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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

SCIENTIFIC oss.

'EVERYTHING'S got a moral,' said the Duchess to Alice in Wonderland, 'if only you can find it.' The moral of the following story is not far to seek. It was told in the London Times by Canon McColl in the

course of a strong controversial letter on the everlasting subject of Ritualism. 'A friend of mine,' the Canon writes, 'once shared the box seat with the driver of a stage-coach in Yorkshire, and, being a lover of horses, he talked with the coachman about his team, admiring one horse in particular. "Ah," said about his team, admiring one horse in particular. "Ah," said the coachman, "but that 'oss ain't as good as he looks; he's a scientific 'oss." "A scientific horse!" exclaimed my friend, "what on earth do you mean by that?" "I means," replied Jehu, "a 'oss as thinks he knows a deal more nor he does."

Your true scientist is ever gifted with the inborn modesty which is about the best setting for either virtue or learning. Newton was one of the most modest of men. So was Cardinal Newman. Justin McCarthy wrote of him: 'He had no scorn Newman. Justin McCartiny wrote or him: The had no scorn for intellectual inferiority in itself; he despised it only when it gave itself airs.' Conceit is the fume of little minds. Vestris, the great dancer, used to say: 'There are only three great men in Europe—M. de Voltaire, King Frederick of Prussia, and myself.' It reminds one of Pawser's rooster, that fancied the sun rose to hear him crow. But Vestris's conceit was harmless compared with that of the purpose described when harmless compared with that of the puny pseudo-scientists who reconstruct the Scriptures, and boldly and blatantly set up mere theories or surmises as solidly proven facts, and to whom
—in Carlyle's words—'the creation of the world is little more mysterious than the cooking of a dumpling."

Some people are colour-blind. Others are

RELIGION IN colour-ignorant. In the same way, some are THE SCHOOL. fact-blind, some fact-ignorant, and many look the other way so that they may not see a disagreeable fact at all. Mr. James Allen, M.H.R., in speaking at the annual meeting of the Dunedin Anglican Diocesan Schools Union, laid down the broad principle that the essential base of a nation is religion. As a public man the essential base of a nation is religion.' As a public man he strongly held that the religious teachings of the buildings schools civilised the young, helped them to withstand temptation, brought many under Christian influences that would otherwise—owing to careless homes and our secular school system—be without such training, and placed Parliament and the nation under a lasting debt of gratitude. The first principles he strongly held that the religious teachings of the Sunday. system—be without such training, and placed Parliament and the nation under a lasting debt of gratitude. The first principle laid down by Mr. Allen, duly extended, lies at the very base of the Catholic claims in the matter of education. But the Sunday-school is not everything. Nor is it everywhere. Thousands of children in the Colony are outside its sphere of influence. Moreover, one half-hour per week is not sufficient to make the spirit of religion and morality what it ought to be, bone of the bone, flesh of the flesh of the school-child. And what shall we say of a system of public instruction which are what shall we say of a system of public instruction which, as far as lies in its power, excludes from the budding citizen, in his most plastic and most impressionable years, that which, according to Mr. Allen, is 'the essential base of a nation,' and without which (he added) no country can be truly great or prosperous? There are unpleasant facts in connection with our glorious system' which to Catholics and many Protestants are as vast and plain upon the landscape as the towering heights of Mounts Cook or Rymont. The converges objects by heights of Mounts Cook or Egmont. The secularist shuts his eyes fast or looks the other way and sees not so much as an eyes last of looks the other way and sees not so much as an ant-hill. He needs to be turned the other way, have his eyes rubbed with eye-salve, and his brain-pan examined by an expert. That is all. Catholics have proved the sincerity of their convictions in this matter. Let even a considerable section of their Protestant fellow-colonists go and do likewise. The education difficulty would then speedily right itself. It would then matter very little whether the secularist was factblind or fact-ignorant or fact-shy.

THE Samoan kettle is still boiling, but not at THE SAMOAN the same brisk rate as two weeks ago. foolish talk about the domination of 35,000 TROUBLE. islanders by 5.500 reminds one in a small way of the phrenetic cry of the A.P.A. Sixty millions of American citizens were to be reduced to a worse than black

slavery' by the nine or ten millions that were Catholic, a correspondent we learn the following further facts of interest regarding the pros and cons of the struggle for the crown of

'With the Sampans religion does not enter into the ques-The great bulk of the people are Protestants, and one with Mataafa, who, as everybody knows, is a Catholic. of the chief's closest relatives—even his brothers—are Protestants, whilst several of Malietoa's and Tamasese's family are Catholics. The islands have a total population of about 35,000. Of these 5,500 are Catholics, and 1,500 of these Catholics are followers of Malietoa. Falepouma, a Protestant, and one of the leading men of Samoa, in a letter to the Samoan Herald, deplores the fact that the occasion should have been seized to fan religious prejudices. He points out that the Catholics are in a decided minority, and any tears that may be entertained in this respect are groundless. He explains that he supports Mataafa for the same reasons that influence the almost entire population, "with the exception of those who are for some reason or other under an obligation to side with a certain Protestant mission society."

A NICKNAME: MISSION.

Wнo will write us a history of nicknames? The subject offers a promising field for any THE ITALIAN book-wormish student of what is termed the philosophy of history; for, until the contrary is proved, I will stoutly maintain against all

comers that there is as much of national character and of local manners and feeling locked up in the nicknames of an age or people as there are in its proverbs. Coarse nicknames are the shadow of coarse manners. They abound most in the lower depths of society, as sediment falls to the bottom of the watertank. Even the clarified 'uppah succles' are never quite free from them. Beau Brummel had his. So has Chauncey Depew. So have we all. Zimmerman was wrong when he said that nicknames stick for ever. Very clever ones do. the mass of nicknames, like the mass of men, are not clever. They come and go and alter their style and cut as fashions do. Take one class only—ecclesiastical nicknames. Dip into Luther's Table-Talk (unexpurgated edition, if your stomach is strong), and into the long procession of publications issued by the Parker Society, and then say, if you can, that the fierce temper and the coarse-grained manners and morals of the Reformation period found not fitting expression in the vile or indecent terms which were flung at the Pope and the Church of Rome, even from the sanctified heights of the pulpit! Manners have altered mightily during the past 60 or 80 years. Nicknames have altered with them. Many of the fierce terms so long gaily flung at the Catholic Church by learned divines are now being fast confined to houses of ill-repute. The old vulgar nicknames struck with the mere brute force of a bludgeon wielded by a gorilla. The a thetic bric-à brac pulpiteers of our day need a dainty, engine-turned, hand-polished, filagreed weapon. They will 'pink' you with it in the fifth rib, with a beatified air and with a mike-believe that they are looking the other way, that you merely happen to fall on the point accidentally, and owe an apology for your blundering.

'The Italian Mission' is one of the dainty nicknames that have been substituted for the fierce and filthy epithets that used to be flung with frothing lip and fiery eye and scornful forefinger at the Catholic Church. It is of recent manufacture, and emanated, I think, from the cerebral workshop of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. The expression trips with a light lisp of the lips of languishing young High Church curates, as did 'pickled peas' from those of psendo-aesthetic and lackadaisical maidens in the days when Charles Dickens was in his prime. The nickname is a High Church one. It was used

As our correspondent by the phrase 'Italian Mission' evidently refers to the Roman Catholic Church, we must deprecate the use of language which may give offen a and provoke verbal reprisals. It would not conduce to brotherly love it a member of the so-called Italian Mission' were to refer in a communication to 'the Anglican heresy.' Yet the one phrase is quite as accurate and in as good taste as the other. Better adhere to recognised nomenclature.

The editor confines himself, naturally, to the question of goodtaste. It is one point of view; there is another and deeper

The term 'Italian Mission' is used of the Catholic Church in an evidently depreciatory sense, and partakes of the nature of the many begging-question epithets which form an important part of the stock-in-trade of your fledgeling controversialists who have a weakness for acrobatic dialectics. The term is doubly misleading. In the first place it is manifically intended to convey the absurdly false idea that the Catholic Church, like the Anglican, is a merely national 'concern'-and Italian at that-whereas the speakers and the writers who use the foolish nickname know full well that she knows no bounds or bars of mountain, sea, or river; that she is, as her name implies, Catholic, that is, world-wide—the one Church on earth that has been able, down the course of ages, to hold together in the bonds of a marvellous unity, people of every clime and race and colour and tongue. The Church that is Catholic cannot be merely national, nor can the merely national one be Catholic, The terms exclude each other. In the pre-Reformation days, as the distinguished Protestant historian Professor Maitland admits, 'the English Church was, in the eyes of its own judges [not a merely national Church but] a dependent fragment whose laws had been imposed upon it from without'—that is, from the pulsing centre of unity of the Universal Church.

Beneath the expression 'Italian mission' there lurks likewise a wholly mistaken conception of the Church as founded by Christ, not like the Old Dispensation, for this or that state of people, but for the whole world. The insular spirit and the false tradition of three centuries find double expression in the belauding of the helplessly broken and tangled national Church, and now in the attempted belittling of the Catholic Church by dubbing her 'Italian.' Let me quote from Anderdon:—

If she were Italian indeed, then

O fortunatos nimium, bona si sua nôrint, Hos Italos! [Happy beyond measure were those Italians, did they but know the good things they possess!] But this is to shrink the kingdom of heaven back again to the dimensions of the synagogue. It is darning up the veil of the temple, that was reut in twain from the top throughout, when the handwriting of condemnation against us poor pagans was nailed to our Lord's Cross. For if the Church were not both Universal and One, what would become of its other attributes, of its very existence? It would cease to be the Church of our Blessed Saviour's lips.

Enough!

It is easy to prophecy when you are sure of your facts. Last week, on solid a priori grounds, I tacked the label 'fairy tale' to the cable message which stated that at the wedding of Baron Cederstrom and Madame Patti-Nicolini there was to be 'a double religious ceremony,' in which a Catholic priest and a Lutheran minister were to divide the honours pretty evenly between them. The rumour was set afloat by somebody who was in a state of baptismal innocence as to the discipline of the Catholic Church on mixed marriages. The lines had scarcely gone to piess when there reached this office a copy of an authoritative contradiction of the statement cabled to these shores. The denial was sent by Bishop Mostyn to a newspaper which had given currency to the statement. The following is a sufficient extract from Bishop Mostyn's letter in the contradiction of the statement. Mostyn's letter :-

'As Bishop of the Catholic diocese in which Madame Patti-Nicolini resides, may I ask you to contradict this statement? Such double ceremonal, being contrary to the discipline of the Catholic Church, could not be allowed; and I am authorised by Madame Patti-Nicolini to state that as a matter of fact, at her wedding there will be none other than a Catholic marriage cetemony.

Omnia sana sanis: to the sound in health all One Man's Meat, things are wholesome. The principle is evidently a variant of the good old-timer, Omnia munda mundis. But I doubt if it is of such general application. 'One man's peptonised milk,' said a recent adapter of old saws, 'may be another man's pickled cucumbers.' Aulus Gellius tells us that the ducks of pickled cucumbers, and with stomachs of such boiler along

by 'Anglo-Catholic' (the title is confusing) in a letter to the Wellington Times. Whereupon the editor promptly blackers the writer's eye with the following back-hander: his digestive machinery with internal douches of antidotes, that his treacherous courtiers could find nothing strong enough to put it out of order, and he could not poison himself when he put it out of order, and he could not poison himself when he tired of life and sought an unbidden entry into the great Beyond. Two to three grains of arsenic (or, more correctly, of arsenious acid) is the fatal dose for a normally constituted adult human being built according to the usual plans and specifications. But the peasant girls, and even the men, of Carinthia, Salzburg, the Tyrol, and Lower Austria, become, by dint of long practice, capable of taking as much as six grains of the deadly thing at one dose, and yet feel tolerably comfortable afterwards. Once the habit is established,' says a writer on the subject. 'Once the habit is established,' says a writer on the subject, 'it is impossible to give up arsenic eating. Terrible heart, gnawings follow any attempt gradually to stop the practice, and sudden cessation causes death.' Arsenic may, in brief, become as exacting a tyrant as morphia, cocaine, opium, king Jameson, or the new terror of domestic peace, petroleum.

> A curious story of the effects of inhaling arsenic comes from Philadelphia. It is told in a recent issue of the Dunedin Evening Star, regarding the German barque Zion, which had on board 300 casks of arsenic. 'This part of the cargo,' says the Star, 'had a remarkable effect on the crew. The fact that the Star, 'had a remarkable effect on the crew. The fact that arsenic as well as strychnine helps the formation of adipose tissue when taken into the human system in minute particles is well known, and both drugs have become favourite tonics for convalescents. On board the Zion the men slept near the large array of barrels containing the drug. They were stored in the hold, near the forcastle, and partially exposed to the rays of the sun, which streamed in through the open hatch. When only about a week out from port one of the crew mentioned to the sun, which streamed in through the open hatch. When only about a week out from port one of the crew mentioned to his messmates that a peculiar and indescribable odour was coming from the casks containing the drug. It was not long after their attention had been draw to it that they all noticed the same thing, and strange to say, noticed it all the more forcibly a week later. Several of the German tars became aware of the fact that they were filling out their clothes to a much greater extent than when they shipped. Many others, as days went by, became abnormally stout, in vast contrast to the former slim appearance which many of them presented before the land was left. One man gained 25lb; others were affected to a less extent, but the aggregate weight put on by the entire the land was left. One man gained 25lb; others were affected to a less extent, but the aggregate weight put on by the entire crew was little less than 400lb. Several of the sailors, who were perfectly well known at Philadelphia, were scacely recognisable on arrival there. The entire sudden taking on of avoirdupois is attributed to vapour, which, generated by the action of the sun on the casks, was inhaled by the seamen as they slept, and acted in precisely the same manner which it does when given as a tonic in a prescription. Captain Hammes, who slept aft in the vessel, entirely removed from the arsenic, did not show any effects of the inhalation. effects of the inhalation.'

> THE Waldensian Protestant Church in Verona (Province of Venice, Italy) must be THE TRITH in a bad way. Its pastor has been begging CAME OUT. pecuniary assistance from abroad to aid him in giving a Christmas treat plus timely gifts—or bribes—of bread, etc., to his poor Catholic neighbours. The worthy pastor has taken a leaf out of the book of the Connaught 'soupers,' who in the agonising days of black forty-seven, gave assistance to the starving only after, and on condition of, a previous act of apostacy on their part. 'The proposed Christmas function at apostacy on their part. 'The proposed Christmas function at Verona,' the Waldensian pastor wrote, 'presents a splendid opportunity of proclaiming the Gospel to numbers of Romam Catholics who never enter our church on any other occasion.' Truth sometimes oozes out in unexpected places. The Waldensian pastor's naive statement is a strong confession of the well-known fact that Protestantism, on its own merits, has nothing in it that appeals even to the poorest of the downtrodden poor in what used to be sunny Italy.

DESPITE articles of faith and pulpit thunders, RELIC-WORSHIP, relic-hunting and relic-worship have frequently assumed acute forms among our separated brethren. Luther's bulky drinking bowl and breeks separated brethren. Luther's bulky drinking-howl and breeks are religiously preserved in the house where he died. A tooth of Sir Isaac Newton's sold for a goodly pot of money in the first quarter of the present century. A rib-bone and some hair abstracted long ago from the coffin of Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Charles I, have only just been re-committed to mother earth after having long been in the possession of Princess Henry of Battenberg. So says the Times of December 22. And now comes the news that a brisk and profitable trade is being done in the trummings of Bismarck's hair. One Herr Rohring, of Bergedorf, was the stern old Chancellor's hairdresser from May day of 1890 till March 23, 1897. Herr Rohring had a keen eye for business—or rather two keen eyes Rohring had a keen eye for business—or rather two keen eyes that see far ahead. After each visit this 'artist'—I cannot Pontus were endowed with stomachs of such boiler plate just now say whether a hairdresser is an artist or a professor—pattern that poisons rather agreed with them. And Mithri-

and iron, stuffed them into an envelope, and enclosed therewith the letter of the great man's valet requiring his attendance on his master. Thereunto he made haste to add his own declaration of the facts on oath, and deposited the whole for safe-keeping with a notary of Reinbeck, who duly attested their receipt and safe-keeping. The stock of relics was placed upon the market recently. Herr Rohring is only a hairdresser, but he knows more about the workings of human nature than a regiment of divines that we all know of.

A LIVELY controversy has stormed and eddied IRISH CATHOLIC around the advocacy of an Irish Catholic University by the London Spectator, from which I quoted recently. The briefest and UNIVERSITY. most thoughtful contribution to the pen-tourney comes from the

"Sir,—In enumerating the reasons for establishing a Catholic University in Ireland (Spectator, December 3) you have omitted the most serious and practical. Young Catholics have to run the race of life with Englishmen and Scotchmen, and they run it at a serious disadvantage for want of the training and efficiency which a University. training and efficiency which a University education supplies. They are retarded in obtaining professions, and afterwards in procuring employment, from this want. It was my fortune to encounter in Australia hundreds, and indeed thousands, of bright, intelligent young Irishmen whose education had not fitted them for any employment beyond that of a clerk, and who in many cases became waiters in hotels, pound-keepers, railway-porters, and, of course, diggers, while better educated, and I will venture to say not better endowed, Scotchmen occupied superior positions. I have never heard any reason for refusing them this right, which a man of honour and integrity ought not to be ashaned to acknowledge. They are not asking anything new or peculiar; there are two Protestant Universities in Scotland, and one essentially Protestant University for the minority in Ireland. In the name of common sense and common justice, why should there not be one essentially Catholic University for the majority?"

BIGOTRY dies hard, has a long agony, and rallies often, even when apparently in articulo mortis. At every temporary revival A NEW NO-POPERY ASSOCIATION. she is the same fierce, savage, tigrish creature as of old. Happily her claws are trimmed and her fangs filed down by the temper of our times, and her

roamings are restricted by the iron chain of statute law. Still,

Ambition's self, though mad, And nursed on human gore, with her compared, Is merciful.

