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## Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CAPTAIN  
RUSSELL IN  
DUNEDIN.

PLAUSIBILITY; that was the note of Captain Russell's address the other night in Dunedin. "Codlin's the friend not Short"—that was the speaker's text—rather a threadbare one we admit—and he stuck close to it throughout—dwelling rather on the

vices of Short, than on the virtues of Odlin. Captain Russell at one point of his speech alluded to the fact that the Hon John McKenzie had a little before addressed an audience from this very platform. His object we may remark in passing, was to show that the Minister had, in a most flagrant manner, given his own colleagues the lie. But that is a matter of course, and may be taken for what it is worth. Possibly the Hon John could pick as big a hole in Captain Russell's coat. Otherwise, however, it must be confessed that the contrast between the two speakers was marked. There was nothing at all, for example, of the style that distinguished Captain Russell about the Hon John McKenzie. There we had a plain man telling a plain story—and who, if he had no plain story to tell, must have held his tongue. Captain Russell had an easy flow of words at his command, adaptable to any subject—but which, it struck us while we listened, would be much more in their place if reserved for social occurrences. In making a speech at a fashionable wedding, or proposing a toast at a meeting of a four-in-hand club, or on any similar occasion, Captain Russell would be in his true sphere. There he would be, as it were, a gold-fish in its appropriate globe of glass. Attempting to address, in a familiar strain, a popular assembly, he seemed, in some sort, a fish out of water. Captain Russell spoke of himself as more of a farmer than a statesman—but while we acknowledge that perhaps he could hardly be less of a statesman than he is, we must take exception to his assumption of the humble name of farmer. There is very little indeed to confound the Captain with an ordinary tiller of the soil. And, by the way, as to those young men of whom the speaker spoke as having come out from home with letters of introduction to him, but so much alarmed at what they saw here as to turn tail and run off with their capital to other climes—were they "farmers" too? Or were they not youths of the colonial experience type? In old times the fool of the family—the family of rank of course, was intended for the Church. Of more recent years, he has frequently been gifted with a few hundred pounds and sent out to the colonies to make the best use of his folly there. We fancy the departure from our shores of the pnic-stricken colonial-experience youth—even to the amount of some half-dozen or so and carrying his capital with him—is not, after all, so heavy a misfortune to the community in general. Captain Russell also was deep in figures. There is where, as a rule, the speaker excels. The worst of it is, however, that the speakers on both sides, or on all sides for the matter of that, excel with equal effect. For our own part, when the dealing with figures begins we surrender at once to the enemy. Who in the world—except a calculating boy, to the manner born and fit to be shown in a show—could without a slate or even a morsel of slate pencil—go, in a jiffy, through all the rules in the arithmetic book? The speaker has the audience completely at his mercy—and, then, as we have said before, and as we shall probably often say again—the man to check these statesmen in their contradictions is the man, and no other, who himself has access to all the books and documents in the various State departments and is qualified to understand and explain them. Facts are what the ordinary listener should want, and about figures he need not care a jot. The sum that the Conservative works out on the platform to-day, the Liberal can work out there with totally different results to-morrow. He not only can do it, but he does do it, and that is where the mischief comes in. A fact or two, meantime, we had from Captain Russell. We had, for instance, at an early passage, of his speech, the significant fact that he, too, found it necessary to shelter his party behind the glorious fortification of the Education Act. Mr Bowen, a Tory of Tories, he said, had given them this omnipotently beneficent institution, there, then, was the weakness of the speaker's standing place made evident at once. His appeal to popular prejudice betrayed him.

But fact number one prepared us for fact number two. It seemed plain there was something to come, for which the speaker found it necessary to borrow strength. Fact number two was the confession, not to be birked, that Captain Russell was the spokesman of the land monopolists, and that he had no sympathy with the growth of settlement in the country—on which, nevertheless, the present welfare and the whole future of the Colony depend. It is their sincere desire to promote this that must recommend the present Government and which may cover a multitude of their sins, if they have such. Captain Russell necessarily spoke about his fellow-feeling for the settlers. The man, he said, who settled as a farmer upon the land became to him as his brother. And, indeed, judging from the speaker's appearance and general tone on the platform, we should say he was of a kindly and amiable disposition and supremely good-humoured. That he had a pretty wit seemed also palpable. We can believe that, for example, the butler attending on him at table would find it quite as difficult to maintain his gravity as did Diggory in attending on Mr Hardcastle. On social occasions, as we have said, it seems evident that Captain Russell must shine. We are, however not so sure that his humour as applied to political matters can stand the test. There, for instance, was his joke about Mr Ward's visit to France to the effect that the Treasurer might have gone there to arrange for an exchange of colonial produce against Parisian nick-nacks. Captain Russell put it funnily, but our humour is more dry. Supposing, then, that Mr Ward was able to open a market in France for colonial produce would it really be a subject for ridicule? Notwithstanding the brotherly love that enters into his heart for the farmer, and, as we have said, we may take it as quite true that he is very well disposed in a general sort of way towards his neighbours, Captain Russell, to all intents and purposes, openly protested that all that he or his party would do in the way of promoting settlement was to provide for allotments near towns for the artisans. There we had the squatter revealed—his dummies, his gridironing, and all his time-honoured devices. That fact—fact number two—alone, we say, was sufficient to discredit everything else that the speaker had said. Plausibility, no doubt, has its uses. It may naturally gain for a speaker an attentive hearing. It may give Codlin a passing advantage over Short—particularly when he deals with his rival's vices rather than his own virtues—but it is hardly a quality that, on calm consideration, can exercise much influence. We do not, therefore, on the whole look for very serious effects as likely to follow from Captain Russell's speech in Dunedin.

INSTRUCTION  
versus  
EDUCATION.

In the *Revue des Deux Mondes* of February 15, M. Ferdinand Brunetie follows up the article to which we lately alluded by one on the difference between education and instruction. He quotes a claim made last year by Sir John Lubbock, the most determined optimist, he says, whom he knows in all the world, to the effect that in England the progress of education and morality went together. Happy England, he cries, and above all, happy accident. Statistics have discovered nothing of the kind in France, on anywhere else—in Germany or in America. There, on the contrary, we see ignoramuses who know nothing of antiquity, or the sciences, or the languages, or even of orthography, and who, none the less, are very honest people. On the other hand, we have proof that all their instruction has not preserved certain unfortunates from the worst failings, and that neither certificates nor diplomas have kept them from yielding to the most vulgar temptations. A pessimist might add that on more than one occasion the criminal has made use of his instruction only as an easier or a surer means of committing his crime. The writer, nevertheless, does not receive this as conclusive against instruction or the utility of extending it, but as proving that the relationship of instruction to education is distant and irregular. Of all the obligations that society imposes, instruction, he says, recognises one only—that is, that each of us should work out his own fortune. Its ideal is that of procuring the means of rising in life. What is first developed, then, is the spirit of individualism, and, the consideration of success dominating all others, there can no longer be a question of making any sacrifice. If an object of education the writer goes on to say, was to form among men, by obliging them to make reciprocal concessions, at least an

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appearance of peace and concord, who does not see that instructions such as is now given, can result only in promoting a spirit of contention and strife? If we accustom our pupils to consider instruction as an enchanted weapon only, whose possession will ensure to them the certainty of victory, let us not be surprised that according as the part of instruction increases that of education diminishes. In conclusion, M. Brunetiére quotes a sentence from Lamennais:—"Human society is founded on the mutual gift, on the sacrifice, of man to man, or of each man to all men, and sacrifice is the essence of all society." Without that, says the writer, there is no society—no education, if education should form man for society. His contention throughout his article has been that the instruction, of which the existing systems of education consist, results in forming the individualism which is the enemy of education, as it is that also of social order.

**ODDS AND ENDS.** PARTICULARS of the death of Dr Maunsell, formerly of Dunedin, who died in London on March 21st have been received. We learn from the correspondent of the *Star*, that the deceased had found a lucrative practice in which he bade fair to rise to eminence. His death is the more to be regretted since it has prematurely ended a career that promised to renew in London the fame of the Dublin school of medicine of which the doctor was a graduate. The cause of death was broncho-pneumonia following on influenza.

Verily that traditional hundred pounds in the Bank for the man who minds his own business seems destined still to lie there. Here is now a correspondent who tells us, in the *Daily Times*, that there are many who "regard with objection the undoubtedly solemn services at St Joseph's at Easter." There are folk that will never get a penny of the money in question. Their objection, too, cannot be of much value or they would not thus throw it away.

Somebody has sent our "Civis" a paragraph from the *New York Sun*, on which our festive friend discourses in a somewhat contradictory fashion. The paragraph touches jubilantly on a plan for the partition of the British Empire between America, Russia, Germany, and France. First our logical friend declares, *à propos* of the American disposition towards England, that thickness of blood never yet prevented a family quarrel or a civil war. Then he virtually takes his oath that nobody but a "rabid Irish Yank" could be guilty of such an utterance as that quoted by him. The fact is, nevertheless, that such utterances are quite common among Americans who have not a drop of Irish blood in their veins. Anyone who reads the American papers must be familiar with them. But our "Civis" goes on to answer for Irish Australasians. "As for Irishmen on this side of the world," he says, "they would give the reptile writer their *oead mille faithe* with the thick end of a shtick." And 'ow 'appy our "Civis" would be to see 'em 'it 'im in the eye! Meantime, we should perhaps return thanks for the good opinion expressed of Irish colonists. Let us hope it is not in keeping with the contradiction to which we have alluded.

When it was reported here some little time ago that President Kruger of the Transvaal had sent the Pope the biggest diamond that ever was found, we saw some reason to doubt the report. From what we had read of "Oom Paul" and his people, we hardly thought he would so dispose of even the least of his jewels. This report is now contradicted. The *Unita Cattolica* says there is no truth whatever in it.

Theologians are making a new beginning in the United States. The Rev J. F. Reid, an Evangelical minister of Portland, Oregon, has shown his rev brethren a bright example. He bailed up a cashier in a bank there the other day, and was making away with a very fair swag, when the police appeared on the scene. The rev gentleman now awaits his trial.

Peace seems now to be virtually concluded between China and Japan. The principal terms are the payment of a large indemnity in money and the cession of territory, Formosa especially—by the Chinese. Five Chinese ports besides are to be opened to trade and the Japanese are to have the right of running cotton factories in China. Here, however, England is affected, as a rivalry with Manchester must ensue. Possibly also these colonies may feel something of this, as an increase to the proper population at home cannot but add, in some way or another, to our undesirable immigrants. Japan too, emerges from the struggle a naval power of some strength—able, we are told, if it suit her to exercise a considerable influence in the matter of Chinese immigration—and, in any case, capable of being a useful ally in war to any European Government. The developments now to appear are, therefore, of no light interest.

Some sensation has been caused in France by the refusal of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris to permit of the religious burial of a man who had been killed in a duel. The victim was a journalist named Percher, but writing under the *nom de plume* of Harry Alis. The Cardinal, however, as has been shown, was simply obeying the law the Church, Pope Benedict XIV. having decreed that, even when a man mortally wounded in a duel had survived to receive the last

sacraments, his remains must not have a religious burial. The intention was palpably that of checking—if it were impossible altogether to prevent, an un-Christian custom. There seems little room for hostile criticism on the part of any one who abhors bloodshed and violence. Many people in France, however, as elsewhere are nowadays anxious to avail themselves of any pretext to cavil at religion or its ministers.

The support reported here, as given in the House of Commons by the Ulster Members to the Land Bill is easily explained by the action of the farmers. Even in districts noted for their Orange associations meetings were held to insist on the necessity for the proposed Act. We must not, however, become too sanguine as to the conversion of this population to Home Rule. It might, no doubt, seem that they would be more favourably disposed towards an end agitation to procure which had so far resulted to their interests. This we might expect from their own common sense, and no doubt it would be the case if religious bigotry, the most hardening and blinding of all motives, did not enter into the question. As things are, the passing of the Bill will, in all probability, strengthen these farmers in their opposition by removing the grievances that press upon them personally, and satisfying the want of which they themselves are conscious. We need hardly look to them for much sympathy for the grievances remaining throughout the other parts of the country.

United Italy still sends out her emigrants in increasing numbers. The severity of the past winter was cruelly felt in the unfortunate country—where even death from starvation was, if not the rule, hardly the rare exception.

Madame Modjeska, the Polish actress, has been forbidden by the Russian authorities to fulfil an engagement made by her to play at a theatre in Warsaw. The cause is certain lectures on Russian methods lately delivered by her in Chicago. The lady, however, may possibly regard the simple prohibition as an act of clemency. It would appear more *en regle* to let her visit the city as arranged, and then send her off to Siberia. The improvement is, perhaps, due to the milder frame of the young Czar.

If the report be true that Count Caprivi has given a hint as to a desirability of making Egypt neutral territory the situation may be regarded as serious. Great Britain, says the Count, should withdraw from there and not wound the dignity of Germany. Count Caprivi's opinion, it is true, is not now of quite so much weight as it was while he was still Chancellor. It may, nevertheless, disclose a tendency to encourage in France a more friendly disposition. Nothing however, seems plainer than that the interests of the British empire will permit of no measure of the kind. The dignity of Germany, no doubt, is an important matter, but it might be possible for people outside Germany to pay too much for its maintenance. How, moreover, in the present instance, it is affected, it is not very easy to see.

STRAWS show how the wind blows. That is traditional. Here is the fag end of one from a leader in the *Dunedin Star*. The forbearance of Captain Russell has recalled to the writer quite another sort of thing in connection with O'Connell. "When Dan O'Connell," he says, "told Sir Robert Peel that the smile which occasionally, but rarely, found its way to his extremely grave face was 'like the silver plate on a coffin' the violence of the language did not rest upon a moral basis. It was a mere offensive personality by no means redeemed by its wit." The moral ground, meantime, on which our writer bases his own mild words is the chagrin caused by his perception of the complete fitness with which Captain Russell's speech has fallen in Dunedin. This has tuned up all of his kind to swearing pitch, and they must out with it. They are mad enough to strike out at random. The unreasoning fury of the delirious Anglo-Saxon naturally seeks an Irish mark.

G A E L I C N O T E S.

BIDHEAN cuid d' ar g-cairdibh Sacsanacha ag dhéanamh grunn agus ag gáiridhe ar ár n-bair chum na Gaedhilge a chongbháil beo agus a theagag. Achb atá siad gan tólas ar bith ar an g-cúis so. Is truaigh linn iad. Atá an fonn ceudna orra do bhi ar an m-bairrioghan Eiliseib nuair rinne sí dlíge chum na teagan agus na creidim a sgríos ann son-fheacht.

