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## Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### THE PRIEST AND THE PLAGUE.

SOME weeks ago there appeared in the New Zealand papers a cable message which, as worded, led the public to believe that the priest who attended the plague-victims at Vienna had not sufficient courage to face the deadly enemy in his den. The London *Tablet* of October 29 removes the false impression and proves that priest and nun were true to the old and best traditions of their order. Three Sisters of Charity attended to the victims. 'It would probably have been impossible,' says a London paper, 'to secure nurses for the victims had not these noble heroines volunteered their services. Without regard for their own health and life they cheerfully consented to minister to the patients of the deadly plague. The nurses furnish accounts by telephone of all changes in the patients' condition.' The warp given to the true facts is thus laid bare by the *Tablet's* account of the priest who attended the doomed victims of the plague: 'Dr. Hermann Müller, the second victim of the plague in Vienna, was a nephew of Professor Max Müller. The priest who attended him was not allowed to enter the room, and describes the scene as follows: "I stood at a closed window, near which was placed the bed of the dying man. We saw each other eye to eye, and my voice reached his ear. The patient was well disposed for Absolution, and one of the Sisters of Mercy at his bedside carried to Him the Host on the corporal, which I had laid upon the window-sill of a neighbouring room, and he swallowed it before my eyes. As I was not permitted to enter the chamber of death, it was not possible for me to administer the sacred oil." Similar precautions were observed at the funeral, and the priest who gave his blessing, as well as all the mourners who attended, were obliged to remain at a distance of twenty paces from the grave side, while the ropes used to lower down the coffin were left with it.'

### A DEAD MILLIONAIRE.

STORIES of ex-drover, multi-millionaire Tyson are just now swarming in the Australian papers. Tyson has 'handed in his checks,' as the Americans say. Like the Caliph's treasure-donkey, he was famous, not for what he was, but for the golden load he carried. He was an ordinary, dead-level sample of humanity, with but two instincts strongly cultivated—the art of collecting 'bawbees' and the finer art of keeping them. The dual art overspread and smothered whatever else of instinct or of passion the man may have had. He lodged in a mean hut on one of his many estates, lived in penury on the merest fringe of his piles of gold, and left over £2,000,000 of property, without a will, for needy relatives and lawyers to struggle over. He once gave Lady Carrington a big cheque for one of her charities, and, after vast persuasion, erected a little church for his men, most of whom were Presbyterians. 'A few weeks later,' says a writer in the *Sydney Freeman*, 'the church was struck by lightning, but was only slightly damaged. A deputation waited on the millionaire with a request that he would fix up a lightning-conductor. Tyson objected strongly to the additional expense. "You asked for 'a church," he said, "and I built one for you. You say it is the House of the Lord. Well, the Lord must take care of His own property." ' This story prepares us for the statement of the same writer that 'he was a sort of a sentimental savage in religion, and never allowed piety to interfere with business.' One other of the many stories circulating about him will suffice to paint the man of many shekels: 'One day,' says the same writer, 'when returning home on one of his Queensland stations he overtook a couple of swagmen, who asked him the distance to the home-stead. He told them. "It belongs to hungry Tyson, doesn't it?" said one. "Any chance of a feed there?" "You'll get a night's shelter there," said Tyson, riding on, when one called out: "Got any matches or tobacco on you?" Tyson had both, although he did not smoke (all the same, it was his

delight to cut up tobacco, at which he sniffed lovingly, as if he did indulge in the weed). He gave the men a fig of tobacco and some matches. At sundown the swagmen turned up and the storekeeper gave them the usual rations. Just as he had finished, Tyson came into the store and remarked: "These men owe me 8d—6d for tobacco, and 2d for matches." "Who the carnation are you?" "I'm hungry Tyson," he replied. "If you had been civil, you might have had the tobacco and welcome, but now you can pay for it." And they did.'

### AT HIS OLD TRICKS.

THE De Rougemont of the cables has an unbounded and well-tryed faith in the credulity of the editors of the New Zealand daily papers. Some time ago the gay Munchausen spun them a silly yarn to the effect that Austrian Catholics were joining the locally all but extinct 'Old Catholic' party with a view to an increase of political influence! It was a mighty dose, but New Zealand editors piously shut their eyes and opened their mouths cavernously wide and swallowed the silly tale at one gulp. It is wonderful what one can do with practice—a duck can swallow a conger eel, a five-foot snake a large rat, while a boa-constrictor is credited with an oesophagus that will accommodate a live bullock. But in matters affecting the Catholic Church our pious editor will swallow a tale as vast as Mount Cook, and feel tolerably comfortable afterwards. The cable-rigger has followed up his recent Austrian story with another cast in the same mould. It runs as follows: 'Thousands of the poorer classes in Hungary are joining the Baptists owing to political discontent.'

The reader will probably be puzzled to know by what process of reasoning 'political discontent' could have led Catholic Hungarians to 'vert to such an extreme pole of Christian thought and practice as that of the Baptist denomination. But there is another sturdy puzzle ahead: How, in the name of Falstaff or Mephistopheles, could their joining the Baptists alleviate their 'political discontent'?' The Baptists—if at all existent in Hungary,—are numerically insignificant. This appears from the following facts: (1) They have not received legal recognition, which would, by law, be granted upon application; (2) they do not appear in the religious census of either Austria or Hungary. And yet returns are given for the Unitarians although, they number only one in three hundred of the population of Hungary. In fact, the Baptists never secured a hold in Hungary. They were first heard of, according to the Presbyterian writer Schaff, in Switzerland in 1523. Eleven years later they had congregations in various parts of Germany and the Netherlands. 'From the middle of the seventeenth century,' says the same authority, 'their numbers have decreased [on Continental Europe] with their zeal, until, at the present, they comprise a very small portion of the population of Holland.' There are a few thousands of them still in Germany; but their great stronghold is America, where, however, they are broken up into a tangle of divided sects. Had we a capable cable-rigger here, the London *Times* would some fine morning tell its astonished readers that the supporters of the New Zealand Opposition were joining the Confucians or Lamaists in great numbers on account of political discontent, or with a view to strengthen their position in the country.

NEW ZEALAND takes the lead in the matter AS OTHERS SEE of advanced legislation. Nobody, with the possible and somewhat coy exception of US.

South Australia, seems disposed to join in the race. The pace is deemed too fast for the quiet, easy-going countries of the old world. Last week I referred to the blank astonishment with which the project of Old Age Pensions was received in Australia and England. This week I find the following puzzle-headed attempt on behalf of both the *Spectator* and of some high and mighty English politicians to understand the principles of compulsory arbitration.

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'Compulsory arbitration in Cuban disputes,' says the *Spectator*, 'has been removed out of the category of dreams by New Zealand, and proved once for all to be a practical, common-sense, economical method of determining differences between employers and employed. Mr. W. P. Reeves made that point at least abundantly clear at the Article Club on Wednesday. New Zealand's example, however, is not accepted as conclusive, and there was quite a refreshing contrariety of opinion among those who took part in the discussion. Sir John Gorst, the Conservative, is prepared to support compulsory arbitration in England, but Sir Charles Dilke, the Radical, has grave doubts whether it could be made to work in a country where the conditions are so different from those in New Zealand. The Bishop of Hereford is inclined to regard industrial disputes as wholly barbarous, but the Chinese Minister accepts them as proof of the advance which English industry has made. Mr. Reeves, the representative of a colony which makes the working man king, explained at length how compulsory arbitration works, but Sir Horace Tozer, the representative of a colony where the labour conditions at times verge on slavery, is quite unable to see how the award is to be forced. In New Zealand, of course, the matter ultimately rests with a judge, but the only judge present at the discussion—Lord Russell—deprecated placing upon the judges of England this new responsibility.

Is this an echo of the '98 centenary celebrations in New Zealand? An excellent priest of my acquaintance asks me to recommend a history of Ireland for use in his parochial schools. I can cordially recommend the late A. M. Sullivan's *Story of Ireland*, Justin McCarthy's *Outlines of Irish History*, and Dr. P. W. Joyce's *Child's History of Ireland*, which was issued this year by Longman, Green and Co., and which has just been sanctioned for use in the National schools of Ireland. Of the Irish histories that I am acquainted with, these are about the best suited for imparting such a conspectus of the story of the Island of Sorrow as is possible within the crowded limits of a school programme.

THE NAKED TRUTH. The Rev. H. Hensley Henson, in the course of a recent article in a leading English magazine, rates his *confrères*, the non-Catholic missionaries, for their roseate-tinted reports of imaginative successes in the Vineyard. Dr. Cust, after half a century of experience in the mission field, deals with the missionary reports in even more thorough-going, mail-fisted fashion. It is refreshing, in the circumstances, to meet a non-Catholic missionary of the type of Rev. Dr. Patton. 'He is,' says the *S. H. Review*, 'a really exceptional Protestant foreign missionary. He spoke at the Episcopalian Club dinner in Boston the other evening. Although his own field of labour is Japan, Dr. Patton acknowledges that the Catholic missions constitute the strongest Christian bodies in that land, and the Protestant ones the weakest!'

ACCORDING to T. P. O'Connor's paper, THE QUEEN AND M.A.P., Queen Victoria is more Catholic on the matter of indissolubility of the marriage tie than all her bench of bishops put together. Says 'Tay-Pay': 'The Queen intimates that the recent pronouncement on the part of the Anglican prelates might have been written in stronger terms, as she is totally averse to divorce under any circumstances whatever. Her Majesty is willing to admit that in no institution are there more people wronged than in marriage; nevertheless, her belief is that an infinitely more satisfactory state would arise were marriage made indissoluble both by Church and State. The Queen adds that she has no objection to judicial separation, her strong disapproval of divorce being due to the liberty which it imparts to divorced people to marry again, and to the re-marriage of divorced people, no matter what the grounds of divorce. To this she is "unalterably and most strongly opposed." This is the first official expression her Majesty has given to her views on the subject.

WE have heard the last of New Tipperary. NEW TIPPERARY. The little town was erected by public subscription in the full, hot glow of the 'Emergency' campaign, to provide accommodation for the many families evicted from the Smith-Barry estate. Legal technicalities led to the abandonment of the new town, but not till the determined stand taken by the Smith-Barry tenantry, and the ready and enthusiastic support accorded to them by the Irish people at home and abroad, had produced a marked effect upon the fortunes of the great land war of the eighties. On November 4 the Chief Baron Mr. Justice O'Brien, and Mr. Justice Andrews gave a decision which places the land and buildings of New Tipperary in possession of one John Hogan, who—strange to say—had been one of the committee under whose supervision the little town was planned and built in the stirring days of the Plan of Campaign.

ONCE MORE.

ANOTHER instance of the fine devotion of the Catholic Sisters to duty is furnished by the fact that several of them have recently given their lives in the service of the stricken soldiers that returned, the victims of disease, from the campaign in Cuba. A gentle tribute to their zeal and worth was paid to them by Rev. W. T. Helms, a Protestant navy chaplain, in a recent issue of the *Christian Advocate*, which is described by the *Milwaukee Citizen* as 'the leading Methodist publication' of the United States.

As chaplain of the United States flagship *Lancaster*, stationed in the harbour of Key West, Fla., I visited the hospitals to which sick and wounded men were sent from both army and navy. At the beginning of hostilities the Convent of Mary Immaculate had been offered and accepted as a hospital and was known as the general hospital. The Sisters of Charity who gave the use of the convent are known as the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary. Their work has been teaching, but when war was declared and they thought of the comforts of their convent, which fortunately is situated in the coolest place in that hot, dusty city, they decided to share their blessings with sick and wounded men who could nowhere else secure them.

Their decision was beautiful in its unselfishness, for not only did they who offered the use of their convent become faithful nurses, but they asked no remuneration at the hands of the government either for the use of the convent or for the services of themselves as nurses, the only stipulation being that the convent should be returned to them at the end of the war in as good condition as when it had been accepted by the government. As most of the sailors who were sick were sent to this hospital, I visited it day after day, and though a Protestant minister, I could not have been more warmly welcomed had I been of their faith.

From inexperience they rapidly advanced until they were nurses to whom might safely be confided the care of even the most dangerous cases. And such nurses! They were veritable angels of mercy in their ministrations to men who were in every degree of sickness and who were suffering from every sort of wound. And the men grew to love their sweet, smiling faces, and they wondered how human beings could treat so gently, and how human hands could so softly brush away the cares from their fevered brows.

Then their hands were ever ready to write long letters to the homes that could not otherwise have heard from husbands, fathers, and sons whose arms were weakened and whose nerves were unsettled. And they never complained of weariness, though sometimes their faces spoke of overwork in a slightly intensified pallor that came from long vigils of watching, that were frequently followed by additional hours of prayer. And they never apparently were dissatisfied, claiming that the pleasure of helping others for Christ's sake was in itself its own recompense.

Such a testimony is refreshing in the face of the disgusting calumnies now being heaped upon Catholic Sisterhoods in Victoria by such an irreconcilable as the glib-tongued and abusive Dr. Rentoul, and in England by gaol-birds like Riordan and ex-convicts of the class of Widdows.

OPEN-CREDULITY. MOUTHED

THERE is a beautiful display of Press and pulpit pyrotechnics in the United States over the future of Christianity in the Philippine Islands. One of the prettiest exhibitions of the kind that I have yet seen is that of the *St. Louis Observer*, an organ of the Cumberland Presbyterians. In the course of an article, which describes the Philippine friars as irredeemable limbs of Satan, it professes to quote the following figures from the *Catholic World*:—'The Augustinians in the Philippines number 2,022,131; the Recollects, or Silent Friars, 1,175,150; the Franciscans, 1,010,753; Dominicans, 699,857; Jesuits, 214,065; and the Secular Clergy, 967,284. The combined strength of the various brotherhoods is over 6,000,000! Here is a pretty tale indeed—a real de Rouge-mont story. But the *St. Louis Church Progress* turns it inside out. It points out that these figures, as clearly stated in the *Catholic World*, 'refer to the total native population ministered to by the members of the orders named. The *Observer* counts every Filipino as a priest! None of the orders named has as many members in the whole world as this Ananias ascribes to them in the Philippine Islands alone!' The *Observer* is undoubtedly a past master at the feat of archery known as drawing the long bow.

As regards the condition of religion in the Islands, the *New York Sun* has the following comment on a volume recently issued by the U.S. War Department, entitled *Military Notes of the Philippines*:—'A more favourable view of the religious orders is taken by the compilers of this book than has been expressed by some recent first-hand observers in the London reviews. It is admitted that, outside of Manila, the Dominican, Augustine, and Franciscan friars have been the real rulers of the country. The power which they have exercised over the natives has given rise to many bitter controversies with the civil authorities. It is due to them, however, that in nearly every town and village nominally under Spanish control a school is to be found, although neither the quantity nor quality of instruction given can be deemed satisfactory. It is also noted that a good deal of work in the way of road-making and bridge-making has been accomplished by the friars, who, from

this point of view, may be regarded as pioneers of civilization. The well-known Protestant pulpit orator, Rev. Dr. Costa, of New York, says: 'In Manila the very insurgent soldier bows humbly in adoration before the cross, and is quite as good a Christian as hundreds of thousands of more pretentious and privileged people in this country. Zealous propagandists (he adds) may well confine themselves to their present half-tilled, sunburnt fields, wherein they wrangle with one another about modest forms, and debate their pitiable creed to the confusion of honest inquirers, instead of seeking to disintegrate existing Christianity in Manila. As for our own (Episcopal) Church, a careful study of its present conditions would suggest better attention to itself before attempting to send more missionaries into the East. It had better find out what it believes, re-establish its faith, stop the blatant denial of God's Word now echoed in pulpit and print, invigorate discipline, and catch more of the spirit of the Catholic Church and the Apostolic age, before making any demonstration either in Manila or the West Indies.'

THE German Kaiser is a man of many parts: ALL TO ALL. now spouting theatrically of divine right, anon clapping his 'mailed fist' to his sword hilt, again a pilgrim, and through all and in all an enigma to the world, and probably to himself as well. In his recent pilgrim-tour through Palestine he delighted fervent German Evangelicals by the aggressive Protestantism of the sermon delivered by him at the opening of the new church of the Redeemer in the Holy City. He contrived to annoy the Russians by cutting off a goodly slice of their long-established supremacy in Jerusalem. He patted his 'brother,' the unspeakable Turk, on the back by acting as the apologist of the massacre of the Armenian Christians. He followed up these successes by placing the Catholics of the East generally under the protection of 'the mailed power of the imperial navy,' and bestowing upon the ancient Church the site in Jerusalem where, according to old tradition, the Blessed Virgin lived with the Apostle St. John from the day when, at the foot of the cross, he 'took her to his own.' He has contrived to please Protestants and Catholics. He has also tickled the Mahomedans under the chin and emptied their beggared exchequer into the bargain. And, last of all, he has returned home laden with magnificent and costly presents. But, says the *Spectator*, 'the presents were really made to him by the unfortunate Government officials and other public servants in Turkey, whose pay was stopped in order to provide the imperial presents.' That is how they do things in Turkey. The process reminds one forcibly of many a 'voluntary' testimonial that is given in more favoured countries. However, we can forgive the stagy, posing, prosing Kaiser many a thing—even the presents—when we recollect that, in a nation which, outside the Catholic body, preserves so little of Christian faith or practice, he is seized with some knowledge of the place which religion should fill in public, social, and domestic life.

ITALIAN TYRANNY.

INFAMOUS SUPPRESSION OF AN ENCYCLICAL.

A VERY important question for Catholics in all parts of the world, says the Roman correspondent of the New York *Freeman's Journal*, and of very special importance for the Roman correspondents of Catholic newspapers, is that of the freedom of communication that should exist between the head and centre of the Catholic Church and the rest of the Catholic universe. When Rome fell before the forces of Victor Emanuel in 1870 the new National (let us call it so) Government passed a law of guarantees, which provided, among other things, that the person of his Holiness would be protected against disrespect, and that his communications with the rest of the world would be absolutely free.

A recent fact will illustrate the degree of reliance that is to be placed in this or any other 'guarantee' given by the masters of modern Italy. On the 5th of August of this year, Pope Leo XIII. gave to the world one of the most important documents issued during his long reign of more than twenty years. It was addressed primarily to the clergy and people of Italy, but his Holiness expressly declared in it that it was also designed to call the attention of Christendom to the tyranny under which the Church in Italy groans, to the unjustifiable suppression of hundreds of Catholic societies for promoting the religious, moral, and economic well-being of the people, to the wanton outrages committed on the liberty of the Catholic press, and finally to the intolerable position created for the Papacy in Rome. For weeks after the publication of this Encyclical, the press of Italy rang with it, in terms of abuse or in terms of praise according to the complexion of the different organs.

The London *Times* began to talk about it—actually a leader on it, which was not half bad for the *Times*. Then a curious fact came to light—the extracts of the Encyclical quoted in the *Times* were inaccurate, and its Roman correspondent telegraphed at once to that effect. The summary supplied by the telegraphic agency to the *Times* had been cabled to the Paris *Journal des Debats*, but the *Journal* prudently preferred to wait until it received the official text of the important document from the columns of the *Osservatore Romano*.