The crusade inaugurated in England by that enterprising purveyor of malodorous publications, Kensit, has acted as a powerful tonic to the moribund bigotry whose spark of life was fast being confined to such fag-ends of Anglicanism as are represented by the various associations whose policy is that of Exeter Hall. The latest phase of its activity is represented by the formation of a new society, the members of which are pledged to exclude Catholics from every public position of honour, emolument, and trust in the country, and to do what lies in their power to secure the revival of the savage penal code which was repealed by the Emancipation Act of 1829.

The prospectus or pledge of the new association is issued from the office of the *Ventilator*, 150 Kingsland road, London, N.E. In County Council, Local Board, School Board, Parliamentary, and all other public elections, it pledges elections to wote only for those who 'stand by, maintain, and help to advance the pure Bible Protestantism of the English Reformation, including therein
'The Maintenance of the Principles of the Bill of Rights

of 1688, holding fast to the Protestant Succession to the Throne

of these Realms;
'The Undoing of the Damage to Protestantism caused by
the Surrender to Roman Catholics under their false and fraudulent Oaths and Promises, by the Passing of the Emanci-pation Act of 1829, and the Endowment of Popery thereby; The Exclusions of Papists, whether Roman or English, from English Seats in Parliament, and from Governmental or

Administrative positions under the Crown; for the simple reason that no Papist can be true to the Interests of a Protestant State inasmuch as his avowded principles, teachers and teaching is a dead-blank opposition to National Liberty and Prosperity, both Commercial and Moral;

Revoking the Maynorth and William Commercial and Moral;

Revoking the Maynooth and all similar Money-Grants or ments for the teaching of Popery; no Money-Grants to han Catholic Schools unless earned under public examina-

tion and public control;
'The Refusal, also, to Permit so-called Irish "grievances" or affairs in Parliament or elsewhere to further jeopardise and hinder much-needed English Legislative Progress and long-delayed National Social Reforms;

'And the holding in Proper, necessary, and reasonable Control all men, women, and things, the well-known and avowed aim and purpose of whom and which-either personal or relatively, secretly or openly—is the Damage or Subversion of the Protestantism of these Realms; which has been, is, and still shall be our Defence and Safeguard, so long as it is Honourably Maintained in its Purity, Simplicity, and Strength.

This is a fine whoop! And now as to ways and means.

The leaflet continues:

'And for the better Securing of these my Deliberate Convictions and Purpose I further Pledge myself that henceforth Protestantism shall be the basis of my Politics, and that I will not join myself, or belong to or be influenced by any Political Party while Protestantism is endangered in our Nation, which Party will not undertake its Defence, Maintenance, and Promotion on the lines herein laid down. And further, I will make every effort possible to me both by Moral Suasion and the use of every Constitutional and Legitimate means at my disposal to Persuade and Win my fellow-Voters and Citizens to the endorsement and acceptance of these My Convictions and the voluntarily taking of and subscribing to this My

Pledge.
Seeing that the Success and Prosperity of Protestantism ensures the Benefit and Blessing of all men everywhere, and that Popery everywhere guarantees the very opposite, I Hereby Pledge my determined Opposition to Popery and everything Popish, whether of English Ritualists or of Rome; and I Pray

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Latet anguis in herba. There was no need of a new association to formulate or carry out this superfine political programme. Minus the bond of secret and illegal oaths, it is point for point the 'ticket' of the Orange Society in England as in Australia and New Zealand. It is couched in the politico-religious slang affected by the 'Sons of William,' and in all probability emanates from the portals of the happily decreated institution known as the English Grand Lodge. The decrepid institution known as the English Grand Lodge. obscure rulers of that underground association would not dare to boldly sign their names to any appeal to the general public; for the name of the Orange Society stinks in the nostrils of all educated and loyal Englishmen ever since the stirring days of 1835-1836, when the London Imperial Grand Lodge broke up under the shadow of indelible disgrace, after having corrupted the loyalty of 42 regiments of the line, and kept a quarter of a million of its fanatical followers armed and ready for a revolution which was to have snatched the crown from the Princess (now Queen) Victoria, and placed it on the head of the hoary old reprobate, Imperial Grand Master the Duke of Cumberland. The L.O.L. is given to fishing in turbid waters. It is merely playing its old game of self-seeking and disloyalty under the hypocritical pretence of zeal for the cause of the Reformation.

Diocesan News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 4.

Mr. Petre, the architect of the new parish church at Thorndon,

Mr. Petre, the architect of the new parish church at Thorndon, is expected from Dunedin to-day, with specifications, etc., of the building, and doubtless ere long tenders will be called. At present men are busy clearing the debris of the old Cathedral preparatory to the foundation-stone of the new building being laid.

The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, after a long period of thirteen and a half years as Rector of St. Patrick's College, has, through the advice of his medical attendant, decided to take a rest. He is suffering from nervous prostration brought on by his various and arduous duties. It is not his intention to leave the Colony, but it is thought a thorough rest will set him up. He is going for a time to the Rev. Father McKenna. Masterton. There is no doubt that the success of St. Patrick's College is due in a great measure to his ability and energy. During the absence of the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, the Rev. Father Bower, S.M., B.A., will act as Rector of the College. His many friends will hope to see Dr. Watters soon back amongst them, much benefited by the rest and change.

The passes scored in the recent matriculation examination by St. Patrick's College were particularly creditable. Of 18 students who went up for the examination 16 passed. Their names are Cyril Collins, Chas. Gamble, Frederic W. Crombie, Daniel Sullivan, Stanislaus Moran (Wellington), James A. Eccleton (Greytown North). Richard Dorset (Mauriceville), Robert J. Loughnan, Charles Graham, Joseph McGee (Christchurch), Patrick McEvedy (Southbridge), Ignatius O'Boyle (Leeston), Charles Venning (Timaru), Eugene O'Brien (Auckland), Cecil Morkanc (Dunedin), Sydney Organ (Westport).

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St. Mary's Convent only sent up three pupils for the matriculation examination this year, two of whom have passed, viz.—Miss Rose Falconer and Miss M. Waldegrave.

The committee of the Ex-Pupils' Association of St. Mary's Convent have invited all the ex-pupils to a meeting at the schoolroom on Tuesday next to make arrangements for their first picnic,

Miss Agnes Kennedy, daughter of Mr. Martin Kennedy, and Miss Bertha Cutten-Edwards, both of this city, and pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru, have also passed the matriculation

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Misses M. E. Skerrett, Constance Plimmer, and May Atkins, who succeeded in passing the matriculation examination, received their education at St. Francis Xavier's Academy.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Mary of the Angels' on Wednesday, when Mr. J. A. Tuthill, of Messrs. Taine and Co., was married to Miss L. Drinkwater, of Dannevirke. Miss Norah Hannigan acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. C. Hamilton as best man. The bride was given away by Mr. J. Coogan. The Very Rev. Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., performed the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was laid at the Trocadero, where a number of friends of the newlymarried couple assembled and offered their congratulations.

St. Patrick's College reopened to-day for the reception of students, and on Monday classes will be formed.

Dr. Martin, a well-known resident of this city, was married to Miss Rose at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday. Among the wedding presents was a silver centre-piece from the Fathers of St. Patrick's College.

PRESENTATION TO FATHER LONG, MASTERTON.

LAST week we were able to give a brief account of the presentation of an address and a purse of sovereigns to the Rev. Father Long, of Masterton, on the eve of his departure for Ireland, and we are now Masterton, on the eve of his departure for Ireland, and we are now in a position to supplement that report of the proceedings by a few more particulars. The presentation took place at the Catholic Presbytery, the Rev. Father Clancy, in the absence of the Very Rev. J. M'Kenna, who was engaged at the Provincial Synod, presiding. The following is the text of the address, read by Mr. A. R. Bunny:
—'It is with the very deepest feelings of regret that we learn of your projected departure from amongst us. Your devoted attention to your sacerdotal duties, good nature and geniality have been the means of endearing you to the people of this parish since your advent. The short notice you have given of your intended return to Ireland has limited the possibilities of making the accompanying presentation more substantial. But we beg that you will accept of it as a slight token of the regard in which you are held by your parishioners of the Wairarapa on whose behalf we subscribe ourselves.'

Mr. Bunny said as one who had been intimately acquainted with Father Long it had given him great pleasure to have an opportunity of assisting at the presentation Messrs. O'Connell, A. Stempa, Dickson, and J. B. Dolan spoke in eulogistic terms of Father Long.

The Rev. Father Long, in reply, said he felt quite overwhelmed the kindness of his friends in the Wairarapa. During his sojourn amongst them he found many occasions of noting their devotion to their priests, and he might assure them that all their need qualities were a source of gratification to their prestors. In good qualities were a source of gratification to their pastors. In his long mission work in Western Australia, Central Australia and his long mission work in Western Australia, Central Australia and Queensland he had ample experience of the fact that the colonies were not behind the Old Country in their ardent support of the Church. It gave him much pleasure to receive the mark of esteem conferred upon him by those present, and he would remember the occasion as one of the happiest experiences of his life.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 6.

The Sisters of the Mission have been placed in charge of the school at Halswell. Several nuns from the Convent, Barbadoes street, entered into possession this week.

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I have been shown an interesting relic of the early missionary days of the Colony, which his Lordship the Bishop has just received from the Most Rev. Or. Croke. Archbishop of Cashel, and formerly Bishop of Auckland. It is a metal crucifix, evidently of a very ancient design, and was part of the belongings of Bishop Pompallier during his missionary days in Auckland. It is the intention of Dr. Grimes to pass it on to Bishop Lenihan, who, he thinks, should possess it as an object of historical interest. So that after many years and a voyage round the world it will once again be amongst at least the descendants of those to whom it was 'in the long ago' shown as the emblem of man's redemption.

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Another unique treasure possessed by Dr. Grimes is the skull-cap made of white silk of his Holiness the Pope, worn by him at the May Consistory last year, and given to the Bishop by the Holy

Father when last in Rome.

Father when last in Rome.

Two recent arrivals in the persons of the Rev. Fathers Crotty and Price preached in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday last, the former at the High Mass at 11 o'clock and the latter at Vespers. After Vespers there was the usual monthly procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Pro-Cathedral organist being away on a holiday to Sydney, Miss Kate Young acted as organist and played the Dead March in 'Saul' as a recessional in memory of the late Very Rev. Father Cumpings Father Cummings.

An editorial in one of the daily papers brought out in its correspondence columns the following tribute to the nuns of the Catholic Church. The writer is Mrs. Cunnington. 'I emphatically contradict (says she) your statement that "orthodoxy" shrinks from certain outcasts, and I base my contradiction on facts—facts, too, of a very old standing. Take the Roman Catholics first. Why, for years and years before the Army was born, nuns were walking through slums and gutters, gathering little children into schools, visiting the sick and dying in plague-ridden districts, taking to their arms lepers and sufferers from the foulest of diseases. It was nuns who attended the sufferers in Vienna from bubonic plague, it was nuns who stood to their post when all others fied as cholera

marched into India's cities. Women have given up home, marriage,

marched into India's cities. Women have given up home, marriage, friends, to enter convents, and in quiet cloistered chambers have taught little children, or received the poor outcast women, fed them, clothed them, nursed them day by day, year by year, and no drum or trumpet has flourished the work abroad. I say, thank God for His silent workers, as well as for the ones who march to the cries of haltelujah songs in streets and roads.

'I was wonderfully impressed by the quiet beauty of a nun's work at the time that Sheehan the murderer lay waiting death in Lyttelton Gaol. Each day the ugly old gaol gate was opened, and a quiet, gentle little nun was admitted. Reverently the warder led her to the condemned cell; there she stayed for hours praying and consoling the unhappy being for whom the clamorous world had no kind word. Do you think that nun, young and fragile as I know her to be, was not worthy of all praise and honour? Did she "shrink from the outcast?"

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At 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, in the presence of a numerous gathering, the new Church of St. Agnes at Halswell was solemnly blessed and dedicated by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M. V.G., and Father Ginaty, S.M. There were also present the Rev. Fathers Marnane, Foley, and Richards. After the ceremony of blessing the church was concluded, an address was read and presented to his Lordship by Messrs. M. Carthy and Walls, to which he suitably replied. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, at the termination of which a collection was taken up, realising the handsome total of £40. Benediction of the Most Blessed Saorament, the music being rendered by the principal members of the pro-Cathedral choir, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Cronin, closed the ceremonies of the day. monies of the day.

On Sunday morning last the new church at Hornby was opened by his Lordship Dr. Grimes. A full report of the proceedings will

be given in my next letter.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

February 6, 1899,

His Lordship the Bishop returned *via* the West Coast last week from Wellington, accompanied by the Rev. Father Gillan. This alteration was rendered necessary through the approaching end of the Rev. Father Luck, who was most anxious for the Bishop's

Very Rev. Father Moore's week's mission at the Cathedral concluded last Sunday night. Throughout the week, though the attendance was not numerous, the sermons were particularly interesting, instructive, and of a high order. Advice was given which should prove of lasting benefit. Father Moore left for Melbourne via the South on Monday.

The Very Rev. Father Dawson, who left by the Westralia on Monday for Sydney, purposes to sojourn for his health at the Blue Mountains.

Mountains.

The Cathedral Altar boys held their annual picnic at Howick on Monday. Rev. Father Croke accompanied the boys. A most enjoyable day was spent. During the day a presentation was made to the late Master of Ceremonies at the Cathedral.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration Committee are earnestly working to ensure success. Everything points in that direction.

Hearty responses are being made towards the Rishon's presents.

Hearty responses are being made towards the Bishop's presentation. Monsignor McDonald is working assiduously to ensure its success.

The Guard of Honor Confraternity connected with the Cathedral held their annual picnic at Northcote on Wednesday. Rev. Fathers Croke and Buckley attended. Great credit was due to the committee, consisting of Messrs. Gough (two), Twohey, and Lorrigan. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A VERY OLD WOMAN.

ONE of the most interesting personalities that Gloucester annually entertains at its October mop tair (says the London Daily Telegraph) is undoubtedly Mrs. Ann Smith, of Worcester, who attained the extraordinary age of 109 years on 10th June last. A Press repreextraordinary age of 109 years on 10th June last. A Press representative found her in her caravan a couple of days ago, and was willingly given a few facts concerning her remarkable career. The centenarian was born in a caravan, at Chargrove, near Oxford, and has spent more than 100 years of her life in travelling about the country from fair to fair. She is nimble still in getting in and out of her caravan, and can attend to all her household duties without consistence. The old lady has had sixten children of whom some of her caravan, and can attend to all her household duties without assistance. The old lady has had sixteen children, of whom seven are living, and one of whom has herself been the mother of a like number of children. Enjoying a good appetite, she generally partakes of four meals a day, and, though she takes but very little intoxicating drink, she is an inveterate smoker, an old clay pipe being her especial friend, wrapped carefully in a handkerchief when not in use not in use.

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CROWN LANDS.

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

NGAPAERURU BLOCK, 22nd February 1899.

STARBOROUGH ESTATE, 13th March, 1899.

MAHORA ESTATE, about January 1899.

WAIKAKAHI ESTATE, about March 1899.

WILLOWS ESTATE, about March 1899.

THE NGAPAERURU BLOCK.

Hawke's Bay, will be open for sale or selection, either for cash, for occupation with right of purchase, or for lease in perpetuity, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1899. It contains FORTY SECTIONS, a total of THRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN ACRES. The areas range from 130 acres to 913 acres, and the cash price from £1 to £1 12s 6d an acre; and rents, 5 per cent. if with right of purchase, and 4 per cent. freese in perpetuity. The land is to the east of the Town of Dannevirke, and is the forest country between the Waikopiro Settlement and the Mangatoro Estate. Distance from Dannevirke, 8½ to 14 miles, principally along main Dannevirke-Weber Coach road. The flats are heavily timbered with rimu and kahikatea. Soil is good, and the land well watered. Roads are now being made to give access to the sections. access to the sections,

THE STARBOROUGH ESTATE

Marlborough District, will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity on MONDAY, the 13th MARCH, 1899. It contains FORTY-ONE AGRICULTURAL SECTIONS, ranging from 268 acres to 983 acres, at an annual rental of 2s to 6s 9d per acre; and FOUR SMALL GRAZING-RUNS, average area, 3000 acres; annual rent, 1s 9d per acre. The total area for disposal is 33,415 acres. The estate is on the Awatere River, about 18 miles from Blenheim, and intersected by main road from Blenheim to Kaikoura. A railway is in course of construction to the Township of Seddon. A large area consists of good flats, terraces, and rolling downs. The soil is generally excellent, and a large portion of the estate has been cultivated and cropped, and is now in grass.

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. The 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 will suited for subdivision and close settlement, and will be opened in areas of from 100 acres to 1000 acres. This will give 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. there are many metalled roads traversing it,

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SOME FINE FIGURE-JUGGLING EXPOSED BY CARDINAL MORAN.

ILLITERACY AND ILLEGITIMACY.

Some days back, says the Catholic Press, the Sydney daily papers gave the substance of an address on the progress of education by the Rev. Dr. Roseby at the Evangelical Alliance of New South Wales. The address showed that while all Catholic countries are steeped in dense ignorance. Protestant countries are beacons of enlightenment and virtue. We dealt with the subject last week in a leading article. On last Tuesday we referred to the matter in the course of a conversation with his Eminence the Cardinal.

The Cardinal picked up the last issue of the Statesman's Year Book, from which Dr. Roseby quoted, and took the address point by point Dr. Roseby found that in England and Wales the percentage of persons signing the marriage register by mark fifty years ago was forty. In 1895 it was only 4.

