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## Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

A FRIEND has laid before us a book which has shocked him considerably. It purports to be an account of a missionary tour made in South America by the Rev G. C. Grubb, M.A. and party, with a historical sketch from a missionary point of view by Lucy E. Guinness. The book is called "South America the Neglected Continent," and its author is one E. O. Millard. We give the name, because we look upon such books as useful reading. Nothing can be more useful in the particular way of exposing the nature of such missionaries and their missions. There is nothing better calculated to dispel illusions than disgust. We have not then been able at all to share the shocked feeling of our friend. Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt, and it is very many years since our familiarity with productions such as this book began. It is but an application of the old tune of the so-called Irish Church Missions to South America, and, without ever reading a word of it, to those accustomed to the strain the general contents of the book must be well known. It is simply ditto and ditto repeated—a rehash of all the old calumnies against the Catholic Church, her priesthood and her people that mark that lowest development of Protestantism, controversial evangelicalism in Ireland. The representative of the Irish Scripture reader has had his hand in the pie, and the anecdotes and sketches peculiar to him abound in this volume. No doubt they are quite as true when referring to matters in South America as they were in reference to those in Connaught. The want of variety, indeed, seems somewhat dull. The readers of these inventions, however, are naturally not very difficult to satisfy, and the writers understand the folk they have to deal with. But are these people really conscious in their "poking fun" at religion? Here, for example, is an event related by a missionary named Ewen:—"One of the first Spaniards I met in Buenos Ayres, though the son of a Christian mother was himself an ungodly young man. . . . He was anxious to learn English, and kept with me, as I knew nothing of Spanish. One day in the garden, I repeated to him in Spanish a verse of Scripture which I had learnt for the purpose. My pronunciation was so incorrect that I feared he might not have understood, and also that if he had it might make him try to avoid me." The result was, nevertheless, that the young man was converted. Three weeks after Ewen meets a friend who says "You will be glad to hear that Miguel C—is converted. His mother tells me it is through what you said to him in the garden." But had not exactly the same thing happened to Paddy B—in Concoemara? And fustian like this forms the better part of the narrative. Repulsive profanity, which seems even to mock what these people themselves profess to hold sacred is the general tone. But, in fact, self conceit is the god that they worship, and their own glorification is, possibly unconsciously, what they have at heart. In this particular instance, too, there are special reasons why such should be made more prominent. These missionaries are of a peculiar class. The Rev G. C. Grubb is a member of a family, hailing from Cahir in Tipperary, for whom a rise in life made it advisable to renounce Quakerism for the genteeler creed of the Church of England. Mrs Lucy E. Guinness belongs to a fag-end of the family whom a pre-eminence in the brewing of malt liquor has elevated to the peerage. Social considerations also enter into the motives that influence them and in their persons the missionary becomes closely identified with the religious snob. Meantime, as a matter of fact, religion in South America occupies a creditable standing place. We lately quoted in our columns testimony to this effect given in the United States by an English Catholic missionary who had just returned there—namely the Rev Father Vaughan a brother of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Father Vaughan also testified to the good morals of the people and denounced the falsehoods disseminated by Evangelical missionaries whose impudent intrusion into the country and coarse attacks on religion were necessarily resented. It is a rehash of these vile calumnies served up with the peculiar sauce, a mighty flat and mawkish condiment, of the Irish Church Missions that the book contains. No decent stomach could remain unaffected by the

sickly mess. There is, nevertheless, a serious aspect of the matter. In the Bible, of which these people boast so much—but which they make the slave of their own profane fancies and blasphemous conceits, obliging it to testify to the inspiration of every notion that comes into their heads, there remains the plain commandment—"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." It is a curious thought that even these missionaries must yet account before the throne of God for every idle word that they have published, even in this disgusting and disgraceful book. And by the way there was also that idle word spoken at Auckland by the Rev G. C. Grubb, who in his self-glorification in that city falsely accused the Catholics of Westport of flocking in crowds to hear him—a statement, we say again, as we said at the time, in which there was not one word of truth. The Rev G. C. Grubb, our readers will remember, was the Anglican clergyman who, some two or three years ago, presented the Right Rev Dr Nevill with another note of the Catholicity of his Church by coming to Dunedin and preaching Evangelical doctrine utterly abhorrent to the Bishop, under his Lordship's nose. The conceit, in short, by which missionaries of the Rev G. C. Grubb's kind are inspired does not confine itself altogether to Catholicism. Everyone in fact not similarly inspired is looked upon by such evangelists as doomed to perdition, and on the evangelist's, consistently, in his own mind, devolves the privilege of rescuing him. Conceit, nevertheless, in whatever form it displays itself is a contemptible motive. Its most contemptible manifestation is that made by it in the person of the Evangelical snob—but of what this interesting individual is capable no more revolting example can be found than this farrago of impudent calumny and holy lying called "South America the Neglected Continent."

### A CONTRAST WITH A VENGEANCE.

BUT our missionaries draw a contrast between the benighted people of South America and their own happy countrymen in England. "They are living and dying there in darkness, 'having no hope and without God in the world.' Say they were all here in our own Yorkshire." Say, then—that they were—and what would they profit? "The medical gentleman (Dr Fraser) whose evidence I publish," writes Hyndman in his "Historical Basis of Socialism" (p. 322), "assures me that cases of incest are anything but uncommon. He complains of the anti-nuptial unchastity of our women, of the loose talk and conduct of girls who work in the fields, of the light way in which maidens part with their honour, and how seldom either a parent's or a brother's blood boils with shame." Did our missionaries encounter anything worse than this, which is related of certain English counties into whose moral condition a commission, of which Dr Fraser was a member, had made inquiry? The blood in the veins of Spanish parents and brothers is certainly less cool. The chastity of Spanish maidens is proverbial. "I have often had Anglo-Saxons hurl at my head," writes Max O'Rell in the *North American Review* for November 1894, "the number of French unfortunates who are to be seen in the West end of London. My answer has always been that if they were not less appreciated in France than in England, in France they would undoubtedly remain." And again he tells us of a man, an Englishman or an American, who, in his hearing, asked a newspaper woman in Paris for an indecent publication. "'We do not sell those things (*Ces salétes là*)' replied the good woman. And turning to me, she added: 'Only foreigners buy that.'" In the same periodical for March the same writer gives some further contrasts—which may also be taken as bearing comparatively on the moral influences of Protestantism. "The proportion of illegitimate children to legitimate ones," he says, "is nine per cent in Paris, twelve per cent in New York, fifteen per cent in Chicago, and more than that in San Francisco. "There is more low, repulsive, unheard-of vice in a square block of Chicago and San Francisco," he adds, "than in a square mile of Paris." But, indeed, it needs a brazen face to boast of the religious benefits to be derived to-day by those who should live in England. Cases that have recently been exposed, and more than one of them, stamp English society, even in its more refined developments, with a brand of shame not to be surpassed, and hardly to be equalled, throughout the most brutal quarters of the world. And if the country were to be threatened, and not undeservedly, it would appear, with the punishment of the cities of the plain

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we may doubt as to whether our missionary friends would themselves count as the fifty righteous—or even as the ten—who might redeem it. Unscrupulous falsehood, at least, must tell against their claims. The doubt, however, is one that they themselves will not share. They are as false in their minds with regard to their own merits and expected rewards as they are with their tongues towards those who differ from them in belief. Were they sincere, and not itching for particular distinction and foreign experiences, with the advantages they entail, they would find plenty to do at home. "I know the West end and the East end of London;" writes Max O'Rell once more, "I have seen Argyle street in Glasgow; High street and the Canongate, in Edinburgh, on Saturday nights. I have visited the dives of Chicago, the dens of New York and San Francisco; I have seen the gambling dens of Denver and the rest. I have seen Paris in all its nooks and corners, and I really cannot make up my mind that Anglo-Saxon land scores in the comparison." Yet these apostles of conceit and self-glorification run abroad, proclaiming their own excessive piety and the precious privileges exclusively enjoyed by those who inhabit a Protestant country. Is it not rather to be feared that wherever they obtain a footing not only hypocrisy and falsehood but vice of the most revolting kinds—such as they have left behind them at home, and, at best, have not been able to prevent or heal, may follow in their wake? As we see, it is thick in the places whence they have come, and teaching such as theirs has done nothing to stem it. The state of religion in South America, may, perhaps, be capable of improvement. Father Vaughan, in fact, described it as, in some minor respects, imperfect. In the true Catholic homes of South America, however, as in all such Catholic homes, nothing will be found to equal the condition of things. Hyndman quotes regarding the English peasantry—or that which is now once again—for the third time in recent years—before the world with respect to the English higher classes. No; if South American Catholics came to Yorkshire it would not be to exchange darkness for light. We may rationally conclude, on the contrary, that they would run a risk of falling into vices of which at home they had hardly even so much as heard.

A WITNESS  
IN SPIKE OF  
HIMSELF.

THE Melbourne *Age* has published a leader on the change of feeling in England towards Catholicism, which has been a marked characteristic of recent years. Cardinal Vaughan's assurance to the Pope, says our contemporary, was not necessary to recal-

this. Not only is there greater tolerance or an adoption of Catholic practices by Anglican clergy, but there has been a great and almost unquestioned growth in the activities of Roman Catholicism. Appointments have been made, too, which, a few years ago, would have set the country in a ferment. There has been a Catholic Lord Mayor of London; a Catholic has been appointed professor of history at Oxford; and circumstances may be imagined under which a Catholic might have had the prohibition removed in his favour from the woollack. "Under the guidance of Henry Edward Manning, the Church to which he became a convert in middle age, and of which he was during a long life so distinguished an ornament, recommended itself to the common people as their true friend and wise adviser." The Church, too, has made converts in unlikely places—among the Anglican ministry, in Universities which seemed tending towards unbelief, and even from the small band of aggressive supporters of the Comtist philosophy. All this, says the *Age*, proves a change that is startling, "when we look back to the comparatively recent times in which to be a 'Papist' was not only sufficient to insure social ostracism, but also to expose one to the action of savage penal laws." Our contemporary, nevertheless, would not have the 'Romanist' become too much elated. To check his pride he himself resorts to bathos. Protestantism, he tells us, can show much more than all this in the Salvation Army—"which, beginning as late as 1875 with Mr Booth and his wife, now carries on its campaigns in every civilised and savage country in the world, and has 13,000,000 of soldiers as ready to obey the orders of their 'General' as the most devoted levies of Pope Leo." For our own part, we do not grudge Protestantism this manifestation of its strength. But had our contemporary never heard the old proverb: "Much cry and little wool?" Our contemporary goes on to account for the change of feeling with which he deals—but here he has not much that is new to tell us. It is the old story of one who looks at the Church from the outside and pretends to explain what takes place within. Here it is useless to argue and vain to protest. A wilful man will have his way, and no man is more wilful than the non-Catholic who takes it upon him to treat of Catholic matters. We shall simply deny the gratuitous repetition that an acceptance of Catholic truth involves the "deep slumber of a settled conviction." The writer claims that this has been "happily" said.—Are falsehood, then, and happiness identical?—Nor can we admit that the attraction the Church exercises over many who do not accept her teaching is due, as this writer also claims, to the charm of her stateliness and ritual. The Greek Church, for example, has a very imposing ritual and very much stateliness; yet we hear little of the

attraction she exercises. People, moreover, have been attracted by the Catholic Church who had little taste for ritual and, by nature, little reverence for stateliness. Our contemporary again, who alludes also to the progress of the Church in America, finds consolation in what he believes to be her declining influence in continental Europe among the Latin races. He quotes as a proof that in France she is no longer the Church of the people the fact that the Government of that country has enforced the conscription on the Seminarists. But the political apathy of a Catholic people may be blamable, may even be culpable, and yet may not bespeak their rejection of religion. Those politicians were better acquainted with the true feeling of France who, the other day, sought to damage the candidature of M. Faure for the Presidency by spreading abroad the report that he was a Protestant. Most significant, too, are the visits that have lately been paid to the Vatican by representative Frenchmen. The unfounded speculation of our contemporary with regard to the state of things in France may show the value of his conclusions as to Italy and Spain. The writer in the *Age*, in fact, has built up, but failed to pull down. He has very ably set forth the change of feeling in England towards the Catholic Church and her great progress in America. He has brought forward in opposition nothing of adequate worth. His article remains, in fact, what, as he gives us to understand he did not intend it to be, and in spite of him, a testimony to the vitality of the Catholic faith.

ODDS AND  
ENDS.

THE lecture delivered by the viticultural expert Signor Bragato in Dunedin on Friday evening repeated with emphasis all that had previously been reported respecting that gentleman's favourable opinion of New Zealand's capabilities to become a fruit-growing country. Both the North and South islands he said seemed especially fit for the use in question. He pointed out the great advantage the colony would have in being able to supply the European markets at a time of the year when as things are at present fruit is scarce there. Of the capabilities in particular of Central Otago Signor Bragato spoke highly—plums and apricots, for which, in a dried state, there is a large demand he spoke of as easily to be grown. It was, however, on the growth of the grape-vine that the speaker dwelt at greatest length. This he described as very profitable and as needing at the beginning but a small outlay and afterwards an easy course of cultivation. The cost of planting an acre with vines he said would be £10, and after four years, the wine produced by it would be worth £30. The work of scarifying, ploughing, and pruning would be done yearly at an outlay of £2 10s and there would be no need for anything more, or for heavy machinery of any kind. Some of the chief vigneroners in Victoria, he added, had not been worth £5 when they entered upon the task of vine-planting. The lecturer recommended that our Government should follow the example set them by that of Victoria in giving a bonus for the planting of vineyards—and also that they should provide easy means of carriage. He said he had been surprised to see the rubbish sold in Dunedin while in Central Otago he had seen excellent fruit lying on the ground because there was no way of sending it to market. The lecturer argued also that by means of producing wine the necessity for temperance societies would be done away with. Wine producing countries, he said, were noted for the sobriety and industry of their people, and wine-drinking must prove an effectual cure for drunkenness. It may, meantime, be concluded that Signor Bragato has pointed out a certain road by which hard times may be finally brought to an end in New Zealand, and a prosperous population, of smaller proprietors, settled on the lands. It is to be hoped that a united and persevering effort will be made to carry out the undertaking he recommends.