Some survival, we find, of the good Queen Bess obtains in these more enlightened times of ours. Queen Bess, it will be remembered, made a law by which Latin might be used in the Church of England services in Ireland. So great was her Grace's detestation of the Irish language that anything seemed to her preferable to it. She would not even have the faith of the Irish people perverted by its means. Their faith and their language, she was determined, should perish together. The meaning of our Gaelic paragraph, therefore, will be apparent to those who take the trouble of translating it.

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Sion, Waterford. The Most Rev Dr Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore presided at the High Mass and there was present a large number of the clergy. The laity too were numerously represented. A special feature of the celebration was the presentation to Brother Flynn by the members of the Irish class of an address in the ancient tongue, which was read fluently and intelligently by a pupil named Cleary. "As pupils of your Irish class," said the address, in its translation given by the *Waterford Citizen*, "we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration and our gratitude for your zealous and successful labours in the teaching of the old language of Ireland. We have heard it race from your tongue with all the ancient richness with which it fell from the hallowed lips of the monks of Bangor and Lismore. This language so dear to every true Irishman, together with the memory of you who first gave us a taste for it, shall ever be by us fondly cherished." "If," said Brother Flynn in his reply, "you learn to speak, read, and write, this sweet native tongue of ours there will then be no danger that it will die out in the land, and generations yet to come will bless you for transmitting to them such a noble monument of Erin's glory."

The late Professor Blackie, who was one of the first classic scholars of his day, was a strong supporter of Gaelic studies. Through his exertions a Celtic Chair was founded in the University of Edinburgh—for which he personally collected £12,000.

Of the celebrity won by the Irish schools of the earlier ages, St. Robert Ball, in a recent lecture, recalled an instance. The Emperor Charlemagne, he said, had written to Dungal, the abbot of a monastery in Ireland, asking him to explain the causes of two eclipses which had shortly before occurred. The lecturer also referred to the knowledge of astronomy possessed by the Irish monk Feargal, consecrated Bishop of Salzburg, in 756, and canonized in 1233 as St. Virgilius.

The Gaelic League, 4 College Green, Dublin, have issued an appeal for aid in the work they have undertaken—and which, on their

## PRESENTATION TO REV BROTHER JOSEPH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE members of the Christchurch League of the Cross, desirous of marking their appreciation of the devotedness and ability shown by their late esteemed president, Rev Brother Joseph, during the first years of the Society's existence, decided to tender him a complimentary social on his return from the annual retreat. Great was the disappointment and regret not only of the members of the League but of the parishioners generally at learning that Brother Joseph had been transferred to Auckland. Clergy and laity united in testifying their appreciation of the zealous Brother's genuine worth and of the amount of good work he had accomplished during his seven years' labours in their parish. Kind-hearted, genial, and ever ready to assist others, Brother Joseph was deservedly popular amongst all classes of the community, those outside as well as those within the Faith of Holy Church, but more especially amongst the young men of the parish in whom he always evinced the greatest interest. His loss to the schools will be a severe one. Under his able guidance the schools of the pro-Cathedral parish flourished wonderfully, the Diocesan Inspector passing the highest encomiums on the work of his scholars and on the efficiency of the school in general. I might state that one of the two scholarships offered annually by St. Patrick's College was secured by one of his pupils, Master Leo Fanning, and the same lad has since passed successfully his matriculation examination. Besides this instance there were several other pupils who have been successful in the Civil Service examinations.

The members of the League lost no time in preparing an address in which they expressed their keen sense of the loss they had sustained, and their gratitude for the services rendered by Brother Joseph to the Society. The illuminating consisted of an antique floral border surmounted by a profusion of shamrocks, the lower border being St. Joseph lilies (true to life) and foliage. The frame was a deep one of green plush. The work reflected great credit on the Sisters of Notre Dame de Missions, by whom it was executed.

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An easy way of giving aid to the movement for preserving and reviving the Irish language may be found in according support to the *Gaelic Journal*. This publication continues to increase in usefulness and interest. Its circulation throughout the country must have the effect of quickening study where it already exists, and of awakening a desire for it where it has not as yet been set on foot. It provides the student with reading both to instruct and amuse. To the advanced scholar also its notes of explanation and its inquiry afford the means of further advancement. It is, in fact, impossible to speak too highly of this excellent periodical.

Public works, as a remedy for distress, is the subject of the chief paragraph in the Lenten Pastoral of the Archbishop of Tuam.

A Cambridge correspondent praises the appointment of Lord Acton to the Professorship of Modern History, and recalls the circumstance that his Lordship is a relation of Gibbon. His library comprises 60,000 volumes.

Miss Barrymore, a member of the John Drew Dramatic Company, in Milwaukee, recently left an order to be called at seven o'clock on Sunday morning at the Davidson Hotel, so that she might attend early Mass. The execution of the order by the bell-boy saved her life. A gas jet had been left open during the night, and Miss Barrymore was found in an unconscious condition. The discovery was made soon enough to revive her.

A copy of the address, together with Brother Joseph's reply, appears below.

"Christchurch, St. Joseph's Day, March 19, 1895. To the Rev Brother Joseph, president (1893-4) League of the Cross, St. Patrick's Branch; under the patronage of the Lord Bishop of Christchurch. The members of the above Society tender their heartfelt thanks to you, Brother Joseph, and, whilst wishing you every health and prosperity in your new home, desire at the same time to express the regret they feel at the loss of so able a president. Your removal to Auckland was to us a source of deep sorrow, especially as the success of the Society during the two years was mainly due to your untiring efforts in the cause for which the League was promoted. You have left us, dear Brother Joseph, just when we fully realised the treasure we had obtained in yourself; but as is the case in your state of life "obedience" being the first in sight, we can only second you in spirit in all that you shall do, at the same time saying with you, "God's will be done," and praying that God will send to us a president who, like you, will also sacrifice himself to the welfare of the young men of the League of the Cross. Once more wishing you all benedictions on this your patronal feast-day, and many years to labour in your new home—years that may bring forth fruits of goodness in all with whom you come in contact—we sign ourselves, on behalf of the Society—Rev Stephen Cummings, V.G., president; James Kennel, Charles Shanly, James Young, vice-presidents; A. J. White, hon vice-president; Patrick Nolan, John Hennessy, John Ormandy, John Peterson, Augustin Bagley, Cornelius Teban, councillors; Michael O'Bielly, secretary; Joseph Griffin, assistant secretary.

To the chairman and members of St. Patrick's League of the Cross, Christchurch, New Zealand.—Beverend chairman and gentlemen.—"Words fail me to give adequate expression to my feelings of sincere gratitude for the many kind things you have said in the flattering address of which you have made me the recipient. The consciousness of having done my best for the welfare of the League during the two years which have elapsed since its establishment in Christchurch, led me to expect the customary vote of thanks on my

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retirement from the office of president, but I had not the slightest idea that the expression of your appreciation of and gratitude for the services rendered by me to the Society would take such a substantial form. You can imagine my surprise and pleasure when I opened the case containing the artistically illuminated address. Great as are its intrinsic merits, I value it more highly as a souvenir of the cordial relations which have ever existed between us and of the happy years I spent in your midst. As one of the founders and first president of the Christchurch branch of the League I always felt that on me devolved, in a great measure, the responsible duty of impressing on the Society those distinctive characteristics which were to form its spirit and render it a powerful factor for good amongst the young men of the parish. You all know with what 'persistent iteration' I reminded you that besides the promotion of the cause of temperance we were associated together to mutually encourage each other to promote the frequent and fervent reception of the Sacraments, profound respect for the Church and the clergy and the moral and intellectual improvement of each other. The large attendance at the monthly communions of the Society and the great interest taken in the meetings amply testified how loyally the members supported me in my endeavours to bring about the desirable results. I cannot express the pleasure I felt on reading the report of your truly edifying celebration of our national festival—the feast of St Patrick. May the League ever continue true to its traditions and may peace and prosperity ever bless its efforts to do good amongst the young men of Christchurch. I remain, yours faithfully,  
BRO. JOSEPH."

N A P I E R.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

We have not been troubled with any great political or other movement in this district of late, so I must confine myself to local matters this time. The weather is now broken in earnest, and since eleven o'clock on Sunday there is no scarcity of "liquid" in every part of the district. This morning (Wednesday) most alarming accounts are to hand of swollen rivers, broken bridges, land slips, and lost sheep and cattle. The storm last year was confined principally to Hawke's Bay, but this time it seemed to include Wellington, Wairarapa, Palmerston, the Manawatu, and Hawke's Bay as far as Waipawa. The Gorge railway line is again blocked by no less than 5,000 yards of earth slips, and communication with Wellington is not expected to be restored in less than a fortnight.

Another instalment of misfortune has befallen this district. This time it is in the form of no less than eight "Mormon mission-

aries" from Salt Lake City. Arriving by steamer at Napier they went to Danevirke, and from there dispersed over the bush district; A Napier evening paper says they are holding an annual conference at Taboraita with their companions, at which they have three meetings a day, and on last Sunday one was held for the Europeans that they might become acquainted with the doctrine. The same paper says their rules in "church" matters are very strict, and gives for reason that those who drink or gamble are summarily dismissed. This is the sort of doctrine we are treated to now-a-days. What will the use of "the Lord's day" be turned to at last, and what will the word "church," the house of the Lord, mean by-and-bye? Oh, when will these divisions and sub-divisions, under the title of "denominations" and "sects," cease to do their fell work of the devil amongst poor fallen humanity?

A queer piece of engineering was accomplished here a few days ago. Napier is supplied by artesian water, and of a very excellent quality. The borough council, considering the present supply insufficient, decided on having another larger well sunk, but the place fixed upon was only three chains distance from the original principal source. Though the flow obtained was up to the mark, yet you can imagine the disappointment when they saw the old source dried up, and the whole town left almost without water. The result of this, of which the consequence was pointed out to them in advance, will likely be another bore at a greater distance, with more of the ratepayers' money foolishly spent.

Easter has again come and gone. The services in the Catholic churches were, as usual, very solemn and touching. On Friday evening, the 5th of April (Feast of the "seven dolours"), the new Stations of the Cross were erected by Father Grogan in St Patrick's new church, in presence of a large congregation, many of whom were non-Catholics. The Rev Father, before blessing the Crosses and erecting the Stations, explained their origin and meaning—with their practice and benefit in a very instructive and impressive discourse. In reference to Holy Thursday and Good Friday the Napier Evening News says:—"In the Catholic Church on Holy Thursday special services were celebrated, when the Blessed Sacrament was removed from the high altar to the altar of repose, the children of the various confraternities forming a procession, the ceremony being carried out with great devotion. Yesterday (Good Friday) the Mass of the Precious Blood was celebrated in St Mary's, during which the Adoration of the Cross took place, the church being crowded. Last night the Stations of the Cross were gone through in St Patrick's, Father Grogan afterwards preaching a powerful sermon on the Passion of our Lord to another large congregation." On Good Friday afternoon, as well as Saturday, to a very late hour, the confessionals were

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thronged—Father O'Shea hearing in St Patrick's and Father Grogan in St Mary's. On Easter Monday there was Mass in both churches at seven o'clock, and how edifying to see so many approach the "sacred table." At 10.30 in St Patrick's there was High Mass, Father Grogan being the celebrant, and Father O'Shea preaching the sermon. There was again another large congregation present. The rev gentleman took for his text the words, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified, He is risen, He is not here," and in a very forcible and logical discourse explained the subject of the feast. Father O'Shea is one of the professors in the Meanee seminary, who, though only 25 years of age, gives promise to become a brilliant preacher. He does honour to St Patrick's College as well as to the Meanee seminary, and sets an example we hope to see many young New Zealanders follow. The choir was in excellent order for both morning and evening, and well deserved the compliment paid them by Father Grogan. Mrs St Clair, as usual, presided at the organ.

The members of the choir had their annual picnic on Easter Monday, and chose Mr Bee's, of Pakowhai, for the place of rendezvous, the very cradle of Catholicity on this coast. It was there that Father Lampilla, in 1850, first preached the truths of our holy faith to the Maori race in Hawke's Bay, one year before Father Reigner established the now flourishing station of Meanee. After a beautiful day's enjoyment they returned to Napier well pleased with their "outing" as well as with Mr Bee's hospitality.

I see in this morning's *Hawke's Bay Herald* that the Education Board has once more shelved the request of the Catholic bishops, re the Government inspection of Catholic schools, because, they say, there was not full meeting of the Board's members. What the final decision may be is not easy to see. The Hon J. D. Ormond (chairman) and the Rev D. Sidey (secretary), would soon bring the matter to a conclusion, if they and their party were free. The party are not popular as formerly, and the Catholic vote "cut's both ways." Whilst it returned Mr Carnell, the present member, it shelved Mr Swan, Ormond's nominee. The dilemma is still before them. Which horn are they to stick upon? It is a hard thing to recognise the Catholics in any way, yet in view of the coming elections and the interest of parties it may be better to make peace with them after all, as they are a most uncompromising lot. Such seems to me something like the logic of the Ormond-cum-Sidey party. We shall watch the result, which I hope will be favourable.

The *Evening News* has got another new lease, at all events for the present. It is now worked on co-operative principles and the old company is being "liquidated." Your friend the editor J. T. M. Hornsby, who of late seemed to have such a "dead-set" upon Catholic doctrines, is again gone in the Christchurch direction. This is a good thing if the paper is still destined to do some good in the future. It is indeed reported that the late evolutions of this political "turncoat" were a last effort not only against Catholics but to kill the paper itself. It is not unnatural for him to exhibit this anti-Catholic animosity because it is reported here that some years ago when he used to try to act the part of the "shuttle-cock" between Orangemen and Catholics in this town, he once "let out" at one of his Orange rendezvous that his father was the first to introduce the famous "Maria Monk" into the Australian colonies. At any rate he had the satisfaction of receiving a bit of a "brushing down," before he left, from Father Grogan, who very forcibly put before his people how far the doctrine of the Catholic Church, on the power and authority of Catholic bishops, differs from what they had seen published of late in the paper in question, how Catholics take neither their faith nor the practices from such teachers. Further that he, Father Grogan, and the Catholics generally had to refuse all support to any paper that opened its columns to such doctrines. This discourse had the desired effect. During the afternoon of the same Sunday, meetings were held in the office, feelings were expressed, hard words interchanged, the paper put on the 'stool of repentance," a new programme drawn up. Personalities were to be avoided for the future, and the editor was to go south for fresh fields.