The Cardinal said, 'With regard to that there are three countries to be considered, England, Scotland and Ireland. The population of Ireland in 1896, according to the Statesman's Year

Book, was 4,560,378, and the average number of children on the rolls of the primary schools was \$15,248, or 17.9 per cent. of the whole population. In Scotland in the same year the population was \$1,186.849 and the total number of children on the school rolls was 709,478, which is only 16.9 per cent. In England and Wales in the same year the population was 30,717,355, and the total children on the register was 5,422,989, or 17.5; er cent. So of the three countries Ireland has the most children attending schools

'The next point,' his Eminence remarked, 'in regard to the statistics, is that the same Statesman's 1ear Book gives a special statistics of the three countries for the same statistics.

report on the illegitimate births of the three countries for the same year—that is 1896. In England the number of illegitimate births was 38,729, being 42 per 1000 of the children born. In Scotland the number of illegitimate births was 9287, being 72 per 1000. land the total number was 2817, being 26 per 1000. And the book remarks about the Irish statistics: "The rate varying from 6 per 1000 in Connaught to 37 per 1000 in Ulster!" So that in Catholic Connaught the rate is 6 per 1000, whilst in Scotland it is 72 per

The next point in Dr. Roseby's address is his reference to Canada,

where he shows a high educational average.

The Cardinal said: 'In Canada the Catholic population is over 2,000,000. Why, therefore, does he call Canada a Protestant country?

The total population in 1896 was 5,125,436; and the Anglicans did not number more than 200,000.'

Dr. Roseby quoies New South Wales, and embraces this colony and Victoria among the 'Protestant countries.' The Cardinal asks

why? He said, 'There is a point to be considered in our Australian reports. Take New South Wales. Any child who attends a public school one day in the year is registered. The same child may attend fifty different schools during the year, and get registered in each Hence, as a matter of fact, there are more children put down as attending our public schools in New South Wales than there are children in the colony. But then at the same time our Catholic schools hold their own. We are doing our best, and there is no reason why we should be put down as Protestant. In New South Wales the illegitimate births numbered 2 445, being 67 per thousand of the total annual births, which is nearly as bad as Scotland. The same applies to Victoria. In Victoria the illegitimates numbered 1.812, being 56 per cent. The Cardinal quoted from the Statesman's Year

Dr. Roseby's next point is the German Empire. He said : Good as this (the Australian) record is, that of the German Empire is ten times as good, There with a population of 53 million, only

is ten times as good. There with a population of 53 millions only two in a thousand are unable to read and write.

The Cardinal similed and remarked. The German Empire is not one state. It is composed of 25 different states, and the three most Catholic states are Alsace-Lorraine. Bavaria, and Ba en. The Catholics of Alsace-Lorraine are 76 per cent, of the whole population; in Bavaria they are 70 per cent, in Badan they are still higher. Now, in all the number of ; in Baden they are still higher. Now in all the number of erman states these are the three that reckon highest in the proortion of the children attending the schools. For instance in Alsace-orraine I find in the Statesman's Year Book the lowest percentage of those who are illiterate, and the highest percentage of children attending school is in Bayaria. In Baden the Fran Book gives the total population 1.725.464 whilst the total number of pupils is 351,980 being more than 20 per cent of the population, and that is

351,980 being more than 20 per cent of the population, and that is the highest in any country in Europe.'

'The next point,' I said. 'is Sweden. There most of the people are Lutheran, said Dr. Roseby, and the number of illiterate adults is less than I per cent of the whole population.'

'In regard to Sweden,' the Cardinal replied, 'there is a remarkable fact in the **Natroman's Year Hook.** The number of illegitimate children is 14,438, being 107 per thousand of the whole number of births annually, almost double the number of Scotland.'

'Then,' I remarked 'Dr. Roseby quotes Switzerland as a model' The Cardinal said: 'The statistics of illegitimacy in Switzerland are given in the **Stateman's Year Book,' page 999.** The number is put down for the year at 4009, being 45 per thousand of the total births.

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'Dr. Roseby now refers to Austria-Hungary as a Catholic country where one-half of the people can neither read nor wr te,' I

The Cardinal replied: 'The Statesman's Year Book gives no The Cardinal replied: The Statesman's Year Book gives no returns for these countries except those of ten years ago, and Dr. Roseby goes back ten years to have a sneer at Austria. Now, the truth is that while Austria is 80 per cent. Catholic, in Hungary the Catholics number only 50 per cent. In Austria, in 1895, there were 3,378,832 pupils in the various schools, out of the total children of school age, 3,872,695. That is, almost 88 per cent. of the children

attend school. In Hungary the number at school is only 2,534,629,

being less than 80 per cent. of the school-going population.'
'Dr. Roseby,' I said, 'speaks of Belgium, and says that reading and writing are beyond the reach of more than a quarter of the highly centralised population.'

highly centralised population.' The Cardinal remarked: 'The population in 1896 was 6,495,886, and the number of pupils in the public schools was 964,838, in the four universities 3850, in the other Government institutions 32,612, being a total of 1,001,300. In page 381 of the Statesmen's Year Book we find in reference to Belgium: "Besides the above public schools there are many rejectors for schools." the above public schools there are many private or free schools; about 80 colleges, 65 middle class schools for boys, 150 institutions for girls, besides many infant, primary, and adult schools, mostly under ecclesiastical care." It was highly amusing to see the Cardinal turning Dr. Roseby

inside out.

It said: 'But what have you to say to this? I am quoting from Dr. Roseby's address—'In France where the population with a diminishing death rate continues nearly stationary, and where 42 millions out of 44 millions have enrolled themselves as Roman Catholics, 5 per cent of the Conscript youths are unable to read or write.'

write.'
'Well,' the Cardinal replied, 'the Statesman's Year Book remarks that there has been no religious census in France since '70, so Dr. Roseby is drawing on his imagination. On page 475 we find in the Year Rock that the school age in France to 6 to 13, and of in the Year Book that the school age in France to 6 to 13, and of course that is a different estimate entirely from Germany and other countries where the age is from 4 to 14, as a rule. Pupils over or under that age are registered. In 1896 the total pupils in the elementary schools is given at 6.253,631, in secondary schools 96,130, and in the University schools 26,819, being a total of 6,376,580 (or 145 per cent. of the whole population), about 95 per cent. of the children of school age. 'And what can be said of Dr. Roseby's remarks about Spain?

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'In Spain, strange to say, the Year Book gives no statistics later than 1885, but you may refer to Chambers Encyclopædia—a book within the reach of everyone. There you will find it recorded that no country in Europe made such wonderful progress in the past 10 years as Spain.'

'Then regarding Italy?'

'Elementary education is compulsory, but the school age is only between six and nine, whilst the number of children recognised by the State is comparatively few. The children attending private schools are not recognised in the Italian census. In the next place Dr. Roseby's statistics are taken from the year 1881 as regards Italy. The Statesman's Year Book gives the number of pupils in 1895 as 170 810 in clarette. 3,179,810 in elementary schools, besides 22 420 University students, and the pupils in other high Government institutions, such as schools of art, are given at 39,127, being a total of 3,241,357, which is quite in proportion with any other country in Europe for children of the school age.'

'Dr. Roseby says in conclusion that in Portugal 79 per cent. of

the people can neither read nor write.'

The Cardinal: 'For Portugal, strange to say, the Statesman's Year Book gives no late statistics for illiteracy or schools. The statistics given go back 20 years, so they cannot be appealed to.'

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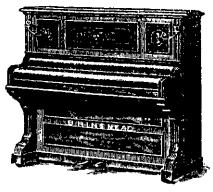


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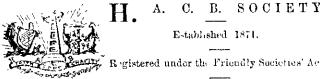
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ANTRIM.—Death of Mr. Joseph Keenan.—The death of Mr. Joseph Keenan is announced in the Home papers. The remains were interred in the family burial ground, Shane's Castle, Antrim. Deceased was a most exemplary member of the Catholic community, and had been a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the past forty-two years.

ARMAGH.—Proposed Light Railway.—It is proposed to construct a light railway from Newry to Keady, Tynan, and other places in Clogher Valley, Armagh.

BELFAST.—Protest Against Over-Taxation.—A meeting was held in Belfast, about the end of Dec., to protest against the over-taxation of Ireland. The Earl of Mayo and Lord Castletown were among the speakers.

CLARE.—Signs of National Unity.—A remarkable demonstration under United Irish League auspices was held at Dronbeg, Co. Clare, on Thursday, Dec. 22. Mr. Dillon was the chief speaker, and on the platform Parnellites and anti-Parnellites stood side by side. The proceedings gave cheering proof that National unity is not far off.

A Nun's Silver Jubilee.—The silver jubilee of Sister Mary Aquin was celebrated at the Couvent of Mercy, Killaloe, with fitting ceremonies on December 15. The esteemed religieuse who had just completed her 25th year of noble work in the service of God is a sister of his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. M'Redmond.

DERRY.—A Ripe Old Age.—At the extraordinary age of 107 years there has lately died Mrs. Mary Bradley, of Innisrush, Tamlaght O'Crilly. Mrs. Bradley was a sister of the late Rev. Father M'Namee, P.P., of Greenlough. She was one of the very few Irish-speaking people to be met in that part of the country.

DONEGAL.—A New Justice of the Peace.—Sir Newman Chambers, on the recommendation of the Duke of Abercorn, has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the Justiceship of the Peace for County Donegal, and will sit at Moville.

DOWN.—Testimonial to a Priest.—Right Rev. Mgr. M'Cartan, the revered pastor of Dromore, is to receive a testimonial from the Irishmen of Newcastle-on-Tyne formerly resident in Dromore.

DUBLIN.—Telegraphing the Irish Language.—The Irish Post Office has succeeded in telegraphing addresses in the Irish language.

Beautifying the Streets.—The Institute of Architects of Ireland are exerting themselves in the matter of preventing further disfigurement of the streets of Dublin, and to secure the removal of many existing eyesores.

A Big Jewel Robbery.—A daring jewel robbery is reported from Dublin, a traveller for an English firm of jewellers being the victim to the extent of £3000.

A Lady Poor Law Guardian.—Miss Rathbourne, a well-known Catholic lady, has been returned unopposed as the representative of the ratepayers of Arran Quay Ward, in the North Dublin Union. There were two gentlemen candidates in the field, but they stood aside when Miss Rathbourne offered her services, as they recognised how useful the services of a lady would be on the board when it was a question of visiting the poor in their homes.

GALWAY.—An Address in Irish.—The Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, was presented on one Sunday recently with an address in Irish at the Monastery, Galway.

LIMERICK.—The Corporation and the Catholic University.—The Limerick Corporation has unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of the establishment of a Catholic University in Ireland.

Monument to Wolfe Tone.—The foundation stone of a monument to Wolfe Tone was laid at Rathkeale on St. Stephen's Day.

Retirement of a County Council Candidate.—Mr. Thomas O'Farrell, the selected Nationalist candidate for the Patrick's Well Division of County Limerick, at the new County Council elections, resigned in favour of Lord Emly.

How the Poor are Housed.—Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, in thanking the Limerick Corporation for the courtesy shown to him

while he was present at their meetings in connection with the scheme which they have now adopted for the erection of artisans' and labourers' dwellings, said it was a scandal to have people living in hovels not fit for brute beasts,

A Sensible Movement.—The Limerick Union have gone a step further in carrying out their unity proposals. A resolution was carried at a meeting in December last, authorising their chairman (who is a Parnellite) and the Mayor of Limerick to summon a meeting of the representative men of Munster to meet in Limerick early in January to devise some means to requite the country on lines independent of all English parties.

SLIGO.—Presentation to a Prelate.—Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood a short time ago. A pleasant ceremony took place in the Δ bbey, Ballaghadeerin, when his Lordship was presented with an address and testimonial.

WEXFORD.—A Memorial of '98.—A memorial slab was recently unveiled in the house of the famous Billy Byrne of Ballymanus. The ceremony, which was performed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, was made the occasion of a great '98 demonstration.

WICKLOW.—A Brave Girl.—The Dominican Convent, Wicklow, was the scene of a very interesting function about the middle of December—viz., the presentation to one of the young lady boarders, a Miss Georgie Galvin, of the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for bravery displayed in saving life. The Very Rev. Canon O'Donnell, P.P., presided, and Rev. M. Clarke, C.C., and Rev. B. Conroy, C.C., in addition to a number of parents of pupils of the institution, were present during the proceedings. The circumstances of the act of bravery were given by Colonel Adye-Curran, who made the presentation. He said: 'Our young heroine was bathing with her sisters and a friend, Miss Drake Burleigh, at Penmaenwaur, Wales. The foreshore there is somewhat dangerous by reason of its shifting sands and varying depths. All had gone on well for some little time, when suddenly she became aware of the fact that her friend, Miss Burleigh, who was but a poor swimmer, had disappeared from amongst them, and on looking round she discovered her some distance away struggling with the elements, and fast receding with the elbing tide. It would appear that Miss Burleigh had twice called for help without being heard, and at last, making a frantic effort, she shouted "Georgie!" and sank. Her appeal was heard, and responded to at once. Miss Galvin, never hesitating a moment, made straight for her, straining her every nerve, and, being a good swimmer, succeeded in grasping her hair as she was sinking for the third time. After a hard struggle, and not without much difficulty and risk, she succeeded in bringing her into shallow water in a semi-conscious state.'

GENERAL.

The Catholic University.—In a recent issue of the Spectator Sir Charles Gavan Duffy deals with the question of a Catholic University for Ireland as follows:—In enumerating the reasons for establishing a Catholic University in Ireland you have omitted the most serious and practical. Young Catholics have to run the race of life with Englishmen and Scotchmen, and they run it at a serious disadvantage for want of the training and efficiency which a University education supplies. They are retarded in obtaining professions, and afterwards in procuring employment, from this want, It was my fortune to encounter in Australia hundreds, and indeed thousands, of bright, intelligent young Irishmen whose education had not fitted them for any employment beyond that of a clerk, and who in many cases became waiters in hotels, poundkeepers, railway-porters, and, of course, diggers, while better educated, and I will venture to say not better endowed, Scotchmen occupied superior positions. I have never heard any reason for refusing them this right, which a man of honour and integrity ought not to be ashamed to acknowledge. They are not asking anything new or peculiar; there are two Protestant universities in Scotland, and one essentially Protestant university for the minority in Ireland. In the name of common-sense and common justice, why should there not be one essentially Catholic university for the majority?

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'What a houseful of people you've got, Lady Jermyn. May I sit down? Ah! thanks; that's very cosy. And now, please, post me up as to who everyone is, and all about them. I don't seem to recognise anyone except the Darnleys, and Mrs. Burton, and two or three of the men. To begin with, who is that talking to Jermyn? 'Ah, that's John Dane!'

'No, no, you mistake me, I mean the lady in the picturesque white velvet gown to whom I sat opposite at dinner?'

'Precisely! She is John Dane. Now, Mr. Gerrard, surely I'm not to infer from that blank expression of unenlightenment that, although you have been out of the world for three years and over, you've not read John Dane's novels?'

'My dear Lady Jermyn, I've not read a novel since the days of my long-vanished youth. I prefer my romance and adventure just as it comes out all alive and fresh in the book of life. Nor, to my knowledge, have I ever heard before of John——'

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Dane. John Dane is, of course, a nom-de-plume. She is a Miss Clifford. Very rich, very famous, very heautiful, as you see, very much admired, and courted and sought after. And, entre nous, just now withal, very provoking!'
'Ah, that last detail interests me. Why provoking, and just

now, may I ask?"

'Oh!' with a shrug, 'because she keeps us all on tenter-hooks of conjecture and uncertainty as to whom she will marry. She's had the most brilliant and distinguished offers, and declined them all. Her enemies conclude her heartless, or over worldly-wise and arbiticans. Passonally I'm content to all it recognizes that ambitious. Personally, I'm content to call it provoking that a woman systematically spoils her best friends' schemes to secure her a suitable match. However, and this is again very much entre nous, I'm ready to forgive her that and more, if she behaves prettily this time, and accepts the right man after all; and here, too, which will be doubly gratifying to man in fact quite a feet by in a second be doubly gratifying to me-in fact, quite a feather in my social

cap!'
'And who is the lucky dog in prospective between whom and so beautiful a wife stands that qualifying "if." Point him out to

me.'
'Oh, he hasn't arrived yet. We expected him by your train, till to-morrow. You must know on famously. I know he admires her immensely. 'And the lady?'
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'Ah! there's the crux. She always seems less aloof with him than with other men, which is a good sign. Oh, yes, I've great 'Well, I shall be much interested as to the trend of that 'if' aforesaid. But you're not deserting me, are you?'

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aforesaid. But you're not deserting me, are you'r' I must just set things going a bit. The men all seem so stupid and drowsy after their day's sport and dinner. We've got a wonderful soprano somewhere or other in the rooms. I will find her and ask her to sing. Won't you go over and renew your old fiir—I beg your pardon, with Mrs. Burton? She's simply pining, I'm sure, to hear something of your wanderings.'

Presently a clear, fluting voice penetrated and soared above the intermittent hum of low laughter and conversation, compelling silence. Mr. Gerrard, resuming his corner of the big luxuriously-pillowed couch, partly screened by a miniature plantation of palms and exotics, followed his hostess' interrupted progress through the brilliantly lighted suite of rooms, as, proceeding on her quest, she was arrested here and there, or paused by some of her guests to exchange a few lively words, till, disappearing through a curtained doorway, he lost her, and gave himself up to his favourite amusement—the study of human nature. The song, beautifully sung—its note of pathos in words and setting modulating in the closing bars to something of despair—concluding, Mr. Gerrard, whose keen eye had been attracted to Arthur Rickards, one of a small group of men standing over by a doorway, and struck by something in his attitude and expression, said to himself, 'Now this is very interesting!' Meanwhile, the man thus unconsciously under observation, his avers on Mary Clifford sitting absorbed in the music, said to himattitude and expression, said to filmself, 'Now this is very interesting!' Meanwhile, the man thus unconsciously under observation, his eyes on Mary Clifford sitting absorbed in the music, said to himself with a pang, all the more intense for the emotion stirred within him by melody and words: 'A beautiful iceberg; just that!'