We must acknowledge that Mr A. C. Begg who, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, took the chair at Signor Bragato's lecture, acquitted himself consistently. It was a difficult position that he had to fill. Mr Begg our Tartar-in-chief of prohibition forced to preside at a lecture in advocacy of wine making and of the creation of a thirst for wine among the multitude! He was, nevertheless, consistently dry in his summing up:—"The Chairman said he was sure they were all obliged to Mr Bragato for the information he had given. He was sure they were all agreed that it would be a good thing for New Zealand if it became a very sober country (laughter). They might not all agree with Mr Bragato as to the means for making it sober, but they could agree it would be a good thing if the population of New Zealand was made a good deal more sober than at present." Wine drinking forsooth. Let them draw their drink from the wash-pool—flavoured if possible with a wholesome touch of worm-wood. Hard, indeed, is it to demand of Mr Begg that there should be a surrender of his ancient solitary reign by the deserving squatter—but that he should make room for a multitude cultivating the vine and habitually looking upon the wine cup when it is red—why, it's little short of robbery and murder.

Our "Civis" has been posed by a correspondent, or, any rate, he says so. Our "Civis" has been asked to give his opinion, as a Protestant, on the proposal, as his correspondent puts it, "to amalgamate the Church of England with the Church of Rome." His cor-

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That is not at all an agreeable remark to be suspected of a friendly young Czar who has just married a granddaughter of her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen. He has, it is hinted, declared that if England does not accommodate herself to such Chino-Japanese arrangements as Russia finds suitable, she shall suffer for it in India. If these are the words of the bridegroom just emerging from his honeymoon, what may we not expect by-and-by? A worse sentiment could hardly be expressed after a year's experience of a mother-in-law. But the Chino-Japanese situation is of much interest—although as yet nothing can be very certainly foreseen as to how it may be determined. England should be interested in preventing the Japanese from obtaining an undue preponderance. But how she can

may judge by the cab'grams very necessary to contradict false notions respecting the financial position of the colony. The *Financial Times* reports of it as having made a good impression in England. Here, however, the impression made, that is on a certain party, is the worst imaginable. In Wellington, we learn from the correspondent of the *Daily Times*, they are stamping mad, and denounce the Treasurer as one who has very little regard for the truth. Meantime we see the practical answer given to the strictures passed the other night so humorously by Captain Russell on Mr Ward's absence.

We thought so and moreover we said so. The Hon John McKenzie, speaking the other night at Hastings, went through almost all the figures gone through in Dunedin by Captain Russell with totally different, but quite as reliable results. The *Dunedin Star*, nevertheless, points out that the Hon John left untouched Captain Russell's statement that each settler on Cheviot had cost the Government £1000—that is, we suppose, £218,000 for there are 218 settlers. There is no rule, however, without its exception, real or imaginary. An interesting calculation for the *Star*, meantime, and one that might very brilliantly display our contemporary's talents would be—that of the cost to the country, negatively of course, but none the less tellingly, of every settler that Captain Russell and his party have generally managed to keep from settlement. A heavier cost than that of Cheviot ten times over has been the cost to the country of their desert tracts.

But there is the eagle ruffling up his feathers in a northern direction. "New York, April 25.—the Lower House of the Legislature of the State of New York has passed a resolution inviting Canada to agree to annexation by the United States." The Lower House, we fancy, has had an idle hour. Lions and eagles of an equal calibre know how to respect one another.

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do so without furthering the Eastern advance of France or Russia remains to be seen.

On the authority of Mrs Crawford, who is the Paris correspondent of *Truth*, the Queen is said to be in a dangerous state of health. Her Majesty, she says, is suffering from a rheumatic affection which at any moment may be fatal. She is, nevertheless, reported officially to be in excellent health. But the probabilities seem in favour of the correspondent of *Truth*.

A bomb-paragraph is going the rounds of the papers respecting something that took place in Hungary, and a mandate issued by a Cardinal named "Isidorus"—apparently a special elevation to the purple made for the occasion by our good contemporary the *Dunedin Star*—forbidding the Catholic clergy in America to ride bicycles. The fact is, nevertheless, that it was published at Rome some months ago that the Catholic clergy might make use of bicycles if it suited them—and at the same time it was stated that the idea of the machine in question had originated with a Catholic priest. Hunting wheels in Hungary, and creating cardinals at Rome is quite in keeping, meantime, with the idiosyncrasies of the *Star* and his like-minded brethren. Such wild-goose chases are altogether in their line.

The British lion and the American eagle seem pretty well matched. The scream of the bird does not mean much more than the roar of the beast. A British expedition has proceeded to Nicaragua to recover from that Republic a sum of £15,000 demanded as a penalty for the expulsion and arrest of certain British officials and subjects. President Cleveland, meantime, declares that no one must interfere with the Southern Republics, and no one must dare to infringe the Monroe doctrine without incurring the vengeance of Uncle Sam. The present case, however, he explains, does not call for interference, and the Britisher may walk off with his booty. Now-a-days eagle and lion are a little remarkable for caution—and no doubt they are right. If they would be as mild at ordinary times as in hours of danger, however, they might seem more respectable.

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affectionately to his breast. He took the soul in his hands, kissed it with tender pity, and then suddenly let it fall into the seething fire beneath. The agonising shriek that came forth from that soul the moment it left the angel's hands sent through my inmost being a thrill of horror that no words can describe, no time remove. I watched the soul of my dear young friend in its fearful descent and the instant it touched the molten mass of liquid fire a number of flaming sparks shot forth, one of which struck me on the side of the head and seemed as if it burnt right into the very brain.

Instinctively I raised my hand to knock off the fiery mass, whilst I uttered a yell of terror that soon brought the whole household around me.

They all with one voice asked what was wrong, and what had happened to cause me to give that unearthly scream.

For a time I was just as much puzzled as they were, but very soon I fully recovered consciousness and at once grasped the whole situation. When sitting snugly by the fire and thinking of going to visit my sick schoolmate I had leaned my head on my right arm, and rested both on a small shelf that was near the mantel-piece. In this position I fell fast asleep, and clearly saw in dreamland the wonderful things I have related above. My young brother came into the kitchen whilst I slept, and, as he is very fond of scientific experiments of all kinds, especially with explosives, he climbed upon the table just behind me, lit a large Chinese cracker at the gas-jet, and, not noticing where he threw it, flung it right down on the side of my head. Short a time as it remained there it was yet quite long enough to give me a severe burn and intense pain into the bargain. This was what I thought was a spark from purgatory; and though I know well that earthly fire is but a painted fire compared to that of purgatory, still I would willingly suffer any ordinary bodily pain for an hour rather than the acute agony I endured for the very short time that Chinese cracker was burning on my head.

My mother quickly applied a little salad oil to the burn, sprinkled it over with flour, and all the pain ceased. We then sat round the fire, and I related to them my strange dream. They listened to its recital in breathless silence, and when I finished the narration a sigh of relief escaped my mischievous young brother, who sat in the corner directly opposite to me, from which vantage ground he had kept his eyes riveted on me the whole time I was speaking. When he regained sufficient confidence he had a hundred questions to ask about the whole thing. He was particularly anxious to know where the angels got the golden chalices, and what the red liquid was which they carried therein. My eldest sister, who goes to the Convent school, at once undertook to explain this difficulty. She said that when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the souls

in purgatory their holy guardian angels surround the altar in thousands and at the very moment the priest elevates the sacred chalice they come with their chalices to get each a few drops of the precious Blood our Lord with which they fly off at once to purify and release the poor suffering souls. This little explanation pleased us all very much, and we promised to remember it every time we were at Mass and to make at the elevation a special offering of the precious blood for all the dear souls that are burning in the cleansing fires of purgatory.

My mother took this opportunity of giving some very good advice to the whole of us on devotion to St Joseph. She said though the whole thing might be merely a dream still there could be no doubt that the prayers of St Joseph were most powerful with our blessed Lord, and that any of us who cherished a tender devotion to this saint during life would be sure to die a happy death. As it was now bedtime we knelt round our little altar and offered up our Rosary for the souls in purgatory. At mother's suggestion we each got our St Joseph's Prayer Book, and joined heartily in saying the Litany of the Foster-Father of our Lord. Not satisfied with this I asked them all to open out page 172, and then we sang devoutly the beautiful hymn, "Hail, Holy Joseph, Hail!" This ended our devotions for that night; and as long as we live we have fully made up our minds to be ever specially devoted to the great St Joseph.

Kindly excuse, dear James, the length of this essay. I find it is much longer than I had originally intended. If it prove of any little use to you or the rest of the lads, this alone will give the greatest pleasure to the heart of

Your affectionate schoolmate,

PATRICK O'DWYER

To Master James Murphy, etc.

(A little offering for Feast of the Patronage of St Joseph, third Sunday after Easter, May 5, 1895.)

It is reported at Rome that the Abbe L. Duchesne, of Paris, has been appointed to study the means of rendering it easy for Anglican members of the clergy to be received into the Catholic Church, and that he is inclined to recommend most lenient measures. Cardinal Vaughan will remain in Rome till the end of February at least.

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PREMIER WORKS

FRED DOUGLASS IN IRELAND.

THE Cleveland gentleman who was best acquainted with the late Fred Douglass is probably Rev Dr George W. Pepper. Dr Pepper first met Mr Douglass abroad nearly fifty years ago (says the *Cleveland Herald*), and tells some very interesting stories of the negro statesman's career.

"The first time I met Mr Douglass," said Dr Pepper, "was in Ireland, 1847. He had met with enthusiastic receptions in London and throughout England, and had arrived at Cork. He was met at the landing by distinguished citizens, and rode away in a carriage seated between the Lord Mayor of Cork and Father Mathew, the great Roman Catholic apostle of temperance. He was dined by the City Council, and was accorded especial marks of attention by the most prominent people in Cork.

"Going to Dublin, he went to call upon Daniel O'Connell, who was the first Catholic Lord Mayor that city had had for more than 300 years. Mr Douglass had a letter of introduction from Hon Charles Sumner, but when O'Connell's servant announced that there was a coloured man at the door, the great Irishman rushed to the door, and clasping Douglass in a warm embrace, said, 'Fred Douglass, the American slave, needs no letter of introduction to me.'

"On the day following his arrival O'Connell took Douglass to Conciliation Hall, where he introduced the ex-slave to the Repealers, when he used the following words: 'If there be in the huts of Africa or in the swamps of the Carolinas, a human being panting for freedom, let it be proclaimed to him that he has a friend in the old Irish nation. My words shall travel across the winds and waves of the Atlantic; they shall roll up the banks of the Mississippi and Missouri, telling the slaveholder that the time for his injustice to cease has come, and that the period for the emancipation of the bondman has arrived, according to the laws of the living God; and a prayer goes forth from my heart that a black O'Connell may arise in America,' pointing his finger at Douglass as he spoke. The whole audience arose and gave three hearty cheers for Douglass and the Abolitionists.

"Daniel O'Connell," continued Dr Pepper, "was a fierce and uncompromising Abolitionist. About that time a check for a good many thousand dollars arrived from New Orleans to help the Irish cause. Mr O'Connell took the paper and said, 'Send it back, Ireland is poor, but poor as she is, she cannot accept the wages of the unpaid negro.' About the same time O'Connell wrote his powerful appeal, urging the Irish in America to join forces with the Abolitionists.

"Probably the grandest moment in Mr Douglass' life," said Dr Pepper, "was in London, near the time of the events which I have just related. He attended the world's universal peace convention, at which Lord Shaftesbury, the famous philanthropist, presided. Douglass was introduced to the audience, which consisted mainly of dukes and lords, as 'The American Slave.' At the conclusion of his address his hearers cheered for fully five minutes.

"One of the most striking incidents occurred, however, when a prominent New York clergyman went forward with the others and extended his hand, which was proudly refused by the black man. 'No,' said he, 'you would not do this if we were in New York, and I refuse to accept it here.' The incident was noted, and the New York clergyman did not have an opportunity to preach in a single London pulpit during his stay.

"During his stay with me he referred to his escape from slavery. It was brought up by his reading an address of mine in Ireland in which I referred to the reception which was tendered to him there, and to the abhorrence of the Irish people for slavery. He said that when a boy, on Colonel Lloyd's plantation, about fifteen miles from Baltimore, he was seized with a desire to see a ship, and obtained permission from his mistress to go to that city. While at the docks he saw two Irishmen unloading timbers from a vessel, and gave them some assistance.

"On taking leave of them, one of the men asked him if he was a slave, and upon his replying affirmatively, the other exclaimed: 'Why don't you run away? God never made a man to be a slave.' As he walked back to his master's plantation the words of that Irishman rang in his ears, and the idea resulted in his making his escape. Then, his sides shaking and his face wreathed in smiles, Douglass concluded: 'Mr Pepper, when I get to heaven, I will search for those two Irishmen, when I have found them I will take them before the Great Master of all, and I will say: 'There are the men who told me that I was never meant to be a slave.'

