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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

QUITE recently we had an illustration of the anti-CATHOLIC Catholic animus that dominates a certain section of the American Press and of the eagerness with which it seizes on every opportunity to sow discord and dissension among the hierarchy of the Church. No sooner had the untruthfulness of the stories so industriously circulated regarding the retirement of Bishop Keane been completely demonstrated than a fresh series of fictions was manufactured regarding the position of Archbishop Ireland. Archbishop Ireland, in his capacity as a citizen, had made a definite and outspoken pronouncement in favour of McKinley's return as President. As an ecclesiastic he took no part in the campaign, nor did any of his priests, and the subject was never mentioned in the pulpit. What he said was said simply as a man and a citizen. Nevertheless it was sufficient to set the busy bodies going. It was soon discovered that even before Cardinal Satolli left America there was "serious dissension between him and Archbishop Ireland," that Archbishop Ireland had "ceased to be a *persona grata* at the Vatican," that he was believed to have committed "grave errors in dogma," that "Cardinals who were his earnest supporters now speak of him in language which had better be moderated," and finally, that he was to be promptly disciplined and summarily removed from the high office he held in the Church. The refutation came sooner than was expected. At the very time when the papers were trying to eclipse each other in the matter of "rumours" about Archbishop Ireland, that prelate himself received a letter from Cardinal Satolli, in which the following passage occurred.—"I arrived in Rome, Saturday, October 31, and the following day, Sunday, I had the greatest happiness to be admitted to an audience with the Holy Father. Many things were discussed, but I wish at once to repeat to you what was said about yourself. I did not fail to state fully to the Holy Father how sincerely and loyally you are devoted to the Holy See and to the pleasure of the Holy Father himself, with what zeal and success you ceaselessly labour in all things that turn to the advantage of the Catholic Church in the United States. I added that this zeal and the success would surely be increased in the future." Shortly after, the report of an interview with Bishop Keane appeared in the *New York Herald*, in which even more explicit testimony is given to the cordial relations between Archbishop Ireland and the Vatican. We have space for only a single extract—"Is there any danger at all that he will be affected by these rumours or efforts?" was asked. "None in the least," said Bishop Keane. "Archbishop Ireland is more powerful to-day than he ever was before. I myself have seen documents from Rome showing beyond a doubt that he is in higher favour than ever. Archbishop Ireland grows stronger the more he is attacked, and it will always prove that way." After such a declaration from one who is a recognised authority on the relations between the Vatican and America, the enemies of Archbishop Ireland might reasonably be expected to hold their peace. It must be gratifying to them to know that their efforts have only resulted in strengthening the Archbishop's position, and in increasing the high favour in which he was already regarded by the Holy See.

THE Catholic Church is making rapid progress in A GOVERNOR'S Ceylon and the various religious and educational TRIBUTE TO institutions on the island are full of vigour and THE CATHOLIC vitality. The formal opening of a new Catholic CHURCH. college at Colombo took place recently in the presence of a very large assemblage. Sir West Ridgeway, Governor of Ceylon presided at the function and in the course of his opening remarks he paid the following tribute to the value of the work done by the Church in the matter of education:—"I have served Her Majesty in many quarters of the world and I have seen with surprise and delight the marvellous manner in

which your Church, without help from the State, and very often without help from the rich has erected beautiful churches, cathedrals and colleges in all parts of the world. The College is no exception, and I congratulate Colombo on the fact that you have not ignored the claims of æsthetics and, instead of being, as many educational institutions are, an eyesore, it is a striking and a pleasing feature in a beautiful landscape. I am glad to be here to-day as governor of this island, not only to congratulate you but myself also on the establishment of another institution for the carrying on of the higher education of the youth of this country and so to qualify them for advancement in Government employ. I am not only here to congratulate you on this but also on possessing this beautiful building and on the prospects which I see in store for you. I wish to express my appreciation and recognition of the noble work which your Church is doing in the cause of education, and I fully recognise the obligation under which Government lies to the religious bodies which have undertaken the burden of educational work in this country, and I, for one, do not grudge the expenditure to which, I think, Father Lytton alluded. The unity and harmony which prevail among all denominations in the propagation of education in this island is most pleasing and must be most edifying to those who live around us: and I congratulate you on the establishment of that Educational Association to which reference has been made. That is a most unselfish wish on my part, for I know the aim and object of this Association will be to put pressure on me, and I know it will exercise a strong pull, a long pull and a pull altogether which it will be very difficult for me to resist."

A SHORT time ago we referred to the pressing need of a good cheap Catholic literature, and we are glad to see that the Catholic Truth Society of ENGLAND. England is making an energetic effort to meet LITERATURE. that necessity. The half-yearly meeting of the Society was held recently, and the report presented on the occasion shows that during the past six months valuable additions have been made to almost all the publications in every department. Two or three cheap books—the most important being Father Luke Rivington's edition of Milner's "End of Controversy"—have been issued. In England, America, and the Continent, the reviews have spoken very highly of the edition. All references have been very carefully verified in its publication, and a very full and satisfactory index has been given. It would have been impossible to produce the book at the surprisingly cheap price charged by the Society—one shilling and one shilling and sixpence—had it not been for a generous benefactor who gave £50 towards the expenses. With regard to the new edition of "Church History," no fewer than 1800 of these out of 5000 were destroyed by the fire at the printers. Generous friends, however, came forward with special donations, and the new publication has now been completed. Two other important works, smaller in size, are a translation of M. Harmel's book on labour, which has received the very highest approbation from the ecclesiastical authorities in France and Belgium, and which is generally admitted to be an admirable statement of the relations between capital and labour from a Catholic as well as a practical point of view. The second work is one by Abbot Snow, which has been very well received and reviewed, and which seems to offer an important solution of some of the difficulties which surround the labour question. We are glad to note that the department of fiction has also received some attention from the Society. A volume of tales by Lady Herbert of Lea has been published, and a second volume will be ready shortly. A shilling volume of a Swiss story, as it appeared in the *Catholic Magazine* has been published. A large number of purely controversial and of devotional works have also been issued by the Society. We trust that by the enterprise of the Catholic booksellers throughout the Colony the whole of these most useful publications will be brought within easy reach of the people. For the purpose of distribution among interested non-Catholic friends the C.T.S. publications are unsurpassed.

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(IMPROVED AROMATIC.)

THE latest freak of Protestantism in America is CONGLOMERATE the invention and practice of a ceremony which ORDINATION. has been aptly described as "Conglomerate Ordination." It is apparently intended as a solution of the vexed question of the validity of Orders outside the Catholic Church, and if comprehensiveness can avail to secure validity these "conglomerate" Protestants are certainly safe. This new ordination ceremony appears to consist in the united imposition of hands on the candidate for "Holy Orders" by representatives of all the non-Catholic denominations that can be mustered together, no matter how diverse and conflicting may be their practices and beliefs. The honour of being the first to receive ordination in this miscellaneous way belongs to Mr. Ballington Booth, late of the American branch of the Salvation Army, who has, as New York journals inform us, been recently ordained in Chicago as "Presbyter of the Church of God in general," a sort of "clergyman at large" as one journal puts it. "At Mr. Booth's ordination ceremony (says the report) the Episcopal, Wesleyan, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian ministers all united in the laying-on of hands upon him." The essential characteristic of the ceremony appears to be *imposition all round*, and under the circumstances it is not surprising that that should be the case. One result of this marvellously comprehensive rite will be that this much-ordained pastor will now be constituted a walking compendium, a kind of animated *multum in parvo*, of all the heresies. But there are many compensating advantages. He will be able in the future to literally obey the scriptural injunction to "carry neither scrip nor purse" for wherever he goes his comprehensive credentials will ensure him a hearty reception from some branch of the "Church of God in general." In the same way he is no longer liable to be unkindly or unexpectedly deprived of a "sphere of usefulness," for if one sect will have none of him he can, with righteous indignation, shake the dust from off his feet and betake himself to another. Thus, if necessity arises, he will be able, as heretofore, to "hold the fort" at an Army meeting, take the lead in a Methodist revival, or discourse with due decorum and solemnity to the dour followers of Calvin and Knox. **Happy Mr. Booth!**

MR. STEAD, writing in a recent number of the ODDS AND ENDS, *Review of Reviews*, says:—"If ever a stalwart evangelical Protestant felt disposed in his life to cry 'God bless the Pope,' it must have been when he perused the Pope's letter on Anglican Orders. At the same time, unless the evangelical Protestant had even less of the milk of human kindness in him than is the allotted share of each mortal, he must have felt a pang as he thought of the bitter distress the bull has brought to Lord Halifax, and all those deluded but excellent persons who walk in a vain show, and spend their lives trying to convince themselves and every one else that the Reformation in England was not intended to make a breach with Rome. The Pope, being an honest, brave man, who thoroughly understands his own position, has put his foot down on all that nonsense with an absolutely inexorable decision. No one can read the bull in which he traced with calm but inflexible logic the successive steps which severed the Anglican Church from the Roman communion without admiration. If the Church Association still exists, and is keenly alive to its own interests, it should reprint this bull on Anglican Orders and circulate it broadcast in every parish where the clergyman manifests leanings towards Rome. It would, of course, be a very great thing and much to be desired, if Romans, Anglicans, and Greeks would agree to form one fold and reconstitute the unity of Christendom. But there is no sense in pretending that things are what they are not, and it is the first step towards a good understanding and a working arrangement—call it *modus vivendi*, or what you please—that each communion knows exactly where it stands, and indulges in no hallucinations concerning its identity with other communions. Lord Halifax's mission to the Vatican was merely the last step of a long series, all intended to demonstrate, at any rate, a beginning of this unity with the Roman Church. But the Pope, at least, is more loyal to the Reformation than many of those who are its professed children. He points out the changes that were made in the prayer book at the time of the Reformation, insists upon the significance of the alterations, and reaffirms, in the most uncompromising fashion, the judgment previously pronounced by the Vatican, that Anglican Orders are absolutely and utterly null and void. From the point of view of the Latin Church, the much boasted Holy Orders of the Anglican clergy are worth no more and no less than the 'Orders,' whatever they may be, of any dissenting preacher in the land. This attempt to realise Christian unity on a false basis has failed, foiled by the plain common sense and strict regard for historical truth which characterise the present Pontiff."

That there may be no doubt as to what the framers of the Coronation Oath thought of the "branch theory," so dear to many Anglicans, and as to the curious manner in which they showed their anxiety that Catholics should believe the monarch received

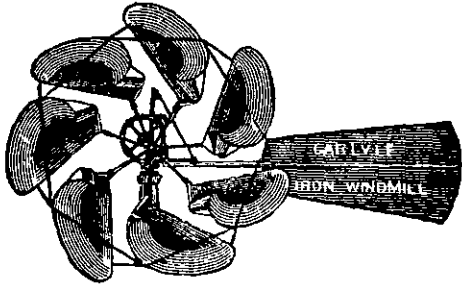
blessings on being crowned, we give the actual words used:—"I, —, by the grace of God, Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God, profess, testify and declare that I do believe that in the sacrament of the Lord's supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify and declare that I do make this declaration, and every part hereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning."

The London Metaphysical Society, composed of men so eminent and so opposite as Manning and Huxley, Ward and Pattison, has become so familiar of recent years that this description of one of its meetings will be read with interest. It was written by Dr. Magee, Protestant Archbishop of Peterborough, whose "Life" has just appeared.—Mark Pattison, essayist and reviewer, read the paper for discussion. Imagine the mummy of an opium-eater restored to life, and dressed in the dinner dress of the nineteenth century; that is M. Pattison, free thinker and free writer, but certainly not free speaker. He read in a dreary way a queer paper, the object of which was to prove the impossibility of dogma from the indefiniteness of words. He listened in silence to our criticisms, uttered a few sepulchral words in reply, and then seemed to vanish like a sceptical ghost. It was really very strange, and savoured to me greatly of opium. Next him sat Ward, of Tractarian memory, now a Romanist layman; very solid and John Bull like, but very able and metaphysical. Then Tennyson, with long black hair, and a clay pipe between his lips; silent during the discussion, and dull before it. Then Martineau, the Unitarian, brother of Harriet Martineau; elegant and refined and scholarly. Then Harrison, the Comtist, who argued stoutly for dogma against Pattison. Then Mivart, a Roman Catholic naturalist and anti-Darwinian; very accomplished and thoughtful. Then Professor Clifford, elaborately courteous, composed and dull. Altogether, the scene was very curious, and the discussion disappointing.

Coventry Patmore, the poet, who died last month in England at the age of 73, was a Catholic, a convert to the Faith. He was one of the many mentioned in connection with the Laureateship after the death of Tennyson; and it is faint praise, says the *Pilot*, to say of him that he was a thousand-fold fitter for the office than the man who eventually was chosen to fill it. Patmore is not a great poet, but he is one of the best of the minor poets. His love-poems are pure and elevating, though too much tinged with sentimentalism for a robust taste. He has written some exquisite religious poetry. One of the best of all his poems is this, from the "Unknown Eros," called "The Toys," which for fidelity to life, for pathos and exquisite expression cannot easily be surpassed in our language:—

My little son, who looked from thoughtful eyes
And moved and spoke in quiet grown-up wise,
Having my law the seventh time disobeyed,
I struck him, and dismissed
With hard words and unkindness,
His mother, who was patient, being dead.
Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed,
But found him slumbering deep,
With darkened eyelids and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet.
And I, with moan,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;
For, on a table drawn beside his bed,
He had put within his reach
A box of counters and a red-veined stone,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach,
And six or seven shells.
A bottle with blue-bells,
And two French copper coins ranged there with careful art,
To comfort his sad heart.
So when that night I prayed
To God, I wept, and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranquil breath,
Not vexing Thee in death,
And Thou rememberest of what toys
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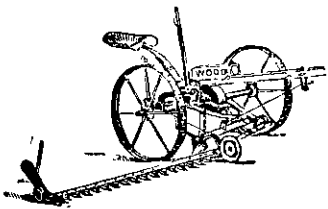
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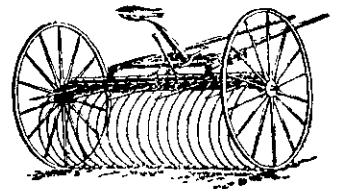
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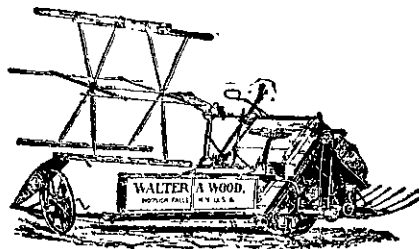


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How weakly understood
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom Thou hast moulded from the clay,
Thou'lt leave Thy wrath, and say,
"I will be sorry for their childliness."
Coventry Patmore's published works include "The Angel in the House," "The Betrothal," "The Espousals," "The Unknown Cross" and "Amelia."

The consecration of the three Syro-Malabar bishops for Southern India came off, as announced, at Kandy, the ancient capital of Ceylon, on October 25. "It would be hard to exaggerate (says the leading Catholic paper of the island) the altered state of things to which the performance of this ceremony in Kandy bears witness. Less than a century ago Kandy was the unsubdued stronghold of Buddhism, and contained, as it still contains, though in diminished repute, the most precious relic of Buddha. It was also the impregnable mountain capital of a pagan kingdom, a city as inaccessible as any of Menelik's remote fortresses, and surrounded by so many natural obstacles that European prisoners conveyed thither, never—save in a few well-known instances—made their escape to the coast. The mere fact that Kandy had been selected as the scene of such an important function as took place in it last Sunday speaks eloquently enough of the change that has come over that town. But of this change we need say nothing. It is indisputable, however, that if the last king of Kandy came to life again and were to reach his pristine stronghold after a rapid and easy railway journey from Colombo, he would be rather inclined to think that he had never seen that place before." The consecrating prelate was the Delegate Apostolic (Mgr. Zaleski), assisted by Bishops Pagnani, O.S.B., of Kandy, and Van Reeth, S.J., of Galle. The scene was certainly highly suggestive of the universality of the Church, three bishops of the Latin rite—though of three different nationalities, Polish, Italian and Belgian—laying hands of consecration upon three ecclesiastics of the ancient Syriac rite and of Southern Indian nationality, in the ancient Singhalese capital and very citadel of Buddhism. It is worthy of remark that the consecration itself was performed according to the Latin rite, not, as some expected according to that of the prelates consecrated.

The Catholic World.

FRANCE.—The Successor of Mgr. d'Hulst at Notre Dame. One of the questions raised by the much-regretted death of Mgr. d'Hulst was, "Who will succeed him as Lenten preacher at Notre Dame?" To be nominated to this duty is considered the highest tribute that can be paid in France to a preacher's eloquence combined with other intellectual endowments. The function, moreover, has acquired extraordinary prestige from the names of those who have successively borne the weight and responsibility as well as the honour of filling it. It must have been with considerable anxiety not to say misgiving, that the late Mgr. d'Hulst consented to risk comparisons with such predecessors as Père Monsabré and Père Lacordaire. It is now easy to understand that others may have experienced similar feelings when they were consulted on the subject of succeeding Mgr. d'Hulst in the pulpit of Notre Dame. The offer was made by Cardinal Richard to Mgr. Fouquet, Bishop of Orleans, one of the most eloquent of French prelates now living, but he declined on the ground that the undertaking would be incompatible with the duties devolving upon him in his own diocese. His reason for declining is perfectly comprehensible. It appears that the offer was then made to Père Ollivier, of the Dominican Order. After some reflection it was accepted by him. Thus the tradition connecting the pulpit of Notre Dame with the Preaching Friars has again been upheld. Père Ollivier is quite a well-known Parisian figure. His strength and originality as a preacher were recognised more than twenty-five years ago in this city. He has long been what is called a "fashionable preacher," notwithstanding that he has, more than any other, applied himself to the task of attacking the foibles and shortcomings of the class who represent to the world Paris society. He is famous as a hard-hitter of the rich and as a most uncompromising shower-up of the mundane vanities and hypocrisies. There can be no doubt that by his very outspokenness he has exercised an attraction upon the class whom he has most severely castigated. He is a master of the elocutionary art, and change his tone, his attitude, and gestures so frequently that he never fails to keep the attention of his congregation fixed upon him. His eloquence is of a very different kind from that of Mgr. d'Hulst. Far more calculated than the latter to produce an immediate effect upon a congregation, his thoughts are less profound and less shaped by that critical faculty which aims more at permanent influence in a literary form than at moving listeners who are actually present. Père Ollivier's splendid abilities may, however, prove equal to the fresh duties which he has accepted. He will probably follow the example of immediate predecessors at Notre Dame in writing his discourses before delivering them so that they will circulate in a literary form all over France. A writer in a Parisian paper thus describes Père Ollivier in the pulpit. "Without any apparent fatigue he runs through the whole gamut of tones, just as in his style he passes from impressiveness to *bonhomie*, from the trivial to the sublime. The most aristocratic churches of Paris have echoed in turn with his eloquent words. The most frequent

themes of his *conférences* are education, family life, and social duties." Père Ollivier is now in his sixty-fourth year, but the still dark circle of hair surrounding the monastic tonsure, combined with the appearance of physical strength and his powerful voice, makes him look younger.

