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## Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

**A YANKEE SPECIMEN.** THE *New York World* gives a sketch of a lady who is described as the richest woman in America which necessarily makes her very interesting. Her name is Hetty Green, and she appears to be somewhat peculiar. Her looks as described are not very prepossessing; her dress is not fashionable,—but then she explains that she is a Quaker, and goes to church once in a while when she can,—and she is not very choice about her speech. She is not one of those Americans who go to London to make matrimonial investments in May Fair. Yet she is not wholly wanting in regard for the amenities of life. She had her gaities when she was young, she says, and she likes young people to go into society. "What," she asks, "do you have, anyhow, in life, except your food and your clothes and your friends?" "But," she adds, "I don't know anything about the Four Hundred and I don't want to." Mrs Green has two great occupations,—the one going to law. For thirty years she says she has never been free of a law suit, and in this respect she likens herself to a horse kept for that length of time in the front of an omnibus. Mrs Green's other occupation is dodging the tax-collectors—not, she explains, that she resists paying taxes, but that she does not want to pay them in the wrong place. In Chicago once she got an opinion from a lawyer that she could stay in the town 364 days in the year without being a resident, if she was absent on the other day. The lawyer evidently would have earned his 6s 8d only, unfortunately, his opinion did not hold good. The people Mrs Green was fighting with would not, she says, believe him. They were about to put the "screws" on her but she balked them. How, she relates as follows:—"I had money in five banks there," she continued with a chuckle, "and I went to all of them and told them I was going to take my money out. They got together and had a meeting, and they went to the people who were pegging the tax man on and said: 'Here, do you know what you're doing? You're driving capital, millions of capital, right out of this town. If you think that's a good thing for Chicago, go right ahead. But you'll have to get some other banks to do your business for you.'"—On the whole, then, Mrs Hetty Green seems to be an interesting person, chiefly interesting, however, as we have said, because she is the richest woman in America.

**A SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS?** A JURIOUS disposition of the day is to recall and dwell upon the memory of Napoleon.—*Absit omen*: may there be no casting before of shadows by future events. And yet the circumstances of the world are such as to make it rash for any self-inspired seer to predict that there would be no return of military despotism. In fact, such a despotism already exists in part, for recent utterances of the German Emperor make it impossible to doubt that the power his Majesty holds, so far latent, in his hands, is such, to all intents and purposes, and only needs the necessity to be brought into play. Napoleon, at any rate, is in the air. We do not, of course, in comparison, think of Sir Boyle Roache's rat. Something of the glamour that went out from him during his life-time seems to revive, and the literature and art of the day are full of him. We have had pictures, too, of him during recent years that might seem calculated to dispel illusions, or to prevent them from coming once more upon the world. In history Taine has applied a truthful pen; in fiction Erckmann Chatrian has made a life-like sketch. He (the Emperor), for example, comes at full gallop, shut up in his carriage, through the town of Phalsbourg on his way to Germany—and Leipsic. One of the dragoons, his outriders, goes down, man and horse, in contact with a post before a butcher's door. They lie broken and lifeless man and horse together. "A head leant out of the carriage—a big head, pallid and fleshy; a tuft of hair over the forehead; it was Napoleon. He held his hand up as if to take a pinch of snuff, and said a word or two brusquely. The officer who galloped beside the carriage door stooped to answer him. He took his pinch and turned the corner, while the cries redoubled and the cannon roared."

Hardly a touching picture; hardly a man over whose memory a poet of the people, for instance, like Beranger should strain his lyre—and yet so it was. So it is now in a measure. They are celebrating his memory everywhere. What does it mean? Does the world perceive its danger, and insensibly prepare itself for the lesser of the two evils,—the military despotism that is to save it from anarchy?

**THE CHANCE OF SAFETY.** THE question of the admission of the Anglican Church to communion with Rome has, we find, been occupying a good deal of attention of late in various countries. At Rome itself, in France, and in America, many minds have been occupied with it, and opinions have been freely given. Apart, however, from any likelihood of success with regard to the Anglican Church as a whole,—of which, as we have already said, there appears to us to be very little probability—or, indeed, we may go further and say, of which there seems to us to be at present a complete impossibility, it is worthy of remark that, in a country where some fifty years ago the so-called Papal Aggression was the innocent cause of such fierce demonstrations, the matter has been allowed to proceed so far in peace. What, notwithstanding of the English masses—the great body of the people, among whom, for any notable effect to be produced upon the nation, the change must be brought about. We do not know how far, even supposing the Pope to make an offer that could be accepted by the Church of England as a whole, her acceptance of it would affect the masses. Possibly it might separate them from her more fully and widely than is even now the case. Much more doubtful does it seem as to the manner in which the submission of the section of the Church represented by the Church Union would react upon the nation. But with the people lies the future, and the religion that is not theirs can make its influence but little felt. The Pope, however, has acted consistently. He has not ceased to warn the world of danger against which union in religion alone can afford them safety. The Papal Delegate in America, the other day, made very pointed allusion to the great trial that is approaching. To the East and to the West the Pope has stretched out his hands, appealing for the union that alone can oppose an effectual front to the enemy. His appeal may be fruitless—and not for the first time would a deaf ear be turned to the charmer. If so, it will be for future generations to deplore the blindness and reproach the memory of their fathers with the fault. Wise men—some even who are not Catholics—now see the wisdom of the Pope. But the worldly interests, the false persuasions, the deeply-rooted prejudices. Verily the way of the Church of England to Catholic unity is sorely blocked. The way may, nevertheless, be cleared. Possibly the steps now taken may begin its clearance for the feet hereafter of a penitent people—a people deploring the stubbornness and blindness of their fore-runners. No action taken by the Pope is likely, in the long run at least, to prove fruitless.

**CATHOLIC FEELING IN FRANCE.** WE learn from our Noumean contemporary, *L'Echo de la France Catholique*, that in New Caledonia also the statement that M. Felix Faure, the recently elected President of the French Republic, was a Protestant, had been a cause of some sensation. Our contemporary quotes from the *Semaine Religieuse de Rodes*, an article in which the statement in question is refuted, and a very reasonable argument drawn from the feeling excited by it in France as to the true sentiment towards religion existing in the country, and the way in which it might be called into action. The *Echo* says that the statement alluded to arose from an attempt made by the supporters of M. Brisson, M. Faure's opponent, to prejudice the Right in favour of their own candidate. The Congress of Versailles, says the *Semaine* in effect, had chosen M. Faure, whose honesty and probity were known to all, and whose line of politics was reputed full of moderation and wisdom. It was on this account that the Catholics in the Chamber gave him their support. How the new President will justify the confidence placed in him, our contemporary says, the future must decide. The *Semaine* confines its argument to one point—namely, that most significant and suggestive one, as to how the people of France are at heart affected towards Catholicism. The incident of the election, it says, proves that the soul of France always responds to the appeal of Catholic duty. This was the

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reception given to the report that M. Faure was a Protestant. Not only professed Catholics, but many of those who declared themselves independent of all belief—if not Freethinkers—were chilled by the announcement. M. Faure's friends bestirred themselves to give it a contradiction. His baptismal register has been published. Felix Faure, born at Paris, January 30, 1841, and baptised February 1st, in the parish church of St Vincent de Paul. Our contemporary recalls the events attending on the succession to the throne of France of King Henry IV. The times, it says, are not the same. There would now be no call to arms as in the sixteenth century. But the simple hesitation produced on the 17th of January at Versailles shows that there is still a groundwork of Catholic belief in the French conscience, with which a reckoning must be made. It is, adds our contemporary, a symptom, and at the same time a lesson. Public feeling will have no apostates. The *Semaine*, therefore, argues that resolute action on the part of the Catholics of France is all that is needed to vindicate the rights of religion and save the country. If Catholic France, says our contemporary, vigorously insisted on its resolution and demanded from its statesmen Christian Government, its voice would certainly be heard and obeyed. Our contemporary continues:—Thus a brave writer lately said that if some Catholic deputies, in imitation of Socialist manifestations, had boldly affirmed, on the one part, the social rights of our Lord Jesus Christ, and had placed in the urn the name of a brave man who would represent these rights, this affirmation would have found in the country an immense echo; for the country loves justice, honesty, honour, and probity. Hitherto these great virtues have not been the patrimony of politicians who insult the idea of God in Government. From their programme there have come forth, hitherto, only moral disorders, material disasters, catastrophes of all sorts, because the social edifice does not rest upon the corner-stone which is Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom alone is safety. Nevertheless, there is still Christian sap enough in the soul of France to render her capable of returning to the right way. The *Semaine* concludes with the following exhortation:—Let her then make haste and not wait until there are ruins only round about those who would be capable of resolution and sacrifice. Were there the will, there would be still time to cry halt upon the slope of ruin, and a generous exertion would still permit of the restoration of the thousand institutions which are the life of a people because they are the safeguard of all rights and of all interests.

In connection with this article from the *Semaine Religieuse de Rodez*, the following passages, which we take from a conversation with Napoleon, translated for the *Boston Pilot*, seem to us very much to the point. In some degree we see in them the main ambition of the speaker, marked by his failure, as in his presumption to control the world through the Pope,—his most notable stumbling-block—and that especially by which he fell in the snows of Russia. But, where he alludes to the proposal made to him to turn France Protestant, his words seem full of wisdom—as are also those he speaks generally regarding the need mankind have of a religion. Would a merciful God, we may ask in passing, have made them subject to this need without providing them with the true means for its satisfaction? But the passages are as follows:—"In proclaiming Protestantism what would I have obtained? I would have created in France two powerful parties about equal, whereas I wished to put an end to all parties. I would have brought back the furious religious quarrels, when the spirit of the age and my own wish was to see them disappear for ever. These two parties, in their quarrels, would have annihilated France, and would have made her the slave of Europe, whereas I had the ambition to make her the ruler over all. With Catholicity I would the easier reach all the ends I proposed. With us the greater number would absorb the less, and I proposed to treat them both with the same equality, that in the end they would become satisfied. Abroad Catholicism would give me the Pope on my side; and with my influence, and our army in Italy, I did not despair, sooner or later, by one means or another, I would control the world. I am all-powerful to-day; but had I been disposed to change the old religion of France, she would have risen up against me, and she would have vanquished me. If I had openly declared myself the enemy of religion, the whole country would have gone over to her; I would have changed the indifferent believers into sincere Catholics. I would have been, perhaps, less jeered at had I favoured Protestantism than in attempting to make myself the patriarch of a Gallican Church, but I would soon have been hated by the people. Is Protestantism the old religion of France? Is it not the Catholic Church, who, after long civil wars, after a thousand battles, finally conquered her enemies, in conformity with the genius and habits of the nation? It would have been a vain attempt to have usurped the place of a whole people, in creating for them new tastes and new habits, together with recollections other than those that already existed. The charm of a religion is in its attractions and souvenirs. The Catholic religion is the reli-

gion of our country, that in which we were born; she has a strongly organised government, which prevents disputes, or as much so as is possible to prevent them, considering the wrangling disposition of men. This government is outside of Paris, for which we should be thankful.—No society can exist without morality; there are no good morals without religion; consequently religion alone can give the State a firm and lasting basis. Society without religion is always agitated, perpetually threatened by the clashing of violent passions, and undergoing all the effects of intestine war, which ends in great evils, and sooner or later infallibly ends in its destruction.—Last Sunday I was walking in the solitude and silence of nature, in the park of Malmaison; the sound of the bell in the church at Reuil fell upon my ears. I was overcome by it, so strong is the power of our earlier habits and education. I said to myself: what must be the influence of the Church upon simple and believing men? Let your philosophers and dreamers answer this! Mankind must have a religion!"

IN an address delivered by him at Lawrence on PRESSIONAL. Thursday evening, the 11th inst, the Hon Mr Larnach gave a general support to the Government: He did not, however, accept all the acts of their administration as perfect or incapable of improvement. With regard to the Bank of New Zealand, for example, he regretted that they had not asked Parliament for larger powers. He thought, moreover, that they should have provided a better system of audit. The advances to settlers, he said, would be a failure or a success according as they were managed, but the measure was one for whose introduction the gratitude of the Colony was due to the Ministry. Mr Larnach proposed that a further step in the direction should be taken by providing for advances on mining claims, especially in the way of the conservation of water. This, he added, might also be turned to account for purposes of irrigation, by which fruit-growing might be encouraged, and land now barren might be made available for settlement in small sections. In speaking of the Lands for Settlement Act the speaker pointed to a large estate in the valley of the Molyneux, whose owner had lately died. The Government, he thought, could not do wrong if they acquired a portion of that land, and no injustice would be done the heirs if they were compelled to sell on fair terms. Mr Larnach condemned the denial given to the assertion that borrowing was going on. It was, however, he said, borrowing of a sensible kind, and he advocated an open loan for the completion of reproductive works. The Otago Central railway, he said, could not otherwise be finished nor could the Heriot-Roxburgh line be touched. The speaker made a significant reference to the education question. Provision, he said, should be made for the inspection of schools outside those of the Government. These schools were excellently conducted, and the people who supported them contributed also to the maintenance of the public schools. If there were not sufficient inspectors for the purpose the Government should have more appointed. It seems also significant that this claim of the speaker's was received by the audience with applause.