"Then he talked for an hour about the celebrated men he saw and heard in England and Ireland, and said he thought Mr O'Connell was the most natural and spontaneous orator he ever heard. He talked of Disraeli, Wendell Phillips, and went into raptures over Lincoln. Said he: 'As the years roll on, yes, as the centuries travel around, Lincoln's fame will continue to grow greater,

and the coloured race will never be able to mention his name without emotion.' "

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 dropsy. 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 Lees, near Dewsbury, October 11th, 1892."

The exciting cause of all this young girl's piteous suffering was indigestion and dyspepsia, dropsy being one of its most dangerous symptoms. It attacks both youth and age, is 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.

Lord Acton, the new Professor of Modern History at Cambridge, has rather a mixed pedigree. The head of an old English Catholic family, he is the grandson on the paternal side of a Neapolitan Prime Minister and on the maternal side of a French Duke; he is the nephew of a Cardinal and cousin of a recent Italian Minister of Marine; the stepson of an eminent English statesman, and the son-in-law of a Bavarian nobleman.—*Edinburgh Catholic Herald*.

According to the newspaper directories just issued there were published in the United Kingdom in 1846, 551 journals. Of these 14 were issued daily—viz, 12 in England and 2 in Ireland. But there are now established and circulated 2304 papers, of which no less than 198 are issued daily, showing that the Press of the country has more than quadrupled during the last 49 years. The increase in daily papers has been still more remarkable—the daily issue standing 198 against 14 in 1846.

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

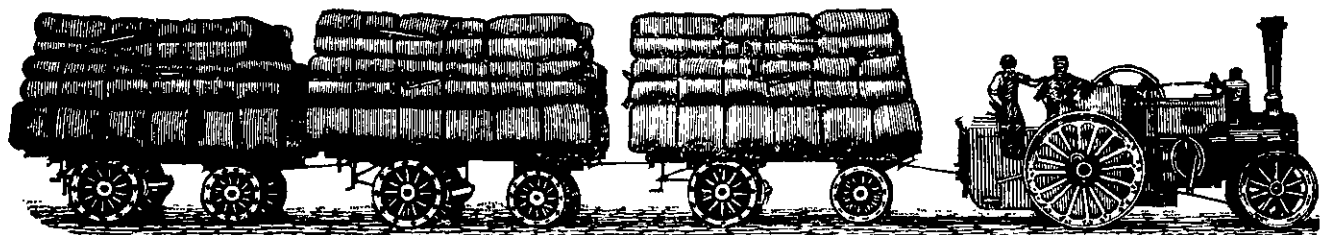
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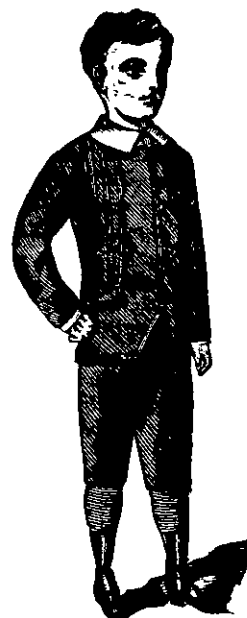
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# Dublin Notes.

(From contemporaries.)

THE Rev O. A. Magin, Clontarf Rectory, Newmarket, County Cork, writes to say that he is preparing a memoir of his uncle, the late brilliant and witty Dr Magin, which he hopes will throw some fresh light on his life and character, hitherto so much misunderstood and misrepresented, particularly by English writers in such publications as the "Dictionary of National Biography." He also contemplates gathering into a single moderate-sized volume the best fruits of Dr Magin's genius. This will be welcome news to all who are interested in Dr Magin's career. The lecture lately delivered in Dublin on that subject by Mr Thomas Crosbie, president of the Institute of Journalists, has been much discussed in literary circles.

The Irish system of valuation is much stricter than the English. In Ireland the valuation of the country was carried out by a Government department. In Eng'nd the assessment for both the local taxes and the Income Tax is largely controlled by the local authorities. Nor is this the only point of difference. In the case of farms and farm buildings in Great Britain the whole are valued in the lump as a going concern. While in Great Britain the valuation has fallen since 1865 from forty-six millions to forty-one millions in consequence of the fall in prices and the increased cost of labour, in Ireland there has been no change. Mr Sexton's conduct of the Irish case is appreciated by all classes and parties in Ireland, who recognise that he is bravely fighting a good fight for the common interest.

In the course of his late lecture before the Irish Literary Society in London, Sir Robert Ball said the first Irish astronomer was a Churchman named Fearghal, who, as St Virgilius, was canonised by Pope Gregory in 1233. Fearghal, who was Bishop of Salzburg in 756, held, contrary to the then universal opinion, the rotundity of the earth. A monk named Dungal was, so to speak, the first Astronomer Royal of Ireland. In 811 the Emperor Charlemagne wrote to the abbot of an Irish monastery asking for an explanation of the two eclipses which occurred in the preceding year, and Dungal offered what he considered to be a full explanation of this phenomenon. In an Irish astronomical treatise written in 1415 there was an extraordinary amount of accurate knowledge. The rotundity of the earth, for example, was fully explained, and its diameter, as there assigned, was, according to Sir Robert Ball, astonishingly concordant with that which we now know it to have.

A Tipperary farmer, Mr Roddy Gleeson, was evicted from his farm by the landlord, Sir John Carden. He was not put out because he was an unskilful husbandman or a lazy fellow, but simply because he could not pay an impossible rent, and keep a large family from starving. Gleeson was afterwards seen by a gamekeeper on the land, and he was straightway summoned for trespass and fined 2s 6d. This he naturally refused to pay, and was then sent to gaol for seven days. Now for some hard facts: The farm consisted of about twenty-three acres of middling upland, and of twelve acres of as bad moor as one could meet, and the rent was £64 19s. The father of Sir John Carden had purchased it from a former tenant for £600 six-and-thirty years ago, when the rent was £57 per year. It could not have deteriorated under his cultivation since the rent was raised because of honest Roddy Gleeson's improvements. He had laid out £300 on drainage, subsoiling, etc. When the lease expired the rent was raised to £77 per annum—that is to say, a charge was exacted from the tenant for the rendering of the glebe more profitable. This was paid for thirteen years under natural protest, as we take it, and then the general depression made it an outrageous tenancy, and £4) was set down per annum as a fair demand, even from a landlord's point of view. Over £900, it was calculated, had been wrested out of Roddy's pockets and his father's from the time they became occupiers of the farm by the hard-bargaining Baronet. But Sir John Carden must have his increase, let Roddy Gleeson complain as he might. This is by no means an isolated case, and is a graphic illustration of the evils of a rotten land system.

The Irish Feis movement progresses. Already it has attracted the attention of two of the London papers, the *Globe* and the *Sunday Times*, the latter of which says:—"The main object of this excellent project is to stir up the Irish people themselves to take a practical interest in the cultivation of their music. Celtic bardic music is rich in wild and tender melody, much of which is still in MS., or preserved in the songs of the peasants in the remotest districts of the country. Of its artistic value there can be no doubt. Field (the most eminent of musicians hailing from Ireland) drew his inspiration from it when he composed the musical lyrics which suggested the nocturnes to Chopin, a fact which the Polish musician frankly admitted; but who knows anything about Field's compositions in Ireland? None outside the strictly professional musical classes. Perhaps after the inauguration of the contemplated movement this will be so no longer, and Ireland will endeavour to encourage these precious artistic gifts in her children which she has too long neglected, and become the Italy of the United Kingdom." Lady Fergusson writes that "she cordially sympathises

in the desire to awaken interest in Irish music, and wishes for their efforts the marked success which attended the gathering of harp performers of Irish melodies at Belfast a century ago, and would encourage them by recalling the large gathering in the Rotunda at the concert given by Herr Sjödin, the Swedish harper, some twenty years ago." Mr R. M. Levey writes—"I have played more national music than, I believe, any other individual. I had twelve national Irish overtures (full scores) burned in the conflagration of the old Royal, and I dare say on looking over my MS. I shall find some arrangements which may be useful in your performances. I am about to publish a third book of dance music, dedicated, as the first two, to the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language."

## THE FIRST SHIPWRECK.

Translated from the French of GUSTAVE TOUDOUZE  
It was high tide on Sunday evening, near the base of the light-house which stood at the extremity of the long pier protecting the little port of Portrieux, in Brittany, on the west of the immense bay of St Brienc. Moored by a chain, a boat which had been freely painted, danced upon the water. On its stern shone out these words: Paimpol, La Belle Yvonne.

The sun had long since sunk out of sight, and night fell, drowning all this corner of France in transparent shadows.

"Hark, do you hear it? It is calling us! It is time to quit our moorings if we wish to go as far as the Isle of Breat," said a fisherman who descended the iron ladder of the pier after having thrown his basket and oars into the bottom of the craft.

Yvonne Rouzic clutched her son, who was following, by the arm. Her ear strained to catch the menace of the breakers upon the rocks, and a supplicating murmur rose to her lips:

"Alain! Alain! My poor boy!"

The robust boy, proud of his fourteen years, listened only to the tender call of the sea upon the sands. He disengaged himself saying:

"We must not miss the tide—quick!"

The sail went up slowly with a noise like the prolonged cry of a bird, dragging a little the length of the mast, and the boat moved obediently. It sank little by little into the night which took it absorbing it gently, until it vanished in the dusk.

Yvonne came back with stumbling feet overcome by a sense of abandonment and the feeling that she had bid her loved ones an eternal farewell. Never before had her heart ached as it was doing now. It seemed to her that the night darkened her joy and shadowed her life—that it was drinking the blood from her veins. She raised her head, looked at the sky, the coasts, the waves, which were so strong and yet so supple as they rocked like a cradle—at the starry, moonless night, with clouds scudding here and there. She tried to smile, but in her mind rose up the thought: "It is the first time he has ever left at night: My poor boy! If—"

For several years they had been in the habit of quitting Paimpol to pass the summer season at Portrieux, leaving for a time the house and nest of little ones in care of an old grandmother. Jean Marie went out with his boat and Yvonne sold the fish on shore. Thanks to the wealth of the strangers who came there for the baths, their affairs prospered more than they had done in the country. But never before had their joy been so complete as it was this year. The eldest child, the boy Alain, now accompanied his father when he went fishing, and with the aid of former gains they had been able to refit the Belle Yvonne. It seemed to Jean Marie Rouzic that on so famous a craft he might go straight to Newfoundland if they wished. And he looked almost defiantly at the first boat of the season from those shores, with her paint defaced hull incrustated with shells and green marine moss, the deck covered with salt and the air impregnated with the strong odour of the salted cod in her hold.

Until the hour of departure Yvonne had felt confident and joyous, but suddenly at the moment of parting a sob from the sea alongside the pier more violent than before had awakened in her something hitherto unknown—the sense of fear. Memories of catastrophes besieged her; phantoms seemed whirling about her; lugubrious shadows of shipwrecks swept past her in mad dance. She rubbed her eyes, stammering: "I am a fool. Ma Doue! What is the matter with me this evening?"

Her brow was again smooth, her eyes shining with re-awakened energy beneath the fluttering frill of her headdress as she exclaimed: "The daughter of a sailor, the wife and mother of sailors, ought I to begin and tremble at this late day?"

But here her voice died within her, and once more she was seized with fright.

"O God protect them!" she cried.

As she lay on her bed she tried and tried in vain to sleep, but found herself listening to the noises of the night, believing she heard plaintive calls for help. At dawn of next day she was tortured by such anxiety that she thought herself dying and awoke with a start. The empty room suddenly recalled the parting. In a moment she stood by the door. The sea was rolling as after a furious storm. The sky was dark and lowering, but the boats were coming in together, with

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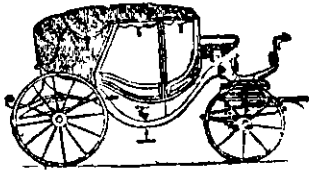
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furled sails. They were all there. She laughed and trembled, while her eyes flamed with joy.

A passing fisherman called out brusquely to the women assembled upon the pier head :

"That was an awful squall at 3 o'clock. I wouldn't have cared to be near the rocky coast of Brienc."

Had she misunderstood him? With a hurried glance she searched among the boats. The Belle Yvonne was missing. It was like a stab in her heart. She leaned forward and asked :

"Jean Marie is not with you?"

A mist obscured their honest eyes. They tried to avoid looking at her. One of them said :

"I saw him at 2 o'clock going toward the open sea. He will return later, no doubt. The catch will be great, it is said, so he is doubtless satisfied."

Turning to a comrade he said in a low voice :

"God knows where Jean Marie is sailing at this hour—the course that he will take. It was hardly prudent to face that big sea."

A little bewildered and with the blood all gone from her brain Yvonne murmured : "Ah, yes, he will surely return and my boy with him."

With her elbows on the hard stone of the parapet and her eyes fixed upon the horizon she sat there without again speaking. In the evening she was still there. Night came on and the lighthouse threw its red light over the waves. She had not moved and sat there as though fascinated, her eyes on the distance and muttering to herself. All night she watched, her tearless eyes burning from the salt of the sea. When morning came she had fainted, and they carried her away.

(To be concluded.)

Commercial.