The Hon Mr M'Kenzie, Minister for Lands, arrived here by express last evening in company with Messrs Carnell and Hall, M.H.R.'s, and put up at the Criterion. He is to be banqueted this evening by his countrymen, the Caledonians of Napier. To-morrow evening he is to speak at Hastings, no doubt in reply to Captain Russell. The *Hawke's Bay Herald* predicts a good and orderly audience. By the way, Mr Carnell has struck a favourable card this time in obtaining a Government grant of £400 for the Meanee River Board. It is an acknowledgement that the Government see the necessity of it. After the floods of last year settlers in that beautiful district were very despondent, and many spoke of selling out, but who was to buy? Now that they see there is some protection for them they will regain courage, and Meanee will continue to be one of the most fertile districts in the Colony, whilst Mr Carnell maintains his respect with its people for next elections.

## WHAT DREAMS MAY COME.

IN a recent lecture at the Royal Institution, Dr B. W. Richardson says that the sleep of health is dreamless. "Dreams," says Shakespeare, "are children of an idle brain." If both the doctor and the poet are right it follows that idle brains are unhealthy brains. No doubt there might be truth in the inference, but that is not quite the point. Are all dreams signs of a diseased condition? To this the doctor says "No." He divides dreams into two classes; those started by noises or other causes outside the sleeper, and those produced by pain, fever, or indigestion.

Here we inject a fact. We receive multitudes of letters containing this affirmation, almost in identical words: "I was worse tired in the morning than when I went to bed." To this the doctor has an answer. He says, "When we feel wearied in the morning very likely it results from dreams that we have forgotten." Quite so.

In other words there is a bodily condition which may prevent a person from working by day at his usual calling, but obliges him to labour all night under a mental stimulus of which he knows nothing save by its resulting exhaustion. These unhappy wretches toil harder, therefore, for no compensation, when they are ill, than they have to do to earn a living when they are well. What an infernal and frightful fact! And this too without taking into account their physical suffering at all times. "Night," said Coleridge, "is my hell."

From one of the letters referred to we quote what a woman says of her daughter: "She was worse tired in a morning than when she went to bed." Poor girl. Those "forgotten dreams" had tossed her about as a ship is tossed in a tempest. Night was her day of labour.

The mother's simple tale is this: "In June, 1890, my daughter Ann Elizabeth became low, weak, and fretful, and complained of pain in the chest after eating. Next her stomach was so irritable that she vomited all the food she took. It was awful to see her heave and strain. For three weeks nothing passed through her stomach except a little soda water and lime water. Later on, her feet and legs began to swell and puff from droopiness. She was now pale as death and looked as though she had not a drop of blood in her body, and was always cold. Month after month dragged by and she got weaker every day. She could not walk without support, for she had lost the proper use of her legs, and her body swayed from side to side as she moved.

"A doctor attended her for twelve months, and finally said it was no use giving her any more medicine as it would do no good. In May, 1891, I took her to the Dewsbury Infirmary. She got no better there, and I thought I was surely to lose her. She was then thirteen years of age.

"One day a lady (Mrs Lightoller) called at my shop, and seeing how bad my daughter was, spoke of a medicine called Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and persuaded us to try it. I got a bottle from the Thornhill Co-operative Stores, and she began taking it. In two days she found a little relief; the sickness was not so frequent. She kept on with the Syrup and steadily improved. Soon she was strong as ever, and has since been in the best of health and can take any kind of food. After she had taken the Syrup only two weeks the neighbours were surprised at her improved appearance and I told them what had brought it about—that Seigel's Syrup had done what the doctors could not do, it saved her life. Yours truly, (Signed), (Mrs) SARAH ANN SHEARD, 19, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lane, near Dewsbury, October 11th, 1892."

The inciting cause of all this young girl's pitiful suffering was indigestion and dyspepsia, dropsy being one of its most dangerous symptoms. It attacks both youth and age, it's fearful and often fatal results being due to the fact that physicians usually treat the symptoms instead of the disease itself.

"A child's dreams," says Dr Richardson, "are signs of disturbed health and should be regarded with anxiety." The same is true of the dreams of older people. They mean poison in the stomach and point to the immediate use of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup.

A special tribunal has been instituted in Egypt for dealing with crimes and offences committed by natives against British officers and soldiers.

Prince Eduard Schonberg, son of Prince Schoburg, Vice-president of the Austrian Upper House, has taken the vows as a priest of the Order of Benedictines.

Several divers have been engaged to search in the ill-fated Elbe for valuable postal properties that went down with the steamer. These represent a sum of no less than £18,000.

The Pope has an egg which he received from an English lady once Easter. The shell is made of ivory, its lining is of white satin, and the yolk is a golden case containing a ruby set in diamonds. The whole is worth upwards of £2,000.

Baron Hermann Koenigswarter, whose wife, in the lifetime of the late Baron, became a Jewess in order to be able to marry him, has now been christened by the Bishop of Grosswardein. His wife has also returned to the True Faith: Baron Koenigswarter presented the bishop with a diamond ring worth 50,000 florins.

The appointment of Lord Ac on as Professor of Modern History at Cambridge will not involve the relinquishment of the position which he holds in the Government. The noble Lord is one of the Lords-in-Waiting, and represents the Irish Government in the House of Lords.

The *Law Journal* pays a deserved tribute to Lord Chief Justice Russell. "We all expected him," it says, "to keep a firm rein over the proceedings of his Court. But some of us, perhaps, did not anticipate that he would, at least at the very outset of his judicial career, exhibit the patience, the self-restraint, and the evenness of judgment which he has already evinced. The possibility that he might at first be somewhat defective in these qualities was the only cloud that hung over the horizon of his judicial work. Lord Russell has effectually dispelled them, and he bids fair to be as great a Chief Justice as Sir Alexander Cockburn."

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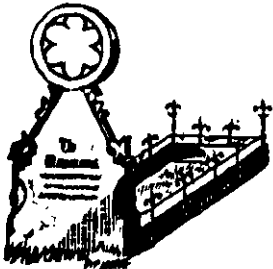
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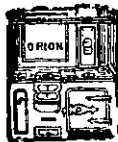
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# Irish News.

(From the Irish World.)

**Antrim.**—Nationalists of the county during past year helped the Irish cause financially as follows: Evicted Tenants' Fund, £149; Parliamentary Fund, £23, Belfast City, £390 for Evicted Tenants' Fund; £460 for Parliamentary Fund.

**Armagh.**—Nationalists in Armagh County gave financial support to the Irish cause during the past year to the extent of £209; in equal proportions to the Evicted Tenants' Fund and the Parliamentary Fund.

The agent of the Duke of Manchester (Mr Atkinson, Tanderagree) has given notice to the tenants in the four townlands that if they pay their rent, due Nov. 1 last, on or before March 1 next they will be allowed 10 per cent of a reduction. The concession was unsolicited by the tenants. Possibly his Grace finds his coffers in need of replenishing. His affection for the tenants prompts not the action.

**Cavan.**—During the year 1894 the Nationalists of the county gave financial succour to the Irish cause to the extent of £407. Cavanites have been well to the front during the country's struggle for its rights.

**Clare.**—Mr Rochefort Maguire will resign his seat for West Clare, on his marriage with Miss Peel, the Speaker's daughter.

**Cork.**—Mr J.G.F. Linahan, Youghal, has been sworn in as a magistrate. He is a Protestant Home Ruler.

The death of Mr Jeremiah O'Mahony, West Quay, Fermoy, occurred recently, after a short illness. Mr O'Mahony was an ardent Nationalist, took part in the Fenian rising in 1866-67, and was a member of the Land League and National League. He was also a warm supporter of earnestly, and of every National movement. As a townsman, he was respected by all, and his early demise—at the age of 48 years—was profoundly regretted.

**Donegal.**—At the Lifford Quarter Sessions recently an evicted tenant named John McDaid appeared to take his trial for alleged forcible possession. The landlord is Charles Bateson Harvey of the Tenth Hussars, an absentee Englishman. The agent is James Sinclair of Coleraine. McDaid appeared, but no bill was sent up by the Crown, and upon the application of his solicitor, Mr William O'Doherty, he was discharged. This is a remarkable development in Donegal, as under former regimes, no matter how weak the case was against the tenant, he was subjected to the indignity of the dock. The estate is in the most congested portion of County Donegal, and the tenants prosecuted are miserable because of landlord oppression and taxation.

**Down.**—Financial assistance to the Irish cause to the extent of £343 was given by the Nationalists of the county during the year 1894. Down has no reason to be ashamed of its record in the cause of Home Rule.

**Dublin.**—At a large and representative meeting of the Dublin City and County National Teacher's Association, held in the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, proposed by Mr James Thompson and seconded by Mr A. K. O'Farrell: "That the movement, so auspiciously inaugurated by the Executive Council of the National Teacher's Organisation, to promote the erection of a suitable memorial to the late Right Hon Sir P. J. Keenan has our most hearty approval, and we pledge ourselves to give it all the moral and financial support in our power.

**Galway.**—A familiar figure for the last eighty years has passed away in the death of John Horan of Meelick. He was one of the best known men in Galway. He was a storehouse of local tales. Last September he told the following story: "Many years since I was mending a yacht for a gentleman near the point of Inchicore. I went to bed early and was very comfortable in a nice cabin, until some time about midnight, when lo! I heard a great splashing in the water. The thing, whatever it was, managed to get on board. As a rule I had great courage, but I must tell you that on that occasion I completely lost self-control. I felt so uneasy that I did not know what to do; the thing threw itself in all directions about the deck. I could not sleep, so in my despair I decided on leaving the yacht, and make my way to Meelick. I arose, opened the hatchway, and started for the stern, where the small boat was tied. The affair, which appeared to me to be in the form of a pig, commenced rattling chains. I could hardly put my hat on. Anyhow, I reached the 'cot' and pulled away for dear life toward the strand. Just as I was rounding the corner I distinctly saw a large, white figure walking in the direction of the churchyard. The wall at this point was five feet high, but it was no hindrance; the poor creature put one foot on top, and, without the slightest trouble, stepped into the solitary inclosure."

**Kerry.**—The local yewls of the fishing stations, Valentia, Portmagee, Conncroum, Connanna, Kells, St Finan's etc., have been very successful in the prosecution of the mackerel fishery, the yawls having nightly captures of from 500 to 2,000 each. This fish is of

good size, and is sold at prices varying from 18s to £1 5s per 120 to the local buyers, who transmit it to the English markets per the Caheriveen Railway.

At the Tralee Quarter Sessions last week a resolution was adopted by the Grand Jury, urging that, owing to the great depression in all agricultural produce, more especially corn and butter, and the ruinous expenditure incurred during the great inclemency of the weather, coupled with the failure of the potato crop, relief work should be started by the Government.

**Meath.**—Mr and Miss Nevins, the son and daughter of Mr Nevins, the American millionaire, a week or two ago came to Meath and visited the places of interest about Killeen, their father's birth place. It was the desire of their father from his boyhood that he might some day be wealthy enough to buy Killeen Castle. His wish was very nearly being satisfied, for not only did he become wealthy enough, but negotiations were actually pending for the sale to him, when a lucky stroke of fortune in the Australian gold fields made Lord Fingall a wealthy man, and enabled him to retain the home of his ancestors.

**Monaghan.**—The Most Rev Dr Owens, Bishop of Clogher, delivered an address at the reopening of the Christian Brothers school at Monaghan on Saturday. He advocated the recognition of the Brothers' claims to State aid, and denounced it as a scandal that they should have been so long deprived of their rights.

**Roscommon.**—On Saturday a meeting of delegates representing the following districts was held at Mr John Neary's Bridge street, Boyle: Keash, Corrigeenroe, Cloonloo, Kingsland Deerpark, Carroe, Templevanny, Killaraght, etc., on the King Harman estate. Communications from Messrs Bodkin and Kilbride were read, whereupon it was arranged to have a list of names of tenant seeking abatement of rent, with amount of yearly rent, of poor-law valuation, and of amount due to last gale day forwarded to the tenants' solicitor. Another meeting will be held at the same house, when lists of names, etc., from each place will be handed in. Only those whose names are included as applicants will have any chance of a reduction. On the motion of Mr Duignan, Keash, seconded by Mr Drury, Kingsland, Mr Michael McDermott, Aughnasurn, was appointed treasurer of the association.

**Tyrone.**—The tenants on the estate of the Commissioners of Education met in Temperance Hall, Aughamullan, last week. The estate comprises the townlands of Derrylanghen and Berryheek, which extend for several miles along the shores of Lough Neagh, and the lands consist of reclaimed bog, in addition to the townlands of Tumber, Liscastrain and Aughamullan. In view of the almost total failure of the potato crop, the bad prices for farm products and stock, and the losses sustained by the recent storms, it was resolved to present a petition to the Commissioners of Education praying for a substantial reduction of rent and a settlement of the arrears question. The result is now anxiously awaited by the tenants.

**Waterford.**—Thomas Dowley's evicted farm at Ballydurn, Clonea, has been taken by John Mahony, Baylough, Portlaw. The place was untenanted since 1887. Lord Waterford, when having Dowley evicted, said: "Dowley, I will make you eat grass."

**Westmeath.**—A meeting of the ratepayers of the Kinturk division of the Dolvin Union, in which Castlepollard is situated, was held in St Michael's Hall recently, to devise means to relieve the acute sufferings of the unemployed labourers. There were twenty six families in great distress and requiring immediate relief. It had been the custom of the predecessors of the present proprietor of the town and district to take into their employment a number of extra labourers during these months. It was thought that the old rule of the family and of the estate would be adhered to. The parish priest applied to the agent, reminding him of the custom, but was told that "all that is taken out of my hands," and recommending him to write to Major Pollard. The very reverend gentleman, much against his will, wrote to him regarding his suffering tenants. Major Pollard did not condescend to reply.

**Wexford.**—Mr Nevins, who tried to purchase Lord Killeen's place in County Meath lately, has purchased Ramfort, the family place of the Rams, near Gorey, in Wexford, one of the most charming country seats in Ireland. The mansion, which is very considerable in size is situated in the centre of a richly wooded park, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country. The gardens and pleasure grounds, covering 60 acres, are nicely laid out and beautifully kept. There is an ornamental lake close to the house that gives it an advantage over Killeen.

**Wicklow.**—The difficulties which stood in the way of the Kynocks of Birmingham establishing a cordite or smokeless powder factory at Arklow have now been removed. Thirty-six workmen and a number of carmen are actively employed on the site of the works, which embraces the warrens on the north side of the river, covering 300 acres. In addition to this land, which is on the estate of the Earle of Wicklow, the Kynocks have purchased the adjoining land with the chemical works, the property of Edward Breslin, J.P., Bray, formerly owned by the Wicklow Copper Mine Company, but which for years have not been working. It is stated that the Messrs Kynock intend to go in very extensively for the manufacture of all sorts of chemicals in those works.