Then another strange fact became evident—the *Journal des Debats* never received that particular issue of the *Osservatore Romano*. This was peculiar. But the plot began to thicken when it was found that the London *Times*, too, failed to receive the *Osservatore* on the same day. The same fate befel other foreign papers.

But it would appear that the Italian Government officials did not expend all their solicitude on the *Osservatore Romano*. On the evening of the publication of the Encyclical your correspondent sat down to translate it, worked over it nearly all night and a part of the next day, and lost no time in mailing it to the *Freeman*. He might have saved himself the trouble. The Encyclical never reached its destination. A friend of his who translated the document for an English paper has had the same experience.

And now the question begins to arise: What is going to be done about it? If the Pope's most solemn communications to the children of the Catholic Church are to be at the mercy of the Italian Government, it is as well that they should know it. It is your correspondent's humble opinion that if influential Catholics in the different countries of Europe and America realised the true condition of the Papacy in Rome to-day, there would be an outburst of international indignation which would speedily end the political career of the parties that have made war on the Catholic Church in Italy during the last thirty years.

Diocesan News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

It has been decided to adopt the basilica style of architecture for the new church, which is to be erected on the site of St. Mary's Cathedral. It is very probable that Mr. F. Petre of Dunedin will be entrusted with the work of supplying plans and specifications. The statement that was circulated here that he had been definitely selected, is premature.

Of the priests I reported last week as having been ordained at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Fathers Kimbell and Maloney join the College staff for the present, whilst Father Mahoney goes to Nelson to replace Father Broussard, who goes to New Caledonia for mission work.

The pupils of St. Mary's convent gave two concerts during the week on behalf of the building fund of St. Mary's Cathedral. They were assisted on both occasions by leading musicians of this city. The Theatre Royal, in which the concerts were given, had been transformed from its generally cold appearance into quite an attractive concert room, through the kindness of the D.I.C. The outside assistance was given by Messrs. Parker, pianoforte (accompanist), and Hill and Stebbing (vocalists), and Herr Hoppe (violinist). The pupils and ex-pupils who contributed to the programme were Misses White, Brady, Shapter, Sullivan, I. Maginnity, Putnam, Pender, Quin, K. Connell, Maginnity, and Kearsley. As my budget of news this week is already somewhat lengthy I must refrain from going into particulars, suffice it to say that the whole performance was a musical treat which was duly appreciated by the discriminating audience which was present on the first night. On the second occasion the audience was much larger, the weather being finer and the programme of a more popular character.

A representative meeting of the parishioners of Te Aro and Thorndon was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of the annual school picnic on Boxing Day. The Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., and the Very Rev. Father Lewis, Administrator of the Cathedral parish, were present. It was decided to hold the outing at Father Lane's ground at the Lower Hut, and that another meeting should be held next Sunday afternoon to arrange details.

The members of the Hibernian Society entertained Mr. Haydon, chief President of the Society in Australia, when that gentleman was passing through Wellington recently on his way to Sydney. Bro. Lissington presided at the luncheon which was given in honour of the visitor, after which Mr. Haydon visited St. Patrick's College and other places of interest.

St. Mary's Convent has again come to the fore in the musical examinations, for out of the 29 passes secured by Wellington candidates at the examination held a few days ago under the auspices of the Associated Boards of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College, in practical work, the Convent was credited with 17. Of the nine candidates sent up for singing all passed, three with honours; in fact, these were the only candidates who obtained honours in this centre. The following is the result:—Local Centre Examinations: Senior Grade Honours—Daisy Marshall and May Sullivan, singing. Local Centre Pass: Pinnoforte—Rose Falconer; Singing—Lily White, Mary Putnam, and Theodore Shapter. Local School Examination: Honours.—Singing—Kate Connell. Higher Division.—Singing—Christine Smith, Effie Stafford, and May McLeod. Pianoforte—Winifred Richardson, Jessamine Evatt, Alice McDonald, and Clare Campton. Lower Division.—Pianoforte—Maribel Waldegrave and Irene Nathan.

(The above reached us too late for insertion in our last week's issue.)

December 17.

FOLLOWING the example set by the former students of St. Patrick's College and pupils of the Marist Brothers' schools, the ex-pupils of the Convent have formed an 'Old Girls' Association.' A meeting for this object was held in the Convent a few days ago, the Rev. Mother Superior presiding. The officers elected were: President, the Rev. Mother Superior; vice-president, Miss O'Connor; secretary, Miss Kate Williams; committee, Mrs. T. G. Macarthy, Mrs. Gamble, and Miss McDonald.

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## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

December 18.

His Lordship the Bishop left last Friday for Mercury Bay, where he opened the new church. He returned by Coromandel and arrived in Auckland on Tuesday.

Father Hills, of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, is spending his vacation in Auckland, and is staying at the Bishop's palace. Father M'Killop, a Jesuit from South Australia, arrived by the Mokoia on Sunday; he goes to Rotorua for the benefit of his health.

The pupils of St. Mary's Convent School gave a highly successful concert last week at the Exhibition. Father Dawson's reply to strictures upon the Church by a high Masonic official remains unanswered.

The St. Patrick's Convent School's entertainment last week was the best tendered for some years—an all round improvement was visibly apparent.

The Marist Bros. High School held an outing at the end of last week at St. Heliers. Sports were held and several spirited races run. Father Croke subsequently presented the prizes and eulogised the work done. The Brothers reviewed the year's progress and hoped for still further success next term. All returned to town in the evening, having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The Bishop, accompanied by Fathers Hills, Croke, and Mahony, visited the orphanage estate last Wednesday. His Lordship visited every portion of the large property and expressed gratification at the improvements effected on all sides.

Messrs. Colgan, John Dillon, and Sir Thomas Esmonde, in private letters to friends in Auckland, speak hopefully of the prospects of immediate unity in Ireland.

St. Leo's Academy, Devonport, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, earned a record, not having a single failure among their pupils at the annual examination a few days back.

The water excursion last Saturday in aid of the funds of the Devonport Convent was marred by bad weather.

Father Croke occupied the pulpit at the Cathedral last Sunday week, and eloquently pleaded the cause of the TABLET, urging absolute necessity for a Catholic newspaper in every home, especially for young readers.

To your readers and my *confrères* of the TABLET I extend Christmas greetings, combined with wishes for a prosperous New Year to them all.

## A MOUNTAIN AND A MOLE-HILL

## THAT 'POLISH HORROR.'

LAST week we published a partial and half-hearted exposure of the insane story of fantastic cruelty that went the rounds of the New Zealand Press under the sensational heading of a 'Polish Horror.' To-day we give, on the authority of the London *Tablet* of November 5, a more complete account of the affair, which goes to prove for the thousandth time how imaginative, sensation-mongering journalists contrive, in the dull season, to magnify a mole-hill into a mountain. Our readers will remember the story. A priest named Bilakiewicz, at Kowno, in Russian Poland, was accused of confining a certain number of his female penitents in the crypt beneath his church, of scourging them with his own hands, of trampling them under foot, and spitting upon them, while various grotesque details were added about a skeleton, and a phosphorescent head representing the devil, which were used still further to excite their fears. The following translation of an article which appeared in the Polish journal, the *Czas* of October 13, has been sent us for publication, and will be read with interest. It would appear from this account, and from the attitude taken up by the Bishop, that some cause for complaint has been given by the possibly indiscreet zeal of Father Bilakiewicz, but on the other hand most of the more objectionable features of the story seem to meet with a full and categorical denial.

## THE AFFAIR AT KOWNO.

The exaggerated account which appeared in the *Swiet* of the charges made against the Abbé Bilakiewicz, at Kowno, has led not only the Polish journals, but also the Russian Press, to send unprejudiced reporters to the spot in order to investigate the circumstances of this curious case. The article in the *Kraj* has already appeared. To-day we have the reports furnished by the correspondents of the *Kurier Polski*, of Posen, and of the *Słowo*, of Varsovia. M. Ludomir Grendyszynski, having proceeded to Kowno, has forwarded the following narrative to the *Kurier Polski* :—

The Abbé Bilakiewicz, a most zealous, virtuous, devoted priest, living alone and in poverty (for he spends the whole of his income in relieving the poor), has made it the object of his life to endeavour to combat the immorality and vice which have lately developed at Kowno to an alarming extent. For the last three months he has redoubled his efforts, and no longer content with leading back to the paths of virtue those sinners who resorted to his confessional, he has himself come forth in search of such as were causing public scandal, and has induced them to do penance and make reparation. In many of the more desperate cases, when he has had to do with people utterly given over to drunkenness and vice, he has prevailed on them to make long retreats in the church, imposing of them severe penances; and after having heard their confessions he has helped them to lead a better life. He has also found employment for many of these poor creatures, thus aiding them to gain an honest living.

The penitents thus converted feel the deepest gratitude towards the Abbé Bilakiewicz, and some of them even help him in his holy

The Very Rev. Father Vincent Grogan, Provincial of the Passionist Order in Australasia, arrived here on Wednesday from Sydney on his way to Dunedin, where he will preach retreats. During his stay in Wellington he was the guest of the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., at the presbytery, Boulcott street. The Rev. Father Frederick of the same Order, who, with Rev. Father Alexius, arrived here some time ago, has gone to the West Coast to open a church at Cape Foulwind and preach a retreat to the Sisters. Later on he will conduct a retreat at Stoke for the Marist Brothers. Father Alexius, who is staying with his Grace the Archbishop, preached a short mission to the Children of Mary of the Thorndon parish during the week. He goes on to Wanganui to conduct a retreat for the Sisters there, and later on will conduct the ecclesiastical retreat for the clergy of the archdiocese.

The many friends of the Very Rev. Father Bowers, Vice-Rector of St. Patrick's College, who had been seriously ill for some time, will be pleased to hear that he is progressing rapidly, and will, it is hoped, be very soon in his usual health.

Considerable progress has been made with the work of collecting subscriptions for the Cathedral Building Fund, the people of both parishes displaying the most gratifying generosity in the matter. Subscription lists were opened at all the churches on Sunday, with the result that over £1,400 was promised, so that now the amount stands at over £5,200, which it is expected will be considerably added to within the next few weeks.

His Grace the Archbishop uses St. Joseph's as his episcopal church for the present, and usually preaches there every Sunday evening. Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated there on Christmas Day.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE Rev. Father Huault, S.M., who for the last eighteen months has been the chaplain to the Mount Magdala Asylum during the absence of the Very Rev. Father Ginaty, has been recalled to Sydney and left Port Lyttelton on Tuesday evening last by the Talune. During his stay in Christchurch the Rev. Father Huault has earned the gratitude of all who are connected with the asylum.

A private letter received during the past week from the Very Rev. Father Cummings states that he has much improved in health, and that he hopes shortly to return to Christchurch. Father Cummings at the time of writing was staying at the Marist Brothers' house at Dumdalk, Ireland. He was about to proceed to London to say good-bye to the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, and expressed his regret at being unable to return to the Colony with the Bishop.

On Thursday afternoon last the annual prize distribution and entertainment of the Sacred Heart High School took place in the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes street. The very large gathering was presided over by the Vicar-General. A capital programme, consisting of a drama and vocal and instrumental music, was rendered by the pupils in a manner that reflected great credit on them and their instructors. Miss Lizette Peppler contributed a German recitation.

On Friday afternoon the distribution of prizes to the children attending the girls' parish school took place. There was a large attendance of parents and friends at the convent. The Vicar-General presided and distributed the prizes. A programme of instrumental and vocal music was given by the children, assisted by the young ladies from the high school. Miss Katie Young was the accompanist. During the afternoon a drama, entitled 'The Fire of London,' was creditably enacted by the children. In two of the rooms of the convent there was an exhibition of the work done by the pupils of both the high and the parish schools. The display included oil and crayon paintings, fancy needlework, modelling in wax and useful and ornamental work of other kinds. The display of work, which attracted much attention, showed that the pupils had been very carefully trained.

On Saturday last (December 17) the Vicar-General received a cablegram from the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who was at Honolulu when he dispatched the telegraphic message. The Bishop states that on that day he would proceed via Fiji, on his voyage to New Zealand. It appears that he left Vancouver's Island on the 7th, and not, as he had expected, on the 5th inst. In consequence of this delay of two days, he will not now stop any time in Wellington, but will come direct to Port Lyttelton. The vessel in which the Bishop is travelling, is due in Wellington on the 7th of January next.

On Thursday evening last the ladies of St. John, the Baptist's branch of the H.A.C.B.S., celebrated the first anniversary of their lodge by a social that was held in the Catholic Hall, Barbadoes street. There was a large number of members and their friends at the gathering, which proved very enjoyable, and was kept up till a late hour. A good musical programme was well rendered, and in the course of the evening light refreshments were handed round. The lady president, Miss M. Courtney, presided. During an interval in the programme the Vicar-General, who was attended by the Rev. Fathers Derby and Richards, delivered a splendid and instructive address on the advantages to be gained by joining the lodge. At the conclusion of the discourse Brother G. J. Sellers addressed the meeting, and in doing so moved that a very hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to the Vicar-General for his most excellent address. The motion was carried with acclamation.

Anniversary Day in Canterbury was celebrated on December 16. In Christchurch the local branch of the New Zealand Natives' Association commemorated the event by unveiling a restored cross on the road to Lyttelton, which had been erected in the early days by Mrs. Godley, to mark a spring of water. The restored monument consists of a Greek cross of white stone on a pedestal of grey marble, the whole standing on the stone base which supported the original structure. The unveiling ceremony attracted to the spot fully two hundred persons. Among them were many early settlers, to whom the occasion seemed one of special interest.

V.



R.

# CROWN LANDS.

The undermentioned estates, which have been recently purchased by the Government will be opened for selection shortly :—

**STARBOROUGH ESTATE**, about February 1899.

**MAHORA ESTATE**, about January 1899.

**WAIKAKAHI ESTATE**, about March 1899.

**WILLOWS ESTATE**, about March 1899.

## STARBOROUGH ESTATE

Is situated in the Marlborough Land District on the Awatere River, and is about 17 miles from Blenheim by the present road. The area is about 34,000 acres. 20,000 acres consist of agricultural flats and downs, and 14,000 acres of pastoral land. This will be divided into sections of agricultural land from 100 acres in size and upwards, of mixed land in sections of about 500 to 700 each, and the pastoral land will be offered in about four runs of about 3,500 acres each. A small township will be laid off where it is proposed to have the railway station. The annual rental will average about 5s per acre.

## MAHORA ESTATE.

This consists of two portions of Frimley, adjoining the town of Hastings. One portion has an area of 640 acres which will be divided into about 19 sections; the other, an area of 500 acres, will probably be cut up into 16 sections. This land is exceptionally good for agricultural purposes, and will be open for selection at a yearly rental of about 30s per acre in areas of from 10 acres to 50 acres.

## WAIKAKAHI ESTATE.

This contains about 48,000 acres, in situate in South Canterbury District, immediately to the North of the Waitaki River. The estate is well suited for subdivision and close settlement, and will be opened in areas of from 100 acres to 1000 acres. This will give an opportunity to men of limited means, as well as to those possessing ample capital. The greater portion of the estate is good agricultural land that has not been much cropped, although at one period or another most of it has been cultivated, and laid down in grass. The annual rent will be at an average of 7s 6d per acre. The Dunedin-Christchurch Railway runs through the property, and there are many metalled roads traversing it.

## WILLOWS ESTATE.

The Willows Estate comprises about 807 acres, and is situated 2 1/2 miles from Gisborne on the Main road. The land is all flat, of first-class quality, and is very suitable for dairy farming, root crops, vineyards, orchards, maize, pumpkins, etc. The supply of water will be ample. The sections will vary in size from 20 to 50 acres with a few of about 10 acres. The Annual Rental will average 20s per acre

V.



# VILLAGE HOMESTEAD ALLOTMENTS OPEN FOR APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undermentioned Sections will be open for application under the Village Homestead Allotment System on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of January, 1899, at the half-yearly rentals noted below :—

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For details see programmes.

Entries for Running and Walking close at the Society's Offices, 27 Rattray street, at 5 p.m. on SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER; Cycling on TUESDAY, 27th December, at 5 p.m.; for all other events on Thursday, 29th December. Entries for Dunedin and Caledonian Handicaps, 3s 6d for each distance; for all Walking, Running, and Wrestling events, 3s 6d; for Cycle Races (over £6 first prize money), 3s 6d; and for all other events, 2s 6d. Youths' Running and Walking, 1s.

Programmes can be obtained from the directors, or at the Society's Office, 27 Rattray street.

Side Shows of all descriptions will be on the ground.

Cyclists will note that the Caledonian Wheel Race (a two-mile handicap) has prizes amounting to £45—viz., £30 first prize, £10 second prize, and £5 third prize. Entries (12s 6d) to close on 17th December, at 10 p.m.; acceptances (5s) will close on 27th December, at 5 p.m.

WILLIAM REID, Secretary, 27 Rattray street.

mission. The Abbé, seeing the good results of his labours, resolved to strike at the root of the evil, and summoned a woman whose house was a harbour of vice to do penance. This woman, after making her confession, learning on her return home that the Abbé had prevailed on her lodger to reform her life, thus depriving her of her gains, went to the police and lodged a complaint against him. The following is taken from the police investigation, which was commenced directly after the complaint was lodged, charging the Abbé Bilakiewicz with torturing a number of his penitents, and with depriving them of their liberty. The penal law punishes this crime by the privation of civil rights and perpetual exile to Siberia.

After the first sitting the tribunal of the Arrondissement of Kowno decided to release the accused on bail for 5,000 roubles until the end of the inquiry. This sum having been immediately subscribed, the Abbé was permitted to leave the prison. But the prosecutor having raised objections to this, the Chamber of the Tribunal of Wilna annulled the decision of the tribunal of Kowno, and the Abbé was again imprisoned.

At the present moment the preliminary investigation is over, and the trial will take place in about two months' time. Having thus given the facts of the case, I desire to inform you of the universal indignation caused by the false reports spread by some newspaper correspondents who have published a crowd of details absolutely without foundation, and only inspired by prejudice, and who have endeavoured to represent an isolated and quite an exceptional incident as if it were the outcome of a systematic and deliberate policy, in order to be able afterwards to charge not only the accused, but the whole Catholic clergy and ecclesiastical authorities generally with action of a subversive tendency against the religion and government of the Tsar. The correspondent of the *Slovoo* of Varsovia gives the whole business in detail, contradicting the false and absurd report in the *Sviet*. According to this report it is untrue that Kowno was the scene of a riot; it is untrue that the prison has been besieged by women, that the aid of the fire-brigade has been requisitioned, that stones have been thrown at the police, that women have put on mourning, that the priests have ordered fasts, and that servants have revolted against their masters, if the latter were Russians.

