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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

POSSIBLY the somewhat lengthy cablegrams relative to the silver question and the monetary conference that have been of late published have aroused, but not satisfied, the curiosity of our readers. The question has arisen principally from the condition of things in the United States where, by an Act in force for some years, the Treasury are bound to buy every month four and a half million ounces of silver. In payment notes are issued—and of these there are now outstanding a quantity representing a very large sum, and which increases monthly. But adding this to a mass of paper otherwise issued, a vast sum is arrived at. The available gold, meantime, held by the Treasury amounts to, comparatively, a very inconsiderable sum. What, therefore, a run upon the Treasury must involve is plain. As a remedy, it is proposed that the Treasury should cease its monthly purchase of silver—in which case the credit of the country would be sufficient for the rest. Meantime India is also strongly affected. There a fall in the value of the rupee has been the cause of no little disturbance in trade. The exchange value of the rupee has fallen from 2s to 1s 3d, and, as a consequence, civil servants and others whose salaries are paid in the country have virtually lost about one third of their income. The question is how to retain the value of the rupee. But the effect of a further fall in the value of silver, such as must ensue on a stoppage of the monthly purchase made in the United States is clear. If, however, the Indian currency were changed for that established in the United Kingdom—that is, if gold instead of silver were made the standard—wages and prices must fall all over the country and the boards of silver in the possession of wealthy natives would lose heavily in value. The consequence would be serious irritation—nay, possibly rebellion against English rule. A proposal, we perceive has been made at the Conference for a bimetallic or gold and silver standard, but this, which, especially owing to the difficulty of maintaining a fixed ratio between the metals, is a knotty question, could only be carried out by means of an international agreement—and, indeed the proposal alluded to is for an International Bimetallic League." What are the probabilities, we may ask in conclusion, that certain of the great powers would agree to this, with the end chiefly in view of maintaining the popularity of the British Government in India?

A MODEST DEMAND.

THE report of the visit paid on Thursday from Dunedin by the Native Minister to Otakou—more generally known as the Maori Kaik—has made us acquainted with a quite unsuspected state of things.

It seems there is the remnant of a Maori tribe living in our neighbourhood who as they state, are in trouble and wailing and pain for the last 48 or 50 years. Their reception of Mr Cadman was most pathetic. They blessed him, and thanked him, and prayed for him, as the first Native Minister they had ever seen. Their grief becomes much more pathetic and much more interesting to us when we learn its object. All, it would appear, rests on a claim made by this remnant of a tribe to a sum of tenths of the Otago Block amounting to £937,945, and a further sum of £78,000, the value of the Dunedin boat reserve—and very solid grounds, too, we should say, for a display of feeling. We do not, however, know whether our Maori friends blessed and prayed so much over the departure of the Minister as they did over his arrival. The Minister, in some way or other, explained to them that they had already been paid every penny that they had a right to. There was no disguising, he said, that he did not imagine that Parliament would for a moment think of entertaining such a claim. And then he fell back on the unearned increment. "The land," he said, "had no value till the Europeans came and gave a value to it." The Minister, nevertheless, promised that Government would do their best to provide the landless Natives with suitable blocks, warning them to take advantage of the offer before it was too late. The Hon H. K. Taiaroa, meantime, though hardly in the scientific spirit to which we are accustomed, displayed a faith in the better

disposition of the men of the future. He requested that the Government would set down in writing their proposal as to the blocks of land in question, lest it might be said in after years by other Governments that the Maoris had thus cancelled their claim. And possibly there may be some satisfaction to the individual who entertains it in the delusion that he is rightful heir to a vast inheritance. We should be sorry to think that the payment of the sum of money in question was really necessary for the relief of the wailing and trouble of our Maori neighbours. There is a vulgar old saying, in short, that seems applicable—Don't they wish they may get it?

LORD SALISBURY, in an article in the *National Review* for November, sets at derision Mr Gladstone's project of Home Rule, and, more especially his idea of compelling the House of Lords to pass the measure. He ridicules the notion of passing a Home Rule Bill in a House of Commons where they have a "motley majority of thirty-eight." As to the House of Lords, he says Mr Gladstone's threats carry with them all the terrors of the unknown. Lord Salisbury however, proceeds to deal with Mr Frederick Harrison, who, he admits, is more definite. Mr Harrison proposes the disappearance of the House of Lords. But this proposal, writes Lord Salisbury, is not original. "It is very much what the House of Commons did in 1649." For its success, however, the command of a military force was needed—a desideratum not as yet possessed by Mr Gladstone—and, adds the writer, the House of Commons that had acted in the manner alluded to, did not live long to enjoy its solitary grandeur. As an alternative, Mr Harrison proposes a creation of Peers by the Crown—"five hundred sweeps," if desirable—the penalty being, in case of the Crown's refusal, a refusal of supplies by the House. Lord Salisbury, however, questions the power of the Crown to do what Mr Harrison desires it should be punished for not doing. The question he says has never been decided. He quotes precedent, moreover, to prove that the House of Lords can refuse to allow Peers so created to sit and vote. This, he says, was done in 1711, in the case of Scottish Peers created Peers of Great Britain, and again in 1856, when Lord Wensleydale was created a life Peer by Prerogative, the reason assigned being that the independence of the House as a legislative body was being threatened. Lord Salisbury, nevertheless, agrees with Mr Harrison, that the Lords would give way if Mr Gladstone and the nation were thundering at their doors." "Yes," he says, "even if the nation were thundering alone." What he denies is that the nation will so thunder—indeed he declares that the thunder will roll in an opposite direction. In an electorate of four million eight hundred thousand, he asserts the total majority amounted only to seven hundred and sixty-five votes. Then his Lordship falls back once more on the no-Popery cry and asks whether the Orangemen of Ulster would accept such a vote, scattered over England and Scotland, "as a sufficient warrant for surrendering them for ever to the good pleasure of Archbishop Walsh and his Party." We must not, therefore, be over-sanguine as to the immediate prospects of Home Rule. A violent, protracted, and repeated struggle, and many other devices, still lie between Mr Gladstone's proposals and their accomplishment. Another appeal, or more, perhaps, to the country, a question as to the power of the Crown, a question as to the prerogatives of the House of Lords, a passionate summoning up of the spirit of anti-Catholic bigotry, that possibly has not been killed, but scotched, among the ranks of the people of Great Britain. We must not delude ourselves by any vain hopes of a walk-over. Lord Salisbury and his party are able and wily enemies, and in their hands are many powerful weapons.

Now that is the way to talk. There is no beating a candid lady, about the bush there, but an outspoken expression of opinion that all of us may understand. And, by the way, there is an opening pointed out right off for the amazons of Dahomey. Now that the French have deposed their king and spouse, there can be no need for their services at home. We allude to the candid expression of opinion made the other day, at a conference of the Women's Emancipation Union in Birmingham, by one Miss Coxens, a delegate from London. There was a lot of speeches and papers delivered or read, but all was namby-pamby in

comparison. Lady Florence Dixie, for example, sent a paper advocating that every girl should be trained to be a man. Girls and boys, she said, should be brought up together, and mentally and physically trained alike. That was the way, she said in effect, to turn out women worth their salt, wives and mothers fit for the period, and as little different from husbands and fathers as possible. Lady Florence would not even have any difference made in their dress. But all this was milk-and-water beside the brave words of Miss Cozens. Talk was all bosh, she said. The time had come for action. Men were supposed to be possessed of physical force, but women had the use of dynamite the same as they had. Something desperate, she declared, would have to be done before women got their freedom. They talked of a bloodless revolution, but she had never heard of one. If women could shoot straight, she said, men would not trifle with them as they now did. And there is where the opening for the amazons comes in. "If they had a regiment of women who could shoot," she added, "they would have the franchise in a week." That we say again, is speaking to the purpose. We congratulate the ladies of London who are represented by Miss Cozens, on their candour. As to how far we are to congratulate the members of the opposite sex who have the happiness to find themselves in these ladies' immediate neighbourhood, time only can disclose. Is it too much, meanwhile, to look forward to an epoch at which the measures for the repression of their dominant women taken periodically by the barbarians whom Mr Eider Haggard describes in "She," may be adopted with advantage in quarters so far more civilised? Hardly, if, at least, we may take Miss Cozens, of London, as an exponent of the more advanced, and sternly advancing, female mind.

ODDS AND ENDS.

THE editor of the *Month* has evidently bit the spiritualists and theosophists hard. Mr Stead replies to him in the *Review of Reviews*, arguing rather weakly from the accusation of an alliance

with Beelzebub brought by the Jewish elders against our Blessed Lord. He also cites the case of Joan of Arc. But Mr Stead mistakes the case. "And yet," he says, "the Pope demanded that she should be handed over to the Inquisition, and she was tried and burned as a heretic and a witch, who was declared to be 'a disciple a limb of the fiend.'" Joan, nevertheless, had consented to submit herself to the Pope, and the Bishop of Beauvais objected—as should be remembered now in these days of railways and telegraphs, "The Pope is too far off." At the last she said "'Bishop I die through you,' . . . and again 'Had you put me in the prisons of the Church and given me ghostly keepers this would not have happened.'" The editor of the *Month* says Mr Stead "is in the true line of succession from the Sanhedrim of Jerusalem and the Bishop of Beauvais." But it is suggested by Michelet that the Bishop of Beauvais was an infidel, and we now know that he was a schismatic and a supporter of the anti-Pope. Mrs Besant has also answered Father Clarke, but we have not as yet seen any report of her lecture. If her reply be as poor as Mr Stead's it speaks ill for the cause she seeks to defend.—Toryism continues true to its principles. Everywhere its sympathies are with the strong hand. What grade of aristocracy is it, by the way, whose symbol in heraldry is the blood-red hand? Such a symbol would well become the Tory party, and there might be added to the hand, if not a dagger, at least a cat-o'-nine-tails. The *St James's Gazette*, we are told, rejoices over the "grit" of Mr O'Connor, the Minister of Justice for New South Wales, in refusing to hear the plea for mercy towards the Broken Hill prisoners. How far the Minister may congratulate himself on deserving the applause of an organ of the party of retrogression in the old country we leave to the judgment of our readers.—Has any Cabinet ever before assumed office under such circumstances? M. Ribot, the new French Premier, we are told, has no particular programme. All his desire is to fulfil the duty of a detective and expose the cheating of the Panama Canal Company. He has authorised the autopsy of the body of Baron Reinach. Here, then, we are, a hundred years after the glorious Revolution, and celebrating with enthusiasm all its centenaries. Here is its first flower, the glorious French Republic, with its autopaical Cabinet—deriving its auguries from the entrails of a dead knave. *Ohe! jam satis.*

IRISH GLEANINGS.

A CABLEGRAM under date December 9 runs as follows:—"Mr John Morley, speaking at Newcastle, said the Government would submit a scheme of Home Rule which Ireland ought to accept and

England not to refuse. The outcry about the domination of Irish clericalism was all cant." But it is time-honoured cant—cant that has done good service in its day to those who had need of it. Its potency has been by no means over-estimated by those making use of it. The most hopeful thing for all the future will be its failure—if it fails them now at last.—"Mr James Gordon M'O'Callagh, who unsuccessfully contested South Aberdeen in July last in the Unionist interest against Mr Bryce," says the *London Standard* of October 27, "died on the 24th inst, at his residence, 214 Devonshire road, Forest Hill, at the age of 42. Mr M'O'Callagh, who was Private Secretary to the late

