

The author or authoress of "Passing Notes" in the *Otago Daily Times* devotes a deal of space to the Stead-Croke interview. There is very little worthy of serious comment in the harmless skit, except perhaps the assertion that only convent schools have been examined by the Otago Board's Inspector. What about the boys school, Oamaru? The boys of the Catholic school in Oamaru are not by any means the only boys attending Catholic schools in the diocese of Dunedin who were examined last year by the Board Inspectors. The policy of the *Times* editorially and otherwise is to minimise the significance of Catholic claims. The educational "Roman Catholic position need not be considered,"—thus speaks the oracle. Folly is not confined to "Passing Notes."

New processes and improved machinery are reviving the mining industry in New Zealand. The Ross United intends to raise £34,000 to put the deep levels in full working order, and has hope of obtaining a subsidy of £10,000 from Government. Dredging on the Molyneux is going ahead. The *Cromwell Argus* says:—"It is currently reported that £500 has been refused for a half share in the Electric Company's dredge. The face value of the half share is £150. The electric Company have definitely decided to place two more dredges on the river before Christmas. Their returns are still excellent—From the portion of channel washed up by the Pipeclay Company 180oz of gold were obtained." Recent cables show that there is an upward tendency in the London market in regard to mining investments in this Colony:

A MAN who was sued for his newspaper subscription at Melbourne pleaded that, though he had received the paper, he had never ordered it. Asked the judge: "If a baker left a loaf of bread at your door, and you took and ate it, would you pay for that?" Defendant: "Certainly, your Honour; but that is a different thing." His Honour: "Not at all. You eat the loaf and devour the newspaper. Verdict for amount with costs."

THE Brisbane correspondent of the *Sydney Freeman* thus refers to the Bishop-designate of Dunedin:—"The appointment, by the Holy See, of Monsignor Verdon to the vacant Bishopric of Dunedin has been received here with much pleasure. The unique personality of Dr Verdon leaves no room for cavil, or any doubt of the fitness of so distinguished a priest for this high office. The new Bishop will bring to his diocese all that culture, refinement, and administrative ability which have been his characteristics during life. Moreover, he will be able, by tact and judgment, to conciliate the many and varied difficulties which, in a new land, and in a mixed community, will be ever cropping up. He will be a tower of strength, both as a bishop and a citizen, in the land and among the people whose good fortune it is to have over them so very able and distinguished an ecclesiastic."

VISCOUNT MASSARENE, of Ferrara, who is going to spend some time in touring New Zealand with his eldest son, the Hon Oriel Sheffington (says the *Sydney Freeman*), is an Irish nobleman, and dates his lineage back to the reign of Henry VIII. Sir William Sheffington was appointed by the much-married King, his Majesty's Commissioner to Ireland, empowered to restrain the exactions of the soldiers. Viscount Massarene was born in 1843, and married in 1870 the only child of Major Whyte-Melville. The Hon Oriel Sheffington is 24 years of age. The name of Massarene is familiar to Irish ears of late years, chiefly on account of the harsh evictions on the Massarene estate.

MADAME ANTOINETTE TREBELLI, one of the sweetest and most celebrated singers of Europe, has arrived in New Zealand, and on Wednesday next, the 18th inst, will make her first appearance in the Colony at the Garrison Hall, on which occasion she will be assisted by the full strength of the Liedertafel, as well as by other favourite artists, amongst whom we may specially mention Mr Arthur Salvini, our popular tenor: Madlle Trebelli comes of a distinguished musical family. Her mother was the late *La grande* Trebelli, the incomparable operatic contralto, and her father, Signor Bettini, the tenor so long connected with the principal opera houses of London and the Continent. Apart from her brilliant and highly cultivated voice Madlle Trebelli's charm of manner and fascinating style immediately secure for her the warmest sympathy of her audience. In speaking of her first appearance in Sydney the *Morning Herald* says: "The debut of so distinguished a singer as Madlle Trebelli stamps 1895 as an *annus mirabilis*"; and the Press generally place her in the front rank of great singers who have visited these colonies.