Archbishop Redwood at Lyons.—In the famous Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière, Lyons, the new Vicar-Apostolic of Apia, Samoa, Dr. Broyer, was lately consecrated. The Cardinal-Archbishop of Lyons was the consecrating prelate, and was assisted by Archbishop Redwood, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Bishop Vidal, Vicar-Apostolic of Fiji. The Mass was sung to Gregorian chant by the scholars of the School of the Order of Mary (Marists), to which Order the three bishops of Oceania belong. At the consecration banquet, held at the mother house of the Marists at Lyons, the French Primate made a speech, in which he feelingly alluded to the various Marist missions throughout the world, past, present and future.

The New Rector of the Catholic Institute.—The successor of the Mgr. d'Hulst, as Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris, will be Mgr. Pichenard, Vicar-General of Rheims, if the nomination of the prelates interested in this institution be confirmed by the Pope. That it will be there can be no doubt, although it is rumoured that the Government is using its influence at Rome to prevent the appointment on the ground that Mgr. Pichenard has strong monarchical sympathies. This prelate (his title is a Roman one) was born in 1812, and was long a professor at the Seminary of Rheims. In 1876 he submitted two theses to the Paris Faculty of Letters for the doctor's degree, which he obtained without difficulty. One was a Latin thesis (*De Scôla Remensi*) on the School of Rheims in the tenth century. Mgr. Pichenard is, moreover, the author of several valuable works on local history. He delivered the opening discourse in connection with the celebration at Rheims of the fourteen hundredth anniversary of the baptism of Clovis.

HAWAII.—The "Good White Man" of Molokai.—A convert to Catholicity, Mr. Joseph E. Dutton, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., is the best known man at Molokai since Father Damien died. He was once an officer in the United States Army, and was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He inherited a fortune and travelled abroad. A dozen years ago he became converted and resolved to give his life to following as closely as possible in his Master's steps. He went to Molokai, knowing that he could never leave the island if he once made his home there. Mr. Dutton is known by the Kanaka lepers as the "Good White Man." He lives in a little five-roomed cottage on the outskirts of the leper settlement. He has a library of several hundred books. One of his rooms is lined with shelves, and there are enough bottles and cans and boxes of medicine to stock a country drug store. He has dozens of medical works and dictionaries. His whole life is devoted to the amelioration of the lot of the lepers and teaching them the blessings of Christianity. He sits with the sick and dying; he nurses them, studies their distress and administers medicine for relief, he cheers them and plans pleasures for them. He plans games for the little fellows, but they are so badly crippled and disabled by their progressing leprosy that it is hard to find any game in which all may participate. Every morning he puts on a blouse and overalls and goes down to what he calls his work-shop, a small frame house with a verandah, around which are arranged a number of benches and some dish-pans filled with warm water. Miserable, decrepit lepers come hobbling in until the benches are filled. Mr. Dutton, with true religious courage and sympathy, bathes the leprous sores in the pans of water and applies fish-banages. He cheers this one, gives a flower to another helps another to an easy chair for a long rest, and does all he can to make their existence easier to bear.

ITALY.—The Payment for Crispi's Policy.—Italy has paid heavily indeed for the Crispi policy of diverting attention from home grievances by an aggressive and wholly unjustifiable foreign war, for she gains not an inch of territory—the Mare is still to be her frontier line—and she has lost enormously in men, in money and above all, in European prestige. The clause in the treaty decreeing that, pending the definite delimitation of the frontier, no territory shall be handed over by Italy to a foreign power, is obviously intended to prevent the suggested cession of Kassala to England, which, it may be presumed, will not now take place. It is given out in Rome with a view to allowing Italy to retire as gracefully as may be from her futile contest with Menelik, that the settlement has been hastened in order that the Government may have a free hand in the last in view of a possible Turkish crisis. This, of course, is a mere blind—the truth is that the depleted Italian Treasury contains no funds with which to maintain a large army of occupation in Erythraea, indeed, is she in a position to assert herself actively as one of the great Powers of Europe either at Constantinople or elsewhere. Her Treasury is exhausted, her army demoralised, her navy falling into decay, her peasantry emigrating by thousands in order to escape the hated conscription and a hopeless struggle against overwhelming taxation. The best thing her well-wishers can desire for her is a period of peace and retrenchment during which she may, to some extent at least, set her own house in order.

ENGLAND.—A Convert Disinherited.—The *Daily Telegraph* is responsible for the announcement that the late Mr. George Lane Fox has bequeathed Bramham Park and all his landed property to his second son, and that his grief was "inexpressible" when his eldest son "went over to Rome." His eldest son, Mr. George Sackville Fox, is a well known convert, and—as his second wife—married a daughter of Mr. Thomas Weld-Blundell, of Ince Blundell.

A Catholic Tutor at Oxford.—Mr. F. Urquhart, a Catholic, has been elected to the Tutorial Fellowship at Balliol, Oxford. This is the first instance of a Catholic being elected to such a position, and it is worthy of special note that he is to be a Tutor in

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History. Accordingly they are gradually getting civilised in England.

ROME.—The King of Servia at the Vatican.—On Thursday, November 27, King Alexander of Servia was received in solemn audience by the Pope. The first intention of the King was to go to the Vatican after his official visit to the Quirinal; that is, after he had left Rome for Naples, and come back again in unofficial form. But the Holy Father disapproved of the plan and declared that if the Servian monarch desired to be received in audience he must present himself whilst visiting Italy as a king. Accordingly on Thursday afternoon preparations were made for his reception; the streets were strewn with golden sand, and troops lined the route. The Pope consistently refuses to see a sovereign who comes directly from the Quirinal Palace, and so, as on the different visits of the Emperor of Germany, an expedient was adopted by which the monarch seeking audience ceased for the moment to be the guest of the King of Italy. The King of Servia was driven in private form from the royal palace to a large hotel, where his representative in Rome happens to have a temporary residence. Here he donned the full-dress uniform of a general, with the insignia that belong to his position. Then, in a number of private carriages hired for the occasion, he drove to the Vatican, attended by the ministers and officers of his suite, escorted by a squadron of cavalry and saluted by the troops along the way. At the Apostolic Palace the different bodies of Pontifical soldiers were drawn up to do military honours. The carriages entered the courtyard of St. Damasus and Prince Ruspoli, Master of the Sacred Hospice, was in waiting to meet the King. At the foot of the Regal Staircase were the Pope's Majordomo and Grand Master of Ceremonies, with private chamberlains, officers and attendants, and forming a *cortège*, they all mounted to the Clementine Hall, where they were met by the Grand Chamberlain and the members of the Pontifical Court. The King was now within the Pope's suite of apartments, and honours were rendered to him by the Noble Guard. At the news of his approach, Leo XIII., dressed in a white soutane, with cincture, came forward to the door of his private study to receive the King. The latter, appearing greatly impressed by the scene—for even to a king the Vatican has splendours to reveal—bent low down in veneration before the Pope, and was led by his Holiness into the study. Here he remained for over forty minutes. The interview ended, he asked permission to present to his Holiness the members of his suite, and then, taking leave of the Sovereign Pontiff, he was escorted with the same ceremonial to the apartments of Cardinal Rampolla, Secretary of State. With his Eminence he remained in converse half-an-hour, and before taking his departure presented to the prelate the ministers and officers who attended him. It was now five o'clock and growing dark, and six *palafrenieri*, dressed in their picturesque costume of damask silk, were in waiting with wax torches to light the way for the returning train. Outside the Papal Palace the escort of Italian cavalry took its place around King Alexander's carriage, and the procession retraced its way towards the hotel. His Majesty here received the visit of Prince Ruspoli and of the Pontifical Master of Ceremonies, and then, having changed his dress, he was taken back in a Court carriage to the palace of King Humbert. Cardinal Rampolla will return the visit after the King of Servia's return from Naples. The motive which the King of Servia has had in coming to Rome is the subject of many conjectures. Marriage with the sister-in-law of the Prince of Naples, financial difficulties, a desire to be well with the Triple Alliance, have all been mentioned, but in reality it is probable that no question of diplomatic business in which the Court of Italy is concerned has moved the young King to enter Rome. The exceedingly cold manner in which he has been received at the Quirinal would seem to indicate that the true motive of his visit has been the desire for an interview with the Sovereign Pontiff. This, in fact, was the only prominent public event during his stay, and his reason for seeking to win the Pope's good offices are obviously numerous. The position of Servia is not an easy one. Internal dissensions and political intrigue leave the country rent in two; Russia is using all its influence on one side and Austria on the other; and no power in Europe could be so safely relied on by the young King for disinterested moral support as that of the Holy See. I am informed that in the Secretariate of State in the Vatican the project of a Concordat with Servia is now practically concluded. King Alexander when returning from Naples will stay in Rome for four days in strict incognito, and during that time will be visited by Cardinal Rampolla, and will come to a final agreement as to the terms of the Concordat. During his visit to the Vatican, the King with his own hands conferred the Order of the White Eagle of Servia on his Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State.

INDIA.—Converts from "India's Coral Strand."—News comes from Simla that, in response to the Holy Father's Encyclical on Reunion, some non-Catholics there have come over to the one true Church, among whom is Mr. Franklin Prestage, so well known in connection with railway engineering in India. His brother is a Catholic priest of the Society of Jesus and is labouring in the missions in Africa. Others are following his good example and are under the instruction of Father Paul Hughes, O.S.F.C., who is indefatigable in his efforts to win souls to God. Father Hughes has established a Catholic Truth Society's Agency in Simla where C.T.S. publications are sold at a book-stall in front of the Simla church on Sundays, morning and evening.

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 Perrins, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVT.

For Our Lady Readers.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON WOMAN'S SPHERE.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, when preaching some months since in the Baltimore Cathedral, among other things said: "To-day we honour the Queen of Saints, Our Blessed Lady. She is the great model for all women to follow, whether as maiden, wife, or mother. I think every unprejudiced historian will admit that woman is indebted to Mary for the high position, both in social and domestic life, which is hers to-day. If to-day woman is esteemed as the peer of her husband, and not as the slave of his passions, as is the case in foreign countries, it is due to the Church. If she is queen in her domestic life, without being confronted with usurping women, as is the case in Mohammedan and Mormon households, she is indebted for this deliverance to the preachings of the Catholic Church and of the Popes. The Church follows the preaching of St. Paul, that woman is equal to man, when he declares that God made no distinction as to nationality, race or sex. It seems to me fearful to contemplate what would have been the condition of society to-day if it had not been for the restraining, sanctifying, and purifying influence of women. I do not speak of those consecrated women, whose lives are given to the cause of Christ and His Church, and to religion, chastity and charity. I speak of those women who make no vow except the baptismal one, of those who wear no habit, except the white robe of innocence, and not those who wear the royal robe of charity and benevolence. I speak not of community women, so-called, but of those who live in the family relation which God Himself has founded. I speak not of the mother superiors, whose religion is older than that of any church community; I speak of the mother of the household. Every one of you has a lesson to perfect in your day and generation. You can be verily apostles, preaching in your respective households. It is true you cannot celebrate Mass, and yet you can be a priest in another and broader sense. You are a holy, a national, a royal priesthood, because consecrated to God in your baptism. It is true woman does not to-day exercise the right of suffrage. She cannot vote, and I am heartily glad of it. I hope that the day will never come when she can vote and if the right of suffrage is granted her I hope she will reject it, even though there are some misguided women who think they want it. Rest assured that if woman enters politics she will be sure to carry away on her some of the mud and dirt of political contact. She will also lose some of the influence which is now hers. The proper sphere of woman is the home, the proper place for her to reign is in the home circle. A ruler of Greece said: 'I command Athens; Athens rules the world, and my wife controls me; therefore she rules the world.' So nowadays you men control the United States, and your wives, controlling you, control the country. If every Christian mother, daughter and sister looked after religion in the home there would be less need to insist on religious instruction in the schools. The mother is the living oracle to her child. In after years the words spoken by our mothers through life exercise over us a blessed influence."

AN IDYLL OF THE KITCHEN.

In brown Holland apron she stood in the kitchen
Her sleeves were rolled up and her cheeks all aglow;
Her hair was coiled neatly when I, indiscreetly,
Stood watching while Nancy was kneading the dough.
Now, who could be neater or brighter, or sweeter,
Or who hum a song so delightfully low,
Or who look so slender, so graceful, so tender,
As Nancy, sweet Nancy, while kneading the dough?
How deftly she pressed it, and squeezed it, caressed it,
And twisted and turned it, now quick and now slow,
Ah, me, but that madness I've paid for in sadness!
'Twas my heart she was kneading as well as the dough.
At last, when she turned from the pan to the dresser,
She saw me and blushed, and said shyly: "Please go,
Or my bread I'll be spoiling, in spite of my toiling,
If you stand here and watch while I'm kneading the dough,"
I begged for permission to stay. She'd not listen;
The sweet little tyrant said: "No, sir, no! no!"
Yet when I had vanished, on being thus banished,
My heart stayed with Nancy while kneading the dough.
I'm dreaming, sweet Nancy, and see you in fancy.
Your heart, love, has softened and pitied my woe,
And we, dear, are rich in a dainty wee kitchen,
Where Nancy, my Nancy, stands kneading the dough.

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CORK.—"Brown Drimmin's" Mistake.—A cow which arrived in Skibbereen from Ballydehob fair, while being driven down bridge street, appears to have mistaken the ornamental sprays and feathers in stylish hats and bonnets in the window of a milliner for something to appease her appetite after a long, fast and tiresome walk, and went in the door with that air of "non-chalance" peculiar to her class. The proprietor, who was behind the drapery counter, appeared to poorly appreciate his unexpected customer and ordered her out, but no heed was paid, poor "Brown Drimmin" being alike indifferent to soft persuasions and angry threats, until the milliner's department at the further end was reached, but the gentle and persuasive feminine accents had at once the magical effect on the bovine as it has on men, and at the first command Drimmin departed in peace. Not a particle of injury was done.

DUBLIN.—The Catholic Club.—The splendid lecture hall of the Catholic Commercial Club, Upper O'Connell street, was well filled at the opening meeting of the Literary and Debating Society for the session of '96-'97. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. A. M. Keogh, who took for his subject, "Some Irish Literature of the Nineteenth Century." He dealt with it in a broad and generous spirit, which elicited the warm approval of speakers who followed the lecturer. The society deserves the hearty support of the Catholics of Dublin. For the coming session a whole series of lectures has been arranged for, such as "Studies of Motion by the Aid of Specially Rapid Exposures with the Camera," by Mr. Louis Meldon; "The Irish Wolfhound," by the Rev. Edmund Hogan, S.J.; "Burmah: its People, Customs and Manners," by Col Butler; "Folk Lore," by Dr. Douglas Hyde; "The Glaciers of the Alps," by Mr. Molloy, D.D.; "A Proposal for the Settlement of Catholic Higher Education," by Mr. Charles Dawson; "Glimpses from the Lives of Old Gaelic Scholars," by Mr. R. J. O'Mulrennin, M.A.; and "Notes on India," by Mr. Alfred Webb.

GALWAY.—Technical School Examinations at Clifden. In connection with the technical school lately established in Clifden under the auspices of the Congested Districts Board, an examination of the children in net making and mending was held by Mr. H. Welply, Inspector of National schools, and all the children acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. A preliminary prize examination was conducted by the Very Rev. Canon Lynskey, assisted by Miss Mansfield of Dublin. The examination was conducted in Mr. Vesey's school, Clifden, directly after his results examination had been concluded. A technical school of a similar sort has been started by Canon Lynskey in Cleggan, eight miles from Clifden, and in a very short time all the children who will be likely to require a knowledge of net making will be carefully and skillfully instructed in this useful branch of industry. The Clifden children are now able to teach others, and are, in fact, doing so. The mackerel season throughout the year on this coast has been very successful.

KILDARE.—Blessing a New Church Organ.—On Sunday, November 28, the impressive ceremony of Pontifical High Mass, followed by a sermon, was celebrated in the Catholic Church, Naas. The occasion was the solemn blessing of the new organ. The Rev. T. Morrin, the very much esteemed parish priest of Naas, took the matter of an organ in hand, and, with the assistance of his parishioners, succeeded in putting his idea into execution, with the result that on Sunday the interesting function of blessing and "opening" the new organ took place in the presence of the largest congregation ever seen in the sacred edifice. The admission was by ticket, the price of which ranged from one pound (family) down to one shilling for a seat in the north aisle. The Fairview (Dublin) choir, by kind permission of Canon Keon, supplied the music and singing, which, needless to say, were of first-class style. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. T. Morrin, the deacon being the Rev. John Connery, and sub-deacon the Rev. Father Phelan. The Rev. Hugh Cullen, C.C. Naas, was master of ceremonies, while his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, presided. In the choir were the Very Rev. T. Tynan, Newbridge; Rev. J. Kinsella, Caragh; Rev. J. Colgan, Clane; and the Rev. Father Byrne, Prior, Newbridge. An eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by Dr. Keane, Cork. At 6.30 o'clock the male branch of the Sacred Heart Association met at the church, when their spiritual director, the Rev. Father Connery, preached to them on the Gospel of the day, after which Solemn Benediction was given to an immense congregation by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley.