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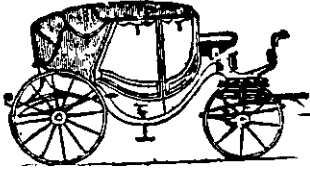
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A. TODD, on behalf of THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending April 24, as follows:—

**Store Cattle**—Most of the offerings lately have been young and half-grown sorts, hardly suitable for putting on the turnips, but even these meet with buyers, though at prices showing a very considerable reduction compared with those obtaining for such twelve months since. Several lots changed hands during the past week.

**Store Sheep**—The market still remains flat, nevertheless, a good many lots are changing hands, but young crossbreds, in forward condition, have the preference, aged sheep, both merino and crossbred, are saleable, and are being bought for boiling down. There is a considerable number still in the market, but sellers being now more anxious to meet buyers sales will be less difficult to effect.

**Wool**—We are still without any information from London in reference to the tone of the market. The Antwerp sales were held last week, but there was only a very medium attendance of buyers. A total of 7,080 bales was offered, of which 2,600 were sold, including 332 bales of Australian wool—prices at the close, however, remained unchanged. The usual oddments are being placed in the local market and at satisfactory prices considering the times.

**Sheepskins**—The number of these offering lately is on the increase, and, with a fairly good demand, all coming to market are being placed at auction and, with the attendance as a rule being very good, all offered meet with very fair competition. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, fetch 1s 4d to 2s 3d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 4d to 3s; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; extra do, 3s 9d to 4s 3d; good to best merino, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; heavy, 2s 10d to 3s 8d; dry pelts, 1d to 1s 3d; green crossbred pelts, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; picked lots for other than fallmoungering, 2s to 2s 3d; green lambskins, 1s 6d to 2s 3d each.

**Rabbitekins**—On Monday we offered all to band by public auction, all the buyers being present. Competition was spirited late saved skins again topping last weeks prices. Autumn skins brought 6d to 8½d; summer, 3½d to 5½d; suckers and inferior to medium, 1s to 3d per lb.

**Hides**—There is no alteration in either demand or values. Inferior and light fetch 1d to 1½d; light to medium, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 50 to 60lbs, 2d to 2½d; over 60lbs, in perfect condition, 2½d to 3d per lb.

**Tallow and Fat**—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 caul fat, 11s 6d to 12s; medium to good, 10s 6d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9s to 10s per cwt (extra).

**Wheat**—There is no change of any consequence to note in the tone of the market. A moderately fair demand is experienced, and, although prices remain firm, there are no indications of any further improvement meantime at all events. Quotations for good to prime milling velvet, 2s 9d to 2s 9½d; extra do, 2s 10d; good to best Tuscan, 2s 8½d to 2s 9½d; medium to good of any sort, 2s 8d to 2s 8½d; 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**—Stocks are now assuming considerable dimensions, and consignments coming to hand freely, but we regret being unable to report more favourably on the tone of the market, which is undoubtedly a long way from being satisfactory. We quote—Prime milling, stout bright Sutherland, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; extra prime, ½d to ¾d more; best bright, stout short feed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; medium to good, 1s 1d to 1s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 1d; long Tartars, clean and fit for seed, 1s 3d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Barley**—A very considerable quantity is now offering, chiefly medium and inferior quality. Quotations for prime malting, 2s 9d to 3s; medium to good nominally, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; feed and milling, 1s 6d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Grass Seeds**—There is some enquiry for prime samples of ryegrass seed, well dressed and shotty, short seed, and sales could be made at a slight concession, but the supply being limited, sellers are not anxious to quit at under quotations, which are for best machine dressed perennial, 3s 9d to 4s; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).—Cocksfoot is in full supply, and a dull

market. Best dressed, 4d to 4½d; medium 3d to 4d per lb (ex store, sacks extra, net).

**Potatoes**—The supply being considerably in excess of requirements, sales are now difficult to effect, except at very uneatisfactory prices. Best derwents, in retail lots, 32s 6d to 37s 6d; medium, 27s 6d to 30s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

**Chaff**—Consignments have been pouring in at such a rate that payable prices can't now by any means be obtained. The bulk in consequence is being stored. Best, when saleable, 35s to 40s; an odd truck occasionally, slightly more; medium to good, 30s to 35s; inferior, 25s to 27s 6d per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

**Dairy Produce**—Prime salt butter, dairy made, 6½d to 7d; medium, slow sale, 3d to 4d; North Island factory made, 7½d to 8½d; local do, 10d to 11d per lb.—Factory made cheese, medium size, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf shape, 4¾d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

**Flax**—There is no business being done in this product at present, merely supplying local wants. Quotations nominal, say for medium to good L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L10 to L12 per ton (ex store).

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSRS. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report having held their weekly sale of horses on Saturday, when they submitted a very large entry, including a shipment from Sydney and a large draft of draught and light harness horses from the Oamaru district. The horses from Sydney were nearly all unbroken, and were composed of medium draught and spring-van horses, and one or two hacks ranging from four to six years old. Some of the horses were specially adapted for spring-van work, being upstanding, clean-legged, and active, but as they were unbroken they did not meet with the demand they otherwise would have attracted. The demand right through the sale was, however, unusually slack, and it was only with the greatest difficulty (with a few exceptions) that the horses could be placed. The class which excited most competition was strong young active draughts and young spring cart and van horses. Light and inferior hacks and harness and worn-out old draughts were very difficult to quit except at very low prices. The range of prices to-day was as follows:—Heavy active draught mares and geldings (4yrs to 6yrs), L14 to L20; light and small do, L8 to L12; aged and inferior do, L4 to L6; unbroken colts and fillies (2yrs to 3yrs), L9 to L15; upstanding active spring van horses (unbroken), L13 10s to L17; useful light spring cart horses, L9 to L12; upstanding hacks and harness horses (young), L7 to L10; aged and inferior do, L2 to L5.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet, feed, 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d; milling, 1s 3d, to 1s 3½d; seed, nominal. Wheat: Milling 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls' wheat, 2s to 2s 8d scarce. Chaff: Inferior, to medium, 30s to 40s; good to prime, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d. Hay: Oats, £3; ryegrass, £2 15s. Potatoes: locals, 30s to L2 per ton; market full. Flour: Stone, £6 10s to £7 0s; roller, £7 to £7 10s. Oatmeal, 25lbs, £7 10s; bulk, £7 5s. Butter: fresh, 6d to 10d, salt, 5d, dull demand. Factory, 10d to 11d. Eggs, 1s 2d per dozen (scarce).

LOW SUNDAY AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

LOW SUNDAY, April 21st, 1895, will long live enshrined as a red-letter day, in the hearts and memories of the Catholic congregation of the pro-Cathedral, Barbadoes street, Christchurch. Then took place that most solemn and touchingly-impressive ceremony—the First Communion of Catholic children. More than one hundred children—fifty-seven boys and forty-seven girls—were on this occasion the happy recipients of the Sacrament. Joy supreme, and happiness sincere were depicted on the radiant countenances of the privileged young ones, as, under the direction of the devoted Brothers and Sisters, they wheeled into church and took their appointed places in front of the High Altar.

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Talune	Tues, 30th April	2 30 pm	train
Tarawera	Thurs, 2nd May	2 30 pm	train
NAPIER, GISBORNE, and AUCKLAND—			
Tarawera	Thurs, 2nd May	2 30 pm	train
Manowai	Tues, May 7th	2 30 pm	train
Manapouri	Thurs, 16th May	2 30 pm	train

SYDNEY, via WELLINGTON—  
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Manowai Tues, May 7th 2 30 train  
Manapouri Thurs, May 16th 2 30 train

MELBOURNE, via BLUFF and HOBART—  
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The beautifully-decorated edifice was thronged with a devout congregation, mostly parents and friends of the intending communicants. Holy Mass, which began at 9.30. a.m., was celebrated by His Lordship, Bishop Grimes, assisted by the Vicar-General, the Very Rev Father Cummings; the choir rendering sweet music and hymns the while. After the Gospel His Lordship addressed the children, and in beautiful language, pictured in graphic and soul-stirring terms their happiness and privilege, their duties, resolutions, and sentiments on this happy morn.

That nothing might be left undone for the children's happiness even their temporal wants were thought of, for the good ladies of the Altar Society had a breakfast prepared in the Brothers' school. Here, after Mass and thanksgiving, the children were led, and the large tables, plentifully and temptingly furnished with all that could appease the appetite, were soon lightened of their pleasant burdens. His Lordship opened and terminated the proceedings with "grace," and during the breakfast seemed quite happy among the little ones. At three o'clock the tables were replenished, and, under the presidency of the Vicar-General and Father Bell, the children enjoyed another pleasant half-hour among the dainties. Father Cummings presented each child with a large First Communion card, as a souvenir of the happy day. He then tendered a well-deserved meed of praise to the ladies who had so devotedly and generously contributed to the children's happiness.

In the evening the church was again thronged to over-crowding to witness the impressive act of "Renovation of Baptismal vows." The eloquent words of the Bishop once more rang through the cathedral aisles, as he told in burning language of the import of this closing action of the eventful day, and raised his warning voice against the foes that those young Christian heroes, now made strong with the strength of God Himself, had to meet with, fight against, and conquer in their march through life. In speaking of the dangers of contamination by corrupt and libertine literature, His Lordship paid a tribute of grateful recognition to the morality of the local Press, whose pages might be always read without quaim of conscience by even the most religious and delicate mind. After the sermon the children, each with a lighted candle, marched in procession to the baptismal font, where the worthy Vicar-General received their sworn allegiance to the Church and Christ, and their utter renunciation of Satan with his works and pomps. The procession now wended its way to the Communion rails where the renovation was made anew, and the happy children knelt for the Benediction.

The eleven o'clock Mass was said by the Very Rev Vicar-General, who also preached a very instructive sermon. The choir, which was strengthened by Miss Rose Blaney and Miss Freda Marsden, rendered Farmer's Mass in B most effectively. During the day the churchyard presented a lively appearance from the number of persons signing the petition for presentation to both Houses of Parliament, praying for Government inspection for Catholic schools.

## A W E R A.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

NOTWITHSTANDING the rough weather we had on Easter Sunday the attendance at both Masses was very good.

At the late Mass, celebrated by Rev Father O'Connor, the choir under the conductorship of Professor Higham rendered Haydn's 1st Mass in B Flat in a most efficient manner. The soloists being Mesdames Flynn and Whitaker, sopranos; Misses N. and K. Flynn, contraltos; Messrs Gilman and Bachelor, tenors; and Messrs Higham and Russell, basses.

A feature of this Mass is the "Et Incarnatus Est," the solo in which was beautifully sung by Mrs Flynn, as also was the trio by Mesdames Flynn and Whitaker and Miss Nellie Flynn. The "Crucifixus," a trio for the male voices was sung by Messrs Gilman, Russell, and Higham, who did it full justice.

As an Offertory the beautiful "Haec Dies" was rendered by the full choir, and the Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah" terminated the morning service.

In the evening the usual Psalms were sung for Vespers, after which Very Rev Father Mulvihill delivered a very eloquent sermon, his text being, "He is risen, He is not here."

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed the sermon, the "O Salutaris" and Li any which were rendered being composed by Professor Higham. The "O Salutaris" is a beautiful composition, the first verse being a solo for the soprano, and the second verse chorus. The solo was vocalised by Mrs Whitaker in a very creditable manner. The Litany consists of solos and chorus alternately and is quite deserving of the same praise as the "O Salutaris." The solos were taken by Messrs Flynn and Whitaker and Messrs Gilman and Bachelor. Mr Higham is to be congratulated on both his compositions, and the members of the choir on their good fortune in having such a talented conductor. The "Tantum Ergo" which was sung is a duet for soprano and contralto, and was composed by the organist, Miss Flynn; it is most devotional, and was sung with great feeling by Mrs Flynn and Miss Nellie Flynn. The duties of organist were fulfilled by Miss Flynn in her usual able manner.

After Vespers the choir were invited to the Presbytery by the Very Rev Father Mulvihill, who, on behalf of the members of the choir, presented the conductor, Professor Higham, with a handsome baton, in recognition of his very valuable services. The baton is ebony mounted in silver and bears the inscription, "Presented to Professor Higham, by the members of St Joseph's choir, Hawera, Easter, 1895."

## IRISH NATIONAL FEDERATION, WELLINGTON.

By the last 'Frisco mail the following letter, containing draft for £50 has been forwarded to Mr Justin M'Carthy, M.P., from the Wellington Branch of the Irish National Federation:—"Dear Sir,—We have the honour of forwarding you another draft of £50 for the Parliamentary Fund. £47 17s 9d of this amount form the net proceeds of the Hibernian Society's grand concert held here on the 18th March in commemoration of our national festival. The patriotic and unselfish action of the society in this matter is, we consider, praiseworthy, and, we are sure, will be fully appreciated by your committee.—We are, dear Sir, faithfully yours, E. Carrigan, J. Driscoll, P. M. Twomey, vice-presidents; M. Bohan, treasurer; M. F. Healy, hon. sec."

## N A P O L E O N.

(New York Freeman's Journal.)

CARDINAL NEWMAN refers to Napoleon the Great as "a miracle of nature." General Wolseley, the head of the English army, gives it as his opinion that Napoleon was "the greatest of all the human works of God."

The extraordinary revival in everything Napoleonic at the present time goes far to support the utterances of these two eminent men. Literature, painting, sculpture, the drama and all the arts are enlisted in his glorification. The magazines, not only in France, but in England and America as well, are full of Napoleon. If Washington and all the heroes of the Revolution, with all the great Americans from then till now were rolled into one personality, probably no greater interest could be aroused by such a personality, even here in the United States, than this Napoleonic revival conjures up.

This Napoleonic revival certainly cannot be said to have its source in French politics. There never was a time when the Republic in France was so firmly established, and those who seem determined not to reconcile themselves to the republican form are the Bourbons on the one hand and the Socialists on the other. Besides, as we say, the enthusiasm is not confined to France or to Frenchmen.

There is no way of explaining it at all, unless the magic of the name of this wonderful personality itself will account for it.

Napoleon, from the pictures with which the popular eye is familiar, impresses the popular imagination as a mighty military captain distinctly. Such he was, indeed. He was, it may be said, the incarnation of the military genius. He burned all the books and was a law unto himself. But Napoleon was far more than a great soldier. He was the greatest statesman of his time in all the world; and his Code Napoleon, in which he reformed and simplified the laws of France, lifts him to an exalted place among the world's jurists. By faculties that may be said to be peculiar to himself, this prodigy intuitively seemed to comprehend everything that was brought before his penetrating mind.