IF the old motto *Le ridicule tue* holds good, M. Zola should have but a short time to live. Fun of all kinds has been poked at him because of his late campaign in Rome and his abortive siege of the Vatican. The *Débats*, for example, gives a selection of entries from the enterprising author's note-book, in which he is represented as obtaining, in each case for a consideration, from Papal officials and servants, various details concerning the person and habits of the Pope and matters relating to the Papacy and its associations. For instance: "A guard who told me the curious fact that the Pope never leaves his palace—2 lire. . . . Dr X, one of the special physicians of the Pope for telling me his Holiness' age—1 lira and a copy of 'Paecal.'" At any rate, however it may fare with the writer himself, it seems evident that the shire has been, in advance, taken out of his promised work on Rome.

Strindberg, an author who has made for himself some reputation in France, protests, in a late number of a French periodical, strongly against the dominant position to which the women of the day aspire. He declares that their inferiority is written in their blood, which, he says, is that of the immature being. Their skulls, also, he says, are of a lower type and their brains are to match them. Woman, he says, if she wants equality, must drag man down to her level, for she can never attain to his. The fact that women claim such an equality—rebellious against the necessary sacrifices demanded of them—says this writer, in itself proves their unworthiness and unfitness for taking any part in the direction of the great social system.

The Pope has offered two gold medals, respectively, for the best essays on the inscription of Abercius—a Christian epitaph of the second century; and the secular games of the Emperor Augustus—for which Horace wrote his well-known verses. The competition is open to the scholars of all nations and the essays, written in Latin, Italian, or French, are to be sent in before the last day of the current year.

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As a specimen of the gross ignorance and the generally debased condition in which a man may exist, notwithstanding the fact that he has learned, in some degree, to read and write, we may take a passage from a letter published last week by our contemporary, the *Otago Daily Times*. The subject is the Passion Play at Oberammergau, which, says the writer,—a deponent who signs himself "Covenantant"—is "represented by the bulking villagers of an obscure place with an unpronounceable name in Bavaria." "These villagers," he adds, "too lazy to work, thrive on their impious caricatures of the most sacred mystery of our religion. They attract crowds of idle sightseers, who, without religion themselves, gloat over what they are pleased to call the artistic element in the 'play.'" We agree with our contemporary. The production was really worth publishing as an exposure of what may exist in company with a certain knowledge of the three R's. That, we conclude, was our contemporary's reason for publishing the letter, unless, perhaps, he solely meant to offer an apology for Claverhouse.

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the music of a Mass. And are there not worshippers, and many worshippers, who must come to worship under the influence of similar associations? The music that, to graver minds, seems unsuitable for religious expression, may, perhaps, be the very music to awaken their pious sentiments. Did not Cardinal Newman admit that certain ways in which, among Catholic peoples, sincere piety was expressed were to him distasteful? It is harsh to seek to model all minds on one particular cast. Our own feeling, nevertheless, is very largely that of the right rev writer. Our personal sympathy would be with the reform he advocates. He seems to us, however, a little too sweeping—and perhaps somewhat too keen—in his condemnation. The article will be found well worthy of perusal, and, once begun, will hardly be laid aside until it is read through.—Dr John Donovan, Q.C., K.C.S.G., etc., contributes a graphic and highly picturesque sketch of the cathedral at Cordova. "The Church in Newfoundland," by a writer whose name is not given, contains an interesting and suggestive history of the growth of Catholicism in a colony where it had been encountered by a resistance amounting at times to positive persecution—and that within a comparatively recent period. "St Peter at Rome," is the first portion of a learned and able article in support of the primacy of the Holy See, contributed by the Right Rev Dr Higgins, Bishop Auxiliary to Cardinal Moran. This article is very pertinent to the present time, in which the appeal of the Pope for a return of the schismatic bodies to unity has drawn general attention to the subject. The right rev writer shows himself very capable of dealing with it. The Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney concludes his article—"The Sisters of Mercy and the Catholic Chaplains during the Crimean war." The transition of the narrative from the nuns to the priests has in no way diminished its interest. Nothing, for instance, can be more touching than the quotations given by his Eminence from the letters of Father Molony—styled by his friends at home Parish Priest of Sebastopol. Take the following:—"Among the bravest of the brave were stretched our own dear countrymen. Poor Paddy, in your pains I saw you smile, and I heard your wit. As I passed by his gory bed his rough cheerful voice was heard, 'Look here, your Reverence, look here one holy

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look, stretching out, as he speaks, a thigh without a leg, or an arm without a hand. "Oa, your Reverence, if you were with us you would have seen the sport; it was we that made the Russians hop; but tell me, is Sebastopol down yet?" A note of the fearless devotion to truth that distinguishes the writer is his quotation of the complaints made of bitter intolerance on the part of Miss Nightingale—a revelation that, we confess, comes upon us as an unpleasant surprise. His Eminence is also candid in quoting the chaplain's conviction that for Irish soldiers Irish priests were fittest, and that English priests were not the missionaries for them. The article is of thrilling interest throughout. The Right Rev Monsignor O'Brien concludes his article "The Church and Hypnotism." His final conclusion is that treatment by hypnotism is lawful when there is relatively a grave cause and when due precautions to prevent abuse are taken, but that its use for mere experiment or recreation cannot be too highly censured. The Rev C. O'Connell, S.J., also brings to a conclusion his very clear and convincing article "The Ascent of Man." "A Visit to Coolgardie," by the Very Rev Dr Bourke, V.G., Perth, makes us acquainted with a great deal that is curious and interesting. Here, for instance, is a lake worthy of a place on any atlas but whose place we might suppose best suited to maps of non-terrestrial spheres. The writer is speaking of a township called Southern Cross—withal, says he, "a dismal and unwholesome place for human beings to live in." "Lake Polaris is near by, but its waters are nowhere to be seen. You must dig to reach them and when brought to the surface they are found to be eight times saltier than the ocean." Coolgardie, we may add, is 120 miles further away than Southern Cross—in the lowest depth a lower depth. The right rev writer deals as lightly with it as possible. "However interesting," he writes, "may be a flying visit to Coolgardie, residence in the town would be quite a different affair. It must be said that it is neither a pleasant nor an economical place in which to live." An article on missions under the suggestive initials C.S.S.R. deals with an important subject—hardly one, however, for the ordinary reviewer to criticize. Some ecclesiastical documents and one or two other papers complete, as we have said, a number in every respect worthy of that which had preceded it.

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## THE VISIBLE EFFECTS OF AGNOSTICISM IN EDUCATION.

(Brooklyn Catholic Review.)

FOR well-nigh forty years now agnosticism has been making its way in gaining control of the education given by our public schools. Of course the familiar term for this shutting out of religion as a factor in the education of children is "non-sectarianism," but agnosticism more nearly describes the idea. The term Agnostic, from the Latin, was adopted first by Mr Huxley to describe the man who, while not denying God or the supernatural, yet refused to acknowledge, because the arguments for and against served only to keep his mind in a state of balance. Christians maintain that Agnosticism is practically Atheism, for not to acknowledge God is to all intents and purposes a denial of His existence. At first, it is to be presumed, the omission of religious teaching from the courses of the public schools produced no widespread evil effects, for the reason that in that early day the parents of most of the children in those schools believed in some form of religion and took care that the lack of religion as an element in the every day schooling was made up for by supplementary instruction, either at home or in Sunday schools. But as time went on and religious indifference spread among masses of the people, whether native-born or immigrants, this religious supplementary instruction has become less and less in proportion until, within recent years, it safe to say that a very large proportion of the children of the public schools have been growing up to maturity without any religious training whatever.

In some parts of the country this progress of Agnosticism has been more rapid than in others, but everywhere evidences of it can be seen in the opinions and conduct of the new generation of Americans. There are everywhere evidences of the decay of morals that always follows a decline of religion and a consequent slackening of the restraints of conscience. There is fast growing among Americans an easy-going cynicism suspiciously like the so-called *fin de siècle* spirit supposed to characterise the irreligious element in France. The pursuit of wealth and of pleasure are the two prevalent aims of life, and now that the "non-sectarian," or Agnostic, scheme of education has left a large proportion of the new generation without religious or moral principles, the instability of marriage and the want of confidence in men's integrity in the handling of other people's money has become almost universal.

Disregard of the Christian view of the obligations of marriage and the notion that it is only a fool that will not take and keep all that he can safely grasp, whether it is rightly his, or not, are the growing evil of our country to-day. Only the other day, the London

correspondent of one of our daily papers gave as the result of his inquiries as to the cause of the European lack of confidence in American securities the prevalent belief in Europe that with us there is no punishment for railway thieves. We have all seen, in fact, the rise of many fortunes founded wholly on dishonest transactions on a large scale.

Almost every American city can point to certain prominent citizens walking abroad and looked up to with a sort of respect, who, nevertheless, ought to be shut up in prison. Everyone feels that these men have been thieves, that their earnings have been unjustly accumulated out of the property of others. Still there is no indignation, no public sense of shame. Men who are still honest greet the thief and are glad to be recognised in return by him.

The standing joke has been that most of these big thieves are "church members." Whenever a bank-clerk becomes a defaulter, if he happens to have been connected, in no matter how vague a manner, with a church, much is made of that fact. As to this fact there are some remarks to make. And, first of all, the man who is a thief at heart, will not hesitate to "steal the livery of Heaven" if necessary to help him in his course of theft. He will first steal, if it seems to him as the result of his circumstances of birth and surroundings, all that is necessary to help him along in his dishonest course—that is only the means to his end. And then he will go on to accomplish his main purpose, which is the dishonest appropriation of the property of others. Most of the big railroad thieves referred to in the London correspondent's letter belong to the past generation, and, of course, their operations are carried on along the old lines. But the standing joke, referred to above, is, in fact, nearly worn out. It will not be long till we shall see the new order of thieves on a large scale, those who do not think it necessary to make religion a cover for their wickedness.

It is not too much to assert that we who now live will soon see a reaction in popular sentiment from all this. The day is not far distant when the American people will cry out for a system of education that will truly educate the children committed to it, not merely in the art of counting money, but also in the more important science of crediting money to its rightful owners. There is bound to come a time soon when the American people will demand that religion be restored to its place as an integral factor for the education of the children in the schools supported at the expense of the State.

The Emperor and Empress of Austria have just been visiting the ex-Empress Eugenie at Cap Martin, and driving out with her. As a further honour the ex-Empress has also been waited upon by Mr and Mrs Gladstone.

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PREMIER WORKS

## WESTPORT NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(By OLD IDENTITY.)

April 7, 1895.

Mr MICHAEL GAVAN DUFFY, of Wellington, has been appointed steward of the Westport District Hospital. There were nineteen applicants for the position. Mr Thomas Eastcott, the late steward, resigned to accept the appointment of dispenser in the Nelson Hospital. Mr Duffy has held similar positions in Victoria and New Zealand.

It has been decided to hold an art-union in aid of the convent building fund. The drawing is to take place on New Year's Day. The debt remaining on the convent building is £400. A strong committee was elected from amongst the members of the congregation last Monday evening, a meeting of which is being held this evening to arrange the prize list and make other arrangements necessary towards bringing the praiseworthy project to a successful issue. It was intended at first to have a bazaar, but the idea was abandoned, not wishing to clash with the Presbyterian Bazaar at Christmas.

Mr Cornelius Deane, the newly-elected member for Karama Riding, *vice* Mr George J. Cooper, deceased, took his seat at the quarterly meeting of the Buller County Council, held last week. Mr Deane was also present at the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board meeting, that body being composed of borough and county members.

The Buller County Council has reduced the salary of their engineer by £35 per annum; county clerk, £25; and the chairman's allowance was fixed at £80 instead of £100. The members' travelling expenses were also reduced £1 each per meeting. This step has been rendered compulsory owing to the embarrassed condition of the county council's finances.

Mr James Lynch, barrister and solicitor, formerly of Beffton, has permanently taken up the practice of his profession in Westport. Mr Lynch, in addition to being a sound lawyer, is a clever musician, and he will be a great acquisition to local musical circles, his presence will also add strength to the choir of St Canice's Church.

The Knights of Labour, of which Society there has been a branch established at Mokihinui for two years past, have leased the Mokihinui Coal Co's mine for two years, with the option of renewal for a further term. The company receive a royalty of 1s per ton, and they find a market for the coal raised. Mr Thomas Alexander, formerly of Brunnerton, has been elected mine manager by his brother co-operators. It is sincerely to be hoped, for the sake of all parties concerned, that this mine will be profitably worked under the new order of things. The Knights of Labour Co. send a cargo of coal to New Plymouth to-morrow by the s.s. Oriti.

Work is going on satisfactory at the Cardiff mine, Mokihinui. They shipped 4,187 tons during the month of March. A large interest is locally held in this mine. Bailie and Co. have been appointed local agents; the head office is in Christchurch.

The pioneer coal mine of the district, the Westport Coal Company's Coalbrookdale mine, continues to hold the lead, the output for the month of March being 18,379 tons. This company has let all the outside work such as lowering coal on the incline tipping, etc., by contract. The Westport Coal Company have resumed active operations towards the development of their very valuable coal deposits at Granity Creek. Several large contracts are in hand. When this mine is in full swing it is expected the management will be in a position to place coal of an excellent quality on the market at a cheaper rate than at present, and at the same time more handsomely repay the Dunedin and other shareholders for their enterprise in developing a colonial industry. The Westport Coal Co. has been a good friend to this district, and are, therefore, well deserving the best wishes of the community in all their undertakings.