KILKENNY.—Proposed Railway from Kilkenny to Fethard.—A public meeting was held at Callan with a view to promoting the building of a railway from Kilkenny to Fethard, taking in Callan, Mullinabone, and Cloncen, the want of which has been long and severely felt by the farmers, shopkeepers and others in those districts, owing to the want of adequate facilities for disposing of their stock and produce, and for obtaining goods from the leading markets; while the decadence of the fairs in those towns proved another result of the absence of railway accommodation. The line now projected has the support of the clergy, gentry, and farmers, and cannot fail to be of incalculable benefit to the districts traversed. There is a strong hope entertained that the Government will subsidise the undertaking by a free grant.

LIMERICK.—Eviction of a Protestant Clergyman.—The eviction, at the instance of the Church authorities, of the Rev. Richard Henry Cotter, for twenty years Protestant incumbent of the parish of Ardcanny, Limerick, took place on the 17th November. Mr. Cotter had the house barricaded on all sides, and extraordinary documents were displayed in the windows, one of them bearing the words, "No parley with the agents of Turks and heathens, land-

harpies, and scorpions." On the roof a pole was fixed, and from it was suspended the Union Jack. Being refused admittance, the bailiffs had to ascend to the roof of an adjoining house and break into the glebe house through a window. A brief colloquy ensued between them and Mr. Cotter, the sole occupant, as his family had left a week ago, since which time he has remained constantly within doors on watch for the sheriff. He accused the sheriff of acting illegally, and, after an excited protest, he seized a handbag and an umbrella, and left the house, driving across to the nearest station for Limerick; meantime the bailiffs cleared out all the furniture and handed over possession to an official of the Church body.

Dr. O'Dwyer and the Unemployed.—The Mayor, High Sheriff, Mr. Dundon (solicitor), and Mr. Nolan (town clerk), waited, at the request of the Corporation, on the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, in reference to the distribution of £500 sent to him by the firm of Bannatyne, and which he wished to expend in work for the unemployed men. After hearing the deputation, the Bishop said that if a list of 80 or 100 of those entitled to the money, the grain men, were made out for him, and if they are found to be destitute, he would see they would be relieved. The Mayor subsequently informed the men of the Bishop's decision, and they held a meeting at their Society rooms, at which the proposal was rejected, and a resolution passed claiming all the money for distribution. The Bishop has intimated that unless the men accept his proposal he will return the money to the donor.

LONDONDERRY.—Municipal Elections and Catholic Representation.—The recent elections in Londonderry have for the first time in the history of the city given Catholic and Nationalist citizens independent representation in the Corporation. The net result made is the election of twenty-four Protestants and sixteen Catholics to the new City Council. In every election heretofore Catholic candidates have been defeated. Though Mr. Vesey Knox represents the city in Parliament, the Nationalists have not up to the present had one elected representative in the Corporation. An Act passed in last session reduced the franchise qualification and redistributed the wards. Hence the important change just stated.

LOUTH.—Death of a Well-known Church Benefactor.—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. John Kelly, of Fair street, Drogheda. His decease caused deep regret among all sections of the community in Drogheda. He had reached a patriarchal age, having been born in 1807. In Drogheda he had held the highest position in the gift of the citizens, and was Mayor twenty years ago. Few, even among the proverbially generous laity of Catholic Ireland, ever did more to promote the cause of religion and charity. He was a princely benefactor to the churches of Drogheda. He erected the high altar in the church of Sienna Convent, and contributed largely to the building fund of the Dominican Church. Three thousand pounds were subscribed by him toward the erection of the Church of the Augustinian Fathers in Drogheda, where his brother, who was a member of the Order, was prior. His nephew, Very Rev. James A. Anderson, is a member of the same Order, and well known throughout Ireland for his services to the Irish cause as well as for his devotion to the Order, of which he is a distinguished member. One of the last acts of the late Mr. Kelly was the erection of a high altar in the church dedicated to the memory of the martyred primate, Oliver Plunkett. At the meeting of the Drogheda Harbour Commissioners, the mayor presiding, a vote of condolence was passed with the members of the family of the deceased, and the business of the meeting was postponed as a mark of respect to his memory.

TIPPERARY.—Rents in Tipperary.—The following letters explain themselves:—To the editor of the *Freeman*, Portree, Nenagh, November 7. Dear sir,—When the tenants of Mr. Anthony Parker in this parish were paying their rents a few days ago, he, unasked, gave them a reduction of twenty-five per cent. Though his tenants are numerous he has never yet been known to evict any. He receives his rents himself, hears all cases that may require special treatment, or deeper practical sympathy (I allude to loss of cattle from disease, etc.). I am told in such cases he allows an abatement in exact proportion to the loss sustained. Would that we had many like him in this unfortunate country. Inclosed reply to a letter written on behalf of tenantry in this district, received from a well-known agent, you will see points to conduct in cruel sharp contrast with that of the humane and generous Mr. Parker.—Yours faithfully, J. O'HALLORAN, P.P. Ballincurra House, Limerick, November 5, 1896. Dear sir,—No abatement will be given, and I do not think it will be any use you meeting my son on Monday at Ballina. He has no authority to give any abatement in the rents due.—Yours, etc., ROBERT BROWN, Rev. J. O'Halloran, P.P.

GENERAL.

A Fighting Policy.—The sturdy spirit manifested in the resolutions passed at a meeting of Newry farmers is worthy of imitation by Irish agriculturists throughout the length and breadth of the island. They are naturally dissatisfied with the inadequate reductions given them by the Sub-Commission, and have intimated their intention of adopting the one practical means at their disposal to compel a fair hearing for their claims. They recognise that the land-grabber and Land Commission, as at present constituted, are the forces against whom they have to contend, and one of their principal resolutions pledged them to leave derelict all farms from which their fellow-tenants might be evicted for the non-payment of the present excessive rents. They read the lesson of the times aright, and in banding themselves in the organisation of the Irish National Federation they indicate their readiness to translate their vigorous resolutions into decisive action. Nor are their Unionist neighbours less determined to secure some protection from the evils that threaten to overwhelm them this winter. Unionists and Nationalists are equally hit by the ruined harvest and the depression of agricultural prices. The men who voted for the Unionist candidate at the last election find that that fact weighs but little inside the door of the rent office. Recent Land Court decisions in County

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Down, the rumoured importation of new sub-commissioners entirely unacquainted with the agricultural conditions of the northern province, warn the farmers of Newcastle that no matter what their politics, how little is the justice they may expect from the present administration. The advice tendered them by Mr. Michael McCartan, and the example of the Newry tenants point out the action which is essential to their success. Let them be no longer divided by landlords on the specious pretences of religious differences, but let them act boldly and manfully under the one great organisation which is able and willing to deal with their grievances, and they may depend upon it that a period will be quickly placed to the rapacity of Irish landlordism.

Painting a Rotten Ship.—John Dillon, in a letter to the *Dublin Freeman*, shows up in its true aspect and character the scheme of the Hon. Horace Plunkett and his "Recess Committee." What the committee proposes is, in brief, the creation of a new Dublin Castle Board, with a legion of officials to take charge of the agricultural and industrial affairs of Ireland, and, of course, to be responsible not to the Irish people but to the British Parliament. This is the new Tory Liberal Unionist "remedy" which is to make Ireland happy. Of course John Dillon repudiates it, and with regard to its recent "report" telling about what has been done for agriculture and industry in Denmark, France, and other European countries, he voices true Irish sentiment in the following comment: "It is all very fine to draw up and publish elaborate and interesting reports showing the great things that have been done for agriculture and industry in Denmark, in France, in Switzerland, and other Continental countries. But the gentlemen who speak at Recess Committee meetings appear to be oblivious of the fact that these reports are concerned with the results achieved by national government, and that a long and bitter experience has taught us to utterly distrust all schemes and plans for the enriching of Ireland based upon the theory that a British Minister and a British Parliament can be trusted to do for Ireland such work as national governments have done for other countries." This is an all-sufficient answer to the Recess Committee's report and proposed project. But John Dillon presents another very good and apt commentary in the words of the late famous Colonel Gordon, best known as Chinese Gordon, who, in remarking on the state of things in Turkey, summed up the situation in these words:—"To collect all these reports may be useful enough for those who have time and patience to read them. But what do all these reports tend to elucidate? Simply that the Government of Turkey is utterly rotten, and that the people are miserable and discontented. There may be petty schemes here and there for improvements, but it is like painting up the bulwarks of a vessel which is rotten at the bottom." Just the same may be said of the Recess Committee and its reports and proposals. "Petty schemes here and there for improvements" in Ireland to be directed by Dublin Castle is only painting a rotten ship. Nothing but a new vessel will do, and the rotten one will never be accepted as a substitute no matter how much it may be painted or patched.

Commercial.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED, report for the week ended January 26, as follows:—

Wheat.—Market quiet but prices firm, say, for prime milling velvet, 4s 9d to 4s 10d; prime Tuscan, 4s 5d to 4s 7d; medium to best red wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; inferior, 3s 6d to 4s 7d (ex store, sacks weighed in, terms).

Oats.—Buyers only operate on receipt of orders, the demand in consequence is fitful and prices unsteady. Quotations for prime feed and milling, 1s 11½d to 2s; medium to good feed, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d; inferior, 1s 7d to 1s 9d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Barley.—Is moving off quietly but without any improvement in value. Quotations for prime malting, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 4d to 2s 8d; inferior, 2s to 2s 3d (ex store, sacks extra, net).

Grass Seeds.—There is a slight movement in ryegrass seed but prices offered are in buyers' favour. Quotations for best machine dressed, 2s 9d to 3s; extra prime, 3s 3d; farmers' dressed best, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; medium, 1s 3d to 2s (ex store, sacks extra, net). Cocksfoot has small inquiry. Quotations nominal, say for best dressed, 5½d to 5¾d; medium, 4½d to 5d per lb (ex store, sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market continues well supplied, prices in consequence remain much about the same, say for prime, L2 10d to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 2s 6d to L2 7d 6d (ex truck, sacks returned, net).

Potatoes.—Prime quality are scarce and prices firm, but medium are in over supply and difficult to place. Quotations—For best, L7 10s to L8 10s; medium, L4 10s to L5 10s; inferior, L3 to L4 5s per ton (ex store, sacks weighed in, net).

Sheepskins.—Owing to so much wool offering skins are less keenly competed for. Best dry crossbreds fetch 4d to 4½d; medium, 3d to 3½d; dry merinos, 2d to 4d per lb. Green pelts, 10d to 1s 3d; green lambskins, 9d to 1s 4d each.

Rabbitskins are in fair demand at late prices. Say for medium, 7d to 9d; inferior, 4d to 5½d; suckers, 1d to 2½d per lb.

Hides.—Market unchanged. Best fetch 2½d to 3d; extra heavy, 3½d to 3¾d; light, 1½d to 2d; inferior, 1d to 1½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—Market steady. Country rendered fetches 10s 6d to 15s; butchers' best mutton caul fat, 11s to 11s 6d; medium, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 8s 6d to 9s per cwt (ex store, net).

MESSRS SAMUEL ORR AND CO., Stafford street, report for the week ending January 20, as follows:—

Weather during the past week has been in a measure tropical, but no rain. What we had a week ago did a vast amount of good to both crops and cereals.

Oats.—When we reported last week we quoted these at 1d a bushel advance all round, and since then these quotations have held good; but still we are not prepared to say how long they will continue. Demand still good, and quotations are—Prime milling, 2s 1d; best bright feed, 1s 11d to 2s; ordinary, 1s 10d.

Wheat.—On the spot there is but little doing in it. Prices at Home and on the Continent are firm, while the Australian markets are well maintained.

Barley.—A few odd lots are changing hands at recent quotations.

Chaff.—A fair demand, and a good quality commands attention at up to L2 15s; medium quality, L2 2s 6d to L2 7s 6d.

Potatoes.—Market got bare again, and consequently an advance took place. They cannot be landed from the north now under L10 10s; on the spot they are worth up to L7.

Seeds.—Ryegrass: A very good business has been passing in old stocks, though at a great reduction on last year's prices; and of course the outlook some little time ago was so bad that no wonder growers got sick of holding it. Now, however, it is different, as the North Island (we mean Poverty Bay and Hawkes Bay) is very much short of last year and of its requirements, while Canterbury also is short. Maniototo Plains have almost nothing, and to the south of us we are confident there is nothing like the acreage of former years, and certainly, though the quality will be superior, the quantity is not there. Taking all these factors into consideration, we see no reason whatever to doubt that prices for the coming season will be as good as they were last year, if not better. We cannot overlook the fact either that the North Island trade will require a fair quantity yet, and also that the prices in Gisborne and Hawkes Bay rule from 6d to 9d a bushel higher than last season.

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Wheat.—No change to report. We offered only fowl wheat, which sold at 2s 4d to 4s 2d per bushel (sacks in).

Barley.—There is little inquiry for malting at this season, but other sorts are in more favour. We quote: Prime malting, 3s to 3s 6d; medium, 2s 6d to 2s 10d; feed and milling, 2s to 2s 6d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been poorly supplied, and values have advanced slightly. To-day we sold good kidneys at £7 12s 6d, and medium at £4 2s 6d per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—A fair supply forward to-day. We submitted about 40 tons, which met with fair competition, and were cleared at £2 10s to £2 12s 6d per ton (bags extra).

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Fat Cattle—137 yarded. Sales opened at prices equal to last week but declined as sales progressed. Best bullocks brought L7 17 6d; others, L5 15s to L6 15s; best heifers, L5 to L6; others, L3 10s to L4 15s. We sold for Messrs W. Faulds (Green Island), W. Davis (Leith Valley) and George Fisher (Outram) bullocks, cows and heifers at quotations.

Fat Sheep—1429 penned. Prices showing no rise from last week. Best crossbred wethers brought 9s to 10s; do. ewes, 8s to 8s 6d; others, 5s 6d to 7s 6d. We sold a draught of half bred ewes for Messrs Murray, Roberts and Co. (Cottesbrook estate), at 7s 6d.

Lambs—709 penned. Best 7s 6d to 8s 9d; others, 5s to 7s 3d. Pigs—67 penned all selling well under keen competition.

Wool—London cables report decline of five per cent at last sales. Next Dunedin sales 2nd February.

Sheepskins—Market steady, pelts bringing up to 1s 8d and lamb-skins, 1s 6d.

Hides, Tallow and Fat—Market firm. Prices unchanged.

Wheat—Not much business done. Prime milling, 4s 7d to 5s; medium, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; fowl wheat, 3s 9d to 4s 1d per bushel (sacks in).

Oats—Prices have hardened slightly during the week. Good to best milling, 2s to 2s 1d; do feed, 1s 11d to 2s; medium do, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; inferior, 1s 8½d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff—Owing to heavy consignments prices have declined about 2s 6d per ton. Best oatensheaf, L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 7d 6d to L2 10s; light do, L2 2s 6d to L2 5s per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes—Values have advanced slightly again, best selling at up to L7 12s 6d per ton.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON, AND CO. report as follows:—

At Saturday's sale there was a good attendance of buyers and a large number of horses forward. The chief attraction was a shipment of draught mares and geldings, offered on account Mrs. Rea and Trestrail (Melbourne). These horses were all in splendid condition, and bidding for the younger ones was brisk, although some of the older animals were not very easily disposed of. One nice filly by Herd Laddie brought L35. The younger mares and geldings L27 to L31, and the others L20 to L25. Besides these were some very useful young animals belonging to different vendors, and they were well competed for, and brought good values. Draughts of inferior quality did not command much attention, and the business done with them was limited. The springcarters forward were for the most part of inferior quality. Although there are always a few of this sort selling, the demand is mostly for young, active sorts, which always meet with a good demand and ready sale when they are forthcoming. Among the hacks, and light harness horses were some very nice-stylish animals. For these there is always a good inquiry, but inferior and aged ones are hard to dispose of. We quote: First-class heavy young draughts at from L30 to L35, (extra heavy a pound or two more); medium, L22 to L27; aged, L15 to L20; good hacks and strong carriage horses, L15 to L20; spring-cart sorts, L11 to L15; light hacks, L7 to L10; inferior L2 to L5.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand; feed, medium to good, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d; milling, 1s 11½d to 2s; Fowl's wheat 3s to 4s; milling, 4s 9d to 5s; chaff L2 to L2 15s 6d. Ryegrass, hay, L2 10s to L2 15s. Straw, 2½ to 5 2s per ton, loose and pressed. New potatoes, L6 to L8. Flour: Roller, L12 to L12 10s; stone, L11 to L11 10s. Oatmeal: L11 in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 5d to 8d; factory, 9d. Eggs, 11d. Bran, L3. Pollard, L1. Onions L7 10s.

SCIENCE NOTES.

THE LATEST DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE.