Attorney-General of Ireland, now Mr Justice Madden, married in 1885, Catherine Sydney, daughter of Mr Alexander Orr." Mr James Gordon M'O'Callagh, we may add, was a half-brother of Mr Torrens McO'Callagh, who was, to some extent at least, associated with the Young Ireland party. The Mr Orr alluded to is the late Mr Alexander Smith Orr, of Dublin, a gentleman who, after a distinguished course in Trinity College, was admitted a member of the Irish Bar—never, however, taking up the practice of his profession. This gentleman married a daughter of the late Rev Mark Ferrin, Rector of Athenry and Prebendary of Teacsaon, in the Anglican diocese of Tuam.—Mr Morley has given Mr Arnold Forster a lesson as to an over-hasty use of his tongue. Mr Forster, speaking at Oirencester, had accused Mr Morley of withdrawing police protection from a gentleman in the South of Ireland. "This meant that he must leave the country or run the risk of being murdered with his wife or children." Mr Morley immediately wrote to demand from Mr Forster the name of the gentleman so treated. But this Mr Forster refused to give. Mr Morley, in reply, commented sharply on the strange behaviour of Mr Forster in refusing to place him in a position to protect his friend. He then went on to state that as a matter of fact, there was a gentleman in the South of Ireland whose protection had been reduced from three constables to one, but the reduction had been made by the late Government. The exposure made of Unionist falsehood was complete. The conclusion of the national Press, however, seems to be that if Mr Morley undertakes to nail every lie that is thus told of him, his time will be busily occupied. Misrepresentation is one of the chief weapons of the Unionist party, and the more impudent and brazen-faced it is the more they seem to rely on it.—The estimate of Sir James Mathew as chairman of the Evicted Tenants' Commission, given by the newspapers favourable to Home Rule, is very different from that which we have received by the cable. The Judge is spoken of in the highest terms and hailed as eminently qualified for the duties required of him, of which the chief, we may add, is that of inquiring as to the means of bringing about settlements and the reinstatement of the evicted. Judge Mathew is described as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in England. The other members of the commission are—Christopher T. Redington, Esq, D.L., son and successor, we conclude, of the late Sir Thomas Redington of Kilmoran, County Galway, and connected through his mother with the great English Catholic house of Talbot; John Roche, Esq, a well-known Queen's Counsel; Edmund Murphy, Esq; and Marrough O'Brien, Esq, probably the gentleman of that name who was a nephew of the late William Smith O'Brien. If so, and the boy was father of the man, Mr O'Brien should be as fine a fellow as ever stood in shoe leather. The *Times* was hostile from the first to the appointment of Judge Mathew, stigmatising him as a Home Ruler, but acknowledging his ability as a judge.—"In an address to the members of the Synod of Cork, Cloyne, and Boss yesterday" says the *London Standard* of October 27, "Bishop Gregg pointed out that the state of uncertainty with regard to the political future of Ireland was injuriously affecting the best energies of their countrymen in every direction. Some feared a continuous angry battle. Some looked forward to a terrible and destructive cyclone; while others believed there would be an equinoctial calm. If they, as Protestants, were to address the people who dwelt around them, and who differed from them as regards politics and religion, all they would ask of them was, 'Allow us to live in peace and deal with us as honest men.'"—And surely so much they have a perfect right to ask. But, *oui bono?* No one on earth has any mind to deal otherwise with them.—By the death of Father Davis, P.P., of Baltimore which took place towards the middle of October, Ireland has lost a son whose memory deserves a lasting place in her annals. The work accomplished by Father Davis in the development of the fisheries and in the inspiring of the fishermen of Baltimore, must form his ever-enduring monument. Nor should we forget the aid he received in carrying out his project from the benevolence of the Lady Burdett-Cutts. Not the least remarkable institution connected with Father Davis's undertaking is the Fishing School, where lads are trained not only in the arts of catching and curing fish, but also in the science of navigation—in which last year a number of them very creditably passed an examination at South Kensington. A drawback to the school, nevertheless, exists in the stigma attached to it as an industrial school, and made necessary by the conditions of the Government subsidy. The lads are also discharged at an age earlier than that required for their complete training. But Father Davis had proved what Irishmen of the working classes were capable of if they met with proper encouragement, and his memory deserves an honour wider than that due for the particular task performed by him. His funeral was made an occasion of testifying to the general regard in which he had been held.

WHO is accountable for that advertisement? We allude to "Wanted for the Sunnyside Asylum, Christchurch, a MARRIED COUPLE without encumbrance, etc," which we see in the columns of the *Otago Daily Times*, and which is doubtless to be found as well in other papers. Such an advertisement is odious at any time. It becomes more glaringly so

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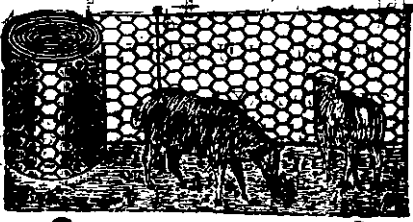
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at a time like the present, when the colonies have been horrified by the revelations made at Sydney in connection with a case of baby-farming. But into a minute examination of the subject it is impossible for us to enter. Anyone who has even a little experience of life will understand it well enough. Who, then, we ask, is accountable for the advertisement? Not, we trust, the "MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT," to whom applications with testimonials are to be addressed. A gentleman of his profession, on the contrary, should especially set his face against anything of the kind. Whoever is accountable for the advertisement it is a disgrace to him, and to the institution in connection with which it is issued—if not to the Government under whose control that institution exists.—It is much to be feared that Lord Salisbury only too truly describes Mr Gladstone's majority in the House of Commons as "motley." Sir Edward Beed, for example is one of that majority, and is included by the *Times* among the Members whom it stigmatises as "separatists." Yet here is a cablegram under date London, December 10 :—"In the course of a speech to-day, Sir Edward Beed, Liberal Member for Cardiff, said he would be willing to enlarge the system of local government for Ireland without disturbing the fundamental relations of the two countries. He warns Mr Gladstone against Home Rule and the pretensions of the Parnell section. He also warns him against the release of those in custody for dynamite outrages and the restoration of evicted tenants. He states that he represents the sentiments of many members of the House of Commons." Faction in Ireland is evidently doing its fatal part.—One of the points made by Lord Salisbury in the article alluded to above, is that possibly some of Mr Harrison's 500 sweeps, created Peers, might go wrong. We have already seen from the example of Sir Edward Beed that there are but too good grounds for such a conclusion. We now find what we fear may be a further indication of the same kind in the resignation of another "separatist," that is Mr J. S. Balfour, M.P. for Burnly. On the whole there seems to be serious cause for uneasiness as to Irish prospects.—Some little comfort, however, and especially as against the fate of Mr Fullam, in South Meath, we may derive from the success of the petition, on the ground of corrupt practices, against the election of Alderman

and Rev Fathers Goggan and Power, and the college faculty and laity, Dr Cahill, Messrs Geo. Fisher, M.H.R.; M. Kennedy, P. S. Garvey, C. N. Crombie, W. M. Maskell, O'Connor, J. J. Devine, Davis, Corrigan, McAlister, Hayward, Houlihan, Brady, and several others whose names I was not able to find out.

After a few preliminaries the following programme was gone through in a very able manner:—Selection, "Home Echoes" (S. Cimino), College Brass Band; chorus, "Gipsy Chorus" (Von Weber), College Choir; recitation, "Beth Gelet" (Spenser), Master Charles O'Galligan; overture on Irish airs (Volpi), College Orchestra under Mr Trowell; pianoforte duet, "Chilpéric" (Hervé) (Smith), Masters Eugene E. Kimbell and Nicholas B. Moloney; chorée, "The Hardy Norseman" (Pearson), College Choir; recitation, "The Bells of Shandon" (Prout), Master Walter Crombie; fantasia, "L'Alcazar" (Verdi), College Brass Band. The choir was led by Father Braxmeier, upon whom the proficiency of the students reflected great credit.

At the conclusion of this programme the Rector delivered his annual address. He said:—For the eighth time in hot succession it becomes my duty and my privilege to read to a distinguished audience the roll-call of honour, the names of pupils bearing off the rewards of industry and diligence after the work of the past academic year. In view of these lists of honour, you will readily relieve me and yourselves of the burden of a speech, more especially as we expect words weightier and more able from those highest in Church and State. Still, I must fairly claim to say that the college once more reaches the port of the holidays after twelve months' contest with those currents, and mists, and storms, inseparable from the work of education, in good health and in good time, laden with some grains of knowledge, and enriched by some broadening and deepening of character. To the skilled eye it is surprising—I had almost said disappointing—how very meagre is the exact result in the best students of a few years' teaching and learning; how very soon and very easily that result is gauged. Yet on the sound principle that education must not cease with school, much will have been done by the capable educationist if he lays in the young receptive mind a strong and solid

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Davies for Rochester. Alderman Davies is a Unionist. Let us hope he may make room for a man of better principles.—Meanwhile, Irish affairs afford grounds for mingled feelings. Crime, according to Mr John Morley, speaking at Newcastle, is largely decreasing; the reduction in the number of cases for the past 12 months being 500. On the other hand, the farmers, as might be foreseen from the low prices at Ballinasloe, and at other principal fairs, are feeling the pinch of distress. They are crying out against taxation, in addition to the repetition of their time-honoured cry against the exactions of the landlords.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Wellington, December 10, 1892.

THE annual distribution of prizes in connection with St Patrick's College took place in the study hall on Tuesday night last in the presence of a crowded audience. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with floral wreaths, festoons, mottoes, sketches, and etchings representative of the work of the pupils during the year. On the dais at the end of the hall were arranged the college choir, the college orchestra, and the band under the conductorship respectively of Very Rev Father Braxmeier and Messrs Trowell and Cimino. On a table in front of the dais were arranged the prizes, consisting in the most part of valuable books, and various other objects of value. Long before the commencement of the concert the hall was crowded, and a few minutes after the appointed time his Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by the Very Rev Dr Watters (Rector), and Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., arrived, his appearance being greeted with applause by the students and the audience. Shortly afterwards his Worship the Mayor (Mr H. D. Bell), accompanied by the Hon Dr Grace, M.L.C., arrived, they taking their seats on the left of the Archbishop. There were also present:—Clergy: Very Rev Fathers Dawson (Adm.), Kirk (Wanganui), Smythe (Hastings), Lane (Lower Hutt),

basis of future operations; if he impresses on hasty youth the grave lesson that what we know is as nothing to what we have yet to learn; if he opens up avenues of thought and study; if he convinces his pupils that before them lies for discussion and possession the great treasure of truth. A healthy arena this for young ambition—a strong stimulus here for enlarging the boundaries of human knowledge. If at school in the budding days of life we succeed in engendering a love of learning, in showing a passage thereto, the learning itself is sure to follow. A wise system of education—while discountenancing pedantry and sesquipedalianism—will teach us how very little the average mind is receptive of, how much more it has to absorb, what attractions and possibilities there are before the student. Your knowledge is pleasure as well as power, and as has been well said, "There is no pleasure comparable to the pleasure of standing on the vantage ground of truth." Let us realise to ourselves the sacred trusts of health, vigour, energy and time; let us in a spirit of thankfulness turn to the best account for ourselves and others the inestimable gifts of faith and life. However much in principle and means the system of education pursued in this college differentiates from other schemes obtaining more widely about us—and on this point the public will allow that we have shown the courage of our convictions—I still make bold to say that one overmastering desire with us is, with the means at our disposal, to turn out of this college accomplished men, useful and loyal and self-reliant citizens. Is it vain to hope that the idyllic frame of mind neatly phrased by the bard will yet survive and actuate us all?

Then none was for a party,
Then all were for the State,
Then the great man helped the poor
And the poor man loved the great.
The lands were fairly portioned,
The spoils were fairly sold,
Then Romans were like brothers,
In the brave days of old.

At the conclusion of his address the rector heartily thanked the many donors of prizes, which were more numerous and more valuable than

on any other previous occasion. Amongst the donors were His Grace the Archbishop, His Worship the Mayor, Sir P. A. Buckley, Hon Dr Grace, Dr Cahill, Very Rev Father Devoy, the Father Provincial and many others. The prizes were then distributed, each boy, as he came forward to receive his reward, being loudly applauded by his schoolfellows. We append the prize list:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct—Intern students, senior division—prize medal presented by Archbishop Redwood, Hugh McDonnell. Diligence—prize medal presented by Sir Patrick Buckley for highest aggregate of marks attained in class work during the year, James Taylor. Christian doctrine—Matriculation class—prize medal presented by Very Rev Father Leterrier, James Taylor. The Mayor's prizes—English history and geography—1st class of English, William J. Organ; 2nd class of English, Martin Ryan. Essay writing—Special prize presented by Mr John Curnio, K.O.S.G., William J. Organ. Excellence in mathematics—prize medal presented by Very Rev J. Macnamara, S.M., Joseph J. L. Burke. Irish history—prize medal presented by Dr Cahill, Bernard McCarthy. Fine Arts—Medal for excellence in drawing, presented by the Rector, Eugene E. Kimbel; Oratory and debate—prize medal presented by Very Rev Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., William J. Organ; College brass band—prize, Patrick Burton. Good Conduct—Intern students, junior division—prize, Lawrence Flanagan; extern students—prize, Morgan H. Grace. Preparatory school—prize, Frederick Crombie. Christian Doctrine—Second class prize Martin Ryan; third class—prize, Lawrence Flanagan; fourth class—1st prize, Morgan Grace, 2nd James Butler; fifth class—1st prize, Francis Reid, 2nd prize, Philip Mulligan. Preparatory school—Senior Division—prize, Austin Walsh; junior division, first class—prize Neil Ewart; second class—prize, Norman Crombie. English—Matriculation class—Literature and Authors—prize, Melville J. Crombie; historical and syntactical grammar, analysis, etc.—prize, James Taylor; second class—English composition—prize, John O'Connell; literature and authors—prize, Martin Ryan; grammar and analysis—prize, Martin Ryan; Irish history—prize, Angus McDonald; third class, English composition—prize, Patrick Burton;

Walter Chaney; German, hon mention, Hugo Wollerman. Mathematics—Matriculation—Arithmetic, prize, Patrick Fay; algebra, prize, Bernard McCarthy; geometry, prize, James Taylor. Second class—Arithmetic, prize, Martin Ryan; algebra, prize, William Kelly; geometry, prize, Eugene Kimbel. Third class—Arithmetic, 1st prize, John Kiely; 2nd prize, Lawrence Flanagan; algebra, 1st prize, Hugo Wollerman, 2nd prize, John Kie y; euclid, 1st prize, Francis Kerley, 2nd prize, Lawrence Flanagan. Fourth class—Arithmetic, 1st prize, Henry Fitzsimmons, 2nd prize, Arthur O'Brien; geometry, 1st prize, Arthur O'Brien, 2nd prize, Morgan Grace. Fifth class—Arithmetic, 1st prize, Bernard Devine, 2nd prize, Philip Mulligan; mensuration, hon mention, William Fallon and John Cullen. Preparatory school—Senior division—Arithmetic, prize, Herbert Watson. Junior division—Arithmetic, prize, John Nash. Science—Senior division—Astronomy, 1st prize, Joseph Burke, 2nd prize, Bernard McCarthy; junior division—botany, 1st prize, Hugo Wollerman, 2nd prize, Lawrence Flanagan; 3rd prize, Arthur O'Brien. Commercial course—Book-keeping—Senior division, prize, Hugo Wollerman; junior division, prize, Florence McCarthy. Commercial correspondence—Senior division, prize, William Fallon; junior division, prize, Joseph Mahar. Collegiate course—Book-keeping, hon mention, Joseph Burke, John O'Connor and Henry Hayward. Phonetic language, hon mention, Bernard McCarthy, William J Organ and Angus MacDonnell. Fine arts—Mechanical drawing, prize, John Liston; architectural drawing, prize, William Organ; freehand drawing—first division, prize, Charles Byley; second division, prize, Herman Pell; third division, prize, Henry Fitzsimmons. Music—Piano, prize, Nicholas Moloney; violin—senior division, prize, Reginald D'Ath; junior division, prize, John Brady. College choir—1st prize, John Brady, 2nd prize, Frederick Price. Drill and gymnastics—Senior division, prize, Hugh McDonnell; junior division, prize, Lawrence Flanagan. Preparatory school—prize, Edward Cullen. Prizes obtained by four next in merits—John Bourke, Henry Eccles, Francis Grace, Michael Hanley, Austin Henderson, John O'Connor, Francis O'Sullivan, Patrick Quinn, and Matthew Scanlon.