The story which represents the Abbé Bilakiewicz as imposing extraordinary penances in the crypt of the church, as exhibiting an immense head like a devil, 'masked' and 'phosphorescent' attached to a skeleton, and as pouring forth curses on those who opposed him, is also full of inventions and exaggerations; as well as other details, such as that offenders lying prostrate in the form of a cross were trampled on, spat upon, and kicked during the services of the church, etc.

The animus which prompted the article in the *Sviet* is manifest by its alleging that the Abbé's actions are the outcome of political fanaticism.

Lastly, it is false to assert that the ecclesiastical authorities, with Mgr. Pallulon at their head, were acquainted with and were witnesses of the ill-usage inflicted on the penitents and their imprisonment in the crypt beneath the church. It is unfair to speak of priests in the plural and of ecclesiastics in general in connection with this affair, since the Abbé Bilakiewicz is the only priest in the whole diocese who has adopted this line of conduct. As a matter of fact, his action has been condemned by the rest of his brethren, who see in such severity a contradiction of Christ precepts and regard it as contrary to Canon Law. Some such condemnation has been pronounced by Mgr. Pallulon himself, in the official contradiction which he sent to the editor of the *Sviet*.

Numerous German enthusiasts, on visiting the famous Luther House at Eisenach recently, gave expression to the idea of how delightful it would be to drink a glass of beer from the table at which Luther had sat! An enterprising berewing company in the neighbourhood has now conceived the idea of buying the house and, while retaining all its characteristics, of turning it into a restaurant. A rather appropriate way of honouring Luther's memory.

Once in a while Mark Twain has taken a hand in politics. On one occasion, being invited to speak in the interest of his fellow townsman, General Joseph Hawley, who was a candidate for reelection to the United States Senate, he said, in the course of a droll address: 'General Hawley deserves your support, although he has about as much influence in purifying the Senate as a bunch of flowers would have in sweetening a glue factory. But he's all right; he never would turn any poor beggar away from his door empty-handed. He always gives them something—almost without exception a letter of introduction to me, urging me to help them.'

One of the great centres of attraction in Dunedin is the D.I.C. The management of this favourite establishment spare no pains to make the D.I.C. a place of interest. No person, either old or young, should miss the opportunity of visiting the warehouse during Christmas and New Year. If one wants an inexpensive present or one of a more pretentious and costly character, the finest selection is obtainable at the D.I.C. The large increase of space devoted to the display of fancy goods, toys, books and stationery, etc., affords customers an opportunity of viewing the finest stock in the Colony. Goods purchased in quantity for bazaars, guilds, etc., are subject to a special discount. A grand display of mechanical toys, all in motion, will be made each afternoon about 3 o'clock during Xmas week. Observe the address—D.I.C., High and Rattray streets.—\* \*

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.—\* \*

## Friends at Court.

BIOGRAPHICAL GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

(Written for the N.Z. TABLET.)

- DECEMBER 25, Sunday.—Christmas Day.  
 " 26, Monday.—St. Stephen, Protomartyr.  
 " 27, Tuesday.—St. John, Evangelist.  
 " 28, Wednesday.—The Holy Innocents.  
 " 29, Thursday.—St. Thomas, Bishop and Martyr.  
 " 30, Friday.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary.  
 " 31, Saturday.—St. Sylvester I., Pope and Confessor.

### NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

The time having at length arrived which had been appointed by the Divine decree for the entrance of the Son of God into the world, the Blessed Virgin Mary in company with her holy spouse St. Joseph set out from Nazareth on the way to Bethlehem, which had already been announced by the prophets as the place of the Saviour's birth. After a fatiguing journey of three or four days they reached the city of David, which they found thronged with strangers, descendants like themselves of the royal race of Juda, who in obedience to the Emperor's commands had come to be enrolled upon the public registers. In vain did the weary travellers seek a lodging throughout the town. Every one despised their poverty, and met them with some plausible excuse or a blunt refusal. Finally they were forced to take refuge in a cave outside the city gates, which is called in the holy Gospel a 'stable,' inasmuch as it is often served as a shelter for cattle.

Within this humble shelter the Immaculate Virgin when her time was come brought forth the Saviour of Mankind, being miraculously delivered without the pain and labour of child-bearing, which is the penalty of original sin. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes such as her poverty had allowed her to prepare, and with tenderest affection and a holy awe laid Him in the manger. Meanwhile choirs of angels filled the humble sanctuary, bowing with profound reverence to adore their Incarnate God and celebrating His praises in heavenly canticles. But soon fresh adorers arrive at the cave. They are shepherds from the neighbouring mountain side, men poor and contemptible in the eyes of the world, but very dear to God for their humility, innocence, and simplicity. So dear indeed they are, that a special messenger, one of the Angelic Host, is sent to them from heaven whilst they are keeping their night watch over their flocks, to bring them the happy tidings of the Saviour's birth. 'Behold,' he says to them, 'I bring you tidings of exceeding great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying, 'Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will!' When the angels had departed from them, the astonished shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass which the Lord has showed to us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger. And immediately they fell down and adored Him, and afterwards returned to their flocks with joyful hearts glorifying and praising God.

### ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian Church, was the foremost among the seven deacons who were chosen by the assembly of the faithful to assist the apostles in the daily distribution of alms. By the imposition of the hands of the apostles they received the grace of the Holy Ghost, and were ordained as ministers of God with power and grace for the discharge of some of the inferior duties of the apostolic office. The extraordinary zeal displayed by Stephen in preaching the word of God, the success which crowned his labours and the miracles which accompanied them, excited in the highest degree the fury of the Jews. They accordingly conspired to take his life, and for this purpose accused him before the Sanhedrim, or Chief Council, as a blasphemer against Moses and against God Himself. The indictment having been read, Caiaphas, the High Priest and President, asked him what he had to say in his defence. Meanwhile all present were amazed at the singular beauty and brightness which shone in his countenance, so that it appeared more like the face of an angel than of a man. Standing thus in the midst of the assembly, Stephen preached boldly the Name of Jesus, reminding them that when the Messiah had come they had rejected Him, like their forefathers who had persecuted and slain the Prophets. While thus he spoke, being full of the Holy Ghost, he raised his eyes to heaven, which opened before him, revealing to him the glory of God and Jesus standing by His Father's side. Whereupon he exclaimed, 'Behold! I see the heavens opened and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.' Upon hearing these words the members of the Council cried out with a loud voice, and stopping their ears as if he had been guilty of some frightful blasphemy, with one accord rushed upon him, and dragging him outside the city gates stoned him to death. Meanwhile the holy martyr with his dying breath invoked the name of his beloved Master. 'Lord Jesus,' said he, 'receive my spirit.' And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.' And when he had said this he fell asleep in the Lord.

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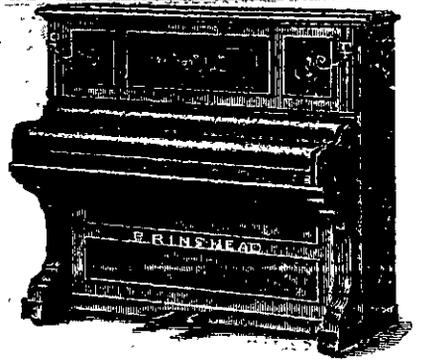
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## Irish News.

**ANTRIM.—Anti-Ritualism.**—There was a renewal of the anti-Ritualist disturbances in Belfast recently. The minister of St. George's Church, on leaving the edifice after the evening service, was followed by a large crowd, who hooted and groaned. He finally sought escape on a tramcar. A couple of his friends were attacked, and one of the attacking party, Samuel Beattie, was arrested. He was released on bail.

**A Dedication.**—The Church of the Most Holy Rosary, at Ballynaveagh, Belfast, was dedicated recently. Over £1,800 were taken up in the collection.

**ARMAGH.—Thanksgiving.**—A solemn Te Deum was offered up at St. Patrick's Cathedral recently in thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest of the past season. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, who ordered that the Te Deum should be sung in all the churches throughout the archdiocese, presided at the throne.

**DERRY.—A Popular Appointment.**—Father Philip O'Doherty, of Derry, has been appointed to the pastoral charge of the parish of Claudy, vacant by the lamented death of the Very Rev. Edward M'Kenna, P.P. Father O'Doherty's many friends in Derry and elsewhere in the district will rejoice that this zealous and gifted young priest and Derryman has been promoted to this important charge. The rev. gentleman has only but recently returned from Australia, where he had gone for his health and where he had a very distinguished career, brief as his years were there. He is widely known in the North for his zealous ministrations as well as for his rare endowments as a pulpit orator. We heartily join in congratulating an excellent young priest on his appointment.

**DONEGAL.—The Irish Language.**—Recently a large and representative meeting, presided over by the Bishop of Raphoe, was held in the Literary Institute, Letterkenny, for the purpose of founding a branch of the Gaelic League in that town. His Lordship, on rising to speak, was received with loud and continued applause. He addressed the audience in Gaelic at some length, and then, for the benefit of those who could not understand it, he followed with a speech in English. This meeting, he said, of those who sympathised with the Gaelic movement seemed to him to guarantee the success of the branch to be established that night in the town of the O'Connors. His Lordship would regard it as his bounden duty to help to spread and preserve the dear old Irish tongue, the tongue of the heroes of this land, Finn and Cuchullin and Cormac M'Art, of Brian and Nial, and their own Hugh Roe O'Donnell. It should not die; it ought not to die, and, God willing, would never die. In Iniskeel, his native parish, most of the people could speak the old tongue, and this was true not only of the Catholic people but of their Protestant neighbours. The prospects of the Gaelic movement were not by any means gloomy. Strongly at its back was an array of the clergy of Ireland, not of one denomination alone. They had, too, the national teachers of Ireland, who have in their hands the educational training of the rising generation, and as the Four Masters rescued from ruin the history of the nation, the national teachers of Ireland might be destined to be the saviours of the language of the Gael. They had the Press of the country strongly on their side.

**DUBLIN.—Protection and Rescue Work.**—The Archbishop of Dublin presided over a meeting of the friends of the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, recently. For the past twelve years this institution has striven nobly against the various proselytising agencies which try to rob the Catholic poor of their faith. says the report of the committee, read by Mar. Fitzpatrick, P.P. 'With a zeal worthy of a better cause, and with almost unlimited resources the proselytiser attacks the poor parents, and, by artful bribes and offers of help, induces them to yield up their little ones to their care. Large numbers of Catholic children are in this way carried off every year into Birds' Nests and other kindred institutions, where they are caught to turn their backs on the Church in which they were baptised, and to hate the faith which should have been their most cherished possession. With means wholly insufficient to cope with this dangerous organisation, the Sacred Heart Home has, in its comparatively short existence, already succeeded in restoring to the fold of the Catholic Church nearly 700 children. Of these some still remain in the Home, where they are being trained to be useful members of society and faithful children of the Church; others again have been bound to trades, and others have been placed in service. In the past year alone fifty-four children have been admitted to the Home. The difficulties which have to be overcome in rescuing these poor children cannot be adequately

realised by those who have not taken an active part in the work. The parents have to be won back to a sense of their duty; this is often the hardest task of all—for in many cases they are in receipt of alms, which are given them only for so long as they leave their children in the Protestant homes. And even when the children are safely housed in our Home, the proselytising agents do not leave the parents alone, but by renewed bribes endeavour to regain possession of the rescued ones.' The large outlay on the new buildings a year or two ago has crippled the funds of the committee, and the object of this meeting was to appeal for help in the maintenance of the children in the Home. Father Delaney, S.J., moved the adoption of the report.

**A Popular Priest.**—Recently the houses in the town of Rush were illuminated in honour of the Rev. Father O'Hea, late P.P. of Wicklow, who has just been appointed to the vacancy in Rush, caused by the death of the Very Rev. Father O'Carroll. Up to a late hour the greatest rejoicing was manifested by the people of the town, Protestant as well as Catholic, at an appointment which has given them such universal satisfaction and delight. An unusually large congregation attended the parochial Mass, at which the highly esteemed pastor made a most touching reference to the pleasure it gave him to return to the scene of his first ecclesiastical labours, where, as he said, he had the happiness to commence his sacred mission, and where he hoped he would end it. It is extremely fortunate for the people of Rush to have secured a pastor who has given such practical proof of his zeal in their spiritual welfare, and such deep-seated affection in their regard as to resign in their favour so important a parish as Wicklow.

**GALWAY.—A Fire.**—Damage, estimated at £6,000, was caused by a fire in yarn sheds connected with Messrs. Hurst's spinning mills, at Drumaness, near Ballynahinch.

**KERRY.—The Gaelic League.**—The Cahiriveen branch of the Gaelic League is in a most flourishing condition.

**The Crops.**—Judging from the corn supplies in the local market lately, says a recent despatch from Tralee, and the quality of the grain offered for sale, the corn crop may be said to be the best and most bounteous for many years in the extensive district of which Tralee is the centre.

**LIMERICK.—Awards for Bravery.**—The Royal Humane Society issued recently a supplementary list of awards for saving or attempting to save life from drowning under circumstances of extreme difficulty and danger. Medals are awarded to Father Quinlan of Newcastle-West, and Mr. Delaney, of Limerick, for their daring rescue of Richard Whitfield, Head Constable R.I.C., Fermoy, who had got into a position of great peril while bathing from the dangerous rocks at St. Edmond's Point, Kilkee.

**LOUTH.—In Memory of '98 Patriots.**—At a meeting of the Drogheda Corporation recently a letter from the Very Rev. John Curry, V.F., was read, in which he said that he had determined on having religious ceremonies for the patriots of '98, who may be in need of prayers, in St. Mary's parochial church. These ceremonies will consist of Solemn Requiem Office and sermon appropriate, and a Solemn Requiem Mass on the following Sunday. Father Curry invited the Corporation to attend the ceremonies. It was decided that the Mayor, High Sheriff, Aldermen, and Councillors, with the sword and mace, attend on both occasions.

**MAYO.—Cardinal Gibbons.**—Ballinrobe enjoys the distinction of being, if not the birthplace, at least the place where the most distinguished of American prelates—Cardinal Gibbons—received the rudiments of his early education. This eminent son of Erin and of the Church returned with his parents, who belonged to the neighbourhood of Ballinrobe, where the future Cardinal attended school, taught by a teacher named Rooney. The house where he lived with his father and mother is at present occupied by an old schoolmate of the Cardinal's. The old Catholic church of Ballinrobe is now in ruins, with a tall square tower still in a pretty good state of preservation, which contained, it is said, the first bell that tolled the death-knell of the penal laws. In this church, it is said, Cardinal Gibbons served Mass as a boy.

**MEATH.—New Schools.**—The Rev. B. Brady and a committee are to take steps to provide new schools for Dunboyne. The present schools are dangerous to teacher and pupils. It is stated that there was a site purchased fifteen or twenty years ago by the late Father Moily for these schools, but as he was transferred from the parish nothing definite was done. There was also a legacy of £800 bequeathed by James Shalvey for the same purpose.

**QUEEN'S COUNTY. A Consecration.**—The ceremonies in connection with the consecration of the high altar in the new church

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of Abbeyleix, and the blessing of a new organ, took place recently. The previous day the altar was dedicated by Bishop Foley to Our Lady of the Rosary. Three new altars have been completed, and they harmonise with the architecture of the church, which is Romanesque.

**ROSCOMMON.—Coercion.**—A regular coercion campaign seems to have been commenced at Drummin, near Elphin, in reference to an evicted farm 'taken, but not worked' by Constable Egan, of Templemore. A little boy named Michael McGrath, of Kilean, was recently summoned on a charge of injuring, at Cloonculiane School, a shawl belonging to a cousin of Egan. Bridget Costello, a mere child, was also summoned for assaulting the girl. Other school children, it is rumoured, are to be prosecuted for quitting the school where the Egan children attended.

**SLIGO.—Gift of an Altar.**—The new church at Kilmactigue, which was dedicated recently, has a handsome stained-glass window of three lights, containing a representation of the Crucifixion, with figures of the Blessed Virgin, St. John the Evangelist and Mary Magdalen, the gift of some of the clergy of the diocese. The marble altar was presented by Bishop McGoldrick, of Duluth, Minn., who is a native of the parish of Kilmactigue.

**TYRONE.—Disastrous Floods.**—Great floods have swept Clogher Valley and South Tyrone. The inundations have ruined the crops—principally potatoes and hay, and oats have been practically destroyed and rendered valueless. Several narrow escapes have been reported, and the rural post-men had much difficulty in getting to their destinations.

**A New Church.**—The foundation-stone of St. Patrick's Church, Gortin, was laid recently by Bishop O'Doherty of Derry. In the new building there will be seating accommodation for 300. The nave will terminate in the east side with octagonal apse. The transepts will be constructed to permit of side chapels. The principal entrance will be from the west front, approached by a broad flight of steps. To the north side will be placed a tower and belfry, with provision for a spire. Sandstone in random ashlar will be used, the groins, jambs, porches, etc., being in chiselled stone. The roof will be finished in pitch pine. The building will be in the early English Gothic style. The windows will be filled with tinted cathedral glass in leaded lights.

**WEXFORD.—New Convent Premises.**—The community of Loreto Convent, Wexford, have purchased the magnificent and spacious mansion known as Summerhill House, from Mr. John E. Barry, M.P. They will remove their convent and schools to the new premises in a short time, when some necessary alterations have been made.

**Papal Honours.**—The people of County Wexford, and indeed every patriotic Irishman, will be gratified to learn that his Holiness the Pope has been pleased at the recent consistory to confer the high honour upon Sir Thomas H. Grattan-Desmond, Bart., M.P., of appointing him chamberlain in his household. This is a fitting tribute to Sir Thomas Desmond, who so worthily represents one of the oldest Norman Catholic families in the country—a family that through the vicissitudes and persecutions of the 16th and 17th centuries, firmly adhered to the old faith, and gave to the Church some of the most distinguished ornaments in the sacred ministry. In the roll of Wexford martyr priests during that era of persecution, the name of Desmond frequently occurs. In the roll of Wexford's patriots it occurs too. Even so recently as '93 two brave members of this family sacrificed their lives fighting in the cause of the down-trodden and tortured peasantry of Kildare and Wexford. The late Sir Thomas Desmond, too, was chairman of the Catholic Association of Ireland. A great deal of the family possessions which were among the most extensive in the country were confiscated two centuries ago, because they belonged to 'Irish Papists,' but the Desmonds were the only Norman Catholics who succeeded in retaining even a portion of their estates, and at the same time remaining Catholics. This happened more through accident than otherwise.

**A Record Train.**—The longest stock train, and, in fact, the longest and heaviest train of any kind which ever left New Ross was that despatched to Dublin on the evening of a recent fair. It consisted of two engines, thirty-seven boxes of stock, and two vans. Of course it is usual for longer trains than that to pass along the main line, but not up such stiff gradients as that of Ballintubber.

**GENERAL.**

**Disfranchisement.**—In nearly every county in Ireland the Revision Courts found out that the short and easy way of disfranchising voters was for the landlord to abstain from paying his rates. On holdings under £4 yearly value, of which there is an enormous number, the rates are paid by the landlord.