To Mary the song seemed but to voice the secret regret and sorrow lying always at her heart.

'I stood among the gold corn, Alas, no more I knew, To gather gleaners' measure Of the love that fell from you. For me no gracious harvest : Would God we ne'er had met, For cruel as remembrance is, Tis harder to forget.

She had not forgotten! The love born in her seven years ago had but deepened and grown with the years, spite of the fact that till within a week ago, at this house among the Scottish moors, she and Arthur Rickards had not once met face to face, and that since then he had studiously avoided her. All through the years she had followed, and carefully collected every record of his career as a public man and politician. Her heart had never swelled with pride at her own successes as it had done often when she heard his name on men's lips as a born leader of men and champion of righteons. on men's lips as a born leader of men and champion of righteous

Two hours later, when her guests were gradually retiring, the women to their rooms, and the men to the smoking-room, Lady

Jermyn, chatting with Mary Clifford and Mrs. Gerrard, beckoned Arthur Rickards to her.

'You know I don't believe one little bit in this cock-and-bull story of urgent business Mr. Rickards. Whoever heard of urgent business in August? The truth is you're bored to death, and so have suddenly made up your mind to run off all in a hurry in this shabby manner.'
Mr. Gerrard picked up and restored Mary Clifford's fan to her, saying, 'Not broken, I hope!' and then to himself, 'This is really

extremely interesting !'

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'Believe me, Lady Jermyn, I only go because I cannot stay.'

'Ah, well, I suppose I must forgive you. But Jermyn'll simply be a bear with a sore head for days to come. Thank heaven you've arrived, Mr. Gerrard. My husband's lost without one or other of his few special chums at his elbow when we're down here.'

'Then I'll say good-night, and good-bye, Lady Jermyn.'

'Adieu, perfidious one! You'll have a solitary breakfast. I ve ordered it for five. That leaves you ample time for the drive to the station.'

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Mary's hand lay a moment in his, and he was gone, Mr. Gerrard going with him to join their host and the other smokers.

Mary Clifford in her room, dismissing her maid, sat for over an hour by a shaded lamp writing. Then, gathering up her papers and putting them away, she opened one of the French windows, and stepping out on to the covered-in balcony, seated herself in one of its cushioned corner seats. All round, solemn and still under the faint-lit sky, lay the great black hills and widespread moors. The scene, for all it was so different, brought Dashleigh Common vividly to her mind. Dashleigh that was so bound up with the chief events of her life Dashleigh, where, that summer time long ago, her one great joy and her life-long sorrow had come to her hand in hand, bringing with them the sense of desolation that for so long lengthened the days to months, the slow months to weary years. Dear old Dashleigh, the home she loved so, where she had watched that poor old woman, broken in spirit by pain and suffering, change day by day from her old hard, cold self, to a gentle clinging soul, her last words, 'God bless you, Mary, for all you've been to me. Forgive me! Kiss me!' The woman's heart flowed out to God in gratitude as she remembered the scene. 'Yes, it was not all in vain; and I should do just the same again. It is well with me! I am content! He has years ago forgotten his pain. I am to him as any other stranger he meets by the way.'

'You were never observant, Jermyn, never! Now, I'll tell you why Rickards is leaving to-morrow. He's escaping, or trying to escape, from his feeling for a woman!'

'Ha! ha! ha! That's rich certainly. Ha! ha! ha! Wrong for once in your life, my psychological anatomist. Why man, Rickards never looks at a woman under fifty. Hates 'em, I should think! The mothers and matchmakers gave him up as hopeless years ago.'

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There was a crunching of gravel, and an up-blown whiff of to-bacco, as the speakers beneath the balcony, continuing their stroll, passed round a corner of the house, and Mary Clifford, shaken and activated returned to her room after her unintentional eventroning passed round a corner of the house, and Mary Clifford, shaken and agitated, returned to her room after her unintentional evesdropping. His hurt has been his instructor.' Over and over she repeated the words till the great tears welled up and overflowed. 'Oh. my darling! my darling! is it possible that he, too, feels the smart and sting of that old wound'; and her heart yearned over the man as does that of a mother over her cruelly-wounded child. Till dawn came white and milky over the hills, she paced to and fro, to and fro, longing for the morning. It came radiantly at last, gilding the tops of the hills, silvering the loch, and setting light to the red and purple heather. Long before five o'clock, Mary was dressed all ready to go downstairs, dominated by one thought and one purpose—to comfort, to ease, if possible to heal, the hurt she had inflicted. Down the long corridor and the broad oaken staircase, past the pictures of dames and squires, looking down on her from the walls, she went to fulfil her errand. It was not till she stood in the great hall, hung with heads of game and horns and antlers and all manner of trophies of field and chase, that a thought of self came to her. Then, with the morning-room door in sight, self-consciousness swept over her as in a flood. She realised that what to her was but as yesterday, to this man might be a lifetime. A lifetime wherein that short summer at Dashleigh was but an episode, a dream long past and over No new the could not for her life's ealer at this bit. terday, to this man might be a lifetime. A lifetime wherein that short summer at Dashleigh was but an episode, a dream long past and over. No, no; she could not for her life's sake do this thing she had contemplated; and yet, turning to retrace her steps, the words came clear and incisive: 'His hurt has been his instructor! His hurt! Ah, yes, let self be put to shame; let him, even, be given a full revenge; go on she must and would. But in what words? Ah! her eye fell on a large china bowl of red and yellow roses standing on a table in the midst of a litter of newspapers, caps, railway guides, directories, and novels, and the difficulty of speech was solved. If he had not altogether forgotten, he would understand the message of the red rose. A few steps more, and pushing open the door, she stood before him, face and neck dyed red, red as the rose she held mutely out to him.

'Miss Clifford!' he gasped hoarsely. 'Mary! Do you know what this means?'

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With outstretched arms and a broken sob, she swayed, and would have fallen at his feet, but that with a joyful exclamation he

oaught and held her.
'Mary, my darling! Mine at last! The one and only love of

At eight o'clock to the minute, Mr. Gerrard, as was his custom At eight 0 clock to the minute, Mr. Gerrard, as was his custom in all weathers, rain or shine, on getting out of bed, popped his head out of window to ascertain the direction of the wind. Coming over the little rustic bridge across the lock, evidently returning from an early ramble, he saw Arthur Rickards, a red rose in his coat, and Mary Clifford, a red rose on either cheek.

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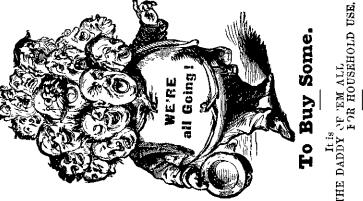
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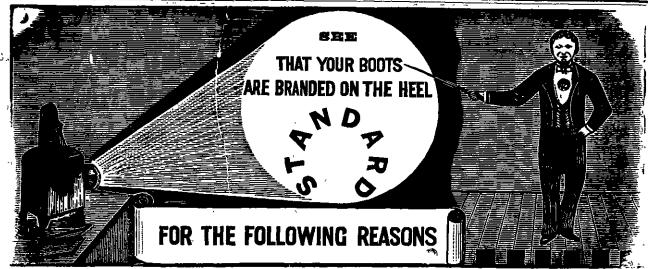
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Consols, 111.

London, February 3.—The British South Africa Company's issue of L625,000 worth of bonds placed on the London market was subscribe i threefold. This is portion of the proposed issue of a million and a half.

Leulen, February 3. The New Zealand loan of a million at 3

per cent is imminent. It has been underwritten ½ per cent. Probably the minimum will be fixed at 96.

Adelaide, February 3.—Local tenders, totalling L300,000, were received by the Bank of Adelaide for the South Australian loan.

London, February 4.—The New Zealand loan is issued as cabled on Friday. Tenders close on Thursday first; six months' interest pay to elst April. The loan has been favourably received

Tuesday, February 7.

- Mr. Harman Reeves. Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows: Banks.—National, Buyers, 2/4/6; Sellers, 2/5/6. New South Wates, B., 37/0/0; S., 37/10/0. Union of Australia, Ltd., B., 26/15/0; S., 27 5/0.

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INSURANCE.—National, B., 16/3; S., 16/9. New Zealand, B., 3/30; S., 3/5/0. South British, B., 2/7/0; S, 2/9/0. Standard, B., 13/0; S., 13/3.

SHIPPING.—New Zealand Shipping, B., 4/9/0; S., 4/10/0. Union

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COAL.—Westport B., 3/2/6; S., 3/3/6.

LOAN AND AGENCY.—Commercial Property Company (2/10/0), B., 5/3; S., 5/9. National Mortgage, B. 14/0; S., 14/6. Perpetual Trustees, B., 11/9; S., 12/6. Trustees and Executors, B., 1/12/6; S., 1/13/6.

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MISCELLANEOUS.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., B., 6/3/6; S., 6/6/0.

MISUELLANEOUS.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., B., 6/3/6; S., 2/4/6; do., new issue, B., 1/1/3; S., 1/4/6. Mornington Tramway, B., 16/0; S., 16/6, Mosgiel Woollen, B., 4/5/0; S., 4/6/0. New Zealand Drug, B., 2/9/6; S., 2/10/0. New Zealand Drug, 30/1-paid), B., 1/14/0; S., 1/15/0. Otago Daily Times, B., 11/19/0; S., 12/0/0.

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DREDGING COMPANIES.—Belmont, par. Buller, B., 19/0; S., 20/6. Chatto Creek, B., 38/0; S., 40/0. Clyde, B., 45/0; S., 47/0. Dunedin, B., 18/0; S., 19/0. Empire, B., 2/5/0; S., 2/10/0. Enterprise, B., 3/0/0; S., 1/1/0. Ettrick, B., 7/6; S., 8/6 (paid). Gold Creek, B., 13/6; S., 14/6. Golden Gate, B., 52/6; S., 53/6. Golden Beach, B., 13/6; S., 14/6. Greem). Golden Point, B., 25/6; S., 53/6. Golden Beach, B., 13/6; S., 14/6. Greem). Golden Point, B., 25/6; S., 26/6. Tuapeka, B., 19/9; S., 20/0. Vincent, B., 24/0; S., 24/0; S., 24/0. S., 21/0. Hartley and Riley., B., 30/0; S., 31/6. Jutland Flat, B., 6/0; S., 6/6 (paid). Kyeburn, 2/6 disc. Lion Rock, B., 7/6;

S., 9/6. Macraes Flat. B., 16/6; S., 17/6. Magnetic, B., 27/6; S., 29/0. Matau, B., 24/0; S. 25/6. Matakitaki, 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. 21/0. Ophir, B., 6d prem. Otago, B., 2/5/0; S., 2/7/6. Success, B., 2/10/0; S., 2/15/0. Upper Waipori B., 3/3; S., 3/6. Waimumu, B., 4/0 prem. Sunlight, B., 2/6; S., 3/0 prem. Cromwell, B., par; S. 6d prem. Riverbank, B., par; sellers 6d.

SLUIGING COMPANIES.—Moonlight (contrib.) B., 17/6; S., 20/6. Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), B., 6/9; S., 7/3. Deep Stream, B., 27/0: S., 28/0.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows:—
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WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, February 1.—At the tallow sales 1500 casks were offered of which 1125 were sold. Prices for all kinds are unchanged London, February 2.—The tallow in stock is 26,867 casks. The imports for the month were 7077 casks, and the deliveries 6470. London, February 2.—The wool sales closed steady with prices about a par with opening rates. The extreme rates at the beginning and middle of the series were not fully maintained. Compared with the December prices merings were 5 per cent. to 71-3 per cent. higher and middle of the series were not fully maintained. Compared with the December prices merinos were 5 per cent. to 71-3 per cent. higher, and crossbreds 10 per cent. higher. The total catalogued to date is 173,500 bales. There were sold to Home buyers 77,000 bales, to Continental 92,000, and to American 5000, chiefly crossbreds. There are held over 19,000 bales.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited) received the following cable from their London office, dated February 2.—'Wool—The sales closed firmly this day. Since close of last sales greasy merino super medium and inferior, fine

close of last sales greasy merino super medium and inferior, fine greasy crossbred, medium washed and scoured crossbred, coarse greasy washed and scoured crossbred, scoured crossbred lambs, merino and crossbred slips are ½d per lb. higher; scoured merino super, washed and scoured merino medium and inferior, fine washed and scoured merino medium and inferior, fine washed and scoured crossbred, and medium greasy crossbred are ½d to 1d per 1b higher other descriptions unchanged. The total quantity sold during the past sales is 164,000 bales, of which 82,000 bales have been taken for the Continent and 6000 bales for America. It is estimated that 20,000 bales have been held over for future disposal.

The National Mortgage and Agency Company received a cable-

gram from their London office, dated 1stinst., stating that 'crossbred wool, low grades, are weak, and prices irregular.'

London, February 4.—The Bradferd wool market is quiet, Common sixties, 20½d; super, 21½d.

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RABBITSKINS—No sales this week.

SHEEPSKINS—The market remains firm, bidding being very brisk at the weekly sales, more especially for fine-wooled skins.

HIDES—In good demand. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to ½d; medium to good, 2¾d to ¾d; light and inferior, 1¾d to 2½d per lb.

TALLOW—Market unchanged. Prime rendered mutton, 13s 6d to 15s; medium, 11s to 13s; rough fa', 8s 6 l to 11s per cwt.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—
WHEAT The market remains dull, there being very little demand.

OATS—Market quiet. Prime milling, 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 8d to 1s 84d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7½d per bushel (sacks extra)

BARLEY--None offering.

CHASE—The market has been over-supplied during the week, and prices are slightly easier. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 15s to L2 17s 6d; extra, L3; medium to good, L2 5s to L2 12s 6d per ton (bags POTATOES -Best kidneys, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 5s

to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags in).

PRODUCE.

London, Febuary I.—The American visible wheat supply is estimated at 51,648,000 bushels.

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The National Mortyage and Agency Company received the following cablegram from their London Offi e, dated 1st inst:—
'Lamb: buyers are more reserved, expecting supplies will come forward rapidly. Tallow market continues very strorg.'

The New Zerland Loan and Mercantile Agency Company received the following cablegram from their London office under date Febuary 1.:—Tallow: Market firm. Frozen meats: Mutten market firm. Wellington mutton is worth 34d per lb; Suthland, 34d per lb. Lamb market quiet. Canterbury lamb is worth 54d per lb Beef market firmer. New Zealand beef: Forquarters are worth 25d per lb; hind-quarters, 34d per lb. Rabbits Market steady, 94d.

Napier, Febuary 2.—Messrs Nelson Bros. (Limited), Tamcano, received the f llowing cablegram from London this afternoon:—
'Frozen meat market. To-day's quotations are: Best Canterbury, 34d; best Dunedin and Soutland, 34d: Napier and North Island, 34d; lamb (first quality), 5d.'

London, Febuary 3.—The wheat market is dull. Victorian (exsailer in Febuary and March) sold at 28s 3d; parcels, 27s 3d.

London, February 4.—The butter market is steady and quiet. Colonial is quoted at 100s to 102s; a few choice parcels at 104s. Danish, 109s.

Cheese—New Zealand 6rm

Danish, 109s.

Cheese-New Zealand firm.

Rabbits are hardening, Victorian fetched 91d to 91d; New Zealand 1d less.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—
OATS—Our catalogue consisted of medium to good feed oats,
which sold under weak competition at 1s 7d to 1s 7d for good; a
few extra heavy at 1s 8d; medium, 1s 6d to 1s 6d per bushel (sacks extra). WHEAT-

WHEAT—The market for milling quality continues languid. We sold medium to good whole fowl what at 1s 9d to 2s 11d per bushel (sacks in).

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POTATOES—Supplies were somewhat in excess of requirements, and in consequence prices were a shade lower. Best kidneys sold at L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; others, L2 5s to L2 7s 6d per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—The market continues to be over-supplied, and late values are with difficulty maintained. We quote: Best oaten sheaf at L2 12s 6d to L2 15s; extra heavy to L3; medium to good, L2 to L2 12s region of the carbon L2 10s per ton (sacks extra).
STRAW—We quote wheat straw (pressed) at 28s per ton.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: feed, medium to prime, 1s 6d to 1s 7½d; milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10d Wheat: milling, 2s 9d to 3s; fowls', 1s 6d to 2s. Chaff: L2 5s to L2 15s according to quality, good supply. Ryegrass and clover hay: L3 to L3 5s. Straw: bare, loose, 28s; pressed. 28s per ton. Potatoes: glutted, L2 to L2 10s. Flour: L8 to L8 10s. Oatmeal: in 251b bags, L10 10s. Butter: dairy, 5d to 7d; fresh factory, 9d to 10d. Eggs: 1s. Bran: L2 10s. Pollard: L3 10s. Onions: scarce, L7 per ton.

