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## Current Topics

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

AN HONEST  
LAWYER.

TIME and again the newspapers of the Colony report scathing denunciations by judge or J.P. of the plain unvarnished lying committed by witnesses upon oath. Those

who are in a position to know whereof they speak assure us that there is abroad a growing disregard for the sanctity of an oath, and it is even whispered that there are here and there reputed lawyers who are not at all times superior to the temptation of knowingly winning a case, not on its merits, but by graciously permitting witnesses to stretch the truth like an elastic band, if not to create facts that tell in their favour. Is it not time to paste up in some of our courts the story of 'Honest Abe' Lincoln? He scorned to prop up a bad case with the rotten support of a falsehood. When on the Wabash Circuit, as elsewhere, he always rested his cases on their merits and merely appealed for honest, simple justice. In one case, in which he stood for defendant, he was satisfied of his client's innocence. The defence turned on the evidence of one witness. That man swore what Abe, and nobody else in the court, knew was a lie. When the honest, ungainly Lincoln arose to plead the case, he said:—

'Gentlemen, I depended on this witness to clear my client. He has lied. I ask that no attention be paid to his testimony. Let his words be stricken out, if my case fails. I do not wish to win in this way.'

His scorn of a lie touched the jury. He laid his case before them magnificently, skilfully, masterly, and won in spite of the lie against him. From such work came his 'Honest Abe.' I never knew Abe to have a coat to fit him. All were ill-fitting. But beneath was a big, hot heart that could adjust itself to all humanity. He had at his tongue's end the little items that make up the humble world of the pioneer farmer. Once at a hotel, in the evening during court, a lawyer said:—

'Our case is gone. When Lincoln quit, he was crying, the jury was crying, the judge was crying, and I was a little damp about the lashes myself. We might as well give the case up.'

HARD ON THE  
LADIES.

FAIR readers of the N.Z. TABLET whose chiefest joy on earth is a 'love of a bonnet' or 'a duck' of something else—I am as hopelessly innocent about these matters as I

am about the fourth dimension—have little idea of the troubles of the sex in the bad old days. In early New England the Puritans regulated female attire by law. They considered long hair unscriptural, docked the glory of the long tresses—black or brown or fair or golden, while the divines preached red-hot maledictions against veils and wigs and 'fronts' and all such like atrocities. But it is only within the past few days that my eye has alighted on an Act of the British Parliament, enacted in 1770, which provides that 'whosoever shall impose upon, seduce, and betray into matrimony any of his Majesty's subjects by the scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, or bolstered hips,' should be prosecuted for witchcraft, and that the marriage should be null and void. In those days Worth would have swung as high as Aman, and his bones would have been left to rattle over the gates of the city, *pour encourager les autres*.

AMERICAN exchanges to hand bring the interesting news that Emperor William of THE JESUITS. Germany has just decorated two Jesuit priests with medals of honour for distinguished service as chaplains in the Franco-Prussian war. In that great war Kaiser William I. had no more loyal soldiers than the Catholics of the Fatherland, and the spiritual wants of these men were ministered to by a devoted band of Catholic priests, some of whom on several occasions displayed excep-

tional bravery. The late Emperor duly noted and appreciated their assistance, and a short time before his death determined that they should be honoured for their heroism and devotion. The two priests who have now received the distinction so justly won are the Rev. John Jutz, and Rev. Alexander Ascheberg, both of whom have charge of churches in Boston, U.S.A. Father Jutz, who is now 70 years of age, is a native of Austria. He entered the Society of Jesus the year before the Franco-Prussian embroglio broke out, and served throughout the war both in the hospital and on the field of battle. After the war he went to America, where he laboured for many years as a missionary amongst the Indians, after which he was called to Boston and was made superior and rector of one of the German churches in that city. Father Ascheberg, who was born in Westphalia, is a nobleman by birth, being a member of the distinguished family of de Ascheberg. He was an accomplished scholar, and for many years acted as instructor in the colleges of the Order. During the Franco-Prussian war he was stationed along with Father Jutz at Elsass, Sotharingen, and Strasbourg, where both priests distinguished themselves for their activity and bravery. The medals with which they have just been decorated are somewhat larger and heavier than the American silver dollar. On the face is stamped in relief the head of the Emperor William I., and on the reverse side is a suitable commemorative inscription. As the laws against the Jesuits are still in force in Germany the priests who had rendered such distinguished service to the Fatherland were not allowed to receive their honours in the country they had served so well. The spectacle of the German Kaiser and King of the Prussians conferring decorations on men who are legally outlawed from his own realm brings out the folly and absurdity, as well as the injustice and ingratitude of the anti-Jesuit legislation. As has been already mentioned in the TABLET the *Centrum* or Catholic party in the Reichstag have several times succeeded in passing a Bill for the repeal of the law against the Society, but on each occasion the *Bundesrath* or Federal Council has exercised its right of veto against the measure. It is now announced that a few weeks ago a similar Bill has once again passed the Reichstag, and several journals, more or less official, have declared that at last the Federal Council will yield to the popular will. It is to be sincerely hoped that the good news is true, and that this ugly blot on the legislation of the Fatherland is soon to be removed.

WHY DOESN'T  
HE GO  
FURTHER?

SOME of the most powerful and eloquent tributes to the Catholic Church are from the pens of Protestant writers, who, though outside the visible fold, are able, even from without, to see something of its majesty and beauty. One of the latest is that furnished by H. K. Carroll, L.L.D., a Methodist minister who has recently been in Porto Rico. Under the title of 'The Church of Rome' he contributes an interesting article to the *Methodist Christian Advocate* in which he yields unstinted praise and admiration for the history and achievements of the Catholic Church. Here are the opening paragraphs of his article: they are a refreshing change from the railings of men like Hugh Price Hughes and Dr. Horton, the difference being that Dr. Carroll knows whereof he is writing and the others don't.

'The Roman Catholic Church has more profoundly affected human affairs, doubtless, than any other Church which has borne the Christian name. Men do not admit its claims or approve its record, or agree with its systems of doctrine and ecclesiastical control; but they cannot withhold a certain veneration for the fulness of its years, the universality of its dominion, and the persistency with which it lives through assaults. No other Church was ever able to assemble so large and imposing a body of prelates as met in the Vatican Council; no other Church compares with it in reach of influence over the masses of mankind; no other Church could endure the losses it has suffered and have a name to live. Its history challenges admiration from the mere fact that it crosses so many centuries, goes so far back toward the dim and distant days when He who was given to the world as its King gave His name to the world as the Saviour of men. Whatever men may think of

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it, however earnestly they may assail it, whatever combinations may be made for its overthrow, all must agree that it seems sublimely indifferent.

'It is evidently (he continues) not to be crushed by any forces yet discovered. Kings who have measured arms with it have in the end gone to Canossa, and but recently a man whose name was a synonym of strength in Europe went to his grave after a memorable conflict with the powers at Rome, in which he was not successful. The Iron Chancellor of the German Empire carried on a "Kulturkampf" remarkable for severity. He did not wield the sword against it. We have come to regard bloody persecutions as the harbinger of increase, instead of the agent of extinction. He used purely civil and legal means, and sought by a Parliament under a constitutional government, to undermine the power of the Church and make it subservient to his wishes. He suppressed many of its religious orders and compelled their members to leave the country; he laid the heavy hand of government on bishop and priest, on the basis of State control over a Church enjoying State support. It is true that he had a political end to gain, and it is said that he gained it; but the Church has emerged from what was pronounced a duel to the death without the scars of wounds. Bismarck knew how to be the friend afterward of the organisation which he had treated as a foe; and by a gradual process the series of repressive laws which he had called into existence was repealed, and the Church long since came into full possession of its old time liberty. The Catholic Church can claim, according to the census of 1895, eleven million souls in Prussia, or about 34 per cent. of the population.'

This is valuable and weighty testimony indeed to the unique history and marvellous vitality of the Church, but one cannot help wondering that one who admits so much does not see and admit also the conclusion to which his admissions inevitably lead. The 'fulness of its years, the universality of its dominion, the persistency with which it lives through assaults,' the fact that 'it is evidently not to be crushed by any forces yet discovered,'—these and the other extraordinary characteristics referred to by the writer belong to the Catholic Church because she is divine. She has won perpetual victory against the agencies of the world and the devil because she has a divine mission and is endowed with an indestructible life. Long ago when the Apostles were on their trial before the Jewish Council, the great Gamaliel laid down a conclusive test by which to try their work. 'Now I say unto you,' said the great doctor of the law, 'refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest perhaps ye be found even to fight against God.' The Catholic Church has been in the world for nineteen hundred years and it has not come to nought. The conclusion is irresistible, and those who reject her claims and set themselves to oppose her will find in the end that they are even 'fighting against God.'

AN AMERICAN  
WRITER  
ON SPAIN.

'A CORNER of Spain' is the name of a delightful volume of travels in Spain which has just been published by an American Protestant lady, Miriam Coles Harris. Miss Harris, who is strict non-Catholic, made up

her mind to study the people honestly and impartially, and for that purpose she lived in the country for a considerable time, and even for a while took lodgings in a convent of the Assumption Order in Malaga. After a long and careful examination she writes in terms of the warmest praise both of the people and of their religion, and the volume would be an eye-opener to our non-Catholic friends who have been feeding their imagination on the lurid pictures drawn by no-popey preachers and writers. Catholics will not be surprised to hear that Miss Harris soon grew to admire and love the nuns. 'If all convents,' she writes, 'are like the one on the hill of Barcenillas, they are among the least gloomy places I have ever known.' She bears ready testimony also to the valuable services which the nuns render to the poor. 'If it were not for the religious orders,' she says, 'it would seem probable that none beside the rich would know how to read and write in Spain. The course of instruction at the convent was fairly up to date, according to our standard.' As is usual in all convents the nuns lead a very busy life, rising at half-past four and working every hour of the day except the two set aside for recreation. The following account of the daily intercourse of the nuns shows that the Spanish convent, like the convent in other lands, is a home of holy happiness:

'They were the happiest-looking women, taken all together, that I have ever seen,—eager, interested and gay. And as they were of many nationalities, it must have been 'the grace of state' and not a gift of nature. There were Spanish Sisters, and English, American, German, Italian, and French. And yet, with all the different characteristics of their many lands, and all the varied traditions of all the forty families from whence they came, I never saw, in the three months I stayed there, a sullen look or heard an ungentle word.'

A SPANISH  
ECCLESIASTIC.

THE world has heard a great deal lately about Spanish priests and bishops. Mountains of calumny have been piled upon them. Some hot-headed bigot of the Dr. Horton type started the crusade, and then preacher after preacher, with a wearisome want of originality, has harped upon the same string, and kept up the same old song. According to these gentry, most of whom never saw a Spanish priest in their life, Spanish ecclesiastics are invariably lazy, proud, arrogant, selfish, worldly—their one concern in life being how to fill their coffers and keep the people in a state of mental and moral slavery. Miss Harris, who is able to speak from personal knowledge and observation, tells a very different story. Here is an extract—'I am sorry I have not space to quote in full—from her description of a Spanish prelate, the Archbishop of Malaga:

'Across the square is the Bishop's palace. It is neither impressive nor interesting except as being the home of a very saintly man. All the people of Malaga, foes to the Church as well as its friends, spoke in praise of this good man. He was a marquis, the head of his family and the inheritor of a large fortune. All this he laid down; another man took his title and place and entered into the enjoyment of his houses and lands, when he became an humble, nameless priest. Out of that position of obscurity his sanctity and his marked ability raised him to the hierarchy. He preached the Advent and the Lent in the cathedral that year we were in Malaga. The Lenten subject was "the Catholic in the Modern World," or something like that. The up-to-dateness of the incisive, deep discourse was very striking, as well as the hushed silence of the crowded cathedral. The sermon was an hour long; no one seemed to wish it shorter.

'We heard a good deal, too, about his charities. That winter was a hard one in Malaga; the poverty was direr than ever before. The Bishop gave up his carriage and gave the money to the poor, and went about on his many ways in the rattling old cabs of the city. I have more than once seen him in the self-same broken-sprung, battered old hack which we ordinarily used, with a driver much too big for it, who had a red face and a habit of swirling his whip about unnecessarily. I hope he curbed this inclination when he had his Grace for a fare.

'One saw that economy ruled at the palace; everything that could be spared, people said, went to the poor. Orphanages, sisterhoods, the myriad charities of the suffering city were under his care and called him father; and were pretty exacting children sometimes, I have heard.'

Miss Harris adds that, though this was the only Spanish bishop she knew, she has, since reading an essay of Cardinal Wiseman's on Spain, come to believe that he was only one of many, and a fair sample of the rest. She gives a similarly appreciative description of a Spanish priest, for which I am sorry I have not room, and then goes on to compare the crowded Catholic churches in Malaga with the state of affairs in the only Protestant church in the town. The comparison is brief but expressive. For a whole winter Miss Harris formed by herself the whole congregation at the early Protestant service on Sunday. Here are her own words:

'It was rather an odd experience, when I arrived at the English church for this early service on Sundays and high days, to be, in my own person, the congregation; but for the whole winter that happened to me. There are said to be over three hundred English in Malaga, and this chapel is the only Protestant place of worship in the city. I was led to conclude from this that Protestantism is not making great strides in Malaga, though the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" has rarely sent a better and more conscientious chaplain anywhere than there. At 11 o'clock there was a second service, to which thirty or forty people sometimes came.'

It is evident that the Catholic Church has little to fear from the efforts of Protestant proselytisers in Spain.

THE CHURCH  
AND THE  
BULL-FIGHTS.

THE Spanish bull-fight is an institution which has been worked for all it is worth, and for a great deal more, in the interests of Protestantism. The average bigot almost swells visibly with virtuous indignation as he recounts its horrors. Carefully avoiding all mention of any mild or redeeming features connected with it, he paints the bull-ring in its most hideous and revolting light, and then trots out the inevitable moral. All this happens in a Catholic country, therefore the Church must be responsible for it. On this point Miss Harris is very clear and decisive. After a description of the bull-ring, given with characteristic fairness and level-headedness, she continues:

'But there was one provision that touched me very much: it was the chapel! A chapel in a bull-ring!—what could be more incongruous? And yet, when one comes to think of it, what could be more humane, more Christian, if you will? The Catholic Church does all it can to suppress the bull-ring; it has a distinct quarrel with it. Any priest in Spain attending a bull-fight does it under penalty of excommunication. He is wilfully committing a mortal sin. The best and most

devout of the Catholic laity absolutely refuse to assist at these brutal scenes. But the multitude, the careless, the go-as-near-to-perdition-as-you-can-and-be-saved multitude go, and will go till Spain ceases to be Spain and the world is made over. The Church knows this, and might as well issue an edict against earthquakes as against bull-fights. But she yearns over these poor small-souled children of hers, and with a motherly care provides for them what she can of eternal safety. There shall always be a priest in attendance behind the scene at every bull-fight, to absolve the dying, to administer the last rites, to say a word of hope, to hear a word of repentance. One remembers the hopeful epitaph on the tomb of the fox-hunting squire cut off in his sins—

Between the stirrup and the ground  
He mercy sought and mercy found,

I suppose the same charitable hope may cover the Andalusian as the Anglo-Saxon pleasure-seeker.

After all, the world must be getting a little more liberal and a little less prejudiced when a Protestant lady, and a daughter of the Puritans to boot, can be found to write thus sanely and reasonably, and even sympathetically, on the subject of the Catholic Church and bull-fights. One can only hope that Miss Harris's book will have an extensive sale. It furnishes a perfect antidote to the poisonous slanders which have been so industriously circulated against the Spanish people, and at the same time renders signal service both to the Catholic Church and to the cause of truth and right.

## Diocesan News.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent).

March 18.

Owing to the inclement weather last Sunday evening, the sacred concert which was to be held in St. Joseph's Church was postponed until next Sunday evening.

The annual meeting of St. Mary of the Angels' choir was held on Friday evening, March 10, at the Presbytery. The Very Rev. Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., the president, was in the chair. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows:—President, Very Rev. Father Devoy (re-elected); conductor, Mr. F. J. Oakes (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Mr. O'Connell (re-elected); committee, Messrs. Eller, Dwan, Kenny, and O'Connell. The prize for most regular attendance was taken by Mr. Oakes.

The Sisters of the Convent, Hill street, celebrated in a fitting manner the feast of their beloved Superioress, which fell on St. Patrick's Day. As usual, Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel. During the day congratulatory telegrams were received from all parts wishing her every happiness. Among other presents, the Rev. Mother received from the orphans a ciborium, set with precious stones, for use in the Convent Chapel.

The following was received by the Rev. Dr. Watters, in a letter from his brother, in London, giving an account of the Very Rev. Father Cummings' last illness. It might be of interest to the readers of the TABLET so I append it:—Yesterday poor Father Cummings was laid in the same grave, at Leyton, that already contained the remains of poor Father Kearney. You must have had the news of his death the very day after he died, for the New Zealand Press Agency here telegraphed the news to Christchurch. He, poor man, had such hopes of getting well, he never gave up till the last. You have heard that before Christmas he went into a private hospital, in Manchester Square, where he remained under a specialist for three weeks, but no good came from it; he nearly died there. When we brought him here on December 30 we got him two Bon Secours Sisters, who remained with him till the end. Three weeks ago he rallied somewhat and was able to walk about the corridor, and he spoke of going to Paignton, Lourdes, but I saw it was only a last effort. On Monday evening, 23rd January, he had a free and copious hemorrhage from his mouth. This weakened the poor man considerably, and he sank gradually until death. He had every consolation spiritually, and every care that human aid could receive, were he a prince of the land he could not have more attention, solace and tender nursing. He was unconscious for some nine hours before death, and as the fatal hour approached his breathing became more and more belaboured. He departed at 2.30 a.m. Sunday, 29th January.

Rev. Fathers Carew and Ainsworth returned from Rotorua yesterday in the Mokoia greatly benefited by their trip.

A number of the clergy are expected next week for his Grace's silver jubilee.

The Act under which Victoria College was founded provides that each year four members of the council shall retire, and for the first two years the member to retire from each class shall be decided by drawing. The first year's drawing caused some merriment at the last meeting of the council. Just before it was taken the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., had been granted six months' leave of absence to allow him to visit America, and consequently the fact of his name being the first drawn very much amused the members. Dr. Wallis, Anglican Bishop of Wellington, condoled with Dr. Watters, who laughingly thanked him for his sympathy. At the second draw Dr. Wallis' name came out and amidst great laughter Mr. O'Regan, M.H.R., suggested that as two clergymen had already been sacrificed, the Rev. Mr. Evans should be "fired out" on the third draw. So it happened. The drawing for the fourth retire-

ment impressed on the mind of one member the adage: "He laughs best who laughs last," for amid a regular uproar the pressman who had charge of the drawing called the name of Mr. O'Regan.

The Very Rev. Dr. Watters leaves by the Rotoiti at six p.m. this afternoon to join the 'Frisco mail boat at Auckland.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 20.

An important meeting of the St. Mary's Bazaar Committee was held last week, presided over by the parish priest, the Rev. Father Marnane. The bazaar is to be opened on May 15, in the Opera House, and will be continued a week for certain, and longer if circumstances permit. At the above-mentioned meeting an executive committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. M. O'Brien, J. P. Kelly, A. J. Malley, G. Hayward, and J. Daniels, together with the rev. chairman, to manage the carnival.

The organ at St. Mary's Church has had a complete overhaul at the hands of an expert, and is now in a thoroughly sound condition; tenders are also invited for painting and decorating the church.

The Rev. Father Marnane, of St. Mary's, last week gave the altar boys a very pleasant outing. The party were conveyed to the neighbourhood of Taitapu, where an assortment of good things were provided.

The deplorable railway accident at Rakaia created intense excitement in town. Prefacing his sermon in the Pro-Cathedral on the Sunday evening following, the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes referred to the lamentable calamity, saying he was sure that all the members of the congregation would join with him in deep sympathy with those who had lost their relatives, and with those who had received bodily injuries. At the close of Vespers the 'Dead March' was played by the organist, Miss Funston. Much credit has been given to those who rendered timely assistance on the occasion, but for some unaccountable reason there is one of whom no reference whatever has been made. I refer to the Rev. Father Bogue, of Ashburton, who was a passenger by the express to Rakaia, for the purpose of celebrating Mass on the Sunday following. Being early on the scene, the Rev. Father set to work with the utmost vigour in the rescue operations, subsequently attending to the injured. Wet through and through, and in the face of driving wind and an incessant downpour of rain, Father Bogue continued his labours far into the night, and eventually withdrew from the scene when nothing more remained to be done.