**The Irish 'Bull.'**—There have been several attempts from time to time to trace the origin of the Irish 'bull.' According to a letter addressed to the *Daily Telegraph* we have to thank a certain Obadiah Bull, an Irish lawyer, who went to London and flourished in the reign of Henry VII., for the word. He had a strong brogue, and his entertaining blunders were circulated as 'another "Irish Bull."

**Death of a Patriot.**—John Edmond Moyle Mohoney, a staunch Irish patriot, died in Liverpool recently, at the age of 43 years. He was a civil engineer and building surveyor by profession, and like many another gifted Irishman, he could get no encouragement in his own land, and was eventually driven to seek a livelihood in the land of the stranger. In the stirring days of the Land League agitation he took a prominent part in furthering the National cause, and suffered imprisonment as a 'suspect.' He had the distinction of making the acquaintance of the inside of four gaols—

Omagh, Enniskillen, Grangegorman, and Kilmainham. He was released from Kilmainham in May, 1862, simultaneously with Charles Stewart Parnell. When he entered Omagh Gaol it was a hotbed of typhoid fever, and while a prisoner he forced Chief Secretary Forster to remove the whole body of 'suspects,' numbering 90, to Enniskillen Prison, thereby saving their lives. His health suffered under the severe prison treatment, and it left a permanent mark on his naturally delicate constitution. He took an active part in forming branches of the Irish National League, and assisted in starting the Young Ireland Society in Dublin. In 1884, he, in conjunction with Patrick Cahill, of Wellington Quay, Dublin, inaugurated a movement for the bringing home of the remains of the late Dr. Cahill, and it was in a great measure due to his untiring exertions, both in Dublin and Cork, that the movement had such a successful termination.

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'Nearly all my life,' says Mrs Sarah Dalby, 'I have been subject to attacks of biliousness, accompanied with sickness, but got on fairly well up to the early part of 1882. At this time I began to feel heavy, dull, and tired, with an all-gone, sinking sensation. My skin was sallow, and the whites of my eyes of a yellow tinge.'

As everybody knows, or ought to know, the colouring matter was bile. The liver being torpid, and, therefore, failing to remove the bile from the blood, it entered the skin, and showed itself on the surface. But the discolouration isn't the worst mischief done by the vagabond bile, containing many poisonous waste elements; it disorders the whole system and sets up troublesome and dangerous symptoms, some of which the lady names.

'I had a bad taste in the mouth,' she goes on to say; 'and, in the morning particularly, was often very sick, retching so violently that I dreaded to see the dawn of day.'

'My appetite was poor, and after eating I had pain at my chest and side. Frequently I couldn't bring myself to touch food at all; my stomach seemed to rebel at the very thought of it.'

[This was bad, but the stomach was right, nevertheless. More food would have made more pain, more indigested matter to ferment and turn sour, more of a load for the sleepy liver, more poison for the nerves, kidneys, and skin. And yet, without the food, how was she to live? It was like being ground between the upper and the nether millstones.]

'After this,' runs the letter, 'I had great pain and fluttering at the heart. Sometimes I would have fits of dizziness and go off into a faint, which left me quite prostrated. Then my nerves became so upset and excitable that I got no proper sleep at night, and on account of loss of strength I was obliged to lie in bed all day for days together. I went to one doctor after another, and attended at Bartholomew's and the University Hospitals, but was none the better for it all.'

'In September, 1883, my husband read in *Reynolds' Newspaper* about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and got me a bottle of it. After taking it for three days I felt relieved. Encouraged and cheered by this I kept on taking the Syrup, and in a short time all the pain and distress abated, and I was well—better than I had ever been. That is ten years ago, and since then I have never ailed anything. With sincere thanks, I am, yours truly (Signed) Mrs. Sarah Dalby, 93, Tottenham Road, Kingsland, London, N., January 2nd, 1894.'

Now run your eye back to the first sentence of Mrs. Dalby's letter, and you will come upon these words, 'I got on fairly well,' &c. This is the sad thought. Her life has always been at a discount; she has always got less than her due; she lost part of her health—wages. Do you take my meaning? Of course. Whatever may be our differences of opinion as to the rights of capital and the value of labour, it is certain that every human being is entitled to perfect health—without reduction, without drawback. All the more, as nobody else loses what one person thus gains. No, no. On the contrary, a perfectly healthy person is a benefit and a blessing to all who are brought into relations with him.

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**Commercial.**

For week ending December 22.

**STOCKS AND SHARES.**

LONDON December 16.—The Bank of England returns show the stock of gold, coin, and bullion to be £28,938,000; and the reserve £20,848,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities, 50.40. The notes in circulation amount to £26,941,000; public deposits £5,780,000; other deposits, £35,406,000; Government securities, £10,940,000; other securities, £27,213,000.  
Three months' bills are discounted at 3½ per cent.  
Consols, 110½.  
New Zealand 4 per cent. stock, 114; 3½ do, 107½; 3 do, 99½.

Wednesday, December 20.

Mr. Harman Reeves, Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows:  
**BANKS**.—National, Buyers, 2/6/6; Sellers, 2/7/0. New South Wales, B., 36/5/0; S., 36/15/0. Union of Australia, Ltd., B., 26/5/0; S., 26/15/0.  
**INSURANCE**.—National, B., 16/0; S., 16/3. New Zealand, B., 3/6/6; S., 3/7/6. South British, B., 2/9/0; S., 2/10/0. Standard, B., 13/3; S., 13/6.  
**SHIPPING**.—New Zealand Shipping, B., 4/7/0; S., 4/10/0. Union Steam, B., 9/17/6; S., 10/0/0.  
**COAL**.—Westport, B., 2/19/6; S., 3/1/6.  
**LOAN AND AGENCY**.—Commercial Property Company (2/10/0), B., 5/6; S., 5/9. National Mortgage, B., 13/0; S., 13/6. Perpetual Trustees, B., 11/9; S., 12/6. Trustees and Executors, B., 1/12/6; S., 1/13/6.  
**MISCELLANEOUS**.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., B., 6/3/6; S., 6/6/0. Milburn Lime and Cement, B., 2/4/0; S., 2/5/0; do, new issue, B., 1/1/3; S., 1/4/6. Mornington Tramway, B., 16/0; S., 16/6. Mosgiel Woollen, B., 4/9/0; S., 4/10/0. New Zealand Drug, B., 2/8/6; S., 2/9/0. New Zealand Drug (30/- paid), B., 1/14/0; S., 1/15/0. Otago Daily Times, B., 11/19/0; S., 12/0/0. Emu Bay Railway, B., 6/0; S., 6/6. Wellington Woollen, B., 4/15/0; S., 4/17/6. Silverton Tram, B., 4/10/0; S., 4/12/0. New Zealand Refrigerating, B., 2/0/0; S., 2/2/6.  
**GOLDFIELDS**.—Reefton: Big River Extended, B., 8/6; S., 9/0. Cumberland Extended, B., 2/6; S., 2/9. Dillon Extended, B., 2/0; S., 2/6. Keep-it-Dark, B., 15/0; S., 16/0. Alpine Extended, B., 4/3; S., 4/7. Welcome Co. (Ltd.), B., 1/6; S., 2/0. Cressus (Paparoa), B., 15/0; S., 16/0. Otago.—Alpha (vendors), B., 3/0; S., 4/0. Golden Sita, B., 2/6; S., 3/0. Morning Star (A issue), B., 12/6; S., 13/6.  
**DREDGING COMPANIES**.—Belmont, par. Buller, B., 19/0; S., 20/0. Chatto Creek, B., 30/0; S., 31/6. Clyde, B., 49/0; S., 52/0. Dunedin, B., 15/0; S., 16/6. Empire, B., 2/5/0; S., 2/10/0. Enterprise, B., 3/0/0; S., 3/3/0. Enterprise Gully, par. Evan's Flat, B., 1/0/0; S., 1/1/0. Ettrick, B., 14/0; S., 15/0 (paid). Gold Creek, B., 13/6; S., 14/0. Golden Gate, B., 44/0; S., 45/0. Golden Beach, B., 11/6; S., 12/6 (prem). Golden Point, 2/6 prem. Tuapeka, B., 19/9; S., 20/0. Vincent, B., 26/6; S., 27/6 prem. Golden Run, B., 17/6; S., 20/0. Golden Terrace, B., 21/0; S., 21/6. Hartley and Riley, B., 27/6; S., 29/6. Island Basin, B., 13/6; S., 14/6. Jutland Flat B., 6/0; S., 6/6 (cont.). Kyeburn, 2/6 disc. Lion Rock, B., 7/0; S., 9/0. Macraes Flat, 5/6 discount. Magnetic, B., 26/6; S., 27/6. Matau, B., 24/6; S., 25/0. Matakaitaki, B., 5/0; S., 5/6. Mount Ida, par. Molyneux Hydraulic (B), B., 32/6; S., 33/0. Naseby, B., 31/0; S., 32/0. Nevis, B., 20/0; S., —. Ophir, B., —. Otago, B., 2/10/0; S., 2/11/0. Success, B., 2/10/0; S., 2/15/0. Upper Waipori, B., 3/6; S., 3/9. Waimuna, B., 4/0 prem. Sunlight, B., 8/0; S., 3/6 prem. Cromwell, B., —; S., par. Riverbank, B., par.; sales 6d prem.  
**SLUICING COMPANIES**.—Moonlight (contrib.) B., 2/0/0; S., 2/2/0. Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), B., 6/0; S., 6/6. Deep Stream, B., 27/0; S., 28/0.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.**

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows:—  
There were no draught horses forward for Saturday's sale and very few good light harness sorts. A couple of useful buggy horses brought L18 and L15 10s respectively, and eight or ten light hacks changed hands at from L5 to L12. First-class heavy draught geldings, young and staunch, are badly wanted, and would readily command L40 or L50 in our market at the present time. Vendors of these descriptions of horse flesh will not be disappointed with the Dunedin market just now if they give it a trial. We quote: Superior draught geldings, young, L35 to L40; extra good a few pounds more; superior young draught mares and fillies, L40 to L50; prize mares and fillies, L60 to L100; ordinary draught mares and geldings, L14 to L20; young carriage and cavalry horses, L20 to L30; well-matched carriage pairs, L50 to L80; strong spring-cart horses, young, L16 to L25; ordinary hacks and light harness horses, L8 to L14; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L2.

**WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.**

London, December 16.—The Bradford wool market is improving. Common sixties, 19½; super sixties, 20½d.  
London, December 18.—Frozen mutton: Crossbred wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 3½d; Dunedin and Southland and North Island are unchanged. Lamb is not quoted. River Plate is also unchanged.  
Basils: Average strained Australian, 7½d. New Zealand, 10d.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—  
**RABBITSKINS**.—The season is pretty well over now, and there are very few offerings.  
**SHEEPSKINS**.—There was a good attendance of buyers at Tuesday's sale and bidding was brisk, prices being about the same as late quotations.  
**WOOL**.—First sale of the season takes place on Thursday 22nd. The second sale will be held on Tuesday, 10th January.  
**HIDES**.—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 4d; medium, 2½d to 3d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.  
**TALLOW**.—In good demand. Best rendered mutton, 14s to 15s 6d; medium, 12s to 13s 6d; inferior, 9s to 11s 6d; rough fat, 8s 6d to 11s per cwt.

**PRODUCE.**

London, December 16.—Butter.—A fair trade. Prices slightly weaker. Colonial, 110s to 112s—a few samples 114s; Danish, 120s. The English, Continental, and American wheat markets are dull. Victorian spot, 32s 9d; December and January cargoes, 29s 6d. Parrels by iron sailers sold in London at 27s 6d and 28s.  
Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—  
**OATS**.—We submitted a small catalogue, and under moderate competition quitted several lots of good feed at 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).  
**WHEAT**.—The market continues quiet. Choice velvet and Tuscan met with some sale at quotations, but other sorts are difficult to place. We catalogued several lots of fowl wheat, which sold at 2s 6d to 2s 7½d, and quote prime milling 3s 6d to 3s 9d; fair to good, 3s to 3s 5d per bushel (sacks in).  
**POTATOES**.—We offered one small consignment, which was withdrawn.  
**CHAFF**.—Our catalogue comprised seven trucks of various quality, nearly all of which were cleared at auction or privately, at, for best oaten sheaf, £3 to £3 5s; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (sacks extra).  
**WHEAT**.—The market remains quiet. Quotations: Prime milling velvet, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; tuscan, etc., 3s 8d to 3s 10d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 8d per bushel (sacks in).

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**OATS.**—Market unchanged. Quotations: Sutherlands, 1s 11d to 2s; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 10½d; medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra).

**BARLEY.**—Nothing doing at present.

**CHAFF.**—Prime oaten sheaf, L3 to L3 5s; medium, L2 10s to L2 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

**POTATOES.**—The market is barely supplied, and prices remain firm: Best Derwents, L8 to L9 per ton (bags in).

A Press Association telegram states that a Vancouver firm, in a letter to the National Dairy Association, writes:—'If you can induce farmers to ship eggs until April, they can make money, as they are now worth 35 cents (1s 5½d), and likely to go higher. There is likely to be more cold storage available for New Zealand on the present line of steamers. I am acting for the owners of the steamers, and we will be able to carry up to 1700 carcasses of frozen meat per trip. Your butter has a good name here, otherwise it would have no show against New South Wales, on account of the differential duty, but people do not mind paying the difference. Cheese has no chance in the market.'

**MR. F. MEENAN**, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet demand; feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10; milling, 2s 2d to 2s 4d. Fowls' wheat, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; milling, 3s 6d to 3s 9d. Chaff, L3 to L3 5s, fair supply. Ryegrass and clover hay, L3 15s to L4. Straw, pressed, 25s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes: old, L8 new, L10; Flour: Roller, L10 to L10 10s. Oatmeal: L11 10s in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 10d. Eggs, 11d. Bran, L3. Pollard, L4. Onions, L8.

**SCHOOL VACATIONS.**

**WELLINGTON.**

**ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL.**  
(From our own correspondent.)

The annual distribution of prizes, prior to the Christmas holidays, took place at this school on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a number of visitors and parents of the children. Among those present were His Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., Very Rev. Father Lewis, Sir Arthur and Lady Douglas, and the Count and Countess de Courte. Prior to the prize-giving a short concert programme was performed in which Misses Beck, Reilly, J. Ewatt, L. White, and Falconer took part. The Rev. Father Holley read out the names of the prize winners, the prizes being presented by his Grace the Archbishop. The list was as follows:—

Good conduct (silver medal, gift of Mrs. M. Kennedy) senior division, boarders, Daisy Reilly; silver medals (gifts of Mr. White), day pupils, equal in merit, Cecilia Guise and Agnes Bourke. Good Conduct junior division, boarders, Earle Bremner; day pupils, Eileen Truman; preparatory school, Christine Henry. Christian Doctrine, first division, gold medal, Sharp memorial (gift of Mrs. O'Connor), Daisy Reilly; second division, Geraldine M'Alister; third division, Eunie Martin; preparatory school, Ruby Poll. Dux, gold medal (gift of Mr. G. Fisher, junior), Mamie Waldegrave. English Composition, honourable mention, Mamie Waldegrave; gold medal (gift of his Grace Archbishop Redwood), Nettie Falconer. Diligence, gold medal (gift of Mr. E. Palmer), Nellie Achison. Painting, Marion Brady Singing (gold medal, gift of Dr. Grace), Theo. Shapter; higher school division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Christine Smith; junior division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Mamie Waldegrave. Instrumental music (gold medal, gift of Mrs. McCarthy), Nettie Falconer; senior division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Marion Brady; intermediate division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Daisy Reilly; junior division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Alice McDonald; primary division (gift of Mr. Brookes), Mary McDonald. Needlework: 1st division, 1st prize, Cecilia Guise; 2nd, Kathleen Bourke; 2nd division, Earle Bremner. Shorthand: senior division, 1st prize (gift of Miss Williams), Isabel O'Galligan; 2nd (gift of Miss Williams), Marion Brady; 3rd (gift of Miss Williams), Rene Pearce; junior division (gift of Miss Williams), Margaret M'Ewen. Matriculation class: English, arithmetic, geography, French, Nettie Falconer; algebra, Euclid, composition, Latin, Mamie Waldegrave; French conversation, Claude Douglas; model drawing, Ethel Garrett; freehand drawing, Ethel Poll; neatest exercise book, Olive Beck.

Class VII: Grammar, composition, recitation, writing, Rose Sheridan; arithmetic, Cecilia Guise; geography, Euclid, Latin, Rene Pearce; Algebra and drawing (freehand), Daisy Reilly; mapping, Ethel Garrett; spelling, Muriel Waldegrave; neatest exercise book, Theresa Rowe.

Class VI: Best pass, Rene Webb; geography, drawing, and mapping, Agnes Burke; grammar, composition, arithmetic, Euclid, and Latin, Connie Reilly; Algebra, Lita Truman; writing, reading, and recitation, Nellie Ryan; French, Muriel Waldegrave.

Class V: Neatest exercise book, Ethel Poll; composition, Ethel Falconer; grammar, Hesse Whitaker; French and geography, Olive Blake; Latin, reading, and recitation, Annie Duignan; arithmetic, first prize, Nora Monaghan; second, Rene Nathan; drawing and writing, Mabel Price; spelling, Constance M'Closkey.

Class IV: Best Pass, Violet Thompson; arithmetic, equal in merit, Geraldine M'Alister and Gladys Philp; spelling, Geraldine M'Alister; writing, Eileen Truman; composition, grammar, and French, Eveline Collins; geography, Gladys Philp; reading and recitation, Connie Gibbs; drawing, Annie Scott.

Class III: Arithmetic and writing, Amie Laing; geography, composition, and dictation, Mary Fitzgerald; history, equal in merit, Mary Fitzgerald and Carlisle Marshall; reading, recitation, grammar, and drawing, Carlisle Marshall; mental arithmetic, Frances Vaney.

Class II: Arithmetic, geography, reading, and recitation, Monica Blake; writing, composition, and dictation, Mary M'Donald; history, Doris Haywood.

Class I: Arithmetic, Gracie M'Ardle; writing, reading, and recitation, Martha Duignan; drawing, Mabel Ward.

After the distribution of prizes shorthand certificates from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons were presented to Miss M. Brady, J. O'Galligan, R. Pearce, and M. Putnam (theoretical), and to Miss R. Falconer, speed certificate, for 180 words a minute. This is the highest certificate attained by a school pupil in the city.

Afterwards his Grace the Archbishop complimented the school on the success of the past year, and felt sure the pupils would always be grateful to Divine Providence for the opportunity of receiving such an excellent education as was imparted at St. Mary's, where they not only received instruction at the hands of efficient teachers, but at the same time lived in an atmosphere of every Christian virtue. The musical programme was of a high order and gave him very great pleasure, and if their other studies came up to the same excellent standard they had reason to be very grateful to the Sisters for their unselfish devotedness to their welfare. He wished them a happy Christmas, and said that studies would be resumed on 30th January next.