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given to First, Second and Third in each distance. Winner of highest aggregate points

	Entry 2s	7	2	1
	16 One Mile Bicycle Handicap (open). Entry, 2s;			
	Acceptance, ls; Winners of Heats, 10s	3	2	1
	17 Dancing Highland Fling (in costume).			
	Entry 2s.		1	0
	18 Youths' Handicap Flat Race, under 16			•
	(220)yds). Entry 6d. Trophies	1	10s	58
	19 Three Mile Scratch Bicycle Race. Entry 2s 6d;	_	100	O.
	Acceptance, 2s. Pacing will be permitted in			
	this event. No lap prizes	5	2	1
	20 Hurling Match. Entry Is a man. To be the	"	-	•
	last item on the programme. Conditions—If			
	two hona fide teams do not enter, the Hurling			
•	Match will not take place. Teams to consist			
		£5.58	0	0
	21 440yds Amateur Flat Race. Trophies. Entry 2s	2	1	0
•	22 Multicycle Handicap Race. Entry, 2s 6d per man		2	0
	23 Hammer Throwing-16lb Hammer (open).			
	Post Entry, 2s	2	1	Ü
	All Cycling Races to be run under League	of N	eur	Zealand
	Wheelmen Rules			

15 Wrestling-Irish Style, Collar and Elbow.

Wheelmen Rules.
GENERAL CONDITIONS:-

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Entries by Post received by the Secretary, Mr. Harry McCormack, George street, Dunedin, or personally at the Society's Rooms, Tablet Office, between the hours of 3 and 10 on the 12th of March. Entries for the Hibernian Wheel Race and St. Patrick's Handicap close on Tuesday, March 7, at 10 o'clock, at Tablet Office, Dunedin.

Four competitors or no Event; Six or no Second Prize; Eight or no Third

The above is not necessarily the order in which the events will take place.
The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.

Entries for cycling races, accompanied with fees, must be made on the League official forms, together with the particulars of last six performances and colours of riders, otherwise they will not be recognis d

All entry forms must be igned by competitors. Winners of Finals in Races are not entitled to Heat Prizes.

The Term 'Known to Handicapper' will not be accepted on any Entry Form.

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DEATHS.

ROUGHAN.—On the 31st January, 1899, at her residence, Pcel street, Lawrence, Margaret, the beloved wife of John Roughan; aged 53 years.—R.I.P.

McDonnell.—On December 8th, at Tancred street, Ashburton, Archibald, dearly beloved husband of Mary McDonnell, in his sixty-sixth year.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

THURSDAY, FEBUARY 9, 1899.

A PRESENT DANGER.

illustrations.

HESTERFIELD wrote to his son: 'We should choose an author as we would a friend. Books are indeed our friends or foes. They do us cither good or harm. They improve or corrupt. They either waste our time or enable us to employ it to advantage. What the great man of fashion wrote of books holds equally good of newspapers and periodicals, which fill a vastly greater space in the life of our time than books did in the

days when the polished Earl penned his art of 'uniting wickedness and the graces.' The unclean spirit had even then set his hand upon the lever of the press—as, for instance, in the 'studiously indecent' dramas of BEAUMONT and He secured a firmer grip and a steadier pull in FLETCHER. later days, when the infidel Vol.TAIRE—after having sworn an oath of eternal hatred to the Saviour of mankind -ioined with D'ALEMBERT and others in a diabolical attempt to corrupt the hearts of the youth of France by the free circulation of booklets written in fascinating language, filled to the covers with coarse allu-ions, and abounding in indecent illustrations. Voltaire's unclean propaganda has reached in our day an extent which would have set Marlowe and

We have been told of many a New Zealand maiden fair to see that does not blush to own more than a passing acquaintance with the most abominable productions of the feetid mind of Zola. Recent proceedings in the law-courts of the Colony have directed public attention to a dangerous class of magazines and newspapers that every succeeding mail brings to the tables of our mechanics' institutes and circulating libraries, and into the homes of our people. They make light of the marriage tie, take as the theme of their fiction the story of illicit and debasing love, or become

the sounding-boards of advertisers who coin money by, in effect, leading our youth along the slippery path that leads to sensuality and still grosser crimes. What VOLTAIRE did for

hatred of Christ, these publications do for love of coin.

BEAUMONT and FLETCHER and STERNE and FIELDING a-

These are extreme samples of the literature that overflows into our homes. But taking it in the mass-book, magazine, and newspaper-it will be vapid and light in texture, even where it is not poisonous in substance. In these Colonies ninety-nine per cent, of it will be naturally non-Catholic. Much of it will be purely secular; a goodly percentage of it permanently or on occasion non-Christian or anti-Christian in tone and feeling, even where—as in the case of newspaper literature—it preserves the ordinary outward decorum of decent journalism. Now, during the past half-century the reading habit has come in with a rush like the tide in the Bay of Fundy. The crux of the situation lies in this: That the swift growth of the habit has found our Catholic people, like their neighbours, practically without a corresponding development of conscience in the matter of the literary food with which they stuff their minds. This lack of conscience results in a melancholy and reckless disregard, on the part of parents and teachers, for the class of literature on which children browse at that risky and highly impressionable age when the character is so often definitely and finally formed. People who in other matters have a conscience as delicate as a hair-spring, serencly place or leave books, papers, or magazines in the hands of children regardless as to whether they contain nectar and ambrosia or vile and poisonous garbage that is as deadly to the soul as a triple dose of strychnine would be to the body. Mani-

It is the merest folly to object that false impressions may be subsequently removed and misstatements corrected, and

festly, one of the crying needs of our time is the creation

and cultivation of a conscience among our people in the

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matter of reading.

It ranges

that thus, in the end, a true average judgment of things is reached. People outside lunatic asylums do not swallow overdoses of chloral on the plea that a stomach-pump or an antidote is available. Nor do they court an attack of diphtheria just because they know that there is a stock of anti-toxin in the nearest surgery. The medical science of the age is running more in the direction of prevention than of cure. Why should not the same principle rule our reading habits? The position is ruled by two other points of view, which may be briefly stated. In the first place, the great bulk of readers—men, women, girls, boys, and hobbledehoys—are not gifted with much of the judicial mind. It may not be flattering to be told this. But the statement is strictly true. And we are here to speak the truth, did it sting like a can-tharides blister, or sear like the kiss of a red-hot iron. Again: fiction nowad ys finds subjects in the heavens above and on the earth beneath and under the earth.

from Ben Hur to the Sorrows of Satan, from metaphysics to theosophy, from China to Peru. The great mass of readers

have not the special training in history, mental and physical science, and divinity, to see through the light and airy fallacies and infidel and materialistic theories which are so frequently urged upon the reader in the fiction and other light literature of our day. It is the melancholy experience of many a priest to come across from time to time some illstarred soul that is dazzled by plausible and gaily decked theories of life and duty that appeal to the lower nature, and that have the same relation to truth that the frilled and

painted papier-maché ham in a London pastrycook's window has to an honest porcine one.

It will be no easy matter to devise a suitable working remedy for an evil that is so wide-spread and deep-rooted. Repressive measures are good as far as they go. The ideal remedy is the toning up of the individual conscience. The 'heathen Chinee' punishes the publication of immoral literature with a plentiful application of tough bamboo. Eight years ago M. VANDENPEREBOOM, the Belgian Minister of Posts, Telegraphs, and Railways, suppressed the railway bookstalls because of the vile class of fiction which they supplied to the travelling public. The New Zealand Government has waked up after a seven years' sleep, shaken itself together, and set about enforcing the Offensive Publications Act. We only trust that the new-born energy may be exercised searchingly and consistently, both in the post-

office and the police-courts, against such notorious publications as were recently placed in the pillory by the book-sellers of Dunedin. In this direction we need action as

signal and decisive as that of the Victorian Government in

A useful adjunct to State action would be such an

the matter of the imported germs of the bubonic plague.

association as that suggested by—of all others—Mr. MAX NORDAU, in his Degeneration, for the purpose of passing judgment on doubtful publications and exercising an irresistible boycott upon those of the 'hysterical artists. When such a society, he says, which should be joined by those men from the people who are best fitted for this task, should, after

serious investigation and in the consciousness of a heavy responsibility, say of a man: 'He is a criminal,' and of a work: 'It is a disgrace to our nation,' work and man would be annihilated. No respectable bookseller would keep the condemned book; ro respectable paper would mention it, or give the author access to its columns; no respectable family would permit the branded work to be in their house, and the wholesome dread of this fate would soon prevent the appearance of such books. Very likely. But it is a far-off hope. And it professes

to deal only with a class of books that deserve to be burned by the common hangman. Outside and beyond these there is a world of newspaper, magazine, and book literature that, preserving outward decency, is yet dangerous to both the faith and morals of Catholics. How are we to deal with The obvious remedy is to oust the wrong kind of reading by supplying the right kind. A St. Auselm's Society, or a vigorous branch of the Catholic Truth Society, an extension of the parochial and society library-system, would effect untold good. It would go far towards creating that personal and public conscience in the matter of reading, which will be the best and only really effectual safeguard of our people against the bubonic plague of poisonous literature.

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LENTEN REGULATIONS.

The following Lenten regulations are being issued for the

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While the law of the Lenten fast remains in full vigour, the following regulations are made in virtue of powers received from the Holy See, and by special indult granted to the Bishops of New Zealand, on March 15, 1898, for ten years:—

I. Flesh meat is allowed at the principal meal on all days in Lent, except Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday in Ember week (February 25), and the Monday in Holy Week.

2. Eggs, cheese, milk, and butter may be used at the principal meal on all days except. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On fasting days, a collation is allowed in the morning and in the evening. Milk and butter, in moderation may be used at the collations on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4. Lird and dripping may be used at dinner on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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6. 'There is no fast or abstinence on Sundays.

7 St. Patrick's Day is not a fast day, but, as it occurs this year on Friday, the usual abstinence must be observed.

8. Persons under twenty-one years of age and over sixty, and all those suffering from sickness or engaged in hard labour, etc., are exempted from the law of fasting.

9. In virtue of faculties given us by the Apostolic See, we authorise all priests having care of souls in this diocese, to grant to the faithful such further dispensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each particular case.

10. Persons who are not bound to fast may eat flesh meat at every meal on the days on which meat is allowed at the principal meal.

During the holy season of Lent the faithful should bestow some alms, according to their means, and contribute towards the support of the charitable institutions of the diocese.

The collection for the Seminary fund will be made in each church of this diocese on some Sunday during Lent.

The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of July, and for the Holy Places and Aboriginals on some convenient Sunday.

N.B.—The Paschal-time begins on Ash Wednesday (February 15), and ends on the octave day of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul (July 6).

(July 6). † MICHAEL VERDON, Dunedin, February 2, 1899.

Bishop of Dunedin. VARIOUS.

Studies were resumed, after the holidays, at St. Dominick's College, on Monday last.

There are at present 25 inmates in the Orphanage, South Dunedin, under the care of the Sisters of Mercy.

We notice that Master Cecil Morkane's name appears on the list of students from St. Patrink's College who were successful at the recent Matriculation examination.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, acknowledge the receipt of 5s from Mrs. Miller for favour received through St. Anthony; also the sum of £5, collected by Mrs. Boyle, Inverc rgill.

The University examiners have reported that Mr. E. J. O'Neill, son of Sergeant O'Neill, of this city, has passed his third and final examination in medicine. We heartly congratulate Mr. O'Neill on his success.

Mr. James O'Connor has been selected to represent the Dunedin City Fire Brigade, of which he is a member, at the Fire Brigades' Conference, to be held at Queenstown on the 20th inst. Mr. O'Connor is secretary of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B.

. The retreat for men of the Cathedral sarish, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Vincent, C.P., was brought to a conclusion on Sunday afternoon by a solemn renewal of baptismal vows. On the same evening Father Vincent commenced a retreat for the whole congregation at St. Patrick's Church, South Dunedin.

Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., a pupil of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, has won a place on the 'credit' list of the New Zealand University Junior Scholarship examination. This is the record for the Christian Brothers' School. Dunedin. Only one other Catholic student in New Zealand has hitherto got on the 'credit' list.

ON Thursday last a picnic was given at Portobello to the children of the Catholic School Port Chalmers. Father M'Mullen and several of the Dunedin elergy attended. The day and place were ideal, the catering by the nuns and friends of the children excellent, and the youngsters, from 50 to 60 in number, enjoyed their outing thereoughly their outing thoroughly.

The following younz postulants received the religious habit at the Dominican Priory, Dunedin, on last runday afternoon, the feast of St. Agatho. The ceremony was pricate, and took place in the Convent chapel, St. Dominick's Priory. Mirs Mary Burke, (in religion Sr. M. Sebastian); Miss Alice Freed, (in religion Sr. M. Ceslaus); Miss Teresa Morkane (in religion Sr. M. Magdalen); and Miss Helena O'Neill (in religion Sr. M. Alexius).

The attention of persons desirous of taking up land is directed to a notice in our advertising columns with reference to certain estates which the Government have lately acquired, and which are, or will be very scon, open for selection. The estates are cut up into sections of convenient areas, and are known to be very suitable for pastoral or agricultural purposes. This is especially the case with those situated in the Marlborough and Hawkes Bay districts.—.*

"DEAR ME!

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

THE Premier anticipates there will be a surplus of over half a million at the end of the financial year.

MISS MARIE BOURNIQUE, Ashburton, has forwarded us a quantity of used postage stan ps for Father Kreymborg's mission.

ATTENTION is directed to the announcement made in another c lumn of the Dunedin St. Patrick's Day celebration.

MISS ALICE DIX, a pupil of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's, Christoburch, passed the recent matriculation examination.

THE Minister for Lands propos s to leave for England during the first week in April, and to be back in the colory about October.

According to a London cable message six veterinary surgeons have been rejected by the Government to inspect ment from New

WE have received a parcel of used stamps for Rev. Father Kreymbor.'s Mission from Messis, George and Brendan Lavery, Charleston. 'A Child of Mary,' Auckland, sends us a parcel also for the same object.

The Rev. W. J. Habens, secretary of the Education Department. died on Friday night. He had been suffering for some time, and had and a nattack of paralysis a short time before his death.

THE Chinese population in New Zealand has been steadily on the decrease. At the end of the year there were 3464 of these aliens in our midst, or 255 less than were accounted for by the census of 1896, and 1016 less than by that in 1891.

THE total gold produced in this Colony last year was valued at £980,204, distributed between the various districts as follows:—Auckland, £392,337; West Coast, £235,430; O.ago, £342,187; Marlborough, £3195; Nelson, £7055.

SPEAKING at Nelson last week Mr. Seddon indicated a reduction of the inland postage to a penny throughout. This meant a sacrifice of £70,000, but last year the postal department's profit was £35,000, and the reduction must come.

THE Inangahua Times congratulates Master Larkin on winning a scholarship at St. Patrick's College. Master Larkin was educated at the local Catholic School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and has success, says our contemporary, is another unquestionable demonstration of the capability of the Sisters as teachers.

THE Hon. J. M. Twomey, M. L.C., has been elected patron of the Geraldine St. Patrick's Day Sports Association, and Mr. R. H. Pearpoint, vice-president. The gathering from all appearances ought to be very successful, as prizes amounting to £115 will be given for the various events, which are well arranged and very

THE horse fiend has again made his appearance in the Canterbury district. Three horses were stabbed on Saturday night, which brings the number, attacked within a brief period, up to 26, and most of which were valuable animals. The police and a black track r, spe islly brought from Qu.ensland, are searching the countries. try for the perpetrator.

EXCEPTIONALLY unseasonable weather was experienced in the North Island during the early part of the week. Very heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, was experienced at Wellington, Palmerston North, Stratford and the Wairarapa, which, it is feared, will cause considerable damage to crops not yet harvested. During 24 hours narly five inches of rain had fallen at Masterton,

A PROMINENT citizen, whose name has been intimately associated with the public life of Otago for upwards of 35 years, passed away in the person of Mr. George Bell on Saturday morning at the age of 90 years. During Mr. Bell's residence in Dunedin he had been an active journalist, having been connected at various times with both the local papers, but more especially the Star, with which his name is inseparably associated.

MR. J. C. MARTIN, Public Trustee, has resigned. Various causes are assigned for this step, as Mr. Martin has held the position only for a few years, having been appointed to it in succession to Mr. Warburton, who became Auditor-General Prior to that Mr. Martin was Stipendary Magistrate at Wellington, where by his legal acumen and strict impartiality he gained the esteem of all classes. Mr. Martin is about to take a trip to England, after which, it is said, he will settle down in Wellington.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the Timaru St. Patrick's Day Sports' Association (writes our correspondent) was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, the 3rd inst, Mr. M. Multin occupying the chair. A letter was read from Mr. D. Mahoney (president) regretting his inability, through illness, to be present, and notifying that he would contribute £3 3s to the prize funds. A capital programme was drawn up. The total prize money, evolusive of special prizes to be subsequently added, amounts to £-6, allocated as follows:—Running events, £17; cycling, £40 (including one £25 race); general sports, music, dancing, &c., £29. Members' subscriptions have been reduced to five shillings per annum. Promises of special prizes were received.

THE Rev. Father Fauvel, of Temuka, who had been for a few weeks' holiday in the North Island, returned home last week. We are pleased to hear (says the Leader) that 'he has returned in good health, and we have no hesitation in saying that it is a general wish that he may remain so. The Rev. Father Lezer left about the same time for Meanee, to resume his professorial duties at the seminary. The rev. gentleman bade farewell to the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on Sunday week, and his address was so touching that many were moved to tears. He has endeared himself to all by his quiet, unassuming mannel.

DURING their trip to the West Coast Lord and Lady Ranfurly ed the Catholic schools at Kumara. The distinguished visitors visited the Catholic schools at Kumara. The distinguished visitors were received by the Rev Father O'Hallahan, and the Sisters in charge. Miss Marie Moretti, on behalf of the children, presented his Excellency with an illuminated address.

At the close of the recent fashionable wedding of an Anglican bishop in Christchurch: 'What do you think of the show?' was asket by a spectator of a fellow bystander, a well-know. Anglican professional man. 'Well,' said he, thoughtfully, 'it is a fine spectacular display, is it not? But having witnessed it, I think that there is a great deal to be said in favour of the celibacy of the Catholic clergy.' This speech was uttered very emphatically. If the speaker were a 'Melanesian' he might have said it more emphatically still. So write; an occasional correspondent tically still. So write: an occasional correspondent.

