, into which thousands of people, many of whom were of wealth and leisure, came to promenade on summer afternoons, and here the trade of the pickpocket was successfully plied, giving us unusual opportunities for securing the plunder.

The park was often visited by a nurse girl who had in her charge the little five-year-old daughter of one of the wealthiest men in the city. I had often seen the pair, and the extraordinary beauty of the

precious charge to be restored to the sorrowing hearts which have for twelve years mourned her as dead.'

His voice had sunk so low as to be almost inaudible, his lips closed as with a sudden spasm of pain, and the weeping girl flung herself on the bed at his side, her frail body convulsed with sobs which pierced the heart of the listener. The dying man turned his dull eyes upon her face and in a hoarse whisper asked: 'Myra, can you forgive me?' Not a word did she answer, but pressing her trembling lips upon his she clung to him until I mercifully drew her away, and I saw the upturned face was that of the dead.

'What did you do with the girl?' asked a voice from the hushed circle that had thus far silently listened to the priest's story.

I took her to the mission next day and three weeks later a fine old gentleman with silvery locks and beard came from New York to claim her as his daughter. The meeting between them was the saddest I ever witnessed. She could not at first remember him and he wept like a woman, but at last he sung to her with a broken tearful voice some words of an old melody, and the cords of memory were stirred within her, calling up, she said, a vision in which spectral faces peered forth from the mist of years. A photograph of the old home, and before it a group in which appeared the features of the dead mother and her own little infant self recalled the past still more distinctly and the tide of years was at last partially swept back. She accompanied her father to New York, and is to-day one of the reigning society matrons of Gotham."—*Baltimore Catholic Mirror*.

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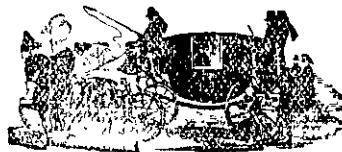
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(From an occasional Correspondent.)

A MOST successful social re-union, entitled "An Evening in Old Ireland," was held in St James' Hall, Auckland, on Tuesday evening, September 4th, promoted by the local branch of the Irish National Federation, and in aid of the Irish Parliamentary fund. The large hall was filled by a most enthusiastic audience. The chair was taken by the president, the Hon J. A. Tole, whose appearance on the stage, accompanied by J. D. Connolly, Esq, U.S. Consul, and W. J. Napier, Esq, evoked rounds of applause. Before commencing his address, the hon chairman exposed to the vast audience two large pictures of Mr Gladstone and honest John Dillon, the assemblage rising and cheering loudly. Upon rising to deliver the opening address our deservedly popular president was once more affectionately greeted. He read a number of telegrams from the newly formed branches of the Federation in New Zealand, wishing success to the gathering that evening. The first was from Mr William Healy, the energetic secretary of the Wellington branch; Canterbury branch, president Sellars, and vice-president Nelson; Denniston, president D. Milligan; Charleston, president M. Lavery; and Westport, secretary Sherlock. These thoughtful messages were much appreciated and applauded. The chairman then dealt in a masterly and pleasing manner with the contemporary phases of Ireland's struggle, the amount of funds requisite to carry on the campaign, the urgent necessity for Irishmen throughout the world to unite and organise and strike the final blow for the regeneration of our beloved motherland. A general election might come upon them at any moment, for which we should be prepared. The Irish party were compelled to be in constant attendance at Westminster, and the majority of them were poor men, who could not absent themselves from their businesses and homes. Therefore, to win Home Rule these men must be maintained in London, and towards that maintenance our branch of the Federation, and the branches in the south lately formed by our secretary, and our gathering to-night were contributing. £125 per annum was all that was given to these patriots for their services. Everyone in this large concourse who can should join the Federation. Ireland was winning, and to use the words of the Connaught peasant "Begona, they are touching their hats to us now." Reference was then made to the high appointment of that great Irishman, Lord Russell, to the position of Chief Justice of England. Mr Tole concluded with an eloquent and patriotic appeal amidst rounds of applause.