The Very Rev. Canon Franklin, now travelling for his health and at present sojourning in this city, preached a most instructive sermon at the High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday last. Canon Franklin is from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has laboured in various parts of England and at Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands.

The Rev. Father Richards is at present an inmate of the Christchurch Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the small bone of the leg, met with in a bicycle accident. He is progressing favourably, and was able to take an airing in an invalid chair on Sunday.

During the time occupied in taking up subscriptions for the projected Cathedral on Sunday evening, Mrs. Westmacott gave a most devotional rendering of several sacred solos.

## OPENING OF THE CONVENT OF MERCY, WREY'S BUSH.

(From our special correspondent)

It is just 20 years ago since the first Mass was celebrated by Father Higgins on the broad and fertile plains that are watered by Jacob's River in Southland. In the same year (1879), and shortly afterwards, the Very Rev. Dr. O'Leary (Lawrence) celebrated the first Mass that was ever offered upon the spot where the present township of Wrey's Bush or Ahnandate now stands. His congregation consisted of little over a dozen of the early Catholic settlers of the district. Such were the small beginnings of the Church in a quarter of New Zealand which is to-day as Catholic as the celebrated district of Kerotit in Victoria. The Wrey's Bush district may be said, without exaggeration, to contain almost as high a percentage of Catholics to its total population as many a county in the South of Ireland, and the large families of sturdy and well-set youths and maidens that are growing up within its homes give high promise of a bright future for the Church in what is still the most Protestant portion of New Zealand. In 20 years the Catholic population has grown so rapidly as to tax the capacity of the fine large new church erected there under the fostering care of the zealous parish priest, the Very Rev. M. Walsh. Last Sunday witnessed a new and signal step in the advancement of Catholicity in Wrey's Bush. Three Sisters of Mercy (Sisters Mary Imanta, Mary Anthony, and Mary Evangelist) reached there from Winton, accompanied by the Rev. Mother, to open a branch of their Order in the township. Through the foresight of the Very Rev. Father Walsh, a fine and well-appointed eight-roomed house was, a considerable time ago, secured for the new foundation. The building is surrounded by new and capacious out-buildings, gardens, and 25 acres of splendid agricultural land, well fenced and watered, and 'in good heart.' A considerable amount of land has also been secured by Father Walsh for other parochial purposes adjoining the church and the convent grounds. Near the church a fine presbytery is in course of construction, and on a pleasant rise a few hundred yards away the Catholics of the district will in due course be able to repose their dead in a Catholic cemetery of their own.

Sunday last was a gala day in Wrey's Bush. The visiting clergy were the Very Rev. Dean O'Leary, Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore), and

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Rev. H. W. Cleary (Editor of the N.Z. TABLET). A great concourse of people assembled from all parts of the district. Contingents also arrived from Winton and other places, and at the 11 o'clock Mass (celebrated by Rev. P. O'Donnell) there must have been close on a thousand persons of all ages within the church, which was densely packed in every part.

#### THE SERMON

was preached by the Very Rev. Dean O'Leary, who took for his text the following words from the Gospel of the day: 'The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost.' In the course of a very interesting and highly impressive discourse, the Very Rev. preacher recalled to the minds of his hearers how the Almighty God had created two orders of rational creatures—angels and men—and had subjected them to a trial or test of fidelity. Both failed in the test. They fell into sin. But God dealt in a very different manner with angels and with man after their fall. At first sight one would be inclined to believe that He would redeem the angels. They were of the higher order of creation, superior to man in power and intelligence. An instance of their power was given by reference to Lucifer, who, although only a fallen angel, had raised a whirlwind which crushed the children of Job as they were dining together. But the angels were not redeemed. They were left to the consequences of their sin, while fallen man was redeemed. We do not know the reason of this difference in God's dealings with the two orders of His rational creatures. Theologians, however, assign several reasons for it. In the first place, the angels were the more guilty, because they possessed greater knowledge, more light, and knew more intimately the consequences of their disobedience. This point the preacher illustrated by comparing the action of an adult who, from malice, and a child who, from mere thoughtlessness, places an obstruction on a railway line. Again, angels had no tempters. Man, on the contrary, was tempted by powerful, intelligent, subtle, cunning beings, with a lie ever upon his lips. Moreover, each angel was responsible only for his own action. The disobedience of one did not necessarily involve any other. With Adam the case was quite different. He was the root of the human race, and his fall brought death on unborn generations to the end of time—just as a poisonous liquid poured at the root of a tree affects every flower and leaf and bud to the tips of its tallest branches. Here, then, are some reasons why the Almighty God should take compassion on man and send him a Redeemer. Hence His promise to 'seek and save that which was lost.' The very rev. preacher then went on to explain that the Saviour of mankind, Who, as a Person of infinite dignity, could have redeemed mankind by a single drop of His precious Blood, a single sigh or prayer, chose to undergo so great an agony for our salvation, in order to show us the evil of sin and the necessity of making satisfaction for it. Dean O'Leary drew a touching picture of the storm of affliction which the Saviour endured between Pilate's Hall and Golgotha—sufferings which recalled the words of the royal Prophet: 'They have dug holes into my hands and feet; they have numbered my bones.' The lessons of the passion were pointed out in terse and forcible language—repentance for sin, and gratitude towards God for the crowning mercy of redemption.

Turning to the present occasion, he rejoiced to see in their presence at that day's celebration an evidence of their gratefulness for God's benefits. In few parts of Otago could so large a congregation be gathered together. He pointed out the need of a Catholic school in every parish, and the government's refusal of the just rights of the Catholic schools, which were subject to the same inspection, followed the same curriculum, and therefore should receive a subsidy for every child which passes a given standard in secular knowledge. According to the joint pastoral of the Bishops there are about 12,000 children in the Catholic schools of New Zealand. The cost of every child taught in the Government schools is about £1 5s per head. In thus imparting secular knowledge, the Catholic schools are saving the Government about £50,000 per annum. However, the injury done might have the effect of inducing the 100,000 Catholics of New Zealand to close up their ranks, to stand solidly together, and compel Government to do them justice. As Sir P. Buckley once said, no Parliament could resist such pressure.

After some happy illustrations of the beneficial uses of persecution and injustice, Dean O'Leary concluded with an account of the origin and work of the Sisters of Mercy. Their foundress was Miss Catherine McAuley, one of the most remarkable women of the century. On the death of her parents, she, a wealthy heiress, was adopted by bigoted Protestant relatives, but by her prayers and holy life converted them both, and became the sole heiress of their large fortune. She took a large house in Dublin as a refuge for respectable young women out of employment. The work took shape and—although such was not her first intention—she established the Sisters of Mercy, under the sanction of the Archbishop of Dublin. This was only a little over 60 years ago, and to-day they are scattered over the British Isles, the United States, Canada, Australasia, etc. Dean O'Leary gave a glowing eulogium on the signal works of charity of the Sisters of Mercy—their hospitals, Magdalene asylums, orphanages, industrial schools, and of their noble devotion to wounded soldiers in the snows of the Crimea and during the stirring times of the American Civil War. He concluded by congratulating the people of Wrey's Bush on having the Sisters of Mercy in their midst, and commended the religious to their respect and practical support.

The offerings received in the church and during the day amounted to £200. After the Mass a long procession was formed, consisting of the school children, the societies with handsome banners, the Sisters, the clergy and the general body of the laity. All moved towards the new convent, which was solemnly blessed by the Very Rev. Dean O'Leary. The Sisters were then formally inducted into their new home and welcomed by the Very Rev. Father Walsh and visiting clergy.

In the afternoon a sumptuous dinner was partaken of by the clergy and committee at Mr. O'Driscoll's. Sundry healths were proposed. That of the visiting clergy was responded to by Very Rev.

Dean O'Leary, that of the Press by Mr. Thompson of the *Western Star* and Father Cleary, and that of the committee by Mr. John Ford (Wairoa), to whose ability as a chairman the Very Rev. Father Walsh paid a high and well-merited tribute.

It is expected that the Sisters will open school after Easter. After that the local State school will have lost its occupation.

## Friends at Court.

### BIOGRAPHICAL GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

(Written for the N.Z. TABLET.)

MARCH	26, Sunday.—Palm Sunday.
"	27, Monday.—S. Xystus Pope and Conf.
"	28, Tuesday.—Tuesday in Holy Week.
"	29, Wednesday.—Wednesday in Holy Week
"	30, Thursday.—The Last Supper.
"	31, Friday.—Good Friday.
APRIL	1, Saturday.—Holy Saturday.

#### GOOD FRIDAY.

No aspect of our Blessed Lord's life is made so much of by the Saints as His sufferings; and at the same time nothing is so neglected, or indeed contemned, by unbelievers and by worldly Christians. 'All the Saints,' says St. Alphonsus, 'cherished a tender devotion towards Jesus Christ in His passion; this is the only means by which they sanctified themselves.' 'He who desires,' says St. Bonaventure, 'to go on advancing from virtue to virtue, from grace to grace, should meditate continually on the passion of Jesus.' Indeed, the sufferings of the God-Man are the most mysterious part of the mystery of the Incarnation. He would have redeemed us without them. Even His Divine wish to satisfy for us to the utmost rigour of justice would have been fulfilled by the shedding of a single tear, the sacrifice of only one drop of His blood—either of these acts would have sufficed to atone to the full for the sins of ten thousand worlds. On the other hand, it were blasphemy to say that God rejoices in human suffering, as such; to hold, as heretics have done, that God imputed human sin to Him, and delighted in the agonies which that sin brought upon Him. Why, then, did He choose to suffer? and to suffer so terribly that as His interior suffering and sadness was greater than any other earthly anguish could be, so His bodily suffering was more intense than mortal man has ever endured?

'The first cause of the Passion,' says St. Thomas of Aquin, 'was that he wished it to be known how much God loved man.' It is not difficult to understand the connection. An act of the will, or, as we say, of the heart, may be strong and intense; but, unless it is done under stress of pain, it is wanting in a certain species of intensity. You may test this in your own experience. There is a moment when, let us say, you kneel before the altar of God, happy, contented, peaceful, and full of joy; your heart lifts itself up to God in sweet and earnest prayer, and your whole being experiences the feeling that to love God and to belong to Him is indeed the only delight that existence could offer. Then, let us suppose, you are suddenly pierced by some sharp arrow of suffering; by some loss, grief, scorn, or physical pain, which in an instant diffuses the fire of throbbing anguish through your mental and physical being. Observe what happens. Up to that moment you were unconscious of self. Things ran so smoothly, so peacefully, so pleasantly, that you seemed to have merged your weak nature in God and God's love; and, as far as it went, your adhesion to God was genuine. Now there instantly starts up into sight your self—with all its susceptibility and selfishness; your self, which comes and stands impudent beside you, protesting, crying, wailing, resisting. Thereupon one of two things happens; either your adhesion to God is broken, your recollection scattered, and your loving activity stopped dead, by your attention to that hurt and smarting self; or else you refuse to be turned from God even by the excess of pain, you seize the pain itself and offer it, turning it into fuel to feed the flame of your heart, and so you intensify indefinitely the act of your union and your love.

We cannot make too much of the stupendous fact that Christ suffered all His life—in every variety of pain and anguish beyond what it was possible for mere mortal men to suffer. Suffering in the exercise of her divine and austere mission, was waiting for Him when He set His foot upon the earth. She stood beside the crib at Bethlehem, and accompanied Him in the wanderings of His infancy. She dwelt within the walls of the holy house, cherished by Jesus Mary, and Joseph. When He went forth upon His Father's business she trod the ways of Judea and Galilee by His side, and led Him by hand to toil, to contempt, to ingratitude, to cold, to hunger, and watching. She caused Him to feel the sorrows of His Mother. She let Him taste the bitterness of being disowned by the high and by the lowly, rejected by His own people, distrusted by the little children. She wrung from Him, in the garden, that cry of anguish prophesied long before: 'Save me, O God, for the waters have broken in even upon my soul.' She beckoned Him to the pretorium, and to the mockery and horror of the crowning with thorns. She laid the cross upon His bleeding shoulders, and went before Him on the road to Calvary. Then she stood still on the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense, where bitterness was to be supreme and sacrifice was to go up to the heavens; she stood still, and pointed to the Cross and the nails; and He said, 'Behold I come!' And when the Cross had been lifted up, suffering, for yet three hours—and then her mission was at an end; and as when a dark cloud breaks and the rains stream upon the earth, suffering since that day has fallen on men and women in every age and over all the world, and every drop has been full of the fragrance of the Cross (Bishop Hedley).

PRESENTATIONS.

RIGHT REV. DR. LENIHAN.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

Auckland, March 20.

Since it was decided at the Auckland Diocesan Synod, held last January, that Bishop Lenihan should visit Rome, and other parts of Europe, in the interests of the diocese, particularly to secure priests to supply ever increasing needs, the priests and people throughout the diocese have worked assiduously to provide the necessary means wherewith our good Bishop could, with befitting dignity, undertake and perform satisfactorily so important a mission. Every parish put its shoulder to the wheel, with the result that the very creditable sum of £610 was subscribed towards the Bishop's testimonial. Of this amount, St. Patrick's Cathedral parish contributed £107. On Sunday evening, the eve of his departure, Pontifical Veapers were sung in the Cathedral, which was crowded to excess, the Bishop occupying the throne. The assistant priest was the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly; deacon and subdeacon, respectively, Father Croke, Buckley; master of ceremonies, Father Gillan.

A TOUCHING FAREWELL.

After Vespers the Bishop ascended the pulpit and bade farewell to his priests and people, in language of tenderness and sympathy, his Lordship being visibly affected. He spoke as follows:

I appear before you to-night, after 16 years of labour amongst you as a priest and as a Bishop. Upon my arrival I was appointed, by the late Bishop, curate at St. Patrick's, under Father Walter. Since then many good and great works have been accomplished. After a few years I was sent to Ponsonby, where I built a church, and formed the present parish of the Sacred Heart. After a while I was transferred to Parnell, where I remained until after the death of the late Bishop, when his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington appointed me Diocesan Administrator. Prior to the late Bishop's death, the priests recommended me as Coadjutor-Bishop, and subsequently upon the late Bishop's death they further recommended me as Bishop. God knows, I prayed fervently that some more worthy Bishop than I should be selected. It was not to be, however. Our Holy Father, upon the recommendations of our Metropolitan and priests, thought well to make me Auckland's fifth Bishop. Since my consecration you, my priests and people, have nobly and loyally supported me. On the occasion of the Consecration ceremonies you presented me with £214. This was due certainly to the four city parishes, but from my Cathedral parish came the major portion. The presbytery debt you have reduced by £500, thanks to the exertions of Father Croke, Mulvihill, and Buckley, and to-night I return to my people throughout the diocese my heartfelt thanks for the munificent sum presented me this week, to which St. Patrick's has contributed so well. I can thank you only with my prayers, and good wishes for you all. When I visit Rome I shall offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Masses in the Tomb of the Apostles. God bless the people in their homes, in their walks of life, and may they ever afterwards have eternal happiness in the home of the Blessed. Pray for me that my mission on your behalf may be successful, that I may obtain God's grace and sanction, and that I may return with health and strength, provided with priests, to enable us to prosecute our good work in this Diocese.

At the conclusion of the Bishop's touching discourse the vast congregation knelt reverently and received his blessing. On leaving the Cathedral the Bishop was literally surrounded by loving people who desired to say good-bye and kiss the episcopal ring.

HIS LORDSHIP'S DEPARTURE.

On Monday morning, at eleven o'clock, the Bishop left the palace in a splendid carriage, drawn by four greys, in which were also seated Monsignor Paul (Vicar-General) and the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly. In the second carriage were Dr. Egan and Fathers Croke and Buckley. The third carriage contained Father Kehoe, Mr. Patrick Darby, and the fourth the District President of the Hibernian Society (Brother John Patterson), Past District Treasurer (Brother M. J. Shehan), and Warden (Brother Callaghan), representing the Auckland Branch. The Sisters and pupils of St. Mary's Convent lined the footpaths outside the Bishop's palace. The procession proceeded to the Cathedral, where the Bishop knelt at the altar, surrounded by the priests, and offered up prayers for the success of his mission and safe return to his people. The children from the Convent schools assembled in the church and sang the hymn, 'Hail, Queen of Heaven.' The Bishop addressed the children briefly, asking them to offer for him daily at school one 'Hail Mary,' and to be dutiful to their parents and the good Sisters, all of whom sacrificed so much for them. His Lordship then walked down the centre aisle, the people on each side leaning forward to kiss the Episcopal ring and say farewell. On the wharf were Monsignor McDonald, Fathers Gillan and Gallagher and Darby, and large numbers of the laity to bid adieu. Very Rev. Dr. Watters, Wellington, also joined the party on the deck of the Mariposa, which was literally crowded with citizens of all denominations, eager for a word in parting with the Bishop. The steamer was delayed two hours, yet the people waited patiently and saw the last of the Bishop. As the Mariposa moved off the Bishop stood at the ship's rails with uncovered head, waving adieu to the priests and people on the wharf, who stood there until the beloved figure of their good Bishop could no longer be discerned upon the deck of the fast-fading 'Frisco liner. The one thought uppermost in minds of Auckland Catholics is a speedy return of their dear Bishop.

VERY REV. DR. WATTERS, S.M.

A SHORT time ago it was announced that in consequence of ill-health the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., would retire for a time from the Rectorship of St. Patrick's, and take a trip for the purpose of recuperating his health. The news was received with feelings of the most sincere regret, not alone by the citizens of Wellington, where Dr. Watters is extremely popular, but also by people in all parts of the Colony who had made his acquaintance. It was decided that Dr. Watters should not leave Wellington without some substantial token of the esteem and respect in which he is held by all classes. A committee was formed to get up a testimonial, and although the time was short, the result was highly satisfactory. The presentations took place on Thursday night last in the hall of the college, in the presence of a large number of citizens. His worship the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. Blair, presided.

The first part of the proceedings opened with an address from the students, read by Master Francis Smith, in which they referred to the care and solicitude with which Dr. Watters had watched over the growth of the college. They regretted his severance from the college, which it was hoped would be only temporary, and hoped that he would return with energy renewed to resume his noble work.

Dr. Watters thanked the boys from the bottom of his heart for their spontaneous and unanimous expression of goodwill, loyalty, and affection. In concluding he took occasion to pay a warm tribute to the work done by the masters of the college.

ADDRESS FROM THE CITIZENS.

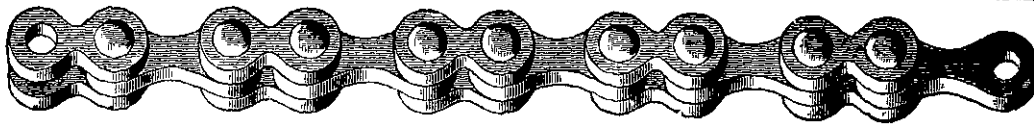
Dr. Cahill, chairman of the Testimonial Committee, said (reports the *New Zealand Times*) that when it became known that Dr. Watters was leaving Wellington for a time, a large number of his friends thought it would not be right for them to permit him to depart without some token of the regard and esteem in which he was held. A committee was formed, and although the time at its disposal had been short, it would be able to present Dr. Watters not only with an address, but also with a very handsome present.

The Mayor read an address from the citizens of Wellington, and afterwards, amid hearty applause, handed to Dr. Watters a cheque for £150.

The address was as follows:—To the Very Rev. F. J. Watters, S.M., D.D., rector of St. Patrick's College, from the citizens of Wellington, on the occasion of his leaving for an extended trip in pursuit of rest and health. Very Reverend and dear sir,—We desire to record our universal feelings of regret that impaired health compels you for a time to withdraw from amongst us. For 14 years we have had the pleasure of being associated with you, and we have noted the able manner in which you have carried into effect the enlightened and broad-minded policy which has been so prominent a feature of your career. The great work that has absorbed and ultimately sapped your energies stands out in bold relief, a monument in its results to your able administration. To your personality, no less than to your educational ability, is largely due the popularity of the institution, the fortunes of which you have guided since its inception. Moreover, as a citizen you have always given your active and valuable support to any movement intended to promote the welfare of the community. We hope that you will enjoy your holiday, and trust that the rest and change will soon restore your health, and that it will be shortly our privilege and pleasure to welcome you back to the honourable and responsible position you so long and so worthily filled. Among the 200 signatures appended to the address are those of Messrs. J. R. Blair (Mayor of Wellington), H. D. Bell, J. B. Harcourt, John Duthie, M.H.R., N. Reid, C. P. Skerrett, Martin Kennedy, J. P. Firth, F. McParland, T. W. Hislop, J. C. Martin, J. Carnin, L. P. Blundell, John Blundell, C. Wilson, M.H.R., J. Hutcheson, M.H.R., J. J. Devine, A. A. Corrigan, R. E. Bannister, P. S. Garvey (secretary and treasurer), and Drs. Thomas Cahill (chairman), Pollen, Martin and Mackin.