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Dar is many a rule, says Uncle Sam, wat won't work bofe ways. Whiskey will produce a headache, but a headache won't produce whiskey.

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ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE Mission conducted here by His Grace Archbishop Redwood last week was well attended. Each evening His Grace delivered a most eloquent sermon, and during the latter part of the week was assisted in hearing confessions by Rev Fathers Golden (Patea) and Cognet (New Plymouth). On Sunday first Mass was celebrated by His Grace, who administered first Holy Communion to about thirty children. At the second Mass Very Rev Father Mulvihill officiated, and at the conclusion His Grace gave Conformation to fifty-three candidates. His Grace then spoke at considerable length on the Sacred Heart Association, exhorting all who did not already belong to it to join.

In the afternoon the opening and blessing of the new convent took place. At half-past two the town band, under Bandmaster Higham, played several choice selections in their well-known good style, and at three o'clock the procession left St Joseph's Presbytery in the same order as on the laying of the foundation-stone. After this ceremony Miss K. Whitaker read the following address to His Grace the Most Rev Dr Redwood, S.M., Archbishop of Wellington, Metropolitan, etc:—"My Lord Archbishop,—On behalf of the Sisters, we, the children attending St Joseph's schools, beg to bid Your Grace cordial welcome to the new convent, and humbly ask your blessing not only on the building but also on ourselves and our parents. During the past eleven years the dear Sisters have had to put up with many inconveniences; but necessity has no law. When we remember that the Very Rev Father Mulvihill had to buy this ground, construct the convent out of the material at hand, and furnish the building, etc, the wonder is, not that the convent was so poor, but that one soul could effect so much. We have now a convent of which we are proud. As far as we know, there has been nothing left undone to make it what it ought to be—a home for our dear Sisters. We thank Your Grace for laying the foundation-stone; we thank you for blessing the building to-day. In fine, we hope always to remain Your Grace's most respectful and dutiful children.—The pupils of St Joseph's schools, Hawera."

In his reply to the address of the children of St Joseph's School, Hawera, his Grace Archbishop Redwood said:—

CONGRATULATION.

"My dear children and Sisters, I am very grateful to you indeed for the very kind address you have just read to me. When I was here before to lay the foundation stone of your convent I expressed to you feelings of sympathy in respect of the inadequate manner in which you had been lodged up to that time. I hoped, I said, shortly to see a convent in keeping with the needs of the Sisters and with their merits and deserts. And now to day I have to address you words of congratulation. I congratulate the Sisters very much on the beautiful convent erected for them, and I also congratulate very much those who have been the instruments in God's hands of erecting this building. I congratulate especially the parish priest, who has been all heart and soul in this work; now he sees his efforts crowned with the most perfect success.

DETERMINATION OF CATHOLICS.

"This convent is a home now fit for the Sisters who are engaged in teaching the Catholic schools of this parish; and it is another proof, a substantial proof, of the determination of the Catholics in this Colony, whenever they have the means to see that their children receive complete education—that they shall not only be trained in their intellect and in the knowledge they require for the purposes of this life, but also trained in their consciences and their characters and in the rules of their holy faith, so that they may be prepared for another world, a world of far higher importance than this, because this world will soon pass away, but the other world is eternal, and there we have to spend our eternity. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we should be prepared for that world, and we Catholics know well that it is impossible to be virtuous, to aspire to a higher life, and to go forward to a higher civilisation unless men's souls, consciences, and characters are trained by a knowledge of the revealed truth of God, the principles of religion. That is why we are determined that our children shall be brought up in an atmosphere of religion, that not only shall their intellects be enlightened, but that their whole being shall be educated.

CHILDREN MUST NOT BE LOP-SIDED.

"We are determined that they shall not be lop-sided. A child which is simply instructed how to read and write and sum, and is given little or no instruction in manners and morals and none in religion, is not being truly educated; and it is simply impossible that such a child should be so armed as to be able to come forth victorious in the terrible strife of good against evil in which he has to take part all his life. We know by long experience that it is impossible without teaching religion to educate people in a proper manner; and also we know it is impossible to preserve the foundations of our

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