Mr J. D. Connolly, U.S. Consul, who was loudly cheered again and again renewed, said—"The occasion which calls us together is both sad and comforting, and yet it has a deep significance, inasmuch as it marks an era of exceptional intelligence in the affairs of human progress, an era of peaceable and constitutional effort in the growth, maintenance and defence of freedom. It is sad to think that in this age of enlightenment men find it necessary to band themselves together to secure the national rights and liberties of their brethren. While on the other hand it is comforting to see men and women through whose veins course the milk of human kindness, who are still prepared to make large personal sacrifices, such as you are making to-night, and have made in the past, in the cause of your common country. What spectacle could be more edifying, what motives could be higher or more sublime than those actuating this audience to-night? Here we find a people at the uttermost ends of the globe, far away from their early homes and the land of their birth—a people in the full enjoyment of every liberty and human equality in the broadest, and purest, and most comprehensive sense, living in a land where the gaunt form of famine has never been known, nor has the heel of the tyrant found an abiding place yet, and let us sincerely hope these evils may never afflict this fair land. But, notwithstanding that to-day you are here in New Zealand enjoying greater political liberty than ever blessed a nation, yet it is to your credit it may be said that you are not unmindful of the miseries and wretchedness of those of your fellow-countrymen who are still struggling in the dark sea of adversity, endeavouring to obtain, even in a small degree, some recognition of their natural rights as men, the sacred right of self-government. I need scarcely tell you I am not one of those who cling with mad desperation to the throne or the divine right of kings to rule. Indeed, if I may say so without intentional impropriety, I would say that I have little faith in their claims to such privileges; neither do I believe there is any special divinity directing or guiding their course, and that many of them have neither a legal nor a moral right to the exalted positions they hold. We all know that kings harshly exercise the arbitrary power of might, usurping and totally disregarding the right, preparing to crush all who may oppose their arbitrary will. History records many a throne reared on the bleaching bones of the vanquished victims of arbitrary power. We know that a cruel Nero mercilessly wielded the sceptre of Empire whilst a meek and humble Paul was beheaded. We know that an iniquitous Herod was crowned whilst a merciful Saviour was crucified for practising humanity. We know that thousands of generous-hearted Irishmen who loved their country and