PUBLIC APPRECIATION.

The Mayor said he had great pleasure in being present to testify on behalf of the citizens of Wellington to the esteem in which Dr. Watters was generally held. And he would like to say a few words from his own personal experience, dissociated from his position as Mayor. Recently he had become more intimately associated with Dr. Watters as a member of the Victoria College Council. Dr. Watters was one of the five gentlemen who were chosen as a sub-committee of the council to practically bring the college into being. In connection with the discharge of that function he (Mr. Blair) had come to form a very high estimate of Dr. Watters indeed. They were very intimately associated in detailed work requiring technical skill. Dr. Watters was able to bring to that work knowledge which was of great value in the conduct of the business, and altogether he (Mr. Blair) came to the conclusion that Dr. Watters was a straightforward, trustworthy man, of great ability and worth. In connection with secondary education, especially in this Colony, he thought that anyone outside of an institution such as St. Patrick's College, or who had not had some extended experience of the working of similar institutions, was unable to realise the difficulties that a man placed in Dr. Watter's position had to encounter in the conduct of such an institution (applause). They had boys coming to these institutions from the primary schools with practically no preparation for the course of study it was intended they should pursue—knowing nothing of classics or languages—and they had to be licked into shape and pass a university examination within two or three years. It was a very difficult task to go through, and there was the public, and, he supposed, the Archbishop, to face at the end of every year. Dr. Watters, with such material to work upon, had year by year produced on the whole good results—growing results—every year showing an advance, so far as he (Mr. Blair) had been able to value the college. And he believed, speaking apart from religious ques-



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tions, that it was an advantage to a community that as many of its youth as possible should have a liberal education (applause).

DR. WATTERS IN REPLY.

Dr. Watters, in reply, said it was a recompense at the end of a trying time for a public man, a man who had been before the public pretty well day and night and Sunday and Monday, to have this positive and practical tribute of respect from the citizens—the citizens irrespective of class or sphere or creed. He had tried since he had been here to do the work given him to do, and at the same time to do his work in a humble way as a citizen of this progressive city. And it was satisfactory to find, when he was obliged to secede from his work for a period, that what he had done had secured the imprimatur of the citizens. That, he repeated, was a recompense, apart from the solace of knowing that he had done his duty, that any man might fairly covet and cling to. Stupendous results had been achieved at the college, and he was satisfied that after these long years of work, and the laying down of traditions, and the establishment of a good sound tone among the boys, that greater good would be done in the future than was done in the arduous but glorious past. Continuing, Dr. Watters said that competition in education produced a better result; and that he was deservedly proud of his election as a Parliamentary representative on the Victoria College Council. He sincerely hoped, and felt confident that the sound and intelligent connection and communion between the citizens of Wellington and St. Patrick's College would be maintained and increase in sympathy (applause). It had been his desire, and he supposed he could say his policy here to take part in public matters. He thought that in doing so he was simply performing his duty. Indeed, he was exercising his right. In social, or colonial, or national matters, he thought that, as a citizen having clean hands, he might have been of some assistance, if not an ornament—(laughter and applause)—and he had always tried to take an active and intelligent part in the life of the community (applause). Dr. Watters concluded by thanking the press for their sympathy and assistance, a claim to which, he was pleased to think, had been made good by the college (applause).

THE ARCHBISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood said he was present there that evening with very mingled feelings. He had a feeling of regret that they were obliged to lose for a period the great and eminent services of Dr. Watters, and with that feeling of regret there was associated a feeling of hope that the rest afforded the rector and the change he would have would enable him to soon restore his health to its pristine vigour and that they might soon again see him doing his part and doing it so well in the great work he had undertaken. His Grace proceeded to say that he could not help on that occasion recalling a very natural coincidence. That day was the anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the pile of buildings in which they were assembled. It was on that day fifteen years ago that he had the honour and privilege of laying the foundation stone of the college, and it was he who composed the inscription upon that stone. Rendered into English, the inscription said: 'This stone, small in volume, but great in hope, was laid by the Bishop of Wellington, assisted by the other Bishops of New Zealand.' Now, he was right in saying that that was a stone of great hope. The hope had been more than fulfilled. When he laid the stone, his thoughts were going far away across the sea to the members of the staff of professors that he intended to introduce into the institution; and his thoughts were going above all to the rector whom he had selected, whom he had known for years, with whom he had been associated from his childhood, and whom he had taught, so far as his ability would allow, the Greek and Latin and other things his pupil had since imparted to others. And after those years, now above thirteen, that had elapsed since the college had been under Dr. Watters's rectorship, he said, and said without flattery or exaggeration, that Dr. Watters had done great and noble work in the institution. Dr. Watters had been instrumental in laying a solid foundation for the college. Its foundation had been well laid, and Dr. Watters had sacrificed his time and talents and health, and had put his soul and all the vigour of his intellect to and into the work. He hoped Dr. Watters would benefit by his journeyings in the United States, where he would find many friends, and that he would soon return to Wellington, broadened in mind and restored to health (applause).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor on the motion of Dr. Martin.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Hons. John McKenzie and Charles Johnston.

IRISH TRADE.

THE result of the Hooley bankruptcy (says the *Railway News*) made itself seriously felt in Ireland, where a large amount of investments had taken place in the Dunlop and other associated companies. The trade of the country has, however, been satisfactory, good prices have prevailed, and all the usual indications of steady progress and improvement are shown at the close of the year. The Bank of Ireland stock is at 398 per £100, and the dividends of the joint stock banks are, as a rule, on a higher level than last year—the Ulster Bank paid 20 per cent. The receipts of the railway companies exceed by about £50,000 the total for the second half of last year. The great—we had almost said the staple—industry of the country continues to increase. The last return, made up to 49 weeks, showed an increase of 355,000 hogsheads of stout, of which not less than 266,000 were from the Guinness Company. It is gratifying to find that of his large potentiality of wealth acquired from this industry, the head of the firm contributes some half a million to philanthropic purposes to be devoted to the medical and sanitary condition of the people. Cattle and live stock have produced good prices, and the trade has largely increased. The facilities which have been afforded for the construction of light railways have borne good results, and among other matters the railway of 68 miles in the County of Donegal, upon which some £365,000 has been expended, is now approaching completion, and promises to be of great value in developing the district through which the line will pass.

Mosman and Neutral Bay, Sydney, hitherto under the charge of the Jesuit Fathers, have been made a new parish.

In Lord Ashbourne's new book on William Pitt, an interesting chapter is devoted to Lord Clare. Of the feud between the Chancellor and Curran the following story is told:—One day, pleading the cause of a client, Curran happened several times to use the words 'also' and 'likewise,' drawing a distinction between them. Lord Clare interrupted by saying:—'Mr. Curran, it appears to me that you draw a fanciful distinction between words that are really synonymous.' No fanciful distinction, my lord, replied Curran, 'the great and good Lord Gifford for many years presided over this Court, which he adorned; you also preside over it, but not likewise.'

A recent description of ex-Empress Eugenie's present-day sorrowful appearance quite pathetically recalls Burke's lament over Marie Antoinette. The dark-robed figure of the widowed exile was seen making her way from her palatial house at Farnborough to her private chapel there. 'Slowly, and oh! so painfully, she mounted the steps and crossed into the churchyard. She was alone. Her eyes were fixed upon the ground. When she straightened her form she seemed to be tall. Her figure is quite full; her waist has lost its graceful curved lines; her hair is silvery grey; her cheeks are wrinkled; and there is no longer beauty in the face that all the world at one time was willing to concede was the freshest, fairest, and loveliest of all faces. Her black cashmere cloak, trimmed with crape, her widow's bonnet with its veil falling over her shoulders, and her black gloves make her a striking figure as she walked in the sunshine. Her face was ashy pale, and never a smile passed over it. It was a strange contrast to those other faces that Winterhalter has placed on canvas—a young woman, with a mass of golden hair, shoulders that gleamed like polished marble, and eyes of marvellous beauty and bewitching expression—Eugenie in her prime.'

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Mr. Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13, 1891), has just been on a visit to Invercargill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcestershire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing; indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrins which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—\*.\*

**K**ATHLEEN, MAVOURNEEN, thim's mighty fine Pickles.' 'Sure, Patrick, and it's the truth you're spakin', for thim's MENZIES' RECORD BRAND, an' it's meself knows a good thing.'

V.  R.

# CROWN LANDS.

FOR LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

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

STARBOROUGH ESTATE, 13th March, 1899.

WAIKAKAHI ESTATE, 20th March, 1899.

MAHORA ESTATE, 22nd March, 1899.

WILLOWS ESTATE, 22nd March 1899.

## 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 33,445 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.

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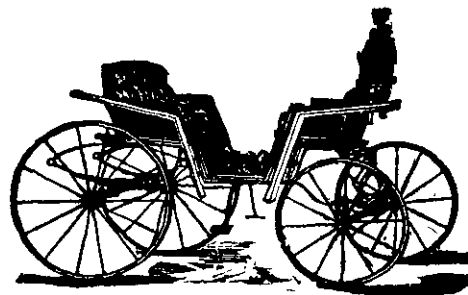
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# Irish News.

**ANTRIM.—Election of Lord Mayor of Belfast.**—At a meeting of the Belfast Town Council, Councillor Otto Jaffe was elected Lord Mayor for the year 1899 by a practically unanimous vote. Mr. Jaffe is the head of the firm of Jaffe and Co., linen merchants, and the selection has given universal satisfaction.

**An Example for the Orange Lodges to Follow.**—An illustration of the broad-minded catholicity of Irishmen in domestic affairs is disclosed in a correspondence just published in Dublin. Dr. Kane, the redoubtable Orangeman, died suddenly towards the latter end of November, leaving a widow and seven children inadequately provided for. Unionist Belfast, in the person of the lately-knighted Lord Mayor, appealed to Nationalist Dublin to help in a public subscription. The answer of Mr. D. Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, in appealing to his fellow-citizens, is an excellent object-lesson. 'My politics are widely different,' he writes, 'from those of Dr. Kane, and I have no sympathy with the extreme views he so frequently expressed, though I admired the manly frankness of his character.'

**The Freedom of Belfast City.**—Belfast is going to confer the freedom of the city on Mr. Thomas H. Ismay, of the Liverpool firm of Ismay, Imrie and Co., the founders of the White Star line, who have had all their splendid ships built by Harland and Wolff.

**A Belfast Man Decorated.**—For his brave services in the Cuban War a Belfast man named James Bashford, son of Mr. Charles Bashford, of Percy street, belonging to the Illinois Naval Reserves, has received the decoration of the Congress, which carries with it a pension and is the equivalent of the Victoria Cross in England.

**A Crimean Veteran in a Workhouse.**—Among the inmates of the Belfast Workhouse is a Crimean veteran named David Watson, who enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Artillery at Lisburn on May 4, 1852. His record may be gathered from the fact that he has a Crimean medal and clasps, Turkish medal, French medal, and New Zealand medal. He was thirty years at home before he got a pension and then he was allowed 9d a day. He was seven years in the field, took part in twelve engagements and several scrimmages, and is now over sixty-seven years of age.

**CORK.—Continued Success of the Butter Market.**—The advent of butter factories in Limerick and Tipperary, and the presence of numbers of local buyers acting on behalf of English co-operative societies, were supposed at one time to lead to the detriment of the well-known Cork Butter Market. There was a diminution in the supply for a few years, but it is now gratifying to know that the market is quickly regaining its former prestige. As compared with twelve months ago the volume of business passing through the market shows a large increase, and to quote the words of an Irish paper—'The Exchange which was lifeless in 1897 is now as busy as a bee-hive.' One of the chief causes—indeed, the principal one—which has contributed to this happy result has been the success which has attended the newly-established department for fresh butter in which alone over 30,000 56lbs packages have passed through the market.

**CLARE.—Old Age Pensions are Better than That.**—At Freigh Castle, Miltownmalbay, lives an old man named Thomas Hennessy, who on last Christmas Day celebrated his 106th year. This old man is allowed 2s 6d a week by the Guardians to maintain himself and his wife.

**DUBLIN.—Death of a Dublin Man in New York.**—News has been received in Dublin of the death in New York of Major Edward L. Coffey in his 86th year. The deceased was born in Dublin, studied at Trinity College, and then went to Woolwich. He entered the army of the East India Company, and was aide de camp to Sir Charles Napier at the Battle of Meanie. For twelve years following he was Postmaster-General of Scinde. He resigned from the British Army during the civil war, and engaged in blockade running. His family in County Cork dates from the ninth century. Major Coffey is survived by two sons, Prof. Edward Coffey of San Diego, Cal., and Mr. Barton Haxall Coffey of New York. His brother, Mr. David Coffey, is Master in Chancery at Dublin, and he was related to the Earl of Clare and Lord Dunboyne.

**Ending his days in a Workhouse.**—The North Dublin Union has many strange histories within its silent walls. One of the strangest and saddest is that of a white-haired old man who walks about quietly in the ranks of the permanent inmates, wearing the same rough uniform, and apparently in no way differ-

ing from his companions and surroundings. In the sixties he was well known, not only to Dublin, but to all Ireland, as Valentine Vouden, a prince of drawing-room entertainers. He used to write his own entertainments and compose his own songs with remarkable cleverness. But the public is fickle, and entertainers seldom lay by money for old age, and so one of the cleverest society entertainers that Ireland has ever known is ending his days in the 'passionless peace' of the North Dublin Union.

**Misdirected Energy.**—The Dublin *Freeman's Journal* is responsible for the following:—Captain Alfred James Edward Monteith Trevelyan, who three years ago left Dublin to walk around the world for, it is said a wager of £30,000, is announced to have recently arrived in St. Louis with 140 days in which to return to Dublin within the terms of the wager. With his companions he started on December 22, 1895, and travelled East, walking through Europe and Asia Minor to Egypt. The terms of the wager were that each should deposit £10,000 in Dublin, and if one or more died or failed to complete the trip the survivor or survivors were to receive the purse. If all died on the trip the Dublin Hospital was to benefit by the full amount. The three went to Australia, where two men died, and Captain Trevelyan had to continue the journey alone. After travelling through India he arrived in Manila just before Admiral Dewey did, and was a witness of the scenes which followed his coming. From Manila he went to San Francisco, and walked to St. Louis, whence he has started for Baltimore, and from Baltimore he will return to Dublin. Captain Trevelyan is said to have seen a great deal of service, and was in the Scots Greys when he left the army in 1895.

**The Bank of Ireland.**—At the half-yearly meeting of the Bank of Ireland Mr. Charles E. Martin, Governor, stated that upon the whole the high rate of interest had been remunerative to bankers, and had checked wild speculation on stocks and shares. A dividend at the rate of six per cent. for the half-year was declared.

**Intermediate Education puzzles.**—At the Intermediate Education Commission at Dublin, Archbishop Walsh stated that he had bought a book on conjuring by Hoffmann and found in it several puzzles which had figured in arithmetic examinations.

**KERRY.—Rumoured Sale of Muckross Abbey.**—It is rumoured that Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., is in treaty with a prominent London Insurance Company for the purchase of Muckross Abbey, with which Mr. Herbert parted some time ago. Muckross Abbey, as is well known, is one of the most beautiful residences in Ireland and is situated in the heart of the most picturesque scenery in County Kerry.

**LONGFORD.—Another recruit to Home Rule.**—The latest recruit to the National cause belongs to an old and distinguished Anglo-Irish family who have given their name to Edgeworthstown, in the County Longford, and to many volumes of racy Irish literature. Maria Edgeworth was of that family; so was the Abbé Edgeworth, who attended Louis XVI. on the scaffold, saying to him at the last moment, 'Son of St. Louis, ascend to Heaven.' Mr. Antonio E. Edgeworth, in his address to the County Council electors of his division, reminds them that he is strongly in favour of a properly-endowed Catholic University, and that he has taken a foremost place in the agitation for the reduction of the over-taxation of Ireland. And what was the main factor in causing him to abandon the Unionist party? It was the refusal of the Government to make any attempt to deal with the financial grievances of Ireland. That convinced him of the absolute necessity of an Irish Parliament, with control of its own customs. The Irish people have a trump card in the excessive taxation of their country, and they ought to play it for all it is worth.

**MEATH.—Selecting a Successor to the Late Bishop.**—A meeting of the parish priests of the diocese of Meath was held in Mullingar on Tuesday, 24th January, under the presidency of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, for the purpose of selecting three names to be submitted to the Holy See for the appointment of the successor to the late Most Rev. Dr. Nulty. The result of the ballot was as follows—Right Rev. Mgr. Gaffney, P.P. Clara, 29; Most Rev. Dr. Higgins, Assistant Bishop of Sydney, 15; Right Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, P.P., Kells, 7; Rev. Michael Dooley, President Navan Seminary, 1.

**WATERFORD.—Death of a Parish Priest.**—The death of the Rev. Maurice Keating, parish priest of Dunhill, is reported. The deceased had worked with great energy and devotion in various parts of the diocese for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people, and in their joys and sorrows he always displayed a paternal interest and a most anxious solicitude. In Waterford, by his goodness of heart and amiable traits of character, he made himself universally popular.

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## GENERAL.

**Irish Members of the English Bar.**—It is a curious fact that the Nationalist members who cry for Home Rule for Ireland are constantly giving new members to the English bar (says *Reynolds' Newspaper*). Among these we have already such patriots as Mr. John Redmond, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Bernard Molloy, Dr. Commins, and the latest addition is Mr. T. B. Curran, jun., the ever-juvenile and always popular member for North Donegal, who has just been called.

**An Irish Football Team in France.**—A team of Irish footballers travelled to Paris early in January to meet a French team at a game of Rugby. On the previous day the Irish representatives beat an English team at Herne Hill. After accomplishing this feat they had to travel all night. An ugly journey it is from Victoria to Dover, thence across the Channel, and away to the Gay City, when the winds sweep fiercely over the narrow Strait. But the travellers turned up smiling within a rifeshot of the Louvre, and disposed of the Republican players without turning a hair. It must have been an interesting match—and we hope many like it will be played in the future. Football is a new game in France, but it has enthusiastic advocates in Paris, and they have been practising for some years. That Sunday's struggle was of a friendly character, and that the French appreciated their Irish visitors was shown by the subsequent proceedings.

**The Irish Party's Funds.**—Lord Tweedmouth addressed a Liberal meeting at Duns, Berwickshire, on January 19. Dealing with Ireland, his Lordship, for the first time in public, referred to the £2000 cheque which he had been accused of giving to the funds of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Not a single sixpence out of party funds that were under his control, or from his private purse, with the exception of £100 which he gave himself, had ever passed through his hand into the hands of the Irish party. Having been consulted by Mr. Blake, treasurer of the Irish Party Fund, as to their diminished resources, he offered to give £2000 out of his own private purse, but after this proposal had been laid by Mr. Blake before his colleagues, he thanked his Lordship, but said it was an offer which it was impossible for them to accept. With regard to the £100 which he had afterwards given in response to an appeal from a meeting, that also had been declined and returned.

**Success of Labour Candidates.**—The most noteworthy feature of the local Government elections in Ireland (writes an English contemporary) is the existence of a new force in Irish politics which they reveal. The uprise of a labour party is a new development of the popular movement, which must claim the attention and exercise the thought of statesmen of every political hue. It has to be counted with in the present, and will have to be counted with more in the future. The trend in that direction in Ireland is stronger than in England, where the efforts of labour to secure direct parliamentary representation have hitherto been foiled. The example set in Ireland will leave a reflection upon England, and there will doubtless be a reciprocity and combined action between the radical elements in both countries, which will give an additional momentum to this new movement.

**Too Many Judges.**—The over-manned condition of the Irish Judicial Bench is at present much in evidence. While the Hilary Sittings are in full swing in the Four Courts, Dublin, two judges of the High Court, the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Justice Madden, have been sitting, by the appointment of the Lord Lieutenant, on a Commission, on which the Lord Chief Baron is the chairman, to investigate the working of the Irish Intermediate Education Act.

**Politics not a Factor.**—Some rather curious results of liberality to political opponents appear in the local Government elections in some parts of Ireland. The Unionists of Enniskillen placed a Nationalist at the head of the poll, and the Nationalists of Monaghan placed a Unionist at the head of the poll.