Messrs Gale and Seager, directors of the Mokihinui Coal Co., are expected here this week from Wellington. Mr James Colvin, of Westport, has been elected a director of this company.

In the recent Nelson Education Board election the local candidate (Mr Colvin) proved victorious. The other two successful candidates were Messrs Talbot and Hursthouse. One of the defeated candidates had been a member continuously for twenty years. Mr Colvin is to be congratulated upon being the first representative from the Coast elected to a seat on the Board, and I am sure his straightforward actions on the Board will fully justify the honour conferred upon him. Two of the most useful members on the Board, viz., Major Franklyn and Mr Maginnity, are *old coasters*. I repeat this fact, as in my last communication the word "*coasters*" was cruelly mutilated by the intelligent "comp."

At the March meeting of the Nelson Education Board the request of the Bishops to have the Catholic Schools inspected by the Board's inspectors was further held over. The matter is to be dealt with at the next meeting on the 17th inst. I learn that Major Franklyn will table a motion acceding to the reasonable request. Mr Colvin takes his seat at this meeting.

A well-known Addison's Flat miner, Mr Daniel McNamara, had the misfortune to have his right leg broken by a fall of earth in his claim a few days ago. The sufferer was brought to town and I am

pleased to say he is progressing favourably towards recovery under the care of Dr Willis.

The initial entertainment of the pupils attending the High School of the Convent takes place at the Princess Theatre on Easter Monday night. The tickets are going off rapidly and an excellent programme is in rehearsal.

A fossicker in the bed of Maori Creek, Mokihinui, unearthed a 5oz. nugget the other day. Judging from the appearance of the nugget, which is now in the possession of Mr Timothy Corby, Coal Creek, it has come away from one of the quartz reefs that abound in the neighbourhood of the find.

Thanks to the energy of the chairman (Mr James Scanlon) the Buller Domain Board are making extensive improvements in the walks, etc.

## MASTERTON.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

April 7, 1895.

HIS Grace, Archbishop Bedwood is soon going to make the archiepiscopal visitation to this parish of which he gave notice in his Lenten Pastoral. On the occasion of the visit, Dr Bedwood will consecrate a new church which has recently been erected at Martinborough, a township at the southern extremity of the Wairarapa valley. His Grace will proceed from Martinborough to Masterton and will here open a short mission and administer the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.

A concert in aid of the funds of St Patrick's school is being organised for April 25th. Besides the local amateurs who have kindly promised their assistance several prominent Wellington vocalists have signified their intention of contributing items and there is every reason to believe that the entertainment will be highly successful.

The usual monthly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held in St Patrick's schoolroom on Tuesday evening last, Hon Bro. Charles Hughes, J.P. in the chair. The quarterly balance-sheet was read by the secretary and was considered highly satisfactory. Bro. Hughes expressed his regret that his intended departure for the Old Country would necessitate his resignation of the office of President of the Branch. He assured the members of his never-failing interest in the Society and thanked them for the honour which they had done him in electing him to the position. Bros. O'Leary and Stempa spoke in high terms of the courtesies they had experienced from Bro. Hughes during his presidency and hoped that his trip would be a most enjoyable one in every respect.

I much regret having to announce the lamented death of Mr Michael McKenna who passed away at the presbytery on the evening of Thursday April 4, aged 65 years. Mr McKenna was born at Newpark, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came out to Victoria in the sixties where he led an active life on the goldfields and in Melbourne. After some time he crossed to New Zealand and lived for many years on the West Coast where he made many friends. Some three years ago he came to Masterton at the invitation of his nephew, the Rev Father John McKenna, and was, until afflicted with the painful disease of the lungs which proved fatal to him, singularly blessed with health and cheerfulness for one of his years. His end was calm and peaceful. The Rev Fathers J. and T. McKenna officiated at the funeral obsequies which were largely attended.

## A FAVOUR OF OUR QUEEN.

MR PATRICK FARREN, of Naples, Santa Barbara Co. Cal., writes as follows to the *Ave Maria*:—Last November I was the recipient of a great favour, which I feel I ought to make public through Our Lady's magazine, since it was through her aid I obtained it.

I had suffered from a severe rupture for twenty-three years and ten months, being obliged to wear a truss and be bound with straps and steel bands. During the last ten months I was confined to my bed most of the time, and had to be moved about like an infant. The doctors said that nothing but a surgical operation could help me, and even that might fail to give relief.

Having obtained a small vial of the Water of Lourdes, I applied a few drops of it, at the same time praying to the Blessed Virgin. On the fifth day of the novena I was perfectly cured. I could run about, go up and down stairs without any pain, and without truss or other supports, and as quickly as if I were only twenty years of age, although now past fifty.

I called to see the physician about a month after my recovery. He examined me and said I was perfectly cured, and inquired about the Water. I explained all to him, and he said it was truly a great miracle. The rupture measured three inches each way; it grew together by touching it with a little of the Water.

My wife, my sons, and my neighbours of twelve years all know my late condition, and can testify that now I am perfectly well. I recommend all to love and honour the Mother of God, and to have great faith in the Water of Lourdes, by which I have been fully restored to the health and strength of youth.

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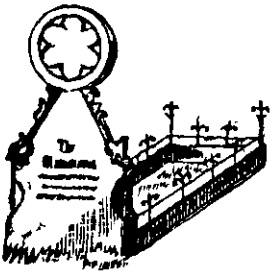
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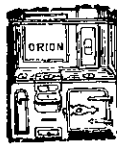
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## THE LILY OF GOLDENFERN.

(By the author of "Tyborne." In the *Ave Maria*.)

(Concluded).

There was a great deal of coming and going at the castle for the next few days, but only of poor peasants receiving alms and food. There was also much needlework going on in the long workroom, where spinning-wheels and embroidery frames were kept busy, and a great outfit was apparently being made for the young Baron. Carpenters were busy down in the hamlet at the foot of the hill on which the castle stood; and mules went up to the castle gate laden with large packages and returned to the village without their burdens. But nothing was said, and those who were in the secret of these preparations held their tongue.

A week after the chaplain's return the neighbourhood was roused by the thundering of horses' feet, as the Baron, at the head of a train of followers, all fully armed, swept through the hamlet and up the ascent to the castle, never drawing rein till arrived at the drawbridge, which was down. Seeing no sign of resistance, they crossed it, and throwing his horse's bridle to his groom, the Baron sprang to the ground, and, followed, by his suite, strode into the hall. Up the stairs to his lady's chamber he went, his spurs and sword clanking at every step and giving notice of his approach. He threw open the door and entered.

His wife rose pale and gentle.

"Welcome, my lord," she said, calmly. "Will you be seated while I order refreshments for you?"

His eyes roamed through the room as he replied, roughly: "Where is my son? I have come for him."

"You cannot mean to take him from his poor mother," she said, pleadingly. "Think, Fritz, he is too little to learn more than a mother's love can teach him as yet. Leave him a while."

"No!" thundered the Baron, and his eyes sparkled with anger. "I will have him now, and feed him on the forest wolves' milk rather than that he should drink in cowardice and learn psalm-singing in his cradle."

"Then, if you can find him, you will take him," said the mother, bravely. "I am defenceless."

"Where is he?" shouted the Baron.

"Here," said the mother, drawing aside a heavy curtain at the end of the room.

The Baron entered, and his companions crowded round him to catch a sight of the young heir. But though he entered, and though he searched and stormed, and threatened the dungeon and the rack to all concerned, he could never find the child, and yet the child was there. There was no wonderful machinery introduced to conceal the young infant. God did not strike the father with sudden blindness, nor was any miracle wrought in favour of the poor young mother, whose heart, inspired by the Virgin Mother, had prompted her to adopt a wonderful expedient, and at the same time to do a deed of charity.

The sight that met the Baron's eyes on entering the room was that of twelve cradles, each exactly alike, within which twelve babes were lying, all clothed in the same costly linen and embroidery. How could he tell one from another? If he took any one, it might be that very one was the son of Ralph, the one-eyed wood-cutter; or of half-crazy Huldah, the kitchen girl, whose husband had been hanged for murder by the Baron's own order six months before.

There was an atmosphere of peace in the room; and even the confusion caused by the Baron's rough entrance, and the cries of the twelve babies as he took one after another, vainly trying to find some sign of superior birth or resemblance to himself, could not long mar the tranquillity. A stormy scene with his wife followed, in which her resolution bore him down; for if he should kill her, as he threatened, how could he ever hope to discover his child?

At length he departed, secretly determined to return on some unexpected day, and find his own son restored to his rightful position. But that day never came. Whenever he made a sudden raid upon the castle he found the twelve boys all growing up round the youthful mother, and vying with one another in love and obedience to her.

As years went on he questioned them. "What is your name, my boy?" he said to a fine, dark-eyed, black-haired boy, whom he thought might prove his image when older.

"Fritz Peter, my lord," was the child's ready answer.

"And yours, my little fellow?" as he turned from Fritz Peter, scowling, to a golden-haired lad, with the blue eyes and fair complexion which seemed to point him out, as the son of the Lily of Goldenfern.

"Fritz Johann, Lord Baron."

And so, in turn, each answered to the name of Fritz, with that of an apostle added.

Did he say to either, "who is your mother?" each answered "There is our lady mother," and bowed to the Baroness in reverence and love; while she smiled on them, well pleased that her inspiration to adopt eleven little peasants in honour of the twelve Apostles, and to bring them up as her own, had been a blessed.

After years of hopeless searching, the wild man gave up all quest of his son, but went daily from bad to worse. One day, however, Our Lord had mercy on him; and while pursuing a stag along a rocky path, his horse slipped, rolled over with him; and when he came to his senses he found himself lying in a cave hewn out of a rock, with a venerable old man watching him anxiously. For many days he raved in fever from his injuries, and when he began to recover he heard that his horse had been killed close to the hermit's cave, and he himself seriously wounded. He was still compelled to remain for some weeks dependant on the hospitality and good nursing of the hermit for recovery of strength.

Little by little, as he lay there watching the old man at his vigils and disciplines before the rude crucifix in his cave, the Baron's proud heart softened. Memories of days of innocence, recollections of his gentle wife, longings for the boy who might have been his stay in sickness and old age, crept over him.

One day the hermit said to him, pointing to the figure of the Crucified:

"My son, thou seest what He has done for thee: what wilt thou do for Him?"

The strong man's frame shook with emotion, as he answered, humbly and sadly:

"For me, Father? Ah, you do not know me! I am Fritz von Thornstein. He can not do anything for me."

Then the aged saint spoke to him of the Refuge of Sinners, and of St Dismas, the penitent thief; and by degrees won him to confession and the promise of a new life.

But when at last, whole in body and soul, he was preparing to leave the cave, he said to his spiritual guide:

"My Father, I can not yet present myself to my dear and holy wife. I must first do penance and expiate my sins in the Holy Land, which saw my Saviour die. I will at once join the Crusading army, which even now must be embarking for the East; and if it please Our Lord that I return, then will I seek her whom I have so sinned against, and pray her to show my son to these unworthy eyes."

"So be it, my son; and God be with thee in thy going out and in thy coming in!"

Thus they parted.

Before the gates of Acre lay heaps of the slain. Good St Louis had died on the coast of Africa, but the English Edward and Crusaders of all ranks and nations had pressed on to the Holy Land. They had fought valiantly that day, and driven back the infidels; the last rays of the sun were sinking into the sea, or gilding the bloody field with promises of crowns of glory awaiting those who had died in Our Lord's own land, fighting in defence of the faith.

A knight was going round among the wounded, giving drink to one, staunching the wounds of another with his own scarf, lifting another from beneath the horse which had fallen on him, when he heard a groan from one close at his side.

"Water, sir knight! A drink, for the love of God and the Lily of Goldenfern!"

At those words the knight started. He turned hastily, and saw a young warrior lying with upturned, boyish face. The golden-brown hair was clotted with blood, and the death-damp lay on his forehead.

"Who are you? In the name of God and Our Lady, speak again!" And he raised the lad's head—for he seemed little more than seventeen or eighteen years.—and put his flask to his lips, helping him tenderly to swallow a few drops of the cordial.

The young crusader revived, and opening his large blue eyes, answered:

"Fritz Johann von Thornstein."

"Tell me," gasped the knight, who was none other than Baron von Thornstein, "how came you here? Have you any brothers?"

"My mother is the Baroness von Thornstein. When the news of a fresh crusade came to our castle, she agreed, at our urgent request, that I with my eleven brothers should take the Cross and offer our services to Our Lord to obtain my father's conversion. We were to ask for everything in the name of God and for the love of the Lily of Goldenfern, while she united her prayers at home with ours on the battlefield."

"But where are your brothers?" asked the father, in his agony of uncertainty as to which might prove to be his son.

The young Crusader gave a sweet, proud smile, and pointed right and left.

"We fought shoulder to shoulder as we had lived; and we all fell together, but they are dead. I crawled to each, and gave them all I had of wine in my flask. I am the last."

"And you—are you her son and mine?" And briefly the penitent knight recounted his fall and his conversion.

"Thanks be to God! Bless me, my father!" murmured the dying soldier. "I am her son, but only she and I know it. She named me Johann in honour of the Beloved Disciple to whom the Blessed Mother was given. Ah! my head swims—see—there is light indeed! Dear father, take my mother my last word—*Love!*"

The sun sank, and the young Crusader's face lay in the marble stillness of death, with a golden halo lingering round it.