**OAMARU.**

The *North Otago Times* (referring to the Catholic schools in that town) says:—These schools broke up on Thursday without any formal ceremony. This year a prize list was dispensed with at the boys' school, the heavy calls upon the resources of parents in other directions making it necessary to relieve them from this. There was therefore no ceremony, the school being simply dismissed for the customary holidays. At the primary Convent School the certificates of merit awarded by the inspector at the examination in September were distributed by the Very Rev. Dean Mackay. It might be mentioned, however, that this school passed a most successful examination, only two pupils having failed to pass. The exhibition of work in connection with the Convent Schools has hitherto afforded considerable gratification to a number of the public, but owing to preparations being in active progress for the bazaar to be held in a few months' time in aid of the Basilica, it was deemed advisable to put it off till a later period. But the pupils have either finished or have in progress a quantity of exceptionally fine work. Much of it will be exhibited later on, and a good deal of it disposed of at the bazaar. We hope to be able to say something about these on a future occasion.

The following is the prize list and list of work:—English: Miss Nellie Corcoran, Intermediate Class B; Miss Elsie Desmond, Junior School. Mathematics: Miss Hannah Sweeney, Intermediate Class B; Miss Fanny Desmond, Junior School; Miss Selina Eason, French: Miss Mary Drew, Senior School; Miss Elsie Desmond, Junior School. Freehand Drawing: Miss Nellie Corcoran, Intermediate Class B; hon. mention, Misses Hannah Sweeney and N. O'Brien. Writing: Miss Nellie Corcoran, Intermediate Class B; Miss Maude Gatfield, Junior School. Geography: Miss Hannah Sweeney, Intermediate Class B; Miss Maude Gatfield, Junior School. Art Needlework: Miss Mary Drew, Miss May Schluter, and Miss Elsie Desmond; hon. mention, Misses Hannah Sweeney, N. O'Brien, and Nellie Corcoran. Wood Carving: Miss Mary Drew; hon. mention, Misses Wright, Ford, Ring, and M'Kay. General Improvement: Miss May Gilligan, Junior School, Good Conduct: Miss Nora O'Brien.

TRINITY COLLEGE EXAMINATION.—Practical Music: Intermediate division honours, Miss Minnie Paton; primary division honours, Miss Millie Potter. The following certificates were also awarded last January: Miss May Duggan, intermediate division pass; Miss Maude Ralfe, primary division pass.

KINDERGARTEN.—Arithmetic and Drawing: Miss Nellie Curran. Writing: May Malloy. Spelling: Cissy Rooney. Reading and Spelling: Lee O'Neil. Drawing: Oswald Wise. Spelling: Christopher Spiers.

OBJECT LESSONS.—Mat-weaving: Jimmy Spiers. Spelling and paper-folding: John Fitzgerald. Drawing: Eugene Fitzgerald. Mat-weaving: Dan Kelly. Reading, drawing, and basket-weaving: Edward Rooney. The nuns are indebted to the Hon. George Jones, Very Rev. Dean Mackay, and the Rev. Father Howard for handsome prizes awarded for English, good conduct, and mathematics respectively.

**LIST OF WORK.**

In the exhibition of work done during the year the Misses Drew, Schluter, Sweeney, O'Brien, Corcoran, Desmond, Gatfield, Eason, Gilligan, and Telfer (2) showed some excellent specimens in various branches of art. Some work that had been done for the forthcoming bazaar by the Misses Wright (2), Reid O'Connor, Cooney, Tousey, and Joyce, was also on view, and excited general admiration. Specimens of wood carving were shown by the Misses Drew, Forde, Ring, Wright, and Mackay. Paintings, of which there was a large and varied exhibition, were shown by the Misses Roberts, Bee, M'Naught, Cagney, Corcoran, Buick, O'Connor, Rowlands, Tomkins, Forde, Gallagher, and Grave.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent)

On Monday afternoon last the annual distribution of prizes to the children attending the Addington school took place in the local schoolroom. There was a large gathering of parents and friends of the children present, and the Vicar-General, who was attended by the Rev. Father Servajan, presented the prizes. Prior to the distribution, an attractive programme of recitations and musical selections was extremely well rendered by the children, who were arranged on seats on a dais at one end of the schoolroom. When the programme was over the Vicar-General addressed a few words to the children, and ended by wishing them the compliments of the season. The Rev. Mother Theophane, and Sister Augustine, who have charge of the school, and the Rev. Mother Provincial, the Rev. Mother Philomene, and Sister Felix, who drove from the convent in Barbadoes street in order to assist at the presentation, were also present.

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## OUR CHRISTMAS WORD.



CHRISTMAS is again upon us. What is the sentiment that best fits and befits the day and season? Angels proclaimed it long ago from the midnight sky: Peace and good-will. It was a glorious theme, that first carol that fell from the lips of the heavenly messengers on that first Christmas night long ago. It still rings through the world in the joyous *Adeste*. Its echo is still heard even in the social customs of lands and homes where the purpose and full spirit of the festival have been forgotten for over three hundred years. DICKENS little realised how much of Catholic spirit was stirring within him when he stood forth as the apostle of kindly greetings and good-will, and brought back to the English life of our day more of the genial warmth of the olden 'merrie Chryste-masse' than it had known for many a day.

Oh! then is the time when the soul exults  
And seems right heavenward turning,  
When we love and bless the hands we press,  
As the Christmas log is burning.

At the close of each year statistics appear in the British and Colonial papers detailing the steady growth of the Christmas registered letter, and the Christmas mail-bag generally has reached such unwieldy proportions that, despite the employment of hundreds of thousands of extra hands—at the London General Post Office alone, several thousand—there is in every great centre of population a more or less acute congestion of ordinary deliveries. Only two years ago the Christmas card had its golden jubilee. It has already developed into a mighty trade that has opened out a new and separate field of art and given employment to a multitude of mechanics, and literary folk. The Christmas post and the Christmas card furnish pleasing evidence that the pendulum of social custom is swinging once more towards a right application of the true significance of this happy festival.

'Peace on earth!' The three little-big wars of the year have passed into the realms of the have-been. The threatened big war between England and France has been happily averted, and there stands a hope that the century whose opening year witnessed the desperate battles of Marengo and Hohenlinden, may end in the calm of a universal peace assured. What the coming century may bring, time alone will show. Long ago, in what are sometimes foolishly termed the 'dark ages,' the Popes adopted, in many an international dispute, the great principle of compulsory arbitration. New Zealand has revived it in our day in the matter of disputes between employers and employes. The spirit of the Governments is uneasily stirring along the lines of a revival of the principle which the Popes put in force in the turbulent days of the long ago. The coming century may, let us hope, witness its full realisation in international difficulties as well as in those of

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lesser degree. Should this happy consummation come, the spirit of the first Christmas night would indeed be upon the world, and, in Longfellow's words,

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred.  
And every nation that should lift again  
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead  
Would wear for evermore the curse of Cain.

And may our readers see it come to pass!

'Peace on earth!' For us, our chief work is one of exposition and defence of Catholic principles and rights. So long as the former are assailed or the latter withheld, so long must our work be militant in its nature. And our place must ever be in the foremost and the thickest of the fight. But we struggle that others may have right and peace. The Babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, came with a 'woe' for some, a plaited scourge for others, and for others still a drawn sword. But it was that His true children might enjoy His peace. For there is peace and peace—the peace of the coward who is a Bob-acres on the field of battle, or of one who is a dumb dog when it behoves him to speak out boldly; and the deeper peace of one that has the consciousness of duty done and right and truth defended, impugn them whose will. Be that our peace—a 'peace with honour,' as ISRAELI said in his famous speech on his return from Congress in 1878. To the kindness of the New Zealand hierarchy, to the graceful friendship of our fellow-priests, to the good-will of the Catholic laity of the Colony, we owe a debt of deep gratitude for the practical support which has opened to the N.Z. TABLET the bright prospect of long days of usefulness *pro Ecclesia Dei*—for the Church of the Living God in this new land. We count on the continued exercise of that kindness and good will. What shall we say? That we are grateful? It is to say but little. For here the syllables fail us, and we find no words to give outward expression to our inner sense. What can we do but clasp in spirit the kindly hands of so many kindly friends and of our readers one and all, and with a brimful heart wish them one and all A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, and a soulful and a lifeiful of the best blessings that the gentle Saviour of Bethlehem can give!

## OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

NOW READY.

Our Christmas Number was issued on the auspicious date, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the ever-blessed Virgin.

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The Christmas number contains sixty-four pages—twice the ordinary size—and is enclosed in a handsome colour-printed cover, designed by Mr. Hawcrige, typical of the floral and scenic beauties of New Zealand. The following complete original stories appear:—

'Frank Blake, M.B.' (by the Editor), a story of the days of gold, illustrated by Mr. Hawcrige; 'The Grey House,' an Irish Christmas story (illustrated); 'Deleman Satanaxio,' a mysterious story of Australian discovery, by George Collinridge (with illustrations by the author); 'Deadman's River,' a West Coast story, by T. M'Mabon (illustrated); 'My Christmas Pudding,' a North Island story, by J. T. P. O'Meara (with illustration by Mr. Hawcrige).

Among the original articles and sketches are the following:—The Hot and Cold Lakes of New Zealand, with nine photo-process illustrations; Christmas at St. Peter's, Rome (one illustration); The Merry Christmas, its Story (illustrated); poems, etc. The number contains about sixty illustrations of various sizes and kinds.

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## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

OWING to pressure on our space this week, caused by reports of school vacations, intercolonial, cable, and other news of general interest has had to be held over for our next issue.

DURING the month of November 2136 persons arrived in the colony, as against 2301 in November, 1897; and 828 left, as against 977.

THE Thames railway has just been opened by Mr. Cadman, Minister for railways. It is just 20 years since the first sod of this line was turned by Sir George Grey.

From April 1st to November 12th the total revenue of all Government railways in the colony was £68,063 1s 9d, an increase of £3029 17s 7d on the corresponding period last year.

CLAIMS under the Old Age Pensions Act will be investigated by Magistrates next month. Certificates will be dated the 1st February, which means that approved claimants will receive the first instalment of their pensions a month later.

SERGEANTS Gillespie and Ellison, of the Auckland district, have been appointed police inspectors in succession to Messrs. Hickson and Emerson, who are being retired by the Government in accordance with the recommendations of the Police Commission. The new inspectors are both natives of Tyrone, Ireland.

IN order to allow of the TABLET staff participating in the festivities surrounding the ushering in of the New Year, we must ask our diocesan correspondents to mail their contributions for our issues of 29th December and 5th January in time to reach us on the Saturdays preceding those dates. Other and smaller items of contributed news may be posted to reach this office not later than the Wednesdays preceding the two dates of issue. Reports of school-closings should be forwarded to us with the least possible delay to insure insertion.

In view of the recent fatal fire at Wellington, Cr. Solomon has given notice that at Wednesday's meeting of the City Council he will move—That the council respectfully suggest to the licensing committee of the city that in future no licenses or renewals of licenses be granted for public-houses until suitable fire escapes be fixed to each bedroom, or such other provision be made for the safety of the inmates from fire as the city surveyor, or such other person as the licensing committee may appoint, shall consider sufficient.

THE Timaru *Herald* has been criticising the new Balwin locomotives just imported by the Railway Department. Our contemporary points out that on account of the small 'cab' accommodation only the thinnest of drivers will be able to work these engines. If such is the case we may expect to hear of the early retirement from the service of some of our more bulky drivers. We think the action of the Department somewhat arbitrary in this matter. Could they not have considered their drivers and had them measured for engines?

THE many friends in Otago and on the West Coast of Mr. J. A. Scott, M.A., will be glad to learn that his trip to the Old Country has greatly benefited his health, the prolonged insomnia, which was the main cause of his breakdown, having entirely vanished during his voyage from Australia by the North German-Lloyd steamer *Gera*, which arrived at Southampton at the end of October. Mr. Scott has since then been busy doing the 'lions' of London. He was to take a trip to Paris, and later to visit Antwerp and Bremen, returning to England in time to catch the *Barbarossa* at Southampton on December 14.

It does not appear to be generally known (says the *Otago Daily Times*) that section 68 of "The Old Age Pensions Act, 1898," cancels all certificates issued under 'The Registration of People's Claims Act, 1896,' and repeals that Act. All the facts proved by claimants under the repealed Act will require to be proved again if essential to establish their claim at the investigation before the magistrate under the new Act. Pension claim forms, which it is understood will be obtainable at the local post offices this week, after being filled up and declared to before a J.P., solicitor, deputy-registrar, or postmaster, must be forwarded to the deputy-registrar of the district in which the claimant resides; the claims, after being entered in the pensions claims register by that official, are by him forwarded to the stipendiary magistrate presiding at the court nearest to the residence of the claimant; the claimant will receive notice from the clerk of the court of the day on which his or her claim will be heard in open court by the magistrate.

SIX Sisters of the Order of St. Brigid arrived from Sydney by the *Monowai* on the 14th inst. at Wellington. They were received by Archbishop Redwood, the Very Rev. Father Devoy, S.M., and the Rev. Father J. McKenna (Masterton). They are staying at the Wellington convent for a few days, when they go on to Masterton to occupy the newly-erected Brigidine Convent, which is to be opened at Christmas. This is the first occasion on which Sisters of this Order have visited New Zealand. The *Wairarapa Star* of the 14th inst has a lengthy article on the advent of the Brigidine Sisters at Masterton. The *Star* is eulogistic of the work accomplished by this Order and gives an account of its foundation and progress. The life of the saintly foundress of the Order is also given in the article referred to. Writing of the Order in the times of early persecutions in Ireland the *Star* says:—What was the great work that these Irish saints of the fifth century accomplished as distinct from their reputation for personal virtue and holiness, or the legends of their wondrous deeds? They were the instructors of the people not only in religion, but in the arts and many kinds of useful knowledge. They stand forth as the great educators of those times in their native land. Therefore, when religious persecution ceased in Ireland it was both natural and fitting that the Order of St. Brigid should be revived there as a teaching order.

## D U N E D I N.

The impressive ceremony of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced at the Basilica, South Dunedin, last Sunday. The Rev. Father Ryan was the celebrant of the solemn High Mass, *Coram Episcopo*, Fathers Vincent, C.P. and Coffey were deacon and sub-deacon respectively whilst the Rev. Father Cleary officiated as Master of Ceremonies. The musical part of the ceremonial consisted of portions of the Masses of Bordeese and Concone with a very devotional offertory piece. The altar decorations were most tastefully carried out. A solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament formed a leading feature of the ceremony. In the evening the Rev. Father Vincent, C.P., preached a most eloquent sermon to an attentive and edified congregation.

'DEAR ME! I've forgotten that SYMINGTON COFFEE ESSENCE, whatever shall I do? "Call at the next Store you pass, They All Keep it."

CHRISTCHURCH.

(By Telegraph. From our own Correspondent.)

Christchurch, December 20.

On Monday evening last a well attended meeting of Catholics took place in the Catholic Hall, Barbadoes street, in order to make further and almost final arrangements for the reception of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Grimes, on his return to the Diocese. The Vicar-General presided, and the Rev. Fathers Derby, Marnane, and Grogan were also present. The Very Rev. Chairman thanked those ladies and gentlemen who had come long distances to attend the meeting. The subscription list was considerably increased by amounts handed in during the evening. A draft of the address to be presented to the Bishop was read and adopted. It was arranged that those who had subscription books should hand them in as soon as possible to Mr. P. Burk (Treasurer) or to Mr. E. O'Connor (Secretary).

INTERCOLONIAL.

It is rumoured that his Eminence Cardinal Moran will visit Rome early in 1899.

Sydney is to have new tram cars. The general opinion is that it is nearly time it had.

The steps taken by the late Premier Byrnes are proving effective in checking Japanese immigration.

Queensland has at last come into line on the subject of federation, and the new Premier has declared that the Government will support union 'on safe and sure lines.' The first year of the twentieth century should see federation accomplished.

His Eminence the Cardinal presided at the meeting of the general committee of the coming Catholic Congress lately. The deliberations were held at St. Mary's, the progress of the elaborate arrangements being made were reviewed, and there were many promises from those present of contributing papers on various subjects for the Congress.

On the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, his Eminence held an ordination ceremony at the Cathedral. Rev. Mr. Casey (Brisbane) was ordained priest, and Messrs Egan (Sydney) and Griffin (Wilmington) received sub-deaconship. Besides the students there were present in the sanctuary—Very Rev. Drs. Murphy and O'Haran, Rev. Fathers Cregan, Barry, Kelly, Bergin, and Masterson. Rev. Father Casey is about the thirtieth priest that Manly College has given to the Australian Mission.

The Rev. Father Dunne, the venerated Vicar-General of the Diocese of Goulburn, N.S.W., who was staying at the Redemptorist monastery, Wendouree, for a few days recently, was the first priest to celebrate Mass on the Ballarat gold-field. This important event, in the history of the Church in Ballarat took place in September, 1851 (the month after gold had been discovered here), now over 47 years ago. The first Mass was said in a large tent on Golden Point, near the Yarrowee Creek, kindly lent to him. About 500 diggers assisted at Mass. The rev. gentleman slept in a tent the first night, and was afterwards invited by the Messrs. McPherson, of the Bald Hills, to stay with them for a few days. While there he was called away to the Wimmera to baptize a child, and when he came back to Ballarat was surprised to find that his congregation had nearly all gone to a new rush at Bendigo. Father Dunne then left Ballarat. This was in November. The venerable pioneer priest, although now in his eightieth year, is hale and strong.

The Rev. Gerald Byrne, the popular parish priest of St. Mary's, Williamstown, expired rather suddenly at his presbytery on November 27 last. A few months ago, when leaving for a trip to Sydney in quest of health, the rev. gentleman was presented with a purse of 80 sovereigns. One of his last efforts was the completion of a handsome brick church at Werribee at a cost of £1250, to which the Hon. Percy Chirnside was a liberal subscriber. Father Byrne was one of the veteran priests of the colony. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, and was ordained 32 years ago at All Hallows College. He came out to Victoria immediately, and was settled in various parts of the colony at different times. He was for nine years in the Gippsland district, where he had charge of a very large parish, and where his clerical duties involved great physical labour. During his residence at Williamstown Father Byrne displayed great energy, being responsible for the erection of two churches in outlying parts of his parish.

On Sunday, 27th November, his Eminence Cardinal Moran delivered the first of his series of Advent sermons. The subjects touched on were:—The Unity of the Catholic Church; Judas, Arius, Luther, Henry VIII., and the other reformers; the distinguishing features of Protestantism—its divisions; the decay of Colonial Anglicanism. On this latter head his Eminence said:—One speaker at the Anglican Congress in Ballarat asked the question, 'What is the Anglican Church in Australia to-day?' The speaker himself supplied the answer. He said that the Anglican Church was like a beam of wood, the substance of which had been eaten away by white ants. Outwardly, the beam had the appearance of strength and solidity, but it was hollow. These (said the Cardinal) are not my words. They are the words of one of the Deans, and the statement, coming from such a source and at such an assemblage, is most striking and most significant. Let us thank Almighty God that we are members of the Church of Our Divine Saviour—members of that Church whose unity is as perfect to-day as when the Church first came from the hand of God.