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His Grace the Archbishop said, addressing the boys, that before separating that evening, he hoped they would allow him, at the request of the Rector, to make a few remarks, which naturally occurred to him, on education. He expressed his pleasure at the presence of so large and distinguished an audience, and congratulated the prize-winners, as well as those who had trained them to such a point of proficiency, and he congratulated the students generally on the very successful year which they had just concluded. The report for the year showed that their mental and physical well-being was well looked after, and on no previous one had the *tone*, discipline, and conduct of the students been of such a high order. This was no doubt due to the excellent example set to the juniors by the senior pupils. He wished once more to express in clear and forcible terms their idea of the great work of education undertaken in the institution. It was not a work for the mere improvement of the students' temporal interests. They had to consider what was a Christian school and what was Christian culture. A Christian school was one, as far as our weakness would allow, which was conducted in accordance with the gospel of Christ. This did not imply that it should be a school of technical theology, but one where the knowledge of God was deserving of the most honoured place on the programme of the institution. It likewise meant that every other knowledge shall have this knowledge for its standard. This proposition is unquestionable, if we remember that man's last end is life eternal, and we know by the testimony of the gospel that this is the knowledge of the one true God and the Saviour he has sent. And, moreover, this knowledge must permeate the whole range of the studies of the student, and fortify and guide him. These ideas cannot be too largely or too fully inculcated. The Christian school must give to its students a true knowledge of their state, which must be based upon the supernatural and divine mission to fallen man: The student must be taught alike his weakness and his strength. He must be shown that man's intellect has been more or less darkened, and that in this institution he is watched over by wakeful eyes, that there are tender hands to assist him should he fall. He has, moreover, the divine efficacy of prayer and the sacraments to assist him in the battle of life. The student has his ideal continually raised, and all

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His Worship the Mayor was requested by the Rector to address the audience. In the course of his remarks he said that the community could not fail to watch with great interest the experiment of carrying on a sectarian college, whose curriculum was grounded upon religious teaching, against the competition of the secular and State institutions of the same kind. Although a heretic in their midst he himself watched the experiment with much interest. It rested with the pupils themselves to make St Patrick's College a truly great school, of which past and present pupils would ever be proud. There was another seat of learning in this Colony, though identified with a different religion, which has attained the distinction, and whose pupils were proud of their association with it. He referred to Christ's College in Christchurch. If the pupils of St Patrick's College cherished this feeling and acted up to it they would not only have a pleasant life at the College and a pleasant recollection of it afterwards, but the education they would gain would equip them for faithfully discharging their duty both as men and as citizens.

A Tyrolean piece, "In Trantem Heim," followed by the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. As the audience was leaving the students gave three cheers each for His Grace the Archbishop, His Worship the Mayor, and the Rector.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SPORTS PRIZES.

The distribution of prizes in connection with St Patrick's College Annual Sports took place in the college study-hall on Sunday last. A number of visitors were present, but the inclemency of the weather was rather a drawback to a large attendance. Arranged on a table at the head of the study-hall were the prizes, and it is on all sides admitted that these excelled in number and value the displays of preceding years. Medals and cups were numerous, and other not less costly articles attracted the attention of the youthful athletes in the body of the hall. Rev Dr Watters presided, and opened the proceedings in a few brief words, asking Dr Cahill to distribute the prizes. The chairman of the sports' committee, Rev Father Holley, then read the list of successful competitors, and as each one's name was called he was presented with his allotted trophy, his companions testifying their appreciation and approval of his success by hearty applause. When all the prizes had passed to the winners, Dr Cahill addressed the meeting, and spoke on the importance of athletics, not only as mere amusement, but also as a means of developing a strong and vigorous constitution.

The Rector again rose and commented on the success of the boys in the athletic field. He assured them that these prizes were but omens of a more important distribution to occur within a few days, when the college year would be brought to a close. He was sure, he said—and the students approved by sincere applause—that all would agree in passing a vote of thanks to those who had laboured for the success

of the sports, and especially to Rev Father Holley and Mr McCardell. Then with cheers for Dr Cahill the proceedings terminated.

The following is a list of the principal prizes:—S.P.O., Grand handicap—1st J. O'Connell, challenge cup and gold medal; 2nd J. Cullen, silver pencil and inkstand; 3rd W. Fallon, Mr Mee's trophy. High jump—1st J. O'Connor, silver medal; 2nd B. McCarthy, Mr Hannah's trophy. 120 yds, under 15—1st P. Garvey, silver cup; 2nd S. Hickson, silver medal; 3rd H. Hayward, silver pencil. 220 yds, under 15—1st A. Henderson, silver medal; 2nd H. Hayward, silver medal; 3rd P. Garvey, boys' annual. Long jump—1st P. Fay, Mr Kohn's cup; 2nd W. Organ, Mr Lindsay's trophy. 250 yds open—1st E. O'Brien, bag; 2nd J. Cullen, album; 3rd W. Organ, silver medal. High jump, under 15—1st J. Hanley, medal; 2nd J. McQuilkin, Mr Whitaker's trophy. Half-mile—1st D. Driscoll, gold medal; 2nd A. Henderson, album; 3rd P. Scally, medal. Mile—1st P. Daly, medal; 2nd D. Driscoll, Mr Tracey's trophy. Band's race 1st H. McDonnell, gold pin; 2nd N. Moloney, silver medal.

A SCOTCHMAN'S PHILOSOPHY.

AN old Scotchman is said to have risen in prayer-meeting one night and *apropos* of nothing delivered himself of the following remarks: "There are three things I never could quite understand. First, why boys will throw sticks at green apples when, if they waited, the apples would ripen and drop off; secondly, I never could quite comprehend why men go to war to kill each other when, if they remained quietly at home they would die a natural death in good time; thirdly, and most important of all, I do not see why the men chase around after the women, since, if they sat still, the women would run around after them." How true that death comes to all men, to some so prematurely, who neglect the warning symptoms of approaching disease, such as a tired, aching feeling in the morning, headaches and nervousness, sour taste in the mouth, etc. All these are signs that the physical body is deranged and that if treated lightly, serious danger is to be apprehended. Alfred Saunders, Esq., Octagon, Dunedin, says:—Clements' Tonic and Fletcher's Pills cured me of nervous debility after I had consulted ten medical men, and spent £200 on their fees and medicines. The advertising quacks robbed me altogether. It is disgraceful that the law allows the depredations of these harpies. I can honestly recommend Clements' Tonic. It must be good. Mine was a bad case, as most of the doctors here can prove. Of course I had to take a long course, but that was to be expected, for I had been terribly humbugged, but I am at last restored to health and strength solely by Clements' Tonic.

A beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin has been erected over the western entrance of the church on Lambay Island, Dublin Bay, facing the harbour. It represents the Immaculate Conception, after Murillo's famous painting, and is the gift of Count Conesdine, owner of the island.

Father Davies, the parish priest of Baltimore, County Cork, whose death we (*Edinburgh Catholic Herald*) announced in our last issue, was the maker of Baltimore, raising it from a mere fishing hamlet to the rank of a prosperous town. He got the pier and safety harbour made, the technical schools for teaching the manufacture of fishing gear established, and raised the subscriptions for the provision of good boats to start the existing fishing fleet. He it was, also, who took the lead in promoting the railway from Skibbereen to Baltimore. Father Davis was one of the noblest and best of men. Ireland will miss him. God rest his soul.

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Irish News.

Armagh.—At the weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Newry Union the relieving officer for the Camlough and Bessbrook districts of the union, Archibald Murphy, handed in seventeen notices of intended eviction on the Richardson estate. The tenants under notice of eviction reside in the several townlands adjacent to the villages of Camlough and Bessbrook.

Cavan.—The Earl of Kingston and other directors of the Cavan and Leitrim Light Railway Company have placed before Mr Morley a scheme for reducing by half the tax on the Counties of Cavan and Leitrim by their guarantee of interest on the capital on the railway. Mr Morley promised to bring the scheme before the Treasury.

Clare.—Great havoc has been wrought on the potato crop in the Kildysart district, fully fifty per cent being injured. For the past twenty years the crops around Kilrush have not been in a more ruinous state than at present. In many places the hay lies in a semi-blackened condition. The potatoes, too, are blackening rapidly in the ground owing to the constant rains. In some places, it is stated, half the crop is already rotten. The oats and wheat promised a plentiful yield, but most are now "shelled and laid" since the recent winds, while any that had been cut is completely discoloured in the temporary "stocks." The wheat in like manner has suffered from the weather, and will only yield a partial return.

Captain Croker, sub-sheriff of Clare, with bailiffs and a protective force of police, has been engaged making wholesale seizures for rent in various parts of Clare. He proceeded to Knockerskagh, near Lis-

able extent spoiled by cattle being turned out upon it at too early a stage, as fodder was both very scarce and very dear.

Donegal.—It is rumoured that the Executive is disposed to take under its review the sentence of ten years' penal servitude inflicted on William Coll in October, 1889, for being concerned in the manslaughter of Inspector Martin. The grounds which make it possible that we shall soon hear of William Coll's release are the legal points raised against the verdict and considered in the Court of Appeal.

Down.—At the Downpatrick Petty Sessions recently John Rogan, an army pensioner, was charged with being drunk and shouting for Home Rule. The chairman, in sentencing the prisoner to fourteen days' hard labour, said he was surprised to hear an army pensioner making use of such disloyal expressions. Mr Crawley, who defended, denied that the expression was disloyal, and if it was he was afraid her Majesty had a great many disloyal subjects, and advisers as well.

Wheat is a splendid crop with good yield, but the price offered at markets is the smallest on record—4s 6d per cwt. The oat crop is an average, but in some cases where the crop was heavy the rain has done great damage. The price obtained was 7s 3d per cwt. Flax is a good crop, and has been all saved and carted to the mill. The potatoes, except in some low-lying districts, are an excellent crop, but not so firm as might be desired. The principal sorts planted are champions and magnums, both of which are free from disease. The turnip crop never looked better. Although three weeks late, the harvest will be a fair one.

Galway.—An effort is being made to influence the War Office authorities to re-establish military head-quarters in the city of Galway. The loss to the trading community of the city when the headquarters was removed was very great.

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doonvarna, and under a writ at the suit of Dr Stacpoole Westropp against John Frawley, seized a number of milch cows and young stock. At midnight, in Clonmoher, a large force of police accompanied the sheriff, and the first farm visited was that of Martin Moloney, of Clonmoher. Notwithstanding the early hour horns were blown and a crowd quickly collected, which gaoled the sheriff's party fiercely. It was found that all the stock had been driven off the lands, and finding himself forestalled the sheriff made a dash for the farm of D. Callaghan, Ballydonshane, where a surprise was effected, and milch cows and calves were seized and driven off to Tulla pound. The farm of Mrs Cooney, of Ballymodonell, was then visited, where a number of head of young stock were seized.

Cork.—Tenants on the Ponsonby estate who signed agreements for the purchase of their holdings were reinstated in their farms recently. The Land Commissioners have approved of all the titles of the remaining tenants who purchase, and the negotiations are now so far advanced that the latter expect to receive their vesting orders from the Commissioners on an early date. Others are holding out in the hope of obtaining better terms.

Bishop Scannell, of Omaha, Nebraska, is on a visit to Right Rev Dr McCarthy, Bishop of Cloyne, at Queenstown. The Bishop is a native of the parish of Cloyne. He was formerly Bishop of Concordia, and succeeded the late Bishop O'Connor, who was a native of Queenstown, as Bishop of the important diocese of Omaha. His stay in his native country will be of short duration.