A. TODD, on behalf of the NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., LIMITED, report for week ending May 1, as follows —

Store Cattle—Market comparatively quiet, at the same time there are not very many suitable lots for present requirements at the moment offering. Forward-conditioned, large framed sorts have the preference, such being wanted for finishing off on the turnips. Young and mixed sorts meet with buyers, but prices are, as a rule, in their favour.

Store Sheep—A considerable improvement is noticeable in the tone of the market lately, more especially in respect to the demand experienced for good crossbreds, young and in forward condition, and for such prices are also firmer. The business done in merinos is mostly confined to the disposal of aged sheep, which are taken up for boiling down. Young sheep are only occasionally enquired for. During the week we placed 2000 2 and 4-tooth merino wethers, and have also 400 lambs at market rates.

Sheepskins—A moderately fair demand exists for these, at the moment, however, shippers of dry skins are the most prominent operators. Country dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 2s 4d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 1s 9d; medium to good crossbreds, 2s 6d to 3s; heavy, 3s 3d to 3s 9d; extra do, 3s 10d to 4s 6d; good to best merino, 1s 11d to 2s 9d; heavy, 2s 11d to 3s 9d; dry pelts, 1d 1s 2d; green crossbred pelts, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; extra heavy, 2s to 2s 3d; green lambskins, 1s 6d to 2s 3d each.

Rabbitkins—We submitted a moderate catalogue on Monday, which elicited spirited competition, best autumn skins fetching 7½d to 8½d; medium, 6d to 7d; summers, 3½d to 5½d; suckers and inferior to medium, 1d to 3d per lb.

Hides—Market unchanged. Inferior and light fetch 1d to 1½d; light to medium, 1½d to 1¾d; heavy, 50 to 60 lbs, 2d to 2½d; over 0 lbs, in prime condition, 2½d to 3d per lb.

Tallow and Fat—Best rendered mutton, in suitable packages, 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 9d to 11s; inferior to medium, 9s to 10s per cwt (ex store).

Wheat—There is no fresh feature of any interest to note. A moderately fair demand is experienced, the market in consequence remains firm. Buyers are open to purchase good milling wheat whenever offered, more especially good hard velvet most of which has to be drawn from the North. Quotations for prime milling Tuscan and velvet, 2s 9½d to 2s 10½d; good to best do, 2s 8½d to 2s 9½d; good to best red wheat, 2s 8d to 5s 9d; medium, most of which is taken up for fowls' feed, 2s 7d to 2s 8d; inferior to medium, 2s 4d to 2s 6d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terme).

Oats—The tone of the market does not show any improvement, only a very meagre demand existing. Shippers are not operating with very much freedom, being able to purchase at the Bluff at a ½d to 1d per bushel lower than they can in the local market. A good many orders in consequence flow at present in that direction. Nevertheless a moderate amount of business is being put through here at prices about equal to those lately obtaining, indeed nearly all are being placed. The bulk of consignments are being stored for future disposal. Quotations for prime stout bright milling, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; best bright stout feed, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; extra prime ½d more; medium to good, 1s 1d to 1s 1½d; inferior to medium, 1s to 1s 1d; long Tartars, fit for seed, 1s 3d to 1s 6d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley—Market exceedingly flat. The supply being so very much in excess of requirements, maisters decline to purchase any but the very best offering. Medium in consequence has no attention, and very little show of being placed except at prices ruling for feed or milling. A large quantity is discoloured and unfit for shipment. Quotations for best malting, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; extra prime 3s; medium to good, 2s to 2s 3d; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 9d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds—The market does not display any great activity. The quantity of ryegrass seed offering, meantime, is not extensive, holders in consequence are not over anxious to quit. Quotations for best machine dressed, 3s 9d to 4s; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot: Market fully supplied and no demand to speak of, best dressed offering at 4d to 4½d, medium, 2½d to 3½d per lb (net, ex store, sacks extra).

Potatoes—Stocks being still heavy there is no improvement in price, best derwents only fetching L1 15s to L2; medium, L1 10s to L1 12s 6d; small lots of kidney, 30s to 32s 6d per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Chaff—Though deliveries are not so extensive, the supply on hands is in excess of present requirements consequently there is no material change in prices, best fetching, 37s 6d to 43s 6d; extra prime occasionally 45s; medium, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

Dairy Produce—Prime salt butter, dairy made, in retail lots, 6½d to 7d; medium flat at 3d to 4d; North Island, factory made, in small lots, 7½d to 8½d; local factory, 10d to 11d; factory made cheese medium size, nominal, 4½d to 4¾d; loaf shade, 4½d to 5d; dairy made, 2½d to 3½d per lb.

Flax—The supply is more than sufficient for requirements which are confined to local manufacturing purposes only. Quotations nominal, say for medium to good, L13 10s to L14 10s; inferior to medium, L8 to L10 10s per ton (ex store).

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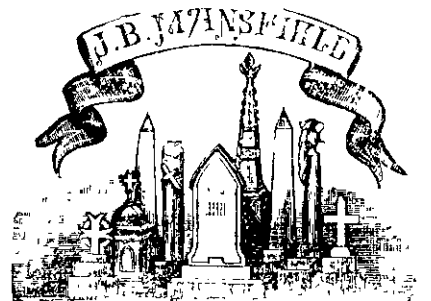
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Wakatipu	Wed, 8th May	3 pm D'n in
NAPIER, GISBORNE, and AUCKLAND—		
Rotomahana	Tues, 7th May	2 30 pm train
Manapouri	Thurs, 16th May	2 30 pm train
Mararoa	Tues, May 21st	2 30 pm train

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Mr F. MERRAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quarter, feed, 1s 1½d to 1s 2½d; milling, 1s 3½, to 1s 3¾d; 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 fall. 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 10½ per dozen (scarce).

## OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT RAKAIA.

THE new Catholic church, just out of the hands of the builders, was dedicated and formally opened on Sunday by Bishop Grimes. There was, perhaps, the largest gathering of Catholics on the occasion that Rakaia has ever seen, visitors coming from all parts of the country to assist at the service. Ashburton sent a very large contingent, and over the last mile of the road to Rakaia the Ashburton vehicles were quite a procession, a prominent feature being Mr Newman's four-in-hand drag containing the choir, the altar boys, and a few others. At about half-past eleven his Lordship, with Fathers O'Donnell and Hyland, appeared at the door of the chapel, his Lordship in his episcopal robes, with mitre and pastoral staff. Here an address was presented to his Lordship, signed by leading members of the Rakaia congregation, and giving expression to the loyal feelings entertained to the Church and to himself by his people in the Rakaia, of joy that their desire to present to their Heavenly Father a house wherein His worship could be carried on had that day been gratified, and of welcome to the Bishop, who was that day to receive it from them.

His Lordship thanked them most heartily for the beautiful address so well read to him, and begged them to understand that the pleasure his presence gave them was not greater than that he derived from his visit, more especially as the object of his visit was the adding of one more to the number of material edifices devoted to the true service of the one true God. He would not detain them longer in the open air, but would proceed to bless their beautiful little church. Before doing so, however, there was a very pleasant duty he had to perform. They had done well in the erection of this pretty little building, but, doubtless, they would agree with him that the work would not be so well done nor undertaken so soon had they not one at their head—a leader—who directed, counselled, and encouraged them. He referred to the person of the Very Rev Rector. Had Almighty God not inspired him (the Bishop) to send them their present Rector they might not so soon enjoy the gratification of that desire to which their address referred. His Lordship had already given their Rector a mark of confidence by numbering him amongst those whose duty it was to advise him in the administration of the diocese, and now he was going to give a further mark of confidence by investing him with the insignia which Rome had allowed the Bishop to confer on his diocesan consultors. This would show them that Father O'Donnell was one of the priests of his diocese that he most highly esteemed, and deservedly. The Bishop had watched Father O'Donnell's work since he came to the diocese. On the West Coast he left one of the finest presbyteries in that part of the diocese—unfinished indeed when Father O'Donnell left, but that was through no fault of his. There also he built a church even larger than this. The first appointment his Lordship made was to send Father O'Donnell to a district where there was a very poor little church, hardly any land and no presbytery. But in a short time with the help of the generous people amongst whom he was placed, a large piece of land was secured, a handsome presbytery erected and furnished, and the Church enlarged and finished. Since he came to Ashburton they knew his work—the acquisition of land beside the church and the transportation thither of the immense convent building, an achievement which would probably make him famous. And now there was the achievement of this long felt and long desired work. In view of all this his Lordship had determined to invest Father O'Donnell with the insignia of Diocesan Consultor, a position analogous to that of Canon in the older countries. The Bishop then blessed and placed on Father O'Donnell a Rochet and Cape which he is to wear when officiating in his own church or when in attendance on the Bishop anywhere in the diocese. His Lordship then proceeded to consecrate the building. Mass followed, celebrated by the newly-invested Very Rev Canon O'Donnell, assisted by Father Hyland. The Ashburton choir, under Mr David Jones, organist and conductor, sang the music proper to the service. After Mass his Lordship preached from the words of the Lord to Solomon on the completion of the temple—"I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before Me; I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put My name there for ever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually." He closed his eloquent address with an appeal to the people to give liberally as the Hebrews gave for the construction of the tabernacle and the building of the temple, so that the church that day should be

given to God "unconditionally," without a penny of debt left upon it.

The appeal was responded to by the people, and £54 was collected as the congregation retired. The debt on the church is thus reduced to an almost nominal sum.

The chapel is a neat building of 54ft by 25ft over all, the sanctuary occupying 16ft by 14ft of this space, but two sacristies are added of 12ft square, and a roomy porch at the entrance. Roughly calculated, the church will seat about 180 people. The contractors were Messrs Kilbride and Hannab, of Southbridge, and Mr Wilson, of Ashburton, did the painting. The altar, tabernacle, candelabra, and thurible, were the presents of Father Chervier, of Leeston; the Bishop's present was a set of vestments, while the Rev Mother, Ashburton, presented the linen and altar cloths. The church will be known as St Ita's.

## EXCURSION FROM PALMERSTON NORTH TO WANGANUI.

THE excursion to Wanganui, organised by the Rev Father Patterson for his children, took place on Wednesday, April 24th, and was largely patronised by adults and children. The excursionists thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and returned home in the evening satisfied with the day's amusements. There are fully 1500 passengers, and the excursion was the largest ever held along this line. Every credit is due to the Rev Father Patterson, and Messrs J. Carmody-Aisher and L. Hanlon for the excellent character of the arrangements, the day's programme being carried out without a hitch and with satisfaction to all. One of the attractions at Wanganui was an organ recital in the Catholic Church by the Rev Father Patterson, assisted by his choir from Palmerston North, consisting of Misses Rodgers (2), Butler, Stephenson, Brophy Driscoll, Messrs Rodgers and Brophy taking the tenor and bass solos, which was greatly appreciated by the many who were present. During the trip the young people were treated to buns and lollies, and nothing was left undone which would add to their enjoyment.

In reference to the excursion, the *Feilding Star* had the following:—The train which took the members of the Roman Catholic Church from Palmerston and Feilding was well patronised, but owing to a stupid piece of red tapeism on the part of the railway authorities hundreds of people and their children were deprived of the pleasure of the outing. On previous occasions when these trains have been run no discrimination was made, so that all and sundry took advantage of them. No doubt a number of adults went who could not properly claim the privilege in a strictly legal sense, but in most cases they went just for the pleasure of being with their friends and their children. In consequence of that—we conjecture—an order was issued by the head of the Department to stationmasters to the effect that only children attending a private school, with their guardians or parents, should have tickets issued to them. This was made public yesterday, and a large number of people who intended to go this morning gave up the idea. Still there was a goodly assemblage on the station platform of those who thought there might be a mistake, or some lucky chance would enable them to obtain seats. No tickets were issued unless the conditions were complied with, but when the train arrived at the platform it was discovered that Father Patterson, and several of the gentlemen connected with his Church, had provided themselves with an ample supply. There was a rush for these and everyone who so desired was supplied. We hardly like to comment on the huge blunder that was committed by the Department. If these excursion trips are to be made to pay they must be made popular with the people for whose benefit they were established, and sectarianism or denominationalism, or any other objectionable feature rigidly excluded.

On page 16 of this week's issue we beg to draw our reader's attention to Mr J. Duham's advertisement. This gentleman, who was twelve years connected with Messrs Toomer Bros., wholesale boot manufacturers, Christchurch, has opened in Sydenham on the main street as a wholesale and retail boot manufactory, and desires that all our Sydenham subscribers should give him a trial and prove for themselves that nowhere can they buy cheaper and get better value for their money. This is a fact that should be noted by our Christchurch and Sydenham readers.

Rabbi Krauskoff took part in the recent public presentation to Archbishop Ryan in Philadelphia. The Rabbi said:—"This is the first time, I believe, that I have had an opportunity to speak on the same platform as the Archbishop, but I have been an admirer of his ever before he came to this city of Philadelphia. I have admired him for his liberty, I have admired him above all for his breadth of thought, breadth of feeling, breadth of sympathy to the oppressed, with the maligned, with the down-trodden of all races and nations. I have admired him in addition to all this, because you will remember that he is a son of that race that has suffered next to my own for having loved the Master. I mean the Irish people; and when the question of their rights was agitated in England, my pulpit, a Jewish pulpit, was not too narrow to give way to it, to give a place to it on a Sunday morning for the purpose of pleading on behalf of another persecuted race."

THE AGE OF PROGRESS.

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**TOTAL VALUE £200. NOW ON VIEW AT THE DRESDEN.**  
Over 200 Scottish Characters will be illustrated. 150 Children will take part in a magnificent series of Terpsichorean Displays, etc., etc.