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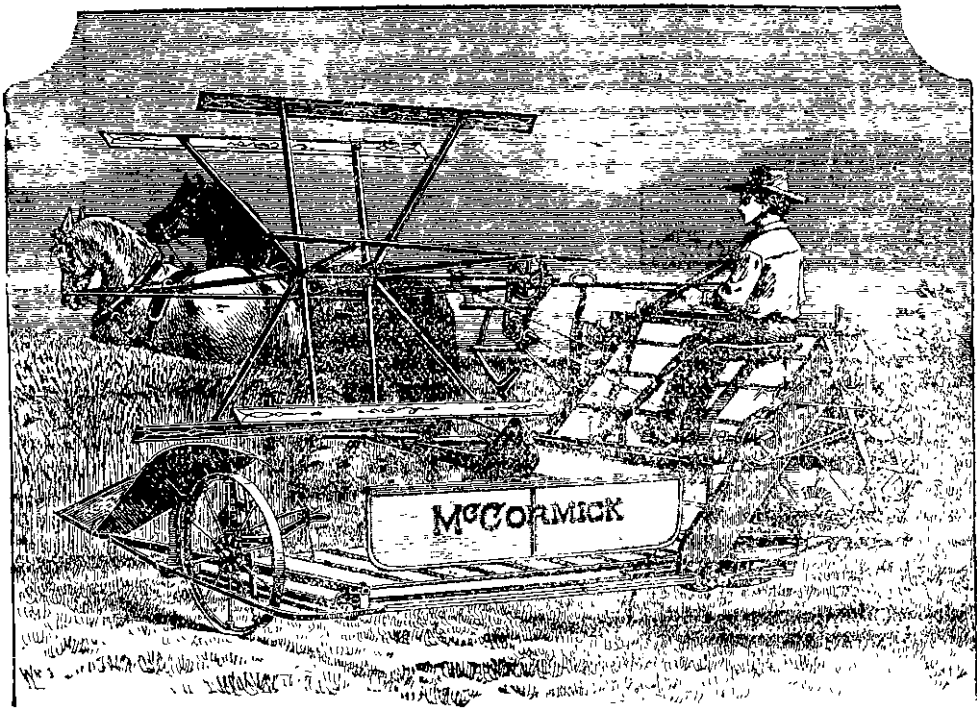
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Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending April 17, as follows:—

Store Cattle—The ordinary amount of business is being put through, but the market shows no animation of any consequence, indeed the tendency is towards lower prices.

Store Sheep—A very considerable number of these are now changing hands, the greater portion being placed at auction, owing, doubtless, to the fact that sellers, in most instances, have despaired of securing better prices this season, consequently sales are now more easily effected, since buyers show a keener desire to complete, having more confidence that the highest bid will be effected. Prices still remain low, and owing to the want of feed and various other causes there is very little show for much improvement during the rest of this season.

Wool—There were no reports to hand this week in reference to the position of the market at Home, and probably there will be none until after the opening of the third series on the 30th inst., when prices obtaining at the close of the last series are expected to be sustained. The amount of wool available for this series of auctions is 340,000 bales. Only the usual oddments are being dealt with in the local market, no parcels of any consequence are now offering.

Sheepskins—The tone of the market shows an upward tendency, more particularly in respect to the value of country dry skins, which are well competed for at the auction room. We had all the buyers in attendance at our weekly auction sale on Tuesday, when the usual amount of spirit was displayed in the bidding, and full prices were obtained for all offered. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 4d to 2s 4d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 6d to 3s; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s 4d; good to best merino, 1s 10d to 2s 9d; heavy, 2s 10d to 3s 9d; dry pelts, 1s to 1s 3d; green crossbred pelts, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; picked lots for special purposes, 2s to 2s 3d; green lamb-kits, 1s 6d to 2s 3d each.

Rabbitkins—A very steady market exists for these, all off red being freely taken up. Prices are also showing some advance, more especially on late saved skins. The moist weather lately prevailing delays drying operations, consignments in consequence are less extensive than they would be under more favourable circumstances. Owing to the holidays this week's sales were held on Tuesday instead of Monday, as is the usual custom. All the buyers, however, were in attendance, and prices fully up to and in some cases over those obtaining at our previous sale were secured. Good dry autumn skins, 5½d to 7½d; summer do, 3½d to 5d; suckers, half grown, and inferior sorts, 1s to 3d per lb.

Hides—Market unchanged, all coming to hand being taken up at prices on a par with late rates, which are for inferior and high, 1d to 1½d; light to medium, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 50 to 60lbs, 2d to 2½d; over 60lbs, in faultless condition, 2½d to 3d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—The market is somewhat quiet. At the same time all the consignments coming forward are readily placed. We quote best rendered mutton, put up fit for export, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; medium to good, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; inferior to medium, 10s to 13s; best calf fat, 11s 6d to 12s; medium to good, 10s 6d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9 to 10s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—Owing to the holidays no business of much consequence has been transacted. A very fair demand exists for local requirements, and all good milling wheat offering meets with a ready sale. Fowls' wheat is also in good request, fetching at times nearly as much as the best milling. We quote prime milling velvet and Tuscan, 2s 9d to 2s 9½d; extra prime, a shade more; good to best,

2s 8½d to 2s 9d; good to best red wheat, 2s 8d to 2s 8½d; medium milling and good whole fowls' wheat, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; broken and inferior to medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats—This being a broken week business in consequence had to some extent been interfered with. A very considerable quantity is now coming to hand, but notwithstanding the fact that a large number of growers are storing for a time there is still a sufficiency offering to meet the demands of buyers and at prices showing no improvement on late quotations, which are, say for prime milling, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; best bright, short, stout feed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; inferior to medium and good, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; long Tartars, fit for seed, 1s 3½d to 1s 5d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—The market for this is still inanimate—maltsters only purchasing when the quality is extra prime. Being satisfied that the quantity available this season is more than sufficient for their requirements, they are in no hurry to put in stocks, meanwhile, at all events. There is a big quantity of very indifferent barley in store, which will be difficult to place. We quote—Prime malting, 2s 9d to 3s; medium to good, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—There is no change of an importance to note since we last reported. There are buyers of ryegrass, but are unwilling to give prices earlier obtaining. Quotations for best-dressed perennial seed, 3s 9d to 4s, medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).—Cocksfoot buyers are under the impression that prices must further drop, business in consequence is restricted. Quotations for best dressed, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, net).

Potatoes—Consignments lately having been on a larger scale buyers are not purchasing so freely, and to effect sales lower prices have to be submitted to. Best d'ware only fetching, 37s 6d to 40s; medium, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Chaff—The market, meantime, is glutted, best being hard to place at 37s 6d to 40s; medium, 32s 6d to 35s; inferior to medium, 25s to 30s per ton (ex truck, sacks returned).

Dairy Produce—Prime salt butter has some enquiry from retailers, best dairy made fetching 6½d to 7d; medium, half to quit; North Island factory made, 7½d to 8½d; local factory made, 10d to 11d. Factory-made cheese, snow sale, medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf shape, 4½d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

Flax—There is no change to note in the demand, which is still limited to requirements for local consumption. Quotations nominal, for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store).

The greatest misery and desolation prevails in Sicily, which in the old Roman days used to be regarded as the granary of Italy.

Archbishop Ireland of Minnesota, when addressing a large audience in Chicago on Washington's Birthday, on "American Citizenship," said: "The Republic of America was a supreme act of confidence in man, a confession such as had never been heard before of human dignity and human ability. Its creation was the boldest act recorded in history." This is truly a magnificent tribute to the heroism and genius of the founder of our great nation.

Many ships have sailed to their doom in recent years, the most notable losses being the following:—The City of Boston left New York January 25, 1870, for Liverpool. She had 110 passengers on board, and was never seen again. A board was found a month later on which was written the news that she was sinking. The British ironclad Captain capsized and sank off Cape Finisterre September 20, 1870, with 472 on board. The steamer Ella sailed from London in the autumn of 1873, and was never heard of. The steamer City of Glasgow sailed from Liverpool for Philadelphia March 5, 1854, with 483 on board, and was never heard of. The steamer Pacific left Liverpool of January 23 1858, for New York, with 186 passengers, and was never heard of. The steamer President left New York for Liverpool March 11, 1841, with many passengers, all of whom were lost. Among them was a son of the Duke of Richmond. The ironclad Atlanta, rechristened Triumpho, sailed from Philadelphia for Port au Prince December 1, 1859, with 120 persons, all of whom were lost. Lloyds estimated in 1800 that 365 ships were lost in that year, and in 1830 677 British vessels alone were wrecked. In the 25 years following the disastrous year 1852 it was estimated that 60,000 wrecks occurred.

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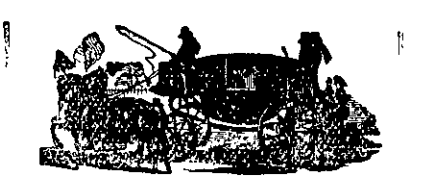
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Huroto	Tues, 23rd	2 30 D'din
Mararua	Wed, 24th	3 pm D'din
NAPIER, GISBORNE, and AUCKLAND—		
Mararua	Wed 24th	3 pm D'din
Tarawera	Thurs, 2nd May	2 30 pm train
Monowai	Thurs, May 7th	2 30 pm. train

SYDNEY, via WELLINGTON—  
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Talane Tues, 30th 2 30 pm. train

SYDNEY, via AUCKLAND—  
Rotomahana Thurs, 18th 2 30 train  
Mararua Wed, 24th 4 pm D'din  
Tarawera Thurs, 2nd May 2 30 train

MELBOURNE, via BLUFF and HOBART—  
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Herald About Wed, 1st May 10 pm. D'din

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# General News.

Oklahoma is desirous of entering the grand union of States, and great preparations are being made for the event in the Territory.

Five hundred thousand gallons of oil were on fire a few days ago at the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Dallas, Tex.

Professor Wagner of the Vienna University, Austria, it is stated, has found a cure for insanity. Experiments have proved successful. Koch's tuberculine is the principal ingredient.

A hog has been killed on Frank Eno's farm, at Pine Plains, New York, the dressed weight of which was 1,200. This is the biggest porker known for years.

The total number of telegrams, inland, press and foreign, in Great Britain in 1869 was 6,830,812; in 1894, 71,465,380, an almost incredible increase.

The monks of the Great St Bernard have engaged 150 workmen for this year to build a new and larger hospice, as the Aosta-Martigny Pass is becoming constantly more used, and is much frequented even in winter.

His Holiness Leo XIII has presented to Bishop Emard of Vallyfield, Canada, the pectoral cross which he was wearing at the time of the late audience, and accepted Bishop Emard's cross in return.

Ever since the Czar proclaimed his intention of maintaining the autocratic rule in Russia, his Majesty has, a German paper states, almost daily been the recipient of threatening letters and manifestoes from the Nihilists. It is even rumoured that one of the palace officials has been arrested on a charge of having placed various seditious illustrations in the Czar's study at night.

The young Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who is now in his 16th year, is slowly but steadily increasing in health.

A Commission which was appointed by the Russian Government to consider the question of the advisability of exiling political and other offenders to Siberia has, it is reported, decided in favour of banishing only members of the privileged classes to that region, while criminals belonging to the lower classes, will be confined in prisons in the mother country.

A Catholic has been elected to the Imperial Diet of Germany for the Moser District, in the Rhine Province. Two thousand was the majority. It was previously in the hands of the Conservatives and anti-Catholics.

Three thousand prisoners in Belem prison, Mexico, had worked cautiously and continuously during the past three months on a tunnel which would have eventually helped them to liberty but for its discovery by the officials. They had pierced the foundations in many places.

Kirk Ackerman of Big Pond, near Port Jervis, New York, played a trick on his neighbors last week. He gave out a report that he was dead, and they shovelled the snow through the woods for two miles to bury him. Upon reaching the house they found him alive. He said he spread the story to fool them. On Friday he died without any fooling. He was 73, and a war veteran.

Dr De Paradis is just as well known in Chicago as if he was a Chicago priest. He is one of the most active and most popular members of the Columbus Club. He is regarded as one of the best theologians in the archdiocese, having been a graduate of the University Collegio Romano, where he was one of the most brilliant students. He was exiled from Rome in 1870, when the Pope was deprived of temporal power. He sought refuge in Paris, and subsequently came to America. He was chosen as one of the contributors to the "Magnificat," the memorial volume published at the celebration of the golden jubilee of Leo XIII, which contained 150 languages. In Archbishop Sabotti's western trip last year Dr De Paradis was his confidential guide and adviser. He was toastmaster at the banquet given by the Italians in Chicago to the Ablegate.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites has received from the Holy Father the order to prepare the decrees for the Beatification of the Venerable Bernardo Realino, a Jesuit, and Vincenzo Romano, parish priest of Ercoletto.

A letter has been written by the Holy Father recommending the bishops in Piedmont to aid as far as possible a society which has been formed in Turin for promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Maos, of Covington, U.S.A., has begun the publication of a journal, the object of which is to promote the interests of the Eucharistic League.

Mr Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the Colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVT.

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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

(From the *Monitor*.)