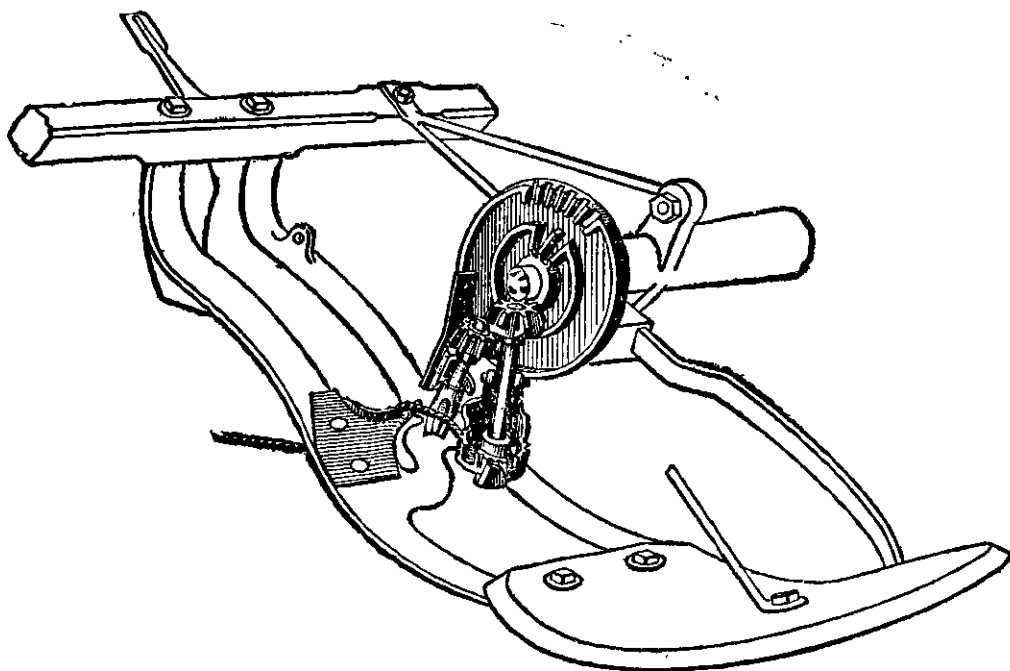
Derry.—Harvest prospects in Garvagh neighbourhood indicate an average year. In the spring grass was unusually backward in growth owing to the prevailing cold, and pasture was to a consider-

The second of the new fishing smacks built from a fund in the hands of Sir Thomas Brady for the relatives of the fishermen who were recently drowned, arrived in Arran last week. She is called the McLaren Smith, after the family which subscribed £500 to the fund.

Mrs Gilbert, one of Mr Henry's daughters, was driving in a phaeton, with a very spirited horse, some three miles from the castle. At the village of Derryinver there is a bridge, over which it is very difficult to drive even the quietest horse at an easy trot. Mrs Gilbert's horse became restive on approaching it, and by the time it was reached she had lost all control over him, the consequence of which was that the phaeton was overturned, and Mrs Gilbert precipitated over the bridge into the river, where her lifeless body was subsequently recovered.

Kilkenny.—Since his famous campaign against the tenants of Coolgreany in 1886 and 1887, Captain E. C. Hamilton has not been so much *en evidence* as he has been recently on the Tighe estate in this County, where some exciting scenes have taken place between himself and some of the tenantry. As he was preparing to go on one of his expeditions the police sergeant in Inistioge asked him did he want any police protection, to which he replied: "No, I don't want your protection, and you can tell Morley that I will not be under any compliment to him for his police." He is accompanied in these raids by a gang of emergency men, the former employees of the late Property Defence Association, to which body he was secretary. All his followers are armed with loaded revolvers, and many of them are on horseback. The names of the assistants which he has are those of men who have been through most of the campaign fights under the late Balfourian Government. One of the most respectable tenants, E. Butler of Inistioge, owed no rent whatever but the hang-

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ing gale and the imaginary half-year's rent to which we all are bound under one of the old-time customs so familiar to every farmer. Captain Hamilton, under a distress warrant, seized on his cattle and put two bailiffs into his house for the purpose simply of annoying him, as the rent was paid the moment the seizure was made. On the mountain side of Brandon there are many poor cotters who are daily in dread of seeing their little stock swept away.

Limerick.—Rev Brother Slattery, Superior of the Christian Brothers, Limerick, recently celebrated his golden jubilee. Brother Slattery, who was born in County Limerick, left his home in 1842 at the age of twenty-two years, and entered the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers of Lady's Mount, Cork. After spending a time in the Novitiate he was given charge of the school formerly taught by the famous Gerald Griffin, and after a time appointed to Mill street, in the Liberties of Dublin, in the year 1845. There during the terrible famine years he taught in schools thronged with starving children, who were fed as well as instructed, for the Brothers had to fight against the proselytizers who prowled about seeking to kidnap the perishing little ones. He spent fifteen years in this locality, and he was then selected as Director of the house at Enniscorthy, at the foot of Vinegar Hill, where he built two beautiful schools, one of which was erected on the site of an Orange Lodge. He was afterwards sent to open the Brothers' establishment at Bruff, in 1850, and after three years he went to Synge street, Dublin, to the new schools. Thence he was set to Mullingar, to take charge of St Mary's College and from that to the great northern city of Belfast. The Brother, there before him had had a hard time of it, and so had he when he began his work, but he not only succeeded but he increased the schools from four to ten, four of which he had built at a cost of £3,000, subscribed by Protestants as well as Catholics. Eight years ago Brother Slattery went back to Limerick, and since, through the

The Archbishop of Tasmania, Most Rev Doctor Murphy, came nearly 17,000 miles to pay the homage of his love to the Immaculate Mother of God. He was in Knock ten years ago, when he came to redeem his promise to manifest his gratitude to the Queen of Heaven, who had, by the use of the Knock cement, restored his sight and enabled him ever since to say Mass, read the Divine Office, and perform all the other duties of his exalted position in the Church. Previous to the use of the cement he tried all other remedies, but to no purpose. Accompanied by his worthy chaplain, Rev F. O'Calaghan, he said Mass at Knock on Wednesday, the Feast of the Holy Cross. He was delighted to see the improvements in the Church of the Apparition.

Meath.—The attempt made by the Parnellites to cast Mr Davitt from his seat in Parliament has proved abortive. The Registration Sessions recently held at Navan, at which 500 Nationalists' claims to vote were allowed, proved that even if Parnellites were successful in the law courts, the people would re-select Mr Davitt as their representative. This had much to do with the abandonment of the case.

Monaghan.—The bailiff of the Ancketill Grove estate, owned by the Scottish Provident Institution, recently proceeded to the townland of Cloonacullion, and unrooted and tore down the dwelling-house and offices of Mary McKenna. Next they proceeded to Dundian, and similarly demolished the neat and comfortable dwelling-house and offices of John McKenna. Just as the work of demolition was completed the unfortunate tenant came on the scene, being that day liberated from Armagh Jail, where he had completed a month's imprisonment for occupying the homestead from which he had been evicted. His brother and sister are detained in jail for the same offence, and this is the third or fourth imprisonment of these people. The estate in question is one of the most impoverished in the

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support of the Bishop, Right Rev Doctor O'Dwyer, he has structurally improved the schools, and built a new school in St John's parish. Bishop O'Dwyer purchased and presented the site to the Brothers, and upon it has been raised the fine building known as the "Walsh Memorial School," because it was raised in memory of Brother Slattery's pious and venerable predecessor, Mr Walsh. The interesting event of his golden jubilee was fittingly celebrated at the Sexton street schools.

Longford.—The situation in the County, it is alleged, could not well be more gloomy looking. Since August scarcely a fine day has been experienced here. There were intervals of sunshine, but they were generally accompanied by such a high wind that harvesting operations were conducted on the most limited scale. The consequence is that hay, of which there promised to be a most abundant crop, is in a most wretched state. Late cut hay is all rotten and can't be lifted. The oat crop is also in danger. Up to the end of July there was a splendid prospect. Then came heavy rains, which beat down the good oats, which rotted. A large amount of damage has been done to the potato crop, vast quantities becoming black and worthless from continuous rain.

Mayo.—There were seven evictions carried out at Charlestown a few days ago. The names of the evicted are:—Patrick Duffy, Hubert Jordan, Patrick Dunleavy of Barnacolga; Thomas Mulligan, Cairn; Widow Halligan, Cashel; Mrs Doherty and James Cooke, Lurga. Three houses were levelled to the ground. In James Cooke's case this was done without removing any of the furniture, etc, from within. The roof caught fire, and in a few minutes all was in ashes. The houses of Patrick Dunleavy and Thomas Mulligan were also levelled. The former is a prominent member of the Federation. The inhuman work of the landlord is not going to stop at these cases, the bailiffs are distributing "death warrants" in hundreds.

country. The judicial rents were fixed chiefly out of court by the thumb-screw method.

Tipperary.—When Father Humphreys arrived in Tipperary, after his seven day's imprisonment, he was given a reception which clearly proved the great hold he has upon the affection of his parishioners. An enormous procession was formed around him, headed by the William O'Brien Fife and Drum Band and the Sarsfield Fife and Drum Band, and a move made towards New Tipperary. As the procession passed through the streets the greeting with which Father Humphreys met at every point of the route was very warm. When the upper end of William O'Brien street was reached a halt was made, and here a temporary platform had been erected, over which a banner bearing the words "Welcome home," had been inscribed. And Father Humphreys ascended the structure and delivered a spiritual address to the people.

An eviction took place near Sheheverie, on the estate of Charles N. Clarke Holycross. Mary A. McGrath and five others of the same family, who for the past two years have been left without father or mother, were evicted from their holding at Durie, near Kilcommon. There was still left in the house an old woman of over 90 years of age, the grandmother of the orphans, and she being in a helpless condition it was thought wiser not to disturb her. Two of her granddaughters were allowed to go back into the house and take care and nurse their aged grandparent, but when the poor old woman heard that two emergency men were remaining in the house as caretakers, she declined to remain, and with the help of her two granddaughters limped out on the roadside. She and her grandchildren were, however, very shortly afterwards provided with ample accommodation, refreshments, etc., by one of their kind-hearted neighbours. The McGraths and their ancestors have been in occupation of this mountainous farm for the past seventy years. Their parents died a few years ago.

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Tyrone.—Encouraging reports of the harvest are being made in the district around Ballygawley. Places farther out have not been so fortunate, and much damage has been done by recent heavy and continuous rains. In Cookstown district harvesting operations are now in full swing, and on the whole the crops are very disappointing, for while some are well up to the average those of most importance are decidedly inferior. The staple crop is flax, and farmers in the past have depended largely on this for their rent and taxes disbursements, but this season the results are extremely poor, and the supply of fibre will scarcely reach one-half the average. Potatoes promise well, but there are numerous complaints of the appearance of the blight. The grain crops average well, corn being long and well eared. The recent stormy wet weather, however, has done a great deal of harm to corn, wheat, and rye on foot. Turnips will turn out fairly well, and grass was an average crop.

Waterford.—A cargo of wheat from New Zealand was recently delivered in Waterford to John Browne, at his stores on the Quay.

The Duke of Devonshire is making inquiries through his agent as to the position of the tenants on his estate. This action, it is confidently expected, will result in a substantial reduction of rent.

Lord Wolseley recently visited Waterford and promised David Condon, a pensioner, who lost an arm in the Crimean War, that he would make an effort to have his pension of a shilling a day increased; but he has not been able to do so. Condon received a note from the War Office informing him that his pension must remain at one shilling per day. Condon is a night watchman in the city.

Wicklow.—Rev Mr Hallows and his curate, with one or two preachers from the lay or unconsecrated element, availed of the presence of the large number of people in Arklow at the recent fair to indulge in what they are pleased to term the preaching of the word of God. The spectacle presented was anything but edifying and was a travesty on religion. A crowd collected as a matter of course. One can readily understand that preaching to a pump-handle or lamp-post is, to even the most enthusiastic of spouters, a very discouraging and depressing occupation. Hence it is that his reverence so gladly embraces every opportunity likely to afford him an audience. He had one on this occasion, and it must be admitted that amongst them were some who are not total abstainers, and the dialogues which took place between the Bacchanalians and the preaching gentlemen were not likely to advance the interests of religion. The business has long ago received the well-merited contempt of every right thinking person of all religious persuasions.

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Store Sheep.—A moderate amount of business is passing weekly in these both privately and at auction. At the moment the supply on the market seems to be very much short of requirements.

Sheepskins.—There was a very full attendance at our weekly sale on Tuesday, when we submitted a lengthy catalogue which elicited keen competition. Dry crossbreds, inferior to medium, 1s 9d to 3s 2d;

inferior to medium merinos, 1s 8d to 3s 2d; full-woolled crossbreds, 4s 3d to 6s 10d; do do merino, 3s 4d to 5s 11d; dry pelts, 3d to 1s 7d; butchers' green crossbreds, best, 5s 7d to 6d; medium to good, 4s to 5s 6d; shorn crossbred pelts, 10d to 1s 4d; green merinos in the wool, best, 3s 11d to 5s; light, 3s 2d to 3s 10d; lambskins, 1s 4d to 1s 11d each.

Rabbitskins.—The demand for these continues good.—For late (medium to good), winter and spring greys, 1s 1d to 1s 2½d; inferior to medium, 9d to 1s; black, tan, and mixed, 6d to 8d; suckers and half-grown, 3d to 5d; black and fawn, 7d to 10d per lb.

Hides.—There is a good demand existing for all coming to market.

Tallow.—We have no alteration to note in the position of the market, which continues firm.