Sir Joseph Lister gave an interesting address at the anniversary meeting of the Royal Society on Monday, November 30. After alluding to the Conference of Delegates in July, he described the onerous compliment which had been paid to the Society in the commission to draw up a complete catalogue of scientific literature which is to be issued in English. Out of the four thousand pounds a year placed at the disposal of the Society by the Government two scientific enterprises had been assisted, neither of which had been fortunate. The expedition to Vadso to watch the total eclipse of the sun had been thwarted by clouded skies, and the attempt to bore a coral reef at Funafuti, one of the Ellice Isles in the Pacific, had been stopped when a depth of seventy-five feet had been reached by a layer of sand and boulders. But when the president turned to subjects of general scientific interest he had better results to lay before his hearers. The Society could claim no share in the discovery of the Rontgen rays, but among the inquiries that had everywhere been undertaken upon the nature of the rays none were more remarkable than those made by Professor J. J. Thomson, who had observed that the rays have the power of discharging electricity, both positive and negative, from a body surrounded by a non-conductor; a mass of paraffin wax, for example, behaving in their path for the time being like a conductor of electricity. Helium also had been placed under further examination, and Professor Ramsay, its discoverer, had now found that electric-sparks will strike through it for an extraordinary distance, whilst Lord Rayleigh had ascertained that the refractivity of the new element was less than any previously known. Perhaps still more interesting was the astonishing evidence brought forward by Professor Roberts-Austen to show that metals are not only capable of diffusing into each other when they are molten, but also when they are cold. He had

shown that if clean surfaces of lead and gold were held together *in vacuo* at a temperature of only forty degrees for four days they would unite firmly and could only be separated by a force equal to one-third of the breaking strain of lead itself. And gold placed at the bottom of a cylinder of lead 70mm. long thus united with it would have diffused to the top in notable quantities at the end of three days. Such facts as these will tend to modify if not to revolutionise our notions of solids, and our ideas of the relations of the liquid and solid states of matter, and open up a wide area of application. After the president's address the Society's medals for the year were presented. Germany, France and Italy bore away these honours, whilst England was represented by Sir Archibald Geikie and Professor Vernon Boys. Evidently no borderland of nationality is allowed to give rise to jealousy in the distribution of the rewards of science.

THE EXPLOSIVE FLOWER.

Amongst the many marvels of nature, the sandbox tree takes a high position. Its habitat ranges along a very extensive line of country, the swampy marshes of the River Amazon being one of its strongholds. The bark of the tree is smooth, and on the stems being tapped yield a milky sap. It is frequently cultivated amidst the tropical regions of Brazil and in the West Indies for ornaments. The sandbox tree absorbs quantities of moisture from the earth, and is supposed by the Indians and settlers thereby to lessen the cause of fever in swampy ground. It is known to the natives as the "Explosive Plant," the flower on ripening bursting with a loud report, expelling the seeds, which closely resemble the pumpkin seed, to several yards distant. Often in the stillness of the night these reports, resembling the sound of firearms, can be heard in the forests. The natives aver that the Brazilian monkeys venerate the sandbox tree, gather up the exploded seeds, and carry them into the recesses of the forest, where fresh growths of this wonderful plant are formed. At Rio Janeiro the tree is frequently called the Torpedo Plant.

V A R I A .

A MODERN IMPROVEMENT.

"I CAME to talk to you about—"
 "Ah, yes," the busy man answered without looking up. "The office boy told me you were coming. You want to talk about life insurance!"
 "Yes, sir."
 "Well, go right over there in the corner and help yourself."
 "I don't quite understand."
 "I've got to save every minute of my time, and I'm afraid that if I don't hear what you have to say I'll be missing a good thing. There's a phonograph over there at your entire disposal. Two book agents, a lightning-rod man, and a man who wants to borrow money have talked into it this morning, but there are plenty of cylinders, and you can go ahead and fill it with eloquence till you get tired."

"SCIENCE" RUN MAD.

A French physiologist, Dr. Baraduc, has been indulging in a series of shocking experiments on a living pigeon. He fastened the bird on a board with its wings and legs firmly secured, and then placed a sensitised plate near the body for the purpose of fixing an image of its struggles. Up to the time of the bird's exhaustion the plate shows little round spots, and when it becomes quiet cloudy markings are produced. Dr. Baraduc then cuts the pigeon's throat, and watches for "curling eddies" being fixed on the sensitised plate. Surely the whole process is experiment gone mad. It is difficult to see where any advantage accrues from these hideous "observations."

THE INTERPRETER AND THE INDIANS.

Some years ago, while visiting the Spokanes, General Philip Sheridan related to the Indians, through an interpreter, the wonders of the railroad, and then waited to see what effect the revelation would have upon them.

"What do they say?" he asked the interpreter.
 "They say they don't believe it," was the answer.
 Sheridan then described the steamboat, and the interpreter repeated this.
 "What do they say to that?" the general asked again, seeing the Indian faces all impassive.
 "They say they don't believe that either."
 Then the general gave an account of the telephone, and told how a man at the end of a long wire had talked to a man at the other end of it. The interpreter remained silent. "Well," said the general, "why don't you interpret that to them."
 "Because I don't believe that story myself," answered the conscientious man.

For several years Cardinal Gibbons has been engaged upon a book, to be called "The Ambassador of Christ." He has written upon it regularly in Baltimore, notwithstanding his many official duties, and even when he was away. More than ordinary interest has been manifested in the coming of this work, which is fast approaching completion. It discusses topics of vital interest to the clergy, the student, the scholar and the layman.

Mr. F. de Zuletta, from the Oratory School, Edgbaston, has just been elected to an open classical scholarship at New College, Oxford, and Mr. Urquhart, tutor of Balliol College, was recently elected to a fellowship. These honours being obtained immediately after the universities were thrown open to Catholics are exceedingly gratifying. It was lately said publicly that no boy from a Catholic school could get an open scholarship at Oxford. The contrary has been proved to be the case, at least so far Edgbaston is concerned. This is first occasion on which an open classical scholarship has been won by a Catholic since the "Reformation."

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Sunday Corner.

LOVE BEYOND DEATH.

[THE appeal to the human heart of the Catholic faith on the subject of the departed souls, and the help they may receive from our benighted written by the Rev W. C. Smith, a Presbyterian clergyman of Scotland.]

prayers is beautifully manifested in the following poem, said to have

O'er land and sea, love follows with fond prayers,
Its dear ones in their troubles, griefs, and cares ;

There is no spot

On which it does not drop this tender dew,
Except the grave, and there it bids adieu,
And prayeth not.

Why should that be the only place uncheered
By prayer, which to our hearts is most endeared,
And sacred grown ?

Living, we sought for blessings on their head ;
Why should our lips be sealed when they are dead,
And we alone ?

Idle—their doom is fixed ! Ah ! who can tell ?
Yet, were it so, I think no harm could well
Come of my prayer ;
And oh ! the heart o'erburdened with its grief,
This comfort needs, and finds therein relief
From its despair.

Shall God be wroth because we love them still,
And call upon His love to shield from ill
Our dearest, best,
And bring them home, and recompense their pain,
And cleanse their sin, if any sin remain,
And give them rest ?

Nay, I will not believe it. I will pray
As for the living, for the dead each day ;
They will not grow
Less meet for heaven when followed by a prayer
To speed them home, like summer-scented air
From long ago.

Who shall forbid the earth's desire to flow
Beyond the limit of the things we know ?
In heaven above
The incense that the golden censers bear
Is the sweet perfume from the saintly prayer
Of trust and love.

FOOTPRINTS.

Every little kindness,
Every deed of love,
Every little action
Prompted from above :
E'en a cup of water
In His great name given—
These are angels' footprints
Leading up to heaven.

Every little sacrifice
Made for others' weal,
Every wounded brother

That we strive to heal,
E'en a word of kindness
To misfortune given—
All are angels' footprints
Leading up to heaven.

Then let angels lead us
Whereso'er they would ;
Ever let them teach us
What is for our good ;
May they cross our pathway
When from heaven they roam,
Let us follow after
Footprints leading home.

Mr. Gladstone's Advice to Young Men.—Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say, "Nothing succeeds like success." Effort—honest, manful, humble effort—succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early gained, not seldom serves, like winning the throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. Get knowledge, all you can. Be thorough in all you do, and remember that, though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is always despicable. But, you like men, be strong and exercise your strength. Work onward and upward, and may the blessing of the Most High soothe your care, clear your vision, and crown your labours with reward !

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1897

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.

BON VOYAGE TO FATHER LYNCH.

AFTER labouring in Dunedin with untiring energy and ceaseless activity for the last fifteen years, Father LYNCH has decided to take what everybody will admit is a well-earned holiday. We desire to join in the chorus of good wishes which he has already received, and take this opportunity of wishing him, on behalf of ourselves and of his many friends throughout New Zealand, a safe, pleasant and prosperous journey. The Catholics of Dunedin have already united with the greatest enthusiasm to do him honour and to express their warm appreciation of his long and faithful services. It is the barest justice to Father LYNCH to say that he has fully earned the affection and gratitude which were so earnestly and eloquently expressed at the meeting on Monday night. In the first place, throughout all the years of his priesthood, no matter what troubles or worries of his own he may have had, he has always been to his people the

Southern of the cheery manner,
And the kindly Irish heart.

And it is little wonder that

As welcome to their vision
As the morning beaming o'er,
With the flood of rosy lustre
Was his presence at their door.

In the second place the amount of sheer downright solid hard work which Father LYNCH has accomplished during the term of his priesthood in Dunedin is certainly remarkable. The late Dr. CLARKE used to say that the old adage about "having too many irons in the fire" conveyed an abominable lie. "You cannot have too many ; poker, tongs and all—keep them all going." Father LYNCH has evidently acted on this principle and work has been as the very breath of life to him. It is given to but few men to be able even

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to attempt the multitudinous and multifarious works to which he has applied himself, and the wonder is, not that he has been able to do them so well but that he has been able to do them at all. He has discharged with painstaking conscientiousness all the duties of a parish priest, and that, as a speaker at the meeting truly remarked, is of itself quite sufficient for most men to undertake. During the long illness of the late Bishop and in the interval before the consecration of his successor, a large amount of important administrative work must have also fallen upon his shoulders. Notwithstanding the pressure of work in all directions he attended Bishop MORAN in his last illness with an untiring devotion that was alike creditable to himself and pleasing and edifying to his people. For some time past he has also discharged the arduous duties of editor of the TABLET, a work which must of itself have made an enormous drain upon his time. In the midst of all this he has found time to act as director of confraternities, to take an active interest in the choir, and to be the guiding spirit of a vigorous and flourishing Literary Society. We have by no means exhausted the list of Father LYNCH'S labours, but the short review we have given is sufficient to show that, from first to last, he has not spared himself in the work of the parish, that he has shown throughout a whole-souled devotedness to the interests of the people, and that he has thoroughly and honestly earned the holiday he is now to enjoy. We would add one word as to Father LYNCH'S relations with the TABLET. Through the lamented death of the late Bishop of Dunedin, and the much-regretted departure from Dunedin of Mr. J. F. PERLIN, who had for so many years conducted this journal with signal ability and success, the TABLET was left without a guiding hand, and at the request of the directors Father LYNCH agreed to step into the breach. It is not for us to speak of the present position of the TABLET, but this at least we may safely say, that Father LYNCH has always had the best interests of the paper most warmly at heart, and has cheerfully sacrificed both time and energy to make it a success. We believe he will not cease to take a heartfelt interest in its welfare, and we hope and expect that our readers will not unfrequently hear from him in the course of his wanderings. On behalf of ourselves, and of his friends among our readers (and their name is legion) we wish him a happy and prosperous journey, and hope that he will derive the highest possible benefit and enjoyment from his trip, and in due time return with renewed vigour to resume his labours amongst us.

ON Tuesday morning Synodal Mass was said by his Lordship the Bishop at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 7 a.m., and in the afternoon of the same day the diocesan conference was held. In the evening the clergy went into retreat, which will close on Saturday morning. The retreat is being given by the Very Rev. Father Boyle, C.M.

THE following are the results, just received, of the examinations in instrumental music held in St. Dominick's College, Dunedin, in October last by Dr. Gordon Saunders, examiner. Trinity College, London:—Senior division—Miss J. Fagan, honours, 91. Junior division—Miss M. Woods, honours, 85. Primary division—Miss G. Meenan, pass, 90; Miss M. Paton, pass, 81; Miss J. Griffen, pass, 80; Miss A. Liston, pass, 77. Only one of the pupils presented by the college failed to secure a pass.

THE Very Rev. Father Lynch occupied the pulpit at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening for the last time prior to his departure for Europe. At the close of his discourse Father Lynch made the following reference to his intended departure: "This is probably the last opportunity I shall have of speaking to you before I take advantage of his Lordship's kindness in granting me leave of absence for twelve months, and one or two thoughts naturally suggest themselves. I do not like to trust myself to speak of the relations that have existed between us during the years that have gone. I hope—or rather I know—that we will pray for each other, that we may be what we ought to be. I am very grateful for all the kindness you have shown to me. It is now fifteen years since I began to work amongst you, and during all that time I have received nothing but kindness not only from yourselves, but from those also outside our communion. I shall try to prove my gratitude by remembering the congregation at all the shrines which I hope to visit. I hope that during the year on which we have entered you will lead holy lives and not abuse the grace of Almighty God. I hope that those who may be taken away during the year will receive the grace of a happy death and for those that remain that the year will prove to be a holy, happy, and well-spent year."

THE Rev. Dr. Watters, rector of St. Patrick's College, has returned to Wellington after a very pleasant holiday. Intending students are reminded that the college reopens on February 1.

St. FRANCIS XAVIER'S Academy for young ladies, Wellington, has been removed from Ingestre street to Arlington street where the school will open on Thursday, February 4. The new premises are a great improvement on the old ones, being much larger, more centrally situated, and the building having been designed and constructed so as to combine strength with plenty of room, pupils will find a distinct advantage. The academy also commands a fine view of the harbour and is situated in a position where the health of pupils will not suffer. There are also large play grounds where necessary recreation can be taken. At the recent examinations the pupils sent up from the academy were highly successful, amongst the honours obtained being the highest number of passes in the Cambridge musical examinations. In technical drawing a large number also passed, the branches being freehand, geometry and model drawing, and they having the further distinction of gaining the three highest passes possible. The results must be highly gratifying to the lady superior and staff of teachers, and a large increase in the number of pupils may be expected. The number of day scholars and boarders last year was 120.

ON Thursday, January 14, the Catholic church, Hastings, was the scene of a neat little wedding, when the Rev. Father Smythe united in wedlock Mr. Alexander Smith, assistant trainer for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, and Miss Jane Josephine Livesey, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Livesey, of Hastings.

ON last Thursday evening the Very Rev. Father Lynch was entertained at a social gathering of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir in St. Joseph's schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated and embellished for the occasion by the enterprising ladies of the choir. His Lordship Dr. Verdon and the Rev. Father Murphy were also present. During the evening songs and recitations and pianoforte solos were given by ladies and gentlemen of the choir. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation to Father Lynch of a handsomely bound and suitably inscribed album of views of New Zealand scenery. Mr. Carolin, in making the presentation on behalf of the choir, spoke in high praise of Father Lynch's enthusiasm and interest in all things musical, and especially with reference to his long and happy connection with the choir. Father Lynch, in thanking the choir for its gift, referred to the manner in which it had supported him in his work, and spoke generally of the choir's efficiency and zeal. He expressed the hope that they would be long associated in the same happy manner which had marked their intercourse in the past. His Lordship Bishop Verdon also spoke highly of Father Lynch and his work, and gave great encouragement to the choir by speaking in terms of praise of its work. He also intimated the improvements about to be made in the choir loft and the organ. A very happy evening was concluded with the expression of the best wishes of those present for a happy and prosperous voyage and holiday to Father Lynch.

THE Rev. Father Bell, who has been located at Reefton for the past couple of years (says the *Grey Argus* January 22), has been transferred to another parish and sailed for Wellington on Monday. It is the intention of his many friends to forward him a testimonial as a mark of their esteem.

THE funeral of the late J. Minihan (says the *Inangahua Times* January 20), took place to-day and was attended by a large concourse of mourners, a considerable number of whom were miners. The *corpse* left the residence of deceased's brother at 2 p.m., the remains being conveyed to the Sacred Heart Church and thence to the new cemetery. At the church the Rev. Father Rolland bestowed an eloquent panegyric on deceased whom he referred to as a man, who having led a good and virtuous life, had now gone to reap the reward of a true Christian.

At a meeting of the Dunedin St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee, held on Tuesday evening, Mr. F. W. Petre was appointed permanent vice-chairman of the committee, and sub-committees were appointed for canvassing and for sports. The committee meet again on Tuesday fortnight.

SINCE last year's excursion to Half-way Bay proved so successful and pleasant, the members of the Roman Catholic communion decided to hold their 1897 picnic there also. The ladies put forth their best efforts, and, combined with the energy displayed by Messrs. Black, Gudgeon, Gavin, McCarthy, Butler and several others, succeeded in providing a very pleasant day's outing to nearly 300 people. A great number were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. Those who did attend, however, could not be otherwise than delighted with their trip. The steamer Mountaineer left the Queenstown wharf at about ten o'clock on Wednesday last and reached its destination about an hour later. The passage was pleasant, although somewhat rough owing to the very high wind which was blowing all day. Immediately on reaching

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Half-way—where the party were met and welcomed by Mr. McLean—preparations were made for providing refreshments. This was done on a liberal scale—there being an abundance for all, and plenty over at the last, and it proved how successful had been the kind efforts of the ladies who were most assiduous in their attendance on the wants of those present. After enjoying a hearty lunch an adjournment was made to a clear piece of ground. Sports in plenty were provided for the boys and girls—both young and old. Not the least exciting were several obstacle races (provided by the boat hands) and tugs of war. To give the names of the successful competitors would occupy too much space. Everyone, however, seemed happy—even those who got tired and “lay down” in the races, and caused more to do the same rather unexpectedly. Several small parties betook themselves to the many sequestered spots in the bay, while others took advantage of Mr. McLean's liberality and enjoyed themselves in his fruit garden. Expressions of regret were plainly audible when Mr. Gudgeon gave the order “all back to the beach.” Before the moorings of the steamer were let go Mr. Black, on behalf of the Catholic community, thanked the Messrs. McLean and Withers, who were on the wharf. As on previous occasions they owed (and he was sure he echoed the feelings of every one present) their heartfelt thanks to Mr. McLean and his family, and Mr. and the Misses Withers for the hospitality extended by them towards the pioneers, who, by their company, helped to make the outing all the more enjoyable. Mr. Black then asked the excursionists to give three hearty cheers for the friends they were about to leave. Cheers were given accordingly and “Auld Lang Syne” was sung just as the steamer left the wharf. The Rev. Fathers O'Donnell, Keenan, and Boyle were present, and added largely from first to last in securing the success of the outing—*Lake Wakatipu Mail*, January 22.