BISHOP GIBNEY, of Perth, W. A., seems to have held recently the very same position as that which Bishop Moran had to face, when years ago, in order to combat falsehood, calumny, and misrepresentation relative to Catholic affairs in the Press, he established a Catholic paper. By a coincidence Bishop Moran's journal, the *NEW ZEALAND TABLET*, and Bishop Gibney's, the *W. A. Record*, are each in their twenty-second year of publication. Both of them have accomplished a very large amount of good, and both have now to wage a vigorous war, offensive and defensive, against the forces of secularism and bigotry arrayed against them. The most vital question at issue is Catholic Education. There is, however, a difference in the circumstances. In N. Z. Bishop Moran is fighting for a proper recognition of Catholic claims. In W. A. Bishop Gibney is single-handedly fighting against the bigotry and envy which would abolish the system of assisted schools, under which Catholics, in the larger centres at least, may give their children that education which their conscience will rest satisfied with. We may repeat here that according to the Act in force in Western Australia denominational schools are assisted on certain conditions, mainly on the grounds of efficiency, to the extent of £1 15s per head annually. Now while the heads of other religious denominations seem, to say the least, somewhat apathetic to the Catholics on the other hand are taking full advantage of the provisions of the Act. As a matter-of-fact their schools have been marvellously successful and for efficiency and general excellence they stand unchallenged by any in the land. It is interesting to note that these schools are attended not only by Catholics but the children of non-Catholic parents, who appreciate the standard of education in these institutions. In some places the Catholic assisted schools have proved strong rivals to the State schools, and, as Bishop Gibney recently declared, "the assisted schools at Geraldton have a majority of four pupils to one over the Government schools." It has been again and again pointed out that while the maximum annual subsidy to the assisted schools is set down at £1 15s per head for children taught in them, not less than £4 10s per head is annually spent in the education of children attending the State schools. It would be, therefore, difficult to account for the spirit of antagonism which the Bishop has to face, were it not that we knew it springs from the envious bigotry of some and the secularistic spirit of others. On the authority of a secular paper, we have it that the Anglican Church has completely surrendered its position on the educational question in West Australia to the advocates of "free, compulsory, and secular education." The Anglican authorities have sold to the Government their chief school, and in the words of the *Bunbury Herald*—"There are now only the Anglican orphanages which receive aid from the grant; the whole of the remaining assisted schools, acknowledge the supremacy of the hot-headed, warm-hearted Bishop Gibney." This is, we think, an eloquent tribute to Catholic efforts in the cause of proper education for the young. We hope that Bishop Gibney will succeed in overcoming all the obstacles raised by the bigots and secularists, who, having nothing to lose themselves, unite in the endeavour to aim a blow at Catholicity by indirect and dishonourable means. But, as the secular journal previously quoted from says—"It seems almost certain that the Catholic schools are too efficient and well-founded in this colony (West Australia) to be wiped out by the withdrawal of the Government grant."

The Russian Minister of Finance will make a large appropriation of money to promote the production of cotton in Russia.

A young man named Eugene came from Paris to London, England, last August, and made his home in the Anarchist quarter. He appeared to be destitute. The Anarchists fed him, clothed him, and found him employment. Gradually they admitted him to their confidence. He professed their doctrines and often took part in their secret councils. By the end of November he had attended several of their secret meetings. It was then observed that the Paris police were getting an unusual amount of information as to the Anarchistic proceedings in London. Early in December the Anarchist leaders began to suspect Eugene. They were not sure, however, until an important document, addressed to Eugene by Commissary Andre, Third Brigade of the Paris police, was delivered by mistake to an English Anarchist. Twenty-four hours later a special meeting was called. Eugene was invited to be present. The moment he entered he was seized and bound. He was kicked, cuffed, spit upon, and, with a revolver at his head and several knives at his breast, was ordered to confess within ten minutes. He acknowledged that he was a trusted police agent known as Cotin, Couviller and Cottance. In a search of his person a bundle of police documents was found in a secret pocket. One of them was a letter from the Paris Prefecture, instructing him to watch and report in full the doings of a woman who was about to start from Dieppe for London. When the detective had answered all the questions the Anarchists cared to ask, his captors proposed to kill him. Ultimately he was kicked into the street with the warning that he would be killed if he did not leave London at once. He started at once for Paris, and, it is said, will enter the army to protect his life. The London Anarchists will send pictures of him to France for circulation among the Anarchists of the principal cities.



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Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, 1st April, 1895.

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Tuesday, 23—St George, martyr.  
Wednesday, 24—St Fidelis a Sigmaringa.  
Thursday, 25—ST MARK, Evangelist.  
Friday, 26—SS Cletus and Marcellinus.  
Saturday, 27—St Anastasius I, Pope, confessor.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

T.J.—We believe the statement to be completely false. It is  
now, however, too long past to render contradiction advisable. If,  
in the other case referred to, there was an omission made, it was  
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## DEATHS.

**HOULAHAN.**—Of your great charity pray for the soul of Catherine Houlahan, the dearly beloved wife of Michael Houlahan, of Leith Valley, Dunedin, who departed this life April the 9th, 1895, in her forty-fourth year. Wellington and West Coast papers please copy.—*R.I.P.*

**CURTIN.**—The prayers of the faithful are solicited for Mary, the wife of Daniel Curtin, who died suddenly of heart disease, on Monday evening, April 8th, 1895, at her late residence Harmon street, Addington; aged 49 years. Deeply regretted.—*R.I.P.*

**MCKENNA.**—On April 4th, 1895, at the presbytery, Masterton, Michael, uncle of the Rev Fathers John and Thomas McKenna; aged 65 years.—*R.I.P.*

# The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1895.

## 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.

### THE PETITION.

**NEXT Sunday**—the first Sunday after Easter—was fixed upon by the conference of the New Zealand hierarchy as a suitable day on which to make a beginning in the matter of preparing and signing petitions from the Catholic body to the House of the Legislature. It is of greatest importance that every Catholic, male and female, of an age to sign this petition, should immediately do so. When signed, the petitions will be forwarded by the clergyman of the district to the ordinary of the diocese. The Archbishop of Wellington, to whom they will ultimately be sent, will arrange for their presentation in Parliament. The text of the petition has been already published in our columns and in most of the secular journals. It is familiar to our readers. It prays Parliament to so legislate that Education Boards will be bound, by the clear terms of the Act, to immediately grant the request on application being made for public inspection of private schools. Though many hold that the Boards are now legally bound to grant the desired inspection when asked by the authorities of private schools, there are those who hold that the matter is optional with Education Boards. The easiest way to settle the question is to ask Parliament to make the Act so clear that there shall be no mistake about its meaning. The *Timaru Herald*, in a recent editorial, thus refers to the subject:—

"The construction put by the Conference on the provisions of the Education Act, relating to the inspection of schools other than those established and maintained by the State, appears to us to be a reasonable one. The words of the Act are:—'Where the teacher or managers of any private school desire to have their school inspected by an inspector [appointed under the Act] such teacher or manager may apply to the Board to authorise such inspection, and the same, when authorised, shall be conducted in like manner as the inspection of public schools.' It is clearly optional whether such application shall be made or not, but it is not equally clear that it is optional, or intended to be optional, with a Board of Education to authorise the inspection or refuse it. The words used are 'not 'if authorised,' but 'when authorised,' and it may be contended that the legislature meant the authorisation to follow as a matter of course, and to imply merely the issuing of the necessary instructions to the inspector, who is the servant of the Board and could not extend the ordinary sphere of his duties without receiving instructions from his employers to do so. This question of whether private schools shall or shall not be inspected by the officers of the Boards of Education is not one which can properly be left to be answered by local authority. If the managers of private schools can obtain such inspection in one part of the Colony, it ought to be obtainable everywhere, and it should not be in the power of the Education Board to stand in the way. However, as the Act is not very clear on the point, and the Catholics have been unable to secure the inspection of their schools in all districts, they have adopted the proper course in addressing the legislature."

The petition, now ready for signature, does not merely contain a request for public inspection of private schools. It asks Parliament to take the whole question of Catholic education into consideration.

"We beg to renew," say the Bishops, "our oft-repeated request that our schools receive from the taxes which we pay, substantial aid on account of the undoubted excellent secular instruction imparted in our schools. Our aim in asking for this aid is neither to destroy the present public system of education nor to impair its efficiency, but is simply a request on our part for justice to our own schools, and for a fair participation in the expenditure of the moneys contributed by ourselves."

The annual inspection of Catholic schools by Board Inspectors will certainly place our children on a footing of equality, as far as school certificates are concerned, with other children in the Colony. Public inspection will not, however, mean public recognition of the justice of our claims. We do not think it will very appreciably help on the great cause for which we labour and which sooner or later is bound to triumph. Our schools are already recognised nurseries of learning and good citizenship. Our fellow-citizens must be made to see and feel that our claim for monetary aid is just and in the interests of society itself. With our brethren in other lands we must with zeal and earnestness continue to fight the good fight. Carelessness in so sacred a cause is next to criminal.

HERE is a cablegram under date London, April 16, which we may take with some reservation. Canadian Catholics have given ample proof that they require no such extreme measures. The laity there, as elsewhere, are quite as ardent in the support of Catholic education as are the clergy:—"Archbishop Langevin, of Canada," says the questionable message, "has declared the excommunication of Catholics who do not support the hierarchy with regard to the Manitoba schools."

WE are just now being treated in Dunedin to a newspaper correspondence in which the Pharisee once more gives thanks to God that he is not as other men are. Other men also, however, and with much better cause, may give thanks to God for that same. It is an ill-wind, they say, that blows nobody good. There really is some advantage in learning that there are worse conditions than that of the miserable sinner.

MR GULLY, of whom no one seems to know much and whose election was opposed by the Conservatives on that pretext, has been elected Speaker of the House of Commons.

THE oils for use in the diocese of Dunedin were consecrated at Christchurch on Holy Thursday by his Lordship the Bishop,—the Rev Father O'Donnell, of Palmerston South, being in charge of them.

THE Right Rev Dr O'Reilly, Archbishop-elect of Adelaide, has declined, with the kindest expressions of gratitude and appreciation, to receive an address and presentation from the people of Port Augusta, on his departure from them. A reception of a similar kind intended for the Archbishop at Adelaide has been abandoned for the same cause.

CARDINAL MORAN (says a Sydney cablegram), referring to the Easter encampment, said he would like to see all young Australians trained to arms. He fully recognised that there were no greater scourges than the standing armies of Europe; but it would be well if all our citizens were always ready to defend Australia and to repel any enemy. It was possible to obtain this measure of safety without risking the incubus of a standing army.

THE Puera correspondent of the *Balclutha Free Press* expresses regret at the defeat of Mr Ramsey by such men as McKerrow and Clarke. "No doubt," he goes on to say, "his defeat was largely due to the 'low-down' tactics of his colleagues, and it was an open secret that 'oor Tam' would have liked to jump on his chest if he had dared at the board meetings, and when he found that he had caught a Tartar he took heaps of stock in the kick-him-out business, and he can now chuckle at his success. But 'when Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war.' There is a time in the near future when Thomas will require more than sophistry to tide him over, and he must not complain if his low-down tricks be used to relegate him to the blissful obscurity from whence he started. The hand-writing on the wall, 'Weighed in the balance and found wanting,' has been seen for some time. He has drawn upwards of £2000 of public money, and what has he done in return for it? Absolutely nothing but advertise himself until people are sick of egotisms."

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the League of the Cross was held at Westport on Wednesday the 3rd inst. There was a large



audience who appeared pleased with the efforts of the members who assisted to make the evening as pleasant as usual. There were the usual complement of songs, readings, and recitations, and also a scene from the "School for Scandal" which did credit to the members taking part.

### THE HOLY SEASON IN DUNEDIN.

THE ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter were conducted as usual in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening the office of tenebræ took place. The Lamentations were chanted by the Very Rev Fathers O'Leary, and Lynch and the Rev Fathers Newport, O'Neill (Milton), Hunt, and Ryan,—and the Lessons by the Rev Fathers Vereker, O'Donnell (Gore), Murphy, McMullin, Coffey, and Howard. The sanctuary choir chanted the "Jerusalem," and, antiphonally with the priests, the "Benedictus" and "Miserere." On Thursday evening the Rev Father O'Neill preached on the Real Presence, delivering a very able and instructive sermon. On Friday evening, after the conclusion of the office, a relic of the true cross was exposed for the veneration of the faithful, the Very Rev Father Lynch explaining the devotion. On each evening a large congregation was present. The celebrant of the High Mass on Holy Thursday was Father O'Leary, the deacon, Father Newport, the sub-deacon, Father Vereker, and the master of ceremonies, Father O'Donnell. The music of the Mass was sweetly and devotionally sung by the choir of the Dominican nuns. The nuns, too, had decorated the altar of repose with a very refined taste. Adoration was kept up throughout the day by the members of the Society of the Children of Mary and of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, and throughout the night by the men of the Holy Family. The celebrant of the Mass of the Precinctified on Good Friday was Father O'Neill, the deacon, Father Vereker, and the sub-deacon, Father Ryan. Father O'Leary preached a very touching sermon on the Passion of Our Divine Lord. The church was densely crowded. On Holy Saturday the celebrant was Father Hunt, the deacon, Father Lynch, the sub-deacon, Father Howard, and the master of ceremonies, Father Murphy. The music was sung by the nuns' choir.