A CHRISTCHURCH correspondent, who had been recently on a visit to the Ellesmere district, sends us the following partic dars with reference to the Catholic Church at Leeston, which is a standing testimony to the generosity of the people of the district:—'he presbytery and the convent are fine buildings. The old church, erected 30 years ago at the other end of the township, has been removed to its present site behind the new church and convent. The cost of removing and renovating the old structure amounted to \$100 and it will probably now last another 30 years. It has been The cost of removing and renovating the old structure amounted to £100, and it will probably now last another 30 years. It has been newly painted, covered with an iron roof, and placed on a concrete foundation. For the future the building will be used princip lly for a school, and is at present attended by over sixty children, who are in charge of six sisters of Our Lady of Missions. These ecclesiastical buildings and their excellent site, which comprises seven and a half acres, have cost not less than £6000. There are about 300 Catholics in Leeston and about 250 in Southbridge, and the great amount of work done in the district for the cause of religion certainly speaks well for the zeal and energy of the Rev. Father Chervier and his devoted flock. Most of the donations, it not all of them, towards the present Leeston Church, which is the province, were very handsome. province, were very handsome.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN ROUGHAN.

THE many friends of Mr. John Roughan, Lawrence, will regret to hear of the death of his wife, which occurred at her residence Peel St., on Tuesday, January 31. Mrs. Roughan was a sufferer from a trying illness for a long time, but she was not continuously confined to her bed, for even on the Monday prior to her death she was able to move about her room. During the night her illness took a serious turn, and about one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon she passed quietly away in the presence of her family. The deceased was of a most amiable and sympathetic nature; a practical Catholic, and was highly esteemed by all who had the plea-ure of her personal acquaintance. esteemed by all who had the plea-ure of her personal acquaintance. The funeral took place on thurs lay, when the remains were followed to the cemetery by a very large number of mourners. The very Rev. Dean O'Leary assisted by Rev. Father Delaney officiated at the grave,—R.I.P.

FOR NAPOLEON'S SAKE.

SOME people are very fond of telling a story that has a catch in it, and so taking their listeners in. Here is a sample of what I mean :-

Once, when in Paris, Napoleon paid a visit to an hospital for old soldiers. Among the inmates was an old man who had lost an arm. The Emperor asked him:

'Where did you lose your arm?'

'At Austerlitz, sire.'

'Then, no doubt, you curse the Emperor and your country for your fate?'

'On the contrary,' said the veteran; 'for the E peror and my country I would sacrifice my other arm.'
'I can hardly believe it,' said the Emperor.

The soldier immediately drew a sabre from its sheath and lopped off the other arm.

'A most sublime act of self-sacrifice,' said the old lady who had been listening to the yarn, totally forgetting the impossibility of a one armed man cutting off his remaining arm.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection; we can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

Pleasures pall, rest becomes wearisome; but duty faithfully performed crowns the hours with flowers and fills the air with fragrance and music.

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 war house. If one wants an inexpensive present or one of a more pretentious and obstly 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 apportunity of viewing the finest stock in the Colony. Goods purchased in quantity for bazaars, guilds, etc., are subject to a special discount, Observe the address—D.I.C., High and Rattray streets.—.**

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THE LATE VERY REV. FATHER CUMMINGS,

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

A GLOOM was cast over the city of Christenarch 1 st week by the brief announcement that the Very Rev. Father Cummings, late Vicar-General of the diocese, had passed away. Soldom, if ever, in the history of the Cathedral Cit has such dee, and widespread regret been felt and expressed at the death of one of its citizens.

The late Very Rev. Father Stephen Cummings was born at Greenwich, England, on the 18th August, 1811. He was of Irish parentage, and was left an orphan at an early age. His preli ninary studies were made under Dr. Todd, at a college near Greenwich. During this time he acted as sacristan of the church t Greenwich, attended to the ceremonies, decorated the altars, and mide himself helpful in many ways to the rev. rector, Canon North, who, with Dr. Todd, interested himself in his young life. Joining the Society of Mary, he went to the seminary college of this great missionary order, that of St. Mary's Dundalk. After studying here for a number of years he proceeded to France, having for classfellows the Very Rev. Father Devoy, S.M., V.G. (Wellington), Smyth (Hastings), Grogan (Napier), the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop

of Auckland, and many other distinguished divines who are scattered over various mission fields. He made his pro-fession in 1875, and was ordained shortly afterwards by the late Primate of Ireland. For some time he held the Chair of Professor of languages in a Marist college in France. He was next sent to labour on the London Mis-sion. Here in the East End he wrought most zealously for a number of years, and many even now cherish kindly memories of his ministrations. Coming out to Australia in 1886. he attached himself to St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, and laboured on that mission laboured on that mission until the following year. Then, shortly after the arrival of his Lordship Dr. Grimes, as first Bishop o' Christchurch, he came to this city and placed his ser-vices at the disposal of his Lordship, who, recognising his worth, invited him to conduct a mission in the pro-Cathedral. Th's he did with success. Shortly marke⁴ afterwards he was appointed administrator of the parish. When severe illness overtook the Bi-hop, necessita-ting a voyage to Europe, he appointed Father Cummings administrator of the Cathedral and diocese; and again on his (the Bishop's) return in 1891 he appointed him the first Vic r-General of the diocese, positions which he filled with conspicuous ability and success, through illness and gradual breaking down of the constitution, he was obliged to relin-

qu'sh them This bappened in March of last year, when, by request, he was relieved of his onerous duties, and authorised to take a trip to Europe.

When the announcement of his imminent departure was made from the pulpit of the pro-Cathedral, there was scarcely a dry eye in the great congregation Very few present, however, dreamed that they were looking at the well-known face, and listening to the familiar voice, for the last time. In May of last year he left Christchurch, after having been entertained at a monster conversazione, which was attended by all the leading citizens and presented with an address and purse of sovereigns. On the voyage Home he was accompanied by the Very Rev. Father Le Rennetel, S.M., of St. accompanied by the Very Key. Patter 1.2 Rennetel, S. u. of St. Patrick's. Sydney, who was very attentive and devoted to him. On his arrival in Marselles he was net by the Bishop of Christchurch who found him in a very low state of health. Here an incident happened which is worth recording. Whilst one of the party was carrying Fifther Cummings's overcoat, his purse, containing a considerable amount of the party was carrying Fifther Cummings's overcoat, his purse, containing a considerable. Some of money in English sovereigns, dropped out of the pocket one suggested that he should ay a prayer to St Anthony, recourse to that saint having in numberless instances been rewarded by the finding of lost articles. To his surprise, and that of everyone three days afterwards the purse was returned by two workmen, who had found it in the streets of Marseilles. The Marist Fathers here exfound it in the streets of marketnes. The marks rathers here extended every kin-iness to the involid. Acting on medical advice he proceeded to Vichy, and remained there under treatment for some time. Leaving the south of France he came to England and revisited all the scenes of his youth. Whilst in England he stayed at Paignton. one of the missions of his order, and also at the new home of the Marist Fathers, Kew, Richmond. He likewise visited Dublin and Dundalk. In the latter place, despite his shattered health, he conducted a retreat for the students at the Marist College.

Father Cummings was in constant correspondence with Bishop Grimes during his Lordship's stay in Europe. Deceased greatly desired to visit Rone, but the state of his health prevented the realisation of his wish. Just prior to the Bishop's departure for New Zealand, Father Cummings came over to England to see him off. They spent their last night in London together, and the Bishop was deeply grieved to witness the manifest signs of a final breakdown which were visible in the subject of our sketch. Both breakdown which were visible in the subject of our sketch. Both at New York and Vancouver the Bishop received letters from him in which he spoke hopefully of soon returning to once more resume his labours in Christchurch,

Father Cummings was possessed of great zeal and administra-ability. He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and was universally popular and respected by both priests and people, and by every section of the community. In works of charity and benevol nce he was ever to the fore, and it was a frequent occurrence for leaders of other denominations to constitute the in matters of philanthropy and the bettering of the condition of the destitute, the unfortunate, and abandoned. It was never in vain that he was appealed to for assistance in a good cause. The poorest

among his parishioners were his constant care, and by them he was deeply beloved, but undoubtedly his greatest affection was for little chil-

He was very much attached to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and was its spiri-tual director during the whole term of his residence in the city. The Brothers of the Society in Christchurch who were always so intimately connected with him are naturally intensely grieved at his decease, and at the last weekly meeting the President (Bro. E. O'Connor) feelingly referred to the sad event.

When Father Cummings took charge of the Pro-Cathedral parish there was a very heavy debt upon it. This he succeeded in entirely clearing off He also assisted the Sisters of the Mission in clearing off the debt on the charing on the act on the convent. He erected a fine res dence for the Marist Brothers enlarged the boys' school, improved the girls' school, thoroughly repaired and renovated the Pro-Cathedral within and without, erected a substantial out, erected a substantial iron and cement feme in front of the church, and added to the church properties at Addington and Halswell.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent). Christchurch, February

A solemn Requirm Mars for the ropose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Father Cummings was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral this (Tuesday) morning.

Lordship the Bishop was celebrant. The assistants at the throne were the Very Rev. Fathers Chervier and Ginaty; the assistant priest at the Mass, Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais: the deacons of the Mass, Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell and Rev. Father Tubman; master of ceremonics, Rev. There were also present in the sanctuary the Rev. Father Bowers Father Bowers There were also present in the sanctuary the Rev. Fathers Chastagnon. Marnane. Goggin, Deby, Crotty, Price. Bogue, Salvador, Richards, Galerne. Tracy, Aubrey. and Foley. Mass was preceded by Matins and Lands for the dead. After the Mass the Bishop paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of Father Cummings. The sanctuary and pulpit were draped in black, and at the entra co of the sanctuary a carafalque was placed, upon which were deposited the emblems of the deceased's priestly office.

There was a very large congregation. Miss K. Young presided

At the children's Mass on Thursd y morning (writes our Wel-At the entitiens was on Thursd y morning (writes our wellington correspondent) the Very Rev. Father Devoy, V.G., made feeling reference to the death of the Very Rev. Father Cummings, who had been a fellow student of his in Ireland and France, and one of his dearest friends for a reat many years. After referring to Father Cummings's many e d aring qualities Father Devoy asked the children to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

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The Catholic Morld.

AMERICA.-Nuns as Nurses.-Dr. S. P. Kramer, gives him experience of nurses in the Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic as follows :experience of nurses in the Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic as follows:—My experience has convinced me of some things in regard to nurses. The general hospital at Camp Wistoff is divided into about two equal divisions, the main hospital and the annex. The former has trained nurses—lay women—under a female superintendent; the latter has Sisters of Charity under a sister superior. Whatever may be the case in civil institutions, in the field hospital the Sister of Charity is far superior. There is with them none of the bicketing with the war doctor, no fussiness, no refusing to perform menial with the war doctor, no fussiness, no refusing to perform menial work when necessary, no desire to 'shine' as is the case with the 'trained nurse.' The Sister of Charity has no ambition but duty; she obeys all orders quietly with a prompt, orderly, and willing manner. No sacrifice is too great no service is too menial. It has been a matter of general comment here that the annex is a far superior hospital to the main banch, and, to my mind, this is largely due to the presence of the Sisters of Charity in the former.

CUBA AND THE PHILIPPINES. - Ecclesiastical Property to be Protected.—The Roman correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that in response to the Vatican's inquiry on the subject, President M'Kinley has sent an assurance that the Catholics in Cuba and the Philippines will enjoy the same ample liberty as the Catholics in America. The Washington Government has also promised the Pope that measures will be taken to prevent provisional governments despoiling convents or seizing ecclesiastical property. The Pope has sent his warmest thanks to President property. The Pope has sent his warmest thanks to President M'Kinley.

ENGLAND. — Retirement of a Catholic Police Inspector.—Inspector Curran, 'the father of the Liverpool Police Force, who has retired on a superannuation of £100 per annum, has been 42 years in the service and has a record almost without precedent, since during the whole of that period he has never been reported for misconduct, or missed a single watch through illness. He continued to be one of the most efficient officers in the service, and was remarkable among other things for his ability and fairness

Honoured by the Pope.-Mr. J. J. Hicks, of Hatton Garden, London, has been created a Knight of St. Gregory by the Pope. During the recent English pilgrimage Mr. Hicks presented the During the recent English pilgrimage Mr. Hicks presented the Pope with several specimens of his own inventive genius and of the ability of his workmen, some of whom were present with the pilgrims. Leo XIII., who takes the greatest interest in the latest scientific progresses, and, above all, in the relations between employers and employed, in bestowing this distinction on Mr. Hicks wished not only to reward the inventor and scientist, but also the model employer who is the support of hundreds of families, and have be considered a credit not only to Catholic England but to may be considered a credit not only to Catholic England, but to humanity at large.

A Generous Convert.—Mr. Justice Hawkins, the new convert to the Catholic Church, who lately retired from the English Bench. and was raised to the peerage, has made himself responsible for the entire cost of one of the chapels in the new Westminster Cathedral His Lordship, in spite of his 80 years, is a most zealous and enthusiastic convert, and takes a keen interest in the progress of Catholicity. The chapel, with its fittings and decoration, will cost about £6000.

Reception of Irish Nuns .- On November 22nd, Feast of St. Cecilia, at St. Dominic's Priory, West Grinstead, three young ladies had the happiness of receiving the Holy Habit of St. Dominic. The young ladies received were Miss Sheridan, Sligo; Miss McMahon. Wicklow, in religion Sister Mary Authony of Padua; Miss Rose Gerrard, Dublin, Sister Mary Magdalene; Miss Sheridan's name in religion is Sister Mary Gabriel.

'Escaped Nuns.'--It was only to be expected (writes Mr. Labouchere in London Truth), that so-called 'escaped nuns,' like shady 'ex-priests,' would make the most of the Protestant boom. One of the former, who seems to enjoy the dabious honour of Mr. Kensit's patronage, has been lecturing to 'ladies only' in the suburbs; and a lady who went to hear her on the strength of a recommendation with the medium win the medium with the medium with the medium with the medium with given at a Kensitite meeting writes to me indignantly protesting against the character of the address she had to listen to. The lecturer's fables about convent life appear to be very highly spiced, and it is easy to understand the disgust of decent-minded women among the audience. But then decent women really ought to know better than to attend lectures to 'ladies only' by 'escaped nuns,' whose appeals to the bigotry of their hearers are as notorious for their nastiness as for their mendacity.

FRANCE.-The Dreyfus Case.-The Abbé Pichot, a professor of the Seminaire of Felletin (Crouse) and the author of a book entitled The Christian Conscience and the Dreyfus Case, has sent a letter to the Figaro in which he rebuts the charges made by the Freethinkers in France, and repeated by many people in England, against the French clergy. They are declared to be responsible to history for the Dreyfus affair as the instigators of the General Staff. Far from this being the case the Abbé roundly affirms that the clergy, along with multitudes of others in France, have been the dupes of the Press and of their own confidence in the

Holy Land, has issued an appeal to the Catholics of Germany in aid of the new church to be built on Mount Sion in honour of Our Lady. He warmly thanks the Emperor for his gift.

Higher Education for Women.—The movement for the higher training of Catholic women teachers is making headway in Germany as well as in England. Next Easter a training school for Catholic high school teachers for the whole of Prussia is to be opened in Münster. The course is to last two years, and the young opened in Münster. The course is to last two years, and the young teachers will have the benefit of attending the academic lectures in Several of the staff of the Münster Academy (which is, in all but name, a university) and also teachers of the various high schools in the town have consented to act as lecturers.

MANILA -Brutality of the Rebels -The Manila corre-MANILA.—Brutality of the Rebels.—The Manila correspondent of the Hong Kong Press gives details of the shocking treatment of friars and other prisoners captured by insurgents in the northern part of Luzon. The rebels are said to have looted the churches in the towns of Caigayan and Apairi. The Hong Kong Press correspondent says: 'The Bishop was subjected to the grossest indignities. The friars were beaten with sticks, kicked and hung up in the torrid sun several hours. Natives were forbidden to render the friars any assistance. During their greatest bidden to render the friars any assistance. During their greatest suffering, while hauging hungry and naked in the burning sun, Chinese and natives furtively supplied them with food and water. One good friar was placed upon a saddle and jumped upon until blood poured from his mouth and nose. Another, it is said, was carried in triumph 200 yards and was then cudgeled to death amid Nuns in the convent were subjected to shameless savage cries. treatment,

ROME -A Canard About the Peter's Pence Fund .- The RUME.—A Canard About the Peter's Pence Fund.—The Roman correspondent of the Financial News has been authorised by Mgr. Stonor, on behalf of the Holy See, to contradict a report published by the Messaggero to the effect that agents of the Vatican had arrived in London in order to deposit in gold a large sum of money belonging to the Peter's Pence Fund. No money has been brought to London, and no sum lodged with the Bank of England. Mgr. Stonor pointed out that the reports of the Italian papers on this subject are self-contradictory. At one time they speak of enormous wealth, and at another of great financial difficulties.

The English College.-The Right Rev. Mgr. Giles, D.D., Rector of the English College, has sent a contradiction to La Voce della Verita of the report circulated by the Italie to the effect that her Majesty had made a contribution to the building expenses which have been undertaken at the College.

SCOTLAND .- A Talented Nun .- The Degree of Bachelor SUUTHAND.—A TRIENTED Nun.—The Degree of Bachelor of Arts of the University of London was recently conferred upon Miss Caroline Kay Barton (in religion Sister Mary Dominic), of St. Catharine's Convent, Edinburgh, by the Senate. The young lady was a pupil of the Convent for a number of years, and her success reflects great credit upon the teaching staff, and shows the high standard which obtains in the establishment.

UNITED STATES.—A Nun Appointed Postmistress. The Postmaster-General of the United States has issued a certificate of commission as postmistress to Sister M. Polycarpa Staigele, of the order of St. Dominic. She is said to be the only nun in the United States to hold such an office, and presides over St. Joseph's in Sullivan County, New York, where the order of which she is a member erected last summer a sanitarium.