Grain.—Wheat: At present there is almost nothing doing in this market. Millers hold aloof from purchasing in view of the proximity of harvest. We quote, nominally, best milling, velvet, red straw and Tuscan, 3s to 3s 3d; good to best, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; inferior to medium, 2s to 2s 3d; broken, 1s 8d to 1s 10d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms. Oats.—There is no new feature of any consequence to chronicle in regard to the position of the market since we last reported. Quotations for best, bright, stout feed and milling, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; medium to good, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; inferior to medium, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; ex store, sacks extra, net. Barley.—No business of any consequence passing in this. We quote, nominally, best malting, 3s 9d to 4s; medium, 3s to 3s 6d; feed and milling, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; ex store, sacks extra, terms.

Grass Seeds.—There is no improvement to note in the demand for either ryegrass seed or cocksfoot.

Chaff has only a very moderate demand, and with the supply more than sufficient for requirements, prices are still low, even for best, while inferior is almost unsaleable. Quotations.—For prime, 47s 6d to 50s—slightly more on rare occasions; inferior to medium, 30s to 42s 6d (ex truck).

Dairy Produce.—Market unchanged. Quotations.—For prime keg butter (dairy-made), 8d to 9d; factory, 10d to 11d. Factory cheese, medium size, 4½d to 5d; loaf, 5½d to 5¾d; dairy, 2½d to 4½d per lb.

Flax.—There is no further improvement to note in the tone of the market. Well-dressed bright and soft is saleable at L8 to L8 10s; good to best, L17 10s to L18; fair average quality, L16 10s to L17; off-colour and badly dressed difficult to place.

MESSERS STRONACH BROS. AND MORRIS report as follows:—

Sheepskins.—We submitted a small catalogue for Tuesday's sale, when the usual full attendance of buyers were present. The demand was brisk, both fellmongers and shippers competing keenly, resulting in a slight improvement on last week's prices. Green crossbreds sold at 3s 10d to 5s 11d; do merinos, 3s 1d to 4s 4d; do pelts, 10d to 1s 3d; do lambs, 1s to 1s 6d; dry crossbreds, 2s 1d to 6s; do merinos, 1s 5d to 4s 1d; do pelts and hoggets, 4d to 2s 5d.

Rabbitskins.—We submitted a moderate catalogue on Monday, comprising the usual assortment of skins of all qualities. All the buyers were present and competed keenly, last weeks prices being fully maintained. Good winters sold at 15s to 15½d; medium, 13s to 14½d; inferior, 10½d to 12½d; spring, 8½d to 10½d; autumn and summer, 5d to 7½d; suckers, 1½d to 2½d.

Hides.—Quotations remain unaltered.
Tallow.—The supply is small, being confined to the ordinary country consignments that arrive from day to day. There is a strong local demand, and sales of every description are readily made. We quote.—Prime rendered, 18s to 20s; medium, 15s to 17s; inferior, 12s to 14s; rough fat, 9s to 13s.

Wheat.—In this cereal there is nothing of consequence to report. The market is in the same lifeless state as when we last reported, and so far as we can see at the present moment, there is little prospect of prices improving in the near future. Millers are more or less heavily stocked, and are only making an occasional purchase. Fowl wheat is in fair demand. We quote (nominally)—Prime milling, 3s 1d to

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Oats have been in rather better demand this week, and prices have advanced a trifle. There is no movement outside of our own market to warrant any advance, and the arrival of any considerable quantity would have the effect of bringing prices down again. Barely sufficient have been arriving to meet the requirements of the local produce dealers. Prime milling, 1s 9d to 1s 10½d; bright feed, 1s 8½ to 1s 9d; discoloured, 1s 7d to 1s 8d.

Chaff—Arrivals have not been large this week fortunately, but extremely low prices have yet to be accepted to clear any other than really prime oaten sheaf, which latter can readily be sold. We quote:—Prime oaten sheaf, 45s to 50s; medium, 35s to 40s; inferior, 22s 6d to 30s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—Our sale on Saturday was remarkable for the shipment of really excellent draught horses from Melbourne offered at it but these we regret to say, did not meet with the competition that the quality of the horses deserved. There was not an inferior animal in the lot, and although the buyers present recognised the excellence of the horses, yet they were unwilling to give such prices as would leave the importer a fair profit. Out of the nineteen horses offered only six found purchasers at from £27 to £21 10s. The balance of the horses offered consisted chiefly of town and dealers' lots, a good number of the low-priced ones finding purchasers. We quote—For first-class draughts (extra heavy), £25 to £30; good ordinary draughts (young), £18 to £22; medium draughts, £12 to £16; aged draughts, £6 to £10; good hacks and harness horses, £12 to £16; medium hacks and harness horses, £7 to £9; light and inferior hacks and harness horses, £2 10s to £6.

Messrs DONALD REID AND Co. report as follows:—

Store Cattle—The entry was a small one, only 29 head being penned. Competition was brisk for every lot offered, many buyers having to go away unsupplied. Two-year-old steers sold at £3 10s; one-year-old do, £2 13s; cows and heifers, £3 5s to £4 15s.

Horses—23 were entered for sale. Few buyers present, and demand not brisk. Medium draughts sold at £15 10s; spring-carters, £18, hacks, £12 5s.

Wool—Ollips are coming in steadily for sales of 22nd and 23rd inst., but the broken weather has hindered shearing considerably, and catalogues will not be so heavy as was generally expected. At auction on Monday we held our first sale of fadges and bags to a full attendance of buyers, and competition was keen.

Rabbitskins—Keen competition for all descriptions. Medium winters sold at 11½d to 12½d; spring, 8½d to 11½d; summer, 5½d to 7½d; suckers, 2½d to 3½d.

Sheepskins—Green crossbreds sold at 3s 10d to 5s 4d; do merinos, 3s to 4s 1d; do pelts, 1s to 1s 3d; do lambs, 1s 1d to 1s 7d; dry crossbreds, 2s 1d to 5s 10d; do merinos, 1s 5d to 4s 4d; do pelts and lambs, 4d to 2s 7d.

Hides—Prime hives 2½d to 3d; medium, 2d to 2½d; light, 1½d to 1¾d; inferior, slippery, 1½d to 1¾d per lb.

Tallow—Strong demand for all descriptions and ready sale. Prime rendered 18s to 20s; medium, 15s to 17s; inferior, 12s to 14s; rough fat, 9s to 13s per cwt.

Wheat—We quote, nominally—Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 9d to 2s 11d; inferior, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 5d.

Oats—We quote—Prime milling, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; bright feed 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d.

Chaff—Quotations are as follows—Prime, 50s to 55s; medium, 40s to 47s 6d; inferior, 25s to 35s.

Grass Seeds—We quote the following prices, which are in favour of buyers—Machine-dressed ryegrass, 3s to 3s 3d; farmer's, prime, 2s per bushel; cocksfoot, 3½ per lb.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price—Oats: 1s 6d to 1s 9d (bags extra). Wheat (sacks included): Milling, 2s 9d to 3s 3d, demand dull; fowls', 1s 9d to 2s 5d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, good supply, demand dull, £1 10s 0d to £2 5s 0d; prime up to £2 15s 0d, good demand; hay, oaten, quality superior, demand dull, £2 10s to £3 0s; ryegrass, £3 0s, of good quality. Potatoes, old market bare, demand dull, 22s 6d to 25s; new provincial kidneys, £9 0s 0d, good demand; imported, £4 0s 0d to £6 0s 0d. Flour: Roller, £9 0s to £9 15s; stone, £8 0s to £8 16s, demand quiet. Oatmeal, bulk, £8 10s; 25lbs, £9 0s to £9 10s. Butter, fresh 6d to 9d; potted, demand dull, 7½d for prime. Eggs, 9d per dozen.

THE GIPSY ENCAMPMENT.

(Southland Times, December 8.)

A VERY attractive variation of the ordinary bazaar was introduced to Invercargill yesterday evening, when a Gipsy Encampment in aid of the funds of St Mary's Catholic Church was opened in the Theatre. The doors having been opened, to the music of the City Band, the people poured in till the circle was packed and the lower part of the building crowded. The Mayor-elect (Mr D. McFarlane) ascended the stage, accompanied by the Hon J. G. Ward, the Rev Fathers Vereker and Coffey, and Messrs T. Green, A. Byrne, P. Gilfedder, J. B. Forde, W. McKeown and J. Collins. He said that he had great pleasure in presiding. Looking over the great assemblage, he thought they would agree with him that the cause which the promoters of the encampment had at heart was even now almost assured. After a jocular reference to the nationality of the Gipsies who were to appear on the

scene, Mr McFarlane bespoke the support of his hearers for the object for which the Encampment had been organised, and concluded by calling on the

Hon J. G. Ward to open the Encampment. That gentleman confessed that Mr McFarlane's remarks had made him a trifle nervous. He had indicated that there were Gipsies in the neighbourhood, and from his youthful recollections of what these people were supposed to do he thought some little trepidation on his part was excusable, but lest this feeling should be generally experienced, he might add, by way of presaging coming events, that the visitors would be found to present quite a galaxy of youth and beauty. His task was simple and exceedingly pleasant. He had to open the Encampment, but before doing so he might be permitted, on behalf of the Rev Father Vereker, to thank the general public for the splendid way in which, by gifts, work, and monetary donations, they had contributed to the object in view—the extinction of a debt of about £1000 on St Mary's Church. He also wished to say that the nuns of Invercargill, Oamaru, Dunedin, and Queenstown were represented in the stalls by many gifts of beautiful work, the result of their own skill and industry and that of their assistants, while the ladies of the congregation had also contributed materially. After directing attention in humorous terms to some of the means provided for the investment of spare cash, Mr Ward said that judging from the large attendance and the munificence of the contributions made, the expectations of the promoters would be more than realised. He then declared the Encampment open.

But where were the Gipsies? The question was speedily answered. The raising of the curtain revealed them massed on the left of the stage. The Excelsior Song Band under the leadership of Mr Norris, struck up the Gipsies' chorus, and the Grand march began. The procession was headed by a page (Master Mannix) who bore Queen Esmeralda's banner, a very richly blazoned ensign. Next came Her Majesty (Miss Lloyd, of Queenstown) whose graceful and stately presence was in keeping with the picturesque character she assumed. The Queen was followed by her immediate attendants and a retinue of fifty or sixty Gipsy lasses, whose sweet voices blended with charming effect in the chorus to which they marched, while their varied and handsome costumes and bright looks were as pleasing to the eye as their singing was to the ear. Their evolutions completed, the band, as became dutiful subjects, saluted their queen, who, sceptre in hand, had meanwhile ascended her throne, and the curtain then fell amid great applause. This very successful part of the programme was carried out under the direction of Mr T. Anthony. Immediately after the audience had ample opportunity to become acquainted with the "Egyptians," who were evidently on business bent. Some were busily engaged taking the names of people eager to have a chance of securing some of the lovely articles on view, while others were bringing beautiful dolls, cushions, etc., under the notice of blushing bachelors who looked despairingly in the direction of the door and succumbed to the smiles of ye Romany Lasses.

A few words as to the disposition of Queen Esmeralda's forces will now be in order. The space to the right of the entrance is occupied by a floral bower full of all that is delightful in shrub and flower, and presided over by Mrs A. M. Byrne, assisted by Misses M. and G. Howell and Miss K. Dickinson. Passing along to the right, the visitor comes to Gipsy bower No 3, where is in charge of Misses Lawlor, Sutton, and Bradley, assisted by Misses Kempton, Cavenagh, and Quinn. Next comes a refreshment booth under the superintendence of Mrs Kersey, whose aides are Misses Kirwan, Hislop, Roche, Farrell, and Mangin. Adjacent to the booth is a tea kiosk where the Misses Stock (3), Morgan (4), and Miss Waterston dispense the cup which cheers. Returning to the entrance, and passing to the left, Gipsy bower No 1 comes in view. Here Mrs Anthony and Miss Thomson are in command, assisted by Misses Cabill (2), I. Thomson, Gourley, and Cavenagh (2). Then there is Gipsy bower No 2, in charge of Mrs Burnett and Miss Roche; and a well-stocked produce stall with Mesdames Forde (2), O'Keefe, Ross, and Maloney and Misses Forde (2), as saleswomen. The bowers are tastefully decorated. Below the stage a shooting gallery has been established, while a Gipsies' cauldron has been set up near the stage. The investment of a shilling gives the right to explore its interior, and a prize invariably rewards the search, for blanks are unknown. The cauldron is the handiwork of Mr H. Moir, and is a most artistic affair. It is suspended from a tripod, which is surmounted by a harp, with the shamrock, rose, and thistle immediately underneath. The bowers are filled with all manner of beautiful articles, among them many fine examples of the needle, fancy, and art work for which the nuns have gained a high reputation. Hand-painted screens and mirrors, pictures, cushions with floral and other devices worked upon them and fancy chairs, are a few among the host of things that but for the exigencies of space well deserve extended notice. The Invercargill nuns are represented, among other things, by a Spanish lounge and ottoman, and an octagon-occasional table hand-painted in oils. Conspicuous among the cushions is a gem from the Queenstown convent, with foxgloves and a bit of lake scenery worked in plush. Enough has been said to show that the encampment is well worth a visit, with its music and mirth, and its treasury of works of art.

