

DUNEDIN CATHOLICS AND THE  
EVENING STAR.

THE *Bruce Herald* has the following under the heading 'Covert Attacks'—

'The Dunedin Evening Star was the subject of a few fervid remarks by the officiating priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday last, I am given to understand. The newspaper, for a long time past, has been making covert attacks on Catholics. The TABLET hits straight out at it in its issue of last week.' The *Bruce Herald* then quotes, in full, our remarks on the subject from the TABLET of last week. It then continues:—'There was a correspondence in the *Star* recently, arising out of the Spanish-American war, and one of the participants was a minister of a Non-conformist conventicle wherein the manager of the *Star* is a shining light. Strange to say, since then all sorts of articles from obscure corners have been raked up, and the thing has been so glaring that I believe some of the directors have noticed it, and are beginning to ask awkward questions.'

T I M A R U.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE Government Inspector gave in his report on the Catholic schools of the district at the late meeting of the S.C. Education Board. All the schools, Waimate, Timaru, Kerrytown, and Temuka, passed good examinations, and it was pleasing to note that the Inspector made special reference to the order and behaviour of the children at which he expressed himself as highly pleased.

The appointment of Mr. John Fitzgerald of Arowhenua as Justice of the Peace has given much satisfaction here. Mr. Fitzgerald is widely known and respected throughout the district and should wear his new honour well.

Mr. J. M. Twomey, editor and proprietor of the *Temuka Leader*, has been called to the Upper House.

Mr. William Fitzgerald, late student of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, has secured an appointment in the Public Works Department, and left to commence his duties during the week. Mr. Fitzgerald and his violin will be greatly missed at future local entertainments, as he has always generously given his services on such occasions.

The Aloysian Society held their usual weekly meeting on Tuesday last. The Aloysian journal was read and contained original papers from several of the members. The paper was keenly criticised, and pronounced to be very encouraging for the first number.

L A T E C O M M E R C I A L.

BURNSIDE STOCK REPORT.

(SPECIAL TO N.Z. TABLET.)

(Per favour Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris.)

Wednesday, June 22, 5 p.m.

**CATTLE**—176 yarded. There was a fair demand for prime bullocks. Prices were slightly better than last week. Best bullocks, 18 10s to 19 17s 6d; medium, 17 to 18 5s; best cows, 15 to 16 17s 6d; medium, 14 10s to 15 15s; others, 12 10s to 13 15s.

**SHEEP**—1176 penned. The number forward was quite sufficient for butchers' requirements. Prices were about the same as those ruling last week. Best cross-bred wethers, 13s to 14s 6d; one small pen of extra heavy, 15s 9d; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 9d; light, 8s 6d to 11s. Best ewes, 10s to 11s 6d; medium, 8s to 9s 9d; others, 6s to 7s 6d.

**LAMBS**—175 penned. All selling well at from 5s 6d to 9s.

**PIGS**—94 penned. There was good demand for all sorts; prices slightly better than last week. Slips, 15s 6d to 17s 6d; stores, 20s to 22s 6d; porkers, 25s to 32s; light baconers, 35s to 41s; heavy baconers, 17s to 54s.

MESSRS. DONALD REID AND Co. report as follows:—

**OATS**.—There were no buyers for large lines in attendance, and in consequence we passed our catalogue. Medium and inferior qualities are offering more freely, and values for these sorts are a shade easier, otherwise the market is practically unchanged.

**WHEAT**.—Prime milling quality receives little attention at present, fowl wheat being the only class inquired for. This sells at 3s 6d to 3s 9d per bushel (socks in) for whole fowl wheat; 3s to 3s 5d for broken.

**POTATOES**.—We offered a few lots of kidneys, which sold at £6 5s to £8 per ton; one lot medium Derwents realised £6 5s, and we quote prime up to £7 per ton, sacks in.

**CHAFF**.—The market has been completely glutted for the past few days. Best oaten sheaf sold at 13 7s 6d to 13 10s; medium to good, 12 15s to 13 5s; straw chaff (difficult to place), 27s to 27s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

**TURNIPS**—14s to 15s per ton (loose in truck).

One of Mr. Gladstone's peculiar ideas, which he followed for fifteen years, was to go to bed the instant he finds he caught a cold, and stay there until the indisposition had passed. In this way he believed he frequently cut short what might have been a serious illness. He sometimes read and wrote in bed just as usual.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