Only a universal genius could have conceived his amazing projects; only a will superhuman in its grasp and force could have so impressed the children of men. All the world stood in awe of him. With a stroke of his hand he changed the maps of nations; and, with or without a sceptre, he appeared to all eyes crowned with a glory and robed in the majesty of an innate power that made him, undisputed, king of kings.

Great men are conscious of their greatness without conceit. Napoleon, who understood his own possibilities, could form accurate estimates of the great men who had preceded him in history, and he used to make comparisons between them and himself. But there was One—One only, in all the world present or past—with Whom he never dared to measure himself. That was He to Whom was given a Name above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord.

Napoleon's time was largely tainted with unbelief; but in that unbelief Napoleon himself never shared. Napoleon could do impious things—just as a theologian can commit a sin; but whatever may be said of some of his acts, his mind could never yield to infidelity. "I know men," he said, "and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds may see some resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, the conquerors, and the gods of other religions. The resemblance does not exist. I see in Lycurgus, Numa, Confucius and Mahomet merely legislators. I make out resemblances, weaknesses, and errors, which assimilate them to myself and humanity. But it is different with Christ. Between Him and anything of this world there is no possible term of comparison. Yes, our existence (the existence of great men) has shone with all the splendour of the crown and sovereignty. But reverses have come, the gold is effaced little by little. The rain of misfortunes and outrages with which we are deluged every day carries away the last particle. We are only lead, gentlemen, and soon we shall be but dust. Such is the destiny of great men; such is the dear destiny of the great Napoleon. What an abyss between my profound misery and the eternal reign of Christ, proclaimed, worshipped, beloved, adored, living throughout the whole universe!"



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Monday, 29—St. Peter, martyr.  
Tuesday, 30—St. Catherine of Siena.  
Wednesday, May 1—St. Philip and James.  
Thursday, 2—St. Athanasius, bishop, confessor, doctor.  
Friday, 3—Invention of Holy Cross.  
Saturday, 4—St. Monica, widow.

## The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 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.

## CENTRAL OTAGO AND LOMBARDY.



THE HON MR CADMAN, Minister of Mines, has made a tour of the Otago goldfields, and has given his impressions to an *Otago Daily Times* interviewer. Confining himself to his own subject Mr CADMAN commented on the absence of the timber required for mining purposes. "The first thing I noticed in the interior was the absence of trees. Having lived in a district all heavily timbered for the best part of my life, the absence of trees in the whole of the interior of Otago naturally impressed itself upon my mind. I don't think I have ever seen so much land in my life before without timber growing on it, and I certainly never saw so many rabbits in my life before. The total absence of timber in the district naturally made me think that the question of forestry should long ere this have been considered in Central Otago, and I am fully of opinion that no time ought to be lost in starting something of the sort now." The well-timed words of the Minister should be taken to heart not only in Otago but elsewhere in New Zealand, and by the Government of which he is a member. An outcry will yet be raised in the Colony against the wholesale destruction of our noble forest trees, and the almost criminal neglect of this generation in the matter of tree plantation. Indignant protest against neglect will not, however, make forests spring up like mushrooms. Care should now be taken to have a country well timbered from north to south. The remark of Mr CADMAN about the number of rabbits in Otago Central reminds us of what Bishop MORAN said to a Dunedin *Star* interviewer some years ago. "I must say that to me it is a melancholy reflection that up there we have a most

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magnificent country lying comparatively idle, employed for nothing except wool growing and raising flocks of rabbits, and yet capable of carrying tens of thousands of people and maintaining them in comfort while, at the same time, our young men are going away because they have no opportunity of making homes for themselves. It seems to me monstrous." His Lordship has ever been enthusiastic in his ideas about the capabilities of the interior of Otago, and few know the country better. "It was my opinion," Dr MORAN said on the occasion referred to, "from the beginning of my knowledge of the districts that the Otago Central should have been the first railway line constructed in this part of New Zealand. . . . I have travelled far and wide, and some of the finest fruit I have seen in the world—pears, apples, peaches, and even grapes—are those raised in Central Otago. In Butcher's Gully and Conroy's Gully, near Alexandra, grapes ripen in the open air. There are capabilities of comfortable homes for multitudes of people who would be content with growing fruit and vegetables, and raising fowls and so forth." It is interesting to recall the words of the Bishop just now. An Australian expert has visited the same country and commended it in almost identical terms. Dr MORAN, in the interview referred to, contrasted, and favourably contrasted, Central Otago with parts of Italy. "I may further remark," he said, "that in travelling, as I have often done, between Cromwell and Wanaka, and Cromwell and Hawea, I have been struck—and this occurred to me at the very first—with the wonderful similarity between that district and Lombardy, and the thought has occurred to me that the industries which have made Lombardy to flourish might do the same for the districts I have referred to. Lombardy, as you know, is extremely cold in the winter. Piedmont and Lombardy are under the Alps, and as cold in winter as Siberia. But the climate is very dry, and this, compared with bountiful irrigation, makes Lombardy what it is; an excellent place for the growing of fruit and a good quality of wheat, and altogether a flourishing place. The very same natural advantages exist in the country I am speaking of, and in a measure there is a likeness between the two places, and it always appeared to me to be so." An opportunity presented itself this (Wednesday) morning of conversing for a few minutes with his Lordship, who, as our readers will be glad to learn, is very much better than he was a few weeks ago. The venerable Bishop warmly expressed his thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown him and the congratulations sent on the occasion of the anniversary of his consecration. Referring to the movement in Dunedin to have a lecture from Mr BRAGATO, the Victorian expert who, by request of the New Zealand Government, has visited this Colony in the interest of fruit cultivation, his Lordship said:—"I am delighted to hear that an expert on the fruit growing industry is about to deliver an address in Dunedin on the capabilities of Central Otago in this respect. I hope that all who can will assist at this lecture, and all who cannot be present will read the published reports and study this most important question. For four and twenty years, from the similarity it bore to other great fruit-producing countries, I have held that Central Otago possessed peculiar advantages for the vine and other fruits, particularly stone fruits, such as peaches and apricots. I was often surprised to witness the apathy of the inhabitants in reference to the mines of wealth lying at their feet unworked. I am glad to see that a change has come over the population and that an effort is now being made to turn the resources of this valuable country to account. The conviction that the country has great resources has always been my reason for strongly advocating the construction of the Otago Central Railway, which I hope is now within measurable distance of completion."

ON Sunday last, Low Sunday, the 39 anniversary of the episcopal consecration of the Most Rev Dr Moran, was observed in St Joseph's cathedral, Dunedin. High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m., by the Very Rev Father Lynch, Rector—with the Rev Father Murphy as deacon, and the Rev Father Howard as sub-deacon. Father Murphy, who was the preacher on this occasion, made, in the course of his sermon, touching allusion to the Bishop and the events of his episcopate. The music, excellently performed by the choir of the church, was Haydn's Imperial Mass. In the evening the sermon was preached by Father Lynch. The preacher mentioned that the Bishop had lately received from the Very Rev Canon Doyle, of Ramegrange, County Westford, who had been his school-fellow and fellow student over fifty years ago, a letter of sympathy in his illness, and expres-

sing joy at hearing that he had in some degree recovered. *Luzi's Ave Maria* was very effectively sung by Miss Kitty Blaney.

WE are informed by cable that, as a result of the visit of Cardinal Vaughan and Lord Halifax to Rome, the Pope has addressed a long letter to the English people, in which his Holiness claims that there recently has been a wonderful drawing of hearts towards the Roman Catholic faith, that converts are increasing, and cherished prejudices are being yielded up by reflective men alarmed at the progress of Rationalists and materialists.

BUT here is proof positive that the Pope need address no letters to Anglicans in Dunedin. A crowning proof of the Catholicity of their Church in this city has just been given. At a meeting of his congregation last week the Right Rev Dr Nevill, we are told, "mentioned the baptism of a child of the Greek Church recently by immersion three times in St Paul's Cathedral in accordance with the approval of the Patriarch of the Greek Church, who had written to the parents that the Anglican Church was the proper body in the Colony to baptise members of his communion." There is a recognition then, that his Lordship must dearly treasure. Supposing, however, that the child was to be baptised into the Greek Church—and how before its baptism it had been a child of any Church or a member of any religious communion Dr Nevill has still to explain—it is clear that to the Anglican Church alone in Dunedin could it be taken. Hardly the meanest Evangelical minister in the town would baptise a child without the understanding that it was to be brought up in the tenets of the sect to which he belonged, unless, of course, it was on the point of death. We may doubt at the same time as to whether even the looseness which is a characteristic of the Anglican Church—and without which it could not continue, for even a day, to exist, has not been stretched to permit of the baptism in question. A note of Catholicity like this seems rather a note of confusion. Has Dr Neville, for example, promised the Patriarch, in instructing his young Greek, to excise the *filioque* from the creed? But confusion worse confounded is not an element likely to be affected by an appeal from the Pope.

THE *Otago Daily Times* in alluding to the late Picton regatta has the following:—The champion sculler M'Grath was born in Næsby, is 25 years of age, and is of Irish descent. He is 5ft 11in in height, and his rowing weight is 11st. The boat in which he rowed was built by Donnelly of Melbourne, and is 23lbs in weight. For the first time he has had the benefit of a trainer, who was Mr J. Houston. M'Grath states that he won the race by three lengths without being in any way distressed. The Picton boys gave him a great reception, carrying him shoulder high to his dressing room after the race.

ON the invitation of Mr W. P. Watson, manager of the Kaitangata coal Company, a numerous body of the employees in various lines in Dunedin enjoyed a pleasant holiday last week—in the shape of an excursion by train to Kaitangata. The thought was a very happy one and Mr Watson is to be congratulated on the results of his kind consideration.

AN "Anglican" who writes to the *Daily Times*, appears to know as little of his own Church as he does of the Church of Rome. Notwithstanding Dr Nevill's Greek baby, and other such notes of Catholicity adduced from time to time by his Lordship, this Anglican propounds the ridiculous theory that in order to be admitted a member of the Church of England the Pope must embrace or renounce particular tenets. Here is an Anglican who evidently differs essentially from his Bishop, unless, of course, the Bishop makes an exception of the Church of Rome, as, in fact, may be probably the case. Is it not a note of all forms of falsehood that they can unite against the truth? As to this Anglican's notions of Catholic doctrine, we may add, they are very crude indeed—nothing, in short, can be more absurd.

MR JOSEPH WINTER of the Melbourne *Advocate* has received a cable message from Mr Michael Davitt—dated London, April 4th, and announcing that gentleman's impending departure for Australia. Mr Davitt comes, not as a political representative, but on his own behalf, to deliver a course of lectures in order to recoup himself for heavy losses sustained by him in a newspaper speculation. We understand that it is also his intention to visit New Zealand.

THE third annual gathering in connection with the Gore Hibernian Society (says the *Waimea Plains Review*) took place at Gore on Easter Monday, on the Caledonian grounds. The weather was not altogether favourable, showers falling at intervals during the day. There was, however, a large attendance of spectators during the afternoon, and considerable interest was manifested in the various events. Taken altogether, the gathering was a decided success, the officials deserving credit for the expeditious way in which the pro-

gramme was carried through. Several protests were entered during the day, but in no instance were they sustained. The Gore Brass Band (under Bandmaster Aldridge) enlivened the proceedings with selections at frequent intervals. Mr D. L. Poppelwell was a most efficient secretary.

THE *Phonographic Magazine* for the current month provides interesting matter for those who are versed in shorthand, or who are engaged in a study of the art. The publication is very neatly and creditably turned out.

A LARGE large gathering took place at St Joseph's Cathedral this (Wednesday) forenoon to witness the marriage of Mr James Dealy of Wellington to Miss Ellen McEwen, 2nd daughter of Mr J. McEwen of this city. The bridal party were conveyed to the church in carriages drawn by spanking greys and bearing all the adornments of white favours usual to such occasions. The organist, Mr A. Vallis, greeted their entry into the sacred building by appropriate strains on his instrument. The bride was attired, with wreath and veil, in pure white, and was supported by her sister and her niece who wore becoming costumes of suitable tint and material. Mr Joseph Toomey acted as best man. The very Rev Father Lynch, Rector, who officiated prefaced his administration of the Sacrament by a brief, but pithy address, in which he dwelt upon the dispositions with which the responsibilities of matrimony should be undertaken and the duties entailed by it. At the conclusion Mr Vallis played the "Wedding March." The crowd in the church spoke well of the esteem in which the happy couple are generally held in this city.

## GRAND OPERATIC BAZAAR AT WELLINGTON.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE grand operatic bazaar promoted by the Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt on the Newtown Convent School grounds, was formally opened by the Premier, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., in the Skating Rink. The opening ceremony included a grand processional march, in which the lady stallholders and their assistants in operatic costumes, a number of charmingly dressed children, and officials of the exhibition took part. The Premier was accompanied on the platform by His Grace Archbishop Bedwood, Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., Hon Dr Grace, Messrs M. Kennedy, R. C. Holcroft (secretary), T. Davis, and the members of the different organising committees.

The Very Rev Father Devoy introduced the Premier in a very pleasing manner and said that the fact of the Hon Mr Seddon's consenting to perform the opening ceremony was a matter for congratulation for the promoters.

The Premier said it was always a pleasure to him to assist in every cause intended for the benefit of the people, and in the present instance, the object, he believed, was for the good of the people generally, and under the direction of Father Devoy he had no doubt but it would be a success. Speaking of the art union which is to take place in connection with the bazaar, Mr Seddon alluded to the time when the Church was the leading power, while at present the consent of the State must be obtained before an art-union can be conducted, which shows the reversal of authority which has come about. He trusted the results of their efforts would be satisfactory, and worthy of the laudable object they had in view.

His Grace the Archbishop, in returning thanks to the Premier for his attendance and the interest he took in their work assured him that they all felt grateful for his kindness. Referring to the Premier's remarks as to Church and State, His Grace said that if the Church was ever dominant it was by her persuasive powers, and in that way she yet intended to become dominant again, as instanced that evening, when through the persuasive abilities of Father Devoy, they had the State at their command—a fact which they all appreciated. The vote of thanks to the Premier was heartily received, and immediately the platform was abandoned and active business by the stall holders and their assistants commenced. The Premier was the first to inspect the stalls all round, and after the evening the ladies' raffle books proved him to be a most liberal speculator.

The interior of the Skating Rink is admirably decorated and draped with bunting and various coloured screens; with pictures, paintings, and other ornamental exhibits, visible in every direction all round. With artistic skill the stalls have been designed, and in the most fantastic manner the goods are displayed. The costumes of the stallholders and their assistants, representative of nearly every nation, are decidedly one of the first features of attraction, while the children engaged in the various dances in fancy dresses, with bright and happy faces, form a delightful little group. The whole scene is aided by the brilliancy of numerous electric lamps.