Be sure to live within compass; borrow not, neither be beholden to any.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. J. CONNOR.

MR. J. J. CONNOR, who has been connected with the N.Z. TABLET ever since its inception twenty-six years ago, was on Saturday last presented by the directors and staff of the TABLET Company with a silver hunting watch and chain and pencil case on the occasion of his resigning the management of the printing department, to become proprietor of the well-known City Hotel, Dunedin.

His Lordship Dr. Verdon was present, and Mr. J. B. Callan, chairman of directors, in making the presentation referred in feeling terms to Mr. Connor's long and faithful service on the paper which, Mr. Callan said, was greatly indebted to Mr. Connor for the secure position it now held. On behalf of the directors and staff Mr. Callan wished Mr. Connor every success in the new business he was taking in hand, and trusted that a few years would see Mr. Connor in a position to retire from active participation in business concerns, and to enjoy a well deserved rest. Mr. Connor in replying was much affected, but in a few well chosen words thanked the TABLET staff for the honour which, he said, it had done himself and family by making him this presentation. Mr. Connor sketched the early struggles for existence of the TABLET, and said after twenty-six years of ups and downs he (Mr. Connor) was proud to point today to the solid position held by the paper. In the course of his remarks Mr. Connor paid a tribute to the zeal of the present rev. editor of the TABLET who, he said, was leaving no stone unturned to further the interests of the paper.

The watch was a handsome English keyless lever with an appropriate inscription inside the case. On last Monday Mr. Connor took over the City Hotel. On behalf of the directors, and the editorial, managerial, and mechanical staff, we wish him every blessing and prosperity, in his new sphere of action. Mr. Connor was also the recipient, at the hands of the young ladies of the staff, of a walking stick with a silver band suitably inscribed. A boy in the establishment also asked Mr. Connor's acceptance of a silk handkerchief. Mr. Connor spoke in feeling terms of his sense of gratitude at these evidences of the esteem in which he was held by those who had worked under him.

OBITUARY.

MRS. PHILLIPS.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Phillips which occurred on October 8th in the County Wicklow, Ireland. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. D. Doyle of Timaru, for whom much sympathy is felt by her large circle of friends throughout the Colony.—R.I.P.

MR. M. HOULAHAN.

A well-known citizen in the person of Mr. M. Houlahan joined the great majority on Tuesday last. The deceased had been suffering from gangrene in the leg, and entered the hospital where the diseased limb was amputated. Unfortunately, the loss of the limb did not check the course of the malady, and the patient succumbed at the age of 58 years. Mr. Houlahan was held in much respect by a large circle of friends, whom he had attracted to him by that genial kindness of heart which was part of himself. Several children of Mr. Houlahan are left to mourn his loss, and keen sympathy is extended to them in their sad bereavement. The funeral takes place on Thursday, the remains to be taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral en route to the cemetery, attended by numerous sorrowing friends.—R.I.P.

MR. JEAN PROVOST.

It is our sad duty to have to record the death, on the 7th inst., of an old settler of Wanganui, Mr. Jean Provost. The deceased was born in Brittany, and came to this Colony about 20 years ago. During all the time he lived in our midst, his life was most edifying. He was a devout Catholic, and on Sundays and holy days in all weathers was to be seen at his place in church during holy Mass. On Friday morning a Requiem Mass was celebrated, and in the afternoon the funeral took place. Tokens of sympathy in the shape of flowers, wreaths, etc., were numerous. Among the latter may be mentioned the beautiful wreath sent by the members of the St. Columba Club, in which the deceased was a member of the council. He leaves a widow and one son, to whom expressions of sympathy in their great loss have been coming from all sides. In the church and also at the grave-side, the Very Rev. Father Kirk said that although he was deeply grieved at the death of Mr. Provost, he was glad to say that he had left behind an example worthy of imitation.—R.I.P.

Messrs. Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis street, Wellington, report having sold, on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department, the freehold of the Criterion Hotel, Blenheim, which is the leading hotel in that town, to a Wellington speculator; Mr. Robert Seymour's interest in the Club Hotel, Pahiatua, to Mr. Edwin Hodren, late of Wanganui; on behalf of the executors in the estate of the late Mr. Kater, the freehold of Kater's Hotel and Princess Theatre, Reefton, to Mr. Thomas Reseigh, late of the Princess Hotel, Molesworth street, Wellington; Mr. Simon Glogoski's interest in the Bunnythorpe Hotel, Bunnythorpe, to Mr. James Dillon, late of the Masonic Hotel, Palmerston North; Mrs. Annie Burnett's interest in the Empire Hotel, Palmerston North, to Mr. Edward Sherratt, late of Manukau; Mr. Thomas Sidey's interest in the Levin Hotel, Levin, to Mr. D. Hannan, late of Stafford, West Coast; Mr. James Butler's interest in the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutu, to Mr. Florence O'Leary, formerly of the Police Force; also Mr. Enoch Crosby's interest in the Makuri Hotel, Makuri, to Mr. William Redmond, late of the Queen's Hotel, Masterton.—\* \*

## WEDDING BELLS.

A PRETTY wedding was celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Wairoa on Wednesday, Nov. 23, when Mr. Frederick Taylor, third son of Mr. J. S. Taylor was united in holy bonds of matrimony, to Miss Mary E. Strasburger, only daughter of the late J. D. Strasburger. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Strasburger. The attendant bridesmaids were Miss E. McCashion, and Miss D. Atward. Each young lady carried a handsome bouquet, and wore a pretty gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Fitzpatrick acted as groomsmen. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends and well-wishers, the Rev. Father Le Pretre officiating. High Mass was nicely sung by the choir. Mrs. Cosgrove presiding at the organ, played the 'Wedding March.' Miss Hewitt also, during the service, sang a beautiful solo.

After the ceremony the wedding party and a number of relatives were entertained at breakfast by the bride's mother at her residence, Queen-street, and during the afternoon the company went on a drive to Frasertown.

The presents were very numerous and handsome, as well as useful.

## Notes from Everywhere.

Intelligence from Tonga states that Metis Island, which in 1880 was 150ft above the level of the sea, has disappeared, leaving no sign of its existence save a reef which adjoined it. Some time ago Falcon Island, to the south, also became non-existent. Both islands were in the line of volcanic action which passes through the Tongan Group in the direction of the Island Kao.

The Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Protestant Bishop of Delaware, has (says the *New York World*) just gone through numerous and extraordinary adventures on country roads in the garb of a tramp. Unknown and in coarse apparel he walked a distance of 235 miles recently in the mountains of West Virginia, stopping where night overtook him, and frequently doing hard labour for his food and lodging. Sometimes he went hungry, and slept in barns or under the friendly cover of some tree. Once, late at night, having been denied shelter in a sparsely settled region, he climbed into the window of a deserted schoolhouse and found his rest on the hard floor. This was the Bishop's idea of taking a novel holiday and gaining new insights into life.

Guarding the Bank of France.—The Bank of France is guarded by soldiers, who do sentry duty outside the bank, a close watch being likewise kept within its precincts. A former practice of protecting this bank was to get masons to wall up the doors of the vaults in the cellar with hydraulic mortar as soon as the money was deposited each day in these receptacles. The water was then turned on, and kept running until the cellar was flooded. A burglar would thus be obliged to work in a diving-suit and break down a cement wall before he could even begin to plunder the vaults. When the bank officers arrived each morning the water was drawn off, the masonry torn down, and the vaults opened. The Bank of Germany, like most other German public buildings, has a military guard to protect it. In a very strongly fortified fortress at Spandau is kept the great war treasure of the Imperial Government, part of the French indemnity, amounting to several million pounds.

Let friendship creep gently to a height: if it rush to it it may soon run itself out of breath.

The Christmas Number of the **NEW ZEALAND TABLET** is now ready. Stories of Otago, the West Coast, the North Island, Australia, Ireland, &c.; Sketches of the Hot Lakes, the Cold Lakes, Killarney, &c.; freely illustrated.

During the festive season now at hand, no doubt many of our readers will tour 'the Lakes' and may be troubled to know where to 'put up' at. At Lake Wakatipu, Mr. P. McCarthy is the proprietor of the Mountaineer Hotel, and as he is well known to be a genial and obliging host, it would be well for intending tourists to secure accommodation at his comfortable hostelry. The hotel is new and replete with every modern convenience. The *cuisine* is on a liberal scale, and the tariff is moderate. The business announcement of the 'Mountaineer' appears elsewhere in our columns.—\*.\*

Particulars are to hand by the latest mail of a great ride against time by C. Huret, the crack French long-distance rider. The pace selected was motor tandems, which worked splendidly throughout, and for the once gave an idea of what is to be expected from this style of pacing in the near future. The record selected for breaking was Gould's (Eng.) 100 miles world's record of 3 hrs. 24 mins., and Huret, riding well behind his motors, clipped no less than 13 mins. off the Britisher's time. Another good recent performance of Huret is his 65 miles 185 yards in two hours—one of the most marvellous rides of the season.—\*.\*

The practice of exchanging Christmas greetings between friends, by means of appropriately inscribed cards, is one which has grown to considerable proportions within the last few years. It is at once a graceful and fitting form of salutation for the festive season. Recognising the necessity of meeting popular requirements in this direction, Mr. E. W. Dunne, of 81 George street, Dunedin, notifies elsewhere in our columns that he has laid in a large stock of Christmas cards for the approaching season, and is retailing them at his usual moderate prices. We have had the pleasure of inspecting Mr. Dunne's display of cards and fancy goods, and we were much struck with its generally attractive appearance.—\*.\*

## The Catholic World.

**AMERICA.—The Church in New England.**—The Baptists have just discovered that New England is rapidly becoming Catholic, and loud is their wail, and long. There were in 1890 34,000 more Catholics than all the Protestant sects in the six States, and to-day the difference would have to be written in six figures. 'The Roman Catholics are making a new France of the home of the patriots.' This reference to the Catholics in the New England States, says the *New York Sun*, is undoubtedly true so far as concerns their present numerical superiority there. In those six States they had 1,734,605 communicants in 1890 out of a total church membership of 1,069,202; or in other words, the Catholics were more than all the Protestants by 34,000. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island they comprised about two-thirds of the whole number of communicants. In Connecticut they were nearly one-half; and even in Vermont, formerly almost wholly Protestant, they were two-fifths of the total membership. In every New England State they were at least the most numerous of the religious communions. The preponderance of Catholics in New England, once the very citadel of Protestantism, is due, of course, to the great immigration of recent years; but it has also occurred evidently because of the falling off of religious faith and convictions among the Protestant population. In 1890 only about one-quarter of the inhabitants were of foreign birth, and probably at least one-quarter of these were Protestants by rearing; yet nearly three-fifths of the whole church-membership was Catholic.

**An Australian Visitor.**—Rev. D. K. Harrington, of the diocese of Ballarat, Australia, has been visiting San Antonio. After ten years' labour in the Australian missions he is about to revisit his home in Ireland, and stopped over in Texas to see his brother, Rev. Daniel R. Harrington, at present of Dallas. On his voyage from Australia he stopped at the Hawaiian Islands and witnessed the raising of the American Flag at Honolulu. He also took occasion to visit China and Japan, touring the latter country on a bicycle. He passed the Philippine Islands shortly after the capture of Manila and was anxious to see that city, but passengers were not at that time permitted to land. Father Harrington received a cordial welcome from the local clergy, and visited the missions and other points of interest in the city and vicinity. He preached an eloquent sermon at High Mass in the Cathedral, and afterwards left for Dallas.

**Returned to the Fold.**—Nine converts were solemnly received into the Church at St. Peter's, New York, during a recent mission given by the Jesuit Fathers.

**ENGLAND.—A New Church.**—While thousands of Catholics swarm round the school chapels in the slums of Southwark, and crushing debts weigh down the miserable missions which struggle on in overcrowded London, it must be a great gratification to the priest and people of Redhill to find themselves possessed of a beautiful new church free from debt at the outset, consecrated on the day of its opening, erected at the cost of generous donors whose names are not allowed to transpire, complete in its appointments, and lacking nothing but a congregation. This will doubtless come; but at present the church stands among the Surrey hills, the centre of a mission which territorially extends from Croydon to Crawley, and from Caterham to Dorking. The congregation numbering about 250 forms one per cent. of the population of the town of Redhill, in a prominent position of which the church is raised.

**FRANCE.—Prohibited Processions.**—It seems likely that there would be considerably less moaning over the suppression of religious processions by Jacks-in-office in the provincial cities and communes of France if the inhabitants took to heart the example just set them by the people of Gisors (Eure). The usual procession on All Souls' Day had been forbidden by order of the municipal authorities. This not being to the taste of the townspeople, they set to work to get up a petition for the restoration of the procession. Confronted by an overwhelming majority of the names of his fellow-citizens, begging that the procession might be allowed once more to parade the streets as usual, the Mayor issued a proclamation by which the previous prohibition, which had lasted for some few years, was removed. It may here be noted that the Government has just stopped the payment of his salary to the Abbé Picaulet, curé of Molsac, in Charente Inferieure, because he had founded a religious school which was draining the Godless communal school of its unwilling scholars.

He: 'She has such a sad face.' She: 'I should say it would make anyone sad to have such a face.'

Professor Mahaffey, of Trinity College, Dublin, has published some good stories of Irish landlords' indifference to the education of their children. With many of the class he remonstrated on the neglect of their sons' education. He enumerate some of the answers he got. 'He hasn't to earn his bread like poor people. What good are books? They ruin most men. Look at Gladstone!' The professor declares that many Irish landlords who scoff at the 'lower orders,' and talk about their ignorance with superior contempt, have only the rudest elements of education. They never, he says, read a book. An old lady once said to the Professor, 'What does my son want with an education? Isn't he a fine, handsome boy, and can't I keep him until he grows up? Then he will go over to England and some rich lady will thrate herself to him.'

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# The Storyteller.

## CORNEY CLERY'S BALANCE.

By JAMES MACMANUS ('MAC') in *St. Peter's*.

THE fast-thriving town of Aghnadhryn needed a Market-house. There was no doubt of that. The seven firkins of butter which used to frequent the Square on the occasion of the Tuesday market had during the last year suddenly gone up to ten. And eleven bags of potatoes and six bags of oats were now exposed for sale, where formerly there were only nine bags of potatoes and two bags of oats. Moreover, to keep pace with the increasing demand, a regular fowl-market had been started, which was weekly thronged by Mrs. Dolan, of the Long Bog, with four hens—two muffs, to wit, and a marley, and a speckly; and as she would persist in appraising her birds at three ha'pence a head more than the most generous of the inhabitants of Aghnadhryn wished to give, Mrs. Dolan fetched back, market after market, her two muffs, the marley, and the speckly—thus firmly establishing the fowl-market. True, Patrick Blake, of Corabbor, fetched into the third fowl-market an *oelgyn* of his wife Marget's chickens; but Mrs. Dolan, rightly aggrieved by this attempt at unfair competition, heaped upon him such bitter reproaches for a 'low, mane, underminia' fella, who'd come an' fetch in his dhirty chickens without any other rhyme or reason than to do a s'hrugglin' poor woman out of her market, that poor Patrick was shamed into quitting the town with more speed and a lower head than when he came in; and after that Mrs. Dolan had the entire trade of the fowl-market all to herself, the two muffs, and the marley and speckly.

Anyhow, it was evident that a place of the growing importance and commercial activity of Aghnadhryn needed a Market-house. Everyone, from Michael O'Gara, 'Licensed to Sell Wine, Spirits, XX Porter, and Tobacco for Consumption on the Premises,' down to Rory Keenaghan, Billposter, Newsboy, Pennyboy, and Town Fool, saw and admitted this, and said it should be remedied. So Michael O'Gara, on a day, leaving Rory Keenaghan in charge of the Premises, with strict orders to allow all in, but none out, till he should return, hid him to Father Tom, and invited his co-operation in founding a Market-house; and with Father Tom then proceeded to enlist for the project Peter Darragh, the Postmaster (who sold spoils likewise, and ha' penny surprise packets to the rising generation), and Manis Loughrey—a rival of Michael's in the tobacco trade, but whose sign did not require customers to remain on the premises while they consumed the article. And all four, sitting them down in Peter's little parlour, resolved themselves into the Aghnadhryn Town Improvement Committee, and proposed and carried unanimously 'That Aghnadhryn do have a Market-house, same to be erected in the Square [which Square, by the way, was an isosceles triangle, having its apex opposite Michael O'Gara's door] forthwith, the Committee to subscribe as much of the wherewithal as convenient on the following day, and trust in God for the rest—repaying themselves for the outlay by farming the market tolls.' And Peter Darragh, who was considered handy at the pen, was ordered to send an account of the project and an advertisement for a contractor to the *Dhrimstevlin Universe*. And the next issue of the *Universe* came out with a glowing leading article on the phenomenal progress of the important inland town of Aghnadhryn, which had at last determined upon having a Market-house all to itself. The article referred in eloquent terms to the rapid increase in the supply of butter, corn, and potatoes, which now poured into its Square on Tuesdays; characterised 'the lately-established fowl-market' as 'a most unequalled success,' alluded in stately periods to the public spirit that animated the breasts of its prominent and patriotic citizens and business men—their well-beloved *soggarth*, the Rev. Thomas O'Rourke, P.E., V.G.; Peter Darragh, Esq., the genial Postmaster; and Messrs Michael O'Gara, P.L.G., and Manis Loughrey, men whose names were household words throughout the length and breadth of the parish of Aghnadhryn—the Esq. vouchsafed Peter being a *quid pro quo* for the advertisement. There were upwards of three dozen copies of that issue of the *Universe* sold in Aghnadhryn, and Peter was kept busy addressing the read copies to the purchasers' friends in England, Scotland, Australia, and the States.

Many eager contractors called to see 'the Plan and Specification, which might be inspected' (so the advertisement in the *Universe* put it) 'at Mr. Peter Darragh's Post Office and General Goods Store in Aghnadhryn'; and Peter, with a piece of chalk, drew out for each upon the largest and cleanest flag on the floor, the aforementioned Plan, recited from memory the Specification, which, amongst other clauses, stipulated that (a) no tender at a larger sum than forty-five pounds should be considered by the Committee; and (b) the Contractor should, as the work progressed, receive payment to the amount of thirty pounds, the balance, if any, to remain due till such time as the increased tolls pouring into the Committee's treasury would enable them to discharge the debt. For thirty pounds was the full paid-up capital of the Aghnadhryn Town Improvement Committee. This stipulation invariably gave the contractors pause. They whistled and 'didn't know about that,' and would have to take time to consider it—with the result that Peter Darragh was left to pine with a Plan and Specification, of which no reputable contractor could be induced to relieve him, weighting his breast. Then the Committee began descending upon the haunts of contractors in the vain hope of bagging one; and the contractors got to keeping outlooks posted, and taking to their heels when apprised that the Committee with Peter and the Plan and Specification were upon them. And for the six weeks during which the Town Improvement Committee were daily hot upon the scent of one or other contractor, Aghnadhryn was in a highly excited state of mind. At the end of six weeks things quieted down to their normal state, for the Committee had successfully laid the toils for Corney Clery, a third-rate mason, who now contracted

to do the job for the full forty-five pounds—thirty pounds to be paid in instalments as the work proceeded, and the balance—or, as Corney would persist in terming it, the 'balance'—as soon after as convenient; this last elastic clause, the ingenious production of Peter Darragh, being the salt which was put on poor Corney's tail.