On Easter Sunday the number of communicants at the early Masses was very large. High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. by Father Lynch, with Father Murphy as deacon and Father Howard as sub-deacon. Father Murphy preached an excellent sermon on the Resurrection. An English version of the hymn "O Filii, Filie" was sung by the cathedral choir before Mass commenced. The Mass performed by the choir was Haydn's No 1:—soprano, Mrs Sandys; contralto, Miss R. Drumm; tenor, Mr E. Eager; bass, Mr J. Hally. There was a large congregation, and in the evening at Vespers and Benediction the church was crowded—notwithstanding the rain, which had set in on Friday forenoon, continuing, with little intermission, for the next three days.

### HOLY WEEK AT PRO-CATHEDRAL CHRIST-CHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

ON Palm Sunday the ceremonies were as usual, the Bishop, Most Rev Dr Grimes, blessing the palms, with Very Rev Father Cummings and Father Bell deacon and sub-deacon respectively. His Lordship addressed the congregation from his throne on the celebrity of the day, after which the palms were distributed to them at the altar rails. The Mass followed and was said by Very Rev Father Cummings. In the evening after Vespers the Bishop preached to a large congregation. The Tenebræ offices on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, were well attended. The following priests in addition to the local clergy took part—Rev J. F. O'Donnell (Palmerston South); Very Rev Fathers Chervier and J. J. O'Donnell, Rev Fathers Bowers, Ginaty, O'Connor, Treacy, Laverty, Salvador, Foley, Dunham, Regnault, Hyland and Herlin. The sermon on Holy Thursday was preached by Very Rev Father O'Donnell of Ashburton, who handled his subject in a very scholarly manner, deeply impressing his hearers with the solemnity of his discourse, which was listened to with the greatest attention by an unusually large and devout congregation. The sermon on the Passion was delivered by his lordship Dr Grimes who dwelt principally on the crucifixion. Needless to say the subject was treated by a master mind and in a most telling manner. The church presented a very beautiful appearance on Easter morning, the sanctuary especially being very much admired. There was Pontifical High Mass, Very Rev Father Cummings being assistant priest at the throne, and Rev Fathers Marnane and Bell deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The choir was strengthened by Misses Rose Blaney and Freda Marsden, also Mr Woodhouse. The Mass was Gounod's *Messe Solennelle*, the solos being taken by Miss Blaney, Miss Bryant, the Messrs B. Hayward Hennessy and Hynes. Mr F. R. Woodhouse sang an "Ave Maria" with violin obligato by Miss Marsden during the offertory. In the evening there was Pontifical Vespers and the

sermon was preached by the Vicar-General. The choir was in good fettle, the music being excellent, the solos too were good, especially the one rendered by Miss Blaney. A word of praise is certainly due to the organist Miss Funston as well as the new conductor, Mr G. D. Cronin, who have been most assiduous in their endeavours to render the music during Holy Week in a befitting manner.

### OBITUARY.

MUCH and deep regret is on all sides felt at the somewhat sudden death of Mrs Mary Curtin, whose demise took place late on Monday evening, April 8th, at the age of forty-nine years. Mrs Curtin was a native of Limerick, Ireland. She left her native land in her girlhood, and went to Greenwich, London, where she eventually married. During her sojourn near the English capital, she had the pleasure to become acquainted with, and to attend the ministrations of Bishop Grant, and other noted ecclesiastics in that place in those times. She arrived in this colony thirty-two years ago, and was one of the oldest residents in Addington. Endowed naturally not only with a kind and cheerful disposition, but also with a firm and sound judgment, she understood perfectly the duties of a good Christian, and though a plain and humble woman, yet she was very intelligent and zealous in all matters. Mrs Curtin, who was universally liked, was, in a word, a genuine Catholic, and one whose place will not be soon filled. In spite of her feeble health and her domestic duties, she took a very active part in almost every parochial work, and as she was generous of her time and labour in any good cause, she was ever successful. Among other matters which engaged especially her attention, was the welfare of the Addington Catholic school, at the opening whereof she assisted about ten years ago. Mrs Curtin, who suffered much occasionally from a chronic weakness of the heart, had at the time of her demise just recovered from a severe attack of the malady, and hopes were entertained that her life would be spared for a few years at least. She leaves a husband, Mr Daniel Curtin, and two grown-up sons to mourn her loss. A large number of friends and neighbours attended her funeral, which took place on Thursday afternoon last, from her late residence in Harman street, Addington. Her remains were interred in the old Catholic cemetery in Barbadoes street. The Very Rev Father Cummings, V.G., officiated in the pro-cathedral, also at the grave where he delivered an address.—R.I.P.

We record with great regret the death of Mrs Houlahan, wife of Mr Michael Houlahan, now resident in Leith Valley near Dunedin, and formerly of Hokitika. The deceased lady, who was a daughter of the late Mr Michael Murphy of New Castle West, County Limerick, was come of a good old line of Irish ancestry and was all her life true to the principles and traditions she had inherited. She was a good wife and mother, a good woman and a good Christian, and God rewarded her untiring fidelity to the Catholic faith by giving her the grace of a holy and a happy death. She had been in ill health for about a year, but it was only some eleven weeks before the end that her state gave cause for alarm. She had all the consolations of religion, being visited frequently by the rev clergy of the mission, and having a part in the prayers of the Dominican nuns, of whose community a niece of Mr Houlahan's is a member. The kind sympathy of very many friends also solaced her last hours, and since her death her sorrowing husband and children have received many marks of the esteem and affection with which she had been regarded. Numerous messages and telegrams of condolence have come from various places, among them one from Mr and Mrs Seddon, whom the preoccupations of public life do not prevent from giving a kind thought to an old friend. The Very Rev Dean Martin, also, who officiated eighteen years ago at the deceased's wedding, sent a comforting word. The deceased lady, who has passed away at the comparatively early age of 44, has left a fondly attached husband and six children to mourn her loss.—May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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### CONCERT IN DUNEDIN.

THE sacred concert given by Mr Arthur Salvini in the Garrison Hall Dunedin, on Friday evening, was, from all points of view, a marked success. The performance was most meritorious and the house was well filled by an audience who showed themselves fully appreciative of the music. To find music of so high a class so well received, moreover, may be set down to the credit of an audience, as well as to that of the performers.

The ladies who took part in the programme were Signora Venosta, Mrs William Murphy, and the Misses Baker, McKerrow, Oliver and Moseley. The gentlemen were Signor Borzoni, Mr Burns-Walker, Mr Arthur Salvini, and Mr E. Parker. Signora Venosta's solos were Sullivan's "The lost chord" and Gounod's "Worker"—in each of which the lady scored more than a success. She sang with all the finish of an accomplished artist and gave a very fine interpretation of the fine music. She also took part, with equal effect, in the quartet "Cast thy burden," from "Elijah"; a trio from "Faust"; and the prayer from "Moses in Egypt," sung by the full company as a finale. Mrs Murphy's solo, which she sang with all the charm and culture customary with her, was Leno's "The Golden Promise." She also took the soprano part in Verdi's "Miserere," Mr Arthur Salvini singing the tenor, and both singers giving an admirable account of themselves. An "Ave Maria" by Mascagni was nicely sung by Miss Baker. Miss Oliver who made her first appearance sang sweetly and prettily, Moor's "Waiting for the King," and Miss McKerrow sang very pleasingly Adams' "The Star of Bethlehem." Miss Annie Moseley, who also appeared for the first time, played a violin solo in which she gave evidence of decided talent. Mr Arthur Salvini sang the solos Suppe's "Canto de Leila" and Rossini's "Cajus Animam" in each acquitting himself in a manner quite in keeping with his high reputation as an artist. Signor Borzoni sang Tosti's "Pregiera" and Rodney's "Calvary"—songs very suitable to a sonorous bass and which the singer gave with good expression. Mr Burns-Walker sang the solos Faure's "Les Rameaux" and an "Ave Maria" by Hoban. The singer, whose baritone is of a brilliant quality, sang with a perfect understanding of the music and so as to deserve the enthusiastic applause bestowed upon him. He also, in Donizetti's duet "Sul campo della gloria" in which he took part with Mr Arthur Salvini, had his full share in the merits of an exceptionally fine performance. Mr E. Parker played the violin solo Erns's "Elegel" with his usual taste and skill. The accompanists, on piano and organ were Mr W. E. Taylor and Mr Jesse Timsen, and Miss Amy Murphy. This young lady, as a very young performer, deserves a special word of commendation. That Messrs Taylor and Timsen did their respective parts well was a matter of course. On the whole Mr Arthur Salvini is to be congratulated on the success of his undertaking. It resulted in a concert of fine music admirably performed and justly appreciated.

Richard Young, 16 years old, of Tranton, N.Y., is dying from convulsions caused by excessive cigarette smoking the past year. After all the terrible warnings boys and young men continue to indulge in the life-destroying paper cigarette.

The '98 Club is laying grand plans for an invasion of Ireland in 1898 in commemoration of the historic rising in 1798. The members intend to erect a noble monument to those who perished in the struggle. It will stand on Oulert Hill, between Eaniscorthy and Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland.

Henry N. Castle, who was lost with the Elbe, was the editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, and a brother of William R. Castle, the annexation commissioner, and of James B. Castle, the Collector-General of Hawaii. He was an ardent republican and annexationist. He was born in Honolulu, but was educated in America at Oberlin and Ann Arbor.

### GAELIC NOTES.

THERE recently died in Paris, in his 83rd year, the Viscount O'Neill de Tyrone—one of the descendants of those Irish princely families who found in foreign lands a refuge from the hostile hand of England. The traditions of his Irish descent always remained dear to Viscount O'Neill, and it had been a privilege he valued highly to preside, in accordance with them, at the celebration of St Patrick's day, held annually in the French capital.

It was Fearflatha O'Gaibin, the ollav of John O'Neill—Scághan a' Diomais, John of the Pride—who, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, at whose court he had been a visitor in attendance on his chief, composed a sorrowful poem on the fall of Ireland. It was entitled "Ar chéim íos na nGaodhal." As an example of its verses, we take the following:—

Tá brat-chiach os ár g-clonn  
 Múchas glóir Gaodhal Éiríonn  
 Mar neull g-ceath gbrían-bháitheas goil  
 Do leath iargh áitheas orrainn.

Dr Douglas Hyde gives the literal translation:—There is a mist-cloak over our heads, Quenching the glory of the Gaels of Erin. Like a cloud of showers sun-drowning valour, Viole ce (?) has spread upon us.

It has been recently pointed out by a correspondent of the *Catholic Times* that a similarity in their names frequently causes a mistake to be made as to the identity of two saints—The one Irish, the other Swedish; but, as the correspondent also notes, the names are, or ought to be, spelled differently. That of the Swedish saint is Bridget. The Irish saint we find hailed by a bard 1000 years ago—Brigid baadach, baail na fúe, Victorious Brigid, victory of the tribe

A curious reverence was given in mediæval Ireland to the hand-bells that the saints of some four or five hundred years earlier had used. That of St Patrick is now preserved in the museum of the Royal Irish Academy. It is rude in form and differs little from cattle-bells now in use. These bells, however, were enclosed in splendid shrines and guarded as the most precious treasure of those into whose hands they had come—that is, families representing the founders of monasteries, to whose abbots the bells had belonged.

An interesting relic of antiquity has lately been discovered in the neighbourhood of Newry. It was buried in the earth—a boat come down from prehistoric times:—This ancient craft was hollowed out of the heart of a single oak tree, which must have been a monarch of the forest, for the canoe is 25ft. long, and from 3ft. wide near one end to 2ft. 8in. at the other and 19 inches deep on the inside. The keel projects at the bow and stern, reminding one strongly of the rams of our modern warships, and of Roman and Grecian triremes of old. There are two pairs of brackets left projecting, on which seats, probably for the oarsmen, were placed, while the hull or shell of the boat was strengthened by leaving projecting ribs on the inner side, three of which are still visible. What are supposed to be the rowers' seats are three feet apart, and lying between them was a portion of the handle and blade of a paddle or small oar. This was so much decayed that it crumbled when touched.

A celebration of St Patrick's Day in New York was to take the shape of a sermon preached in Irish by the Rev John J. Carroll, pastor of St Thomas' church. The sermon was to be preached at High Mass, and to be attended in a body by all the Gaelic classes of the city.

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### Irish News.

(From the *Irish World*.)

**Antrim.**—Moneyglass Branch of the Irish National Federation was held in the National Hall, Killyfast, near Toomebridge, Mr McClernon occupied the chair, and among others present were Messrs Henry O'Donnell, senior; Henry O'Donnell, junior; Hugh Devlin, B. Marros, D. Marron, P. McCann, D. O'Donnell, P. McCormick, Daniel Scullin, Daniel McCann, F. Mellheron, L. Devlin, J. O'Donnell, H. Donnell (Killyfast), W. Kelly, and others. The chairman spoke at much length on the present situation. He said that now was the time for the landlords of Ireland to show some of the signs of human nature by being merciful and sympathetic.

**Armagh.**—While a number of boys were skating on the Steamboat quay, Portadown, recently, the ice broke, and Joseph Towell, son of a tenter, residing in Railway street, was drowned.