The Catholic clergy of Otago at present assembled in synod in Dunedin took occasion on Tuesday to present the Very Rev. Father Lynch with a substantial token of their esteem in the shape of a purse of sovereigns. The Very Rev. Father O'Leary (Lawrence) voiced the sentiments of his *confreres*, and referred in kindly terms to the many genial qualities for which Father Lynch was remarkable. During the years of his administration at the cathedral he always extended a cheery welcome to his brother priests, and they could not allow this occasion to pass without making some recognition of the many obligations under which Father Lynch had placed them. They heartily wished him a pleasant voyage, and would look forward to the time when he should return renewed in health and energy. Father Lynch, in reply, said he could not find words in which to thank his fellow priests. He was completely taken by surprise at the kindly act, which was prompted by their goodwill towards him. Much as he esteemed the proofs of regard given him by the laity, he valued far more this spontaneous expression of the clergy's feeling towards him. During his absence he would often think of those with whom he had worked for years, who were well worthy of the highest praise, and for whom their bishop entertained the highest respect, a feeling thoroughly reciprocated by the clergy towards his Lordship. A thought struck him. Visiting America was not included in his rather extensive programme, but now he thought he could not apply their generous gift to better purpose than by gaining the useful experience in ecclesiastical matters, which a visit to America, where the church was in such a progressive state, would give. In conclusion, he trusted they would remember him in their prayers, and he in turn promised that they would not be forgotten by him when at the hallowed shrines which he hoped to visit.

It has been decided to hold a band contest on the West Coast in the month of April and a committee, of which the Rev. Father Servajean is a member, has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Grey papers declare that the Greymouth Catholic band is second to none on the West Coast.

THE annual picnic of St. Mary's Cathedral (Wellington) choir was held on the 21st inst. at Day's Bay. The day was fine, and the members of the choir and friends left at 10 o'clock in the morning by the Mana, and were brought back by the Duco in the evening. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the pleasure of the outing was greatly enhanced by the music of St. Mary's orchestra, under the directorship of Mr. Cimino, which played several selections. An excellent repast was prepared by the ladies and greatly enjoyed. In a speech before the party returned to the boat on their way back, Mr. MacDuff Boyd thanked Mr. Cimino and the ladies in the name of all present for the very pleasurable day spent.—*N. Z. Times*.

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REVIEW.

St. Peter: His Name and Office. By T. W. Allies. London: Catholic Truth Society. Dunedin: J. A. Maceo.

This admirable work, which is a reprint by the Catholic Truth Society of a work published some years ago by Mr. Allies, has a somewhat interesting history. Mr. Allies, who was originally an Anglican clergyman, devoted himself, immediately after Newman's session from the Church of England, to a study of the question of the Pope's supremacy, with a view to defending his own Church from the charge of schism. After only three months' study he felt himself competent to write on the subject, and published a work which was regarded by his Anglican friends as being a conclusive answer to the claims of Rome, and a complete vindication of the admittedly peculiar position of the Anglican Church. Mr. Allies, however, continued his examination of the question, and after four years' patient and exhaustive study, he was forced to entirely reverse his first judgment, and was led to humbly seek admission to the one true fold. The result of those years of close and careful examination is embodied in the work under notice. It is a most important and altogether valuable work. A very large number of handbooks have been already published on the subject of the primacy, but in most cases the writers have striven to uphold the primacy chiefly from the testimony of the Primitive Church and the early Fathers. Mr. Allies is by no means neglectful of the testimony of the Fathers, and he is careful throughout his work to show that their interpretation of the Petrine texts is in entire harmony with that of the Church to-day. But his main object is to develop the Scriptural argument for the primacy of Peter, and the proofs from Holy Scripture, direct and indirect, are set before the readers in a way that is simply masterly. The chain of evidence is so strong when completely drawn out, as it is in this little book, that even the average Catholic, who had not carefully studied the subject, would be surprised at its strength, and it would strike a Protestant, as it struck Mr. Allies, with all the force of a new revelation. We ourselves had been used to consider the question of the Pope's supremacy as being one in which pre-eminently the principle of development might be largely availed of, but after reading Mr. Allies' presentation of the Scripture grounds for the supremacy, the necessity for the application of that principle is in our judgment very materially reduced. The following summary of chapter headings will give some slight idea of the aim and scope of the work:—The name of Peter, promised, conferred and explained; education and final designation of Peter to be the ruler who should confirm his brethren; the investiture of Peter; the correspondence and equivalence of the great texts concerning Peter; St. Peter's primacy as exhibited in the Acts; testimony of St. Paul to St. Peter's primacy; St. Peter's primacy involved in the fourfold unity of Christ's kingdom; summary of proof given for St. Peter's primacy; the nature, multiplicity and force of proof for St. Peter's primacy. Every text which presents any difficulty or seems to tell against the primacy is fairly faced and carefully examined, and not only is the difficulty explained but in many cases such texts are shown to tell in favour of the very claim against which their aid was invoked. Father Rivington, himself a convert from Anglicanism, referring to this work, declares “the Anglican theory of Church government never seemed to him secure after the day when he finished a careful perusal of its pages.” Cardinal Newman, in a letter to the author, said “I am exceedingly pleased with what I have read of your new work, but have not yet finished it. The argument is very well and powerfully put.” And Cardinal Manning, then an Anglican, wrote thus regarding it: “Many thanks for your book. I have read it once and shall read it again closely, and with the examination you would desire. It is very able, and demands a full treatment by any one who will answer it.” It is now generally agreed that the question of the primacy is the great vital question in the controversy between the Catholic Church and all non-Catholic denominations, and it is therefore of the greatest importance that Catholics should be well informed on such a point. We do not hesitate to say that anyone who masters this little work will be practically impregnable on the subject. We very warmly commend the work, and hope it will have a very extensive sale.

CATHOLIC CONCERT AT RIVERSDALE.

THE first concert under the auspices of the Riversdale Catholic Church took place, recently, says the *Southern Standard*, and was an immense success. The hall was well filled, all the available seating accommodation being taxed to its utmost. As the Riversdale Rifles were in camp the concert was held under the patronage of the Plains defenders. This, no doubt, lent to the gathering a tinge of curiosity and induced probably a larger number than would otherwise have done so to attend. The volunteers, in their new uniforms, lent a charm and vivacity to the proceedings that was most pleasing.

The members of the Catholic Church on the Waimea Plains have for some considerable time felt the necessity of having a place of worship of their own, and recently took the necessary steps to gain that object. The result has been that the church is now almost completed, and is an ornament to the north end of the town. Its situation is almost fronting the junction of the Waimea Plains and the Waikaia railway, and it is intended, if possible, to have the same completed so that it can be opened for public worship about the third or fourth Sunday in February. The proceeds of the concert on Friday would augment the funds by fully £40.

Coming to the concert itself, it passed off successfully. One or two of the performers were not at their best, but as a contra, others again exceeded expectations. The performance of Misses Morrison, Neill, and Cougherty was meritorious, and each were loudly and deservedly applauded. The first item was a piano duet by the

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Misses Haydon and MacPherson, of Balfour, "Westward ho." This was very nicely played, and was succeeded by a solo from Mr. J. Robertson of Otamita, "My father's home," for which he received an encore. Mrs. Murphy, who is an acquisition to Riversdale musical circles, sang "Killarney" very nicely. The lady is possessed of a sweet, although not powerful, voice. Mr. J. S. Thomson followed in a comic item, which the audience understood to contain the line, "I'm another." However, he was encored, as comic singers usually are, and "Just in time," with considerable facial contortion, was better rendered and well received. Miss Neill (Dunedin) contributed "O promise me," which was sung very sweetly. Miss Coughtery accompanied on the violin and Miss Denniston on the piano. Altogether, the item was a very pleasing one, and the young lady had to respond to an encore, and repeated the last verse. Mr. G. F. Edwards sang with vigour "Father O'Flynn." Mr. Edward's voice, like Mr. Thomson's, is not what it once was, and is fast deteriorating. Miss Morrison, of Invercargill, sang "Dear heart" with much taste, and in response to an encore gave "The holy city." The last item was even more loudly applauded than the original contribution. It was certainly a splendid effort, and the audience thoroughly appreciated the best-rendered item probably ever heard in Riversdale. The first part of the programme concluded by another item from Mr. Thomson.

The second part was introduced by a well-played violin solo by Miss Coughtery, which was followed by Mr. Robertson in the song "Where I am lodging now." Mr. Robertson was vociferously encored. Mrs. Murphy's contribution was the "Shamrock," an item dear to the lovers of the Emerald Isle. Mr. G. F. Edwards essayed "The heart bowed down," and was applauded. Miss Morrison sang "Come back to Erin" very sweetly, and was encored. A comic duet by the Misses Enright (in character), entitled "His pipe," brought the concert part of the programme to a close. A *tableau* entitled "Three old maids of Lee," represented by Mrs. W. A. Donald, Misses Coughtery and Small, and the three young maids were represented by the Misses Denniston, Neill, and Gee, and their lovers for the nonce were Captain Donald, and Sergeants Gee and Matheson. The gallant captain appeared to be in great demand by the old maids, and after a few osculatory symbols were exchanged he appeared pleased to get into the atmosphere of private solitude, where all bachelors love to dwell. The company joined in singing the National Anthem, and the proceedings terminated.

Mr. James Kelly, on behalf of the Catholics of the Waimea Plains, returned thanks for the patronage bestowed by the public of all denominations that evening. The committee of management were extremely pleased to see so many present, and on their behalf he returned thanks.

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL WITH ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.

THE Derbyshire Football Association, at a recent meeting, had a very curious point submitted to them for decision. The Buxton Football Club complained of several of the members of their team having received injuries in consequence of a member of the Bonsall (Matlock) team having played with an artificial arm. They complained that the practice was a dangerous one, and asked the Association to make it a rule that players should in every case take the field without artificial limbs. It transpired during the discussion that several clubs in the country would be affected. One member of the council said these players with "dummy" arms were regular "terrors." Once they got on the ball they swung their artificial arms round, and it was a wonder they had not heard of fractured skulls. After a long debate, it was decided that players with artificial arms take them off before taking part in any game.

THE MENZIES TYRE.

It would seem that there is a definite prospect of something being at length done in the matter of a non-puncturing tyre, and it is with much gratification we chronicle the fact that the inventor who has come to the rescue of a long-suffering cycling public is a well-known merchant, Mr William Menzies, of the Bon Marche, Dundee. Mr. Menzies has already patented his invention, the object of which, he says, is to provide a tyre which shall be resilient, safe, light, inexpensive, and having the greatest possible elasticity with the least possible quantity of rubber. The invention does away with the inside air tube and the inflating of the tyres, the space between the outer cover and the rim of the wheel being filled with a piece or pieces of solid cork, with a light non-puncturing tube on the thread in such a manner that they form a ring. This, the inventor claims, will entirely obviate the present results of puncture, since, should the cover happen to be cut or pierced, the cork inside will remain intact. It is still further satisfactory to learn that the total weight of cork required for the two tyres does not exceed sixteen ounces. The outside appearance of the tyre, it may be mentioned, is exactly similar to that of the ordinary pneumatic safety machine. This, without entering into the details of the mechanism, is the idea which Mr Menzies has invented and patented, and it would appear from the results of the trials to which the new tyres have been subjected on street and road that they are everything which the inventor claims for them. The idea can be carried out in regard to cars and carriages as well as cycles, and we should not wonder if we were at length within reasonable distance of the extinction of the lumbering, noisy, oscillating vehicles which try our nerves and our tempers so much at the present time. We have no doubt that the Menzies tyre has a great future in store for it.

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For Our Young Readers.

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(By UNCLE AUSTEN in *Ar. Maria*).

COLOUR.

THE shade of the shamrocks and "Sunburst," I ween,
Nature's own favourite, bright sparkling green.

FLOWER.

The modest white violet, emblem most fair
Of souls that e'er shrink from the world's lurid glare.

HOUR OF DAY.

Beauty's magic hour when the day-god sinks to rest
Through the gold and crimson curtains of the radiant, happy West

SEASON.

Autumn, bounteous autumn, when the harvest-moon looks down
On the smiling fields and valleys—earnest labour's joyous crown.

NAMES.

Two that lips divine oft uttered, many centuries ago—
Mary, sweetest name in story; and the loved disciple's, John.

HERO IN ROMANCE.

Galahad, knight of the glistening shield,
Purest of lilies in chivalry's field.

COMPANION.

A genial saint, not too severe
On those who move not in his sphere.

SUBLIMEST PASSION.

Love that sees in God its prize,
Love that prompts to sacrifice.

OCCUPATION.

Catching pretty fancies from the mystic land of dreams,
Clothing old ideas in a dress that novel seems.

TRAIT IN MAN.

Unselfishness that's real, the trait of all most rare;
Who wears this gem, I look on him as rich beyond compare.

TRAIT IN WOMAN.

True modesty that's plated with gold of common-sense;
Not prudishness, e'er looking for a chance to take offence.

SADDEST WORDS.

The mocking strain of a cruel fate
Forever shrieking: "Too late, too late!"

SWEETEST WORDS.

Those that shall echo through heaven's broad dome
When our exile is ended—"Home, sweet home!"

MOTTO.

A simple one, you will surely say—
"Love thy God, and go thy way."

YOUR MOTHER.

Honour the dear aged mother. Time has scattered the snow-flakes on her brow, pillowed deep furrows in her cheeks, but she is as sweet and beautiful now! The lips are thin and sunken, but those are lips that have kissed many a hot tear from childish cheeks and these are the sweetest lips in all the world. The eye is dim, yet it ever glows with soft radiance of holy love which can never fade. Ah, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go further and reach down lower for you than all others on earth. You cannot walk into a midnight where she cannot see you, you cannot walk into a prison whose bars will keep her out; you cannot mount a scaffold too high for her to reach that she may kiss you and bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world despises and forsakes you, when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you into her feeble arms and carry you home, and tell you all your virtues, until you almost forget your soul is disfigured by vice. Love her tenderly and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.

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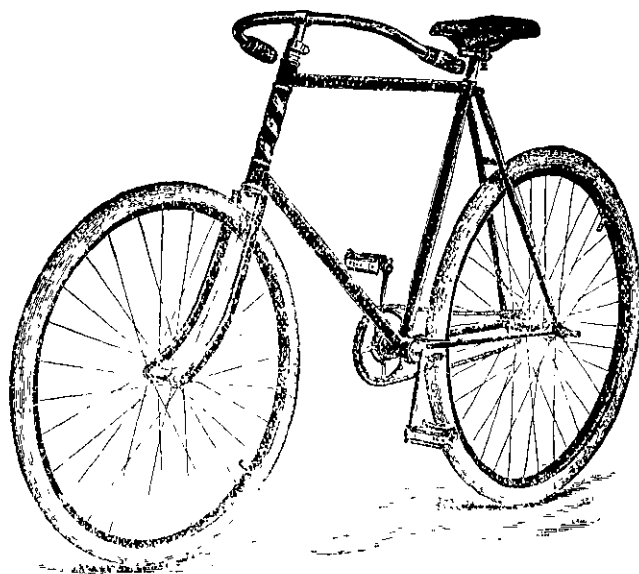
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CHAPTER I.

"But at last came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answering, said: Amen I say to you, I know you not."

BLANCHE SEYMOUR closed the book and rested her hands on its cover. "I don't like that," she sighed; "it seems so sad."

It did not seem strange that melancholy thoughts should be unwelcome on this beautiful August day. It was the feast of St. Clara, and everything in nature seemed to be doing glad homage to the virgin patroness of the most lovely valley in beautiful California.

Blanche was sitting in the lawn-tennis ground of the Notre Dame Convent at San José. She had brought her prayer book with her, intending to make a meditation on the Gospel of the day, but the story of the foolish virgins seemed to displease her. "But it shall not be my case," she exclaimed confidently; "my vocation is decided. I have thought long and seriously about it, and now it is only a question of time."

"Well, Blanche," exclaimed a cheerful voice beside her, "so you are going to leave us? We thought you would stay to graduate."

"I could if I wished, but I think that I had better make a home for my father at once. He has been boarding in various places ever since mother died, and he seems to be so very tired of it that I really feel that I ought to give up my last year at school and go to housekeeping. He does not say that I must, but I think it is the least I might do for him."

"And what about Emily?"

"Emily is to have her choice. She may remain at this convent until she has finished the course, or she may go to San Francisco with me and attend the Notre Dame College."

"What does Father Andrews think of your determination?"

"I have not consulted him about it. He could only advise me to do what my conscience dictates, and I think I owe it to my father to devote a few years of my life to him before I—" She blushed and broke off suddenly.

Sister Lucy smiled. "Of course we know what you will do when those few years are over," she said.

"There is no doubt of it," said Blanche emphatically; "my mind is made up to that. I shall not be like the poor, foolish virgins of whom we read in to-day's Gospel."

About a week after, Blanche and her sister Emily left the convent and took possession of their new home in San Francisco. Blanche's first care was to place Emily in the day-school at Notre Dame Convent, in the mission. Then she devoted herself to the comfort and entertainment of her father, and, when occasion required, to social duties.