## TRAPPISTS IN NATAL.

We take the following account of a visit paid to the Trappist Monastery, near Pinetown, outside Durban, South Africa, from the *South African Catholic Magazine*:—At the time of our arrival (writes a correspondent) the monks had just finished lunch, and were filing out of the refectory across the courtyard to the church. On their way they chanted the impressive *Miserere* in a peculiarly high key, that was most solemn and impressive, the sound gradually dying away as they entered the church, where the chanting was continued. The sight of the bareheaded monks, with hair cropped to the very skin, attired, some in white and black habits, others (the lay Brothers) in brown, of the roughest and coarsest material, with leather sandals on their bare feet, chanting on their way to the church, was such as not to be easily forgotten. Among these monks so coarsely dressed, may be found men of noble and gentle birth, of great literary and scientific attainments, who have given up all that the world considers attractive and comfortable for a life of trial and austerity.

Before proceeding on sight-seeing we were invited to partake of the refreshment provided, which, without violating good taste, I may say consisted of coarse brown bread washed down with tamarind wine, a delicious and cooling non-alcoholic drink, oranges, bananas, pine apples, and such tropical fruits as were in season. After our repast we first went into the refectory, and saw the long plain tables on trestles at which the monks have their meals. On these tables there is nothing superfluous. Each monk has opposite his seat a knife and fork, serviette, and a wooden plate, all of the plainest. We next visited the church, which is a long lofty building in the early Italian style, tastefully decorated with frescoes inside. It, like all the other buildings, is most suitably built of red brick, the arches being particularly strong, and indicative of

stability and permanency. The monks in all cases have been their own architects and builders, and their splendid edifices show that they are no tyros at such work.

Our next turn was to the mill, which is about a mile from the main buildings. The mill is situated at the foot of a hill, in a peaceful valley under cultivation by the monks. Opposite the mill house is a chapel, the gift of one of the nuns, and dedicated to the 'Sacred Heart.' It is a red brick building, of pretty design and workmanship, being nicely decorated inside in Italian style, the handiwork, strange to say, of the Zulu boys stationed at the mission, who have been trained in this respect by the monks. The mill is driven by water power, a fine reservoir or dam having been constructed at the foot of the hill for that purpose. It gives them plenty to do to grind corn sufficient to keep the 600 occupants of the mission going.

From the mill we went into the next compartment, set aside as a printing establishment. Here printing, as well as bookbinding, is done in all its branches. All the books, prayer, hymn, and school, are printed and bound here. Music printing is a specialty with the Trappists. More wonderful, they have their own type foundry, the only one, we believe, in South Africa. They make their own type and stereotype, and in addition have lithographic print of the latest and most approved pattern. Passing into another compartment we came to the carpenter's shop, and next to it was a metal planing machine, where work of the finest is turned out. Besides these shops at the mill, the Trappists have at Mariannhill a bark-grinding mill, blacksmiths', wagon builders', carpenters', cabinet-maker', painters', and tinsmiths' shop, tannery, shoe-making, saddlery, harness-making, photography, watchmaking, hatmaking, and straw plaiting. These form a day's work in themselves to inspect and will give you some idea of the work that is being done at the Monastery. The whole place is a hive of industry. Everyone works from the highest to the lowest, and the result can well be imagined. Returning to the Monastery we climbed the 'Hill of Calvary,' so-called because at different stages in its ascent are the 'Stations of the Cross,' or representations of Our Saviour's Passion, cut out of the rock by the monks, who at certain hours may be seen doing the 'Via Crucis.'

On our way back we halted at the Convent, and were shown over the buildings, which are very comfortable, but not nearly large enough for the growing requirements. Here, too, work is the distinguishing feature. The Trappist system of educating the native is to teach him, first of all, the dignity of labour, and then from this proceed to civilise and Christianise him. The monks and nuns are examples to their pupils. As I said, everyone works, so no one has any ground for complaint against another for not practising what he preaches. The native is taught that work is prayer, and the process of education is carried on concurrently with this as the basis of the system. Certain hours of the day are set aside when the natives are instructed religiously and secularly, and other portions are devoted strictly and solely to teaching them trades and all kinds of useful work that will fit them as good artisans or farm and domestic servants. In all the departments I have above enumerated the monks employ native labour and pay for it. Every Kafir gets so much for his work, and this is not given him during his stay at the Monastery, but on his departure therefrom, so that he goes into the world, so to speak, and begins life with a little capital, and having, more valuable still, a knowledge of some trade or useful occupation, on which he can always depend for a living. The natives grow so fond of the monks that many prefer staying with their teachers and employers to starting on their own account. I saw a Kafir blacksmith who had been with them thirteen years. Has was an excellent workman and turned out all the wagon work of the Monastery.

At the Convent we saw Kafir girls being taught to wash clothes and to iron and fold, and to put them away in cupboards fitted up for the purpose. In one room little Kafir girls were plaiting straw for making hats and baskets, others were making the hats and baskets. In another room we saw the girls being taught how to sew and make little odds and ends of dress. The more advanced were using sewing machines, at which, in company with the sisters, they were working merrily, whilst in the highest department, we saw dusky damsels making hand lace and doing fancy work of the most beautiful design under the guidance of the nuns. It was, indeed, an object lesson. There was an air of comfort and peace in the whole place, combined with perfect order, that struck me most forcibly. As we went in and out of each room, an impressive salutation of a religious nature was given us, that was edifying even to a hardened man of the world, and served to remind him that here religion is blended with work.

The Trappists are fortunate in possessing an engineer of the highest attainments in Brother Nivara, who is held in great esteem throughout Natal, where the Government have not been above asking his opinion on certain occasions. In his office we saw plans and drawings of the different churches and mission stations, and from this room were sent out all the plans of the different stations. Mariannhill is 12,000 acres in extent, but the country is so hilly and the soil so poor, that only about 300 acres are worth cultivating. Lourdes, another of their stations, comprises 50,000 acres, 4,000 of which are forest, and is of a far more fertile nature the orchard containing a thousand choice fruit trees. Altogether the Trappists are in possession of 96,879 acres, and have 1,182 children in their schools: 2,200 Christian natives, and about 3,000 heathens, under their immediate influence, besides unlimited possibilities. The monks number 259, of whom 18 are priests and 195 lay Brothers. Of the nuns, there are 225 in South Africa, and 36 in the mother house in Holland.

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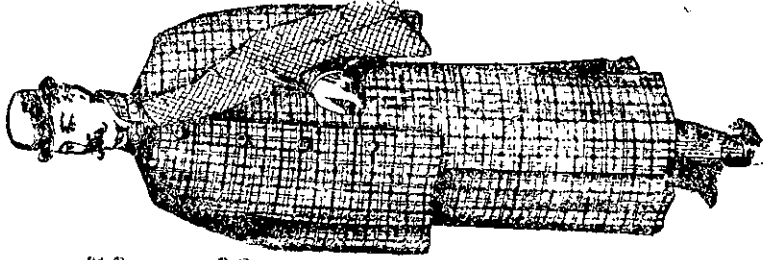
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**Commercial.**

(For week ending March 22.)

**STOCKS AND SHARES.**

London, March 17.—The Bank of England returns give the stock of coin and bullion at £30,877,000, reserve, £23,284,000; the proportion of reserve to liabilities, 43.29. The notes in circulation amount to £26,554,000; the public deposits to £16,797,000; other deposits, £36,824,000; Government securities, £13,896,000; other securities, £34,914,000.

Three months' bills are discounted at 2½ per cent. Consols, £110 10s.

The following are the quotations for New Zealand stocks:—New Zealand 4s, 116; New Zealand 3½s, 108; New Zealand 3s, 96½.

The Bank of Australasia's half-yearly statement discloses that the profits were £62,970. The deposits amounted to £12,456,003, cash and securities to £4,779,674, and bills to £12,177,820.

Wednesday, March 22.

Mr. Harman Reeves, Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows: **BANKS.**—National, Buyers, 2/6/0; Sellers, 2/7/6. New South Wales, B., 37/0/0; S., 37/10/0. Union of Australia, Ltd., B., 26/15/0; S., 27/5/0.

**INSURANCE.**—National, B., 17/0; S., 17/6. New Zealand, B., 3/6/0; S., 3/7/6. South British, B., 2/10/6; S., 2/11/6. Standard, B., 13/6; S., 13/9 (cum. div.).

**SHIPPING.**—New Zealand Shipping, B., 4/12/6; S., 4/15/6. Union Steam, B., 9/17/6; S., 10/0/0.

**COAL.**—Westport, B., 3/1/6; S., 3/2/6.

**LOAN AND AGENCY.**—Commercial Property Company (2,10/0), B., 5/3; S., 5/9. National Mortgage, B., 17/0; S., 18/0. Perpetual Trustees, B., 11/9; S., 12/6. Trustees and Executors, B., 1/12/6; S., 1/13/6.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., B., 6/3/6; S., 6/6/0. Milburn Lime and Cement, B., 2/4/6; S., 2/5/6; do., new issue, B., 1/5/0; S., 1/6/6. 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., 2/10/6. New Zealand Drug (30/- paid), B., 1/14/6; S., 1/15/6. Otago Daily Times, B., 12/0/0; S., 12/10/0. Emu Bay Railway, B., 8/0; S., 9/0. Wellington Woollen, B., 4/15/0; S., 4/17/6. Silvertown Tram, B., 4/9/0; S., 4/11/0. New Zealand Refrigerating, B., 2/0/0; S., 2/1/0.

**GOLDFIELDS.**—Reefton: Big River Extended, B., 15/0; S., 16/0. Cumberland Extended, B., 1/9; S., 2/0. Dillon Extended, B., 1/0; S., 1/6. Keep-it-Dark, B., 19/0; S., 20/0. Alpine Extended, B., 4/9; S., 5/3. Welcome Co. (Ltd.), B., 1/6; S., 2/0. Croesus (Paparua), B., 6/0; S., 6/6. Otago. (Alpha (vendors), B., 2/6; S., 3/0. Golden Site, B., 3/6; S., 3/9. Morning Star (A issue), B., 12/6; S., 13/6.

**BREEDING COMPANIES.**—Belmont, par. Buller, B., 19/0; S., 20/0. Chatto Creek, B., 42/0; S., 43/0. Clyde, B., 45/0; S., 47/0. Dunedin, B., 18/0; S., 18/6. Empire, B., 2/5/0; S., 2/10/0. Enterprise, B., 3/0/0; S., 3/3/0. Enterprise Gully, par. Evan's Flat, B., 19/0; S., 19/6. Ettrick, B., 7/6; S., 8/0 (paid). Gold Creek, B., —; S., —. Golden Gate, B., 54/6; S., 55/6. Golden Beach, B., 10/9; S., 11/6 (prem). Golden Point, B., 28/0; S., 28/6. Tuapeka, B., 19/0; S., 19/6. Vincent, B., 25/0; S., 25/6; prem. Golden Run, B., 20/0; S., 20/6. Golden Terrace, B., 18/0; S., 18/6. Hartley and Riley, B., 35/0; S., 37/0. Jutland Flat, B., 6/0; S., 6/6 (contrib.). Kyebrun, 2/6 disc. Maerua Flat, B., 16/9; S., 17/6. Magnetic, B., 28/6; S., 30/0. Matau, B., 35/0; S., 36/0. Matakitaiki, 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, S., 6d prem. Otago, B., 2/3/0;

S., 2/4/0. Success, B., 2/10/0; S., 2/15/0. Upper Waipori, B., 3/3; S., 3/6. Waimumu, B., 27/0; S., 28/0. Sunlight, B., 2/6; S., 3/0 prem. Cromwell, B., 2/6 prem; S., 3/3 prem. Riverbank, B. par.; sellers 6d.

**SLUICING COMPANIES.**—Moonlight (contrib.) B., 17/6; S., 20/6. Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), B., 6/9; S., 7/3. Deep Stream, B., 26/0; S., 27/0.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.**

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co. report as follows:—

We are pleased to be able to chronicle rather better trade this week. There were very few draughts forward, but there was a good entry of light horses, including a consignment of 12 unbroken three and four-year-old colts and fillies, mountain bred, consequently hardy, and at the same time of useful class, although not in great condition. This draft met with good competition at prices ranging from £6 to £10 15s, and a great many more similar horses could readily have been sold equally well. There is a dearth of strong van horses, and anything of the kind coming forward commands a good price. For example, a very fine four-year old gelding of the right stamp fetched £28 at Saturday's sale. Only one draught horse changed hands at the sale, and this, an excellent six-year-old gelding, very active and powerful, at £40. As already stated, there were very few draughts on offer. On Friday next there will be a special sale of racing stock at our yards, commencing at 9 o'clock. Saturday being a race day, the regular weekly sale will not be held that day. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, £35 to £40; extra good prize horses, £40 to £45; medium draught mares and geldings £24 to £32; aged do., £11 to £20; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £50 to £65; strong spring-van horses, £16 to £24; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £12 to £18; tram horses, £8 to £12; light hacks, £5 to £10; extra good do., £15 to £20; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £1 10s to £3 10s.

**ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.**

At the Addington market to-day 2858 fat sheep, 2012 fat lambs, 8754 store sheep, 428 head of cattle, and 510 pigs were yarded.

**FAT CATTLE.**—The 166 head of fat cattle yarded included a few heavy-weights from the North Island, which sold at from £7 10s to £8 5s. Beef was slightly brisker without change in values. Good to prime local steers realised £6 to £7 17s 6d; others, down to £4 10s; heifers, £4 to £6; and cows, £3 10s to £5 10s. Good young stores sold well, a good many going to the West Coast.

**FAT SHEEP.**—Prime fat sheep and freezing sorts sold well, and butchers' ewes had a distinct rise. For better classes of prime heavy-weight wethers £5 to £5 7d was realised; freezers, 12s 6d to 14s 6d; lighter sorts, 11s 6d to 13s 3d; prime trade ewes, 10s to 13s; medium, 8s to 9s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d.

**FAT LAMBS.**—The bulk were not up to freezing standard, and though prices are lower there is no drop in values. A few prime brought up to 13s 6d; freezing, 9s 6d to 11s 1d.

The store sheep, with the exception of a few big lines of breeding ewes, were mostly small lots. Turnip sheep about held their own, but others were easier. Forward wethers, 10s to 11s 8d; backward sorts, down to 8s: mixed two-tooths, 9s 4d; two and four-tooth do., 8s to 9s 11d; two, four, and six-tooth do., 9s; four and six-tooth do., 8s 3d; four, six, and eight-tooth do., 8s 1d; sound-mouthed do., 6s 3d to 7s 3d; lambs, 5s to 8s 7d; sound-mouthed merino ewes, 6s 6d.

**PIGS** were decidedly easier, owing to continued importations from the North Island, and a drop of 5s per head took place in stores; while baconers and porkers ranged from 3½d to 3¼d per lb.

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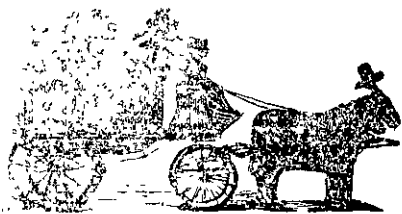
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WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London, March 14.—At yesterday's auctions the Kiwi clip realised 5½d.

To-day's sale had to be postponed owing to the foggy weather. Dalgety and Co. received the following cable last week from their London office:—'Wool market firm, with good general demand. The bulk of merino wools are 5 per cent. higher than the closing rates of last series. The bulk of fine crossbred wools are on a par with closing rates of last series, but coarse crossbred wools are neglected. Owing to a fog no sales were held yesterday.'

London, March 16.—At the wool sales bidding was very spirited. Prices for merinos hardened.

London, March 17.—At the wool sales bidding was very spirited, but prices are unchanged. The Puketoi clip brought 9 3-8d per lb. The Bradford market is hardening. Tops, common sixties, 20½d; super sixties, 21½d.

London, March 19.—At the close of Friday's wool sale cross-breds showed an upward tendency, but yesterday the market was quieter, though firm. The amount catalogued up to date is 116,635 bales, of which 109,480 have been sold.

PRODUCE.

London, March 14.—The total quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is 3,146,000 quarters, and for the Continent 1,515,000 quarters.

London, March 17.—The wheat markets are flat. Victorian cargoes on the passage are quoted at 28s; March-April shipments at 27s 6d; steamer parcels (March shipments) at 28s 3d; ditto, per sailers, 27s 3d.

Butter is slow of sale, and prices are unchanged. Danish is quoted at 109s.

Cheese is firm. New Zealand fetches 50s.

WOOLS, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

TALLOW—Market steady. Best rendered mutton 14s to 15s; medium, 12s to 13s 6d; rough fat, 8s 6d to 11s per cwt.

WHEAT—There is a fair demand for prime milling, but other sorts are neglected. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; prime Tuscan, 2s 4d to 2s 5½d; medium, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; fowl wheat, 1s 9d to 2s per bushel (sacks in, extra).

OATS—There is a fair demand, but prices show no improvement. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 6d to 1s 6½d; good to best feed, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; medium, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d per bushel (sacks extra).

BARLEY—Very little offering. Prime milling, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF—Market barely supplied. Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium, L2 5s to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES—Prices slightly easier. Best Derwents, L1 15s to L2; kidneys, 30s to 35s per ton (bags in).

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

FAT CATTLE—104 head yarded, prices being hardly up to last week's rates. Good bullock's sold at L7 to L8 2s 6d; light, L5 to L6 15s; best cows and heifers, L5 to L6; medium, L3 to L4 15s; others, L2 to L2 15s.

SHEEP—1122 penned, prices ruling much the same as last week. Best crossbred wethers sold at 14s to 15s; medium, 12s to 13s 9d; light, 10s to 11s 9d; best ewes, 12s to 13s; medium, 10s to 11s 9d; others, 7s to 9s 6d.

LAMBS—557 penned, all meeting with a fair demand. Best lambs sold at 9s to 10s; medium, 7s 6d to 8s 9d; others, 6s to 7s 3d.

PIGS—69 forward, there being an excellent demand for all classes. Suckers, 10s to 16s; slips, 18s to 24s; stores, 25s to 33s; porkers, 36s to 44s; baconers, 48s to 60s.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

RABBITSKINS—Market very firm. Springs, 7½d to 10d; summers, 4½d to 7d; suckers and runners, 1½d to 4d per lb.

SHEEPSKINS—We offered a fair catalogue on Tuesday and cleared the lot under good competition. Dry merinos sold at 5½d; half-breds, to 5d; crossbreds, to 4½d per lb; butchers' green skins, 1s 8d to 2s 2d; do lambskins, to 3s.

HIDES—Demand good. Prime heavy ox, 3½d to 1d; medium, 2½d to 3½d; light and inferior, 1½d to 2½d per lb.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—

Oats: feed, medium to prime, 1s 5d to 1s 7d; milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls, 1s 6d to 2s. Chaff: L2 5s to L2 15s according to quality, bare supply. Ryegrass and clover hay: L3 to L3 5s. Straw: bare, loose, 28s; pressed, 27s per ton. Potatoes: L1 15s to L2 0s. Market overstocked. Flour: L7 to L7 10s. Oatmeal: in 25lb bags, L9 0s. Butter: dairy, 6d to 8d; fresh factory, 9d to 10d. Eggs: 1s 3d. Bran: L2 10s. Pollard: L3 10s. Onions: L5 per ton.

At the District Board Meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society for Queensland it was reported that there was a capital of £16,000 to credit of the male and female branches; that the District Funeral Fund, after paying out £286 10s 11d during the past half year, had a balance to credit of £4532 7s; interest on the Surplus Fund of the Trustees had brought £120 5s 9d in six months; the amount to the credit of Sick Funds of branches was £10,294 6s, and to the credit of Incidental Fund £1170 5s 10d.

GENERAL NEWS.

Passion is the drunkenness of the mind.  
A collection of books is a real university.  
Passion gets less and less powerful after every little defeat.  
The secret of success is constancy of purpose.

A London fog costs about £7000 for extra gas burned.  
Desertion from the army costs England £120,000 annually.  
The Japanese are said to be the cleanest people in the world.  
The crow flies at the rate of about 25 miles an hour.  
Some of the stars move with a velocity of 50 miles a second.

The only important thing in good works is the amount of love which we put into them.

Some things, after all, come to the poor that can't get in at the doors of the rich, whose money somehow blocks up the entrance way.

No book is worth anything which is not worth much, nor is it serviceable until it has been read and re-read, and loved and loved again.—John Ruskin.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand. The angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.

Smoking a pipe of medium size, says a statician, a man blows out of his mouth every time he fills the bowl 700 smoke clouds. If he smokes four pipes a day for twenty years he blows 20,440,000 smoke clouds.