**S P E C I A L.**

In addition to the above there will be opened a Grand Art Gallery and Curio Court. In the Art Gallery will be hung a magnificent collection of pictures by leading local artists, beside a splendid collection of rare and valuable works of art kindly lent by prominent citizens of Dunedin. In the Curio Court will be on view collections of New Zealand and other curios, for which the management are indebted to the kindness of gentlemen well known throughout New Zealand.

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Each Ticket admits to FAIR and gives One Ounce in Art-Union.  
Tickets to be obtained at the Dresden Piano Company, Princes street.  
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Monday, 6—St John before the Latin Gate.  
Tuesday, 7—St Benedict II, Pope, confessor.  
Wednesday, 8—Apparition of St Michael the Archangel.  
Thursday, 9—St Gregory Nazianza, bishop, confessor, doctor.  
Friday, 10—St Congall, abbot.  
Saturday, 11—St Alexander I, Pope, martyr.

**NOTICE.**

**O**WING to the work occasioned by the Bazaar which closed at Wellington on Tuesday, April 23, it was found necessary to postpone the Drawing of the Art-Union until Wednesday, May 1.  
The winning numbers will be published in the next issue of this paper.

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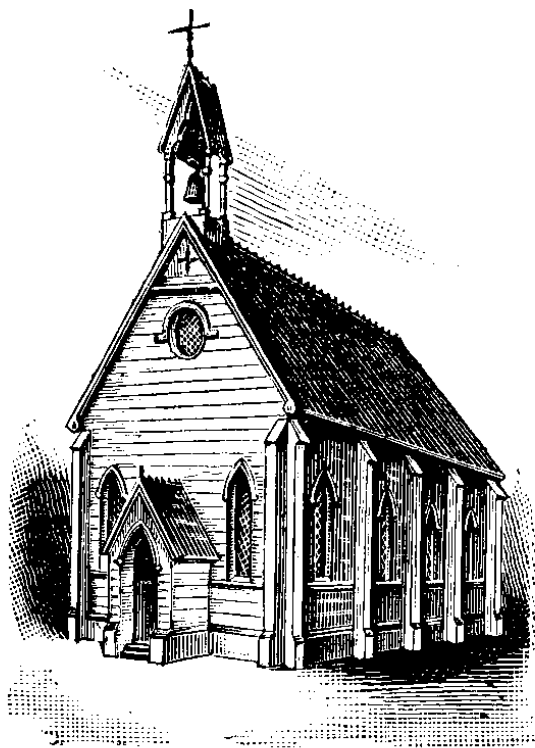
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A drag will start from Parker and Findley's Rick  
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# The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 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.

### CANADIAN SCHOOL TROUBLE.

**H**ERE is trouble in the matter of education in Manitoba, and the Dunedin *Evening Star*, always to the front when anything derogatory to the Catholic Church or Christian education in America is concerned, hastens to record the fact. The news that the Provincial Legislature seems disposed to resist the "remedial order" of the Governor-General in Council, is wired from Auckland to our contemporary on the arrival of the 'Frisco mail. We are of strong opinion that the joy of secularists at the prospect of extinguishing separate schools for Catholics in Manitoba will be short lived. Even, if the Legislature of the Province disregard the order to restore the state of things before 1890 and the separate school system, article 93 of the British North America Act of 1867, gives power to the Dominion Parliament to pass a "remedial law," and constitutionally force the recalcitrant Provincial Legislature in matters affecting the "rights or

privileges of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education." Our Dunedin contemporary, regardless of expense, keeps us well informed—on one side of the question—of what transpires in American education circles. It quotes the answer of Manitoba as contained in an inspired article in the Government organ.

"We shall not allow the State to support religion; we shall not allow a Church to control the State; we shall not return to the civilisation of the dark ages; we shall not recognise Rome as better than, or in any way different from, others; we shall hold to the principle of equal rights for all, and that principle shall be dearer to us than confederation itself."

This stuff will, no doubt, give pleasure to many readers of the *Star*, which often accords honoured place to the sentiments here expressed. We doubt very much if the Canadian Parliament will be influenced by the harsh cries of political mischief makers. Ontario has heard for many years the shibboleths of interested partizans, and by her law giving the Catholic minority the benefit of separate schools has shown that she heeded it not. The education laws, which have worked so well in Upper and Lower Canada and in Manitoba will not be changed whatever the patrons of godlessness may say or do. The satisfactory working of the school law in Manitoba itself before 1890 may be seen in an extract from the report published a few years ago, of Mr J. B. Somerset, superintendent of Protestant schools of the Province.

"A word regarding the law itself may be appropriate here. It was first placed upon the statute book in 1871, and was founded upon the principle of the establishment of Protestant and Roman Catholic schools, each governed and managed independently. This fundamental principle being embodied in the Imperial and Dominion acts for the organisation of the province, the question as to its correctness is outside the scope of practical discussion; but in connection with its workings during the last seventeen years it may be pointed out that the schools of the province have been managed without a particle of the denominational friction that has caused disturbances and bitterness in other provinces of the Dominion. Our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens have, under this law, their own schools, available for religious as well as secular teaching, which is a principle invariably contended for by them; and those charged with the management of them are accountable to their people for their efficiency. On the other hand, Protestant schools are untrammelled in the introduction of such Christian teaching, including the daily reading of the Bible, as may be found practicable, and which the growing sentiment of the people recognises as holding an important place in the development of the child's nature."

Who are causing the present friction and education trouble? Secularists, who hate Christianity in any form, and sectarians, who hate Catholicity and wish to minimise the influence of the Church. Public statements like that of a Methodist minister in Massachusetts who said not long ago that 1,800,000 children had in twelve years been lost to the Catholic Church through the influence of the public schools only increase the diabolical efforts of rabid members of the A.P.A. They have not succeeded in the purpose in Ontario and Quebec. Now they try to insert the thin edge of the wedge in Manitoba. They will not succeed. The Canadian Parliament has an object lesson in the equitable treatment of the Protestant minority in Quebec where Catholics are five or six times more numerous. By successive Acts from 1841, the first year of the Home Rule Parliament, to 1863, when the British North America Act was passed, the trend of legislation was generally to protect the minority, Catholic or Protestant, and authorise separate schools when required by householders. In Protestant Ontario five Catholic householders (or five Protestant, if they wish to establish a separate school for their denomination, but they don't wish) may convene a meeting of persons desirous of having a separate school. They appoint trustees to manage the school, to levy school rates on the Catholic inhabitants, who become at once exempt from municipal school taxes. Each separate school becomes entitled to a proportional share of all public school grants made by the legislature. It is significant that no Protestant denomination has availed itself of the Act to establish separate schools in upper Canada. The public schools suit them admirably, as public schools would still suit them if private schools by similar arrangement were publicly authorised in New Zealand. Canadian experience does not lend weight to the arguments that the Protestant majority would demand and establish denominational schools if our Catholic schools were equitably treated. To quote Upper Canada to show how Catholics avail themselves of the provisions of the Act: In 1841 there was one separate school; now there are about 300 in the province. The usual cry about the inefficiency of non-public schools has been often raised. The words of a prominent education official and a pronounced opponent of Catho-

lic schools, Rev Dr RYERSON, may be appositely quoted: "As far back as 1858" he said, "in connection with these separate schools, our public school system has been developed, and has advanced and extended beyond precedent or parallel in any count. In a few rural sections some temporary or local inconvenience may be experienced from them, but in cities and towns it may be questioned whether the character and efficiency of the public schools are not rather promoted by the existence of separate schools." In the report of the Minister of Education for 1887, the following words occur:—"From the reports of inspectors . . . it will be seen that the separate schools are steadily prospering, and that, both as regards teachers and pupils, they are becoming more and more efficient every year." In Quebec the system is practically denominational; a Catholic Board managing the Catholic schools, and a Protestant Board managing the schools of the Protestant minority. Though Catholics are in the majority in Quebec it is well to bear in mind Catholics have not been in a majority in the Canadian Parliament. Protestants appealing for continued justice to their co-religionists in Quebec, have helped to conserve the arrangement meting out justice to the Catholic minority in Ontario. The bogey, set up so often here that the State must not pay to teach religion, does not frighten the sensible Protestants of the Dominion. They see that the funds which separate school trusts disburse would not pay for secular instruction were there not question of Catholic heroism and devotion in the cause of education. If we received substantial aid for the schools in New Zealand built and equipped by ourselves out of our own money, we should not be adequately paid for the secular instruction imparted, even if we received the same allowance as the public schools. The debt of New Zealand to the Catholic body in the matter of instruction in secular matters is so great that no matter what happens it will never be truthfully said that the State contributes to religious education. The interest of the money wrung from the Catholics of New Zealand since 1877, to support a system of education of which they cannot avail themselves, would make a large endowment for the Catholic schools of the Colony.

AN art-union in aid of St Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru, is now fairly afoot, and all who could not be present at the opening will now have an opportunity of assisting this grand work, and of sharing in the chances of the finest distribution of works of art yet attempted in these parts. The promoter, Father Mackay, has determined to adhere strictly to the letter of the law relative to art-unions, that every prize shall be, in the true sense of the word, a work of art. But to many of the prizes are added very valuable trophies, such as a suite of very handsome furniture, being made to order by Messrs Scoullar and Chisholm, of Dunedin; a return saloon ticket to Melbourne or Sydney; a beautiful chair, the gift of Messrs A. and T. Inglis; a cigar stand and musical box combined, the gift of the Rev Father Regnault, of Waimate, etc. All the paintings may be said to be the work of New Zealand artists of note and name, many of them by our distinguished teachers in the various convents, and their gifted pupils—who have most generously responded to the call for help, by cheerfully contributing the labour of their heads and hearts, and several of whose names appear on the tickets. Dunedin, especially, which has so largely in years gone by profited by the generosity of the Oamaru Catholics, as his Lordship the Bishop has on many occasions declared, will no doubt be well to the front in helping Oamaru in its day of need.

A NEW Catholic church will be opened at Waitati on Sunday the 12th inst. Convenient arrangements have been made to convey visitors on the occasion by drag from Dunedin. The road, as everyone knows, lies through very beautiful scenery.

THE petition to Parliament on behalf of the Catholic schools was presented for signature in the porch of St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Sunday. The arrangements, under the supervision of Messrs P. Hally and J. Dunne, were very convenient, and the members of the congregation had no difficulty in affixing their names.

The special devotions of the month of Mary begin this (Wednesday) evening in St Joseph's Cathedral. An altar of the Blessed Virgin has been erected beneath the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The adornment of both picture and altar are most appropriate and tasteful.

OWING to the work occasioned by the recent bazaar at Wellington, the drawing of the art-union was postponed until to-day (Wednesday, May 1). The winning numbers will appear in our next issue.

THE Empress Frederick of Germany, who, on St Patrick's Day, wore a bunch of shamrock and a costume made of Irish material, is expected probably to visit Ireland in the autumn.

MR JUSTIN MCCARTHY, M.P., who presided at the National celebration on St Patrick's Day in London, declared that the cause had never been stronger than it now was, and spoke with strong hope of the future.

WE are informed by cable that Mr O'Kelly, a supporter of Mr Justin M'Carthy, has been returned for the vacant seat for Wicklow in the House of Commons, caused by the resignation of Mr Sweetman, who resigned after seceding from the Eedmond party. Mr O'Kelly's majority was 62.

OUR contemporary, the *Triad*, for the current month has a further enlargement of four pages. The musical supplement contains Reeve's "Friar f Orders Grey," a song sung by Mr Santley in Dunedin, and Wagner's "Rienzi's Prayer" arranged as a pianoforte solo. An art supplement gives excellent likenesses of six of our local musicians. The literary matter is, as usual, interesting and various.

THE following, sent to us from the Salesian Oratory at Turin, Italy, has come rather late to hand. We are, nevertheless, happy in complying with the request to publish it:—"The well-known Association of Salesian Co-operators, which was founded by Don Bosco for the maintenance and propagation of his numerous charitable institutions, will hold its first International Congress at Bologna (Italy) on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of April next. The Holy Father has given his blessing to the promoters and the programme they submitted for his approval. The Congress will be under the honorary presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Svampa, supported by several Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops. Besides the Salesian Co-operators Catholics of every country are invited to assist at the sittings of this important assembly. Persons desiring further particulars may communicate with the Salesian Fathers, the Oratory, Turin; or the *Curia Arcivescovile*, Bologna.

READERS of the *Catholic Times* (writes the Rome correspondent of our contemporary of March 22), may remember the scandal which was caused by two canons of St Peter's, Campello and Savarese, withdrawing from the Catholic Church and founding an Italian Protestant one, not very many years ago, within a stone's throw of the Vatican. Their conduct was, of course, approved of by various Protestant societies, and large sums of money were subscribed to assist the ex-canons in their enterprise. The sequel of the story is that Savarese, after many adventures, is staying in a Catholic monastery, full of repentance, while Campello arrived in Rome a short time ago "sick unto death," and at his express desire was taken to a convent, where he is nursed with the greatest devotion. To quote his own words, when speaking about the nuns to a person who visited him one day this week: "These Sisters are angels upon earth." It is said that Campello will shortly return to his allegiance also.