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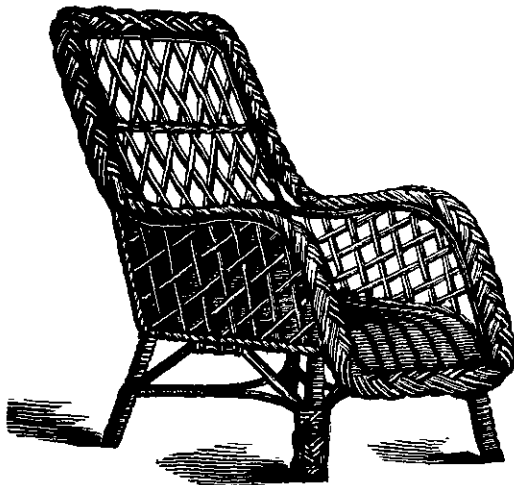
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PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

The Catholics of New Zealand provide, at their own sole expense, an excellent education for their own children. Yet such is the sense of justice and policy in the New Zealand Legislature that it compels these Catholics, after having manfully provided for their own children, to contribute largely towards the free and godless education of other people's children!!! This is tyranny, oppression, and plunder.

NO PAUPERS WANTED.



"E'S only a pauper whom nobody owns." And what is more, nobody wants to own him—that is, if, at least, we may believe our contemporary the *Wellington Post*, with the exception of politicians in New Zealand.

President HARRISON calls out against the admission of paupers into the United States. He kindly proposes that as much should be charged for such admission per head by way of poll-tax, as would pay the passage of the individual to Australia—a statesmanlike way, we may conclude, of suggesting to foreign Governments how they may get rid of their paupers, without attempting to interfere directly in the internal affairs of foreign States.

But, if we may believe the *Wellington Post*, Australia has already more paupers than she has any room for. We were about to say, than she knows what to do with, but that, according to our contemporary, would be a mistake. Australia, he tells us, knows very well what to do with her paupers. Is she not, he asks with a broken voice, shipping them to New Zealand by the hundred? Nay, he laments, "We shall not be surprised at the Australian steamers bringing here thousands instead of hundreds of men very soon." And really we are loath to take our contemporary at his word, but it would be an insult to his intelligence to do otherwise. The alternative that our contemporary, on his own, showing prefers, is that these men should be permitted by the philanthropists of Melbourne and Sydney to die of starvation. "They can scarcely be buried much more cheaply," he complains, "than they can now be sent to New Zealand." We may, however, give our contemporary the benefit of the doubt as to whether he would decide in favour of a rise in the passage money, or of a reduction in the terms of the undertaker.

Meanwhile, we learn with regret that one source of an increase of pauperism in Australia has been the strike at Broken Hill. Results there are much to be deplored. The funds by which the men were generously supported in their struggle have run out, and the number of those reduced, or in danger of being reduced, to extreme want, is large. A circular issued by the committee of relief, of which, by the way, the Bishop of Wilcannia, who befriended the strikers from the beginning and gave them sound advice, is a member, appeals for aid. It gives the number of the men out of work as 2,500. "This committee earnestly appeals to the people of Australia for help in the present emergency—not on the ground of sympathy with the strikers or their leaders, but because of the want and suffering entailed upon innocent women and children. We are impressed with the magnitude of the distress, and we rely with hope upon your generous assistance to cope with it."

But what are paupers? "Unless some economical means of checking pauper immigration into this country from the neighbouring colonies is adopted," says the *Post*, "the prospect is appalling." Would it do, then, to levy a poll-tax equivalent to the fare to America? For President HARRISON, perhaps, there is some excuse—though his proposal that the poll-tax should equal the passage money to Australia is, we admit, sinister—is worthy in fact, of MACCHIAVELLI, or, at least, of Lord CHESTERFIELD. The paupers alluded to are probably the offscourings of European cities, unable, as well as unwilling, to work. But that the unemployed of these colonies should be so classed, or that there should be a desire to shut them out from any colony, is a scandalous thing. Here are men both able and willing to work; here are broad and fertile lands needing workers. Whence, then, has such a situation arisen, or what excuse can be offered for it?

The party that the *Post* represents hailed the departure of our unemployed with jeering, after their long years of mismanagement had left to the people in question no other resource. Are we now to understand that those who aspire to replace the late Government are bent on resuming its policy, and are mortified at seeing an obstacle placed by immigration in their way? Such, at any rate, is the conclusion to be derived from the lamentations of our contemporary.

President HARRISON, we say, may be justified in proposing to close the ports of his country against paupers who are justly so-called, but it is an ominous sign of the times

that a disposition is shown among ourselves to shut out men, who are paupers only because they are unemployed.

THE annual concert of the Dominican Convent High School, Dunedin, will be given in St Joseph's schoolroom to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock. The show of work will be held on Friday morning and afternoon. On Friday evening the concert of St Joseph's school will take place.

THE St Patrick's College "Annual Prize List, Calendar, and Syllabus of Studies" for 1892 has been issued. The publication is one of great interest to Catholics, proving as it does the marked progress of an educational institution of such high importance.

THE Rev Fathers Downey, O.S.B., and Hackett who, in search of improved health, some two or three weeks ago started from Auckland on the round trip via Sydney and Melbourne, arrived in Dunedin by the *s.s. Wairarapa* on Tuesday. The rev gentlemen, we are happy to say, have already received much benefit from their voyage. They were accompanied from Melbourne by the Rev Father Duffy, S.J., who has come to give a retreat to the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions at Christchurch. The venerable Jesuit, we may add, is a veteran who, as chaplain to the forces, saw hard service in the Crimean war. The rev visitors, during the stay of the vessel at Dunedin and in the absence of the Bishop, were the guests of the Rev Fathers Murphy and Ryan.

AN art union has been undertaken in connection with the Grand Zealandia Fair, to be held at Wellington in February in aid of the fund for building schools at Newton. The Rev Father Devoy, S.M., V.G., relies upon his friends to give him energetic assistance in the disposal of tickets.

"BETTER late than never." Owing to an accident last week we omitted to welcome, on their return to Dunedin, our highly respected fellow-citizens, Mr and Mrs Henry McCormick. Mr and Mrs McCormick had been absent some nine or ten months, during which they made a tour in Italy and in the United Kingdom—having the privilege in Rome to be present at a Mass celebrated by the Pope. We are happy now to repair our omission, and bid them *cedo mile falthe*.

"AN Antipodean visitor reaches us (*Edinburgh Catholic Herald*, October 14) this week in the *NEW ZEALAND TABLET*, a journal which for twenty years has been the upholder of Catholic interests in that distant land. The *TABLET* is a well conducted, well written, nicely presented paper. Unlike its namesake here, it favours Home Rule. We bid it welcome to these shores, and wish it continued prosperity by its own." We have to thank our esteemed contemporary for his much valued approval and kind word of encouragement.

We have received from Messrs Charles Begg and Co. a periodical named the "School Music Review." This is a very useful and well-designed work, and should prove a boon to all who are interested in the study of music. As its name signifies, it is primarily intended for teachers in the schools, and for them it publishes hints, suggestions, and instructions, that are invaluable. But teachers elsewhere, as well as students, may profit to the full by it. The principal articles in the number before us are "How to teach Bounds," and "Training for telling by ear," and both are worthy of careful reading. There are, besides, a pretty song, "Dawn, Gentle Flower," with music and accompaniment, and a trio for S.S.A., the words from Cowper's well-known "John Gilpin," the music by G. A. Macfarren. Tune and time tests are also given, and, in a word, a quantity of matter that cannot fail to interest and instruct. The review is neatly turned out, and the price is almost nominal, only 3s a year, postage included.

In the Australian colonies, (says the *Wellington Post*) the State holds out no such promise to the unemployed as here, and generally their requirements and their sufferings are much less sympathetically regarded by politicians than in New Zealand. In these circumstances the exodus from Melbourne and Sydney to New Zealand is entirely the result of the institution of little more than nominal passage rates between Australia and New Zealand. Passengers are now taken for one pound sterling per head. Possibly but a few of the unemployed would be able to find even this small sum, but the philanthropists of Melbourne and Sydney, and even the unsympathetic politicians, must be very dense if they do not recognise that the provisions of passage for New Zealand is a cheaper way of disposing of the unemployed than finding them employment or even permitting them to die of starvation. They can scarcely be buried much more cheaply than they can now be sent to New Zealand. We shall not be surprised at the Australian steamers bringing here thousands instead of hundreds of men very soon. Unless some economical means of checking pauper immigration into this country from the neighbouring colonies is adopted the prospect is appalling.

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**PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE CONVOCATION
OF THE FIRST SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF
CHRISTCHURCH.**

JOHN JOSEPH, BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOUR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE, BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH.

TO THE CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE SAID DIOCESE, HEALTH AND BENEEDICTION IN THE LORD :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN AND CHILDREN IN CHRIST JESUS,—Five years and more have now passed by since, in spite of our unworthiness, God and His Church imposed on Us the appalling burden of the Episcopate. Notwithstanding our protracted illness and forced absence from your midst, We have reason to be grateful to the Most High, Who has enabled Us, during that time, to make a thorough visitation of every parish in the diocese at least twice, whilst not a few districts We have visited far more frequently. These visitations, together with the many other administrative acts of our office, have brought no little consolation to Us at the sight of the great good that is being done in this remote part of Christ's vineyard. We have rejoiced, and blessed the Almighty, on beholding the striking memorials of your piety, your zeal and devotion, which prompted you to second the glorious efforts of a noble band of self-sacrificing missionaries, some of whom have gone to reap the reward of their labours, whilst others, emulating their sacerdotal spirit, are still working amongst us.

It is our duty to leave no means untried that the great good hitherto done may prove more lasting—that our dearly beloved brethren and children in Christ may walk more securely in the ways of God—that they may grow in the knowledge, and love and service of the Most High, bear more abundant fruit, and thereby become the more pleasing to the Divine Majesty.

As a powerful means to this great end, Holy Church bids her chief pastors convoke, at times marked out by her Canons, certain solemn assemblies, called "Diocesan Synods." Announced long beforehand, preceded by serious study and fervent prayer, opened and carried on amid the most sacred and august rites of her Ritual, these assemblies are convoked by the Bishop who summons thereunto all the priests of his diocese whose right or duty it is to attend; with them he examines whatever, before God, he considers to be conducive to the greater glory of the Most High, the perfection of the clergy, and the spiritual good of the faithful. Drawing from the treasures of the Fathers and Councils of the Church, he therein promulgates decrees to secure the end priests and people must always have in view more especially for the right observance of all that pertains to ecclesiastical discipline. The time has, at length come, for Us to convoke the first of these assemblies in the diocese of Christchurch.

Wherefore, We hereby announce that, with the blessing of God, our first Synod will begin on the morning of the seventeenth day of January, in the year of grace 1893, and end on the nineteenth day of the same month. All who, by right or custom, are bound to attend the Diocesan Synod We summon to the same, and, in virtue of holy obedience, We command the attendance of all having charge of souls in our diocese of Christchurch. Should any canonical reason prevent any priest from attending, We must be informed, and permission for absence be previously obtained from us. Following the salutary customs of old, We, moreover, wish all who are summoned to the Synod to take part in the spiritual retreat, which, D.V., will begin on the evening of the eleventh of January and close on the morning of the Synod. Thus, we shall, We fondly trust, obtain the chief fruit which the holy Fathers and Councils of the Church so strenuously sought and urged in these Canonical assemblies—viz., holy recollection, careful examination of conscience, and the thorough renovation of our whole lives.

But in order that the salutary object of both the Synod and the retreat may be obtained, it behoves us to pour forth fervent prayers to the Father of all mercy, the God of all consolation, from Whom "every best gift and every perfect gift cometh down." Let us go with confidence to the throne of all grace, and there supplicate our loving Saviour Who, having redeemed us by the shedding of His precious blood, is ever pleading in our behalf before the throne of His Eternal Father. Let us implore the light of the Holy Spirit that We may decree, and one and all fulfil, whatever is holy, right, and meet. That the Almighty may vouchsafe to hearken to our supplication and grant our request, let us turn to the glorious and immaculate Mother of God, Mary, who is our own dear Mother, our Queen, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. Ask her to look down upon us and our deliberations with eyes of mercy, to pray for us, and to spread the mantle of her protection over us. Let us, too, secure the help and advocacy of all the heavenly host, especially the great St Joseph, Mary's spotless spouse; the illustrious precursor, St John the Baptist; the blessed martyr, Peter Chanel, and all the patrons and protectors of this diocese.

We know by experience that God is wont to do much in His Church through the prayers and supplications of His consecrated spouses and little children so dear to His Adorable Heart; we beg

and implore the many spiritual children it is our privilege to have in religious communities, to unite in more frequent and fervent prayer and the reception of the Most Blessed Eucharist, from now until the close of the Synod, to obtain for us the help we need from on high.

We earnestly beseech the many pious souls who live in the world without being of it, to give us the same holy help.

On each of the three Sundays, preceding the Synod, we direct that in all the Churches and chapels in the diocese, the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" with the versicle and prayer, be sung before the principal Mass, to bring down the blessing of God on the Synod and the preceding retreat. Where this hymn cannot be sung, the litanies of the saints with accompanying prayers may be recited instead.