The shovel-fish is so called because it uses its nose to turn over the mud at the bottom of the sea in quest of the worms and small shellfish on which it feeds.

Without recollection we cannot acquire the habit of walking constantly in the presence of God. Nothing in the whole of the spiritual life, love excepted, is more necessary. The habit of recollection is only to be acquired by degrees. There is no royal road to it.

In the quiet and sequestered churchyard at Annacurra, County Wexford, a moss-covered gravestone has the following inscription: 'Erected by Patrick Doyle of Annacurra in memory of his beloved father, John Doyle, who died March 5, 1862, aged 100 years; also his mother, Elizabeth Doyle, who died June 8, 1863, aged eighty-six years.' This simple inscription is similar to many which dot the graveyards of the Old Land, and it would never suggest to the stranger that the grave held all that is mortal of two of the rebels of 'Ninety-eight,' but it does.

At the Gravesend (England) Police Court recently Sidney Walsh aged thirty-six, a tall, theatrical-looking man of gentlemanly bearing, was remanded on a charge of attempting to steal an offertory box from St. John's Catholic Church, Gravesend. The evidence showed great presence of mind on the part of Sister Helen Larkin. She was kneeling in the baptistry when the accused came in and knelt down in one of the back seats as if to pray. Five minutes later she saw him kneeling in front of the crib where the offertory box stood. She walked up to the prisoner, who then dropped a copper into the box. She noticed that the padlock had been broken off the box, and charged him with it. After some demur he consented to follow her, but she made him go first, thinking that he wished to get rid of some instrument.

The annual meeting of the Sydney District Board of the Hibernian Society was held in the Trades Hall, Sydney, on Tuesday, February 28. A large number of delegates were present. A summary of the annual report shows as follows:—Increase of members, 256; increase of funds, £1,300; total funds in New South Wales, £13,000. During the year 377 members joined; and after deducting those fallen out by arrears, deaths, etc., the number stands at 2043 financial, 293 unfinancial, and 52 honorary—a net increase over last year of 256 members. The District Funeral Fund stands at £5538 15s 5d, an increase of £520 8s 11d for the year. The District Management Fund has also increased from £66 13s 4d to £128 16s 7d. The Sick Funds of the Society now total £5267 9s 1d, an increase of £873 9s 4d over the returns of this time last year. The Branch Management Funds, owing to the operation of the new rule limiting their amount, have been reduced from £1219 13s 7d to £1059 8s 11d. Taken altogether, however, the Branch Funds show a total increase of £713 1s 8d.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1899.

AN EPISCOPAL SILVER JUBILEE.



HERE is something pleasant in the idea of a jubilee. It was one of the good things that people 'knew down in Judee' some thousands of years ago. It was a form of golden jubilee—a day of joy for slave and debtor. Its slow-moving cycle turned but once in fifty years. Comparatively few of those born of woman ever saw the jubilee year either of the old Jewish or of the later Christian code. Church usage has therefore favoured the increase of jubilees. Social custom has moved in a similar direction. The century of centenaries has witnessed a marked tendency to find divisions of time or life-incidents on which to fasten fresh and ever more fresh jubilee celebrations. The silver jubilee has long been an established fact, and decennial periods both under and over the golden fifty—bronze, iron, copper, pearl, and heaven knows how many other jubilees—are struggling, thus far in vain, for even a faint measure of public recognition. It is, in effect, a search for fresh hand-marks in our lives. To change the figure of speech, people would gild and label and ticket all the chief rungs in the ladder of life; they would at stated times lift us gently and lovingly on the higher steps as upon so many successive thrones, and bedeck us with wreathing smiles and friendly hand-clasps and heart-loads of good wishes, and with every manifestation of that affection and good-will which constitute the sweetest natural charm of life.

In the relations of a Catholic priest to his people, of a Catholic bishop to his diocese, of a Catholic metropolitan to his province, there is something sweeter, and so to speak, more domestic, than the looser bonds that hold the married clergyman to his flock. It is a strong, wholesome, and

inborn sense of the spiritual fatherhood of the Catholic priesthood and episcopate. It is present at all times. But its happiest and most enthusiastic external demonstrations are naturally reserved for occasions such as that which marked, on Tuesday night, the Silver Jubilee of the episcopate of the MOST REV. FRANCIS REDWOOD, S.M., Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand. Both on grounds purely personal to his Grace and on public grounds, the occasion was one which rightly called for rejoicing. Of the former we say little and briefly where much might be told: for we know that even a modicum of well-merited personal praise would grate on the distinguished jubilarian's mind like the sound of a rasping discord. We make the barest record of prominent facts when we state that his Grace bears right worthily the highest spiritual dignity in the land; that his mental attainments have won for him a name beyond the shores of New Zealand; and that the years of his episcopate since St. PATRICK'S Day, 1874, have been years of solid achievement which have won for the Archdiocese of Wellington a name of which its people, its priests, and its chief pastor may alike be proud.

It is, perhaps, more than a mere happy coincidence that ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD'S Jubilee came in the same year and so close upon the first Provincial Synod of New Zealand—thus far the most striking evidence of the expansion of the Church in the Colony and the fairest promise for its future. The Archbishop of Wellington saw the Church in this new land rise and expand from the few scattered Catholics of the days of the single pioneer BISHOP POMPALLIER down to the present day, with its 100,000 Catholics, 150 priests, 600 nuns, and four dioceses. He has taken his share in the work of expansion—first as Bishop, from 1874, next as Archbishop, from 1887, and now as the sole direct intermediary between the Church in New Zealand and the Holy See. And, as evidence of the swiftness of the Church's growth in this new country, all this has taken place in the days of one who is still in a green and virile middle life. How the mustard-seed has grown! And the Jubilarian of last Tuesday's celebration is, in a way, the measure of its rate of growth. Our readers will join with us in the heartfelt wish that his Grace may long be spared to witness the further and still greater triumphs which, we trust, are in store for the Church in New Zealand. *Ad multos annos!*

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

His Lordship Dr. Verdon will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday next.

The solemn ceremony of profession took place in the Dominican Convent, Dunedin, on March 16, when Miss Miscall, of South Dunedin, made the vows of religion. His Lordship Dr. Verdon officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Murphy, and the Rev. Father Ryan. The music on the occasion was most impressively rendered.

The Right Rev. Dr. Verdon celebrated Pontifical High Mass at St. Patrick's Church, South Dunedin, on St. Patrick's Day, Rev. Father O'Donnell being deacon, Rev. Father Coffey subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies. The Rev. Father Ryan preached the panegyric of the Saint, delivering a very fine discourse, which was listened to with the closest attention by a large congregation.

The *Age*, Brisbane, says:—The N.Z. TABLET gives an interesting description of St. Patrick's Hall, in the city of Dunedin. The total Catholic population of the whole of the diocese of Dunedin is only 20,000, and St. Patrick's Hall is a grand example of what can be done by united and whole-hearted energy of the Catholic body with the co-operation of the clergy. The *Age* regrets that there is no Catholic hall in Brisbane. Many years ago a number of the leading Catholics made great efforts to secure a hall for Brisbane. Much credit is due to them, and it was not their fault that they were not successful. It hopes that in the early future another effort will be made, and that it will be crowned with success.

The *Oamaru Mail* on the *Dominican Star*:—The first issue is an excellent production and well calculated to score a 'possible' upon the target aimed at. It contains something for all tastes, for the old, for the young. There are stories, poems, science jottings, letters from far fields, literary essays, and chatty miscellaneous papers. Last, but by no means least, numerous illustrations brighten its pages and add piquancy to its contents. The printing and general make up of the book are far superior to most colonial work in the department, and the Caxton Company are to be congratulated on the excellence of this work. The *Dominican Star* is brightly edited, and judging from the number before us it has arrived to join the vast company of 'fixed stars.' Copies may be had from any bookseller or from the convent, and the book should find a place on every 'home' bookshelf.

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An Invercargill correspondent writes:—The Very Rev. Father Vincent, C.P., commenced a mission here on February 27 and closed it on March 12. He was unwearied in preaching and hearing confessions, with the result that about 700 approached communion—a very large number for the place. Another happy result of the mission was that many adults and children who had left school, were amongst the 105 persons admitted to confirmation by his Lordship the Bishop on Sunday, March 5. The Bishop congratulated the people on the strong spirit of religion which so evidently prevailed amongst them; the perfection to which their schools were coming and on the societies and clubs established to unite the young growing-up population into a strong Catholic body. He said, the congregation possessed a church worthy of the place, then they should have everything that was to be desired. At the last service of the mission the Very Rev. Dean Burke returned fervent thanks to Father Vincent for his zealous labours in the place. He said that it was not alone by his constant preaching and by his other labours, which began at early morning and went on far into the night, but also by his extreme kindness and fatherly attractiveness of disposition that the venerable missionary had kept such numbers about him during the fortnight. He knew that he was expressing the foremost wish of the large congregation present, when he said that they all hoped to see Father Vincent and a few Fathers of his congregation giving another mission, a few years hence, amongst them in Invercargill.

A Winton correspondent writes:—The progress of Catholicity in this district, within the last few years, is worthy of record in our Catholic organ. The zeal and energy of the late lamented Father Vereker will act as a standing monument to his memory. At the death of the good priest many of the Catholics shed tears of sorrow, thinking a worthy successor could not be found, and while the Catholics of the district desire to commemorate their love for Father Vereker, by erecting Stations of the Cross, which have been ordered from France at a cost of £15, their respect for their present pastor, Rev. Father O'Neill, is none the less. As soon as Father O'Neill arrived here he set about introducing the Sisters, and all the people now acknowledge that in doing so their dear and worthy parish priest did the right thing. By great exertion, Father O'Neill succeeded in building a school and providing a comfortable house for the Sisters, and although some predicted ruin and debt at the time, they must now admit that everything is progressing in a very satisfactory manner, and that there are no signs of bankruptcy apparent. His Lordship the Bishop paid this district a visit recently, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to upwards of 70 persons. On that occasion first Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, and the second by Rev. Father O'Neill, after which his Lordship delivered an impressive discourse, taking his text from the gospel of the day. Before administering the Sacrament his Lordship delivered an exhortation to those about to be confirmed, and after the ceremony spoke on the value of Catholic literature, and recommended all to subscribe to the N.Z. TABLET. It must have been gratifying to his Lordship to see the devotion manifested by the people of Winton on the occasion of his visit.

### NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

It is estimated that the Victoria College, Wellington, will start next month with about 180 students.

SIXTEEN colonists are entitled to wear the New Zealand Cross and receive a pension of £10 each yearly.

A MAN named Patrick Kilmartin while fishing on the rocks at Charleston on Saturday afternoon was washed off and drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.

We have received parcels of used stamps for Father Kreymborg's mission from Master Dick Burke, St. David street, Dunedin, M. S., Wellington, and 'Alpha.'

OWING to the demand for increased room in the Government Building at Wellington, which by the way is alleged to be the largest wooden structure in the world, it is probable another wing will have to be added in a short time.

THE many friends of the N.Z. TABLET whose private correspondence with the rev. editor has remained unanswered are entreated to possess their souls in patience until his return from the South.

It is our painful duty (says the *Lake County Press*) to record the death of Mr. John Healy, a very old resident, who passed away at his residence, Speargrass Flat, on Sunday morning, March 12, at the age of 67. Although deceased had been in failing health for some time, his death was quite unexpected. He leaves a widow and family of five (all grown up) to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at the Arrow Cemetery on Tuesday, when a very large number assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. The Rev. Father Keenan officiated at the grave.

At the last meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society there was a large attendance of members and friends, Mr. F. Cooper presiding. The programme for the evening consisted of a lecture on electricity by Mr. A. J. Muller. The lecturer spoke chiefly on the various systems of cable and overland telegraphy. He also enlightened his hearers on the electric car and electric light systems. On the motion of Mr. Seal, seconded by Mr. L. Hanrahan, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Muller for his able lecture. Messrs. Morison and McSherry were selected to make all arrangements for next Wednesday evening's programme, which will take the form of a debate.

A WAIRARAPA correspondent writes:—St. Patrick's Day was honoured here in the usual manner. Mass was celebrated in the morning and a panegyric on the Saint preached by Rev. Father

Macdonald of Timaru. In the evening the annual concert in aid of the school was held, and was a brilliant success. Before eight o'clock the building was packed, and not even standing room was to be found. The entertainment was given by the children of the Convent school, aided by a few outside friends. Miss Kent, of Timaru, gave two songs in a finished style, being encored. Miss Petit was encored for her rendering of 'Kathleen Mavourneen.' Mr. Gus. Jones gave a splendid rendering of 'Sons of the sea,' for which he was recalled. Mr. Findlay was very successful in his recitations, which were re-demanded in each case. The choruses and tableaux were put before the audience in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on those responsible for the training of the young performers, 'The Camp Fire Ditty,' and tableaux representing 'Temptation,' 'Combat,' 'Victory,' deserving special mention. The last part consisted of a drama, entitled 'The Irish Heroine,' which was acted very creditably. The chief parts were taken by Masters J. Sims, Healey, Bartos, Costello, and O'Leary, and Misses Sims, Wheeler, and Costello. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of 'God save Ireland.'

### HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

ACCORDING to a Press Association message from Wellington, his Grace Archbishop Redwood was, on Monday night, presented with a silver salver and a skillet of sovereigns, in celebration of his silver episcopal jubilee. On Tuesday night his Grace received further recognition of his silver jubilee, he being entertained by the priests of the archdiocese. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present his Grace with a congratulatory address and a purse of sovereigns. The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, was among those present. The Archbishop received numerous congratulations on attaining his jubilee.

### CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL FOR CHRISTCHURCH.

#### A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

(From our own correspondent.)

Christchurch, March 20.

ON Sunday evening last the Pro-Cathedral was thronged with an expectant congregation, anxious to hear about what already had been done in the matter of erecting a new cathedral, and to encourage by their subscriptions and promises the advancement of the great work. The ordinary Vesper service was dispensed with, and after the recitation of the Rosary the Rev. Father Goggin, S.M., who has been commissioned by his Lordship the Bishop to labour in the interests of the projected structure, ascended the pulpit and right well (metaphorically) laid the first stone, paving the way also for the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who most exhaustively dealt with the subject of raising temples to the Most High from the earliest times. He instanced the establishment of the first Christian Church, the upper room in Jerusalem, and went on to describe the grand Gothic piles, which were noble records of a noble past, every act in their construction being recorded by God's angels. Coming down to more recent times, he related the constitution of the Catholic Church, from the Pope, the infallible head, the College of Cardinals, Metropolitans, to the Bishops: the respective dioceses over which they preside being likened to a little kingdom. Coming to the main subject of his discourse, he showed how inadequate and unsafe a wooden building such as the present Pro-Cathedral was, and stated that two or three times during recent years its total destruction by fire was narrowly averted. No later than last Christmas twelvemonth, in the dead of night, the sacristy was partly in flames: a few minutes more and the entire edifice, historic and devotional as it is, would have been but a memory of the past. His Lordship spoke of the audience he had with the Holy Father; how impressed his Holiness was at the information that the Pro-Cathedral was dedicated to the Most Blessed Sacrament, the only one so dedicated presumably in the southern hemisphere, a designation which would be transferred to the new cathedral. His Holiness urged the Bishop to proceed at once with its erection, and specially blessed the undertaking. Besides presenting a valuable cameo and a magnificent enamelled portrait for subsequent disposal in aid of the fund, his Holiness donated £100. In his travels his Lordship collected over £3000 in less than twelve months. The clergy of the diocese had so far promised over £1000; he himself would give £1000, £500 of which would be paid at once, £100 on laying the foundation stone, and £100 each succeeding year. He had also been promised and had partly received £975 during the past few weeks from generous donors. Terminating his address, he appealed to those present to do what was in their power to forward the movement. The clergy, assisted by several gentlemen, went amongst those in the church and received in promises and cash the handsome sum of £2509 17s, making a grand total of cash in hand and promises of £8581 17s.

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## The Catholic World.

**AFRICA.—The School Question in Transvaal.**—In a leading article on the school question the *Potchefstroom Budget* after expressing surprise that the public school had not by means of an entertainment given the public an opportunity of judging the progress made by its pupils, goes on to say:—Another school that always commands notice is that of the convent. The foregoing schools are State-aided. They are so circumstanced that they sail easily along unencumbered with serious financial difficulties. They have a bank to draw upon, and, when it is considered what the cost of such schools is to the State Exchequer, it must be admitted that they have a bank that furnishes them with extremely liberal advances. The Educational Bill of the Transvaal is a tall figure. As compared with the average cost per head in the Free State, Natal, and the Cape Colony, the Transvaal average is excessive. For this reason, if for no other, the public should be able to judge of what is being done in a fashion outside the dry statistics returned to the Educational Department. The Convent School, on the contrary, is a purely voluntary institution. When this is borne in mind, it is not only surprising that such schools rise above their financial difficulties, but that they furnish a standard of educational training that is not surpassed, if equalled, in the Transvaal or the Colonies. We cannot disguise the fact that it is a regrettable feature of the Transvaal System to lend such a deserving institution no financial aid. We do not expect to see rapid or startling changes in the policy of the Educational Department, but one thing is as certain as that there is a sun in the heavens, changes on a liberal and comprehensive basis must take place before the Transvaal system can be considered one of National Education.

**Nuns in Natal.**—A correspondent of the *Cape Daily Telegraph*, in describing a trip made from Port Elizabeth to Natal, says:—There is an excellent sanatorium in the best part of the Berea, under the management of the French Augustinian Nuns, who are all skilled and trained nurses. The building is situated on a splendid site overlooking the town and bay, and is built of red brick. It contains twenty-eight rooms, besides an operating theatre, and all the usual adjuncts of a first-class hospital. The institution is a most popular one, and such good work has been done by the Sisters that their fame has spread to the Cape Colony. Nazareth House has also a branch here, and is likewise beautifully situated on a still more commanding eminence, not only affording a view of Durban and its picturesque scenery, but of the country looking towards Pinetown and the north. Success seems to follow the work of the Nazareth Sisters, for the place is not nearly large enough for their requirements, which will necessitate additional building.

**AMERICA.—The Church Among the Indians.**—The Venerable Archdeacon Scriven (says the *Ave Maria*) gives a most interesting account of Indian missionary work on Vancouver and adjacent islands. Though he is an Anglican, he has the highest praise for the Catholic missionaries, and does not minimise by one jot or tittle the results of their labours. He says: 'The Roman Church has in fact, to our loss, but to her honour, entered into this field of mission work, and is occupying it with great zeal and no small success. There is of course a live Presbyterian work being carried on at Alberni; but the work of the Methodists seems to have taken chiefly the form of proselytising among the Roman Catholics.'

**ENGLAND.—The New Westminster Cathedral.**—When completed the new Westminster Cathedral will be one of the finest ecclesiastical structures in Europe. Though it will be somewhat hidden by the high mansions, let in flats, which surround it, its lofty campanile, 232 feet high, will tower over all the buildings in the neighbourhood. The architect of the new cathedral has wrought in the spirit of the days 'when art was still religion'; and he (Mr. John Bentley) has put a soul into his work. Before he drew the plans he spent three months on the Continent studying the best specimens of the Byzantine style. Although he has taken his leading ideas from St. Mark's, Venice (for the domes), St. Ambrose's, Milan, and St. Vitale's, Ravenna, the Cathedral is not a mere servile copy of any one of these or of any other church, but is stamped with a certain originality, the designer having allowed some time to elapse after his return and his own conception to take definite shape in his mind before he traced a single line. It is a bold thing to challenge comparison with St. Peter's at Rome, but the architect has no hesitation in saying that the interior, at the first glance, will convey the idea of size and vastness more impressively than does the great masterpiece of Bramante and Michael Angelo. Not until the visitor begins to examine closely and to compare the colossal figures and details does he realise the grandeur of the greatest of earthly temples. Not so with the new Westminster Cathedral. Its long drawn nave, extending 312 feet, and its vault, reaching 117 feet, with the skilful combination of triple lateral arches, will be sure to impress the visitor with a sense of vastness and loftiness. From the beginning of the work in 1895 to 1st December, 1898, about £73,000 has been paid to contractor, architect and clerk of works. The total cost of erection cannot at present be accurately estimated.