Death of a Venerable Passionist.—Rev. Luke Baudenelli the oldest priest in the American province of the Passionist Order, died at St. Paul's Monastery about the middle of November, after a lingering illness. Father Baudenelli was a member of the order 52

Another Calumny Exposed.—Some time ago there appeared a sensational article in a New York paper, which was copied into other secular journals, describing the life, rules, etc., of an alleged community of 'Child Nuns' in Montreal. In reference to this the Archbishop of Montreal has written the following letter to the New York Hierald:—Several parties in New York have sent me a copy of your paper containing an article under the heading, 'Child Nuns of Montreal,' 'The Holy Face Convent,' inquiring as to whether its contents be accurate. I deem it most regretable that such an article should have been published, together with illustrations where the imagination plays the greatest part, illustrations most extravagant in character and liable only to discredit religion. 'The Another Calumny Exposed .- Some time ago there appeared extravagant in character and liable only to discredit religion. 'The extravagant in character and hable only to discredit religion. 'The truth is that a few years ago several young girls of unquestionable piety united in Montreal with the view of serving and honouring God in prayer and penance. But I may add that they were never approved of or recognised by ecclesiastical authority. No one has ever been appointed to direct them. It is wrong, therefore, to call them 'nuns,' to speak of their 'superior.' their 'costume,' or their 'monastery.' There is no 'monastery' or 'Convent of the Holy Face' in Montreal. I consider it most unbecoming and most indiscreet to refer, as your correspondent has done, to the life they lead. creet to refer, as your correspondent has done, to the life they lead, their devotional exercises and penances.

The Pope and Queen Margherita.—The following vouched for by a correspondent of a Home exchange. During a recent visit to Rome I was told by an Italian lady, who is in a sible to history for the Dreyfus affair as the instigators of the General Staff. Far from this being the case the Abbé roundly affirms that the clergy, along with multitudes of others in France, have been the dupes of the Press and of their own confidence in the heads of the Army. They have neither inspired nor directed anything in the matter; they have been fooled, and their good faith and sincerity are absolutely undeniable. It is no crime to be thus deceived; the fault lay rather with those who accomplished the deception.

GERMANY.—The New Church on Mount Sion.—Cardinal Krementz, of Cologne, President of the German Association of the audience the Holy Father, in due course, gave them his blessing Afterwards, being somewhat conscience-stricken, she wrote to his Holiness confessing what she had done and saying that she felt that, like Jacob, she had obtained a blessing by false pretences. Thereupon the Pope replied that he had, at the time, recognised his daughter Margherita amongst the poor women, and that he sent her his blessing with all his heart.

REMEMBER '98.

THE NEW ROSS MONUMENT.

A FEW weeks since we gave an account of a remarkable demonstra-tion, which took place at Oulart Hill, on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of a monument to the memory of the insurgents of that district. Other districts are now following the spirited example set them, and are about to erect memorials to those who bravely fought and fell during the troublous period, popularly known as '98. On Sunday, December 11, there was a splendid demonstration at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a monument at New Ross. At first it was not intended to have a very big gathering, in consequence of the inclement season of the year, but as the preparations advanced it was found necessary to enlarge but as the preparations advanced it was found necessary to enlarge the programme, as the attendance promised to be very large. The expectations of the promoters were fully realised, as the people turned up in their thousands—many of them coming from long distances—but in consequence of want of due notice only two members of Parliament put in an appearance—Messrs. T. J. Healy and Peter Ffrench, representatives of Wexford County. Owing to failing health Canon Doyle, the veteran parish priest of Ramsgrange, was unable to perform the ceremony, but his place was ably filled by the Rev. Father Meehan, P.P., Ballindaggan, a native of Ross, and who was born at Boheen-na-Slawn, a place where the English soldiery bit the dust in hundreds in '98, before the pikes and guns of the gallant men who rushed down Corbet Hill on that English soldiery bit the dust in hundreds in '98, before the pikes and guns of the gallant men who rushed down Corbet Hill on that memorable June morning, just 100 years ago. The stone itself was not without its historic associations, as it was the coigne of the Three-Bullet-Gate, which was forced by the rush of the insurgents in '98, and which was stormed by Cromwell a century and a-half before. Almost every part of the County Wexford was represented at the demonstration, besides which there were numerous contingents from Kilkenny, Carlow, Dublin, and Waterford, many people coming by special trains, and even by special steamers. There was no dearth of music, as many of the contingents were accompanied no dearth of music, as many of the contingents were accompanied by bands. A procession was formed outside the railway station, by bands. A procession was formed outside the railway station, and after marching through the principal streets, halted at the Tholsel, where a substantial platform had been erected. Here the immense crowd filled up the whole Market Square, and even spread out into the adjoining streets. On the platform were the committee, Members of Parliament, a large number of clergy, and leading men from nearly all the districts of Wexford and the adjoining counties.

THE MEETING.

The chair was occupied by Mr. John Cummins, Ballyhack, Chairman of the New Ross Monument Committee, who in the course Charman of the rew those months are commerce, who is the course of the and eloquent and natriotic speech explained the objects of the gathering. He said that upon the foundation-stone that was to be laid that day, there would be raised a monument in memory of as brave, as noble, and as historic body of Irishmen as ever died in the cause of freedom. One hundred years ago, unarmed, undisciplined against terrible odds, their forefathers consecrated the streets of that historic town with their blood in defence of their homes, their faith and their altars, and it was but fitting that their descendants —the descendants of such noble and historic sires—should erect a fitting memorial to their memory. The duty of laying the stone would devolve on their fellow townsman, Father Mechan. Father would devolve on their lenow townsman, rather meehan. Father Meehan was then presented with an address by the committee, in which they invited him, 'not only as a priest, but as a liberty-loving Irishman,' to perform the ceremony of laying 'the foundation-stone of a truly historic jule, which they hoped would be a magnificent monument, descined to be for ever commemorative of a great, a renowned, a holy, and a glorious, though a melancholy past. A silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to Father Mechan, who then performed the ceremony. On the motion of Mr. Meenan, who then performed the ceremony. On the motion of Mr. John Meehan, seconded by Mr. Mullally, a series of resolutions, pledging the meeting to carry out the struggle for Ireland's rights; calling upon the Nationalists of Wexford and the adjoining counties to make the monument worthy of the heroes of '98, and advocating unity of action among the people of Ireland, and her representatives, were unanimously adopted. The resolutions were supported in a patriotic speech by Father Mechan, who, in the course of his address, said it was there in that historic spot that many a brutal Hessian bit the dust before the musket and the pike of the gallant Irish insurgents. That was a solemn and sacred occasion for Irishmen, and he was proud of Wexford for having taken such an active part and ne was proud of wextord for naving taken such an active part in commemorating the gallantry, the loyalty to faith and fatherland of these men. The foundation-stones of memorials had already been laid in Gorey and Wexford, and in Oulart Hill, that spot made famous by the discomfiture of the North Corks. These monuments would teach future generations of their duty to their country. It was not alone sufficient for them to cheer his remarks, but they should be imbued with the loyalty and fealty of those brave men, who not only sacrificed their homes and everything most dear to them, but their very lives in defence of their country. Their fore-fathers rose in evil days in opposition to persecution the most dread-ful, and were goaded into rebellion by the Government to be slaughtered in cold blood. That mass of unarmed and undisciplined men fought bravely against fearful odds, and this monument would stand as a beacon to future generations, and would encourage them to show the same spirit as their forefathers, to fight for their country—in a constitutional sense, for to fight as they had fought satisfactory.—***

was now an impossibility. Let them be united as one man; let them stand fast to the cause that the men of '98 died for; let them persevere until they had attained the independance of their country; until they were a self-governing nation, a free and independant people.

Mr. Ffrench congratulated the people of Wexford on the great success of the demonstration, and said he was proud of being the grandson of an Irish rebel. He trusted he would never do anything to disgrace the rebel blood that flowed in his veins. Notwithsted ing the persecution which Ireland had suffered still her sons and made an indelible mark upon the civilisation of the world, giving statesmen, scholars, soldiers and missionaries to every country in statesmen, scholars, soldiers and missionaries to every country in the globe. He hoped that if there were any differences amongst them they would bury these under that foundation-stone. It was little use to talk about unity unless they were prepared to make sacrifices for it, to do something practical towards its attainment. Differences of opinion would not kill the aspirations of the Irish people, but they helped to postpone the consummation of their desires.

desires,

Mr. T. J. Healy also supported the resolutions, and said that as
Wexford was first and foremost in 1798, so she was also in the van
in 1898. Many stirring events had taken place during the past 100
years, and many prominent persons had appeared on the scenes
during that period, but above and beyond these, standing distinctly
out from the pages of history they could see the saintly figures of
Father Murphy and Father Roche and their gallant band of pikemen. who often carried dismay into the ranks of the former. No Father Murphy and Father Roche and their gallant band of pikemen, who often carried dismay into the ranks of the foemen. No crime could be laid at the doors of the Wexford soldiers; when fighting was to be done they fought with men, and neither woman nor child was injured. After touching upon the many persecutions and afflictions which Ireland had suffered during the past 100 years, Mr. Healy went on to say that so long as Ireland was denied the right to govern herself, so long her relations with England would be one of revolution, tempered by the absence of rifles and Gatling guns. Sixty years ago the taxation of Ireland was £1 per head, now it was £3 per head of the population. England could have their friendship by restoring to them that of which she shamefully robbed them. The only way in which England could purchase the lasting friendship of Ireland was by restoring to Irish men the power to make their own laws, for their own people, on their own soil. their own soil,

their own soil.

Other speakers having made short speeches, the proceedings terminated in the most orderly manner.

A banquet in connection with the ceremony was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, Mr. John Cummins presiding. There was a representative company, and several patriotic speeches were delivered, the principal speakers being Mr. Ffrench and Mr. Healy, who responded to the toast, 'Ireland a Nation,' and Father Mechan, who spoke to the memory of the patriot priests.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

MR. SAMUEL SMITH, member of the House of Commons, Colonel Sandys, Mr. Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, and a few kindred spirits make up what is known as the 'Protestant Party' in the House Mr. Smith is the author of several controversial pamphlets, the material for which is generally drawn from such polluted sources as the writings of bogus 'ex-priests' and 'escaped nuns.' On several occasions his writings have been subjected to scathing criticing by Mr. laws Britten the above the control of th isms by Mr. James Britten, the able secretary of the Catholic Truth Society, with the result that Mr. Smith has been compelled to care-Society, with the result that Mr. Smith has been compelled to carefully revise later editions of his works. It is, however, as might be supposed, with regard to the Church's action towards the Bible that Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., is most eloquent. 'Prohibition of the Bible;' Discouragement of Bible Reading;' The Bible in Brittany;' these are the headings under which Mr. Smith accumulates his evidence. 'It appears,' writes Mr. Britten, when dealing with a pamphlet under one of these titles, 'that when the Drummond Castle was wrecked off Molene, it was found that the inhabitants of the Island were all Roman Catholics, whereupon a Protestant Bible Society sent some colporteurs to give each one of them a Protestant the Island were all Roman Catholics, whereupon a Protestant Bible Society sent some colporteurs to give each one of them a Protestant Bible. To this the parish priest not unnaturally objected: Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., says he "was furious at this interference with his special domain, and spoke against it from the pulpit. The true policy of the Church of Rome,', he adds, "is to be seen in such incidents as these." 'Now, supposing a French ship, says Mr. Smith's critic, 'had been wrecked off an English Island inhabited by Protestants' suppose that parson and neonle had nobly devoted themtestants; suppose that parson and people had nobly devoted them-selves to the succour of the saved and the burial of the dead; and suppose that a Catholic Society in France had returned this kindness by sending, uninvited and unsanctioned, a party of nuns to distribute rosaries among the natives: would Mr. Smith have been shocked if the parson had sent them about their business? If not, by what right does he complain if the priest of Molene resented this unwaranted and impertinent intrusion of a proselytising band of paid Bible distributors?

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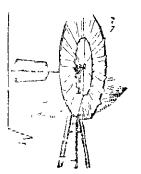
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people We Hear About.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum is said to be strongly in favour of a Catholic University for Ireland.

Mr. John Morley receives £10,000 for The Life of Mr. Gladstone, which he has been commissioned to write.

The Rev. P. C. Yorke, the distinguished editor of the widely known San Francisco Monitor, was visiting Ireland in December.

Lord Kitchener has been asked to write his experiences. His reply was: 'No, no. Do let us have one general who has not written a book.'

Among the non-commissioned officers and men at home in the Army there are 11,813 Irishmen and 7,501 Scotsmen. India and the Colonies contribute 1,249 to the Home Army.

The late Lord Bowen on one occasion said that Mr. E. Uttermare Bullen, the distinguished English Catholic barrister, who died a short time ago, was the best advocate at the English Bar.

Among the contributors to the *Durly Graphic* collection in aid of Lord Kitchener's project is Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, who put his name down for a modest £10.

Sixty-six thousand two hundred and eight of the soldiers in the Home Army are members of the Church of England and 15,472 Roman Catholics; 7,215 are Presbyterians, 4,656 Wesleyans.

Mr. A. H. Atteridge, the Daily Chronicle correspondent, during the operations in the Soudan in 1886, has received the Khedivial medal and clasp. Mr. Atteridge is a Catholic and was formerly on the staff of the Liverpool Catholic Times.

Amongst those who received invitations from the Lord Provost on the occasion of the visit to Edinburgh of Lord Kitchener and Lord Dufferan of Ava were his Grace Archbishop Macdonald and Very Vev. Canon Donlevy.

Count Camillo Pecci, a grandnephew of Pope Leo XIII., and Colonel of the Noble Guards. is about to visit the United States and Cuba. The visit of the Italian nobleman will be wholly of an unofficial character, and his stay in the United States will be only incidental to his journey to Cuba. A few years ago Count Pecci was married to a Cuban lady who had inherited a large plantation there. It is for the purpose of investigating the present condition of affairs in connection with this property that the Count will cross the Atlantic.

Some amusement has been created by Lord Wolse'ey's change of opinion with regard to war correspondents. In the Soldier's Packet Book, published in 1882, Lord Wolseley remarked: 'Those curses to armies—newspaper correspondents,' whilst in the course of a lecture in St. James' Hall last December he is reported to have said: 'The story of the Soudan fighting as told by those admirable newspaper correspondents in the various newspapers.'

The Dreyfus case has brought the French Army officers so much to the fore of late that the following particulars, regarding their rate of pay, will be of interest: General of Division, £756 per year; General of Brigade, £504; Colonel, £335; Lieutenant: Colonel, £263; Chief Officer or Commandant, £220; Captain after twelve years, £166; Captain after eight years, £151; Captain after five years, £133; Captain less than five years, £122; Lieutenant, first-class, after ten years, £108; Lieutenant, second-class, £100, Sub-Lieutenant, £93.

The Princess Giustiniani Bandini, whose deeth is reported from Rome, was also the Countess of Newburgh in the Scottish peerage. The daughter of the Cavaliere Giuseppe Maria Massini, she married the fifth Marquis Bandini, whose mother, whom he succeeded in 1877, was Countess of Newburgh, Viscountess Kynnaird, and Baroness Livingstone of Flacraig in her own right. The family is high in favour at the Vatican.

Mr. Antonio Terry, who married the cantatrice Sybil Sanderson, about twelve months since, has died in Paris of liver complain; in the prime of life. He was born in Cuba, and lived a long time in New York, coming to Paris in 1886 or thereabouts. Mr. Terry was first married to Miss Secor, of Fifth Avenue, New York, who died leaving him a daughter, now known as Miss Natividad Terry. Miss Sybil Sanderson became a Catholic before her marriage with the deceased. His wife, his mother, one of his brothers and his sister, Baroness Blane, with her husband, were near him when he passed away.

The Queen-Regent of Spain, on whom the French Government has just conferred the Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honour, is the third Queen who is in possession of the distinction. The other two are Queen Emma of Holland and the ex-Queen Ranavaro of Madagascar.

Mgr. Piavi, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, on whom Kaiser William conferred the Order of the Red Eagle, was appointed in 1889 by Leo XIII. He was born in 1839 at Ravenna and in 1875 was created Apostolic Delegate for Syria. Mgr. Piavi has an auxiliary in Mgr. Appodia, a native of Subiaco, Italy.

The Queen of Spain and the youthful King have had a pleasant little windfall. Some time since there died at Madrid an old gentleman named Soler, who bequeathed to the young King a legacy of 3,000,000 pesetas. The relatives of the testator opposed the will, but the Queen, as her son's next friend, supported it and has won her cause. It is stated that Soler was a natural son of King Ferdinand VII. and hence great-uncle of the young King.

Mr Andrew Carnegie, the 'star-spangled Scotchman' from Pittsburg, is not content with adding acre to acre in Scotland. He has bought two blocks on Fifth Avenue, New York, and is said to intend to build a palace that will surpass the mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt and anything else in New York. The palace is to be surrounded by fine grounds, and the land alone has cost about a million dollars. Mr. Carnegie has given the title-deeds to his wife.

Mr. Barry O'Brien, author of the Life of Paraell (recently referred to in the colums of the N.Z. Tablet), is a native of Kilrush, the western capital of the County Clare. There he spent his boyhood at Marine View House, and thence, when old enough, he went to be educated in England. His father, Mr. Patrick Barry O'Brien, was a native of County Limerick. He was for many years one of the agents of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, and was popularly known as Port-Admiral O'Brien.

A writer in an English paper tells the following anecdote apropos of the Emperor of Austria's Jubilee:—A sentence had been pronounced in a criminal court, and the document was brought in to the Emperor for his signature. He had just commenced writing his name, when a tear fell from his eye, blotting out the letters. The Emperor folded the paper together, and handed it to his secretary saying. Tears wipe out all guilt. I cannot subscribe to the judgment. My name is obliterated; destroy the paper, and let the guilty one live.'