FOLLOWING the example of Marion F. Gurney, head and front of the Episcopal Church settlement house, says the *New York Herald*, Miss Emily R. Arnold, hitherto a well-known worker in the Episcopal Church, has become a convert to the Catholic faith. The ceremony of baptism was performed by the Rev. Father John F. X. O'Connor, at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, at Sixth avenue and Sixteenth street, recently, in presence of a few of the personal friends of the convert from New York and Philadelphia, where Miss Arnold formerly resided. Before coming to New York city Miss Arnold was connected with St. Clement's Church, conducted by the Cowley Fathers, an Order from England. Miss Gurney was also received in the Catholic faith at the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Her baptism was performed on November 1 last, and the account of the ceremony published in the *Herald* at the time created almost as great a sensation in Episcopal, if not in Protestant circles generally, as did the recent news of the conversion of Judge Frederick Smyth, of the Supreme Court, to the Roman creed.

On Easter Sunday Miss Ada Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, the highly accomplished daughter of Mr. William Johnston, M.P. for Belfast, was received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. J. F. McCauley, C.C., in St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick. Miss Johnston had been attending Catholic services for some time past, and her conversion was not unexpected.

The Rev. Edward L. Buckley, until last autumn rector of the Zabriskie Memorial Church (Protestant Episcopal), Newport, R.I., was received into the Catholic Church in Rome, Italy, a few weeks ago and, is now a candidate for the priesthood.

Mr. Buckley's conversion seems to be one of those which have followed on the letter of Pope Leo XIII., re-affirming the invalidity of Anglican Orders for up to last autumn he held his charge in peace of mind. At that time he made no secret of the fact that his faith in Episcopalianism was shaken, and at once resigned his charge. His parishioners, who were deeply attached to him, entreated him to take an extended vacation and consider the matter, offering to leave his charge open for his possible return. Of course, this kindly offer was affectionately declined by the upright man who knew that there could be but one end to his difficulties, and who, having put his hand to the plough, would not look back.

Another notable conversion from the advanced Episcopal ranks is that of Mrs. Mary Uily Robbins, widow of Judge Chilion Robbins, who was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Freehold, N.J. This convert's thoughts were turned to the Centre of Unity by the divisions in the Episcopal Communion.

Miss Emma Arnold, a former associate of Miss Elizabeth M. Gurney, in the Church Settlement House, East Side, New York, has followed that lady into the Catholic Church. Like her friend, she was of the extreme High Church Party, as many of the Episcopal workers among the poor are. All these ladies are converts of the Jesuit Fathers.

The Rev. George M. P. Bowns, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman of New York, dates his conversion from his attendance at the recent mission to non-Catholics in the Church of the Paulists, New York, and the satisfactory answers of the "Question Box." He belongs to a family of preachers, his maternal grandfather, the Rev. William Noon, having been a friend and supporter of John Wesley, under whom he preached in England. Ex-Mayor and Mrs. A. Oakey Hall, of New York, have also been received into the Church by the Paulists.

In Boston there is a steady gain in converts from the wage-earning classes, of whose religious difficulties the world is likely to hear far less than those of people of wealth and position but whose example and labours are often as fruitful.

THE NORTH CANTERBURY BOARD.

WE have learned, with great pleasure, that the North Canterbury Board of Education, at their sitting on Wednesday, passed a resolution in favour of the inspection of private schools. We congratulate both the Board and the Catholic body on this fair-minded and long hoped-for resolution. It is a recognition of the just claims of the local Catholic body—claims which, we think, were first forced upon the notice of the general public by the articles of our esteemed predecessor in the editorial chair of the N. Z. TABLET.

The greatest heiress in the world is the baby Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the Czar. The Grand Duchess was born in 1895 and is the elder of the two daughters. Her bassinets is studded with precious stones and she has a doll whose dress is ornamented with precious emeralds.

By the Government Gazette of March 2nd, we (*Gympie Times*) notice Gympie takes precedence for the number of lots thrown open for selection under the new (1897) Land Act, in the southern division of the Colony with a total of 983. Brisbane comes next 871, and Bundaberg third with 666. The lands mentioned are open for selection by applicants, on and after April 5th.

Messrs. Thomson, Bridger and Co. are the agents for the new metal ceiling process. Metal ceilings have come much into favour in Australia and in the Home countries. The system possesses manifold advantages. The ceilings may be had in any design, suitable for public buildings or private dwellings. The firm are also the agents for Marsellies patent roofing tiles. An advertisement dealing with the matter appears elsewhere.—\*

Particulars appear elsewhere of a pastoral run in Waitaki County to be opened for application on Wednesday, July 6 prox.—\*

We cordially recommend our readers who visit Christchurch to stay at Mr. P. Burke's finely appointed hotel, the Café de Paris, Cashel street, which is replete with every modern convenience.\*