feared their God suffered ostracism, persecution, exile, and death in righteous cause. But we are consoled in the consciousness that it is only another unhappy and unfortunate instance of "right upon the scaffold and wrong upon the throne." Justice demands that the voice of England should come even unsolicited to the rescue of Ireland, and restore her long lost birthright. No subterfuge, no guise or disguise can wipe out this truth. Until this is done there can be no compromise, there is no common ground upon which to meet, no foundation upon which to rear an enduring superstructure. The bigotry and prejudice which have hitherto governed Ireland are fast disappearing. The shell of materialism and indifference has dropped from the manhood of Ireland, and to-day it stands forth spiritualised into purest uncompromising patriotism. There have been wars and violence since the beginning of time and will probably be until the end of time, but most of them have been for ambition or the acquisition of territory. We find England engaged in one of her most expensive and destructive conflicts with Holland because of an offensive picture in the Town Hall in Amsterdam. France carried on one of the most desolating wars in history, making the homes of millions of people a desert, that a corrupt Minister might amuse a mighty monarch. But Ireland's constitutional conflict for the right of self-government is not founded upon such vain and frivolous grounds. It has a higher and holier mission, the peace and happiness of the people. It is not to destroy or minimise the power or influence of a great empire, but to preserve and strengthen it by removing the only weak link in the chain, the only source of weakness and contention and at the same time to preserve the individuality and nationality of a deserving people. The people of Ireland and England in common with those of every integral portion of the Empire, are the heirs to a common destiny—all the benefits of free institutions, all the liberty, all the rights and advantages which are possessed by one should be possessed by all. This sharing of the common privileges by all must tend to cement and consolidate every fragment of the Empire into one sympathetic bond of common brotherhood, which shall be stronger and more enduring than even the most loyal subject could hope to realize. I should fain dwell upon the benefits of a natural and peaceful union between Ireland and England did time permit. Not a paper union that has brought nothing but sorrow and despair, strife and discord in its train. Not a union that blights the fountains of affection in both peoples, not a union that blasts and burns without fruit or oil, or any sustaining life, but a real union of hearts and of hands of true fraternal fellowship, of common hopes and aspirations. A union that would permit the tear-stained little shamrock to once again flourish in peace on the green hills of Tara, there to receive the earliest dews of the morning and the first dawn of liberty's sun, shedding its genial rays of light and heat over a happy, prosperous, and tranquil Erin. A union that would plant the dainty thistle of Scotland on the hallowed grounds of Bannockburn as an indestructible monument consecrated to even closer fellowship if possible. A union that would enable the White Rose of England to seed its fragrance over the whole, and smile each day over a happy and united Empire. But you may ask when this happy state shall be. I answer with a heart full of hope for the future; not till Englishmen fully realise that Ireland's demands only mean a closer union; not till the foul seeds of discord which have fattened and flourished on Irish soil shall have been eradicated root and branch; not till the Irish learn the lesson of union instead of division; not till they cease to bite the apple at the serpent's call; not till the power and influence of the Benedict Arnolds and the Judas Iscariots of Ireland shall have ceased, and they are branded as traitors and banished into deepest oblivion; then and only then may Ireland realise her fondest hopes. Only a few days ago a certain nobleman, who shall be nameless, said that to make concessions to the Irish would be to teach rebels that they are to be rewarded whilst loyal subjects are ignored. Rebels, indeed! Why, the man who would not rebel against tyranny, oppression, and wrong is unworthy of being called the name of man. Was it not bigotry and tyranny that drove the "Half Moon" and "May Flower" with their human freight across the trackless ocean to seek a home in the new world where they could commune with their Creator and worship Him in peace? Was it not oppression and the want of self-government that compelled the patriot forces of the United States to take up arms in defence of their liberties and march barefooted and up to their waists, through trackless snows at Valley Forge, to assert their rights against the senseless tyranny of a foolish king? Was it not the profligacy, corruption, and total disregard of human rights by the king and courtiers of France that caused the streets of Paris to flow with human blood? Was it not the love of country and the desire to preserve its integrity and liberties that drove poor Louis Kosuth, whose memory shall be forever cherished by every lover of freedom, an exile over the face of the earth, without home or country but with numberless friends? But why multiply; time will not permit. Is there a man to-day with a human heart, with a Christian conscience—though he may not always approve the methods adopted—who in the light of history is prepared to condemn the acts of those who struggled for liberty. If there be any such man I should be ashamed to acknowledge him either as

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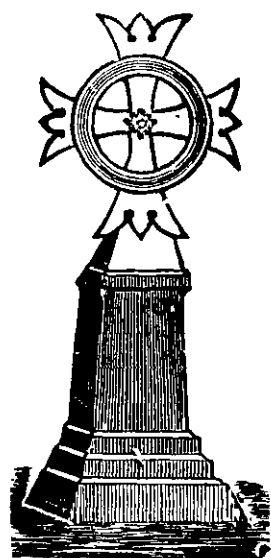
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friend, acquaintance, or relation, and I regret he should be recognised as a member of the human species. The same man would condemn the Barons who at Runnymede wrested Magna Charta, that grand old monument of English liberty, from King John. It is, therefore, equally as absurd to condemn the Irish for offering a passive resistance throughout the centuries and maintaining their unequal struggle for freedom. It is their honest love of freedom from unprofitable and needless restraint in the ordinary affairs of national life that have fed the flames and kept the fires of patriotism burning in the breasts of Irish men and women. When will honest, large-hearted, liberal-minded Englishmen in the plenitude of their power rise above petty party, and sect? When will they permit themselves to rise to those sublime heights of justice, equality, and fair play which is their proudest boast? When they do, then Ireland shall be free. Let us earnestly hope that their hearts and eyes may be opened as wide as the portals of God's mercy that they may soon realise the justice, the honour, and honesty of Ireland's claims.