A flower stall, appropriately named Sweet Evelyn's Bower, is erected just inside the entrance. It is very prettily designed and contains a collection of flowers tastefully arranged. It is presided over by Miss Ross, assisted by Mrs Swindler, Misses Ross, Ling, and Fairchild.

The refreshment stall is immediately on the left of the entrance, and is abundantly supplied with the choicest dainties in the way of eatables and refreshing beverages. It is in charge of Mrs McDonald, assisted by a most energetic group of assistants, including Mesdames H. Sullivan and Platts, and Misses Figg, McDonald, Marshall, Holcroft and Sheehy. The stalls containing goods are named from the leading operas and operatic costumes, some of which have been kindly lent by the Wellington Operatic Society, are accordingly worn by the lady assistants.

"Il Trovatore," the first on the right-hand side, contains an interesting and useful display of goods, amongst which are prominent a very fine bordered picture in a handsome frame, ingeniously constructed of rice and cork, the work of Mr W. Gore. Another novelty of this stall is a large doll, beautifully dressed, and presented by Mrs McNeil. Here, too, we find the usual collection of fancy work of a most elaborate type. A number of articles have been made and supplied by Mrs Bolton, who, with Mesdames Holt, Kent and Lawlor, presides over this stall, their assistants being Misses Kent, Lawlor, Quin, Gore, Gallagher, Curtice, Mason, Scanlon, Walsh, Fox, Galley and Miss Mary Campbell.

The "Mikado" stall comes next, and is furnished with Japanese goods exclusively. Arranged with creditable taste they form a unique collection, and are very much admired by visitors. Vases, screens, tea sets, fans, sunshades, and other valuable products of Japan are included in this valuable stock, which has been specially selected for the bazaar. The stall is under the management of Mesdames Lusk and Hyde, and Misses Daniels, G. Walsh, Carruthers, Stacey, Ross, and Carrigan are the assistants.

Adjoining is the Religious Stall, which contains rich vestments, a gold monstrance, and a very imposing collection of religious statuary and pictures.

Stall No 3 (Lucretia Borgia), is the last on the right hand side. The stallholders are Mesdames Cox, Brady, and Carroll, and their assistants, Misses Killeen, Waters, Gaighan, Smyth, Halpin, Kelly, Walsh, and Sandbrooke. The goods here displayed, especially some hand-painted mirrors, pictures, and cushions, are of a most useful character.

On the opposite side of the building stands Stall No 4 (Maritana) under the able superintendence of Mesdames Gallagher, Segrief, McCumisky, Devlin, and Miss McCarthy. Under their direction the sales were steadily conducted by Misses Fanning, Gallagher, Fitzsimmons, Bohan, Minogue, M'Farland, Walsh, Bernard, Leahy, Segrief, Lawless, Kearsley, and Moat. Local artists were very favourably represented on this stall, and the goods which on the whole form an exquisite collection, have undoubtedly attracted the greatest share of attention. Among the more striking of the exhibits of the Maritana stall are a plush-framed mirror on which is painted a picture of Jerusalem, "On the Wanganni River," the work of Miss Collins; a very handsome figure in the shape of a doll dressed by Miss McKeegan to represent Miss Nellie Stewart in "La Cigale"; a hand-painted table, by the pupils of St Francis Xavier's Academy; paintings on porcelain, by the Sisters of Mercy; a hand-painted mirror, by Miss Palmer; and a handsomely worked lady's desk chair, pookah painting, etc, by Misses M'Carthy and Minogue.

There are also the usual side shows, including shooting and art galleries.

The general arrangements are under the superintendence of Mr R. C. Holcroft who, with Mr T. Davis, conducts the prize drawing. A first class orchestra under Mr J. Kearsley, junior, conductor, supplies the music each evening. The stage is arranged specially for the production of scenes from the leading operas which form part of each evening's programmes, other features being the "Fan Gavotte" and Maypole dance by a class of little girls charmingly dressed and perfectly trained. The bazaar will be open until Tuesday, 23rd inst. The attendance is most satisfactory each evening, and the promoter, the Very Rev Father Devoy will be able to make a pleasing announcement of the results at an early date.

Many of the bazaar officials are deserving of special praise for the unflinching energy they have shown in the work, but more particularly Mr R. C. Holcroft, the energetic secretary, who has an undoubted capacity for the duties of the office, and to whose tact the success of the exhibition may in a large degree be attributed.

Mr R. T. Moynan, a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy, has sold his excellent picture called "Military Manceuvres." The artist's production represented a number of street arabs—youngsters of various ages, sizes, and expressions, and arrayed in all the complicated elaboration of tatters and rage—marshalled after military fashion and headed by a youth shouldering a broom and decorated with a cast-off helmet, which he wore with indescribable dignity. It attracted great admiration and was universally praised. Mr Moynan was invited to send the picture to the Chicago World's Fair, and he later allowed it to be exhibited at the California Midwinter Exposition, where its merits attracted much attention, and it was purchased by Lady Sykes for 1,000 lols. Mr Moynan's portrait of the late Sir Robert Stewart has been acquired by the University Choral Society of Dublin, to be hung in the new memorial building, to the memory of the eminent professor of music.

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THE boys have been asked to write an essay on a dream, real or imaginary. Pat O'Dwyer, one of the boys, takes it up in his own fashion and writes thus to one of his class-mates:—

Dear James,—After tea last evening I sat down at a side-table and did my exercise as neatly as I could. I then had a good run through next morning's lessons, and, when finished, wheeled round my chair to the fire to have a nice quiet read at *The Messenger* which I had brought home from school in the afternoon. I was not long reading when the thought of John Doyle's illness suddenly came to my mind, and I said to myself that I ought to run over and see him. You are, I think, aware that poor John has been laid up these last few cold days with a severe attack of asthma. I was very tired after my day's work in school, and after a good evening's game at football. I was very reluctant to leave my comfortable seat by the fire, my eyes were heavy with sleep, and as the book was just out of my hand with drowsiness and exhaustion I said to myself in a half dreamy sort of way, "Oh, yes! I'll just go over and see John for a few minutes and then come back straight for bed."

So over I went, and, as John was very poorly and looked the colour of death, I knelt down with his mother to join heartily with her in offering for my dear school-mate the Litany of our Blessed Lady that she might obtain for him a release from his sufferings and a happy passage to a better world. I watched him intently as he gradually sank; his breathing every instant became more and more difficult; he lovingly kissed the crucifix that was held to his lips by his mother, gave a gentle sigh and expired. I saw quite plainly his soul go forth into a strange unknown and wonderful land. I saw a lovely being with a bright shining countenance and wings of dazzling whiteness come forward and take him tenderly by the hand. As both went swiftly on, the ground suddenly opened on their left, a dark, lurid flame shot forth, and as it sank back again into the chasm I noticed a horrible monster with the head of a wild fierce negro, the teeth of a lion, and the body of a dragon, rushing straight for John with open jaws and eyes darting forth flames of fire as if intent on instantly devouring him.

Poor John seemed out of himself with terror and dismay, at this dreadful apparition. He knew not what to do or which way to turn to escape the fearful fate that awaited him. His lovely, bright-faced guide did not appear in the least alarmed and tried to cheer and encourage John in the sweetest manner possible. All seemed of no avail. John was becoming more and more terrified as the monster was coming nearer and nearer in its slow but uniform motion. John ran round so as to place his heavenly guide between him and the danger, still, whichever way he turned, the fiery eyes

kept glaring at him; and, just as he thought all was over and that he must surely fall into its clutches, a sudden blow from a hand till then unseen sent the monster rolling helplessly on the ground. My young friend once more breathed freely, and looked up to return thanks to his kind deliverer. What was his surprise to see quite close to him a venerable old man with a most pleasing expression of countenance, his soft mild eyes were lit up with a heavenly smile as he tenderly cast a loving look on John whom he had just saved from the fiery dragon. In his right hand he carried a substantial pilgrim's staff, the top of which was ornamented with a large white lily. In his left arm he bore a lovely little infant whose head adorned, with long flowing auburn hair, rested gently on the old man's breast. This venerable personage told John to have courage and come with him, and that no evil would befall him. John obeyed, and very soon I saw him with a number of others in the centre of a large plain evidently awaiting judgment. A bright light suddenly appeared in the East, and in the twinkling of an eye the Great Judge was seated on a lofty throne surrounded by choirs of angels. On another throne, a little lower down, sat a beautiful queen, whom I very soon recognised as the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Judgment was then commenced, and it was not long till I heard a mighty angel, holding a large trumpet in one hand and a naked sword in the other, call John for examination and sentence. John obeyed the summons, and at once knelt reverently before the Great Judge. The scales of Divine Justice were then produced. The soul with all its good deeds was placed in one scale, all its sins and imperfections in the other; and, to my intense delight, I saw that the first scale was by far the heavier. I at once concluded that all was over and that John was saved. But the end came not so quickly. The monster dragon had, meanwhile, recovered from the blow received from the venerable old patriarch, and, assuming now an altogether different shape, he stood before the Judge and began vehemently to accuse John of a number of horrible crimes. His angel guardian then came forward, and spoke ably in John's defence, telling the Judge that the greater number of the accusations were mere inventions of the father of lies, and that those evil deeds which had been committed by his youthful charge were humbly confessed and forgiven. Still Satan persisted and alleged many other things against my young friend, but this time of a much less serious nature than his first allegations. For instance that he had been slothful in rising promptly from bed in the winter mornings, that he had been disobedient in many little things both at home and in school, that he had spoken and looked about him several times in church, and, in fine, that he had been guilty of very many similar faults. The rage and jury with which Satan brought up these accusations would terrify the stoutest heart. I was filled with wonder and anxiety to know how the whole trial would end, when suddenly looking up I

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noticed a most benignant smile of compassion on the countenance of our Blessed Lady as, turning to the venerable old man who now stood near her, she said, "Beloved spouse, say a word to the Judge for that poor child." For the first time I then clearly perceived that the venerable patriarch was none other than good St Joseph. The saint at once stood before the throne of his divine foster-son, and said, "O supreme Judge of the living and the dead, when on earth you ever loved and obeyed me as a most dutiful son, I ask you, therefore, in memory of that love and obedience to spare this (my client's) soul which you have redeemed with your own precious blood." The great Judge at once left his throne, took St Joseph by the hand, and, seating him by His side, said, "Beloved foster-father, you never refused my mother or myself anything we needed on earth, you shall never be refused anything you ask in my kingdom. For your sake I pardon the soul of this child. As he was ever fond of you in his lifetime, the joys of heaven shall be his for an endless eternity. Nevertheless, as I am Infinite Justice and as there are still on his soul some lesser faults unatoned for, it is my decree that he shall go for a time to the cleansing fires of purgatory to be there purified as gold in the furnace."

(To be concluded)

### CONVENT PUPILS' ENTERTAINMENT AT BEEFTON.

(Inangahua Times, April 8.)

THE unpropitious weather did not prevent a large audience from being present in the Princess Theatre on Friday evening to witness the great tragedy of the French Revolution as portrayed by the pupils of the Convent School. Misses J. Harold and Wilkinson filled the leading characters, King Louis and Marie Antoinette respectively, and they did them justice. Miss Walebe doubled the characters of Marie Theresa and the Abbé Edgeworth, and did well, though the latter is essentially difficult for a lady. Miss Doherty left no room for criticism in her impersonation of King Louis' sister, Madame Elizabeth, and the same may be said of Miss A. O'Neill's representation of Marie Antoinette's sister, Madame Royale. As Gipsy Queen, Miss McAnley left no reason for even the most captious to find fault with, and Miss Molloy made an excellent Maid of Honour. Miss Moore did well as Danterre, the officer upon whom devolved the painful duty of conveying the royal victims to the guillotine. As the King's cousin, Egalite, Miss Maud Bourke seemed quite at home, and the same applies to Miss Barkley as the Dauphin. Miss Stringer amused the audience highly by the manner in which she acted as "Biddy," the Irish gipsy girl. The remaining parts were all faithfully borne out by Misses E. Garth, Wilkinson, Monteith, McMabon, Breen, Gin, and Molloy. The gipsy camp chorus was listened to with the closest appreciation. The vocal and instrumental part of the programme gave ample opportunity to the young ladies to evince their accomplishments in these respects, and they fully bore out expectations. Miss E. Hindmarsh was heard to great advantage in the vocal solos, "Star of Bethlehem" and "The Christian Martyr," the clear cadence of her voice more than compensating for a slight nervousness which was noticeable at first. Miss Shanks sang the "Captive Greek Girl" with much expression, and was the recipient of several floral tributes. Miss Doherty deservedly earned the applause she received for "The Touch of a Vanished Hand." The chorus in character by the High School pupils was a treat to listen to. Mention should also be made of the violin solos by Master Priest, who had to respond to an encore. The pianoforte duet by Misses Grath and McNamara, and Misses O'Neill and Barkley, also showed evidence of careful tuition and natural aptitude. The evening's entertainment concluded by a one-act farce entitled "The Omnibus," in which Misses O'Neill, Doonan, O'Shea, Corbett, McGuire, McGrath, Cameron, Searight, and Evans took part. The last-named young lady as "Pat Rooney" amused everyone, and cannot be too highly praised.

On Saturday evening the attendance was somewhat smaller, and the entertainment if anything better. The choruses were splendid, and the young singers excelled themselves in the scarf dance. The rhythm of their movements was perfect, and they kept capital time all through. Misses Hindmarsh and Shanks again favoured the audience with vocal solos, and "The Omnibus" was successfully repeated. A new feature was the drama in one act "The Golden Thimble," in which the leading characters, Countess de Rowstoff and Madame Berton, were taken by Misses Binihan and McGrath. The remaining parts were taken by Misses Molloy (2), McGillicuddy, and Kelly. A beautiful tableau of the angels by the High School pupils, brought a very successful entertainment to a conclusion.

The Rev Father Bolland thanked the public for their patronage in a few hearty words, and in doing so paid a well deserved tribute to the good Sisters, who, he said, were unremitting in their zeal to perfect the minds and hearts of their pupils. It was generally recognised as a boon to the community to have the Sisters in its midst, and as they spent their time for the public good, he was glad to see that their labours were rewarded with due appreciation.

### CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From the Catholic Times.)

A Christianity Exhibition, to be held during the International Exhibition at Paris in 1900, has, it is stated, been sanctioned by the Sovereign Pontiff and the Archbishop of Paris. The idea is to represent the whole history of the eighteen Christian centuries by *fac similes* and panoramas, to perform the Obersmmergau Passion play, and to hold a Sistine Chapel musical service, with all the accessories; but the suggestion has, at present, received no definite shape.