Like many other girls who have had no experience in the matter, Blanche had much overrated the dangers of society life. Her religious books had spoken frequently of the perils of worldliness, and she, exaggerating and misapplying these warnings, had grown to regard the company of her fellow-creatures, apart from religious or business associations, as a very pitfall of Satan. To her unutterable surprise she found, on entering timidly into the ranks of "the upper ten" that much good seed might be found growing amid the cockle of this wide field. Many a "queen of the ball-room" had reigned all day over a motherless home or a darkened sick room, and many an apparently frivolous belle, appearing to rejoice only in the number of her conquests, used her powers of fascination only to accomplish silent but solid good in the hearts of her admirers.

Personally vanity might be said to be the last failing of which the pious Blanche Seymour would ever be accused. And, truth to tell, she never knew herself whether she was good-looking or not until after she left school. Dress, that not-to-be-despised element in a woman's attractiveness, was given but little attention in a convent boarding-school. The girls, absorbed in books and thoughts of premiums and honours, did not spend much time in admiring each other, and so Blanche's rare beauty, attracting no notice from her school-mates, never became for her a subject for self-congratulation. It was not until she heard herself spoken of as the most beautiful girl in her circle, till admiration and congratulation followed her every step—until she realized, in short, that she had become a "social success" that the evil leaven began to work.

But in a short time the mischief was done. Recollections of compliments and pleasant speeches would thrust themselves upon her during the time set apart for prayer and meditation. The admiring looks that had pleased her the night before would somehow follow her around in the performance of her daily duties. Devotion to her toilet gradually became more important than devotion to her father. Poor little Blanche's head, in short, was completely turned in a very short time.

One sunny afternoon, just before Lent, Emily came running in from school in a great state of excitement. "O Blanche!" she exclaimed, "Mrs. Highup is going to give a musicale some night this week and you're going to be invited."

Blanche had tried her best to correct Emily's bad habit of giving nicknames, but had not succeeded. She knew that the names by which Emily generally chose to call her acquaintances were not those by which they were indicated in the directory; and, consequently that Mrs. Highup in all probability was known to her by some other appellation. She mildly intimated as much to her sister.

"Why!" exclaimed the latter, "she's Mrs. Travis, Helen Travis's mother, and she's the very *crème-de-la-skim-milk* of society."

"It seems to me," said Blanche, knowing that it would be worse than useless to reprove her sister's levity, "that a Mrs. Travis did call on me a little while ago, but I was out when she came. What is she like?"

"Didn't you see her when you returned her visit?"

"No, I have not been to see her yet. She has only one reception day in the month, and that has not come round since she called. Tell me something about her."

"The Travis family," said Emily, "are in every sense delightful people. Their pedigree is as long as from here to New York, and their pride is something monstrous!"

"Emily, don't exaggerate so! Are they wealthy?"

"No; delightful people never are; they don't have anything to do with money, and money don't have anything to do with them. The other day when I happened to be with Helen on our way from school, Mrs. Highup took occasion to tell me that there wasn't a tradesman in their family all the way back to Adam. By way of keeping up the interest I told them of some of papa's funny experiences in the wholesale grocery business, and 'silence like a poul-tice came.'"

"I am glad you did not try to sail under false colours, Emily," said Blanche approvingly. "Was that before she called?"

"No, it was only last week. But still Helen said you were to be asked to the musicale."

"That is rather strange," said Blanche, "if she looks down on trades-people so, and knows who we are. Maybe it is out of pure love of the art."

Emily knew better. Though inferior to her sister in intellectual attainments, she possessed far more penetration. It was perfectly plain to her that Mrs. Travis might easily draw a line of distinction between trades-people who had made money and trades-people who had not, and that the fact of Mr. Seymour's belonging to the former class might have something to do with her condescension towards his daughters.

That very afternoon Mrs. Travis called in person to invite both sisters. Blanche soon found that, making every allowance for Emily's exaggerations, the lady deserved the title that had been applied to her.

"I think you will find my young people very companionable," she said when the invitation had been accepted. "Helen is always singing the praises of her dear Emily, and Blanche, I think, will find a kindred spirit in my Theodore, for he is devoted to music."

"Like yourself, Mrs. Travis," said Blanche politely.

"Oh, dear no!" with a deprecating smile, "he inherits his talent from his dear papa. His devotion to music was something extraordinary; I really think it hastened his death. Well," she said as she rose to go, "I shall expect to see you, then, on Thursday night. What a pity that I cannot entertain you on my plantation in old Virginia! Those were the glorious days of old. Oh, that war, that war!"

She sadly shook her head, bade the two sisters an overwhelming adieu, and took her leave.

"It would require a pretty good microscope to see that Virginia plantation," said Emily, again forgetting her resolutions. "They lived in a little house in the suburbs of Richmond with about enough ground to raise three heads of cabbage. Helen showed me a picture of it."

"Is Theodore a musician by profession?" asked Blanche.

"No, he is in the county clerk's office just now; but there must be some musical talent in the family, as their father was a piano-tuner. But they never lost a nickel by the war. They were living in Oregon when that occurred."

Mr. Seymour was not very well pleased when he heard of his daughters' new acquaintance. In his line of business the name of Susanna Travis was not considered as a guarantee of prompt payment; and no landlord was ever eager to secure her as a tenant. But the invitation had been accepted, and he, knowing that Mrs. Travis was not likely to remain very long in one neighbourhood, concluded to let things take their course, for the present at least.

That evening Blanche wrote a letter to Sister Lucy. She said very little about her own feelings or her manner of spending her time. She was rather ashamed to let the Sister know how worldly she was growing. So she wrote a lengthy description of a church dedication which she had attended, spoke of Emily's wonderful progress at school, said a few affectionate words about old times, and managed, on the whole, to write a very satisfactory epistle without betraying her altered frame of mind.

Sister Lucy received the letter at recreation time. She was walking up and down the long corridor leading to the chapel. At one end hung the clock which had marked the happiest hours of Blanche's youth, at the other an open door showed the study-hall, with its beautiful statue of the Immaculate Virgin.

"The dear child!" she said, as she carefully put the letter in her pocket. No doubt we shall soon have her amongst us to stay."

"There is another one we will have sooner or later," said Sister Philomena, "and that is Emily."

"Emily!" exclaimed Sister Lucy, perfectly aghast. "She would make life a burden to the novice-mistress."

Sister Philomena had been Emily's teacher during her last year at the school, and her record-book bore distressing evidences of that young lady's wilfulness. For all that, Sister Philomena seemed to know what she was talking about. "Yes, I know she is mischievous," she said, "but she has a stability of character which, moulded by Divine grace, would make her an excellent religious. Blanche is very mild and tractable, and I doubt not has a true call to the cloister; but of the two Emily, I think, will make the better nun."

"I do pity the novice-mistress," sighed little Sister Aloysius. She was the teacher of plain sewing, and had been driven nearly distracted by left sleeves sewn into right arm-holes, and button-holes

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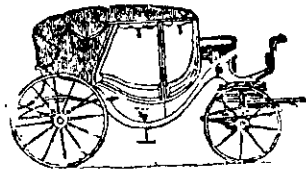
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made like eyes with magnified lashes. "I pity her from the bottom of my heart."

While the Sisters were thus discussing her character and prospects Emily was busily preparing her school-tasks so as to be free to spend the evening at Mrs. Travis'. At eight o'clock the girls set out and a walk of a few blocks brought them to that lady's residence.

Emily and Blanche found Mrs. Travis a very good hostess. Her stately, condescending ways were not altogether out of place in her own house, and she certainly took great pains to give pleasure to her guests, who were of the usual ball-room types.

Helen Travis was resplendent in light kid gloves which sorely needed the ministrations of the cleaner. The musical Theodore was about twenty-five, tall and decidedly handsome. He was by no means an intellectual prodigy, neither was he the simpering idiot known as the "society man." His manners were such as might be expected from his antecedents and training.

He was considerably occupied during the first part of the evening in superintending the amateur musical programme; but after the artistic tastes of the guests had been satisfied, he devoted himself mainly to the entertainment of the Misses Seymour. Emily, while she treated him politely, took very little pains to make herself agreeable to him. Blanche, being the older, felt the necessity of corresponding with the efforts of the hostess, and so entered into a conversation with much apparent interest. Before the evening was over she could not help seeing that her beauty and grace had made a deep impression on the young man. Though his conversation could hardly in itself have been very entertaining to a girl of her mental superiority, the fact that he admired her made his company rather agreeable than otherwise.

Time sped on unperceived, until the approach of midnight warned the assembly to disperse, and she bade him good-night, after cordially inviting him to call on her next reception night.

Accordingly, on the following Wednesday evening, Mr. Theodore Travis was ushered into Mr. Seymour's parlour. The gentleman of the house was not at home, being shut up with eleven other unfortunates in a jury-room. If he had been there the young man might have received such a chilling reception that he would hardly have felt encouraged to call again. But poor foolish Blanche was her own guardian for the time being, and in her fondness for admiration fluttered nearer and nearer to the fatal flame.

After talking very agreeably for an hour or so, she called Emily into the room, that they might engage in a game of three-handed euchre. Unconscious of how thoroughly that young lady disliked him, he tried to make himself very agreeable to her. If there was one thing that Emily hated more than another, it was to be reminded of the fact of her being a mere school-girl; and of course Mr. Travis had to ask her what school she was attending.

"The convent at the Mission Dolores," she answered, devoutly wishing that he would either treat her like a grown person or not speak to her at all.

"My sister goes there too," he said. "You are one of their graduates, are you not, Miss Seymour?"

"No," said Blanche, "I never graduated anywhere, but I was raised, you might almost say, at the college of Notre Dame at San José. And you are a Santa Clara student, Mr. Travis?"

"I was there only for a year," he replied. "but I didn't like it. Those Jesuits, I think, would play mean tricks on a fellow if they could."

"You did well to be on your guard," said Emily with impene- trable gravity. "I hope you were careful to count the change whenever you paid your bills."

Mr. Travis suddenly dropped the subject. It was a fact, as Emily shrewdly suspected, that he had not worried very much about the payment of his school bills. Another piece of history (which he failed to mention) was that the Fathers, weary of his ill-ness and impertinence, had mildly suggested, at the close of the year, that he complete his studies at some other institution.

Theodore Travis had a sharp eye to his own interests. His first attraction towards the lovely girl had been simply an act of homage to her beauty. Then he began to think. He had held his position during two official terms, and the next revolution of the political wheel would infallibly turn him out of employment. He had no ability for business, and, though he had no vicious habits, his tastes were of that extravagant kind which renders a large income very desirable. Here was a beautiful young lady whose father's name stood for half a million on the assessment roll, and who had shown herself pleased with his attentions. This was a possible solution of his difficulties. He might at least try to win the fair prize. If she refused him—well, that was an experience that every man had once or twice in a lifetime. If she married him, while her father might advance the American theory that every man should himself take care of his wife, in practice it would be another thing. Sheer decency, if not affection for his daughter, would compel Mr. Seymour to provide his son-in-law with the means of making a comfortable living. And in time, when Blanche came to her inheritance—

So accordingly he proceeded to make himself more and more agreeable to Blanche.

Blanche's infatuation seemed now to spread through every detail of her life. Her household duties were left to take care of themselves as best they might. She would sit all day long idly dreaming, making no effort to be agreeable to any member of her family. Her religious exercises dwindled down to a half-hearted compliance with the precepts of the Church. She ceased corresponding with her old friends at San José, and did not even take the trouble to go out to the Mission Convent to see how her sister was progressing.

Unfortunately, her father had not the remotest idea of this state of affairs. He was repeatedly called away on business; and Theodore, for reasons of his own, made it a point not to call when he happened to be at home.

But if Mr. Seymour was unconscious of the turn affairs were taking, poor Emily was in a very unhappy state of mind. It took her a long time to realize that her sensible sister could be guilty of such a piece of folly. Once satisfied however, that the fact existed she resolved to remonstrate.

"Blanche," she said timidly, one evening as they sat alone in the parlour, "don't you think Mr. Travis comes here rather often?"

Blanche blushed to the roots of her hair, but said nothing. It was rather hard for Emily, whose nature it was to say everything right out, and expect others to do the same, to re-open the subject which her sister seemed trying to avoid. But she was in earnest, and her earnestness carried her through.

"I think," she began after a pause, "that he has carried his attentions to the point where you ought to decide what you are going to do."

Another silence. A lump rose in Emily's throat.

"You haven't asked my advice Blanche, and you may not take it; but I will advise you for all that. I know you think a great deal of him, but it would be the worst thing you could do to marry him."

Blanche still deigned no reply. Emily went on:

"You know he isn't much of a man; and you know that, with the exception of a little taste for music, there is nothing in common between you. You couldn't live together for two weeks without quarrelling bitterly. And you know how fippant he is with regard to religion."

"He has a great respect for sacred things!" cried Blanche suddenly.

"Why, no, Blanche! Have you forgotten how disrespectfully he spoke of the Jesuits the very second time we met him?"

"I don't see why you should have taken him up so sharply," said Blanche, anxious to leave the original subject. "You have no personal friends among the Jesuits."

"I know that; but I respect them too much to sit still and hear them abused. Why, if they were so many Protestant ministers, losing some of her enforced calmness, "I would have nothing but contempt for a man who would talk so impertinently of his old teachers."

Blanche relapsed into silence. The door-bell rang, and Emily rose to go.

"Once for all," she said, thoroughly saddened and discouraged, "I have warned you. I believe him perfectly capable of jilting you if it happened to suit him. If he marries you, you will have a very unhappy life. The time has come when you must decide whether to encourage him or not. For God's sake, dear Blanche, do think well before you go on."

Emily left the room just in time to avoid meeting the fascinating Theodore. He brought Blanche a beautiful bouquet, which she placed in a vase on the mantelpiece. Then, happy in his company, the clouds passed from her brow, and Emily's warnings were totally forgotten.

(To be continued)

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

Now that this sacred edifice has undergone a thorough renovation from floor to ceiling including benches, gasaliers and confessionals, it may not be out of place to say a few words of its past and present. It was erected by the Rev. Father Chataigner S.M. and consecrated by the late Right Rev. Dr. Viard in December 1864 under the title of "The Church of the Blessed Sacrament." Since then it has been enlarged and beautified at various times by Rev. Fathers Chervier and Ginaty, especially the latter, and to such an extent that when His Lordship, Dr. Grimes, was appointed bishop of Christchurch in 1888 it was acknowledged one of the most devotional if not the most devotional looking church in the Colony. Since His Lordship's arrival the beautiful and artistically stained windows have been increased, the most recent addition being in sacred memory of the late Rev. Mother Gabriel, prioress of the convent close by. Its statues have been added to by one of St. John the Baptist and Blessed Peter Chanel, also a very natural representation of "The Holy Face" (which has been both venerated and admired) placed in an exquisitely designed niche near the Sacred Heart altar. These have I believe been supplied by His Lordship the Bishop. But time, which waits for no man and always leaves its traces behind, seemingly made no exception in this case, for latterly the interior walls commenced losing their glossy surface, the gasaliers grew fainter in their light, the wood work altered its hue, the roof groaned as if in danger and actually refused to keep out the rain. Some of the wooden supports and other appendages showed evident signs of decay, the once upright wooden fence which protected the church from the road had twisted itself into many shapes, the railings began gradually to disappear as if ashamed of the public gaze, and the gates parted company with their hinges which refused to hold them erect any longer. Such and worse was the state of things in September last when the Very Rev. Father Cummings asked his people to meet him and rectify matters by putting the surroundings of the Pro-Cathedral and sacred building itself in a befitting condition. Needless to say they responded, as they always do to the Vicar-General's call, and by his wise counsel, and admirable tact, he succeeded with their co-operation in completely metamorphosing the whole scene. So much so that the once neglected, and, as it were, forsaken locality has been transformed into one of the prettiest, most substantial and most attractive church entrances in the city of Christchurch if not in New Zealand. The old wooden fence has been replaced by a very beautiful iron railing made in panels of six feet lengths of wrought iron with cast iron picket heads of a Maltese cross pattern. These panels are bolted to cast iron standards which are fastened on top of a concrete wall. In the centre of the railing is a pair of gates ten feet wide hung on massive concrete pillars and opening in front of the Pro-Cathedral door. The iron-work and gates are the workmanship of Messrs H. Hipburn and Sons of this city (the design being Mr. T. A. Hickmott's), and are most creditable to them. The concrete pillars and walls have been finished off by Mr. Thomas

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O'Connell in an equally satisfactory manner. The painting of the exterior and interior of the church as well as the benches etc., has been done by Messrs Thomas Gapes and Co., to whom the committee feel thankful, and the roof has been attended to by Mr. T. J. Watters. Of course all this costs money, so the readers of this cursory description will not be surprised to learn that since September the sum of £258 14s has been expended on the Pro-Cathedral and surroundings, and up to the present time £208 14s has been subscribed or collected in various ways, leaving a deficit of £50 which the Vicar-General now appeals for. All are asked to help to make up this amount. Those especially who have not already assisted in this good work have an opportunity of doing so now, and those who have already done a little are asked to do a little more, so that we may be able to say the Pro-Cathedral renovations are paid for. The Vicar-General wishes to tender his best thanks to all subscribers and sympathisers with him in this good work and hopes they will still adhere to him until the comparatively small balance is liquidated. He will be pleased to receive contributions from old Christchurch residents or others, and will gladly acknowledge the same. He feels grateful for the assistance given him by the church renovation committee, but is especially indebted to two of this body, namely Messrs J. A. Hickmott and W. Rogers whose practical experience was invaluable to him in his superintendence of the work now so successfully brought to a close. A collection to defray the balance will take place in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday February 7th at all the Masses and at Vespers.

Diocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE LATE MRS. MCKEOWN.