Mrs. Blundell, who as a novelist is better known under the name of 'M. E. Francis,' is the second daughter of the late Mr. Michael J. Sweetman. of Lamberton Park, Queen's County, where she was born and where she lived until her marriage in '79 to the late Mr. F. R. Blundell, of Crosby, near Liverpool. During her five years of married life in Lancashire and for some time afterwards, Mrs. Blundell got a thorough insight into the Lancashire folk, which she is now turning to good advantage.

The Baltimore Evening News states that the Augusta jailor who beat back the mob and protected a negro prisoner from lynchers recently should not be forgotten when the roll of heroes is called. The name of this valiant man, who simply performed his duty, but did it at any personal risk in defence of law and order, is Edward C. Colliers, an Irish-American and a Catholic. He was backed by the County Sheriff, P. J. O'Connor, who was once a Papal Zonave.

During the course of a lecture in Liverpool Mr Frederick Villiers, the famous artist and war correspondent, referred to Father Brudle, the notable army chiplain. Mr. Villiers said — Father Brudle is a mest soldierly and noble fellow. Many a mile have I tredged with him. He is a tall splendid figure, crowned with sowy hair. Pink and white vie with each other in his complexion, where would be ease a journey by using a horse, but marched every much of the way. Mr. Villiers' references to the vetran army chiplain were received with applianse. He also alluded to the rescale of Sastr Teresa, and in connection therewith told of a remarkable incident. Mr. Villiers was on board the Melick, and on the night before the battle they threw out search-lights, which reached Omdurman. Sister Teresa states that thereupon the vast multitude of Dervishes outside the city deserted their posts and ran back into Omdurman, declaring that God must be on the side of the English since he was turning the sun on to them. Mr. Villiers also paid a notable tribute to the bravery of Kenna, who won the Victoria Cross, and described his heroism in taking the officer whom he rescued on his horse, crying to him: "Fill do the riding, you do the shooting."

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Photographer, Colombo st., Christchurch

The late Lord Gainsborough, who was one of the early converts to Catholicity, although an excellent nobleman and charitable to excess, was in appearance homely almost to plainness. Many who were present at the great International Deputation which went to Rome in the early seventies, to congratulate Pius IX on his unexampled length of reign, still remember the curiously unaristocratic look and bearing of the three chiefs of the English contingent, worthy as they undoubtedly were to represent the English Catholic worthy as they undoubtedly were to represent the English Catholic body. They were the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquis of Ripon, and the Earl of Gainsborough, three as homely looking peers as ever wore a coronet.

The qualifications requisite for a curate in the State Church in England are not valued at a very generous rate, if we are to take the case of a graduate of Cambridge, who lately applied for particulars of a curacy in the West of England. He received a letter from the Rector's wife, whose husband was 'far from well,' informing him what the duties would be, and going on to state. informing him what the duties would be, and going on to state: 'The stipend offered is two guineas per month and board with the family, everything included. The rectory is large, our grounds stand fairly high, we also keep cows. This is a very healthy neighbourhood, very little sickness indeed. You will be provided with a private sitting-room looking west. We keep three maid-servants, dine late, keep two carriages, and drive out pretty often.' Board and lodgings and twenty-four guineas per annum! Truth very justly points out that a rector who keeps three servants and two carriages, probably pays more than twenty-four guineas to his two carriages probably pays more than twenty-four guineas to his

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN TREATY.

A LITTLE-KNOWN CEREMONY,

Cable messages received on Monday conveyed the intelligence that some difficulties and delays have been already experienced in pushing the ratification of the Spanish-American treaty of peace through the United States Senate. The difficulties will, however, be got ing the ratification of the Spainsh-American treaty of peace through the United States Senate. The difficulties will, however, be got over or around, and in the course of the next few weeks the Queen-Regent of Spain will be called upon to put at the foot of a docu-ment the two words, Maria Cristina, and thus sign away the splendid colonial possession which the boy King inherited from his father. The ceremony of drawing up the document of peace is somewhat interesting.

The first meeting of the Commission to arrange the treaty of peace between America and Spain opened with a ceremonial exchange of credentials, each Commissioner on either side showing his power certified in writing by his Minister of Foreign Affairs or Secretary of State. One of the American Commissioners who acted as President for his delegation began the practical part of the negotiations by reading at length the demands and ultimatum of President McKinley. An adjournment was made until the following day to enable the spokesman of the Spanish side to take time to communicate to his Home Government by cable and prepare his reply.

The treaty was drawn up on sheets of the heaviest white paper,

folio size. It was in manuscript throughout. The entire text was in two columns, one in English and the other an exact translation in Spanish. All treaties signed in Washington are carefully written by an expert penman, employed by the Diplomatic Bureau of the State Department. He writes a steel-plate copybook hand, using only the very blackest of black inks.

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A great treaty such as a treaty of peace between European nations usually commences, 'In the Name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.' When Turkey, not a Trinitarian nation, is a substituted. The ornary dear Tribry. When I tarkey, not a ribrary in the Name of the Almighty God' is substituted. The former was written in bold shaded letters across the head of the Treaty of Paris, and the latter in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which concluded the Mexican War.

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At least two original copies and several certified copies were signed—the latter for convenience. One original copy was placed in file in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Spain, and the other in the American State Department. The pages were bound together with silk ribbon, both ends of which were brought round over the last page, bearing the signatures of the Commissioners, and sealed with the same wax as was placed opposite each name. The signatures were in a column running lengthwise with the page. A Peace Commissioner is permitted to use his personal seal opposite his signature. These impressions were to the left of the signatures in red wax. The Spaniards' seal was very elaborate, bearing their family coat of arms.

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The Treaty of Peace having been signed, it need not even then be accepted by the President unless it thoroughly satisfies him. Consistently with his instructions to the Commissioners he immediately transmitted it to the Senate. After having been referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, the treaty was printed and considered behind closed doors. On the final vote it will be necessary for two-thirds of the Senators to be present in order to ratify it. The final step in the making of peace will be the proclamation of the treaty by the President.

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The minor details of the treaty would relate to the return of prisoners, the regulation of proprietary and personal rights, the resumption of commerce, and the distribution of the lesser spoils of war. All Spanish unitrary stores, such as cannon, small-arms, ammunition, etc., in the legal possession of America at the moment peace is established will belong to that nation, unless otherwise disposed of by the Peace Commission.

Mr. Ashley Eden. half-brother of Lord Auckland, has been received into the Church at Lady Herbert of Lea's little chapel, at Herbert House.

friends at Court.

BIOGRAPHICAL GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

(Written for the N.Z. TABLET.)

FEBRUARY 12, Sunday.—Quinquagesima Sunday.

, 13, Monday.—St. Gregory II., Pope and Confessor.

11. Tuesday.—St. Agatho, Pope and Confessor.

15. Wednesday.—Ash Wednesday.

16. Thursday.—St. Gregory X., Pope and Confessor.

17. Friday.—St. Fintan, Abbot.

18. Saturday.—St. Raymund Pennafort.

ST. RAYMUND, OF PENNAFORT.

THE house of Pegnafort, or, as it is pronounced, Pennafort, was descended from the counts of Barcelona, and nearly allied to the kings of Arragon. Raymund was born in 1175, at Pennafort, a castle in Catalonia, which in the fifteenth century was changed into a convent of the order of St. Dominick. Such was his rapid progress in his studies that at the sea of twenty he tanks the property here. gress in his studies, that at the age of twenty he taught philosophy at Barcelona. This he did gratis, and with so great reputation, that he began to be consulted by the ablest masters. He was about thirty years of age when he went to Bologna in Italy, to perfect himself in the study of the canon and civil law, commenced doctor in that faculty, and taught with the same disinterestedness and charity as he had done in his own country. In 1219 Berengarius, Bishop of Barcelona, who had been at Rome, took Raymund home with him, to the great regret of the university and senate of Bologna, and, not content with giving him a canonry in his church, made him his archdeacon, grand-vicar, and official. He was a perfect model to the clergy, by his innocence, zeal, devotion and boundless liberalities to the poor, whom he called his creditors. In 1222 he took the religious habit of St. Dominick at Barcelona, eight mouths after the religious habit of St. Dominick at Barcelona, eight months after the death of the holy founder, and in the forty-seventh year of his age. No person was ever seen among the young novices more humble, more obedient, or more fervent. It was upon the most perfect self-denial that he laid the foundation of that high sanctity which he made the object of his most earnest desires. The grace of prayer perfected the work which mortification had begun. In a spirit of perfected the work which mortification had begun. In a spirit of compunction he begged of his superiors that they would enjoin him some severe penance, to expiate the vain satisfaction and complacency which he said he had sometimes taken in teaching. They indeed imposed on him a penance, but not such a one as he expected. It was to write a collection of cases of conscience for the instruction and convenience of confessors and moralists. This produced his Summa, the first work of that kind. Raymund joined to the exercises of his solitude the functions of an apostolical life, by labouring without intermission in preaching, instruction, hearing labouring without intermission in preaching, instructing, hearing confessions with wonderful fruit, and converting heretics, Jews, and Moors. Among his penitents were James, king of Arragon, and and Moors. Among his penitents were James, king of Arragon, and St. Peter Nolasco, with whom he concerted the foundation of the Order of Our Lady of Ransom for the Redemption of Captives. He b gan this great work by preaching a crusade ag unst the Moors, and rousing to penance the Christains enslaved in both body and soul by the infidel. For the recovery of his health he returned to his native country, was received with the greatest joy, and continued his former exercises of contemplation, preaching, and administering the sacrament of penance. the sacrament of penance.

In 1230 Gregory IX. summoned him to Rome, and made him his confessor and grand penitentiary, and directed him to compile the Decretals, a collection of the scattered decisions of the Popes and Councils. It is looked upon as the best finished part of the body of the canon law, on which account the canonists have usually chosen it for the texts of their comments.

In 1235 the Pope named St. Raymund to the archbishopric of Tarragon, the capital of Arragon. The tears and entreaties of the humble religious, and his subsequent illness, brought on through

humble religious, and his subsequent illness, brought on through anxiety and fear, induced the Pope to excuse him. He refused other dignities with the like constancy.

He was chosen in 1238 third General of his Order, which post he again succeeded in resigning on the score of his advanced age. His first act when set free was to resume his labours among the infidels, and in 1256, Raymund, then eighty-one, was able to report

infidels, and in 1256, Raymund, then eighty-one, was able to report that ten thousand Saracens had received baptism.

The holy man prepared himself for his passage to eternity by employing days and nights in penance and prayer. During his last illness Alphonsus. King of Castile, with his queen, sons, and brother, and James, King of Arragon, with his court, visited him, and received his last benediction. He armed himself with the last Sacraments, and in languishing sighs of divine love gave up his soul to God on the 6th of January, in the year 1275, and the hundredth year of his age. The two kings, with all the princes and princesses of their royal families, honoured his funeral with their presence, but his tomb was rendered far more illustrious by miracles. Several are recorded in the bull of his canonisation, miracles. Several are recorded in the bull of his canonisation, published by Clement VIII. in 1601. Bollandus has filled fifteen pages in folio with an account of them. His feast is this year transferred from the 23rd of January.

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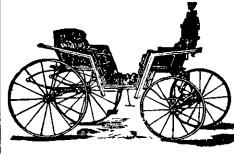
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A CURIOUS DRESS.

MORE JESUIT ACTIVITY.

One of the curiosities of the Paris Exhibition of 1900 will be a silk dres made entirely of silk manufactured from the spider's web. This silk was made in Madagascar under the direction of the Jesuit, This silk was made in Madagascar under the direction of the Jesuit, Father Cambue, and will not be exhibited merely as a curiosity, but in order to show the practical use to which the big Malagasy spider, known as the Black Spider, may be put. Father Cambue has been devoting himself for the last two years to solving the problem of utilising the silk spinning capacities of the spider. He has found in the Malagasy Black Spider a subject of practical usefulness, and he has already a colony of spiders spinning the cocoon. The silk is much finer and lighter than ordinary silkworm's silk. Father Cambue says that the Black Spider is not at all pleased when put to spin the cocoon, but that when well fed and supplied with plenty of drink, it can spin a really enormous quantity of thread. The spider is very fond of native brandy, and spins best when thoroughly drunk. When the cocoon is complete the spider dies, but this is not of much importance, for the power of reproduction of the race not of much importance, for the power of reproduction of the race is enormous.

TWO LIARS IN THE CAMP.

PATRICK O'MARA, a private in the Ninth regulars, went to the colonel of his regiment and asked for a two weeks' leave of absence. The colonel was a severe disciplinarian, who did not believe in extending too many privileges to his men, and did not believe in ex-issing a subterfuge in evading the granting of one.

'Well, said the colonel, what do you want a two weeks' fur-lough for?'

Patrick answered: 'Me woife is very sick, and the children are not well, and if ye didn't mind, she would like to have me home for a few weeks to give a bit of assistance.'

The colonel eyed him for a few minutes and said: 'Patrick, I might grant your request, but I got a letter from your wife this morning saying that she didnt want you home; that you were a nuisance, and raised the devil whenever you were there. She hopes I won't let you have any more furloughs.'
'That settles it. I suppose I can't get the furlough, then?'

said Pat.
'No; I'm afraid not, Patrick. It wouldn't be well for me to do so under the circumstances.

It was Patrick's turn now to eye the colonel, as he started for the door. Stopping suddenly, he said:

'Colonel, can I say something to yez."

'Certainly, Patrick; what is it "

'You won't get mad, colonel, if I say it?"

'Certainly not, Patrick; what is it?"

'I want to say there are two turrible liars in this camp, sud I'm one of them. I was never matried in the loife."

THE PAPAL TIARA.

The Roman Pontiff wears a tiara in his cosmitten ecremony which (says the San Francisco Mondar) resembles somewhat the which (says the San Francisco Mondar) resembles somewhat the head-dress of the Chaldeans, which was round, rising in a conteal form and encircled with a crown when worn by monarchs. Boniface VIII, added a second crown to show the union of the temporal and spiritual powers; and in 1334 Boniface XII, added a third crown to indicate the paternal power which should be united with those before named. This triple crown is, in reality, a crown of thorns for Leo XIII.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

In a late issue of the Catholic Times there is a caustic sub-leader on an incident, which took place in England quite recently. Here is how our contemporary deals with the matter:—In the 'Dark Ages,' somewhere about the year twelve hundred, in a remote district of Spain, where the people were frightfully ignorant and priest-ridden, a poor man who differed in creed from those around him sought to Spain, where the people were reightfully ignorant and priest-ridgen, a poor man who differed in creed from those around him sought to put up a stone over his mother's grave bearing an inscription expressive of his Christian sentiments. Will it be believed—the barbarism and intolerance and inhumanity of those Spanish Papists of the Dark Ages was such that, though the man and all the members of his denomination contributed their share to the local rates and taxes, the local corporate body refused to permit the erection of the stone until they were alarmed by the fear of legal action and legal expenses? Good reader, let us not libel Catholics, the so-called Dark Ages, and the Spaniards of the year 1200. Catholics and Spaniards would be incapable of such conduct in any age. The incident took place neither in Spain nor about the year 1200, but in 1898 and in Protestant England, great, glorious, and free. The actors were Father Reilly, of Leighton Buzzard, and the Leighton Buzzard Burial Board. The rev. gentleman and his father wished to raise a stone to the memory of Mrs. Reilly who died in October last year, and they caused to be inscribed upon it the usual Catholic appeal to pray for the soul of the departed, with St. Ambrose's words, 'We have loved her in life; let us not forget her after death.' The Burial Board, as we have intimated, objected, delayed the crection of the stone for weeks, and only gave way the push four of litigation. Well may Father Reilly agent agent as delayed the crection of the stone for weeks, and only gave way through fear of litigation. Well may Father Reilly assert, as he does in a letter to the local fress that the Spirit of the Test Act, the Corporation Act, and the Five Mile Act still survives.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

Mr. George Russell Jackson who had been closely allied with Boston journalism for years, died at his home, in Somerville, in the early part of December. He was born in Scotland fifty-eight years ago. Mr. Jackson began his newspaper career in Boston about 1865, and since that period he had been a popular contributor to many periodicals in the States. He was received into the Catholic Church on the Wednesday preceding his death.

Miss Annie Burritt, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a prominent worker in Trinity Episcopal church. New York, was received into the Catholic communion, in the church of the Paulist Fathers, New York, a short time ago by the Rev Father O'Keeffe, C.S.P. Miss Burritt was accompanied when she made her submission by her friend and sponsor, Miss Hecker, of Bridgeport, a neice of the late Father Isate T Hecker, the founder of the Congregation of Paulists. The conversion of Miss Burritt created a sensation among her The conversion of Miss Burritt created a sensation among her friends.

It has been generally thought that Australian amateur racing cracks were far below the level of the professional riders, and that if the champions of both classes could be brought together the area erriders would invertitake a back seat; but this impression received a rough shock during the Melbourne Bicycle Club's New Year cycle meeting held at St. Kilda (Melbourne), when Leslie Park the Vectorial examateur-champion, beat, first of all, Lou Backer, or e of Australia's best scratch riders, and then finished up by lowering the colours of Walne and M'Donald, in the International Mile Stratch Rice. Certainly Walne was slightly interfered with but we do ibt if he could have beaten the examateur on this particular afternoon, even without the slight interference, as Park's half-lap dishes were almost invincible and certainly some of the best seen on the St Kilda ground. After Park's fine performance (on Dunlops) we may now look forward with interest to the next meeting of these two cracks, and whilst we still are of the opinion tout Walne is the 'daddy of them all' we think that the Australian Champion, together with Messrs Megson, M'Donald, Barker, Beauchamp, and Forbes, will find the ex-amateur a hard nut to crack......* It has been generally thought that Australian amateur racing nut to crack .-- *.

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