#### THE IRISH WORLD AND THE "PATRIOT BISHOP OF DUNEDIN."

ALL the way from New Zealand we (*Irish World*, March 9) have an illustration of the evil which the dissensions in Ireland are doing to the Irish cause. In that distant land there are patriotic Irishmen who are willing and eager to help the country of their fathers as they have often helped it before. There is a patriotic Irish bishop there, too—Most Rev Dr Moran, Bishop of Dunedin—and there is a good newspaper, the *TABLET*, whose editor is a man of the right sort. This gentleman—Mr Perrin—being desirous to have formed in New Zealand some branches of the Irish National Federation, very properly thought it well to have the advice and co-operation of the Bishop. He therefore wrote to Dr Moran on the matter, and he received a reply which we think well worth placing in full before our readers. It is as follows:—

"My dear Mr Perrin,—In reference to your letter regarding the establishment of branches of the Irish Confederation League, I beg to say that, though an earnest and strenuous advocate now as hitherto of a domestic legislature for Ireland as essential to the peace and prosperity of that country, I regret I cannot recommend the establishment of the branches you speak of till the dissensions of Home Rulers in Ireland are healed and one strong party is formed in the Home country. I am sick and ashamed of the dissensions and recriminations of Home Rulers in Ireland, and would not recommend our people to take sides or actively engage in the agitation till our friends at Home drop their dissensions, which make us all here lower our heads and blush for shame.—I am, etc,

P. MORAN."

In this letter Bishop Moran well and truthfully expresses the feeling which, we are convinced, is universal amongst good Irishmen everywhere. They are all "sick and ashamed of the dissensions,"

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and those of them who live out of Ireland have all to "lower their heads and blush for shame" whenever in their converse with people not Irish there is talk about the Home Rule movement. Last week we had occasion to notice the admirable letter of Archbishop Cleary of Kingston, Canada, on the same painful subject. He, too, had to tell of the grief and shame of Irishmen over the spectacle of wrangling leaders at Home. "The dissensions," he said, "are used with great force of argument against us, and wring our hearts with grief, while they bring joy to sworn foes of freedom." Commenting on the Archbishop's words we observed that "men of the Irish race who a few years ago were proud of the grand union of their people at home and of the consequent splendid marching forward of the national cause, are to-day obliged to hold down their heads in shame whenever the subject of Home Rule is mentioned in their presence by non-Irish American well-wishers."

And now this week we have the same reported to us from a patriot Irish prelate on the other side of the globe. All the world over, from Canada to New Zealand, there is but one sentiment among the friends of the cause of Ireland—grief and shame at the doings of men who are high up in the leadership of the Irish national movement. Is it not high time for those men to take steps to put an end to this sad and disgraceful state of things? They ought at least to say something in explanation, if they have anything to say. Within the past few weeks they have been in a sense directly appealed to by some of the best men of the Irish race, including three Archbishops, and now there is a cry of shame upon them from the patriot Bishop of Dunedin. Have they anything to say for themselves? If they have, they ought to speak out. But very much better it would be if they would speak at a private meeting of the party, and there, if necessary, fight it out and end the wrangle forever.

## THE BISHOP OF AUCKLAND AT OTAHUHU.

(From an occasional Correspondent)

ON Low Sunday the little village of Otahuhu had a visit from his Lordship the Right Rev Dr Luck, Bishop of the diocese, who came for the purpose of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on a number of candidates, girls and boys, who had been in preparation for this solemn event for two months previous. Another object of the Bishop's visit was the establishment of the association of the Children of Mary in the parish.

For the children who took part in the day's ceremonial it will be a never-to-be-forgotten day in their young lives. In the morning the greater number of them had the supreme happiness of receiving for the first time into their young hearts their God.

A little before 8 o'clock a.m. the young communicants filed into the church in processional order, the boys leading with lighted tapers, and wearing white scarfs and gloves. The girls followed clad in pure white, emblematic of their purity and innocence. The Mass was celebrated by Father O'Hara, and it must have been a subject of great happiness to him, to see so many of his children receiving at his hands, the Bread of Angels. After Mass the children adjourned to the convent schoolroom, where an ample breakfast had been provided by kind friends, and which was done ample justice to by the young people. A feature of the morning's proceedings was the music which was rendered during the Mass by the children's choir, the hymns before and after communion being most devotional.

The event of the day was the visit of his Lordship, and shortly after 10 o'clock vehicles began to arrive, while pedestrians, some from great distances, gathered into the church and surrounding grounds as the appointed hour drew near.

The weather was everything that could be desired, the sun shone with all its autumn glory, imparting a brightness to everything. Shortly before 11 o'clock the Bishop arrived, accompanied by his private secretary, Father Purton, O.S.B.

Immediately a procession was formed, starting from the Convent school, in the following order:—First, the aspirants of the Children of Mary, headed by their banner; then the girls for confirmation, in white; last, the boys, as in the morning, with lighted tapers. As they slowly wended up the centre of the church, singing an appropriate hymn, it was a very impressive sight, and the reverent demeanour of the children was a theme of admiration, that it being the first time they took part in such a ceremony. When they had taken their places Mass was begun, it being celebrated by Father O'Hara, his Lordship presiding at his throne. At its conclusion the Bishop, robed in cope and mitre, with crozier in hand, ascended the altar, and addressed the large congregation on the purport of his visit. He dwelt strongly on the subject of education, on the duty of parents to their children on that point. He spoke in very forcible terms, and asked God's blessing on those who did their duty to their children in giving them a Christian education. He pointed out, in strong terms, the results of an education devoid of the fear of God, and urged the people to do their duty by their children. He addressed the candidates for confirmation in moving terms, explaining, in a clear, simple way, the nature and effect of the sacrament he was about to confer on them, and after exhorting them never to forget their obligations as Christians and soldiers of Christ, he proceeded to give them the sacrament. At its conclusion, being divested of cope and mitre, and resuming the mozetta, his Lordship conferred the green ribbon and medal on the twenty aspirants who knelt round the altar rails for that purpose. He addressed a few practical words

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of advice and encouragement to the recipients, dwelling on the virtues they should practice, obedience and submission to parents, avoiding a love of dress, to be always neatly dressed, but to have no excessive love for it—to fit themselves for the path of life God had placed them in. He averted, in strong terms, to the advantages of a girl embracing domestic service in a good family, rather than serving in a crowded factory with all its surrounding dangers. In conclusion, he gave them his blessing. He did not forget to give the Sisters of Mercy a word of commendation on the appearance and order of the children. The children then left the church in the same order, his Lordship coming to see the procession as it wended its way round to the schoolroom. The children received each a memento of the day from the Bishop. He expressed great pleasure at their nice appearance and demeanour. Shortly afterwards his Lordship started for Auckland.

In the evening the children were present at Benediction, before which Father O'Hara gave a most impressive instruction to them, telling them never to forget the day. During Benediction the boys, with lighted tapers, knelt round the altar. This brought to a close for the children the happiest day of their lives. Some of them were overheard saying they wished it was only beginning.

## W A I T A H U N A .

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

April 28, 1895.

QUITE a rush occurred to Greenfield recently, when it was announced that payable gold had been discovered on the estate. Whatever the first prospects were like, the gold since obtained is not sufficient to keep the majority who went there on the field. The highest wages now paid there are 24s per week, and that only to a few. Most of the men are making little or nothing, and are returning as fast as they went out. Mr Cadman paid a visit to Greenfield, but saw nothing there to warrant a rush. At best they can make hardly ordinary wages.

The deputation who waited on the Minister of Mines in Waitahuna desired to have a block of land in Tuaepeka East (about 5,000 acres), the property of Mr McCormick, resumed by the Government for mining purposes. Gold in payable quantities exists there, and previous to its sale some years ago, good wages were being made off the ground. The miners also wished to mine on the railway reserve.

A deputation from the Farmer's Club placed before Mr Cadman the advantage that would accrue to the farmers should the Government withhold from sale land containing lime, or convey lime free of charge on the railways, thereby bringing it within reach of those who lived long distances from lime pits. The necessity of a Government scale of weights was also urged on the Minister and the need of a greater outlet for flood at the railway bridge, to all of which the Minister promised his attention.

Mr K. Trimble has met with the misfortune of having two sheaf stacks burned. The cause of fire is not known.

Mr Perry is about to place another dredge on the Waitahuna river at a probable cost of £2000. This speaks volumes for the success of his previous venture.

Mr Hugh McCann, an old resident at Evans' Flat, died last week. *Requiescat in pace.*

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## DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE opening night of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society was held last Wednesday evening in St Joseph's schoolroom, Dowling street, when the Very Rev Father Lynch delivered his inaugural address. The room was crowded to the doors, in addition to the members there being a large number of visitors present by invitation. The subject of the lecture was "Te Wahi Pounamu" (the land of greenstone), and was handled by the rev lecturer in a very able and eloquent manner. The lecture treated of the natural beauties of our island home, and was illustrated by a large number of sciopticon views of lake, fjord, and mountain scenery. There were over 200 views exhibited in all, and much praise is due to Mr Marsden for the skilful manner in which he manipulated the instrument. Many of the views exhibited were well calculated to appeal to the historic recollections of old Dunedinites, illustrating, as they did, Dunedin in the early days. Views of the Lake country and its many thriving industries were remarkably interesting, and were much appreciated by the audience. The audience were taken, as it were, away from Dunedin through the South Island—passing through scenes of indescribable beauty, grand mountain scenery, where nature reigns in all her primitive glory—and then back again to the city. Many of our public buildings in Dunedin and Christchurch were shown and graphically described by the rev lecturer. The racy stories, humorous anecdotes, and graphic descriptions the lecturer had to give as the various views were thrown on the screen spoke volumes of his ability, and were listened to by those present with the keenest interest. Some lovely views of St Joseph's Cathedral, and a picture of his Lordship the Bishop, were greeted with loud and prolonged applause. As a descriptive lecturer, the rev gentleman must be considered a thorough success, and it would be well in the interests of humanity if all our lecturers who from time to time appear before the public, could reach the high, refined, and intellectual standard of the Rev Father Lynch last Wednesday evening.

Mr J. B. Cailan, in proposing a vote of thanks to Father Lynch, spoke of the genuine pleasure with which he had listened to the lecture. Many of the places shown and described he had visited and he could assure all present that Father Lynch had given a really beautiful and clear description of the various views exhibited that evening.

Mr J. F. Eager, in seconding the vote, said the lecture was not only scholarly and interesting, but entertaining and amusing. He had enjoyed it thoroughly, and judging from the frequent bursts of applause, he believed all present had enjoyed it also. The lecture given was a happy innovation, and would result in much benefit to the Society. In his new role the rev president was a pronounced success.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. The rev president briefly acknowledged the vote, referring to the able manner with which Mr Marsden had done his work, and also made kindly reference to Mr Vallis for the music he had supplied that evening.

The Society has now entered its 14th year, and, judging by the enthusiasm displayed at the lecture, the present session tends to be a fruitful one. Mr J. A. Hally will deliver a paper next meeting night.

Messrs Herbert, Haynes, and Co., Prince's street, Dunedin, call attention to their materials for winter dresses. The goods will be found in every case the best of their kind, and the best value for the price.

The Catholic newspapers of France and Germany announce that Alsace is preparing a grand pilgrimage, which will reach Rome in the spring. The departure of the pilgrims from Alsace is fixed for April 29 and their return for May 18. They will assist at the feasts of the Holy Cross, St Pius V, and St John at the Latin Gate. They will be accompanied by the Bishop of Strasburg.

Speaking of Mgr. Satolli, a writer in the (Methodist) *Christian Advocate* says: "He took his place among us in a meek and humble way, and up to the present time he has never been obtrusive. Quietly and quietly he has performed his mission, and, without knowing why, without being able to explain to themselves, the people of the United States have grown to admire and esteem the 'American Pope.'"

Recent discoveries in the vicinity of Pompeii, throw light on the condition of that most interesting of all ancient cities which have come down to our days. At Pianella Settemini, a house has been discovered which was buried in the same eruption, of the year A.D. 79, which overwhelmed and entombed Pompeii, Herculaneum and Stabia. The house is complete, and consists of several chambers, amongst which are three bathrooms with baths of sculptured marble, and apparatus for the heating of water, etc. The most curious feature in this discovery is that this house has preserved its roof throughout the centuries which have elapsed since the eruption of Vesuvius which destroyed these cities, and changed the very features of the landscape in this neighbourhood. There are fourteen metres—nearly fifteen yards—of a roof remaining on this house. This is the first time in the course of the researches made with so much enlightened care during the century and a half since careful investigations began to be made here that any house with a roof has been found.

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### Irish News.

(From contemporaries.)

**Antrim.**—A land meeting was held during the week in the Protestant Hall, Antrim. It being market day, there was a large number of farmers in the hall. Admission was by ticket. The chair was occupied by Mr Samuel Black, who was heard with much enthusiasm during his speech, after which a number of resolutions bearing on the land question were adopted.

**Armagh.**—The members of the Keady Branch of the Irish National Federation met in the Town Hall on Sunday. Among those present were Rev P. McShane, president, in the chair; M. Smyth, secretary; P. Hughes, T. Woods, P. Keenan, J. McArdle, B. Fegan, B. McCann, M. Slevin, J. Slevin, F. Mullan, assistant secretary, etc. Much interest was taken in the proceedings, as posters had been extensively circulated in the locality intimating that an evicted farm was up for letting. The reverend chairman described the hardship of the eviction. The tenant, Mr Henry McArdle, had several times tendered his rent, with all arrears, but nothing but the land would satisfy the agent.

The tenants on the Ball estate, Crossmaglen, applied for 20 per cent abatement on the rent due in November. The application was supported by the Very Rev Canon McGeeney and Rev P. Kerley, who wrote that there was keen distress on the estate—the want of the very necessities of life. The agent has just informed the tenants that no reduction will be granted, because an abatement given two years ago deprived the landlord of a considerable sum.