**FRANCE.—The Panegyric of Joan of Arc.**—As has been already announced (says the *New Era*) Archbishop Ireland is to preach the panegyric of Joan of Arc at the Orleans festival in honour of the holy maiden of Domremy, whose sacred and patriotic mission has borne such marked fruit in the history of Anglo-French Europe. The eloquent Archbishop of St. Paul is not the first English-speaking member of the episcopate who has figured in Orleans Cathedral as a French pulpit orator. In 1862 Bishop James Gillis, of Edinburgh, sounded the praises of Joan of Arc in the presence of Napoleon III, and the illustrious Mgr. Dupanloup, then

Bishop of Orleans. The Scotch prelate then had the honour of being congratulated by the French Emperor on the happiness of reconciling his fellow bishop and the sovereign, whose mutual relations had till that auspicious occasion been rather cold.

**GERMANY.—Rev. Prince Maximilian.**—The Rev. Prince Maximilian, of Saxony, known to Londoners during his ministrations at the German Church in Whitechapel, has, it is announced, been appointed Curé of the principal Catholic Church of Nuremberg, the old German city of which Longfellow sang so sweetly. Renouncing his title, he wishes to be known in future as Dr. Wetten, the surname of the family who have filled the Saxon thrones since the fourteenth century.

**ROME.—Lenten Discourses for English Visitors.**—The course of Lenten sermons in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, Rome, frequented by English speaking visitors, were to be delivered this year by the Rev. Father Maturin. The name of the eloquent preacher (says the *New Era* correspondent) is well known in England, and his conversion from the Anglican brotherhood known as the Cowley Fathers, to which the Rev. Luke Rivington also belonged, was a matter of much interest. He succeeds the Most Rev. Archbishop Keane, late Rector of the Catholic University of Washington, who has occupied the pulpit of San Silvestro for a considerable time. The Archbishop preached on the Sundays in January, and the eloquence and devotional nature of his sermons are very effective in winning hearts. There is no doubt that Archbishop Keane is one of the greatest preachers in the English tongue to-day. Many conversions have followed his clear and admirable exposition of Catholic doctrine.

**SYRIA.—The Maronites of Antioch.**—Monsignor Floyeck or Hoyeck, the new patriarch of Antioch and all the East, is well known in Paris (says a correspondent). The last patriarch was Monsignor Peter Haggie, or Hadji, known as John XIII. He was an intense patriot and an energetic ecclesiastic, for he was able to raise the Archiepiscopal See of Baalbek from a state of absolute poverty to one of prosperity. When he went there he had only a straw-thatched hut or cabin to live in, but he was soon able to build a palace and a seminary. In summer the Patriarch of Antioch lives in the shade of the famous Cedars of Lebanon, at Canoubin, and in winter he lives at Bekerki. He rules spiritually over about 210,000 people, and has under him about a dozen archbishops and bishops.

**UNITED STATES.—Death of an Irish Priest.**—The Rev. Father J. J. Hynes, of Holy Rosary Church, Woodland, United States, died recently at the Sisters' Hospital, Sacramento. Father Hynes was 52 years of age, and a native of County Meath, Ireland. He was educated at St. Mary's College, Mullingar, Ireland, studying under the late Bishop Nulty. He was ordained for the priesthood at All Hallows' College, Dublin. He came to the United States in 1870, and his first charge was at Gold Hill, Nevada. Afterward he was located at Eureka, Grass Valley, Chico and Woodland, having been for eight years at Chico and eleven at Woodland. He leaves a nephew, Father James J. Hynes, of Marysville, who was with him at the time of death.

**The Catholic Total Abstinence Union.**—The Catholic Total Abstinence Union (says Bishop Tierney, speaking some time ago) is the official and duly authorized organization in the Church in the United States, whereby the sentiment of total abstinence is encouraged and its statements and practice are guarded from all danger of fanaticism. For more than a quarter of a century this organization has done vigorous work against the drink evil, and has done it with an unblemished record for prudence in speech and wisdom in action. It has pursued a path at once conservative and intelligent, so as to deserve the unsolicited commendations of the Hierarchy and the approval of the Holy See. It has gradually grown from a mere handful of twenty-five years ago until to-day it is the largest fraternal and religious association in the Church in America, embracing a membership of 20,000.

### GENERAL.

**Missionary Notes.**—Bishop L. Roy, Superior-General of the Missionary Society of the Holy Ghost speaking at the National Congress, in Paris, some time ago, said that the first to receive the title of Vicar Apostolic was St. Ansgar, or Oscar, the Frankish monk consecrated by Pope Gregory IV, in Rome in 833, for the evangelisation of the North of Europe; the Congregation of Propaganda was founded by Gregory XV, in 1622; the Society of the Propagation of the Faith was constituted in Lyons in 1822.

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Detective-Superintendent Caminada (of Manchester) has retired, after a period of 36 years' service in Manchester, during which time he had arrested no fewer than 1225 prisoners, and recovered nearly £10,000 in fines. Of the many stories told of this celebrated detective, one refers to a daring attempt to rob Cardinal Vaughan (then Bishop Salford) of his pectoral cross as he was leaving St. Augustine's, Manchester. The Cardinal was in the act of blessing the assembled people when a notorious swell-mobster stole from his Eminence the magnificent cross which had been presented to him by the De Trafford family. The man only partially succeeded, however, as Mr. Caminada, who was hovering about in the crowd, was on his track in an instant, and the costly cross was restored before even the Cardinal knew what had happened. The detective was really not on duty at the time. He was present as a Catholic.

## WEDDING BELLS.

WOODS—SEABROOK.

A QUIET wedding took place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day when Mr. J. Woods, second son of Mr. D. W. Woods, contractor, of Dunedin, and an esteemed member of the Cathedral Choir, was married to Miss Florence A. Seabrook, only daughter of Mr. C. Seabrook, merchant, of Greymouth. The bride was attended by Miss Emily Woods, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Ethel Murray, his niece, as bridesmaids. Mr. F. Woods acted as best man. The bride, in the unavoidable absence of her father, was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Seabrook. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the residence of the bridegroom's father, Mr. D. W. Woods, where light refreshments were partaken of, and the health of the newly wedded couple duly honoured. The wedding presents were valuable and numerous. Before leaving Greymouth Mrs. Woods was presented by her friends in musical circles with a beautiful marble clock and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Woods was also the recipient of a handsome present at the hands of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, the present taking the form of a very fine pedestal lamp. The presentation was made by the Rev. Father Murphy, who, in wishing Mr. Woods a long and happy married life, said no member of the choir better deserved recognition for his valuable services. Mr. J. A. Scott, as chairman of the choir committee, also spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Woods. It was impossible, he said, to meet that gentleman from week to week, as they had done, without coming to have a warm regard for him. He had been, in fact, a model member, and on behalf of the choir he (Mr. Scott) offered their warmest congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness. Mr. P. Carolin endorsed what the previous speaker had said. Mr. Woods, who was very much affected, replied in a feeling speech.

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## INTERCOLONIAL.

The death by accident of Mrs. Scanlan, wife of Mr. M. J. Scanlan, Brisbane, is reported in the *Australian*. Mrs. Scanlan, whose maiden name was O'Connor, was an exemplary Catholic, charitable and noble-hearted woman, and a true wife and mother. She was born in 1854, near Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, and came to Queensland in 1877.

Two coloured women, during the hurricane on the North Queensland coast, swam ten miles each with a child on her back. Both reached land, but the children had succumbed.

A hotel was burned at Kirkstall, Warrnambool, Victoria. Three well-known residents named Humphreys, Costello, and O'Brien were burned to death. Humphreys discovered the fire and rescued several inmates, and going back for others perished.

Whosoever acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth, of happiness, of wisdom, of science, must of necessity make himself a lover of books.

When James Tyson died (says the *Australian*) his wealth was estimated at various large sums. No valuation went below £5,000,000, and some went as high as £8,000,000. Mr. Tyson was not as rich as was supposed, as the total values as sworn in regard to his estates in the three colonies are—Queensland, £1,333,000; New South Wales, £562,989; Victoria, £441,641. Total £2,337,630.

'Many people are apt to sneer at the French' (says a writer in the *Sacred Heart Review*). 'I refer to those persons who are puffed up with the idea that they are members of the Anglo-Saxon race. But the young Frenchman in his devotion to his mother is a model that all may follow. She is constantly in his thoughts, and he never refers to her except in the most deferential and affectionate manner. You can not imagine a young fellow in France calling his mother the "old woman." He may go astray in the many ways peculiar to youth, but he never forgets the good woman who gave him birth, and his love for her is often the means of leading him back to the path of virtue.' Some of our New Zealand youths might, with advantage, make a note of this.

Mrs. Campbell Praed, the authoress, who is a Queensland lady has contributed an article on the 'Australian Girl' in a publication called *Girls' Realm*. In that article she pays a high tribute to the Catholic nuns as teachers and trainers, and calls attention to the large number of Protestants who are being educated in our convents. The selector's daughters, no matter what their creed, are brought up by Roman Catholic nuns; and it is a matter for reflection that under a Church of England State organisation, the Catholic leaven should be working unrecognised, but effectually, in the future mothers of the land. The nuns are often ladies of high breeding and accomplishments, and take great interest in training a pretty clever girl, who learns from them, not only music and languages, and the rest, but what is perhaps more important, how to comport herself elegantly.

The Rev. Father Fitzgerald, who was chaplain of an United States regiment, in Cuba, during the war had many interesting experiences during the campaign. He tells a most pathetic incident about Captain Drum, the gallant officer of the Tenth United States Infantry. Drum was an excellent Catholic and a most prominent Irish-American of Boston. Father Fitzgerald happened to visit the Tenth and met Drum, who invited him to lunch—bacon and hard-tack. When they had finished, Drum said he wished to go to Confession. The men were all around and priest and penitent walked up and down as the latter made his confession. He had a presentiment that he would be killed, and the presentiment was sadly verified. In an engagement a few days afterwards as the brave officer was leading his men in a charge, a Mauser bullet ended his career.

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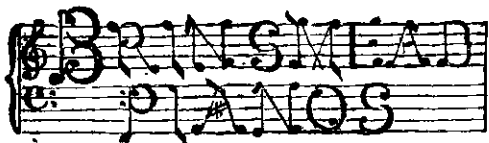
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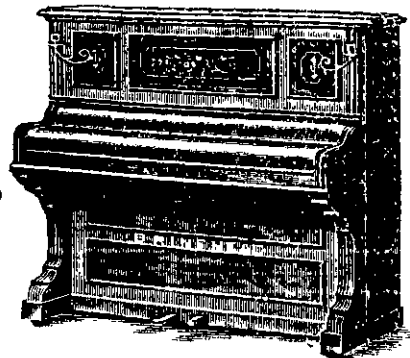
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Then something happened that changed things in the Gavan family a great deal. Michael Gavan fell from a scaffolding on which he was at work and was killed. When his poor wife was told the awful news, the first consoling thought that came into her mind was that her husband had been to Holy Communion the day before; then she looked at Tommy and his small sister, with the reflection that the care of the children now fell on her alone. It helped her to dry her eyes and take up life's duties again, despite the ache in her heart.

It was a hard thing for the good woman to take Tommy away from the Brothers' school, when he was getting on so well in his studies; but there was no choice in the matter. Happily, her son realised the situation, and was glad of a chance to help his mother and make life lighter for her and Mary Elizabeth. He felt a fine pride in taking his father's place in the family. He became a newsboy.

Tim Morrisson, who was fifteen and a veteran in the business, gave Tommy a lot of points about his new calling. He 'put him on to' the best places for selling 'extras,' and gave him good ideas as to the way of approaching people so that they would buy a paper. Tommy had a great deal of his father about him. He was wiry, and went straight ahead with a determination to 'get there.' He had natural gifts and a big streak of common-sense. These helped him to pick up the true inwardness of selling newspapers almost more than all Tim Morrisson's wise advice. He had a good-natured face, which was always clean; and his clothes looked neat, even if they were worn and patched. So when a man heard his cheery voice and saw his serious but alert countenance, the chance was that he would buy a paper even if he had not specially wished for one.

Tommy was one of the first on hand for the papers. He waited patiently in the basement of the big, towering buildings; and had the thick pile of moist papers, fresh from the press, over his arm half a minute after the man had shoved them toward him with the words, 'Here are your papers. Twenty-five.' For Tommy had not been in business very long before he took as many papers to sell as Tim Morrisson did; and he seldom had any to bring back. The boy was more than repaid for his earnest efforts to make a success of his calling by the warm gratitude of his mother and the sense that he was lifting some of the burden from her shoulders.

After Tommy had been at his work about a fortnight, he was waiting one evening, with the crowd of newsboys, in the basement for the 'extra' with the baseball news in it, when he caught Tim Morrisson's eye fixed on him in an inquiring way. It almost seemed as if Tim had remarked something peculiar about Tommy and was trying to find out what it was.

'What is it?—what's the matter, Tim?' he said, edging toward him, but taking care not to lose his place in the line.

'Yer jest see me after we get through the rush with the "extras,"' said Tim, wisely; 'and I guess I can put yer on to a good thing.'

Tommy was eager to get 'on to' all the good things he could, because it meant so much more help for the family. When the pile of papers on his arm had thinned down to three or four, he ran around to Broadway, where Tim conducted business, and, coming up to him, inquired:

'What's the good thing, Tim?'

'Why, kid,' said the older boy, as he looked at Tommy with some importance, 'how would yer like to make half a dollar or so, now and then, for jest doin' almost nothin'!'

There was no doubt in Tommy's mind that he wanted to earn a half dollar or a quarter or a dime. But the fact that money is earned by doing something was so deeply impressed upon him that he replied to Tim, a little doubtfully:

'There isn't anybody that will give you money unless you work for it. What do you mean, Tim?'

'I know a man that will give yer money jest to stand around as he wants yer to, and keep still. Wouldn't yer call that gettin' money for not doin' anything?' said Tim.

It did sound uncommonly like it. But, even so, the prospect was not as alluring to Tommy as Tim evidently thought it would be. 'Standing still' had never been his strong point. That was not the kind of 'standing' the men of the Gavan family strove for. Sitting still at school, when he had his studies to help him to be quiet, had been a strain on Tommy. But he was sincerely anxious to make a success as a business man, and he felt that Tim had not told all there was in this new and mysterious scheme of his. So he said to him, seriously:

'What makes him pay anybody to stand still for?'

'Why, yer see—Paper, sir? Baseball extra? New Yorks and Philadelphia's?—yer see,' Tim went on, as he slipped the cent into his pocket and hitched his pile of papers up under his arm, 'he keeps yer standin' jest as if yer were goin' to do somethin', only yer never do it—see? And then he paints yer on a piece of cloth, he concluded.

All this only deepened the mystery for Tommy Gavan. What did a man want a picture of a newsboy for, any way—especially a newsboy that he didn't know?

'What does he do with the pictures after he gets them?' he asked.

'Oh, I hear that he sells 'em for big money! I'm givin' it to yer straight,' Tim added; for Tommy smiled incredulously. Every new explanation of Tim's seemed to require an explanation for itself. 'What do yer care what he does with 'em if yer gettin' good money for an easy job?' Tim went on, a little impatiently. 'I'm givin' it to yer all right. If yer go and stand for him, he'll give yer fifty cents an hour. Sometimes he wants yer to stand half a dozen times for one picture. I've stood for him. But he wants a smaller boy. I'm tellin' yer 'cause I'm yer friend. I can get plenty of fellers that'll jump at such a snap,' said Morrisson, rather hurt at Tommy's lack of enthusiasm and the distrustful attitude he showed toward him. He was old en ough to know what he was talking about, and a 'kid' ought to believe him.

'Of course, Tim, you know I'd like to make the money fast enough,' replied Tommy, seeing that the dignity of the older boy was hurt. 'But what'll I have to do?'

'I'll take yer to the man next Sunday and yer can see for yerself. I know the kind o' boy he wants, and I think yer'e jest the ticket.'

'All right!' said Tommy.

He talked it over with his mother that night. Mrs. Gavan was as much in the dark as her son; but she knew Tim Morrisson, and felt that Tommy's own good common-sense would help him. She thought that people who had their pictures painted by artists paid them for doing it, and she did not understand why they should get paid for it.

But Sunday morning they all went to the seven o'clock Mass; and after Mrs. Gavan had wet and brushed Tommy's hair very smoothly and put on his best collar and neck-tie, she sent him off to meet Tim Morrisson. Tommy's Sunday trousers had been made from a pair of his father's; and as Mrs. Gavan had left room for Tommy to grow in them, they were not the closest fit in the world.

Morrisson took Tommy to a curious brick building on West Tenth street. The two boys went up three flights of stairs and then into a large room, the like of which Tommy had never seen in his life. The greater part of one side seemed to be windows and yet the glass in them was of a kind that let the light in but could not be seen through. There were a number of paintings on the wall and some drawings.

One of the pictures represented a group of newsboys and bootblacks crowding around a candle-box, stood on end. On the box was a pretty fox terrier holding out his paw; while one of the newsboys, who was his master, held his forefinger raised threateningly at him so as to make him keep it up.

'That's me!' exclaimed Tommy and speaking in a whisper as he indicated this boy. Tommy had already recognised him, as the likeness was a very good one.

'Yes, but you haven't got any dog,' Tommy whispered back.

'Course I ain't,' answered Morrisson. 'He picked up the dog to paint, just like he did me.'

The artist was a medium-sized man, thick-set, and with heavy eyebrows, and a thick, bushy beard of a yellowish grey. He looked at Tommy a moment through his steel-bowed spectacles.

'You'll do, my boy, first rate,' he said in a loud but kind voice, which Tommy liked. 'Will you come and stand for me to paint you?'

'What for?' asked Tommy, seriously.

The artist laughed outright at this.

'I don't know myself yet,' he replied, looking at the honest little chap with new interest. 'For anybody who will pay me my price,' he went on.

'I guess nobody'll care for my picture,' Tommy added, modestly.

'I'll take my chance on that,' the artist answered, still smiling. 'You won't be out anything, anyhow. I'll pay you half a dollar an hour to pose. Will you come some day?'

'What's posing?'

'Simply standing still, as I put you, while I paint you.'

Tommy expressed his willingness, and the day and hour were agreed upon.

'When you come,' observed the artist, looking at Tommy's 'best clothes' rather discouragingly, 'wear your old things. The older they are, the better. You'll feel more comfortable, and I will be better suited. And don't brush your hair. In fact, you needn't wash your face and hands. Can you remember all that?'

Tommy said he could. There was no danger that he would forget such funny directions. But he had serious doubts as to whether his mother would let him come in that way. He thought the man was very queer.

His mother was quite as surprised as Tommy had expected her to be, and felt that he had made some mistake. What could he mean? Want to paint a ragged, dirty-looking boy, instead of a neatly dressed and clean one?

'If he's going to put your name on it, it doesn't seem right,' she remarked, in a distressed tone.

When Tommy returned home after his first experience in the 'stoodier,' as Tim Morrisson called the big room, he had such strange things to tell his mother and Mary Elizabeth that the whole business seemed more ridiculous than ever.

'He asked me if I could stand on my hands, and got me to do it for him to look at. Then he said that was the way I am to be taken, and that I was a very good subject.'

'My gracious, Tommy!' exclaimed his mother. 'It doesn't seem as if he was in his right mind. Wanting you to come in your dirty clothes, and not wash your face nor comb your hair; and, then, to ask you to walk on your hands! And to say you were a good subject, just as if he was a king! I hope he didn't keep you standing that way long, with the blood all rushing to your head?' she added, with motherly solicitude.

'Oh, no, mother!' answered Tommy. 'He fixed that all right. He made me get up on a platform and lie down on my stomach, and then stick my feet up in the air.'

'It isn't a high platform, is it?' asked Mrs. Gavan, a new cause for alarm. The thought of a scaffolding was a most terrifying one to her ever since Mr. Gavan had made her a widow by a fall from one. Was it possible that her dear little boy was being led into danger under the pretext of having his picture taken? That would explain why the man was willing to give him such good wages.

Tommy laughed.

'Why, mother,' he said, 'it is a little bit of a platform, not a foot high. There ain't anything hard about the posing'—Tommy was a little proud of that professional word—'except the keeping just so for so long. But he makes it as easy for me as he can. After he had fixed my legs the way he wanted them to go, he tied them up to something with a piece of clothes-line, so that they would stay easy without my holding them up myself. He kept me that way about an hour, and then he untied me and told me to rest—after I'd been resting all the time!' ejaculated Tommy, with some disdain.

'Aren't your legs tired?' sighed Mrs. Gavan. She knew, poor woman! how her back ached over the wash-tub; and the mention of the clothes-line had set her mind at work in that direction.