Very much regret is felt at the demise of the late Mrs. Mary Jane McKeown, who died on Tuesday last, aged forty-nine years. Mrs. McKeown was the wife of Mr. Henry McKeown of Park Road, Addington, and a native of Ireland. She was born in the pretty little village of Cushendum, which is situated on the North Coast in the County of Antrim. She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Patrick O'Hara, formerly an old and well-known resident in Cushendum, and she was niece to the Miss O'Haras of Glendeen. About twenty-three years ago she came with her husband to Canterbury, and since her arrival in the Colony has resided in Addington, where her demise took place. For ten weeks prior to her death she was confined to her bed, and she has borne with much Christian resignation and fortitude the great sufferings occasioned by her malady, of which, as it was a cancer situated internally, the best medical skill was unable to effect a cure. During her illness the Vicar-General and the Rev. Father Galerne have attended her. From them she has received all the last rites of Holy Church, and the Sisters of our Lady of Missions have also frequently visited her. On Friday last her funeral which was largely attended, left her late residence for the Pro-Cathedral, where Rev. Father Galerne, who also officiated at the grave, said a *Requiem* Mass for the repose of her soul. She was interred in the old Catholic cemetery in Barbadoes street. The deceased lady leaves, besides her husband, a grown up family—five daughters and two sons—to mourn her loss.—*R.I.P.*

A NEW ROUTE.

The exploring party, led by Mr. Fleming for the purpose of finding a route to Canterbury through the Whitcombe Pass, has returned to Hokitika, after a successful expedition. It is stated on good authority that Mr. C. Douglas will shortly take charge of a party, who will soon go through the pass in order to take the levels and to prepare for the survey, which will be subsequently checked by Mr. Murray, Chief Surveyor. Great care will be taken to find the best possible route through the Pass, so that every additional expenditure on this work will be a distinct step towards getting a safe and easy means of access to Ashburton and South Canterbury, and at the same time bring within reach of the tourist some of the most sublime scenery in the Southern Alps. Should the proposed route be found and a permanent road made tourists will be able to proceed from Canterbury to the West Coast through the Otira Gorge and return through the Whitcombe Pass.

PAROCHIAL.

On Wednesday last nine ladies were professed and received the religious habit of the Sisters of our Lady of Missions in the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Barbadoes street. The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes performed the ceremony, and preached an impressive sermon on the religious life. Amongst those present were the Rev. Fathers Ginaty, Aubrey and Galerne. On Wednesday next the Bishop will go to Wellington in order to reopen St. Mary of the Angels at Te Aro, which church has recently been considerably enlarged. Before the Bishop leaves this diocese for Rome—and it has been announced that he will proceed there in March next—he intends to have the Catholic presbytery in the Pro-Cathedral parish much improved and enlarged. It is, therefore, to be hoped that those who have promised subscriptions towards this most necessary work will send them in without delay. The plans and specifications for the work of enlargement are nearly ready, and when they are prepared tenders will at once be invited. The Very Rev. Isaac Moore, S.J., is at present giving a mission to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Mount Magdala, and he will afterwards give one to the penitents in the institution. After Vespers on next Sunday evening he will lecture in the Pro-Cathedral on "Modern discoveries and the Bible." The Marist Brothers' School, also the Convent High School, will open for the ensuing term on Monday next.

ST. MARY'S.

On Thursday evening last a concert, which was conducted by Mr. J. Finley, took place in St. Mary's School Hall. There was a

fair attendance, and a good programme was well gone through. The first item was a pianoforte duet, which was tastefully executed by Mrs. W. Cronin, who also ably discharged the duties of accompanist. Miss and Master Shanley rendered, in good style, a pianoforte duet, and Miss M. McLaughlin, a young lady of much promise, sang two selections in a very pleasing manner. Songs were likewise well given by Messrs J. and R. Petersen, Mr. C. Goggin, and Mr. A. Dobbs, and Mr. Finley rendered, with much success, several comic recitations and also a stump oration.

Archdiocese of Wellington.

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 23, 1897.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL was the scene of a fashionable wedding on Tuesday, when Miss Hilda Johnston, second daughter of the Hon. Walter Johnston, M.L.C., was married to Mr. W. Turnbull, late of Dunedin. The bridesmaids were the Misses Sydney and Ellen Johnston (sisters to the bride), Misses Doris and Nancy Johnston (cousins), and Misses Crawford and Tanner. The Hon. Walter Johnston gave his daughter away, and Mr. Jackson was best man, the ceremony being performed by the Very Rev. Father Dawson. After the ceremony a reception was held at Miss Johnston's residence, Fitzherbert Terrace, and in the evening a dance was given at the residence of the Hon. W. Johnston. The vessels in port and many of the mercantile houses had their flags flying in honour of the occasion.

The children of St. Joseph's Orphanage were treated to a picnic at Day's Bay on Tuesday. Unfortunately the weather changed about mid-day, a heavy downpour of rain setting in spoiled the enjoyment of the children, and to make matters worse there was a rough sea on the homeward trip which did not tend to the comfort of the youthful picnickers. However, it is to be hoped that when next they are treated to an outing the clerk of the weather will be in a more amiable frame of mind.

As I mentioned in my letter last week, the annual retreat of the clergy of the archdiocese of Wellington began on Wednesday evening and closes on Monday next. It is being conducted by the Very Rev. Father Cummings, V.G., Christchurch.

Miss A. Curtice, who is leaving Wellington, was presented with a handsome travelling case by the members of the choir of St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott street, of which choir she had been a member for 12 years. Mr. F. J. Oakes, in presenting the gift, spoke of the loss the choir would sustain by Miss Curtice's departure.

The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, Rector of St. Patrick's College, returned to Wellington from Canterbury *via* Nelson, on Wednesday last, looking all the better for his holiday.

A beautiful altar cloth has been presented to the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., by Mrs. Bell, of Sydney (a former resident of Wellington), and it is to be first used on the occasion of the re-opening of the Church of St. Mary of the Angels on the last Sunday of January.

I regret to note that Constable O'Connor, of Levin, met with a serious accident during the week, which will incapacitate him for some time from attending to his duties. He was returning from Shannon on Monday when his horse shied and fell, rolling over on his rider, who had two of his ribs broken and also suffered injury to one of his knees.

The local secretary has received official intimation that the Council of Trinity College, London, has conferred an exhibition on Miss Dolly Brady, who took a high place in the practical examinations of 1895, for singing. The value of this is that it entitles the holder to a year's free tuition in voice cultivation. This is another of the many triumphs which the convent pupils have succeeded in obtaining in these musical examinations.

The juvenile branch of the Hibernian Society held its usual fortnightly meeting in St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday night. It was decided to thank the president and members of St. Mary's branch of the Society (women's) for the social gathering given to the juveniles during the previous week. Two candidates were proposed, and the branch was reported to be progressing. Songs were given during the evening by Brothers O'Kiely and Kelly and a recitation by Brother W. Stratford. The branch will in future meet on alternate Mondays.

Science Notes.

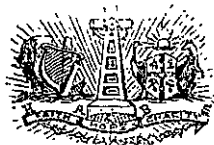
THE BAD SIDE OF THE X RAYS.

BY this time everybody who has taken any interest in the wonderful development of the X rays know that those who are constantly subjected to them run considerable risk of injury. Probably the most detailed account of the harm likely to be done is furnished by the gentleman who exhibited the X rays at the recent Earl's Court Exhibition. He sends his harrowing story to the pages of *Nature*. He started to demonstrate with the Röntgen rays in May, and for some weeks he exposed his hands to the "fluence" without a symptom of discomfort. But soon after this little dark blisters appeared under the skin, which ultimately became irritable. The skin turned red and seemed much inflamed. The trouble grew so serious that surgical advice was taken, and the remedy was ultimately found in a "much-advertised ointment." Thus was cured, perhaps, the most disagreeable symptom of too much X rays, but this was not the only symptom. The Earl's Court demonstrator tells us that the skin of his hand grew dry, hard and yellow, became sensitive to touch, and ultimately peeled off. By this time he flattered himself that he had got acclimatized, so to speak, to the little ways of the rays. But this was imagining a vain thing. The new skin behaved in precisely the same way as the old, and then a new trouble arose

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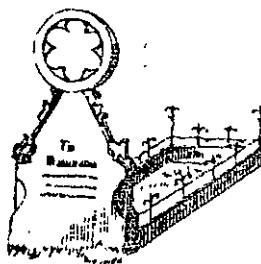
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CURE FOR LOCKJAW.

The discovery of a new specific against tetanus, or as it is uncommonly but erroneously called "lockjaw," is announced from Berlin. It is an anti-toxin which two German savants have found out in the course of researches among the by-products of the higher colouring processes. The identical use of the terms "tetanus" and "lock-jaw" is easily accounted for. The latter is a symptom of the former, but as lock-jaw arises in the majority of cases hence comes the popular misuse of the two words. Tetanus is widely known as a most deadly disease which prevails most in low and hot countries, and especially among the coloured races. It is caused by a micro-organism known as the bacillus tetani. When these bacilli enter a wound they rapidly multiply and produce a poisonous substance called tetanoxin. The absorption of this into the system causes the muscular phenomena which previous to the use of anti-toxin was responsible for a death rate of eighty per cent. of persons attacked with the disease. In a fully developed case of tetanus the muscles of the entire body may become involved, and the body becoming rigid assumes one of four positions. Occasionally the body remains perfectly straight. In some instances the body either becomes arched backwards, resting on the back of the head or the heels, or may be bent forward and rolled up in the form of a ball. The slightest movement of the sufferer brings on muscular convulsions, and death is generally attributable to spasms of the respiratory muscles.

PRESENTATION TO THE VERY REV. FATHER LYNCH.

THE Christian Brothers' schoolroom was crowded to the door on Monday evening last when the Very Rev. Father Lynch was made the recipient of a beautiful address and a purse of sovereigns by the Catholic people of Dunedin prior to his leaving for a twelve months' trip to the old country. Mr. J. Liston occupied the chair, and among those present were Messrs H. Gourley (Mayor of Dunedin), J. B. Callan, F. Meenan, F. W. Petre, J. J. Marlow, P. Cotter, J. Blaney, D. W. Woods, J. O'Neill and J. Maceola.

The chairman said hence I not tell those present anything about the Rev. Father Lynch, for he was sure they all knew of his good qualities and what he had done for the city of Dunedin. He had himself known Father Lynch since he was a boy, and he could say that he was always good, charitable and honourable (applause). He was sure it gave them all very great pleasure to know that Father Lynch was going to have a twelve months' holiday, and they all hoped that he would return in good health and spirits to resume his duties amongst them. He would now call upon Mr. Meenan to read the address and present a purse of sovereigns to Father Lynch—(applause).

Mr. F. Meenan said it afforded him very great pleasure indeed to present the Rev. Father Lynch with an address. That gentleman had now been about 15 years among them, and he was in many respects a wonder. The manner in which he got buildings erected was almost magical. In the North-East Valley he had a church erected and paid for in twelve months. He had also faithfully carried out all the duties appertaining to his office, and he (the speaker) was sure that all present wished him a very happy and prosperous journey to the old country and a safe return—(applause).

Mr. Meenan then read the following address which was printed on white satin.—

"To the Very Rev. P. Lynch, on the eve of his holiday trip to Europe.—Dear Father.—We, the Catholic laity of Dunedin and suburbs are desirous of availing ourselves of your projected departure from Dunedin for a twelve months' holiday to express to you our high appreciation of your missionary work whilst amongst us. You have been labouring with us now for fifteen years and the great zeal and devotion as well as energy and tact which have always characterised your efforts in the cause of religion, education and other good works have gained for you our warmest gratitude, and the respect and esteem of very many of your fellow-citizens outside your own communion. We will not prolong this address by going into details of your missionary work, they are known to us all, but there is one matter to which we must call particular attention and that is the devotion shown by you to our late Bishop during his long and painful illness. We know that he was deeply sensible of the loving care and solicitude always shown by you to him and we are glad of this opportunity of telling you how highly we appreciate such devotedness. In conclusion, we wish you a pleasant holiday and trust you may return to resume your work amongst us with renewed health and vigour, and as we know your pocket has ever been open to the wants of the poor, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse of sovereigns to enable you the better to enjoy your well-earned recreation. Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Dunedin and suburbs, J. Liston, chairman; J. Carroll, hon. treas.; J. J. Marlow, hon. sec. Dunedin, January, 1897."

Mr. J. B. Callan said he gladly availed himself of the opportunity to bear testimony to the esteem in which Father Lynch was so deservedly held and to the excellent work which he had done in Dunedin during the last fifteen years. He had been much struck by a remark

of the chairman to the effect that he had known Father Lynch from his boyhood and even at that early period he had shown the same qualities which had enlisted for him now the gratitude and affection of the Catholics of Dunedin. That appeared to him (the speaker) to be a striking testimony to the inherent goodness of Father Lynch. The address which had just been read had summed up so well the reasons for the present gathering that it was not necessary to say much more. He would point out, however, that not only had Father Lynch won the love and gratitude of his own people but he had also gained the respect and esteem of every citizen of this town with whom he had come in contact (hear, hear). In doing that he had done good work for the Catholics of Dunedin. For, disguise it as they might, there did exist considerable prejudice against their religion, and Father Lynch, by his frank and genial manner, had done much in his intercourse with outsiders to break down that prejudice (hear, hear). Father Lynch's wonderful energy and tact had been already referred to and he would not dwell further upon it. He hoped that Father Lynch would enjoy his trip and that he would learn much by his travels, and he felt sure the congregation would afterwards benefit greatly by what Father Lynch had seen and heard. He wished him every happiness on his tour, and he was sure they would all be rejoiced to see him back again (applause).

His Worship the Mayor assured Father Lynch that he was pleased to be present that night and to unite with his people in doing him honour. Mr. Callan had said that Father Lynch had in a large measure won the respect and esteem of the members of other religious communions. On that point he (the speaker) was perhaps even a better judge than Mr. Callan. Mixing as he did so much in public life it was his fortune to hear what both sides had to say and he was bound to say that during all the time he had known Father Lynch he had never heard a single individual utter one word of disrespect regarding him. He would say this, that Father Lynch carried with him the good wishes of the whole community, and on their behalf he would express the hope that he would return in safety to his people, refreshed in body and mind.

Mr. D. W. Woods said he could not refrain from saying just a few words on the occasion expressive of the esteem and regard which they all felt for Father Lynch. He could not claim to have known Father Lynch so long as the chairman had done but he had known him long enough to know that he would be greatly missed by them all even for the comparatively short time during which he was to be away. Though he would be absent they could not help remembering him for he had left works all round that would remind them of him. He wished Father Lynch every happiness and hoped that he would thoroughly enjoy his much-needed holiday.

Mr. F. W. Petre said it was with somewhat mixed feelings that he addressed them that night. In the first place there was a feeling of pleasure at seeing so large a gathering to do honour to Father Lynch, and in the second place there was a feeling of sorrow at the thought of his going away, though for only a short time. It must be a source of gratification to Father Lynch—and to some extent it was also a matter of pride for themselves—to know that he had left everything in his diocese in a state second to that of no other diocese in the Australasian colonies. They all knew that Father Lynch was essentially a modest man, and his native modesty made it difficult for them to say what they would like in his presence. Still they must, for the time being, put aside his feelings and speak of him as they knew him to be. In his remarkable combination of qualities Father Lynch was a perfect wonder. He did not only the work of a parish priest—and that itself was quite enough for most men—but he discharged, in addition, the duties of an able editor, and was also ready, at a moment's notice, to step into a breach and carry on work of almost any kind. He had done all this for fifteen years, and now he was going to take a well-earned holiday. He had been doing the work of two men, and though he was able to stand a great deal he could not continue much longer to bear such a strain. He wished for him favourable breezes and a pleasant journey, and as he was going to enjoy himself he hoped that every possible enjoyment would be put in his way (loud applause).

Mr. Marlow said he would like to say a word about the work accomplished by Father Lynch in a direction which had not been referred to by previous speakers. He had spoken of his excellent business qualities and of the work he had done as a priest. He (Mr. Marlow) as a member of the Catholic Literary Society wished to testify to the grand work he had done for the members of that Society. They had had the privilege of knowing Father Lynch, not only as a priest but as a friend, and they could never be sufficiently grateful for the services he had rendered to the Society. On behalf of the Society he wished him every happiness while he was away, and he was sure it was the fervent wish of every member of the Society that he might come back with renewed vigour to work for them again (applause).