Anyhow, Corney had started the new Market-house within a week after, and putting on it two masons along with himself, ran it up with much speed. Weekly bulletins in the *Dhrimstevlin Universe*, recording the progress made, kept the eager outside world *au courant* meanwhile; as for the Aghnadhryn world, it stood around Corney, in its shirt-sleeves, and carefully watched every stone that was laid. And when at length it was completed, and duly opened with a scene of great jubilation and of much speech-making, in which the Aghnadhryn of that day was compared with the Aghnadhryn of a quarter of a century before—very much to the disadvantage of the latter—and replete pictures drawn of the Aghnadhryn which still lay in the womb of the future—some of more emotional orators being carried so far past themselves by the uncontrollable enthusiasm of the occasion as to predict that some now listening might yet live to see a pig-fair and a flax-market 'flourishing and surging'—these were Peter Darragh's words—'around this spacious, handsome, and noble edifice.' Corney Clery would have been the hero of the occasion, only that, at an early stage of the proceedings, he succumbed to the enraptured approbations of Aghnadhryn meted out to him in liquid form, and was sleeping the sleep of the happy what time the rafters of the Market-house dinned to the thunder-claps of applause which the mention of his name evoked. But it was in the subsequent issue of the *Universe* that praise of the respected and capable Architect and Contractor, Mr. Cornelius O'Clery, was wrought to its highest pitch. Here, in a three column article on the new Market-house, tracing the history of the project from conception to completion, and awarding due share of credit to Rev. Thomas O'Rourke, P.P., V.G., Peter Darragh, Esq., and Messrs. Michael O'Gara and Manis Loughrey, and the industrious and enterprising citizens of Aghnadhryn (making special complimentary reference to those who advertised in the *Universe*), there was given a detailed biographical notice of Corney, who was shown to be a direct descendant of 'the famous Gob-an-tsaoir, who built those lasting national monuments, the Round Towers of Ireland,' incidentally mentioning that 'the learned and indefatigable Michael O'Clery, the chief compiler of that marvellous and stupendous work, the wonder alike of his own age and of this our enlightened nineteenth century, "The Annals of the Four Masters," had the honour to belong to the same branch of the ancient and illustrious O'Clery family that has produced our contemporary, of whom we are all so creditably vain—Mr. Cornelius O'Clery.' There were forty-one copies of the *Dhrimstevlin Universe* sent to Aghnadhryn by special carrier on Friday afternoon; yet when Johnnie the Joker's little son, Phardien, from Mullinacroish, came in for a copy on Sunday morning, there wasn't a single one to be got for love, money, or duck-eggs!

During those exciting days, Corney had neither time nor inclination to bother about that 'balance,' which was to be paid, in terms of the contract, 'as soon as convenient.' But in the course of a few weeks, the enthusiasm naturally cooling, and the rhetoric of the *Universe* beginning to be forgotten, Corney found himself gradually subsiding to his usual level in the social scale of Aghnadhryn, and the hard facts of existence again asserting themselves—and so it dawned upon him that he stood very much in need of his 'balance.'

To Father Tom, then, he went, to proffer his request; and Father Tom referred him to Manis Loughrey, who referred him to Michael O'Gara, who referred him to Peter Darragh, who told Corney that it wasn't yet convenient to pay him his 'balance,' and that he must wait till the receipt of market tolls (which were now sure, Peter said, to flow into the Committee's exchequer at a phenomenal rate) would place them in a position to square with him. But as Corney had during the weeks of the excitement, been living quite rapidly, he was particularly low in funds, and the live-horse-and-you'll-get-oats theory didn't recommend itself to him. So, day after day, then, Corney tramped the weary round of the Committee, soliciting, wheedling, and threatening, but all to no purpose. The contract said (they pointed out to him) the balance was to be paid 'as soon as convenient'; it wasn't yet convenient, and he must abide by the contract. In the course of a few months they would, in all probability, discharge the debt. Corney, hereupon, went around the town storming at the attitude of the Committee, and to every person he met, relieving his mind of very forcible language on the subject. Corney's 'balance,' then, about which he was crying out day and daily, became the great joke in Aghnadhryn; and whenever Corney was met, and by whomsoever encountered, the first question invariably was, 'Well, Corney, have ye got yer balance yet?' And for three good weeks Aghnadhryn had to hold its sides every time the rare joke about Corney Clery's 'balance' cropped up; and as it cropped up on the average some hundreds of times per diem, it may well be guessed that Aghnadhryn's ticklesome sides were aching sorely.

The question was asked Corney for the last time on a Saturday night about this time. It was at Morris Maloney's bar. Corney had lounged in, in his usual listless fashion, and ordered a pint of porter, which Grace Anne was serving to him. One of a group of five or six townsmen who had turned in to drink good luck to a new horse beat Micky Dunning had just bought, observing Corney, promptly seized the opportunity to give his fellows a free laugh, so he said, 'Hilloa, Corney Clery! is that you? Corney, any word of yer balance, yet?'

All laughed heartily.

'Well,' Corney said, in his usual slow fashion, 'I haven't got the 'balance' yet, exactly.'

There was another hilarious outburst at the foolish hopefulness of poor Corney's exactly.

'But,' he went on, when the laugh was over, 'I've got the Committee, an' there worth the balance any day.'

'What!'

Corney was taking a long and refreshing *shlug* out of his pint, and when he had finished he wiped his mouth with the back of his hand, and, for the information of the astonished ones, repeated in the same casual fashion, that he 'had got the Committee, and held them for the balance.'

'Where? How, Corney? Where have ye got them?'

'Och, I've got them in the Market-house. I tuk them down on purtence of showin' them somethin' I was goin' to remedy inside. An' when I had them in—Father Tom, an' the other three—I, iv coorse, turned the key upon them.' Here Corney exhibited a large key, which he fished up out of one of his pockets. His auditors gazed open-mouthed at the circumstantial evidence. 'I'll hold them there,' Corney said, 'till they pay me my balance. I'll let them go then.' Corney added this last clause in the tone of one who was making a generous and unexpected concession.

Corney's audience waited not any longer. They dashed out, and sped down the street towards the Square. Corney sauntered after them.

When they reached the Square, their numbers were prodigiously swelled. There were many noises emanating from the new Market-house. The door was getting a mighty thumping from inside, and just then a skylight was burst open, and, by the light of the moon, Peter Darragh's bald head was seen protruding.

'Where's that scoundhril Clery?' Peter shouted, in a voice husky with passion. 'Where's the scoundhril? Get him to open the doore, an' let out his Raverence an' the Committee—an' be quick about it, or he'll be hale sorry for it.'

The door, too, was still being thumped, and the barred windows rattled at. Never before was garrison half so eager to evacuate a stronghold.

'Tell his Raverence he'll get out, an' yous 'ill get out, when yez pay me over me balance,' Corney said from the outskirts of the crowd.

The crowd did not like to laugh aloud, lest Father Tom should hear them, and they knew he must be enraged enough just then. The restraint they exercised was amazing.

'Tell Corney Clery I want him,' Father Tom shouted through the keyhole. Corney was led forward.

'Well, yer Raverence, what might ye be aftther wantin' with me?' Corney inquired.

'Open the door instantly, Corney Clery!'

'I'll open the doore, yer Raverence, the minnit I'm paid down me balance.'

'Open the door, Corney Clery!'

'Gi' me me balance, Father Tom.'

'Oh! oh! A nice way this for you, Corney Clery, to handle your priest.'

'An' a nice way this (be the laive o' yer coat) for you, Father Tom, to han'le yer contractor.'

'Corney Clery, I'll make ye fee! the weight o' my staff.'

'Father Tom, I'm afeerd ye're on the wrong side o' the doore for that.'

'Upon my solemn word, Clery, when I get out of this I'll make you hop to a tune ye didn't call for.'

'Ay, when ye get out, yer Raverence. When the sky falls, too, we'll all catch larks.'

'Will you, sir, or will you not, open the door?'

'Yis, Father Tom, I'll open the doore: artintly—the minnit me balance is ped down ti me.'

'What! ye villain! is it keep the Parish Priest of Aughnalrin forcibly imprisoned here, ye would?'

'Ay, is it—or if ye wor Parish Bishop either, or Primate iv Armagh, ye'll not get out! there till I get my balance.'

'Corney Clery, take you my word for it, that when I'm free I'll lose little time making up for all the thrashin's your mother forgot to give you.'

'But when you're free, yer Raverence, I'll have me balance in me pocket, an' then I'll not feel yer thrashin!'

'Don't you forget, Clery. I'll owe ye for this.'

'Throth an', Father Tom, if ye be as bad pay about that, as ye wor about the contractin', I'll not grudge ye ti owe me twic as much i' the same sort.'

In despair Father Tom had to give Corney up. And then Peter Darragh began him from the skylight; but, in answering Peter, Corney put much less restraint upon his tongue, with the result that, after a ten minutes' sharp passage at arms, which was boisterously enjoyed by the multitude, poor Peter withdrew his bald head covered with insult, ignominy, and defeat.

A council of war was then held within. The garrison agreed to capitulate, and Peter Darragh conveyed the intelligence to Corney through the keyhole. By Peter's request, a messenger was despatched to tell Mrs. Darragh to come with all possible haste, and fetch the Bank with her.

Mrs. Darragh, in a state of great mental distress, quickly arrived on the scene—the Bank with her as requested (which Bank was an ancient stocking of her mother's), out of which she counted down into Corney's horny (and not virgin-white) palm, fifteen gold sovereigns, the amount in full of his 'balance,' got possession of the key, and restored to the world again and to freedom four irate men, that public-spirited group which rejoiced in the proud title of the Aughnalrin Town Improvement Committee.

The assembled townspeople itched to give them a we'coming cheer; but observing the business-like grip in which Father Tom held his staff, they concluded to repress their enthusiasm.

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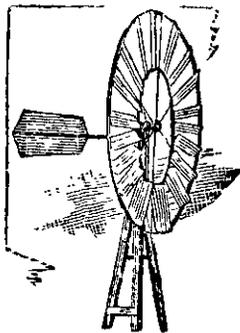
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SCHOOL VACATIONS.

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ONE of the upstairs class rooms in this well-appointed establishment was used for the presentation of prizes on Thursday last. The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon presided, and personally handed the prizes to the recipients as they were called up by one of the teaching Sisterhood; and the visitors were also pleased to see the Mother Superior present and taking an active interest in the proceedings. Before distributing the prizes his Lordship the Bishop said that the present proceedings brought a very prosperous year to a happy termination. He congratulated all the pupils most sincerely—the prize winners on their success, and the non-prize winners because they had worked hard, all keeping towards the satisfactory results which were reported in connection with the year's work by the mother prioress. One evidence of the prosperity of the college was to be found in the increase in the number of pupils. There were now over 130 on the roll—an increase of about 20 on the previous year. This said a great deal, considering there were so many fine schools in the country, for the conductors of this splendid college. It was no wonder that the numbers did go on increasing. The college was under the best possible management, everything that could be done for the welfare of the children was done, the pupils breathed a holy atmosphere, and were kept in the right path by good example, the training was such as to prepare the young for the life upon which they would soon enter, and the college had achieved marked success at the Civil Service, matriculation, and musical exams. The Trinity College examiner had said that the success of the college in music was something phenomenal. His Lordship concluded by advising the pupils to thoroughly enjoy their holidays without dissipation, and as a means to that end he counselled the systematic reading of sound books, a short time to be set apart each day for that purpose. The vacation, his Lordship announced, would last until the first Monday in February.

The Bishop's announcement that the vote of the college deciding the question as to who was entitled to the wreath for amiability and good conduct had resulted in favour of Isabella Seelye was received with loud applause.

The following is the

PRIZE LIST.

Christian Doctrine (silver medal): Miss F. Bernech; hon. mention, Misses F. Bernech, M. Ross, A. Meenan, G. Meenan, M. O'Leary, and E. Hart. Junior Grade: Miss A. McDonald; hon. mention, Misses R. Rossiter, C. Morkane, H. McKay, A. Connor, and D. Butler.

Painting from Nature (Mr. Rossbotham's prize): Miss M. Cockerill; hon. mention, Misses C. Watt, F. Dawson, E. Northcote, E. Hay, and M. Kelman.

Art Needlework (silver medal): Miss Cockerill; hon. mention, Misses A. Meenan, E. Lewis, and M. Dawson.

Drawing from the Round: Miss M. Kelman; hon. mention, Miss I. Seelye.

French Conversation (silver medal): Miss M. Ross; hon. mention, Misses M. Primate, W. Heenan, I. Seelye.

Music, Senior Grade (gold medal, gift of the Dresden Co.): Miss M. Woods; Intermediate Grade (silver medal, Mrs. Liston's prize), Miss K. Hannon.

Attendance (silver medal): Miss G. Meenan; hon. mention Misses E. Robinson, A. Ings, I. Seelye, F. Bernech, C. Morkane, N. Quelch, G. Wood, and E. Wood.

Class Medallists (Intermediate Grade, B.): Miss M. Jackson; (Intermediate Grade, A.), Miss G. Meenan; (Senior Grade, B.), Miss W. Heenan (Mr. Shaw's prize); (Senior Grade, A.), Dux, Miss E. Robinson (gift of Mr. Chas. Begg).

Good Conduct (gift of Mr. and Mrs. Shain): Miss E. Paterson; hon. mention, Misses M. Cockerill, C. Watt, M. Kelman, W. Heenan, A. Meenan, M. Primate, A. Ings, M. Cutten, and E. Hay.

Successes in various Examinations: Matriculation, Miss J. Connor; Civil Service, Misses E. Robinson, M. O'Leary, M. Ross, and A. Meenan; Harmony (Trinity College), senior pass, Misses M. Crawley and F. Courtis; intermediate honours, Miss A. Cougherty, M. O'Leary, A. Liston, and G. O'Connell; intermediate pass, Misses A. Liston, G. O'Connell, M. O'Leary, E. Hart, W. Colehan, and I. Seelye; junior honours, Misses A. Lake, R. Petre, and E. Northcote; junior pass, Misses E. Millar, I. Edwards, M. Brett, M. Jackman, E. Wood, K. Holmes, M. Shain, and M. Cutten.

Instrumental Music (Trinity College): Senior grade (honours) Misses M. Woods and F. Courtis; intermediate grade (honours), Misses M. Paton, K. Hannon, and W. Colehan; intermediate pass, Misses I. Seelye, M. Crawley, and E. Hart; primary division, Misses C. Hughes, M. Jackman, and M. Montague. Vocal Music: Senior grade (pass), Miss M. Ewing; intermediate grade (pass), Miss H. Watt; primary grade (pass), Misses G. Meenan and E. McDonald.

Wreath, awarded by the votes of the pupils for amiability and good conduct: Miss Isabel Seelye.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Junior Grade, class B: W. Power, general improvement and attendance; M. Murray, general improvement and composition; R. Dawson, reading; C. Hughes, singing; L. Walsh, religious knowledge, arithmetic, and needlework; L. Fraser, general improvement; E. Hegerty, general improvement and spelling. Junior Grade, class A: E. O'Brien, arithmetic, English, French, and drawing; A. Cutten, good conduct (silver medal); M. Carey, English, arithmetic, French, and drawing; M. Collins, English, arithmetic, French, and drawing; M. Shain, English, arithmetic, French, and drawing; M. O'Rourke, general improvement and arithmetic; N. Murray, general improvement and singing; K. Connor, general improvement and drawing; E. McDonald, singing.

KINDERGARTEN.

Preparatory A: Christian doctrine and general proficiency, Mina Ward; arithmetic and embroidery, Madge McDonald; writing, spelling, and plain needlework, Margaret Gawne; geography and improvement in writing, Mary Murphy; drawing, writing, and needlework, Mary A. Tobin; comprehension of lessons and mental arithmetic, Gerty Petre; repetition and general improvement, Mary Carter; good conduct and drill, Annie Rodgers; singing and object lessons, Lizzie Taylor; recitation and politeness, Rose Wilkinson.

Preparatory B: Christian doctrine, politeness and gift X., Mary Callan; good conduct, diligence, and gift XIV., Mary Walsh; Arithmetic and gift X., Nora O'Donnell; needlework and deportment, Ethel Salmon; writing, needlework, and attendance, Gerty Shain; mental arithmetic, reading, and colouring, Mercedes McDonald; general improvement, Dolores McDonald; reading and gift XIV., Eric Spain.

Kindergarten Grade C: Christian doctrine, reading, spelling, and embroidery, Alan Shain; general improvement, gifts III. and IV., Ethel Murray; amiability, singing, gifts III. and IV., Ivy McDonald; writing and colours, Mona Taylor; forms and combinations of colours, Charlie Hill; writing and object lessons, Cassie Spain; spelling and mat weaving, Alfred Lethaby; drill, counting and pricking work, Patrick Anderson.

Grade D: Word-building and gift III., Molly Coughlan; recitation and paper-plaiting, Ernest Salmon; reading and pricking work, Ernest Meenan; spelling and forms, Frank Meenan; elementary object lessons and gift II., Patrick O'Connor; word-building and colours, Tim McDonald.

Grade E: Designing, Joe Petre; forms and colours, Mary Ward; forms and elementary object lessons, Gabrielle Spain; gentleness, Patrick Kelegher.

Grade F: Gift I., forms, sweetness and amiability, Nicholas O'Neill, Percy Carter, Nelly Coughlan, Patricia Twomey, Bernadette Henderson, Kathleen Coughlan.

THE ART STUDIO.

It is obvious from the large number of studies exhibited in this important branch of art that close attention has been given to shading from the cast, from the round, and from common natural objects. The end of this study is to educate the eye to the wonderful variety of light and shade in nature—in clouds, hills, waves, fruits, trees, leaves, etc. The student begins by carefully noting the well-defined differences of light and shade on geometrical solids; he then becomes alive to the more delicate gradations in casts of ornament and natural objects, and thus his eye is gradually trained to discern in Nature beauties veiled from all but the true artist. In the exhibition were first studies in shading and from round, all showing careful attention to the law of aerial perspective, viz., the alteration by distance of the relationship between lights, shades, and shadows. The best shown were Miss Kelman's. Secondly, in studies of shading from natural objects, the contrast of tones appears fully provided. Excelling, Miss Cockerill, Miss Watt. In the third division of this art, shading from the cast, the casts of ornaments used were placed beside the picture exhibited so that comparison of lights, shades and shadows was made so easy, that casual observation was a sort of invitation into this interesting course of art study. The studies consisted of: A bunch of grapes, plums with leaves from different points of view, pome-

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granates, apples, the sunflower, pears, arabesques. Excelling: The Misses C. Cameron, Florrie Dawson, Annie Lake.