Tommy assured her that it was an 'awful easy job,'—all except keeping still so long. This did not have a bad effect on his mother's imagination, as she did not have so much rest that the thought of being in repose worried her. The bright half dollar was a good, strong argument for the boy's lying on the platform with his legs in the air in that foolish way. There was nothing silly about the half dollar.

'The man says I am a model,' added Tommy, after he had quieted all her doubts and fears.

'That you are, for a small boy like you: taking hold and helping your mother and little sister like a real man. And why shouldn't I say it—I who am your mother,—when Father Doyle said it? It's to the credit of this queer man that he found that out so soon,' exclaimed Mrs. Gavan, fervently.

'Oh it isn't that kind he means! If you stand while somebody paints you, then you're a model.'

Later on, in his professional career in the art world, Tommy had to lie on the platform and put his hands on the floor just as he put them when he walked on them. No boy can stand on his hands for more than a few minutes at a time, and so the artist had to get them in this way. He was certainly very considerate, for he put a cushion under Tommy's stomach for him to lie on.

In course of time the painting was done. Tommy's labours for it were over before those of the artist were: for there were fourteen newsboys and bootblacks in the picture. One of them was walking on his hands, and the rest were looking on and admiring him. The hero of the scene, this urchin walking so gracefully on his hands, was Tommy Gavan, done to life. The artist kindly permitted him to bring his mother to see it. She was very proud to behold such a faithful portrait of her dear boy in so large a painting. She declared openly her regret that Tommy's father had not lived to see it, too.

Mrs Gavan could not understand why the artist should want to paint newsboys and bootblacks—

'Just as you see them everyday in the street,' she said to Tommy; 'and not even as neat as they might be. He has the patch in your pants showing so that everybody has to see it; and he could have easily turned them another way, or let you wear those nice ones made out of your father's.'

Mrs Gavan is not the only person in the world who does not grasp all there is in a picture. Nor could she ever get it out of her head that Tommy was the artist's 'model' because he was such a model boy in his conduct.

Tommy figured in a good many of these street scenes: though after some time, like Tim Morrison, he got too big to figure as a boy. But the same artist did pictures of little girls dancing on the sidewalks, or looking at an organ-grinder and the like. When he heard of Mary Elizabeth, he got her to come and pose. She turned out to be just as model a girl—or, I should say, a girl model—as her brother had been a boy model.

The only way Tommy Gavan got over being a model boy was by becoming a model man. Mrs Gavan gets more rest nowadays than she used to, and the home is better stored with comforts than it was in times gone by. Tommy got over walking on his hands: but he is not through walking on his feet, and it is always in the direction of success.—*Live Maria.*

It is said that the peasant of the South of France spends on food for a family of five an average of twopence a day.

Returns presented to the Dominion Parliament show that the number of Indians in Canada is 99,364, of whom 70,394 belong to some Christian denomination. Of the Christians, 41,813 are Catholics, being 59.4 per cent. The remainder are distributed as follows: 16,129 Anglicans, 10,273 Methodists, 807 Presbyterians 1362 of other denominations. The religion of 12,350 is unknown, and 16,677 are pagans.

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## People We Hear About.

The Rev. Isaac Moore, S.J., on his return from New Zealand called at Hobart, and while in that city he was the guest of Lord and Lady Gormanston.

Dr. Maurice O'Connor, the well-known Sydney physician, died on Wednesday, March 8, aged 42, from pneumonia. He was unmarried, and was distinguished in his profession. Sir Henry Parkes was a patient of his for many years.

London exchanges announce the death at the age of 73 of one of the most eminent and widely respected of the Catholics of the great city in the person of Dr. William Munk, of Finsbury Square. Dr. Munk was medical adviser to the late Cardinal Wiseman.

The literary career of Joris Karl Huysmans, the author of *La Bas*, *En Route* and *La Cathedral*, is about to be closed by his entrance into a monastery. But that step was not a surprise. He has come to the conclusion that the world is a great hollow mockery, that even the best men are unhappy.

In referring to Mr. T. B. Curran's call to the English bar, the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—Mr. Curran, who is 28 years of age, is a native of Sydney, and in his college days there he gave promise of future success in Parliament by winning the gold medal of the University for debating. He has now doubled his opportunities of oratorical distinction, and his friends look to his future career with interest.

A number of good stories are now in circulation regarding Baron Hawkins. It is recorded that once upon a time, while listening to an exceedingly uninteresting argument which seemed likely to endure forever, he sent the court usher with a note to the learned barrister, who opened it and read only these words: 'Patience Competition. Gold medal, Sir Henry Hawkins; honourable mention, Job.'

The Liverpool Memorial Fund to Mrs. Hemans has been closed at £140. It has been decided that the Council of University College, Liverpool, be requested to undertake the control when invested of the fund for a prize under the following conditions:—The prize to be called the Felicia Hemans Prize for Lyrical Poetry; to be open to all competitors of both sexes; that it shall consist of a bronze medal bearing the profile and name of Felicia Hemans; and the yearly interest on the fund to be laid out in books or otherwise at the discretion of the judges, who shall be three Professors of the college.

Dean Vere, the rector of St. Patrick's Church, Soho, London, who is a warm friend of the Irish cause, has delivered a course of sermons on 'No Pop-ry Cry.' In dealing with the question of Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet on the Vatican decrees, he said that his after conduct proved that he was really and truly sorry for what he had written concerning the alleged disloyalty of Catholics, and to show how much he believed in their loyalty, he did his very utmost to secure to Catholics the power to rule themselves, and the Home Rule cause had in Mr. Gladstone the warmest supporter and propagator.

The Princess of Bulgaria died at noon on Tuesday, 31st January. The court physician attributes the death to influenza, complicated by an attack of pneumonia, and to weakness consequent upon premature confinement. She had suffered profoundly in her religious faith (says the *Catholic Times*) by the enforced 'conversion' of her eldest son, the very charming little Prince Boris, to the Greek faith—an act which, as a devout Catholic, she had opposed with all her might. The late Princess was ill fitted for the rough principles and daily anxieties of life in Bulgaria. She was not even mistress in her own home, where the Princess Clementine, Prince Ferdinand's mother, held complete sway.

The wedding of Madame Adelina Patti Nicolini and the Baron Cederstrom was solemnised at the Catholic Church, Brecon, on Jan. 25. The bride was given away by Sir Faudel Phillips, ex-Lord Mayor of London, and the best man was Baron Rolf Cederstrom, *aide-de-camp* to Prince Rupert of Sweden. Among those present were Lord Tredegar, Lady Faudel Phillips, Baron and Baroness George de Reuter, Baron and Baroness Cederstrom, Baron and Baroness Degur, Sir Campbell and Lady Clarke. The Rev. Father Griffiths (the parish priest) assisted by the Rev. Father Polycarp, performed the marriage ceremony. Notwithstanding her fifty-six or fifty-seven years, the bride looked charming and comparatively young. No one would have suspected that between her age and that of the bridegroom there is a difference of about twenty-five years, Baron Cederstrom being only about thirty years old. The world's greatest singer has on several occasions expressed her dislike of forms and ceremonies; still, she is fond of novelty. The arrangements—made at her special request—that the wedding breakfast should take place in a railway carriage, while she and her husband and the invited guests were *en route* for London, was a new feature in wedding ceremonies. Her love for novelty was again seen in her persistence, in opposition to the expressed wish of many of her friends, that her marriage should be solemnised in one of the humblest of the Catholic churches in Glamorganshire, nearly twenty miles distant from her home, while there were far more pretentious religious edifices within easy distance from Craig-y-Nos, the Diva's beautiful Welsh castle. On the way to London a change was made at Penwyll into the Great Western Railway Company's special train. This train was unique. After the engine came a combined brake and third-class carriage, 56ft long, then a 50ft long first-class carriage, and lastly the specially-adapted dining-car saloon, with the kitchen behind. A table 21ft long, was placed in the middle, with room for the party to sit comfortably on each side. The table was most tastefully arranged. Except the wedding cake, everything came from Craig-y-Nos kitchen, and Madame Patti's chief cook, M. G. Langz, was in charge.

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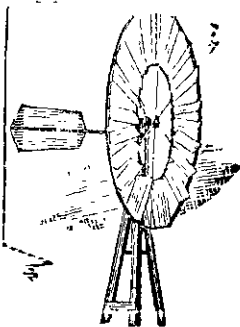
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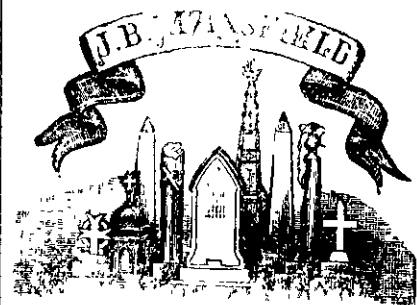
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A monument is about to be erected after over two centuries, to the memory of Bossuet, in the Cathedral of Meaux in which he preached some of his most famous sermons. The committee which has been formed to raise the necessary money for the memorial, includes the names of almost every illustrious Frenchman of letters of the present time, M. Brunetiere, the editor of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, being one of the most active promoters of the scheme.

Antwerp is preparing to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Vandyke who was born on March 12, 1599. It has been decided to hold an exhibition of the works of the great Dutch master, and Belgian and foreign collectors who are fortunate enough to possess specimens of the Flemish painter's work will be asked to lend their assistance to the movement. Vandyke was a member of a pious Dutch Catholic family. Three of his sisters were Dominican nuns and one of his brothers was a priest.

Count Arthur Moore, who succeeded E. F. Vesey Knox as Derry's representative in the House of Commons, was born in the year 1851. He was a native of Moonesfort, County Tipperary, was a member of Parliament for Clonmel from 1874 to 1885. He was High Sheriff for the County Tipperary, and is Deputy-Lieutenant for that county. In 1879 he was created a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory and Count of the Holy Roman Empire by his Holiness Leo XIII. He was also Chamberlain to his Holiness, Count Moore built and endowed the Cistercian Monastery, Roscrea, County Tipperary. He also built the splendid Industrial Schools erected at Clonmel. He is a large landowner in the County Tipperary, and is a good landlord. He has always been a Home Ruler and a supporter of all questions tending to the social elevation and material welfare of his native country.

M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire, whose name has been so prominent of late in our Paris cablegrams, is said to be a very notable and familiar figure in the life of the French capital. Tall, straight as a lance, abrupt in manner, scrupulously clean-shaven, with keen eyes and cynical lip, M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire is a Burgundian. The retiring magistrate is a great grandson of the great Francois Quesnay, who was for thirty years the trusted medical adviser of Louis XV. and his Queen, to say nothing of his being the close friend and associate of Diderot, d'Alembert, Helvetius, Buffon, Turgot, Marmontel and Voltaire, and a political economist of such repute that Adam Smith would have dedicated the *Wealth of Nations* to him had he been alive at the time of its publication. He is not only a lawyer, but a novelist, and, under the *nom de plume* of 'Lucie Herpin,' once wrote a romance, *Marie Fougere*, in which he roundly mauled the realistic school, and Zola (whom he is said even then to have hated) with redoubtable virulence.

There is just now (writes Mr. James Britten) a renewal of interest in Aubrey Beardsley and his work. Much of the latter has been re-issued, while some is being published for the first time; and appreciation of the artist is appearing in various quarters. It is interesting to notice how sympathetically and respectfully Beardsley's conversion to Catholicism is spoken of by his friends, themselves not Catholics. Thus Mr. Arthur Symons in a little volume lately issued, containing portraits of Beardsley and specimens of his work, speaks of him as dying 'in the peace of the last Sacraments of the Church, holding the rosary between his fingers.' Mr. Ivan Beerholm, the brilliant and eccentric actor, who was born on the same day as Beardsley, wrote in the *Idler*: 'His conversion was no mere passing whim, as some people supposed it to be; it was made from true emotional and intellectual impulse. From that time to his death he was a pious and devout Catholic, whose religion consoled him for all the suffering he underwent.'

The General Count Raffaele de Courten has completed the 90th year of his age (writes a Rome correspondent), and Leo XIII. has taken the occasion to send to his illustrious veteran of the Pontifical Army the Grand Cross of the Order of Pius IX. The brief accompanying the gift related the great merits of the Count towards the Holy See. Count Courten's services to the Holy See date from 1832, when he was appointed sub-lieutenant in the Pontifical Army, and from which he rose step by step to the grade of general in 1860. Having completed his years of service he retired in 1861, but rejoined in 1865 at the request of Pius IX., and distinguished himself by putting down brigandage in the province of Frosinone; he commanded the Pontifical troops against the Garibaldians at Mentana, fighting there with a brother of his like a simple soldier. Finally he presided at the Council for the defence of Rome in 1870, when the city was besieged by the army of Victor Emmanuel.

It is said that the higher a person's position is in the social scale the worse the hand he writes. Of course there are exceptions, as for instance the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, whose writing is, although a trifle irregular at times, always very firm, and indicative of an enormously strong will. The Chief Justice of England writes an excellent hand, albeit even more peculiar than Lord Wolseley's. It is heavy, angular, devoid of those flourishes which spoil so many handwritings, and has a slight slant to the right. The Prince of Wales writes fairly well; a legible, rather heavy hand, with a slant to the right, and a freedom from flourish. On the whole, it is rather characteristic. Lord Salisbury's writing is—simply shocking. The Premier writes with a fine nib, lightly, thinly, and very badly. He has a lofty disregard for the formation of his letters, his 'm's' and 'n's' generally along the line without any suggestion of getting up where they should to form themselves properly, and as for the ends of many of his words—it has to be taken as implied. Mr. A. J. Balfour takes after his uncle in his callous disregard at the ends of his words, and very often neglects to give them anything more than a start. Sometimes, however, his words begin and end well, but when they do two or three letters are generally left out of the middle. M. Zola writes a hand very suggestive of the mode of progression of a paralysed spider that has recently escaped from an inkpot.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.

DUNEDIN.

THE CONCERT.

WITH the exception of the banks and Government offices being closed there was little else to show that Friday last was the Irish National Festival. Here and there was to be seen in button hole a green favour, or a sprig of trefoil as a substitute for the shamrock. The day was, however, celebrated by a concert and dramatic performance, under the auspices of the Celebration Committee, in the Garrison Hall, which attracted a crowded audience. Among those present were the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Rev. Father Coffey, Rev. Father Murphy, Rev. Father O'Donnell, Rev. Father Ryan, Rev. Father M'Mullan, &c. The concert opened with an overture, 'Humours of Donnybrook,' capitably played by an orchestra, under Mr. J. Flint, who also, during the interval, contributed selections. Mr. P. Carolin's fine voice was heard to advantage in 'The Irish Emigrant,' but the singer bowed his acknowledgments to the demand for an encore. That fine song 'Off to Philadelphia' was well interpreted by Mr. Holgate, who was warmly applauded. Miss G. Bush recited with good enunciation and appropriate action the 'Ballad of Splendid Silence,' which was duly appreciated. Mr. Robert Kennedy sang 'The Minstrel Boy' and as an encore number 'The Harp that Once,' which was done full justice to. Miss Kitty Blaney's vocal abilities are so well known that it is only necessary to remark that she sang 'Kate O'Shane' to say that it was artistically rendered, whilst her encore item, given with a delightful brogue, was a gem which brought down the house. Miss Lucy Connor has a very nice style, and her singing of 'Come Back to Erin' was a finished performance. For 'The Ever-green Hope' Mr. J. Jago was emphatically encored, and in response thereto he gave with fine effect that most popular of convivial ditties 'The Cruisken Lhawn.' A brass quartette 'Remembrance,' well played by Messrs. W. and A. Smith, F. Trownson and A. Jones, and the admirable part songs 'Let Erin Remember' and 'Off in the Stilly Night' by St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, under the baton of Mr. W. T. Ward, made up the first part of the programme.

The second part consisted of a farcical comedy, 'The Irish Attorney,' in which the title role was filled by Mr. H. M'Cormack, who gave a very good representation of Patrick O'Hara, a Galway gentleman, who had a better acquaintance with the rules of sports prevailing in those days than with legal technicalities, and whose method of dealing with clients was not in accordance with the customs obtaining in the firm of the English lawyer, Jacob Wylie, with whom he had entered into partnership. The shrewd, polished lawyer, Jacob Wylie, had a good exponent in Mr. J. Cantwell, who showed a keen appreciation of the manners of the legal profession a century ago. Mr. P. Carolin as Hawk and Mr. C. Delany as Saunders, both employees of Wylie, contributed much to the amusement of the audience by their endeavours to carry out the conflicting instructions of the principals. The part of Maldon, a man of wealth, was filled in a conscientious manner by Mr. B. G. Stevens, and Charicotte, a sporting gentleman, had a faithful representative in Mr. F. Heley. Miss Addie Heley acted the part of Ellen Charicotte with dignity, and made the most of the character. Miss A. Clancy as Sally had not much to do, but what she had she did well. The part of Fielding, the lover of Ellen Charicotte, was satisfactorily filled by Mr. J. A. Scott. The minor parts were filled by Messrs. L. Pastorelli, E. Freed, N. J. Ryan and J. Hungerford. On the whole the entertainment went well from start to finish and was evidently keenly appreciated by the audience, who were unstinting in their applause.

THE SPORTS.

The St. Patrick's Day Sports, in Dunedin, were held on Saturday last, on the Caledonian Grounds. The weather, despite the prediction of our local prophet, was all that could be desired, just warm enough to make it enjoyable. Perhaps if the prospect had not been so good early in the day, two or three picnic parties, who went into the country, would not have been so liberally patronised, and the sports would have benefitted accordingly. As it was the attendance was large, as to whether it was better than last year, there was a difference of opinion. Anyhow, the committee, who had been working hard for weeks, could not be but highly pleased with the result. The weather was fine, the attendance was good, and the sports were excellent. Everything passed off most satisfactorily; there was not a hitch in the whole proceedings. Among those present during the day were the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, Rev. Father Murphy, Rev. Father Coffey, Rev. Father M'Mullan, Rev. Father Ryan, Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Milton), and Rev. Father O'Donnell. The committee, stewards, and the officials generally deserve a word of praise for the admirable arrangements, and the punctuality with which the various events were run off. There were no long delays, items succeeded items with clockwork regularity, so that public interest was sustained up to the very last event, which was got off within a few minutes of the advertised time. St. Patrick's Day, 1899, is now a thing of the past, but the Irishmen of this city and their friends can congratulate themselves on bringing the celebration to such a successful issue. Where all worked so well, and so harmoniously, it would be invidious to particularise the labours of any individual official, still no one will grudge a meed of praise to the energetic secretary, Mr. H. M'Cormack. The Kaikorai Band enlivened the proceedings by discoursing sweet music at intervals during the day, a Highland piper and the Industrial School Band assisting.

The sports were held under the patronage of his Lordship Bishop Verdon, the clergy of the diocese, and his Worship the Mayor of Dunedin.

In the hammer-throwing Skinner broke the Australasian record for 16lb hammer of 141ft previously held by himself, throwing 142ft 6in. He also made an attack on the world's record for throwing

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12lb hammer, and succeeded in beating it by 2ft, throwing 175ft. The record was previously held by Carroll, of America, at 173ft. The final heat of the Hibernian Wheel Race was won by N. Ralston. A. McKay annexed the trophy awarded to the competitor who obtained the highest aggregate of points in the three distances of the St. Patrick's Handicap.

The following were the officials:  
 Superintendent: Mr. A. Harris. Consul: Mr. A. J. Sullivan. Referee: Mr. H. B. Courtis. Judges: Hurling—Messrs. J. Liston, Molloy, and O'Connor. Wrestling—Messrs. J. Liston and C. F. Greenslade; Referee: Mr. M. Powley. Running, Walking, Cycling—Rev. Fathers Cleary and Coffey, Messrs. J. M. Galloway, J. S. McKenzie, M.H.R., and J. Marlow. Umpires: Messrs. R. Crow, W. Begg, W. Hooper, W. Low. Clerks of Course: Messrs. G. Magnus, F. Jago, W. Carr, D. Falkner. Timekeepers: Messrs. O. Moller, A. Hunter, G. Watts. Lap Scorer: Mr. S. O. Stokes. Press Steward—Mr. A. Munden. Telegraph Stewards—Messrs. J. Kirby, J. J. Dunne. Dancing Judges—Messrs. J. Blaney, T. A. Burt. Judges of Other Events: Messrs. L. Clancy, J. Laffey, J. Liston. Handicappers: Cycling—Messrs. W. Begg, R. Crow. Running and Walking—Mr. D. Duncan. Amateur Running—Mr. W. Low. Starter: Mr. A. Cowie. Chairman of Committee: Mr. W. A. Shields. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. P. Carolin. Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. McCormack.