At Benediction, on the same Sunday, the hymn *Ave Maria Stella* shall be sung after the Litany of our Lady of Loretto.

From the receipt of this pastoral, until further order, instead of the prayer hitherto prescribed, that of the votive *de Spiritu Sancto* shall be said or sung at Mass and Benediction, whenever the Rubric allows it.

Moreover, on the Sunday immediately preceding the opening of the Synod, the Blessed Sacrament shall be solemnly exposed to the veneration of the faithful from the last Mass till the evening, in our pro-Cathedral church, in St Mary's, Manchester street, and the other principal churches of the diocese. To all who shall visit these churches and unite in the prescribed prayers when said or sung, We hereby grant an indulgence of 40 days in the usual form of Holy Church.

We would further have all our faithful flock know that the Sovereign Pontiff grants a plenary indulgence to all who, having received the Holy Sacraments of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist shall, during the days of the Synod, visit our pro-Cathedral, and pray therein for the intention of our Holy Father the Pope.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the charity of God, and the communication of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Given at our pro-Cathedral, Christchurch, this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1892, being the festival of our beloved Mother's Immaculate Conception, and appointed to be read, and afterwards placed in a conspicuous place in the churches and chapels of the diocese.

† JOHN JOSEPH GRIMES, S.M.,
Bishop of Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

At the conclusion of the Rev Father Aubrey's examination, which took place last week, of the convent schools, the pupils entertained him at the establishment with a private and a complimentary concert, and presented him with an address. This was the first opportunity which they have had to honour him since his appointment to the spiritual charge of the parish at Timaru. He left this city unexpectedly, and they have keenly felt the want of an occasion to express their gratitude for the very practical interest he has ever taken in their welfare and school. A very select musical and instrumental programme was successfully gone through, and the address, which is a splendid piece of illuminating work, displays great artistic skill and taste. The harmonious blending of colours and the chaste design produce a most pleasing effect. At the foot of the address is a very picture of the convent in the neutral tint. The children presented Edison's mimeograph and accessories with the address, which is in a massive gilt frame, and reads as follows:—"To the Very Rev Father Aubrey, S.M.—Dear Rev Father,—We have been looking forward to this occasion to give expression to the sentiments of affection and gratitude which animates us at the remembrance of the many marks of kindness which you have conferred on us since your arrival in New Zealand. Though we saw in your appointment to the parish at Timaru a proof of the Bishop's appreciation of your merits, it was, indeed, a cause of sorrow for us, as it deprived us of one who for so long had been the director of the schools, and the spiritual guide who, with untiring zeal, prepared most of us for the first Holy Communion and Confirmation. We will ever remember with gratitude the instructions you have given us, and it shall be our constant endeavour, with God's help, to give proof that the seed has not fallen on barren soil. We trust you will long continue to discharge the duties of inspector of schools in this portion of the diocese, and thus afford us an opportunity of seeing occasionally the devoted Father to whom we are bound by the strongest ties of esteem and gratitude. Thanking you again for your past kindness, and praying that God may bless you and all your undertakings, we are, dear Father, your affectionate and grateful children, the pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions." Father Aubrey thanked, when replying, the pupils for their unexpected and beautiful presents, and for the compliments which accompanied the gifts. He had tried, he said, to do his best for their progress, and was pleased to see how they had seconded his efforts. He emphasised the earnestness wherewith they had entered into the work

of the examination, the neatness and order of the papers, and other work, and the very high percentages obtained. These things gave strong evidence of serious and thorough work done during the past year. He felt confident that they would not relax their efforts to maintain the high position which the examination just concluded showed that the schools have attained.

About 40 boys and 30 girls made their first Communion at the pro-Cathedral of Thursday last, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, at the 9.30 Mass, which was said by the Most Rev Dr Grimes, who was assisted by the Rev Father Bell. The church was fairly crowded on the occasion, and his Lordship delivered a very beautiful and impressive discourse before and after the solemn rite. Than the whole scene nothing could be more pretty and edifying. The girls, who were under the charge of several Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, wore white dresses, also long veils of the same hue and suspended from chaplets of green myrtle leaves entwined with small white flowers. The Marist Brothers were the guardians of the boys, who were neatly attired and wore white sashes and the crimson fringed badges of the sodality of the Apostleship of Prayer. The Rev Father Bell and the devoted Sisters and Brothers have for months back bestowed every care on the children to train them for the important and sacred occasion before which they attended for several days a retreat which the Rev Father Cummings preached. When the ceremony was over the children breakfasted on a profusion of good things in the Marist schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated and arranged for the event. Mesdames J. Ormy Jones, O'Brien, Bryant, Curtin, Rodgers, O'Neil, Sherin and Holland, and Madles Sherin, Kearney, Bryant, Loughnan, Fitzhenry, Burrows, McCarty, and Pender provided the edibles, and these ladies and others whose names I could not obtain, waited on the children during the repast. The Bishop, the Rev Fathers Bell and Cummings, also Mr and Mrs Robert Loughnan, who are on a short visit from Wellington to this city, were, among others, present. A Christmas tree, whereon was placed an attractive prize for each child, was planted in the schoolroom, and when the children had assembled and dined again at 1 p.m., a drawing for the prizes took place and occasioned a deal of amusement. Mr Ormy Jones planted the tree, and the prizes were the especial donation of Mrs Jones. The children indulged during the day in a variety of sports in the school ground, and in the afternoon a procession around the interior of the church, a renewal of baptismal vows, also acts of consecration to the Blessed Virgin and to St Joseph took place. After these ceremonies, which closed with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, were over, his Lordship presented each child with a large memorial card as a souvenir of the happy day.

The nuptials of Mr Edward Gee of this city, and Miss Mary J. McAdams, the sixth daughter of Mr Terence McAdams, of Horatio street, took place at the pro-Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon last. The Rev Father Cumming, V.G., who spoke before and after the rite on the dispositions wherewith the sacrament should be received, and on the dignity and importance of matrimony, officiated, and the church was crowded on the occasion. Mr Thomas Quealy acted as best man, and the bride, who, besides a veil and wreath, wore a beautiful blue dress trimmed with orange blossoms, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr P. Ryan. The bridesmaids were Misses Kate and Lizzie McAdams, sisters of the bride, and were arrayed in cream crape dresses trimmed with velvet of old gold, and wore hats and feathers to match. When the interesting ceremony was over in the church the nuptial party drove to the residence of the bride's father, where a sumptuous breakfast was spread. Mr Quealy proposed during the repast the health of the bride and bridegroom, and the toast was duly honoured. The wedding presents are numerous, valuable and useful.

Several members of the Opera Company sang at St Mary's church on Sunday last, and Mrs Nielson executed there with much finish and pathos to-day (Sunday) as an offertory piece an "Ave Maria." The music on the occasion was partly from Gounod's "Messe Solennelle," and partly from Weber's Mass in G.

To the great and general regret of the citizens of Christchurch it has been known that Inspector Pender is shortly to be removed to Wellington. It is announced that his place will be taken by Inspector Brohan, of Auckland, formerly of South Canterbury.

The Rev Father Laverty visited the city during the week, and the Rev Father Ginaty, who looks remarkably well and resides just now at the presbytery at St Mary's, has returned from Hokitika.

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The Caledonian Society of Otago will hold their sports, as usual, on the first days of the New Year. A liberal sum is allotted for prizes, and stirring contests may be looked for.

Consul Webb of the Philippine Islands has resigned, giving as his reason his conversion to Islamism. He will devote the remainder of his life to the teaching of Mohammedanism.

The erection of a new church will soon be commenced in the parish of Watergrasshill, Cork. The old structure, was built in 1806 by Father Prout, and his name appears upon the corner-stone.

ELLESMERE NOTES.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

I NOTICE that the committee, which it was agreed at a meeting held at Leeston a short time ago, should be appointed for the purpose of looking after the registration of all the Catholics of the parish, has not yet been appointed. This is a matter that should not be lost sight of, but which should be attended to at once, for although there may appear to be plenty of time, still, we will not feel the time passing before another general election is upon us. And as the alteration in the electorates has, in some instances, partly destroyed that community of interest that should exist in every electorate, it is necessary that the Catholics residing in the different portions of the new electorates should be in communication with each other, so as to become better acquainted, and at the time of election work harmoniously together in order to obtain that one thing for which all Catholics should strive.

Speaking of elections reminds me of one thing that has hitherto been greatly neglected by Catholics generally, and that is the selection of suitable candidates. In the past, Catholics have done little or nothing in this respect, but allowed themselves to be at the mercy of any political weather-cock who might come forward. And it is, therefore, very often a case of six of one and half dozen of the other with these, as far as the Catholic claim is concerned. I am sure that a little exertion on their part before elections, would be the means in some instances of remedying this.

It is not often a man is allowed the honour of being his own judge. It seems, however, that one of the exhibitors at the late Courtney show has had that honour conferred upon him, for he acted as judge in one of the classes, in which he was himself an exhibitor. He succeeded in gaining first and second prizes.

A preliminary meeting was held at Leeston last week for the purpose of making arrangements for holding the annual concert in aid of the Catholic school. It was decided to hold the concert early in January, and a committee was appointed for carrying it out.

The Leeston Catholic school was examined last week by the Rev Father Aubrey.

Correspondence.

[We are not responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

P U Z Z L E D.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers explain why the French Republic protects French Catholic interests abroad and persecutes them at home? Or why does the Pope recommend French bishops to support the Republic whilst the NEW ZEALAND TABLET of this date has the following in its leading article?—"Under the Republic, the character of the French nation is rapidly deteriorating. A corrupt Press, a corrupt Chamber, a Ministry themselves not above suspicion."—I am, etc.,

December 9, 1892.

E.O.O.

[1. Because French interests generally and French prestige are involved. 2. We do not presume to explain the motives of the Pope. Is not our correspondent rather irreverent in suggesting that his Holiness should be guided by any newspaper, even by the NEW ZEALAND TABLET? Thanks, however, for the implied compliment. —Ed. N.Z. TABLET.]

S T O P D R I N K I N G !

"I can't" are too little words seldom used by a man who drinks; to use them he thinks is an evidence of weakness, and so we wonder why, when he *quits*, he doesn't stay *quit*. If we knew all, our wonder would be, with that terrible *craving* at his vitals, he is able to resist even for a short time. A *craving* on which will, power, moral suasion, the pledge, self-respect, have no effect whatever, and which until recently has been an insurmountable bar to reform in thousands upon thousands of cases. But the time has come when that *craving* can be stopped! *Sure?* Just as sure as it is possible to cure a cold. The *appetite* can be *destroyed*; the man placed back, so far as drinking is concerned, just where he was before he acquired the habit. The *cure* does not destroy the *will*, but the *appetite*. So he will have to learn to drink all over again, and the effort will be so great that if he is worth saving he won't make it. *R. T. Booth's Golden Remedy No 1 destroys the drink appetite. R. T. Booth's Golden Remedy No. 2 is the best brain and nerve tonic on this earth.*—[ADVT]

Mr Danill O'Connell, of Nenagh has been held ineligible to serve on a jury because of his being a Fenian convict.

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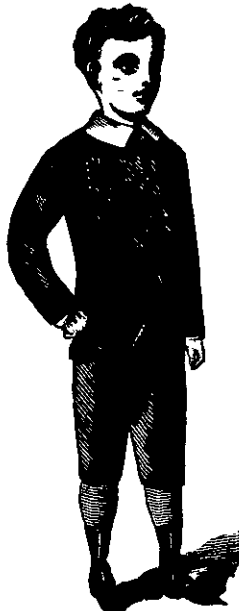
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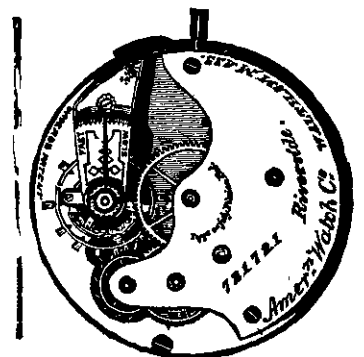
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Dublin Notes.

(Weekly Freeman, October 22.)

In the North of Ireland, we understand, the impression prevails that the Evicted Tenants' Commission will only inquire into the case of the Campaign estates. It is hard to see how this idea has got abroad, as nothing could have been clearer than Mr Morley's letter to Mr M'Carthy, which stated explicitly that the case of all tenants evicted since 1879, who had not emigrated, would be open to investigation by the Commissioners. We therefore trust this intimation will lead our friends in isolated cases of hardship to prepare a scientific and systematic presentation of facts for the Commissioners.

We are now in a position to confirm as absolute the rumour sent us recently by our Cork correspondent as to the withdrawal of Colonel Turner from that city. He has, we understand, been dismissed by Mr Morley. So far as employment in Ireland is concerned, at least, Mr Morley's action will cause a scare amongst officials prominent in carrying out the work of Mr Balfour, and will give great satisfaction to the public of all classes except in the offices of the evictors. Colonel Turner has ceased technically to hold the position of Resident Magistrate, which, it is understood, would have made his removal somewhat difficult, having secured the appointment of Divisional Commissioner, which, though paid a higher salary, is not protected by statute, but was recently invented by Mr Balfour.