At Armagh Quarter Sessions, recently, there were a number of ejectments heard on the estate of George M. Dobbin, Annie Alicia D'Arcy, Barbara Olpherts, R. J. Harden, Henry Bruce Armstrong, Maxwell C. Close, John Blakeston Houston, Georgina Catherine Cope, trustees of the Charities of Dr John Stearne, executors of William Leeper, Anna Lucy, Countess of Charlemont, and Robert H. Orr. In the majority of cases decrees were given.

**Cork.**—The offer of the Land Commission to purchase, on behalf of the tenants, the estates of Glencalughra and Shanavoher, in the parish of Kingwilliams-town was accepted. Mr Justin MacCarthy, solicitor, of Westland Row, Dublin, son of the late Mr John George MacCarthy, acted on behalf of the tenants.

Mr Robert Saunders, auctioneer, O'Connell's and Bandon, put up for sale the interest of a tenant in a farm at Carrigeen, near Butlers-town, containing twenty acres. Poor law valuation, £24 15s; annual rent, £20; old rent, £29. There was a keen competition, as the holding was a desirable one. The bidding was between Messrs. Michael McCarthy, J. Donovan, Edmund O'Brien, and D. Holland. It was knocked down to the former at £275.

John Twiss, who was sentenced to death on January 9, for the murder as James Donovan at Glenlara, has been visited daily since his conviction by the chaplain, Rev P. O'Leary, to whose ministrations he has paid the greatest attention. At his own request he is also visited by two Sisters of Mercy. Twiss has been visited by his sister a few times since his sentence. He preserves a perfectly calm demeanour.

At Millstreet lately was buried an historic character, Paddy Lucey, whose age, if he had lived for St Patrick's Day, would be 100 years. He yearned much to see the next National Festival. He was a native of Carrigaunima, and took much pleasure in relating his recollections of the Whiteboys in 1822. He was then 28 years old. One of his recollections was to see the military scouring the country and harassing the peasantry. He saw, on one occasion, the parish priest stand opposite the church reciting a breviary while a portion of his flock were being hunted by the yeomanry under his eyes in the valley of the Foukerish, quite adjacent to where Arthur O'Leary was shot. He also stated frequently that he buried a "bottle green" coat belonging to Edmund Walsh, an ancestor of the present High Sheriff of that name, which was riddled with bullets, to conceal the matter from the authorities.

**Derry.**—The death has just been announced of Catherine Henry, at Gortree, at the remarkable old age of 112 years. The deceased was well known in the Waterside District by the name of Katsie Barbour. She lived at Gortree with Mr Caldwell Hunter for many years. Her daughter, nearly 100 years old, is still alive.

Nancy McCool of Dungiven, 110 years (born under the shade of Benbraddagh Mountain, in the year 1785), has just died. She often related the stirring incidents of 1798. The past generation often listened to her telling of the troublesome scenes when English troops surrounded the house of Mr Henry of Tergoland (she was an eye-

witness) in search of the owner, who was a United Irishman, and after a futile search the soldiers set fire to the dwelling. The deceased was a faithful servant of the Mitchell family of Dungiven, and often talked of the childhood of John Mitchell, who grew up under her care. One of the last remaining links of that family, Mrs Joseph Outhbert, late of Coleraine, wife of Mr Joseph Outhbert, late chairman of the Coleraine Town Commissioners, has contributed to her support for the past twenty-five years. One astonishing feature in the deceased's life was the fact that up to the end she was able to thread the finest needle and read the Bible without the aid of glasses notwithstanding the fact that she was bedridden for sixteen years.

**Donegal.**—Mr M. Cafferty, N.T., Lifford, says that on the night of the storm the roof of one of his byres was completely lifted off and left upon a manure heap some yards away, and that a young stirk in the byre tied to a wooden upright fastened to the wall plate was carried cut along with the roof. He found it on the manure heap lying quietly under the roof and nothing the worse for its strange adventure. It must have been lifted at least nine feet high to have cleared the byre side wall. Mr Knox's goat, along with the little shed it was housed in, was lifted and laid on the top of his own dwelling house. The goat having freed itself from the wreck, in its fright and hurry to get off the roof, fell down the chimney, the top of which had been but a few minutes before blown down. At Carricknasla's one of Mr William Loughrey's grand cherry trees, over 200 years old, was uprooted. The aperture left by the separation from its long standing place measures 35 feet in diameter.

**Down.**—In the closing week of the year a meeting was held at which it was resolved to establish a branch of the Irish National Federation, and on that occasion officers were appointed. The meeting on Sunday last was held in the National Hall, Gilford, which is situated in the parish of Tullylish, and the attendance embraced representatives from the following among other districts: Gilford, Tullylish, Laurencetown, Clara, Ballycarry, Ballydoogan, Ballykelly, Ballylough, Tullygranie, Anatherna, Ballynagarck, Kernon, Drumhork, Knocknockgor, Coose and Malynackanallon. The hall was crowded, and throughout the proceedings were of the most enthusiastic character.

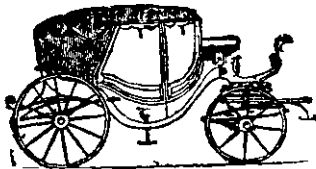
**Fermanagh.**—A splendid meeting of Kniskillen and surrounding districts was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday. Mr Davitt, Jeremiah Jordan, M.P.'s; John Fergusson, Glasgow, and a number of clergymen and friends entered the Town Hall. By this time the hall and ante-room were literally packed with a most respectable audience, among whom were many Protestant and Unionist farmers and citizens. The Kniskillen and Clough National bands paraded the streets previous to the meeting. The utmost good fellowship and enthusiasm prevailed in the town during the evening. The vast audience gave Mr Davitt, Mr Jordan, M.P.'s, and Mr Fergusson a most cordial reception.

On Wednesday, while a number of young folk were enjoying themselves skating on the Round Lake, adjoining the town, the ice gave away and nine persons were submerged in the water—J. Gillespie, engine driver; T. Wigham, J. Henderson, W. Parkinson; G. Young, Hotel; two commercials, Graham, Earls, Miss Lynn and A. McCullough. After an exciting scene they were ably and heroically rescued by W. Irwin, B. Walker, V.S.; M. Flemming, Northern Bank. Great credit is due to these young men, and the attention of the Humane Society should certainly be drawn to the heroic conduct of Mr M. Flemming, who plunged in and rescued Miss Lynn and G. Young, who seemed to have lost all presence of mind.

**Galway.**—Recently the Very Rev William Walsh, O.S.A., assistant-general of the Augustinian Order, and who for many years was identified with the old Friary Chapel, in John street, Galway City, and owing to whose zeal the present splendid Augustinian Church in Thomas street was built, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the dignity of the priesthood, which took the form of a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the Provisional Chapel of St Patrick at Rome. A large number of the friends of the venerable and beloved priest and the Irish residents in the Eterna

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Lord Claremorris is giving up the mastership of the Galway Blazers, a position he has held for many years.

**Kerry.**—The building trade at Waterville continues, and shortly will receive a great impetus from new and important works which are about to commence. The new coast-guard station and watch-house are being pushed ahead rapidly, and the former is being covered in. A large addition is to be added to the Butler's Arms Hotel, and the ground has been cleared away for works. New works and additions are in course of construction at the Bayview Hotel, and at the Commercial Cable Company's offices. The Lake Hotel (now taken by the Southern Hotels' Company) is about to be internally altered, and some substantial enlargements are to be made. Two large new shops are to be erected immediately in the village, and a terrace of houses is to be built at once for married members of the Commercial Cable Company's staff.

**Kilkenny.**—The Kilkenny bounds were in the Mullinavatt district last week, and while Reynard was closely pushed he jumped into the chapel at Bigwood through an open window. He was soon hustled out, and the chase was continued.

**King's County.**—The King's County landlords met recently, Lord Rosse in the chair. The delegates and committee were re-elected and thanks passed to the honourable secretary, Mr F. P. Dunne and the chairman, also a resolution of confidence and support in the Executive Committee. They are dying hard.

The lands in and around the districts bordering on the river Shannon in King's County have been inundated by the rainstorm of last week and serious damage has been done to property.

During the recent terrible storm experienced in the county and at other points in the island the night mailcar driver from Ballinasloe to Birr had a narrow escape. He was more than half way on his journey, which is twenty miles, when horse, car and all were whirled into the air by the force of the wind. The horse fell and broke both knees, but the driver escaped unhurt.

**Limerick.**—A most enthusiastic reception was accorded Mr Sexton, M.P., at Abbeyfeale railway station, on the arrival of the train which conveyed him from Listowel. A torchlight procession was formed. The brass band played a number of select airs.

**Louth.**—At the meeting of the Drogheda Guardians, Mr Thomas Malone presiding, Mr Joseph M'Carthy and about a dozen labourers appeared as a deputation from a large number of unemployed in Drogheda, and asked that a deputation of the Guardians should wait on the Corporation and ask them to proceed at once with sanitary works, to which the guardians would contribute half the cost. There was a great deal of distress. The labourers wanted work and not charity. In reply to the chairman, Mr M'Carthy stated that there were 500 men and boys unemployed. If 100 men with families were employed it would give great relief. As the plans for the work had been agreed on, and the expenditure on the part of the guardians by the Local Government Board approved of, Mr P. Fullam and other guardians expressed surprise that the work had not been proceeded with by the Corporation. Action will be immediately taken.

**Mayo.**—The programme has been issued of the Foxford Industrial and Technical Exhibition of Irish Industries, under the patronage of his Excellency, the Lord-Lieutenant, which is to be held in the Convent grounds, Foxford, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 4, 5, and 6, 1895. During the exhibition, demonstrations will be made in hand spinning and weaving, butter making, dairy, cooking, and laundry work, rug and mat making.

The technical manufactory will be thrown open to the public, and the "Humming Bird" Separator will be at work each day. The most attractive feature of the exhibition will be the poultry and horticultural show, and the "French Fair," presided over by the president and the ladies of the committee. A refreshment stall will also be added for the convenience of visitors coming from a distance; the various pastries, sweets, etc, to be the work of the cooking class. The proceeds of the exhibition (after the prizes and all expenses are paid) to be devoted to a fund for paying off the debt of £14,000 still due on the Technical and Weaving Schools, and further enlargements.

**Meath.**—Mr James J. Gilson of Ashpark, Crossakiel, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Meath. Mr Gilson is a Nationalist.

**Monaghan.**—A snowstorm, unexampled for severity, visited Monaghan last week, and as a result pedestrianism and vehicular traffic were much impeded. The snowfall began, and it descended without intermission or abatement for twelve hours. At times the cakes were as large as a half-dollar piece. The storm was accompanied by high winds, a fact which rendered it almost impossible to be abroad. Large drifts of snow are found here and there, but at the shallowest the deposit is over six inches deep.

**Wicklow.**—Bray suffered severely during the recent storm. The harbour works were severely tested, and stood the gale, but a portion of the contractor's staging was knocked about, and many of the cottages in the districts were flooded. The northern end of Strand road was flooded, and an idea of the violence of the storm may be gained from the fact that the massive iron protection railings along the sea wall promenade were wrenched off. The asphalt was also torn off the walk in places and the seats damaged.

## Dublin Notes.

(From contemporaries.)

In the latest published volume of "The Dictionary of National Biography"—the forty-first—the great Irish patriot whose name stands at the head of this paragraph receives the longest notice. "The personal appearance of O'Connell was remarkably prepossessing. Slightly under six feet, he was broad in proportion. His features were good. But it was the finely-chiselled mouth which gave to his face its chief charm. He was habitually careless in the matter of dress, and from the commencement of his political career he wore nothing but of Irish manufacture, and though his income was what most men would call large, he was constantly harassed by debt, for he was prodigal in hospitality. At his death his personal property amounted to barely £1000. He was an indefatigable worker, rising generally before seven, and seldom seeking rest till the small hours of the morning. A sincere Roman Catholic from choice and conviction, he was tolerant of every form of religious belief. Religion was to him always more than theology. He possessed an inexhaustible fund of good humour and mother wit, and spoke his mind freely on all subjects. His intemperate use of strong epithets he defended on the ground that it was right to speak in the strongest terms consistent with truth of one's friends and one's enemies. But out side of politics he was remarkably lenient in his judgments, and being free from jealousy he quickly recognized merit wherever he saw it. His letters to his wife reveal a tenderness and love that are at times extremely touching."