Appended are the results, unavoidably condensed:—  
 Youths' Handicap Flat Race (under 16), 220 yards. Trophies: £1, 10s, and 5s.—C. Morrison 1, C. Perriman 2, W. Skene 3.  
 Handicap Flat Race, 100 yards (for Catholic School boys under 16 years only). Trophies, valued at 15s and 5s.—S. Clancy 1, Gaffey 2.

Putting the 16lb Ball. First prize, £2; second, £1.—A. Skinner, 39ft, 1; W. Casey, 37ft, 2.

Highland Fling (in costume). Prizes: £2 and £1.—R. McKechnie 1, D. McDonald 2, J. M'Kechnie 3.

Throwing 16lb Hammer (open). Prizes: £2 and £1.—A. Skinner, 142ft 6in, 1; M'Fadyen, 100ft, 2.

Half-mile Bicycle Handicap. Prizes: £2 and £1.—Final heat: T. Lawson, 35yds, 1; F. C. Caulton, 20yds, 2; A. E. Alloo, 30yds, 3. Lawson won by a couple of lengths. Time, 1min 6 1-5sec.

St. Patrick's Handicap, of three distances—100yds, 220yds, and 440yds. First and second in each event to receive £3 and £1 respectively. Winner of highest aggregate points to receive a trophy value £5 5s.—100yds.—Final heat: S. V. White, 8yds, 1; A. McKay, 6yds, 2; J. W. Green, scratch, 3. All qualified started. Won by about 18inches. Time, 10 2-5sec. Second distance, 220yds.—Final heat: A. McKay, 15yds, 1; J. Wilkins, 17yds, 2; N. M'Leod 14yds, 3. All qualified started. Won by a yard. Time, 22 2-5sec. Third distance, 440yds.—A. Bennett, 26yds, 1; D. M'Laren, 18yds, 2; N. M'Leod, 18yds, 3. Won by two yards, there being about a foot between second and third. Time, 51 3-5sec.

220yds Amateur Race. Trophies, value £2 and £1.—J. W. Price, 6yds, 1; P. Mills, 10yds, 2; C. H. Mirams, 2yds, 3. Won by about a couple of feet. Time, 23sec.

Hibernian Wheel Race Handicap. Two miles. Prizes: £20, £5, £2, and £1.—First heat: P. Ralston, 50yds, 1; W. Turner, 130yds, 2; E. Crawford, 90yds, 3; T. Maw, 130yds, 4. Turner led till after the straight was reached in the last lap. Ralston then went to the front, and won by a wheel. Time, 5min 11-5sec. Second heat: E. E. Booth, 90yds, 1; F. C. Davie, 180yds, 2; N. Ralston, 20yds, 3; W. Foster, 150yds, 4. Booth won by a length. Time, 5min 6 1-5sec. Final heat: N. Ralston, 20yds, 1; E. E. Booth, 90yds, 2; T. Maw, 130yds, 3; E. Crawford, 90yds, 4. Ralston won by about three lengths; there being very little difference between second and third. Time 5min 13sec.

Irish Jig. Prizes £2 and £1.—R. M'Kechnie 1, J. Walsh 2, D. McDonald 3.

One-mile Amateur Bicycle Race. Trophies, value £2 and £1.—W. J. Pearse, 185yds, 1; W. J. Gibson, 25yds, 2; A. R. Grierson, scr., 3. Won easily by about 70yds. Time, 2min 19 3-5sec.

One-mile Handicap Walk (open). Prizes: £3, £2, and £1.—A. Crichton, scr., 1; W. Craik, 15yds, 2; G. Brown, 70yds, 3. Time, 6min 46sec.

Wrestling, Cumberland style. Prizes: £5, £2, and £1.—W. Scott, 1; T. Hogg, 2; A. Skinner, 3. Irish style, collar and elbow. Prizes: £7, £2, and £1.—W. Scott, 1; M'Fadyen, 2; A. Skinner, 3. Obstacle Race. Prizes: £2, £1, and 10s.—N. McDonald, 15yds, 1; W. Day, 30yds, 2; J. McNeill, 20yds, 3.

Three-mile Scratch Bicycle Race. Prizes: £5, £2, and £1.—N. Ralston, 1; A. B. Bell, 2; P. Ralston, 3. N. Ralston went to the front near the winning-post, and won by nearly a length. Time, 7min 51 2-5sec.

Half-mile Amateur Flat Race. Trophies, value £2 and £1.—W. Martin, 40yds, 1; W. Lockhead, 25yds, 2; W. Morrison, 10yds, 3. Won by a couple of yards. Time, 2min 5sec.

One and a-half Miles Ladies' Bracelet Bicycle Race. Prizes: £4, £2, £1.—Final: G. Cox, 70yds, 1; T. Lawson, 100yds, 2; E. Crawford, 65yds, 3. Cox led all the way and won by about a yard. Time, 4min 9sec.

One-mile Bicycle Handicap (open). Prizes: £3, £2, and £1.—Final heat: E. Booth, 45yds, 1; J. Hanley, 25yds, 2; W. Foster, 75yds, 3. Booth assumed the lead in the straight, and won by 10yds. Time, 2min 37sec.

Hurling Match.—Teams to consist of not over 15 men each. Prize, £5 5s. After a keenly contested game, which was watched with great interest by a large number of spectators, the Milton team, who played with excellent combination, won by 2 goals to 1 for Dunedin.

#### WELLINGTON.

The Irish national concert at the Opera House on St. Patrick's night (writes our Wellington correspondent) was a great success! It was well attended, and a substantial sum should be realised, part of which is to be devoted to the Cathedral Fund. The singers—some of Wellington's best talent—were all well received, and encores were the rule of the evening. One and all of the singers sang the national items with the requisite spirit and expression, Madame Carlton's numbers being especially well rendered. The following was the programme:—Selection, 'Gems of Ireland,' orchestra; song, 'Cruiskeen Lawn,' Mr. F. Pope; song, 'The Kerry dance,' Miss Drummond; song, selected, Mr. E. J. Hill; song, 'Off in the stilly night,' Madame Carlton; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. Gordon; song, 'The Irish Emigrant,' Miss Ettie Maginnity; song, 'Terence's farewell,' Miss Kathleen Hickling; song, 'A nation once again,' Rev. Father Hills; chorus, (a) 'Flight of swallows' (b) 'Happy hunter,' Convent pupils; selection, 'Erin's wreath,' orchestra; song, 'Savourneen Deelish,' Mr. F. Pope; song, 'Killarney,' Miss Kathleen Hickling; song, 'Old Ireland's hearts and hands,' Rev. Father Hills; song, 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Madame Carlton; song, 'Dublin Bay,' Miss Ettie Maginnity; song, 'Father O'Flynn,' Mr. Gordon; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Miss Drummond; chorus, 'Morning,' Convent pupils.

The St. Patrick's Day sports are being held to-day (Saturday), but I must defer my report of the gathering until next week.

#### AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

The festivities in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration were eminently successful in Auckland, and worthy of Ireland's great Patron. They were commenced several days prior to the 17th. A novena was successfully commenced at the Cathedral by the Rev. Father Croke, large numbers attending nightly, listening to the instruction on the life and devotion of St. Patrick. On the Sunday night preceeding the festival Father Croke preached a panegyric on the Saint, and on the morning of the festival crowds approached the altar rails to receive Holy Communion.

#### THE CONCERT.

In the city the festivities were postponed until the 18th, except that an entertainment was held in St. Benedict's Hall on the night proper. The hall, which is capable of holding one thousand people, was taxed to its utmost limit, and the doors had to be closed at 8 o'clock, when numbers had to be turned away. The proceedings were opened, in the presence of the Bishop and clergy, by the children from the Sisters' schools, robed in white with green sashes, in the midst of whom was a *tableau* representing Erin weeping over her harp, who sang 'Let Erin Remember.' Then followed a choice selection of Irish national music, vocal and instrumental, the first part concluding with a chorus, 'The Minstrel Boy,' by the pupils of the Marist Brothers. The second part was devoted to a comedy in two acts, entitled 'The Irish Post,' containing eleven characters, which were admirably sustained. All agreed that it was the most successful concert yet held.

#### THE SPORTS.

On Saturday morning the children from Newton, Ponsoby Parnell, Newmarket, the orphanages of St. Mary's and Takapuna, gathered at the Cathedral. The boys from Takapuna all wore round green hats, which, together with their neat attire and appearance, won general admiration. At 10 o'clock a procession, pre-

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ceded by Monsignor McDonald on horseback, after him the band, behind which followed the Hibernian Society and the juvenile contingent, and children of the four parishes, moved off for the Domain, marching through the principal streets. Along the line of march the footpaths were crowded with onlookers. The wearing of the green was a prominent feature not only with the processionists, but by a large number of citizens. It was estimated that there was in the procession fully four thousand children. On arriving at the Domain each parish wended its way to different portions of the ground, where their respective priests and committees of ladies and gentlemen catered liberally for their wants. The first sports to come off were those of the Marist Brothers' pupils, under the supervision of the Brothers; then followed the Hibernian sports, simultaneously with which the parishes' sports were brought off. Everything passed off without a hitch. The various committees deserve all praise for their untiring work of months. It is estimated that the gross takings, exclusive of concert, reached £200. There were present on the grounds Bishop Lenihan, Monsignore McDonald, Dean O'Reilly, Dr. Egan; Fathers Croke, Gillan, Buckley, O'Gallagher, and Darby; Brothers Basil, Leo, Bogie, Edward, Jerome; His Worship the Mayor; Messrs. Holland, Crowther, Lawry, M.H.B.'s; Hons. Jennings and McCullough, M.L.C.'s; Hon. Tole, and a large number of prominent citizens. The Right Hon. Mr. Seddon came on the ground as the procession was departing homewards, he being engaged officially with the Governor until that hour. All arrived safely home after spending and commemorating so well and befittingly the festival of Ireland's national patron and saint.

CHRISTCHURCH.

St. Patrick's Day in Christchurch (writes our own correspondent) was duly observed with the customary religious services. At the Pro-Cathedral, besides the ordinary early Masses, a special Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock. At St. Mary's, Manchester street, a *Missa Cantata* was celebrated by the Rev. Father Marnane at nine o'clock, and on the preceding Sunday evening, the Rev. Father King preached an eloquent discourse on Ireland's patron saint. Being fresh from the land of shamrocks, the Rev. preacher had much to tell that was refreshing and interesting. His earnest discourse was listened to with close attention. During the day the sons, and daughters, too, of the Emerald Isle were to be met with prominently displaying the national emblem, whilst the green flag of Erin was hoisted high over several business establishments of patriotic Irishmen.

In the evening at the Opera House, a concert of national music was given under the auspices of the H.A.C.B. Society. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes and the clergy of the city and surrounding districts were present, and it was numerously attended also by the general public.

INVERCARGILL.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at Invercargill by a sports meeting, on Wednesday, March 15, in the Queen's Park. The gathering was under the auspices of the Irish Athletic Society, who spared no efforts to ensure its success. A strong westerly wind, however, interfered with the comfort of those present. The meeting was on the whole highly successful, and some very good times were recorded. The principal event—the St. Patrick's handicap—for which there were 23 starters fell to J. Murphy, who is said to hail from Dunedin, and is an athlete of considerable merit. Much credit was due to the officers of the Society for the success of the meeting, and in an especial manner to Messrs. Irving (starter), H. S. Hunter (secretary) and T. McGrath (treasurer).

The results were as under:—Mile Walk: P. Giffedder, 1; B. Campbell, 2. Hop, Step, and Jump: J. Hogan, 1ft 5in, 1; F. Ford, 40ft 3in, 2. St. Patrick's Handicap, 135yds: J. Murphy, £27 10s and President's gold medal, 1; B. Bain, £11, 2. D. McGill, £6, 3; A. Fowler, £3, 4. Wrestling, Collar and Elbow: R. J. Scott, 1; J. Valli, 2; T. Hogg, 3. Throwing Stone, Irish Style: F. Ford, 1; C. Purdue, 2. High Leap: F. Ford, 1; C. Whitaker, 2. Irish Jig: J. Slattery, 1; H. Geddes, 2; D. Reidie, 3. Half-mile Race: G. Burley, 1; G. L. Heenan, 2; A. Couling, 3. Two-mile Bicycle Race: W. Ball, 1; R. Murie, 2; W. Jordan, 3. Highland Fling: H. Geddes, 1; M. McDonald, 2; A. Sutherland, 3. Hurdles: 220yds: E. Quicke, 1; A. Reid, 2. Wrestling, Cumberland: R. J. Scott, 1; T. Hogg, 2; J. L. McFadyen, 3. Flying Handicap, 75yds: J. Murphy, 4yds behind, 1; B. Bain, 2yds behind, 2. Mile Race: J. Lewis, 1; A. Couling, 2; A. Simes, 3. Bicycle Race, 3 miles: W. Ball, 1; W. Jordan, 2; R. Murie, 3. Champion Race, 300 yds: G. Harris, 1; D. McGill, 2; A. Fowler, 3. Sawing Match: McKenzie and R. Campbell, 1; McNamara Bros., 2. Farewell Handicap, 220yds: C. Robins, 1; W. A. Stone, 2; D. McLaren, 3. Chopping: J. McCann, 1; W. Carson, 2; J. Moore, 3.

GERALDINE.

The annual sports gathering under the auspices of the Geraldine St. Patrick's Day Sports Association came off on March 17, when the weather was gloriously fine and the attendance was a most representative one. About eleven o'clock the officials met in front of Loudon's Hotel and marched through the town in procession, headed by the pipers and followed by the Temuka Brass Band. The ground arrangements this year (says the *Temuka Leader*) were all that could be desired, and were quite a credit to the committee. The luncheon booth was in the able hands of Mr. G. Bryant, who provided a capital lunch. At intervals the public were entertained by pleasant strains of music, the Temuka Brass Band having been engaged for the occasion. The president, Mr. R. Y. Ferguson, and the secretary, Mr. E. O'Malley, are worthy of special mention, for, as everybody knows, the bulk of the work in making arrangements

for the sports rests in their hands, and much of the success of the gathering depends on their efforts. The most interest was centred in the bicycle races, which were in some instances quite exciting at the finish. The principal events resulted as follows:—100yds maiden—Lavery, 1; Moore, 2. Half-mile bicycle race—J. Connell and K. Woods, dead heat, 1; G. Metcalf, 2. 100yds handicap—Lavery, 1; Dunne, 2. Putting 16lb weight—Thornley (scr), 30ft 4in, 1; A. McKay (6in), 29ft 1in, 2. 220yds hurdle race—Henderson, 1; McTeague, 2. One mile bicycle race—G. Metcalf, 95yds, 1; R. Buchanan, 75yds, 2; C. Hall, 70yds, 3. Two-mile bicycle race—G. Metcalf, 210yds, 1; E. Wood, 300yds, 2; J. Connell, 260yds, 3. 220yds handicap—Dunne, 1; Milne, 2; Lavery, 3. 1 1/2 Mile bicycle handicap—J. Orr, 105yds, 1; C. Hall, 105yds, 2; G. Metcalf, 90yds, 3. 440yds handicap—J. Milne, 5yds, 1; T. Mullane, 25yds, 2; T. O'Mara, 10yds, 3. 100 Yards Handicap for boys under 12—Henderson 1, Quin 2, Wall 3. 1-Man Manual Fire Brigade Competition (dry)—W. Clouston (Geraldine), 1. Wrestling, Cumberland style, for youths under 18—R. Connell 1. Middle-weight Wrestling—T. Thornley, 1. Vaulting with pole, handicap—H. Scott scr., and Gould, 3in (tie, 8ft 5in), 1. Hop, step, and jump, handicap—O'Mara, 3in (42ft 5 1/2in), 1. 150 Yards Handicap, for boys under 15—Wall, 1. Three miles bicycle race—Provincial Championship: W. Hall 1, W. Lane 2, A. Donn 3. 880 Yards Handicap—W. Pilcher, 15yds, 1; J. Scobie, 40yds, 2; J. Fechny, scr., 3. Three-Men Manual Fire Brigade Competition (dry)—Geraldine 1, Timaru 2, Ashburton 3. Five-Men Manual Fire Brigade Competition (wet)—Geraldine 1, Ashburton 2, Timaru 3. Five mile bicycle race—W. Hall, 6yds, 1; W. Lane, 100yds, 2; Stocker, 160yds, 3. One mile handicap—W. Pilcher, 25yds, 1; F. Donnithorne, 60yds, 2. Bagpipe music, pibrochs and marches—J. McKechnie 1. Sword dance—Wade 1. Bagpipe music, strathspeys and reels—J. McKechnie, Highland fling—J. McKechnie 1. Irish jig—W. Fitzgerald 1. Running long jump—T. O'Mara, scr. (19ft 10in), 1; McTeague, scr. (19ft 8in), 2. Running high jump—Gould, 1in (5ft 5in), 1; Quaid, scr. (5ft 4in), 2. 220 Yards Farewell Handicap—Beckley, 7yds 1. Swimming race—F. Richards 1. 30 yards inter-club electric dash—S. Low, 10sec, 1. 75 yards handicap, inter-club—Gee 1. Greasy pole—D. Joe 1.

ASHBURTON.

The committee and officers of the St. Patrick's Association (says the *Ashburton Mail*) deserved the abundant patronage their sports meeting received on St. Patrick's Day. They had worked hard, and did their very best to deserve a crowded oval, and things turned out just as the most hopeful of them could have desired, so far as the attendance of the public was concerned. For the bicycle and pedestrian events there were full entries, the reason for which being that the prizes were valuable enough to fill the lists to the full, and with the right sort of competitors. The heat of the day was oppressive—in fact, phenomenal; but the weather was much better than that at any sports meeting ever held on the oval, as there was a total absence of the disturbing gales with which visitors to the oval have on many occasions had to contend. The Ashburton Brass Band did good service on the ground. The sports were got off with commendable punctuality, and the following are the results—Half-mile Bicycle Handicap: Holland (30yds), 1; John (50yds), 2; Cooke (27yds), 3. One Mile Bicycle Handicap: E. John (130yds), 1; E. Willis (130yds), 2; A. Huston (110yds), 3. St. Patrick's Day Wheel Race—First prize, £18; second, £5; third, £2: G. Sutherland (scr), 1; W. Tierney (35yds), 2; R. Cooke (100yds), 3. Youths' Bicycle Race, handicap: H. Bell, 1; J. Higgins, 2; P. Healy, 3. Best decorated bicycle: W. Tucker, 1. Three Mile Bicycle: A. Huston (25yds), 1; C. Willis (225yds), 2. A. Humphreys (70yds), 3. 100 Yards Handicap Race: G. Warne (9yds), 1; E. McTigue (9yds), 2; R. Pocock (9yds), 3. 120 Yards Hurdle Handicap: E. McTigue (scr), 1; H. Gourdie (scr), 2. 220 Yards Handicap: T. Nolan (16yds), 1; G. Warne (17yds), 2. 440 Yards Handicap: W. Meharry (scr), 1; T. Nolan (21yds), 2; R. Ibell (13yds), 3. The dancing was not very brilliant, and the judges had an easy day's work. Bell and Cade dancers from Christchurch, took all the prizes that were available. Vaulting: W. Fitzgerald reached the excellent height of 9ft 3in, and gained first place, with Huston second with a vault of 9ft 2in. Throwing the hammer: McNeil (with a four feet handicap), 91ft 7in, 1; S. Baird (scr), 91ft 6 1/2in, 2. Running Long Jump: Davidson (scr), 17ft 11in, 1; Fitzgerald (9in handicap), 17ft 10in, 2. Wrestling: O'Leary, 1; J. Wilson, 2. O'Leary was too good for anything on the ground. Putting the Stone: Rains (38ft 7in), 1; A. McNeil (35ft 4 1/2in); P. McNeil (26ft 10in), 3.

TIMARU.

The St. Patrick's Day Sports Association had a delightful day for their meeting on the 16th inst., when the attendance was fair. The Battalion band, pipers, and officers marched to the ground at 1 o'clock. The sports were started punctually, and were kept going merrily throughout the day. The whole of the events, with one or two exceptions, attracted numerous competitors. Some splendid wheel and flat races were witnessed. The running long jump was won by Blissett. The running hop, step and jump was won easily by Thos. O'Mara. The two-mile St. Patrick's wheel race was annexed by G. Sutherland.

In the evening an Irish national concert was held in the Theatre Royal, when the attendance was very good. The singing of Mrs. Howie, of Christchurch, was very much appreciated. The gem of the evening was a recitation, 'Shemus O'Brien,' by Mr. J. Finlay, of Christchurch, which was enthusiastically applauded and encored.

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