The Very Rev. Father Lynch, on rising to return thanks, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. When this had subsided he said: "My dear friends,—Allow me to thank you, not in a cold and formal manner, but from my very heart of hearts, for your great kindness. I feel much embarrassed. My embarrassment is the feeling of one whose heart is full, and who finds difficulty in giving expression to the thoughts which crowd his mind. Your allusion to the fifteen years of my ministry in Dunedin naturally brings back the past—a very happy past. Across the record of the many years I have spent in this city the word kindness is written in large letters. I have been treated with the utmost consideration, not only by members of my own congregation, but by fellow-citizens of other denominations whom I have had occasion to meet. I remember well how in 1882 our late beloved bi-hop and most respected citizen Dr. Moran spoke to me of Dunedin. He was an enthusiastic New Zealander. Dunedin to him was one of the loveliest and dearest spots on earth. He communicated to me on the voyage to the Colony an enthusiasm for this city and people which has since been returned and intensified. I found and find the

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members of our Church as he described them—loyal, united, and thoroughly devoted to holy religion (applause). That I have realised the truth of what he said of the people of Dunedin as a whole may best be shown by my saying that I am certain I shall not find in my wanderings a people, however estimable, among whom I should prefer to cast my lot. You say kind things in your hearty address, and your present action is only a link in the long chain of uninterrupted kindnesses. You make allusion to my missionary work. It is true that I have tried to do my duty, but it is equally true that your generosity covers many shortcomings. I hope Almighty God will be as merciful as you are forbearing. It is a pleasurable duty to work for a devoted people. You have always given encouragement in whatever work I have been engaged. I never appealed, even once to you in vain: you made work easy and agreeable. You say I have earned the respect and esteem of very many of my fellow-citizens outside our own communion. I have been informed that some even expressed a wish to join you in complimenting me before my departure. I know I have very many friends and well-wishers in Dunedin. I take this occasion to thank them for many acts of personal kindness and for the substantial help which on many occasions they gave me in my work. A somewhat lengthy experience of Dunedin leads me to firmly believe that difference in religious matters rarely interferes here with social intercourse. Why should it? The spirit of true charity works independently of race or creed. Your reference to my relations with our late beloved bishop has touched and rather saddened me. I dare not trust myself to speak much when there is question of one whom I so respected and loved. From the first time, when as a little boy, I met him a quarter of a century ago on the West Coast to the moment when I knelt by the bedside of a dying saint I revered and loved him. To know him well was to love him much. To work for him was always a most pleasurable duty; to attend him in the terrible illness which brought out the greatness of his virtue was a privilege which carried with it its reward. It delights me to find that though the dead are soon forgotten his memory is still fresh and green (applause). I feel quite sure that no one will be more solicitous about conserving the remembrance of his saintly life than the successor whom priests and people have learned to respect and love. Dr. Moran had for your present Bishop unbounded regard, and I know that Dr. Verdon yields to no one in admiration for the character and worth of the first Bishop of Dunedin (applause). You wish me a pleasant holiday. Thanks, I shall try to spend the time usefully as well as pleasantly. I intend to visit Egypt and the Holy Land, as well as the Continent of Europe. If in Northern Syria the Turks treat me as an Armenian, well—the prediction of many will be verified that I do not return to Dunedin (laughter). For the last month I have been assured by so many that I am not coming back that I have almost come to believe there is something in it. Insurance agents almost by the score recount to me the dangers to which I shall be exposed. It is well to be prepared, so I have taken out an accident policy, made my will, paid all my debts, except that of gratitude to you, and I am ready for whatever the future has in store for me (laughter). Of course many changes will take place in twelve months. I may be in quite a different frame of mind in a year. I am repeatedly asked; "Are you coming back?" An Irishman is allowed to answer a question by asking another question, so I say: "Whither am I to go? Where can I find a more devoted people, kinder fellow-citizens?" I am sure I could not find anywhere *confreres* in the sacred ministry who would reflect more credit on their diocese (applause). As to our Bishop, I have now the same feeling of affectionate respect for him that I had twenty years ago when he received me into the seminary in Dublin. No priest could wish for a more saintly and practical Bishop. I know how he detests praise. Under other circumstances I would be silent. However, I leave on Friday. I dare say he will not show displeasure in the meantime at my daring to speak the truth. This diocese is honoured in having as Bishop one who in an eminent degree is a man after the heart of your late Bishop and Father. You in-enuate in the concluding sentence of your golden-tailed address that I have not much money. You are quite right. Had it not been for the thoughtfulness of friends, I could not possibly take advantage of the goodness of Dr. Verdon in giving me leave of absence for twelve months. I do not know whether I am doing very right or not in mentioning one act of special courtesy. As you are aware, in coming out fifteen years ago I met with a serious accident on board one of the Orient liners. I was for six weeks under the care of Dr. Fitzgerald, of Melbourne. When the eminent surgeon was in Dunedin at the time of the Medical Congress, I called on him and renewed my thanks for his care. He jocosely said: "It is about time you took a rest and a trip." I seriously entertained the idea. The directors of the Orient and Pacific Company heard of my desire, and through my very esteemed friend Mr. James Mills, of the Union Company, granted me a saloon ticket—Australia to London and back (applause). I appreciate the concession, and do not feel particularly sorry that I met with the accident. Of course a return ticket breaks the bank in the great expense of the journey. Your generosity will enable me to see many places that otherwise it would be simply out of the question for me to visit. It is about time for me to "halt." Again I thank my many friends for repeated acts of kindness. I shall no doubt meet you individually between this and the actual time of departure. I should feel very sad if I thought I should never see Dunedin again. I do not say "Farewell"; it is "*Au revoir*," I trust, and not "Good-bye." In the next twelve months and always may God bless you and this fair city of Dunedin (loud applause).

A very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, to whose efforts the success of the presentation was very largely due, brought the proceedings to a close.

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THE HEROES OF '98.

IRISH-AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

We take the following from the *New York Sun*:—

Who fears to speak of "Ninety-Eight?"
Who blushes at the name?
When cowards mock the patriot's fate
Who hangs his head in shame?
He's all a knave—or half a slave—
Who slights his country thus:
But true men, like you men,
Will fill your glass with us!

He is a staid, conservative, graybeard now—the man who wrote those lines. A Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and an Episcopalian clergyman to boot, the Rev. Dr. Ingram almost forgets that he was once an Irish revolutionist, applauding in stirring strains the gallant, though unsuccessful, effort to throw off English rule in that year of blood and bravery—1798.

But if Dr. Ingram forgets, there are millions of Irishmen and Irish-Americans who remember. The story of the rebellion is a vivid story to them, and hence comes it that, two years from now, they will celebrate the centenary of '98.

Some years ago a modest association was started in that ancient section of New York City known Greenwich Village. It was called the Ninety-eight Club, and its object was to devise some means of commemorating the rebellion. The central organisation in New York enlisted hundreds of members, while throughout the country there was scarcely a city or town that did not start branches and affiliated bodies. A weekly tax was collected from every member, concerts and other entertainments swelled the receipts, until today the association of Ninety-eight Clubs stands before the world with over 1,000,000 dollars to its credit. How large will be the resources when 1898 arrives it is hard to say, but the prophecy may be safely ventured that the centenary will "bang Bannagher"—and, as most Irishmen know, "Bannagher bangs the devil."

The celebration will take the form of an invasion of the "Old Dart" by Irish-Americans. Not an invasion by force of arms, with drums beating and bayonets fixed, but a peaceful and reverent revisiting of the Green Isle, and in particular of the scenes hallowed by rebel battles and rebel blood.

This means simply that in the spring and summer of 1898 a vast army of men, women and children—a conservative estimate places their number at 50,000 souls—is pledged to sail from this country and hold a grand gathering of the race among the glens and uplands of south-eastern Ireland.

The preparations for this gathering of the Irish people are being made all over the country under the auspices of the Ninety-eight Club of New York city. This club was established in 1881, and has always enjoyed a large membership of conspicuous Irishmen of the metropolis. Its present president is John B. Vrely, well known in the dry goods trade, and the treasurer is Edward O'Flaherty, a member of a large retail establishment of New York. John B. Goff, Recorder of New York, is one of the leading spirits of the organisation, and others are ex-Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Thomas S. Brennan; Thomas F. Grady, Patrick J. Cody and James J. Stafford. The club has branches in every city in the East and middle West, where members of the Irish race exist in any numbers, as for instance in Fremont, O., where the Rev. Patrick O'Brien, of St. Patrick's Church, is taking a leading part in the movement.

An idea of the invasion's scope may be gathered from the fact that three ocean liners—the largest that can be obtained—have been already chartered to ferry the pilgrims to and fro. The steamers are to land their passengers at the ports of Kingstown and Waterford, according to where each family is to billeted. This billeting system is one of the features of the trip—a feature, too, which will pour many thousands of good American dollars into the hands of the Irish peasantry. For some months agents of the Ninety-eight Clubs have been at work selecting inns, farmers' houses, cottages, etc., in the counties of Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Kildare and Wicklow (the area covered by the rebellion). The visitors will be quartered at these places, according to their means. It is proposed that the sojourn in Ireland shall cover a period of six weeks. During this time the path of the rebellion is to be traversed step by step. A committee of Irishmen learned in their country's history has been chosen to pilot the pilgrims from battlefield to battlefield.

What appeared to be a serious obstacle in the way of the centenary has been overcome. The British Government, it was feared, would not consent to a celebration glorifying a direct onslaught upon its authority. For the last month a discreet agent has been busy in London and Dublin interviewing the heads of Government departments and the leaders of the two Irish political parties with a view to straightening out this difficulty.

John Bull has shown more liberality than was expected, and last week the agent cabled to New York that her Majesty's Ministers would not interpose any objections to the '98 celebration.

An important feature of the pilgrimage will be, as heretofore stated, the erection of monuments on all the principal scenes of the rebellion. A handsome cross of black Kilkenny marble will stand on the site of the old gates of Ross, where the Irish won a decisive battle. Vinegar Hill, the eminence whose feet are encircled by the Slaney, and whose stone-crowned summit overshadows the town of Enniscorthy, where the insurgents were crushingly and finally defeated, will be adorned with a broken granite shaft. Handsome monuments will be erected over the graves of Father John Murphy, Beauchamp, Bagenal, Harvey, Dudley Coleclough, Esmond Kyan and other leaders.

Father John will be honoured with a tombstone cut in New York by one of his own kin. Tablets with suitable inscriptions will be placed at different points of interest, so that the youth of Ireland may read on every roadside some portion of history of the memorable struggle.

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The theatre of the rebellion centres in the County Wexford, but extends over its borders into the counties of Kilkenny, Carlow, Kildare, and Wicklow, and even to the Dublin mountains. In this section all the fighting of '98 was done. Hence it is to these counties that the great body of the visitors will turn.

A GREAT CATHOLIC POET DEAD.

COVENTRY PATMORE PASSES AWAY.

HIS LIFE AND WORKS.

We take the following appreciative sketch of the late Mr. Coventry Patmore from the *Edinburgh Catholic Herald* of December 4:—

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Coventry Patmore, the author of "The Angel in the House," and of many other works in poetry or in prose which have permanently enriched our literature. His demise took place on Thursday of last week at his country residence, after a short illness, which, however, had confined Mr. Patmore to his bed for some days. Mr. Patmore had entered his 74th year. He was born on July 23, 1823, at Woodford in Essex. He was educated privately but thoroughly, and his earliest vocation was verse. In 1844 he published a little volume with the general title of "Poems." It appeared while he was still waiting for a calling by which he might earn his bread and butter, and he had to earn it, if only because his father had the same vocation for letters as himself. But it may be supposed that he had the British Museum in view, for he shortly afterwards obtained an appointment in the librarian's department. It was the more necessary as the poems did not take the world by storm. They were immature and unequal. "Blackwood" was very severe upon them, though the elder Patmore had won the freedom of that magazine; and it pointed out certain suspicious coincidences between these verses and those of James Russell Lowell, published at about the same time. They came out nine years later, with large additions, under the title of "Tamerton Church Tower." This volume showed a distinct advance in polish and in metrical power, yet there was nothing in it to command general notice. That however, was soon to come. In 1854, just ten years after the first timid essay in verse, appeared the first part of "The Angel in the House," and this at once gave him a reputation. It was the prelude to a poem which had nothing else than married life for its subject.

The richest realm of all the earth
Is counted still a heathen land;
Lo, I, like Joshua, now go forth
To give it into Israel's hand.

It was inspired by his first wife, whose sufficient epitaph, according to the testimony of friends, might be that she deserved what he wrote of her.

'Tis heaven wher'er she turns her head,
'Tis music when she talks; 'tis air
On which, elate, she seems to tread,
The convert of a gladder sphere!

The first volume went no further than "The Betrothal." The continuation appeared in 1856 under the title of "The Espousals." It is rather difficult to know whether we ought to regard the "Faithful for Ever," and the "Victories of Love," subsequently published, as continuations or as independent works. It was not without reason that Mr. Ruskin praised "The Angel in the House" for its quiet domestic feeling. That was one secret of its appeal. There was room for a reaction in favour of the simplicity, however laboured, of Wordsworth, and here it was. The work as a whole makes rather hard reading to-day. Like Mrs. Browning's famous poem, it was a kind of novel in verse; and all the art of the writer could not give dignity of poetic narrative to some of its minor incidents:—

While thus I grieved, and kiss'd her glove,
My man brought in her note to say,
Papa had bid her send his love,
And would I dine with them next day!

"The Angel in the House" and its sequel "The Victories of Love" are Mr. Patmore's best known works. Their popularity is attested by the fact that copies of each poem have been put in circulation at the low price of threepence—thanks to the generosity with which the poet made a free gift of his copyright claim to Professor Henry Morley for the cheap library of classics which that worthy scholar was editing some years ago. Nowadays no one finds the somewhat lamblike innocence of Felix and his Honoria at all ludicrous, and the beauty of the poem has saved its "simplesse." It was not always so, and we recall that the *Athenaeum* treated "The Angel of the House" with some disrespect when it first appeared in the middle of the century. The reviewer dropped into rhyme for once, and finished his criticism in Mr. Patmore's own metre:—

"The gentle reader we apprise
That this new angel in the house
Contains a tale not very wise.
About a person and a spouse,
The author, gentle as a lamb,
Has managed his rhymes to fit,
And haply fancies he has writ
Another In Memoriam.
How his intended gathered flowers,
And took her tea, and after sung,
Is told in style somewhat like ours
For delectation of the young."

His wife died in 1862, a year before the publication of "The Victories of Love," and shortly after her death he retired from the British Museum. He had not served the full term, but it was not necessary; his pecuniary circumstances had greatly improved, and he was now independent. He had been known as one of the most industrious assistants and had displayed energy, as we have seen, for

some of the most serious work in literature of his time. It is especially to be observed that in all these years he had been steadily learning his trade as

A MASTER OF VERSE.

In some of his critical works he wrote on metre and rhythm as a meaner craftsman might have talked shop. He had a veritable passion for their niceties. He never completed his great poetical undertaking, "The Angel in the House."

The selection from Mr. Patmore's great work, which was made with rare critical skill by Dr. Richard Garnett, shows but a fragment of the design as he conceived it, yet he had found him at his best as a poet, freed from the commonplaces which he had never been able to handle with greater success than say, Tennyson. It is rightly entitled "Florilegium Amantis, the Lovers' Garland." No poet has expressed the ideals of wedded love, happy in its earthly close, with greater purity.

It may be remembered that on the death of Lord Tennyson the name of Mr. Patmore was mentioned among others in connection with the Laureateship. Mr. Patmore himself, too, at the same time, urged most strongly the claims of Mrs. Meynell for the honour. "No competent judge of poetry will maintain," he wrote, "that any woman has ever surpassed, if any woman has ever equalled, Mrs. Meynell as a poetess. I know that that is not only my opinion; it is that of men among my friends and acquaintances whose taste is of the rarest and finest." Mr. Patmore had been in indifferent health for some time, but it was only on Tuesday of last week that the end was believed to be near. He then received the last rites of the Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member, and he passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon.

LOOKING FROM THE LONELY ROCK.

The island of St. Paul is merely a great rock in the Southern Ocean. It is the top of a volcanic mountain. There are no means of sustaining life to be found on it. The nearest inhabited land is Australia or Africa. To that ugly and desolate refuge came a boat containing nine persons—two of them women. They had food, on short allowance, for perhaps a week. In less than three days they were half insane from anxiety. Water, water, water everywhere, but no help. On the fifth day, at dawn, a brig hove to off the island. They saw her. Shouting, praying, weeping they stumbled to the beach and were rescued. It was one chance in a hundred. I'll tell you *why* some other time.

But, alas! Isn't it as bad, or even worse, on land? Look at the physical wrecks in homes and hospitals and answer me. One perishes of privation from shipwreck. A thousand perish of privation in the midst of plenty. It isn't food they long for, but *power to use it*—worst and deadliest of all wants.

"My food seemed to give me no strength," says one of this army of unfortunates, "and as the hopeless, starving days passed slowly by I grew weaker and weaker. By and by my legs trembled and bent under me, and I could no longer get about."

"The ailment which reduced me to this fearful condition began in the spring of 1892. At first I hardly recognised it for what we commonly call a disease. I felt tired, heavy and languid, as one often does on the approach of fine weather. I fancied it would pass away, but it did not. I lost my appetite, and only ate from habit and to keep me going. I had no pleasure in it, and no warmth or glow followed it, as happens always when one is well. No matter how light and simple the repast was, or how careful I had been to select things that would not be apt to hurt me, the result was the same. No sooner had I swallowed it than my stomach was distressed, and my chest and sides full of pain. If you will allow me so to put it, *my food appeared to strike back at me*, as though I had no right to use it,

"There was a nasty, bitter flavour in my mouth, more or less headache, and a kind of nervousness, which was new in my experience, as it was depressing and cheerless."

"Home remedies failing to help me, I consulted a doctor, but his prescriptions benefited me no more than our domestic medicines had done. My flesh and strength grew less, and I felt like one who has missed his way and looks in vain for a guide to point the road home."

"Finally I commenced attending the Leamington Hospital, and continued to do so for twelve months, but the treatment they gave me had no better effect than all the rest. You can hardly understand how weary I got of taking drugs. I turned almost with loathing from every new dose—not because of the taste, but because they deceived my hopes; they were of no use to me."

"In this state I was when, in March, 1894, a friend urged me to try Mother Seigel's Syrup. On account of the very reasons I have mentioned, I hated to experiment with any more medicines. But I overcame this aversion (most fortunately for me) and got a bottle of Mother Seigel's Syrup from Mr. Judd, the chemist in Leamington, and after taking it I felt a marked and great improvement. I had no pain after eating and my food felt right, digested and gave me strength. And as I grew stronger my nerves ceased to trouble me. I can only say that by the continued use of the Syrup I got better daily and was soon as vigorous and well as ever. I have had no relapse and have every reason to think my cure a permanent one. You are welcome to publish my letter. (Signed) (Miss) Lucy Eden, Tachbrook, near Leamington, September 26th, 1895."

We hope Miss Eden's recovery may indeed prove permanent, and if it does she will find no words too strong when she speaks of the remedy which wrought it. But oh, the vast multitude who still stand, like the shipwrecked people on the island, looking for rescue—victims of that most obdurate, common and baneful of diseases, chronic dyspepsia. It is for their sakes Miss Eden kindly writes her statement, and for their sakes we print it. May it reach many of them.

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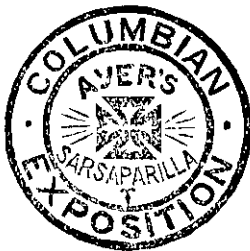
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