About sixteen miles from Dugort, in Achil Island, out to sea, looking like a thin line of sand in the waves of the Atlantic, is the Island of Ianniska. One fine morning our party started to visit it in a trusty hooker. As the hooker came in sight of the shore great excitement was visible among the islanders, and it was very hard to realise that we were still but thirty-six hours journey from London. The inhabitants turned out *en masse*. The women and children, in their scanty garments of red flannels, crouched outside their cabins,

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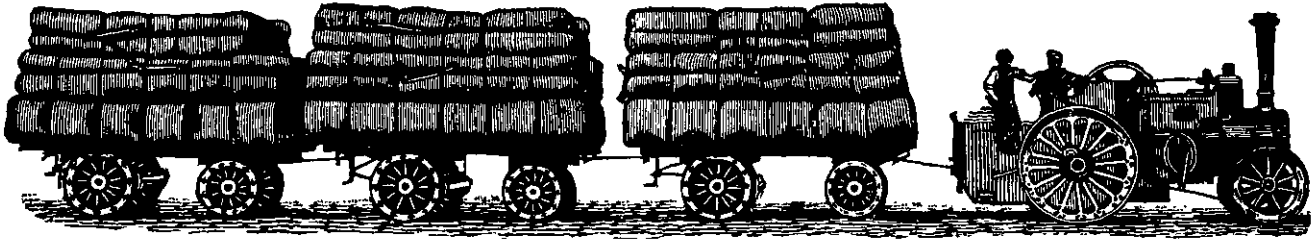


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while numbers of men ran down to the beach and put out in their coracles on chance of rowing us to land. It was a strange scene, and curiously like a picture plate in a boys' book of adventures. We knew there was a king of Innishkea and soon a tall bronze-faced man was pointed out to us as his majesty. On landing all the party were introduced and conducted by him to the palace, where the queen dowager, with her daughter, bade us welcome in true Irish fashion. The old lady was in her picturesque native costume—red dress and plaid shawl over her head. The princess, however, had evidently on first sight of the booker arrayed herself in modern fashion to do us honour, and we were amused on penetrating into the reception-room to find advertisements from shops in Buckingham Palace road and St Paul's churchyard hung up to embellish the wall, though only by a favoured few could they be read. The island was destitute of any school or means of instruction for the children, a very small proportion either understood or spoke English, and there was neither watch nor clock among the people, who had a happy-go-lucky idea of time and troubled themselves little as to Greenwich regulation. There were no church bells to ring, no trains to catch, no office hours requiring punctuality, so when the sun was high in the heavens they would get through their not arduous farming duties, and when he sank in the great waste of waters they could sleep. The king's words settled all disputes. It was an hereditary monarchy, and his people, so far as he was concerned, were untaxed. Happy these states, thought some of the visitors, where royalty could be maintained with so little grandeur. However, I am in honesty bound to add we found King Phillip had other means of filling his coffers besides levying taxes on his faithful subjects, and learned the art of making good his opportunity whenever the Saxon stranger ventured to land on his shore. But Innishkea has an interest altogether apart from its situation, surrounded as it is by lovely views of mountains, cliff, and rocky headland. On this spot, hundreds of years ago, early Christian missionaries landed, and on top of a shelly mount, half a mile from the beach, are Christian remains of great antiquity. West of the island there stand also the ruins of a church said to have been built by the successors of St Columba.

The proselytisers are still at work in Ireland, and it is to counteract their efforts that an addition is building to the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, Dublin. Archbishop Walsh laid the cornerstone of the new building on January 27, and gave a donation of 5,000 dols. to their fund. The proselytisers succeed only with the most degraded parents, but the children of these are more in need of Catholic protection than any. But even this success is entirely incommensurate with the money paid out to secure it. As one of the speakers at the public meeting which followed the corner-stone laying, the Very Rev W. Delaney, S.J., truly said:—"The proselytisers are convicted out of their own reports. The promoters of the Sacred Heart Home maintained the ninety children under their charge for a sum of £1,000 annually. The Bird's Nests, which received in one year £4,000, had seventy-four children. The inference is obvious. The large balance over from the maintenance of the children went to the wicked bribing of the poor to act against their consciences."

Mr Morley in the course of his speech on Mr Redmond's amendment, asked was there any understanding between the mover of the amendment and the Tory Opposition, such as astonished the political world in 1885, and proceeded—There is nothing bitter or cruel in reminding the House of those things which then happened. Does the hon and learned member who proposed this motion remember the action of the leader of the Opposition when the Bill for the second reading of the Crimes Act was carried? He is now going to lead the leader who then told us that the advent of a Unionist Government would be the sign for the revival of that Act if it were repealed; and with regard to the old problem and the old difficulties he would have resort to the Coercion Act. These words were so remarkable that I would ask the hon gentlemen from Ireland to consider them. He said it was not the time to abandon the Crimes Act when the necessity for it would arise so soon as the question of Home Rule was seen to be receding into space. The hon and learned Member for Waterford tells us that the question is receding into space, and we are invited to deal with a political paradox by turning out a Government that is willing to give Home Rule and put in its place a Government that is pledged to refuse Home Rule.

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The report has been published of Mr Roberts, C.B., to the directors of the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland on the plans for converting Galway into a station for American mails, and the probable cost, which he places at £670,000. He mentions that Lord Carnarvon, in 1885, employed him and other members of a commission on a plan for converting Galway into a harbour of refuge by means of convict labour, but that the Administration prevented the project being carried out.

The history of the once magnificent abbey erected by the Cistercians at Mellifont is about to be written by a member of that Order, Father Joachim Hennessy, of the Cistercian Abbey, Roscrea. Mellifont was the first Cistercian Abbey in Ireland, and is intimately associated with the names of two great saints, St Bernard and St Malachy, and was, as its ruins attest, a splendid and extensive pile. It was, indeed the chief foundation of the Order in Ireland, where the Cistercians once had no fewer than forty-four monasteries. Father Joachim is well read in the ecclesiastical history of Ireland.

Curran was once engaged in a legal argument; behind him stood his colleague, a gentleman whose person was remarkably tall and slender, and who had originally intended to take orders. The Judge observed that the case under discussion involved a question of ecclesiastical law. "Then," said Curran, "I can refer Your Lordship to a high authority behind me, who was once intended for the church, though, in my opinion, he was fitter for the steeple."

Rev Father Thomas Hearn, P.P., of Portlaw, County of Waterford, Ireland, has been granted a patent for an invention for "removing snow from railways." The contrivance consists in mounting a pair of tapering fans in front of the locomotive on longitudinal shafts so as to be capable of rotating at right angles to the direction of travel. By bevel gear these fans are driven by suitable coupling rods from the driving crank of the locomotive, and as the train moves the fans are caused to rotate (each from the centre outward) and sweep the snow off the permanent way. The invention is about being taken up by a Birmingham firm of locomotive and carriage builders, and also patents are about being applied for in Canada, the United States and Russia, in which countries the necessity for such an invention is obvious.

There are English and Scotch demands that have to be met by the Government, and in helping them forward would the Irish Party opposite not be helping the Irish cause itself? The hon member says that Home Rule is abandoned. He spoke of shelving Home Rule. He referred especially to the Prime Minister. I cannot find one word uttered by the Prime Minister since he first occupied that great office which justifies the construction he chooses to put upon the Prime Minister's utterances. I am not going to quote all his utterances, but I take the very last of all. Lord Rosebery, speaking on Tuesday night in another place, and talking of the reduction of crime in Ireland said—"I believe the reduction of crime in Ireland is due to another cause. It is the knowledge that the policy of an Irish Legislature for distinctly Irish concerns satisfying the just aspirations of the Irish people, and consistent with Imperial unity, remains in the forefront of the Liberal programme." Does the hon. and learned member for Waterford suppose that Lord Rosebery is capable of making in his place in Parliament, under the most solemn circumstances in which any Prime Minister can speak, a declaration of that kind, not meaning to carry it out, not believing that policy, and not intending to do the best he can to press it forward at a speed which any question in the forefront of the programme ought to command. I will tell the hon and learned member my view of what he described as the slackening of interest in the Irish cause. There was in 1886 and onward until 1892 a passionate awakening of the national conscience in respect of Ireland, and to those treasures of genius and eloquence and enthusiasm which were formed by the member for Midlothian into the most heroic task of all his heroic life. By this time that passionate awakening has been transformed, so far as my observation goes, from the stage of passion into a firm and steadfast conviction of National honour and National duty. I repeat, in my judgment, this firm conviction of the impossibility of governing Ireland on the old lines, the necessity of regenerating the national character in Ireland, and building up institutions in Ireland by self-government is not one whit slackened and not one whit weakened.

Mr Healy, in the course of his speech, said—When we are told of what the deceased Mr Parnell would have done on this occasion, and what he would have done upon another, and remembering the fact that there is now a Land Bill in promise from the Government,

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my mind goes back to May, 1881, when Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, from an opposite bench moved a hostile amendment with reference, not to the policy of the Government, but with reference to a minute portion of the Act of 1881—viz., the question whether what are called English managed estates should be excluded from the free sale provisions of the Act. We had the Government at our mercy, because there was a large section of the Liberal party, since mainly the Liberal-Unionist party, then attacking the member for Midlothian (Mr Gladstone). We could have put the Government out of office. It was a Coercion Government. It was the Government that held Mr Davitt and many others in gaol. What was the policy of the late Mr Parnell? Did he seize the opportunity to turn the Government out of office when he could have done it, and could have come back thirty stronger even upon the old franchise? No, sir, the member for Cork (Mr Parnell) said we could put the Government out of office, but we should lose the Land Bill, and he voted and we voted, and probably the member for Waterford (Mr Redmond) voted with the Liberal Government upon that occasion merely for the sake of keeping in office, not a Home Rule Government, but a Government that offered remedial tenure for Irish farms. What is the occasion to-night? The member for Waterford recites in Shakespearean style the seven stages of Home Rule. But there was one stage of Home Rule which it was remarkable that he should have forgotten, and that the only stage to which I attach any considerable importance—namely, the passing through the House of the Home Rule Bill of 1895, and fancy a gentleman getting up in the House and giving an account of the progress of Home Rule who omits the slight incident of the framing and drafting and passage of that measure.

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One was bright and dazzling  
Bordered gorgeously.

Thick and dark the other;  
Strange the contrast seemed.  
Yet upon the dark veil  
Bright the sun's rays beamed.

Then my Guardian Angel  
Spoke in accents mild,  
"Both of these are holy,  
See them now, dear child,

"That one white and brilliant  
To earthly bride is given;  
This unto the lowly  
Cloistered spouse of Heaven."

Then I fell in reverence,  
Low I bent my head,  
And unto our Saviour  
Tremblingly I said;

"Lord thou only knowest  
Which is best for me,  
Where Thy loved voice biddeth  
I will follow Thee.

But oh! if Thou wilt call me  
To be more closely Thine,  
Then Jesus, dearest Jesus,  
Be the dark veil mine."

### "KISS ME, JACK, AND LET ME GO."

ONCE, long ago, I was witness to a duel in California. The two men had been bosom friends, but had quarrelled about (of course) a woman. Splendid fellows both—young, brainy, and ambitious. As they stood in a clear space among the pine trees near Sacramento, pale as lilies, steady as rocks, weapons in hand waiting for the word, the rising sun shining athwart the line of vision, they presented a picture too often seen in 1856. The pistols cracked almost simultaneously. One man stood erect, evidently untouched; the other fell upon his back and lay straight and still. Seconds, surgeons, and spectators rushed to his side. He was "all there," mind as well as body. "No, don't disturb me," he said coolly to the doctor, "I'm shot fatally and shall die in five minutes. Call Jack and be quick." Pistol still in hand, his antagonist came and bent over his erstwhile comrade. The excitement among the crowd was intense; the dying man alone was calm. "Jack, my darling old boy," he said, "forgive me and forgive her. Kiss me and let me go." A minute more and he was dead, with Jack lying across his body, crying like a baby.

After I have told you another and very different story, I'll show wherein they teach the same lesson.

There is no tragedy in this one; nevertheless it is of wider human interest than the other. A woman had been ill more or less all her life. The details are commonplace enough, and yet they will appeal to millions who care nothing for the jealousies of young men to love.

"At times," she says, "I suffered from pains at the back of the head, and a sense of weight, and felt tired and weary, yet it was not from work only. I had a strange feeling, too, of something hanging over me, as of some evil or danger that I could not explain or define.

"My appetite was variable; sometimes I could eat anything and again I could not touch any food at all. *But I was never laid up as it were.*

Please note the last sentence. It may seem like the weakest but really is the strongest point in this lady's statement. We will tell you why in a moment.

She goes on: "Still I was often in misery, but got along fairly well until August, 1890, when I had a severe attack of rheumatism. First the great toe of my right foot and the thumb of my right hand grew hot and painful. After a time the trouble extended to my back and hips. I could not straighten myself; I was almost bent double. Month after month I was like this, getting little or no sleep at night. Medical treatment proved of no benefit to me. In December, 1891, the pain almost drove me mad. My face was swollen to nearly twice its natural size, and my eyes were so covered by the enlarged lids that I could scarcely see. There was a constant ringing in my ears, and the doctors said I had erysipelas.

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Now for the lesson of both these incidents; what is it? This; that it is not people in desperate extremities who suffer most. Pain is in proportion to the resistance to disease. Those who surrender, who are in despair, who give up, have present punishment largely remitted. Dying persons are the most comfortable of all. Hopelessness and dissolution administer their own anodynes. Those who are not laid up, who are ill, and yet work and struggle, need pity and help. This lady was one, and to such Mother Seigel always proves a friend.

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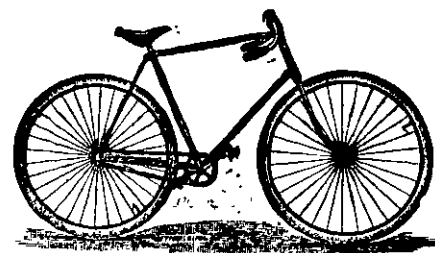
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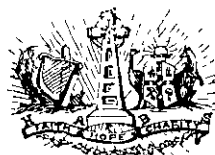
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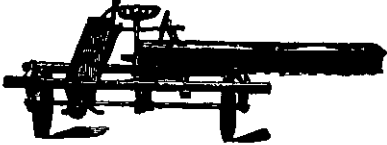
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