**Carlow.**—Mr E. J. Byrne, auctioneer, 85 Tallow Street, Carlow, lately put up for sale at Johnstown a farm of forty-two acres, held at the rent of £63 a year by Mrs H. J. Sheppard, Johnstown. There was a good attendance. It was knocked down to Mr Lawrence Byrne at £455.

**Clare.**—The memorial altar to the late reverend pastor of Carrigaholt, Rev P. Brennan, has been finished, and will soon be in the parish church. It is of Gothic character, and composed of statuary, Sicilian and coloured marbles and Caen stone. Beneath the altar table is a finely carved representation of the Entombment. The inscription is as follows:—"To the memory of the Rev P. Brennan, P.P., of Carrigaholt, from December, 1886, to December, 1893.—R.I.P." The canopy rises to a considerable height, and is supported by shafts of red granite.

At the Bankruptcy Court in London, on February 7th, an application was made for a discharge in the case of J. R. Cox, ex-member for East Clare. He was in 1892 defeated in East Clare by W. Redmond, and unsuccessfully petitioned against the return, judgment being obtained against him for £2,260 costs by Mr Redmond, who is the petitioning creditor. It was urged on behalf of the bankrupt that the Irish Parliamentary party had deposited a thousand pounds to cover the costs. The Registrar suspended the discharge for two years.

**Cork.**—The Commission of the Peace for the city of Cork has been conferred on Mr Georgeson, secretary of the Cork Young Men's Christian Association, and a staunch Protestant Home Ruler. He has done much for the improvement and development of the herring and mackerel curing industry on the south and west coasts, in connection with which he employs several hundred people.

**Donegal.**—The Irish Highlands Hotel Company will open the Bundoran Hotel in May.

The honourable member for West Donegal, Mr T. D. Sullivan, has been investigating the distressful condition of his constituents. Entering at Letterkenny, he travelled through the constituency from end to end, from the Mulroy to Ardara. He applied himself in businesslike manner to the task of learning by intercourse with the people the actual condition under which existence is maintained in the distant and almost inaccessible part of Donegal. He held district

meetings as he went along, at Carrigart, at Dunfanaghy, at Gweedore, at Kinkaslough and at Dungloe.

Thomas F. Brady appeals, through the *Freeman's Journal*, for aid for the families of the five fishermen of Arranmore Island, who were drowned in January. He says: "One man left a widow, two young girls aged one and two, and another expected soon to be born. Another left a widow and one child, and another expected to be born in a few weeks; also an old father and mother, who are worse than children, and a delicate sister. Another left an old mother, aged seventy, and one sister. Another, aged nineteen, left a father, mother, and seven brothers and sisters, all younger than himself. This poor fellow was home from Scotland only four days. It was his first night to go out fishing after his return. Whatever money he had earned during his three or four months in Scotland, after paying for a net for himself, was in a purse in his pocket when drowned, and has been lost. Another man left a father and mother, both feeble, a brother and two young sisters. This poor family also lost the boat, which was a new one." Any contributions may be lodged in the National Bank, Dublin, to Mr Brady's credit, marked "Drowned Fisherman's Fund," or sent direct to him at 11 Percy Place, Dublin.

**Down.**—Speaking at Mayobridge on Sunday, Mr John Dillon, M.P., urged unity and activity among Nationalists. He refuted statements of Mr Redmond as to the reason of Mr Gladstone's retirement, and said instead of spreading false tales and lying stories about Mr Gladstone, Mr Redmond and his friends would be far better and more patriotic if they were to listen to the counsel of that wise old man and give up faction.

**Dublin.**—The Irish Parliamentary Fund has received a splendid impetus in response to Mr Justin M'Carthy's appeal. The Hon Edward Blake, M.P., heads the list with a subscription of £100, and among the others are Lady Winifred Robinson, per Mr Dillon, M.P., £40; Mr Thomas E. O'Brien, Lord-Lieutenant of County Limerick, per Mr Dillon, M.P., £50; Mr Edward Cuming, B.L., per Mr Justin M'Carthy, £10, and Mr Thomas Hassan, Belfast, per Mr M'Cartan, M.P., £10.

The shareholders of the Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Company are satisfied with the report presented at the last half yearly meeting. The rent for the period was £12,548 3s 4d, showing an increase compared with previous half year of £446 4s. A dividend at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum was adopted. The balance, £2,731 15s 6d, carried to the depreciation fund, which now stands at £35,093 8s 7d. The company's dwellings now number 1,978. Fifty-eight new houses are in progress of being built, and the plans of eighty-nine additional ones are ready.

**Fermanagh.**—Mr Justice Monroe, speaking in the Land Court, Dublin, recently stated it was useless to put up landed property for sale, as just now the public do not know what they are purchasing. The attempted sale of estates on which there are tenants proved in recent years a waste of time and money.

Patrick Maguire, member of the Boho Branch of the Irish National Federation, was recently evicted from his holding on the Leestrange estate. Maguire offered half the amount due, but it was not accepted.

**Galway.**—Work was commenced at the premises of the new woollen factory, Galway, last week. Men were employed to clear the place and prepare it for the necessary changes required in the mills in order to make them suited to the business. There is ample space for a fine large factory, and room to spare. It has the advantage of being about the finest of the premises within the town that could be selected. No time will be lost in making the buildings suitable for the reception of machinery.

On Sunday a great national demonstration was held at Brehilly, near Athenry, which is on the outskirts of Mr John Roche's constituency, and touches North Galway, for which Colonel Nolan, M.P., sits. A notable feature was the presence of a very large number of Colonel Nolan's tenants, also many persons who hitherto supported the Redmondites. The object of the meeting was to protest against

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the eviction of Miss Graham from her farm by Mr Dodwell, a landowner in the district.

**Longford.**—The new election of Commissioners for Longford, ordered by the Queen's Bench Division on account of irregularities at the annual contest, took place during the week. The result was a majority for the Redmondite and Tory parties. It is notorious that those two parties are in coalition in Longford, as is demonstrated by the fact that the expenses of the respondents in the petition suit were partly defrayed by the latter. Mr John Quinn was the presiding officer. After the declaration of the poll a very noisy gang of Redmondites crowded into the jury room, and acted in the most disgraceful manner.

**Louth.**—Mr Peter Lynch, a member of the Irish National Federation, has been appointed a Justice of Peace for the county. He was High Sheriff for the town of Drogheda for 1894.

**Monaghan.**—At the coroner's inquest held in Monaghan, on the 7th ult, into the circumstances connected with the death of Frederick H. Galway and James R. Cowan through the ice accident at Castleblayney, it transpired that Mr Galway acted most heroically, and lost his life in endeavouring to save that of his companion. A farmer named James H. Armstrong stated that he was in the field upon his farm, when he saw two men skating towards him along the shore. The two men first went down through the ice. He saw Mr Galway clamber out on the ice and go on his hands and knees part of the way to the shore. Mr Galway then took off his skates and proceeded to break a branch of a tree. He (Mr Galway) then went with the branch towards where his companion was clinging to the ice, and the ice either broke or he was dragged into the water when attempting to save his companion. The verdict was "accidental drowning."

**Queen's County.**—At the Maryborough Quarter Sessions lately the Marquis of Lansdowne of Luggacurren eviction fame had an ejection against one of his plasters, named Samuel W. McDowell, for non-payment of rent. The defendant held part of the lands of Luggacurren known as Manger and Ferney Hill, at a yearly rent of £36. It appeared there was £65 10s due. A decree for possession was given.

**Sligo.**—Recently an eviction was carried out on the estate of Mr L'Estrange of Sligo. The scene of the eviction lies in the townland of Leitrim, near Derrygonnelly, in Fermanagh County. The victim is Patrick Maguire, a local Nationalist. The rent of the farm was £17 per annum; amount due at the date of the eviction, three and one-half years' rent, one-half of which was actually offered Mr L'Estrange, provided a settlement would be granted. This offer would not be accepted, consequently the eviction was carried into effect. Only a few months ago Mr Maguire's sister was evicted for non-payment of rent, the two-thirds of which was offered in case of settlement. Her hay was bought by the bailiff of the landlord. Hence the great demonstration at Boher—at which Mr Davitt attended—condemnatory of grass-grabbing.

**Tipperary.**—Thurles Town Commissioners are about erecting a town hall. A long-felt want will then be no longer felt.

**Tyrone.**—Very Rev Emile Piche, of Armagh, delivered a lecture in the Catholic Hall, Cookstown, recently, on "Irish and French Canadians in the Province of Quebec." Rev J. Rock, pastor, Clone, presided. A large and appreciative audience was present. In the course of his very interesting discourse he said: "With homes, having families of fifteen and twenty children the French element in Canada began to tell, and the few English and Scotch families scattered here and there were soon assimilated, and I may say that our Canadian great-grandmothers played the same trick over the hearts of the victors as the fair girls of Tipperary did over the Ironsides of Cromwell. They surrendered without conditions and became more Canadian than the Canadians themselves."

Nationalists in this county generously subscribed during last year the sum of £328 to assist the national cause: Evicted Tenants' Fund, £259; Parliamentary Fund, £69.

**Waterford.**—Mr John Redmond, M.P., for Waterford City, has received an invitation to speak before Cambridge Union Society, in the University of Cambridge, on the Irish question, and has accepted.

**Westmeath.**—Farracullen farm of pasture land, containing 60 acres, 2 roods, 29 perches, was put up for sale by Mr Frank Cleary, auctioneer, Mullingar, and was knocked down to Mr Michael Duffy for £300.

### MR DAVITT'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

(Melbourne *Advocate*, April 13.)

WITH one notable exception, there is not a living Irishman who has rendered his country greater services than Michael Davitt has done. During many years he has suffered and worked for Ireland with unsurpassed constancy, courage, and ability. If all that he has either undertaken or accomplished in that cause were summed up, it would be found that his record is, at the least, equal to that of the foremost of his colleagues. He dared all for his native land when very many of the best of her sons believed, rightly or wrongly, that by daring much, they could free her from the English yoke. And when the desperate enterprise in which they engaged terminated in their discomfiture, his courage and his hopes survived the bitter consequences of failure. He met his fate as a brave man should who had calculated the odds and deliberately risked them. Short of torturing him to death, his gaolers resorted to every cruel device for breaking down his spirit that a cunning malignity could suggest, and in a moral sense he went unscathed through the terrible ordeal. He emerged from the English bastille a physical wreck, but unsubdued and unsullied, with his faith as strong as ever in the coming redemption of his native land, and with his determination to aid in it as strong as ever.

With his deliverance from Portland Gaol, what may be described as the first chapter in Mr Davitt's eventful life terminated. The face of Ireland, in a national sense, had undergone a great change during his captivity; when he now renewed his acquaintance with the views of his countrymen he found that their hopes no longer rested on what might be accomplished by armed resistance to English domination. On that point, but on no other, public opinion had very much altered. The doctrine that a nation's freedom should not be purchased at the sacrifice of life had made no headway, but the conviction had been reached that it could not be thus secured by Irishman, the odds being too many against them. The way to liberty was by other methods and Michael Davitt was quick to perceive that land-lordism should be successfully attacked before any great progress could be made in the new mode of warfare. Accordingly he set himself to that task, and in its performance exhibited an inventive genius such as had not before been employed in the agrarian troubles of any people, though troubles of the kind are as old as settled society itself. He became the father of the Land League, and an engine more powerful than that organisation for resisting oppression and curbing cupidity had never before been employed. Mr Davitt was not the first Irishman to see that a vicious land system was at the bottom of the worst of Ireland's troubles, and that the cure of that blight would constitute a first and an important step towards the political regeneration of the country. But he it was who first convinced the Irish tenant farmers that, without resorting to unconstitutional or criminal proceedings, they could fight their extortionate landlords with a fair prospect of success, and who showed them how they were to conduct the great defensive campaign he had planned out for them. Others had previously impressed on the harassed tenants that without combination they could do nothing against the powerful landocracy which, with the support of the Government, tyrannised over them, and robbed them, but Michael Davitt was really the first Irishman who taught them how to so combine that they could not be conquered in detail. Sprung from the people, his sympathies were warmly with the people, and his mother wit, painfully stimulated by the wrongs his own family had endured at the hands of merciless

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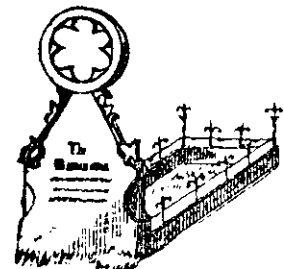
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Irish landlordism, succeeded in devising a scheme of resistance far more effective than the most learned land reformer had previously recommended. Astute lawyers had bestowed thought and time on the problem, and had worked up in some instances agitations from which great results were anticipated; but to the tenant farmers of Ireland Michael Davitt unquestionably rendered more service than any other man.

His services to Ireland have not, however, been confined to the land question. He has constantly co-operated with the National party in their broader aims, and, as a candid, but friendly and honest critic of their policy, he has been one of its most useful members.

Our coming visitor has also played an active part in English labour movements, and has succeeded in convincing the working classes of Great Britain that his sympathies are most earnestly with them in their efforts to emancipate themselves from the government of the classes, and to improve their own condition. He has cordially and usefully worked with them for the attainment of these objects, and has so won their confidence and esteem as no Irishman, patriotic as he is, had ever before done. He is a reformer of broad sympathies, which embrace the working classes of all nations, and hence it is that the Trades' Hall Council has on these grounds resolved to give him a most cordial welcome.