Mr W. J. Napier in his usually eloquent and forcible manner pointed out what England would gain by Home Rule. A great financial saving would accrue to Great Britain. The time of Parliament now devoted to Irish questions would be given largely to Imperial questions and to English and Scotch domestic legislation. He quoted from the English *Hansard* to show how Irish business blocked all legislation, and from Pitt's speech in the House of Commons in 1799, in moving resolutions in connection with the Union, to show how completely that statesman's prophecies as to the benefits to be derived from the Union had been completely falsified. Mr Napier also quoted from a statement from Mr Herbert Gladstone's speech to the effect that Irish business had filled 24,000 pages of *Hansard*, while Imperial questions and those relating to Great Britain only occupied 45,000.

The addresses were interspersed by the following musical items. The fine old Irish music vocal and instrumental thoroughly roused the patriotic feelings of the assemblage:—A selection, "Ould Ireland," by the orchestra, under the leadership of Mr Robert Mahoney; the song, "Irish Emigrant," nicely rendered by Miss A. Lorrigan, and in response to an encore "Terence's Farewell to Kathleen." Miss C. Dampier's violin solo, "Irish Airs," was so artistically executed that she had to repeat a portion of it; The quartette, "Minstrel Boy," by Mrs Hiscocks, Miss Fernandez, Messrs Tapper and Ryan, was warmly applauded. Another selection, "Beauties of Ireland," was rendered by the orchestra, after which Madame Tuschka sang with great feeling, "Barney Acushla," and was warmly applauded. Miss Fernandez was successful in her song, "Eileen Alannah." Then succeeded a trio, "Erin the tear and the Smile in Thine Eye," by Mrs Hiscocks, Miss Fernandez, and Mr Ryan.

A word of praise is due to Mr Robert Mahoney for his exertions in forming so creditable an orchestra. Miss Dampier, a little girl of but 14 years, performed her violin solo splendidly. The piano accompaniments were artistically and faithfully rendered by Miss Reta Tole, a niece of the Hon J. A. Tole.

During the interval a committee of ladies consisting of Mesdames Tuschka and Collopy, Misses Gough (2), Grace, O'Brien and Regan handed round tea, coffee, and light refreshments, the time being also devoted to social intercourse. Mgr. McDonald, who came in all the way from Panmure; Father Walsh, St. Patrick's; Father Downey, St. Benedict's, occupied front seats. An apology was sent by Dr Egan regretting his inability to be present. Before the termination of the proceedings (the president thanked all who so kindly assisted, and especially the friends who so generously contributed the refreshments. Thus ended one of the most successful Irish gatherings held in this city, one and all departing for their homes highly gratified. The net proceeds promise well. What a cheering and significant thing to see Irishmen in combination striving to advance their dear and far distant island home.

'One in name, and one in fame
Are the sea-divided Gael.'

Zola's new book on Lourdes shows that the novelist of the gutter has not lost his old instinct nor changed his methods. The thing is a revolting, gangrenous, microscopic study of the ailments of those who resort to the famous shrine and of the various courses resorted to by them to mitigate and soothe their sufferings meanwhile. The thing is a literary running sore, filthy, stenchsome, and repulsive. — *Edinburgh Catholic Herald*.

Sir Donald McFarlane, the only Catholic M.P. in Scotland, has introduced a Bill in the House of Commons which proposes to amend the Ground Game Act, so as to permit tenants in the occupation of grazing farms the same rights of shooting ground game at any season of the year as are now enjoyed by their landlords.

In celebration of the third centenary of St Phillip Neri there will be a great pilgrimage to the tomb of "the second patron of Rome," and the pilgrims will be received by the Pope. Signor Tolti, of Rome, is head of the organising committee, and branches are to be formed in various countries.

The University of Notre Dame, Indiana, has postponed until next year the celebration of its Golden Jubilee. The recent deaths of Fathers Sorin, Walsh, and Granger have made festivities impossible at this period. In 1895, however, the University will fittingly commemorate its first centenary as a chartered seat of learning.

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 week 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 I 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 any one who may write me concerning the facts here set forth. Yours truly (Signed), Thomas Foster, 15, Chatham Place, Adelaide street, Hull, March 21st, 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.

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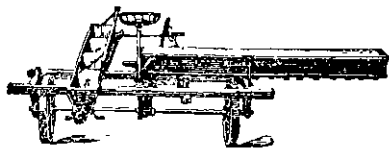
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