Figure painting in monochrome: Miss Cameron. Crayon drawing and six subjects in annual drawing: Excelling, the Misses Kelman, Gertrude Hudson, Isabel Sealye.

Flower-painting.—Excelling—The Misses Poppelwell, Hay, Culling, Geraldine O'Connell, E. Lewis, E. Patterson.

Mirror-painting.—Excelling—Miss Watt.  
Landscape in Monochrome.—Excelling—The Misses M'Kechnie and Eva Northcote.

Landscape in Oils.—Excelling—The Misses Mary Cockerill, C. Watt, and C. Cameron.

Panel in double glass painted by Miss M'Kechnie.  
Eighty-two pieces were exhibited—pictures, studies, panels, etc.

#### WOOD-CARVING.

Intaglio.—Edith Lewis, Katie Hannigan, Mary Dickie, Ida Jefferys, Annie Lake, Mary Kelman, Daisy Butler, Eva Hart.

#### ART-NEEDLEWORK.

Magnificent fox-glove panel, Miss Winnie Carroll; mantle drape in raised filosele and arrasenes, Miss Alice Lobb; panel in old gold satin, this and water lilies, Miss Hallinan; handsome cushion in raised crewel-work, Miss Vannini; cushion in raised arrasenes, Miss Paterson; cushion square in raised applique work; Miss Kelman; duet stool and music canterbury in arrasene raised on plush, elegantly mounted, Miss Alice Meenan; tray cloth in combined Mount Mellick and drawn-thread work, private pupil; cushion in pearl embroidery, Miss Maguire. Misses Rossiter, A. Ings, Butler, Mary Jackman, May Dawson, Eva Northcote, Winnie Colehan, shewed specimens of very finished and elegant art embroidery in filosele, applique, Mount Mellick, and pearl embroidery.

Moniton point lace of great beauty was shown by a pupil whose name we have been unable to ascertain.

Afterwards an adjournment was made to St. Joseph's School-room, where examples of the year's work were set out for inspection. The exhibits from the art studio included some excellent specimens of shadings from the round, the pick in this department being Miss Kelman's work; studies of shading from natural objects, in which the Misses Cockerill and Watt excel; shading from the cast, some creditable examples bearing the names of the Misses C. Cameron, F. Dawson, and A. Lake; figure painting in monochrome, from which we picked Miss Kelman's 'rabbits' as especially worthy; flower painting, the best workers being the Misses Poppelwell, Hay, Culling, O'Connell, Lewis, and Paterson; and as to the other sections in the art studies we may mention the mirror-painting by Miss Watt, the landscapes in monochrome by the Misses M'Kechnie and Northcote, the landscapes in oils by the Misses Cockerill, Watt, and Cameron, and the panel in glass by Miss M'Kechnie. It is to be noted that all these pupils, save Miss Cameron, began during the term just ended. Some pretty and elegant specimens of wood-carving, the work of the Misses E. Lewis, K. Hannigan, M. Dickie, J. Jefferys, A. Lake, M. Kelman, and E. Hart, were also shown, and it is clear that in this department the teaching is quite up to date; and the art needlework, the product of Misses Carroll, Lobb, Meenan, Hallinan, Vannini, Paterson, Kelman, Maguire, Rossiter, Ings, Butler, Jackman, Dawson, and Northcote, were very greatly admired.

#### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL.

The dismissal ceremonies were held on Friday last. A capital gymnastic exhibition was first given in the school ground by 15 junior and 15 senior pupils. This was witnessed with keen interest by a large number of the friends and relatives of the pupils, his Lordship Dr. Verdon, attended by Fathers Murphy, Coffey, Ryan, and O'Donnell, being especially interested spectators.

This was followed by an elocutionary contest in one of the large school-rooms. Mr. A. H. Burton was judge of this event, and his awards were:—T. Pound first and F. Bevin second.

The Brother Superior, in the course of some interesting remarks, announced that the dux gold medal for 1898 was awarded to N. J. Ryan; also that the judges of the gymnastic competitions had awarded first prize to J. Hungerford and second to F. Woods in the senior, and W. Whitty first and G. Metcalfe second in the junior.

Before presenting the prizes his Lordship Dr. Verdon said:—My young friends, I have followed your various contests to-day with very great interest. But, ladies and gentlemen, it is not necessary that I should say a single word about the success of the general proceedings to-day. You yourselves have followed the proceedings with very great interest, and no doubt have formed your own judgment concerning the general results, and, judging from the warm applause which you have very generously given throughout, I am sure that your judgment has been very favourable (applause). We are now about to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors, and the boys are looking forward very anxiously indeed to hearing the names of the winners. Parents and others who are present are also no doubt anxious to hear the names of the successful competitors. Some are sure to be disappointed. In the interesting report of the Brother Superior which has been read it is said that not all the clever boys are to receive prizes. Some of the clever boys have 'buried their talent.' It is very important for you to know that talent is not sufficient to make you succeed in life. If you have talent you must make good use of it. Industry and virtue are necessary in order to enable you to succeed. If talent is not accompanied by these it cannot be successful. Misapplied talent, indeed, is even injurious to the possessor and to society. This lesson I would have you learn. I wish to congratulate in a special way all those who have received marks for diligence and good conduct (applause). You must remember that in order to succeed in life you must labour diligently, and be in earnest, and practise virtue (applause). If you do this, though you may have to wait, you will succeed in the end. Some of you who have come to the front may not be heard of again; but those who attend to these principles may be expected to make

their names in their after life. You have great advantages—you are placed in an excellent school, and have excellent teachers—good men who devote themselves to the welfare of youth—disinterested, earnest men, who have sacrificed many things so that they may devote themselves to teaching. In this school, as you know, the education imparted is of a very comprehensive character. You have every opportunity of getting a thoroughly sound English education. You can acquire, also, many of the accomplishments if you wish to make use of them. We have been told to day of the shorthand and the type-writing classes and we know by what we have heard of the results in the way of singing and reciting; we have seen the proficiency of the boys in physical exercises, and I am glad to hear from time to time the rector's reports as to your conduct. We have been struggling hard in this country, and it is with a certain feeling of disappointment that we must think of the efforts we have to make. This school is so well equipped that I need not say anything about it. But we have many other schools in the diocese and city. Altogether, including South Dunedin and North-east Valley, we have, I should say from memory, about 780 children attending our Catholic schools—(applause). In this diocese we have about 110 nuns, seven Christian Brothers, and some lay teachers, all working in our schools. Altogether, at all events, I suppose we have about 110 teachers in our schools. And, notwithstanding all this, we have to labour under very great difficulties. We are not receiving any assistance whatsoever from the State. Our people pay their taxes, and thus contribute towards the general education fund of the country; but, though we have so often asked for assistance, or asked to be allowed to use some of that money which we pay through the taxes for the education of the Colony—though we have asked to be allowed to use that for our schools, we have never received any assistance from the Government. Though we have to contribute to the colonial education, and pay so much annually, we have at the same time to support the large number of teachers whom we employ in our schools; and we have to erect our schools, and to keep them up, and to push them in every way possible; and, though we only ask to receive some of the money we pay for educational purposes, we have never received anything. We have to keep up these schools. We cannot approve of godless schools. I say nothing against those schools, but as Catholics we cannot conscientiously use them if we have any opportunity of establishing schools of our own. We consider that we are under a conscientious obligation to establish them and keep them up. As the spiritual leaders of our people we are forced to tell them they are bound in conscience to provide a good education for their children and to make sacrifices to that end. And our people have and are making such sacrifices, and will undoubtedly continue to make them. We hope to receive assistance from the Government; we hope that the people of the Colony will see how reasonable our demands are. But whether they do or not, we are obliged to push on and still continue to support the Catholic schools and to increase the number of them. There is evidence of an increase in the numbers attending. During the past year 150 additional children, or about that number, have entered the Catholic schools of this diocese, and, please God, we will have another additional hundred next year—(applause)—and we will go on establishing Catholic schools and encouraging our people to attend them, and we will continue to do that whether we receive assistance or not. It is a comfort to see such a school as this, wherein the children are well educated and receive all instruction needed to fit them for the battle of life—a school wherein the boys get solid secular instruction, and at the same time receive the greater blessing of a thoroughly sound religious education—(applause).

A programme of vocal and instrumental music was presented by the pupils, the high state of efficiency attained by them in vocalisation being the subject of delighted comment by all present. The class room was tastefully decorated, and altogether the proceedings reflected the greatest credit both on the pupils and on their devoted masters.

The following is the prize list:—

Junior Scholarship and Senior C.S. Class: J. B. Callan.  
Matriculation and C.S. Class: N. J. Ryan (dux) 1, J. Hungerford 2, Edward Freed 3, Samuel De Beer 4. Examination honours (first in subject): Christian doctrine, J. B. Callan; arithmetic, N. J. Ryan; algebra, N. J. Ryan; Euclid, E. Freed and J. Hungerford (equal); trigonometry, J. B. Callan; physics (sound, light, and heat), J. B. Callan; geography, E. Freed; Irish history, J. B. Callan; English history, J. W. Wilkins; English (language and literature), N. J. Ryan; French, J. Hungerford; Latin, J. W. Wilkins; shorthand, N. J. Ryan; type-writing, E. Freed.

Sub-matriculation Class: Peter Skene 1, James Garvey 2, James Black 3. Examination honours: Christian doctrine, J. Garvey; arithmetic, P. Skene and J. O'Sullivan; algebra, P. Skene and J. Garvey; Euclid, P. Skene; French, J. Black; Latin, P. Skene; geography, M. Rossbotham; Irish history, M. Rossbotham; writing, C. O'Sullivan; bookkeeping, J. Black; English, P. Skene; type-writing, F. Woods; shorthand, P. Skene.

Special Prizes: Irish history (silver medal), M. Rossbotham; shorthand (Mr. Rossbotham's scholarship), E. Freed.

Sixth Class: E. Mee (silver medal) 1, C. Thomas 2, H. Poppelwell 3, F. Bourke 4. Special prizes—Irish history, J. Bourke; type-writing, J. Heffernan; handwriting, T. Heffernan. Examination honours (first in subject)—Christian doctrine, E. Mee; Bible history, H. Poppelwell; reading, E. Mee; writing, T. Heffernan; arithmetic, W. Bevis; grammar, C. Thomas; composition, P. Webb; geography, C. Thomas; English history, H. Poppelwell; drawing, J. Bourke; Euclid, E. Mee; algebra, E. Mee; mensuration, J. Swanson; French, C. Thomas; Latin, F. Bourke; bookkeeping, T. Pound; home exercise, F. Bourke. Attendance—J. Bourke, F. Bourke (present every school day for four years), J. Swanson, J. Heffernan (every day for three years), C. Thomas (present every day during two years), W. Bevis (every day during year).

Fifth Class: M. Garvey 1, W. Shain 2, J. Ryan 3, J. Tobin 4. Special prizes: Irish history (silver medal), P. Rogan; typewriting, C. M'Grath; French conversation, J. Lawrence. Examination honours (first in subject): Christian doctrine, M. Garvey; Bible

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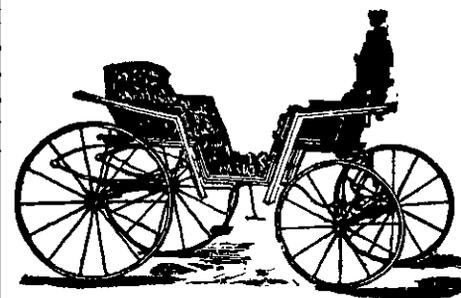
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Fourth Class: M. Lee 1, F. Kenny 2, T. Garvey 3, A. M'Dona'd 4. Examination honours: Christian doctrine, S. Ryan; reading, P. Wilson; recitation, T. Rogan; drawing, F. Freed; grammar, J. Hart; geography, T. Garvey; writing, A. Davis; Australian history, G. Metcalf; Irish history, F. Bevin; arithmetic, J. Spain.

Third Class: R. Ward 1, C. Walsh 2, J. Walsh 3. Examination honours: Christian doctrine, R. Ward; reading, C. Walsh; recitation, J. O'Sullivan; drawing, W. Higgins; arithmetic, H. M'Hugh; grammar, G. Bevis; geography, C. Hannagan; writing, W. Coughlin.

Second Class: Colin Poppelwell 1, Robert Kenny 2, Bertie Fogarty 3. Examination honours (first in subject): Christian doctrine, Arthur Keenan; arithmetic, Colin Poppelwell; reading, A. Henry; dictation, O. Carter; recitation, C. Poppelwell; writing, James Walsh; drawing, J. Walsh; geography, W. Fraser.

First class: Daniel Fogarty 1, Bertie Connor 2. Examination honours (first in subject): Christian doctrine, Peter Anderson; arithmetic, B. Connor; writing, J. Ryan.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The pupils of this school gave a Christmas entertainment in the schoolhouse on Thursday, the 15th inst., to mark the separation for the holidays, in the presence of His Lordship Bishop Verdon, Fathers Coffey and Murphy, and a large gathering of parents and relatives. This is the second occasion of the same kind when such a venture has been undertaken, and the success which has attended both will doubtless lead to its being an annual event. The school-room was prettily decorated for the occasion. The principal part of the programme was 'Miriam,' a sacred drama, performed by the Misses Brennan, Mahoney, Twomey, Mooney, Mee, and Durnford, depicting the restoration by Christ of Miriam's (Miss Mooney) sight, her conversion, suffering, death, and ascension; the latter scene being very touching. All those engaged in it displayed considerable dramatic ability, and made up excellent stage tableaux. Some of the younger pupils acquitted themselves of their recitations with great humour, the little fellow Marlow having thoroughly assimilated the horrors of school inspection, and Miss Durning and Master Ahern were equally at home in a spelling fever. The choruses and pianoforte music were capitally rendered by the young ladies just mentioned, and Masters M'Kay and Ahern. The chorus, 'Good-night,' by the pupils, concluding a most enjoyable and creditable programme. Before the close his Lordship thanked the good Sisters and the teachers for the wonderful improvement in the school since last year. He was quite astonished to observe such a marked and creditable advance in the singing, music, and acting,

and it must be very gratifying to the good people of South Dunedin to have such excellent teachers in their midst. The time was coming when they would have a very superior school there, giving the children an excellent education in every branch. His Lordship's remarks were warmly applauded.

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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

The dismissal of St. Patrick's School for the midsum me holiday took place on the 13th inst. in the presence of the Rev. Father McKenna, who presided, the Rev. Father Long, and the members of St. Patrick's Church and School Committee.

The report of the Rev. Father Thomas O'Shea, Diocesan Inspector, on the annual examination of the school, was read by Father McKenna, and the pass certificates in connection therewith were distributed to the pupils. The successful candidates at the recent Wellington Technical school examinations in Geometrical drawing were also presented with their cards of merit, and special English composition prizes were awarded to A. Bryoska, W. Chapman, J. Collins, and F. Coyle.

The Rev. Father McKenna eulogised in high terms the work of the teachers, with whom he said he parted with most reluctantly. Mr. Dolan had brought the school to a high standard of perfection by his energy and organisation during the six years he had been in charge, and Miss Carrick, in the eleven years she had acted as teacher, had gained the esteem of the parents and pupils alike. Miss Hourigan had also performed the duties assigned to her most satisfactorily.

He then presented Mr. Dolan, on behalf of the children, with a silver-mounted pipe and case, and on the committee's behalf with a silver sovereign case and watch box combined, and Miss Carrick with a biscuit barrel and dainty velvet purse.

Mr. Dolan thanked the children and the members of the committee for their kindness; which he assured them would never be forgotten. He also returned thanks to Miss Carrick and Miss Hourigan for their able co-operation in all his efforts for the advancement of the school.

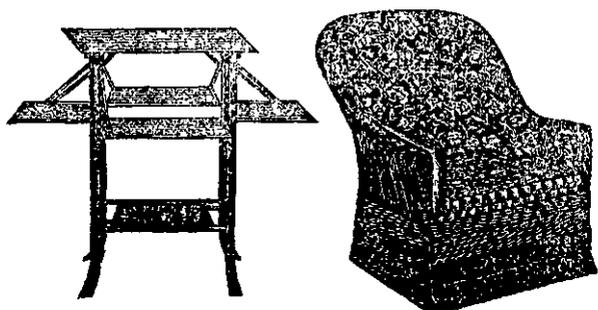
Mr. Stempna replied on behalf of Miss Carrick, whom he said he had known since her advent to this district. He informed the children that she was heartily thankful to them for their generous gift.

Loud cheers having been given by those present for the teachers, Father McKenna and the members of the committee, the children dispersed.—(Wairarapa Star).

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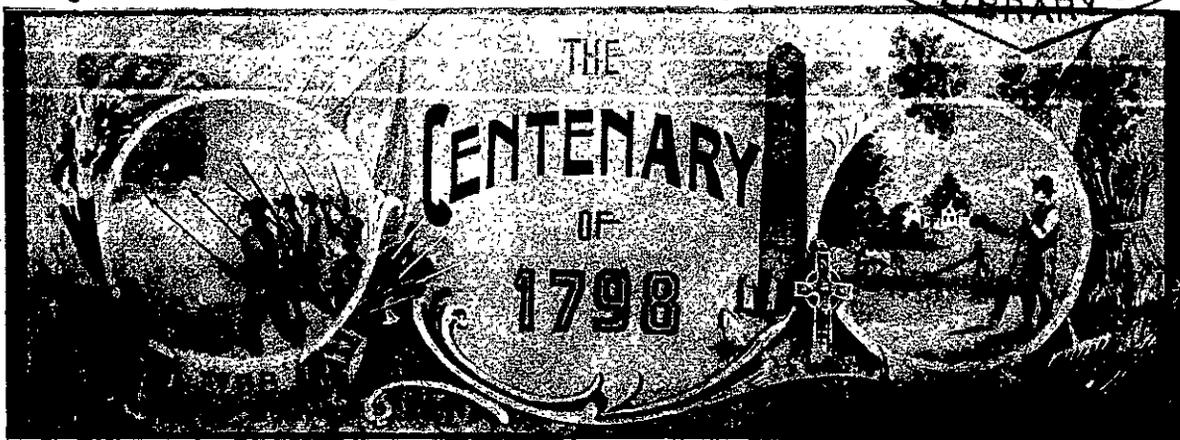
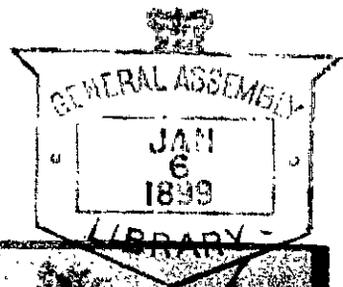
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