Mr Davitt does not come to Australia with any political object in view.

The manager of this journal, Mr Joseph Winter, received, on the 5th inst, a cable message from Mr Michael Davitt announcing that gentleman's intention to pay his long projected visit to Australia. The message was dated from London, 4th April, and Mr Davitt was to embark at once for Adelaide. The visit will be in no sense political. In a newspaper speculation Mr Davitt was a heavy loser, and he has also been put to great expense in law costs, the result being that his position financially is not an altogether easy one. There is a short way out of the difficulties so occasioned, but he will not take it; he prefers the harder and more honourable course. His object in visiting Australia is to carry out a lecturing tour, in which he will deal with several subjects of broad interest

named St Gerald, who died in 697, became the patron of the County Mayo. Another named St Beretchert or Carry-the-Right, otherwise, though in error, known as St Benjamin, had his abode at Tally-lease in the County Cork—where his "pattern" still continues to be held. A legend explaining the Saint's name is, in effect, that to confute a Druid who opposed his teaching, he suffered, in company with his opponent, the ordeal of fire—a hut which they entered together being burned over their heads. The Druid was consumed but the Saint escaped untouched. The fact, meantime, that Anglo-Saxon saints were settled in Ireland, and that their memories are still honoured there seems of no little interest.

It is interesting to know, by existing remains and earlier accounts (says a recent author), that the primitive Irish monasteries were of the same type as those of Egypt and Syria, consisting of scattered huts or cells grouped round a church or oratory of a humble character, and surrounded by a stone wall (*cashel*), or by an earthen rampart (*rath, dun, or lis*), with a ditch, and on the top a palisade and quick hedge for exclusive enclosure, and for defence against robbers and wild beasts. And it may probably have been safety as well as solitude that so often recommended islands to the Celtic monks as sites for monasteries. In Ireland the cells were often wooden or wattle huts, but not uncommonly of stone, and of "bee-hive" form, made by laying each course a little within the one below, until the top was covered in. . . . The little churches or oratories were invariably oblong, without chancels; when of stone they were at first roofed on the same principle as the bee-hive cells, the construction of the arch not being understood till much later. And the description of early Irish monasteries would serve for those of Egypt and Syria. . . . There is, however, no reason for supposing that all the buildings in Ireland were directly copied from those in the East. It was (or may have been) rather that the same mode of life required similar buildings, and a similar stage in civilisation required the same methods of construction.

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and pressing importance at the present time. And as the lecturer in this case will be a gentleman who, as a public man, is regarded with uncommon interest, and as a private individual is much respected, and, in addition to that, is known to be a good speaker and a clear thinker, it may, we think, be anticipated that the object of his visit will be very fully realised.

The Irish race should not be incensible to the obligations under which their countrymen, who are devoting their time, talents, and energy to the national cause, have placed them. In the front rank of these sons of Erin, who are keeping the flag flying, and are carrying it forward, stands Michael Davitt, and they are not true Irishmen who would not gather round him, and promote his interests when the opportunity for doing so happily presents itself.

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

HERR KUNO MEYER, in the *Gaelic Journal* for March, quotes from the *Leabhar Breac* the rule of Mochuta of Bathen for teaching the commandments. It dates from the ninth century, and well bears on the reputation for sanctity and scholarship deserved by Ireland in those early ages. The duties of a Christian are summed up, pithily and in polished metre, in the form of a poem of eight verses. As an example we take the fourth verse—which, we may add, might be studied with advantage by the young people of the period, as it was, no doubt, by those of the golden days in which it was written:—

Airmitiu do thustide  
Timarna in ni,  
Ocus ceib ceis is gruthiu  
As siam ol m-bi.

Honour to thy parents  
The King ordains,  
And to everyone that is senior  
And older than thou art.

A recent number of the *Journal of the Cork Archaeological Society* gives some account of certain Anglo-Saxon saints who, in the seventh and ninth centuries, were settled in Ireland. One of them,

If Mrs Beecher Stowe speaks the truth the literature of Ireland must be reckoned as confined to the Irish manuscripts remaining from the earlier ages:—"The literature of a people," she says, "must spring from the sense of its nationality, and nationality is impossible without self-respect, and self-respect is impossible without liberty."

It is generally accepted, and no doubt with good reason, that Ireland had possessed no literature before her conversion to Christianity. This, nevertheless, must seem somewhat strange when the advanced state to which art had attained among the pagan inhabitants is taken into consideration. Still stranger does it appear if we recall the fact that in those prehistoric times, a method of writing undoubtedly existed—remnants of which are still to be seen. We allude to the Ogam whose letters were represented by lines cut in stone or wood. In this way 18 single letters, two combined consonants (ng and et), and five diphthongs were in use. Those inscribed on wood have, of course, perished, but many of the stone records, marking the burial of kings or heroes, still remain, and probably more are yet to be found. Indeed we learn from the Cork publication to which we have already referred that an Ogham stone, has recently been found built into the wall of a church in Cornwall—for the writing in question was not confined to the Celts of Ireland. Another stone of the same kind, it would seem, had previously been found in the same place. There appears to be room, therefore, for wonder as to why the ancient Irish had not made some further advance in the direction of letters. Dr Douglas Hyde, besides, tells us that the wealth of early Irish native prosodical terms seems to him some proof of a pre-Christian culture.

Irishmen abroad (says the appeal of the Dublin Gaelic League) should bear in mind that the Irish Language is the one substantial barrier between our race and gradual absorption into the vast and undistinguished mass of English-speaking people, a process that has already gone far too far. The present is the time, and the only time, for action. We confidently rely on our kinsmen abroad for support, and we as confidently undertake that that support, if accorded, will be used prudently, energetically, and effectively.

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### WELLINGTON.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

April 27, 1895.

ON Wednesday, 24th inst., at St Mary's of the Angels, Boulcott street, the marriage of Miss Lucy M. McDonald, third daughter of the late Mr A. McDonald, Manners street, Wellington, to Mr J. Ward (Hokitika), officer of the Treasury Department, was celebrated by the Rev Father Ainsworth, college companion of the bridegroom. The ceremony, which included the Nuptial Mass, was attended by several relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was dressed in white Indian muslin, trimmed with lace and silk, and carried a shower bouquet, presented by the Misses Ross, Lambton, Quay. The bridesmaids were Miss McDonald and Miss Alice McDonald (sisters), and Misses Gibbs and Vincent, cousins of the bride. The elder bridesmaids wore dresses of fawn trimmed with green silk and hats to match, and the younger were attired in cream and cashmere and silk hats. Mr F. Gormley was best man. The presents were numerous and handsome, and the young couple received the congratulations of a host of friend who assembled at Mrs McDonald's, Manners street, to celebrate the occasion. The newly-married couple intend to spend a holiday at Hokitika, the birthplace of the bridegroom.

The total receipts of the Operatic Bazaar in the Skating Rink amount to nearly £700. Mr J. Kearsley, junr., musician, Mr Holcroft, secretary of the bazaar, and the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the operatic performances, are deserving of the warmest thanks of all interested in the recent exhibition.

seats. The Rev Father Donnelly sang the 11 o'clock Mass, and assisted his Grace at all the services. Miss Culby presided at the organ, Miss Gibbs, of Wellington, and Miss Murphy, of Petone, sang the principal solos, and the children sang hymns.

The *Evening Post*, Wellington, writes as follows:—

On Sunday last the Catholic Church at Pahautanui was re-opened after being enlarged, renovated, and repaired. His Grace Archbishop Redwood preached eloquent sermons at 8 and 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., when he administered Confirmation and gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. His Grace arrived on Saturday at Paramata by the 2 o'clock train, and was met at the station with a carriage and pair by the Rev Father Donnelly and a number of buggies, traps, and horsemen, who escorted the Archbishop to the Catholic church. On arriving at the church the congregation met his Grace at the gate and three hearty cheers were given him. His Grace thanked the people for their reception, and after inspecting the church, examined the children in the Christian doctrine, Catechism, and Scripture. On Sunday an address was read to his Grace by Mr John Murphy, on behalf of the Catholics of Pahautanui, and to this the Archbishop thanked them, and congratulated them on the great improvements made since he was last there in their church, and commended the energy and generosity of Father Donnelly, who had arranged the improvements with such taste and convenience. The church is lighted by twelve new stained glass windows, representing the evangelists and different saints in full life-size figures, which are remarkably beautiful. This portion of the work was executed by Mr Carter, of Martin and Co., Manners street, in excellent style. His Grace praised the alterations and improvements made in the building by the firm of Messrs Palmer and Edwards, which work has been done in a most artistic and satisfactory manner, making it appear quite a new church. (The same firm has just completed a new Catholic church at Johnsonville, which is one of the finest churches of its type in New Zealand.) The Pahautanui church was crowded at each of the services on Sunday, and a large number of members of other denominations attended. The children looked remarkably well in their wreaths and white veils, as they took their places in the front

with devotional effect. His Grace the Archbishop and clergy were the guests of Mrs Abbott during their stay at Pahautanui. Sunday was delightfully fine, and numbers came in brakes and traps from Petone, the Hutt, and Oharia. His Grace the Archbishop left for Wellington at 5 p.m., but before leaving promised to return and give a mission for a week, at his earliest convenience.

The Very Rev Father Devoy is about to take a well-earned holiday, during which he will probably visit Sydney.

A conversazione will be given the bazaar assistants on Wednesday evening next.

### WESTPORT.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE drama of "Fabiola" was performed by the pupils attending the Convent High School on Easter Monday night. This first appeal of the Sisters of Mercy to the public of Westport was responded to very liberally by all classes of the community, and they were amply repaid for their generosity. Having been present at a dress rehearsal, for which pleasure I take this opportunity of thanking the good Sisters for their kind invitation, I anticipated a treat on the night of the performance, and was not disappointed, as the whole performance from beginning to end went without a single hitch. All were letter perfect in their parts, each identifying herself with the part she represented, and the audience showed their appreciation by frequent outbursts of applause. The entertainment on the whole was, as the Very Rev Father Walshe, P.P., stated in returning thanks on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, to the city band, and all who had so kindly given their services gratuitously—a novelty to the people of Westport, and a credit to the pupils of the High School and their teachers. The music between the scenes was most excellent. A general wish has been expressed to have the performance repeated for the benefit of the parish school, which is sadly in need of funds, owing to the general depression all over the district. The following is a list of the young ladies taking part in the entertainment, and the characters they represented:—Fabiola (a Roman nobleman), Miss McCarthy; Fabiola (daughter of Fabius), Miss Snodgrass; Agnes (kinswoman of Fabiola) Miss J. Lempfert; Afris, Gracia, Syra (slaves in household of Fabiola), Misses A. Pain, T. Sontgen, and A. O'Gorman; Fulvius (a Syrian, sojourning at Rome), Miss Young; Sebastian (an officer in the Imperial Court), Miss A. O'Callaghan; Pancratius (a youth, son of Lucina) Miss A. Pain; Quadratus (a centurian in Sebastian's troops), Miss L. Radford; Corvinus (son of Tertullus), Miss T. Pain; Proculus (a friend of Fabius), Miss A. O'Gorman; Diogenes (an old man), Miss B. McPadden; Hermann, or Arminius (a sentinel), Miss A. O'Callaghan; Tertullus (Prefect of Rome), Miss M. Terry; guards, etc., etc. Music between scenes:—Overture, "Semiramis," Misses A. Fair and M. Sontgen; chorus, "Music and song," pupils; pianoforte duet, "Fairy Queen," Misses S. Snodgrass, A. Young, N. McElwee, and J. Lempfert; piano solo, "American airs," Misses M. Sontgen and E. Young; chorus, "Moonlight on the lake," pupils; pianoforte duet, "Zampa," Misses E. Young, S. Snodgrass, A. Fair, and M. Sontgen; pianoforte trio, Misses J. Lempfert, A. Fair, L. Gothard, N. McElwee, B. McPadden, and K. Ryan; chorus, "Come where the lilies bloom," pupils; pianoforte duet, "Caliph of Bagdad," Misses Maddison, M. Ferguacn, S. Snodgrass, and M. Sontgen; pianoforte solo, "Waves in a storm," Misses Fair and Sontgen; final chorus, "Good-night," pupils.

Lent being over, the marriage season has commenced by our P.P. performing that important ceremony in the interests of Mr James Tee, of the Railway department, who took for his bride Margaret, the second daughter of Mr John Sherlock, borough overseer, and, if my memory serves me correctly, the 31st grand child of a very old admirer of the TABLET, Mrs M. Sherlock, who is still hale and hearty, and enjoyed the wedding festivities. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Kate McLaughlin, and the bridegroom by the bride's brother, Mr James Sherlock. The church was tastefully decorated, and Miss Boylan played the wedding march. Showers of rice and hearty good wishes from all accompanied the young couple as they took their departure from the church.

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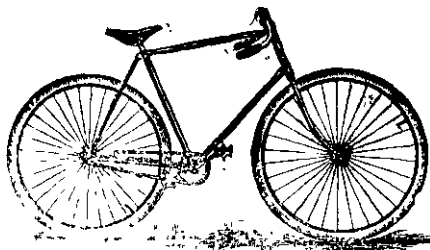
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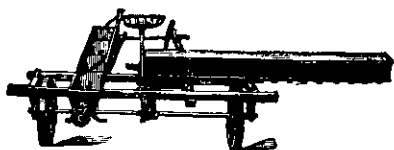
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