The question of adopting special means for promoting the progress of Catholicism in Wales has been under consideration at the Vatican. The project of detaching the Welsh portions of the Shrewsbury diocese, uniting them with the Welsh parts of Newport and Menevia, and erecting the whole into a Prefecture Apostolic has, it appears, been carefully examined, and the Holy Father has, it is said, expressed himself in favour of it. So far, however, there has been no official confirmation as to the adoption of the scheme.

In his Lenten Pastoral, Mgr Sourrien, Archbishop of Rouen, declares that to replace 32 priests of his diocese, who died in 1894, the current year will only furnish 5. Much the same thing is observed, it is said, in several dioceses, and it is attributed to the action of the military law. It is not merely a question of *séminaristes* returning to the seminary after leaving the barracks, but of their aptitude after their military experience to persevere in the priestly vocation. It would appear that many of them have been rendered unfit for the sacerdotal life.

In his Lenten Pastoral his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, after referring to the evil influences in London, says: "Beyond our own there is a population, to be counted perhaps by millions, that has fallen away from Christ, has never been baptised, has never heard of the Woman and her Child, and of their mission to our race. The work to be undertaken among them is like a mission to the heathen, while the difficulties it presents are more obstinate, and the whole manner of procedure is more embarrassing."

The marvellous energy and zeal for the propagation of the Faith which has always been a particular feature among the sons of St Francis is eloquently proved at the present time by the following statistics, published by the missionaries' official *Bulletino*, of the number of Franciscans who have recently started for the distant countries where they preach the Gospel and scrupulously follow the rule laid down by their founder; Brazil, 80; the Holy Land, 22; Constantinople, 1; Upper Egypt, 5. Besides those who accompanied the new Apostolic Prefect, Mgr Miréle da Carbonara, two more have started for the Krythraean Colony; five have gone to Albania, one to Tripoli, nineteen to Bolivia, and twenty to the Philippine Isles.

A very curious and touching little scene was witnessed in the Vatican on Saturday morning, February 23. The Holy Father was in his private study, when a poorly-clad Indian of about thirty-three years of age was admitted to his presence, thanks to the kind intervention of Monsignore Mery del Val. He prostrated himself before the venerable Pontiff with true Oriental reverence, and when Leo XIII. himself helped him to rise, seemed almost about to faint with joy and gratitude. The interview lasted some minutes and the poor Indian left the Pope's presence the happy possessor of several medals, relics, and pictures which he kissed again and again. It has been proved beyond a doubt that this Indian is a direct descendant of one of the chiefs baptised by St Francis Xavier. He has, it appears, for years cherished the idea of one day coming to Rome to see the Holy Father and only allowed himself the strict necessities of life in order to save sufficient money for the journey. At last he has accomplished the desire of his life, and, after visiting the Sovereign Pontiff, started on his homeward journey on the following day.

His Eminence Cardinal Logna writing in his Lenten Pastoral of the National Education System says:—It is incurably vicious in principle. By excluding every definite idea of religion during the working hours of the school; merely permitting God and His interests to appear for a few spare moments, often not permitting Him to appear at all, it tends of its very nature to impress the child that temporal concerns should hold the chief place in his estimation, while his spiritual interests are of very secondary importance. It jealously excludes from the school every thing which would serve to keep the Divine Presence before the child's mind or permit it to rise, even for a moment, above material things. It even cramps the child's mind and impedes real intellectual development; for to carry out this system it is necessary to employ colourless and insipid books, to teach half truths and to altogether exclude most important subjects of instruction, such as the study of either sacred or profane history. The keeping of this important question to the front need not interfere with the most energetic efforts to secure the right of self-government, or any other right necessary for the welfare of the country. On the contrary, the training of the young, not only in secular knowledge, but in the principles of virtue and religion seems to be an indispensable preparation for the right of any measure of freedom extended to them.

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## Dublin Notes.

(From contemporaries.)

THE spring assizes, which opened on Friday, March 1, in the provinces, prove the country to be in a most peaceful condition. At Drogheda Chief Baron Pallas was presented with white gloves. At Ennis Judge Harrison complimented the grand jury on the absence of crime. At Tullamore Mr Justice O'Brien, in his opening address, said the record for crime in that county—not merely for the short period of time since the winter assizes, but for the corresponding period of last year—was so entirely inconsiderable, he might say so entirely insignificant, as not to require any allusion except the general expression of satisfaction at the state of things that has existed now in this county for a very considerable time. Similar satisfactory references to the peaceful state of the country were made by the judges in other places.

Judgment was recently delivered in Dublin by the Court of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in the petition of the Dean of Dromore against the Rev James Hunt, rector of Donegore. The court unanimously found that the respondent had in certain letters in the Belfast *Irish News* alleged that Article 31 of the Articles of Religion did not prohibit the sacrifice of the Mass, and that the Mass as celebrated in Catholic churches was not opposed to the Articles, and had also in the same letters brought the Book of Common Prayer, the Articles, and the religious teaching of the Church into contempt. The court therefore adjudged that, unless he unreservedly revoked and recanted the errors of which he had been guilty, sentence of deprivation must be pronounced. Mr Hunt said he unreservedly recanted, but the court was adjourned for two months in order that the recantation should be put in writing.

The twenty-seventh report of the Irish Registrar General upon the population of Ireland, published in a Blue Book, is a sad testimony to the gradual, but rapid, extinction of the Irish people, at home. The book consists of a series of tables dealing with births, marriages, and deaths in the Sister Isle for the ten years ending December, 1890. According to the report, Catholic marriages have fallen off during the period 17.1 per cent., but the principle causes assigned for the decrease in population are emigration and the prevalence of phthisis or consumption. More than a quarter of a million emigrants, chiefly from the South of Ireland, left the country during the ten years which are covered by the report. By the pulmonary disease, usually termed "decline," more than half a million persons were carried off during the ten years. The final result of the official report shows a population in Ireland of about 10 per cent. below that of 1880.

A telegram from Naples gives the following information regarding the murder of a Dublin gentleman in that city:—Mr John Blake, native of Dublin, the chief engineer of the Naples Waterworks, who was so cruelly stabbed in one of the busiest streets here on the 15th inst., and at the busiest hour of the day—6 p.m.—succumbed to his injuries yesterday evening, February 21. He had been removed to his own house a day or two before from the Pellegrine Hospital, when there was every hope of his recovery. But two arteries had been severed, and internal hemorrhage took place, which proved fatal. His funeral was attended by representatives of the Prefecture and Municipality, the Acting British Consul, the Director and all the employees of the Naples Waterworks Company, a company of firemen, a division of police, and numerous workmen's clubs with their ensigns and banners. The balconies and windows along the route were filled with spectators, for the assassination of the much respected engineer has aroused the deepest sympathy in the city. Mr Blake was interred in the Catholic cemetery after the corpse had received the Benediction in the fine old Church of St Anna Dei Lombardi. Mr Blake has left a young widow and two children to deplore his loss. An ex-employee of the Waterworks Company, whom Mr Blake had lately dismissed, has been arrested on suspicion

On Monday, March 4, Mr John Morley introduced the second great measure of the session, the new Irish Land Bill. He said he would claim that it was a non-party measure. It certainly had the support of Ulster, and he appealed to the Opposition to co-operate in passing a practical Bill that would meet the existing needs of the Irish farmer, and at the same time be just to the landlord as well as the tenant. He traced the history of previous land legislation in Ireland, and showed how the necessity for a further Bill had arisen in order that the tenants' improvements might be secured for him, and that the principle of fair rent might be preserved by allowing a revision of rents at shorter intervals than was originally contemplated. The Act of 1881 fixed the period between revisions at fifteen years, but the enormous changes in agricultural values within six years showed that period was too long. They proposed to reduce it to ten years; to take further securities that the tenant's own improvements should not be included in any way in the valuation for rent; and to extend to the rest of Ireland the Ulster Custom, which gave the landlord no right of pre-emption of the tenant's holding. The Bill further proposed to abolish several of the clauses of the Act of 1881, which denied to certain tenants the right of going into court to have a fair rent fixed. There was, further, a clause which would, he trusted, facilitate in a great many cases the restoration of the evicted tenants to their holdings.

Mr Carson, who may be taken to represent the more hostile group of the Irish landlords, spoke after Mr Morley. He argued that the Bill would confiscate what was part of the landlord's interest and property, but he did not wholly condemn it, and he even expressly approved of some of its clauses. Mr T. W. Russell spoke strongly in favour of the Bill, and another Ulster Unionist, Colonel Sanderson, made a speech that was on the whole friendly. Mr Olaney declared that the Bill was a good one. None of the Nationalists spoke. Messrs Healey, Sexton, and Vesey Knox, all experts in land questions, were present, but they are evidently waiting to speak until they have considered the details of the Bill. It was read a first time without a division, and the second reading has been fixed for Monday next.

The Bill, judging from the outline of its provisions given by Mr Morley, is an equitable amendment of the Act of 1881, but its character is not at all as radical and sweeping as the *Times* would have us believe. The main provisions, which are based on the report of the recent special committee, are the reduction of the term for fixing fair rents from fifteen to ten years, the further safeguarding of the value of the tenants' improvements, particularly by nullifying the effect of the decision in the famous case of *Adams v Dunseath*, and the fixing of the purchase arrangement on behalf of the evicted tenants embodied in the 13th clause of Mr Balfour's Bill of 1891. Mr Morley's proposals for the protection of the tenants' improvements deserve the highest commendation. The interference with the decision in the *Adams v Dunseath* case is decidedly necessary, for by that decision the intention of Parliament that the tenant should pay no rent on his own improvements was defeated. The proviso for the relief of the evicted tenants will not, we believe, be considered as satisfactory as the other portions of the Bill. The principle is that a landlord should be enabled to sell to an evicted tenant, the purchase-money being advanced by the Land Commission as if the tenant were in actual possession of the holding. The defect is that the sale is not made compulsory, and without compulsory reinstatement or sale there will be no effectual solution of the difficulty. What prevented Mr Morley from adopting either one or the other is, no doubt, the conviction that the House of Lords would be inexorable in their opposition to such a proposal.

The editor of the *Church Times* is at present vexing his righteous soul on the subject of what he quaintly calls "Irish heresy." He has certainly some reason to be angry. Just as our High Church friends were trumpeting forth afresh that beautifully fine-drawn distinction (without a difference between the Mass and Masses, out came the Bishop of Sodor and Man to insist that the Church of England was "essentially Protestant," and that "it protested against Mass and prayers for the dead." This was bad enough, coming from

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one who on the continuity theory might have been expected to say something more satisfactory, even if not quite so true. The cup, however, was not yet full; but now the required drop or drops would seem to have been provided. Anglicanism is "in full communion" with Irish episcopal Protestantism, or as it is amusingly called "the Church of Ireland." For maintaining the very distinction that Ritualists try to build upon, and saying "that Article 31 does not prohibit the Sacrifice of the Mass," this marvellous "Church" has by sentence of its highest court condemned and sentenced to deprivation one of its incumbents! "If this is allowed to pass without protest," we are told, "the most serious questions will arise as to the position of the Irish Church (*sic*) and its relation with ourselves." Further on we learn that "it may be necessary for English Bishops not by individual and ill-considered action, but after serious deliberation, to do for Ireland what Archbishop Plunket has so rashly and mischievously attempted to do for Spain." This would be a comical proceeding; nor could anything better be devised to make "confusion worse confounded."

On the appointment of the Rev Denis O'Hara to the Congested Districts Board the Government, his colleagues, and, above all and beyond all, the poor people for whose benefit the Board was established and endowed, are to be most heartily congratulated. In Father O'Hara the Most Rev Dr O'Donnell will find an able and worthy coadjutor, and the new appointment will be a further pledge to the Board of the confidence of the country. In experience, ability, and above all in determined zeal, Father O'Hara seems in a special manner "by the hand of nature marked, quoted, and signed" for the duties he will be now called on to discharge. They will be to him a labour of love. His inclination and extraordinary aptitude for such duties have been already conspicuously displayed. It is scarcely a figure of speech to say that he has been himself a thoroughly efficient and successful Congested Districts Board in the districts that have been fortunate enough to secure his spiritual and temporal ministrations. From 1876 to 1887 his sphere of duty lay in Ballaghaderreen, in the county of Mayo. The amount of religious and benevolent work he contrived to compress into these eleven years is almost incredible. He was one of the very first that set land purchase going in Ireland when purchase was practically the tenants' only refuge from the capricious raising of rents and execution of ejections. He worked the Bright clauses, as the Americans say, for all they were worth in the world. Under his auspices the Edmondstown property was sold to 300 tenant proprietors. He induced the neighbouring shopkeepers to go security for the fourth of the purchase money, which it was then necessary for the tenants to find. Every farthing of that advance has since been paid. In spite of the unprecedented depression that has since supervened, these proprietors are, considering the extent of their holdings and the condition of their neighbours, in a relatively prosperous position. On the sphere of his spiritual mission we do not presume to intrude. But in the domain of politics he always proved himself a thorough-going patriot priest, a staunch supporter of Home Rule, an uncompromising opponent of Coercion. The appreciation of his patriotism is best proved by the fact that he has twice by unanimous election in spite of personal reluctance been forced into the position of delegate for the county of Mayo on the Council of the National Federation. Father O'Hara is of the class of men whose services Ireland requires. By him the poverty-stricken people of Ireland will be effectively represented on the Congested Districts Board. He has an almost unrivalled knowledge of their grievances and an almost unrivalled zeal of their redress. It is by the introduction of such men that the local administration of Ireland is purified and made effective. The Government have done well by the people in this first-class appointment.

The latest intelligence that can be imparted regarding the bear supposed to be prowling about Newry is that he is still uncaptured. On Friday he was seen in the vicinity of Camlough, County Armagh, and was pursued by several of the residents of the district. His footprints were traced to the lake, in close proximity to which Bruin was sheltered from observation. A shot was fired by one of the pursuers

and scarcely had the report died away when the "grisly" darted from his hiding place, crossed the lake—almost entirely frozen and a distance of about half a mile—and escaped. On Saturday morning Mr M. Nesbitt, of Sandy Street, Newry, had a very narrow escape from the bear, which attacked him on the Rathfriland road, just a few perches outside the town. It seems that at as early as four o'clock in the morning two nurses employed in the Fever Hospital called at the residence of Mr Nesbitt, who is a plumber by trade, to get him to execute some repairs in the water pipes connected with the institution. As the work was urgent Mr Nesbitt immediately proceeded to the hospital, rectified the existing defects and was returning towards home again when Bruin suddenly sprang from the side of the road and made at him. Fortunately by a slight recession in his movements he evaded the animal, and ran away with all the speed he could exert. The brute pursued him, and Mr Nesbitt only considered himself out of harm's reach when he safely gained a field having scaled a wall six or seven feet high. In an interview Mr Nesbitt said he never before experienced such a shock, and were it not for the presence of mind which he maintained, his activity, and the wall that served as a barrier against his vicious assailant, he believed the animal would have devoured him. His relation of the entire occurrence was perfectly clear and intelligible, and few acquainted with Mr Nesbitt—a man of great respectability—would doubt his veracity. He lost no time in communicating with the police authorities, and the extraordinary incident when brought to the knowledge of the residents created quite a sensation. Up till now the peregrinations of the beast were confined to a radius far out in the rural districts, but its intrusion into the borders of a populous town was regarded with alarm. Search parties were constituted, and proceeded in pursuit of Bruin. Parties went in different directions tracing the marks of the brute, which were identified as the indent of a bear, but they came not in sight of the troublesome one, and a second day's investigation had no results. The country is being scoured by the police and civilians, but Bruin has not been captured. Reports from the country to the authorities show that the damage done by the grisly has been very considerable. In one instance a flock of sheep was attacked by the beast, one being killed and many of the others mangled.

### A VISIT TO COOLGARDIE.

(Australasian Catholic Record.)

STARTING from the railway-station, Perth, a five hours' trip by train takes one to the pretty and prosperous township of Northam. If there be any hurry to reach the now famous goldfields, a night train runs on to the end of the line. Only by night do the passenger trains run from Northam to Southern Cross, the present terminus of the Eastern Railway and the last spot where any comfort in travelling is attainable. To recoup itself for the enormous outlay spent on the goldfields and the comparatively slight income derived from them, the Government exacts a double tariff for everything carried over this portion of the line. But not always does the double fare ensure a desirable place. The carriages are packed. Crowds are pressing forward in the urgent race and fight for gold. Rare indeed are the occasions when space and quiet are afforded to stretch one's limbs and snatch a nap, as wear away the ten long hours of night which the iron horse needs to clear this 170 miles of country.

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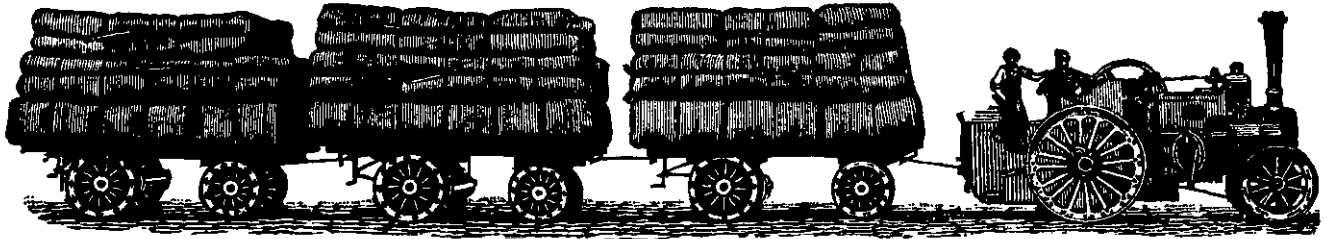
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"Cobb's" coaches run every day between the Cross and Coolgardie; 120 miles of arid scrub and sand plains separate the two places. By the immense traffic the road is cut up in a way that, to be realised, must be experienced. Whoever makes the journey once is not likely to forget it for the rest of life. Driving all the way through newly ploughed fields would be an easy way of locomotion in comparison. The dust from first to last is suffocating and the bumps of the jolting carriage verge on the fatal. The good priest of Northam was lately jerked off the box seat of this coach and fell within a few inches of where the lumbering vehicle would have passed over his body. There are two days' endurance of the trying ordeal, broken by a night's stop at Boorabbin—the half-way halting place. There are separate beds but not separate bedrooms for all who come. The only partitions between the sleeping places are frames covered with thin coarse canvas. Consequently, private conversation is not possible; whatever is said by anyone is heard all over the house. I "turned in" at Boorabbin, but I did not sleep. In the course of the all-round chat that succeeded the putting out of lights it was discovered that one of the party bound for Coolgardie was fresh out from England and had a morbid dread of Australian snakes. Each of the recumbent diggers contributed his share to the fun of terrorising the "new chum" with some most atrocious snake

principal thoroughfare, a neat little Catholic chapel is situated. Its locality is easy to find, for it is next door to the iron-covered structure which calls itself the "Theatre Royal," and proclaims the title on its galvanised roof in letters big enough to be read a mile off. The Post Office—overwhelmed with work—is built of brick, and the Government hospital consists of a group of tents, capable altogether of roughly sheltering 50 sick men; no women are admitted. Tents and canvas-covered huts are scattered over the open spaces in and around the town.

The priest in charge of the town and district works as hard as any digger. He is young and active, and has plenty to do. Fortunately his flock are for the most part good and practical Catholics. The population of the Yilgarn Goldfields, all told, has been recently estimated to number about 20,000, and of these nearly one-half are Catholics. The romantic incidents which so often mark the gold-miner's career, and the ever-present chance and hope of achieving sudden fortune, have a special attraction for the adventurous Celtic temperament. It thus happens that a large proportion of the men on the fields are Irishmen and Catholics—and they are good samples of their class. On Sundays the little chapel is crowded. On Christmas Day over fifty stalwart gold-miners approached the altar at Holy Communion. The congregation at Coolgardie differs from what is usual: The "devout feminine sex" are but slightly in evidence, whilst the men are foremost in every religious practice. This is all the more consoling since, just now, the deaths are very many and, too often, sudden. An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging, and it has perhaps helped to quicken the faith of the Catholic people. The dread malady is the evil result of exposure, privations, rough food, bad water, and all manner of unsanitary surroundings. Proper diet and careful nursing, which are essential to the cure, are all but impossible on the goldfields. Many instances of its ravages might be given, and they are particularly sad because it is the young and vigorous who are chiefly the victims of the fell disease.

A concert in aid of the Government hospital was given during my stay at Coolgardie. To attend it I had but to step in next door, as it was given in the "Theatre Royal." The young man who was

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story. This was more than the affrighted stranger could bear. He got up, dressed, and commenced to search about. Unwittingly he put a stop to all the sport when he produced from his portmanteau a loaded revolver with which to face the dreaded reptile—things became serious for the jesters when there was danger of a stray shot in the dark. The joke had been kept up for hours but little time remained before the early start for the latter half of the journey. Another day of jolting and of binding dust succeeds. The experiences of yesterday are repeated. Again, every few hundred yards teams are met with toilsomely plodding their way in clouds of dust through the heavy sand or finely pulverised soil. Now and then the decaying carcass of a dead beast taints the air. Some poor horse, camel, or bullock has fallen in the track—has been dragged just clear of the roadway, and in malodorous fashion bears witness to the killing strain of the ever onward tug. Towards evening the hardships of the road are nearly done with. In sight of the town the driver with cheery though discordant blare of trumpet, gives notice of another load of newcomers. Ere nightfall the coach draws up in Bayley street, Coolgardie.

In three years, time Coolgardie has sprung up into a brisk and important township. A remote, waterless, and desolate spot in the lonely bush has changed into one of the busiest haunts of men. Something like 2000 inhabitants have settled down in the place, and their numbers are rapidly increasing. An unbroken line of shops stretches along each side of the two-chain-wide main street. As may easily be imagined they are not indeed shops of very imposing appearance. With the exception of a few brick buildings, they are all mere booths, made up of wood or galvanised iron and canvas. A large trade, however, is being briskly carried on. Six banks are in full swing of operations—the great financial names over their doors are not much in keeping with the meagre show of the dingy premises. Lawyers and doctors—of whom there is an ample supply—are content with the humblest shanties: are not their fees heavy and their business flourishing? The churches are well represented; the Anglicans, the Wesleyans, and the Salvation Army people have each their place of worship. On rising ground, a little way from the

chief organizer of the charitable scheme, and who, being gifted with musical talents, did most of the stage business on the occasion, was prostrated by typhoid a few days after, and died in the hospital within a week or so of his being attacked by the fever.

Father Duff, the resident priest, is untiring in his efforts to attend all the sick whom he can reach. Along with the town he has the out-lying camps to see to. Some of these are distant 100 miles. On account of the great expense of keeping a horse—said to be £1 a day—he makes use of a bicycle for his journeys. The bicycle, however, is a delicate machine—apt to break down unexpectedly on the road. The day I arrived, the good priest had just come in from a sick call, in complying with which he had to walk 80 miles pushing his disabled wheels the whole way before him. When possible the sick of out-lying places are taken into town by their compassionate neighbours. It sometimes happens, however, that a typhoid sufferer has to make his way as best he can himself from some lonely spot in the far bush where help was not at hand. This occurred to a youth who was seen lying down just outside the chapel door one morning at its opening. He had struggled to the spot and being too weak for further effort had lain down where he was found. The priest quickly came to his aid and prepared him for the peaceful end to all his troubles in this life. There is a great lack of adequate provision for the numbers that are now sick. The Government hospital is not, strictly speaking, a Government institution. It is managed by a local committee. Only half of the expenses incurred is defrayed at the public cost; the other half is met by public contributions and by the charge of £2 per week to such inmates as can pay. There is room for fifty, but it is not enough for all the sufferers who apply for admission. Another hospital is kept as a private concern by a Catholic lady—Miss O'Brien, whose name is held in high esteem not only at Coolgardie but throughout the district. She is known far and wide as a devoted, skilful, and successful nurse. Miss O'Brien was invited to the colony about two years ago by the authorities of the Wesleyan Church. She proceeded to Coolgardie, where for some time she had charge of the Government hospital. This post she resigned, and of late she has preferred to manage her

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The great mortality does not perceptibly damp the energies of those who are in health to work. The industrial hive keeps humming though many an exhausted worker drops from the swarm. No less than twelve hundred gold-mining leases have been registered in the Yilgarn district, yet there are but twelve mines fitted up with machinery for crushing. The number of leases in some proportion represents the large number of actual discoverers of reefs. Each believes, or at least hopes and says, that his own is a property of immense value. Beyond doubt, a fair proportion of the finds are of sterling worth, and some of them must rank among the richest treasure trove ever unearthed. "Bayley's Reward Claim" is just outside the town boundary of Coolgardie. From it were taken, by six men working for four weeks with the rudest tools, 2500 ounces of pure gold. "Honest John," from the "Wealth of Nations," twenty-five miles distant, was a lump of gold-bearing quartz valued at £10,000, and "Big Ben," the precious cap of the outcrop of the "Londonderry," twelve miles off, helped its lucky finders to get £180,000 and a share in future results from a syndicate of capitalists who set a value of £700,000 on their property when they placed it on the London market. Not all the actual discoverers of even rich mines are equally fortunate. Usually it is not the miner, but the dealer in mines, the speculator, the financier, who comes off with most of the profits. There are two in the trade, and they are not *Arcades ambo*. There is the digger and the dealer. The one goes out to the bush, and at every risk and discomfort of life works hard to win a golden prize; the other, more comfortably and more profitably, stays, at home, buys and sells, schemes and, above all the rest successfully "promotes." The witty description somewhere given of the latter gentleman hints at what the honest digger may expect as the result of his operations: "The promoter is one who sells what he hasn't got to people who don't want it." Sixty-seven West Australian gold companies were registered in London up to the end of November, 1894; their capital summed up over £5,000,000—from which it may be inferred that the "promoter" has had a brisk time of it lately. "Specimens" are on sale in the shops of Coolgardie, and their cost is beyond the value of the gold they contain—in jest, or earnest, it was told me that they are chiefly in demand by customers occupied in the art of floating mines.

Not even a large number of "wild-cat" companies will be able to permanently injure the mineral prospects of West Australia. It has been too well ascertained that beneath vast tracts of her immense area of 1,060,000 square miles lie hidden golden stores in great abundance. For sixty years the least and slowest of the sister colonies, "at last she moves" on the road to a great and forward place among them in the not distant future. It was a lucky day for the Colony when in 1882 the services of a clever Dublin scientist—late Mr E. T. Hardman, F.R.G.S.I.—were accepted as Government geologist. Mr Hardman spent two years traversing the wilds of Kimberley. On returning to Perth, he furnished Government with a valuable report, attached to which was a large map of the north,

stained yellow in many places to indicate likely spots for gold. Hardman did not live to see the fulfilment of his forecast. But old miners in the eastern colonies caught sight of the yellow map, which had to be sent to Melbourne to be printed. They gave Kimberley a trial. The venture soon became a rush. Surely enough Mr Hardman proved a true prophet, and his yellow map, in almost every instance, a safe guide to the right localities. The Kimberley rush fell off, but not all the miners went away. Many remained; they tried other places for gold; they kept up the search in places further south. By successive discoveries they proved the fact that an auriferous belt of country extends from Kimberley to the southern coast. Kimberley was proclaimed a goldfield in 1886, Ashburton in 1890, Murchison in 1891, and Coolgardie in 1892. The yellow map first set the ball a-rolling. Its clever compiler before passing over to the great majority might have truly said with the ancient sage, *Non omnis moriar*.

However interesting 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. It costs £10 to get there, and then the high prices charged for everything cause the heavy outlay to be continual. As to getting to Coolgardie, a first-class fare from Perth to Northam is twelve shillings; Northam to Southern Cross, £2 5s; thence to Coolgardie, £5; to which must be added £2 expenses by the way. Of course the trip can be done in humbler style. "Swampers," for instance, get through for a pound, or so. The strange term is much heard on the road. I asked a gentleman residing at Coolgardie—a barrister, and the son of an Irish judge and baronet—did he know the meaning of the word "swamper." "I ought to know," he said, "I was a 'swamper' myself, that is, I tramped it all the way, and helped the teamsters when required, in return for which they carried my swag gratis." The inevitable hardships of the trip were made, in my case, as light as possible by the kind attentions of Mr Joseph McDowell, constructor of the Northam and Southern Cross railway. He lent me his buggy and splendid pair of ponies, and his genial brother, Mr Martin McDowell, drove me to Coolgardie and back again. I returned, much indebted to these good friends, and not a little relieved at finding myself restored to a quiet and peaceful manner of life.

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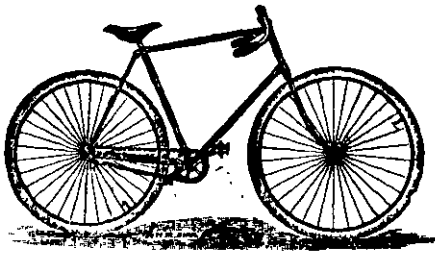
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