The Lord Lieutenant has received deputations at the Castle from the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal Dublin Society. Replying to the address of the latter body, his Excellency expressed regret at the death of Father Davis. He thanked the deputation for having abstained in their address from any allusion to matters of a controversial or party character, and said he was particularly glad of this because it gave him an opportunity of emphasizing the fact that there was a very wide area of public usefulness in which all Irishmen and those who were responsible for the government of Ireland may meet in hopes of doing something for the good of the country. He

nificent. But its tactical advantage may be doubted. If Mr Morley condescends to answer and expose every stupid and brutal lie that men like Colonel Saunderson and Mr Arnold Forster invent or retail he will be left very little time for his other avocations. It may be, however, that he merely means to nail down a couple of their base calumnies as a warning, and he certainly has done so effectually.

The columns of the *Standard* bear testimony to the seriousness of the crisis. It states that the number of notices to quit given this Michaelmas by tenants of farms in Kent is far in excess of any former year. In many instances the landlords have offered to make most substantial reductions in rent in order to induce their tenants to remain in their holdings, but even in these cases the notices will be adhered to. The ground for leaving given by the majority of agriculturists is that they have lost all their capital. In the North of England also the situation has alarmed agriculturists. We print elsewhere the summary of a paper read at a meeting of the Chester Farmers' Club, by Mr C. W. Dutton, on the cause and remedies for agricultural depression. Mr Dutton estimates the fall in prices of the past twenty years—a drop in the return for wheat of £4 10s an acre; in oats of £2 an acre; in barley of £3; beans, £2 5s; potatoes, £9; milk, 2d per gallon; butter, 2d per lb; cheese, 6s, 10s, and 15s per cwt. Store stock has fallen 25 to 50 per cent. Meantime rates, taxes, and the cost of labour increased, and the landlord in the North of England has allowed the farmer to bear the loss practically alone. No wonder that it is being discovered there is an English land question as well as an Irish land question, and that in the former as well as the latter it is a question of rent and tenure. Under all the circumstances, the attempt of the Unionists to get up indignation against Mr Morley for daring to find tenants for the empty estates of Irish landlords is bound to appear hugely ridiculous to the British public.

On Tuesday the fortnightly meeting of the Bedmondite League was held. Mr John Redmond, M.P., said there were two subjects he wished to allude to. The first was the question of the Paris Funds. The most recent insults hurled at them in connection with that matter were those hurled at them yesterday by Mr Dillon at Templemore, when he stated that the offer made by the party with which he (Mr

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was very distinctly of opinion that allusions to matters which involved issues of an acute party conflict may very properly and reasonably be omitted from addresses presented to Lord Lieutenants on their arrival in Ireland as representatives of the Queen.

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Mr Morley inflicts on Mr Arnold Forster a chastisement which he is not likely to forget. Mr Arnold Forster gives currency to the statement of an anonymous liar who writes that Mr Morley has endangered his life and the lives of his wife and children by withdrawing the two constables who protected him. Mr Morley demands the name of this unfortunate victim, and Mr Arnold Forster refuses to disclose it, thus confessing that he has been made the convenient and willing tool of a cowardly calumniator. Mr Morley's reply is effective. Every sentence stings with a lash. He has solid reason for supposing that the anonymous liar who vents his falsehoods through the lips of Mr Arnold Forster is a gentleman whose police protection was diminished, not by the present, but by the former Government. Mr Morley's letter might make even Mr Arnold Forster ashamed of himself. He writes:—"This exposure will, perhaps, serve to put the public on their guard as to future statements made by you in the controversy in which you have unfortunately chosen to take a deplorably venomous part, peculiarly your own." All this is mag-

Bedmond) was associated was not a *bona fide* one, but a pretended one. He (Mr Redmond) would not indulge in any recriminations but he should say, on his own part, and on the part of those who were associated with him, that the offer was not a pretended one, but was a sincere and a real offer. Having referred to the nature of the negotiations which had already taken place, he explained that the appointment of the Evicted Tenants' Commission, which, in his opinion, could not come to the help of the evicted tenants for at least a year, had the effect of inducing himself and his followers to reconsider their position in the matter. They did reconsider it and made up their minds to make proposals which would satisfy the desires of the Irish party. These proposals were contained in the resolution passed in the Convention at the Rotunda; and then they had the resolution in reply from the Irish party published on Saturday last, both of which he now read. He wished it were possible to publish these resolutions in parallel columns in every newspaper in the land. He confessed he did not know what was the meaning of the answer that had been given to the Rotunda resolution, and he now asked Mr Dillon publicly why he did not enlighten them as to the meaning of it. It was to be presumed it was not the resolution of a fool—that it was carefully drawn, and if so it appeared to him to be drawn for the deliberate purpose of creating confusion, and creating an opportunity for evading the offer which had been made by his (Mr Redmond's) colleagues. The latter demanded that the money should be spent on the tenants by a joint committee. There object was to make sure that none of it would be devoted to political purposes. Did Mr Dillon's resolution provide for that? He did not think it did. If Mr Dillon and his friends intended to make such a provision, why did they not say so? Neither did Mr Dillon's resolution make it clear by whom the Paris Funds were to be disbursed when they were released, either in respect to the charges on them or the balance which would be left, and he (Mr Redmond) had therefore to ask did Mr Dillon and his friends agree that these funds should be disbursed by a joint committee?

A *Daily Chronicle* correspondent writes:—"Last evening (October 17) the delegates of the London Irish Political Prisoners' Amnestty Association met the committee of the Association and presented their

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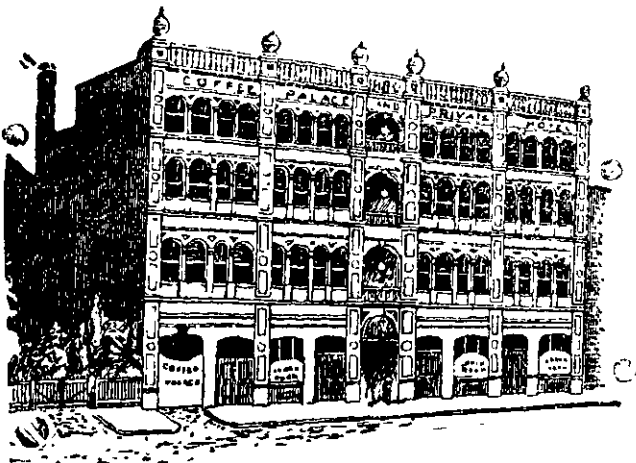
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report of the visits paid by special permission of the Home Secretary to ten of the treason-felony prisoners who were convicted for offences in connection with the dynamite conspiracies. The visitors were—Mr J. Sheridan (secretary of the association), Mr Armstrong (vice-president), and the father of one of the prisoners, Dalton. The time for the interviews was extended, half an hour being given instead of the usual 20 minutes. The prisoners were—J. G. Gilbert, convicted of treason-felony in London in 1885; M'Evitt, Flanagan, Dalton, convicted at Liverpool in 1883 on charges of manufacturing and carrying dynamite; M'Collogh, Devany, M'Oann, and M'Dermott who were sentenced at the Edinburgh Assizes 1883 in connection with an attempted explosion at the Glasgow Gas Works, and John Duff, who was convicted as a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood at Warwick in 1885, on a charge of manslaughter, the victim being a former political associate. When the visits were paid the delegates were received with the utmost courtesy by the prison officials, and the prisoners were permitted to receive without interference the fullest information as to the political condition of Ireland. Some of them had a slight knowledge of the position of affairs between the sections of the Irish party, derived from letters from outside friends, and all of them desired their thanks to be conveyed to the supporters of the Amnesty movement. The prisoner Duff is reported to be insane, and while being interviewed, declared that he was M'Guinness, whose family had been for generations head of the detective department at Scotland Yard, and that he was at present head of the department himself, and as such was known all over the world. The prisoner Devany is also regarded as insane, and M'Oann, who is 67 years of age, appeared to be completely broken down. Dalton suffers from rheumatism and the prisoner Gilbert has received neither visit nor letter since his incarceration. All the convicts expressed gratification on learning that Mr Gladstone has been restored to power on an Irish policy, and hoped that the advent of Home Rule would be signalled by their release, but most of them considered the case of the Evicted Tenants as the more immediately important.

FOR THE OLD LAND.

(By CHARLES J. KICKHAM)

CHAPTER XIII.

The expected patient was leaning upon the window of the workshop, so absorbed in a newspaper some three weeks old, that Body Flynn had taken off his coat and hat and was in the act of putting on his apron, before the absorbed reader was aware of his presence.

"Begor, Rody, there's fine readin' in this paper," was his first remark on recovering from his surprise at finding that the cooper had opened the half-door and passed in unknown to him.

"Put it in your pocket and take it away with you," said Body Flynn, placing his paper cap upon his round close-cropped head.

"I never cared about readin' till I got this hurt," he replied, trying to fold the paper with one hand. "But now I am beginnin' to take pleasure in it, as I won't be idle. I asked Joe to keep any old newspapers he'd find goin' about at the priest's. An' now I'm beginnin' to take delight in 'em."

He was Joe Cooney's eldest brother, Con, a tall broad-shouldered young fellow; but pale and worn, and with a spirit-broken depression which it was saddening to look at.

Julia Flynn thought so as she folded the crumpled newspapers for him, raising her eyes to his thin face, which, nevertheless, she thought a very handsome face. And her look of compassion perhaps only deepened the sorrowful expression in Con Cooney's eyes, as he gazed down gloomily upon her, as one might gaze after some treasure that had sunk into the deep sea, from which it was hopeless to think of recovering it.

"Come in and let me see that hand," said Body Flynn, leading the way into a little back room where he kept his ointments and plasters, together with a curious collection of bones and straps, a lance, an instrument for drawing teeth, a phial, and a few other surgical and veterinary instruments. "Bring a basin and some warm water," he called out to his daughter.

Having brought the water, Julia was returning to the kitchen; but seeing Con Cooney fumbling with his left hand at the chord which passed through the two highest button-holes, and kept his coat from falling off his right shoulder, she went to his assistance. The string being untied, the coat fell from the right shoulder—the arm not being through the sleeve—and Julia stood looking into the sad face, seeming at a loss whether she could be of any further service.

"Never mind, Julia," he said softly. "When the hand is dressed I'll ask you to help me to tie on the coat again. But I'd rather you wouldn't see the hand, 'tis so bad."

Body Flynn put on his spectacles, and carefully and softly undid the bandage.

"There's no improvement," he said, holding his head back to examine the wounded hand. "I don't like how 'tis goin' on at all,

I'm sorry you did not take my advice and get a ticket to the dispensary. But your pride wouldn't let you."

"What more could a doctor do than you are doin'?" returned Con Cooney.

"The fact is," said Body Flynn, continuing his examination, "you are starvin'. That is why it isn't goin' on as well as I expected. I knew a man—in the Queen's County—that had to get his hand amputated because he wouldn't go into the hospital. Now I tell you, you must go to the hospital. I'll see the doctor an' you'll be well treated."

"I never thought 'twould come to that," said Con Cooney.

Body Flynn dipped the wounded hand gently into the warm water, and glanced pitifully at the athletic young peasant, who, with his chin dropped upon his chest, trembled from head to foot, while two big tears rolled down his emaciated cheeks, which for a moment flushed crimson and then became deadly pale.

"I don't see any shame in going to hospital till your hand is well," said Body Flynn. "But you were always a fool—always a spender—never thinking of the rainy day. Now you see the difference of it."

"I always worked hard," returned Con Cooney. "I was neither an idler nor a drunkard; an' I always went to my duty."

"But you spent every sixpence faster than you could earn it. You should have as good a suit of clothes as the rich farmer's son—an' you got them on credit. I'll engage you're in debt, an' how are you to get out of it with this hand?"

"I always had decent notions," returned poor Con Cooney, who seemed utterly crushed. "I never done an unmanly act in my life."

"Well, I'll say no more to you now," said Body Flynn. "But if this is not better the next day, you must go into hospital. Keep yourself dry an' warm, an' be out in the fresh air, an' take nourishin' food. But don't mind whiskey. Don't look about you when you go to the bridge to find some one to go into Larry Foley's and have a glass. You think spendin' at least a shilling, every time you come in, a religious obligation."

"I'm very bare now," returned Con Cooney, "havin' to hire two men all the spring, and wages so high."

"Could you pay 'em at all only for the Sunday-closin'! Answer me that question."

"I was glad of the Sunday-closin'," Con answered evasively. "I never cared much for the dbrink myself, but didn't want to have people callin' me a screw, like Matty Mullowny."

"No, you wanted to be a good fellow," returned Body with a bitter, scornful laugh. "You wanted people to flatter you. Isn't there more respect for Matty Mullowny now than there is for you? He's wan of the snuggest men in the parish. The people that called him a screw would lend him money if he asked it, an' court his friendship, while they'd give you the cold shoulder, though they flattered an' praised you while you were spendin' your money like a fool."

"The devil a lie in that," returned Con Cooney with a shamefaced look. "But I'll think of what you say an' turn over a new leaf. Mr Armstrong said something to me wan day I was talkin' to him on Corrigea bridge much like what you're after sayin' now, because he found out I spent fifteen-and-sixpence at Larry's the day before. I was surprised when I saw him down the river today. I thought the poor man would never be able to fish the river again. Everybody was glad to see him down again. I wonder if he will be able to come up the mountain for a run. Ponsoy tells me he'll give him his greyhound. I have my doubts about that dog. I'd bet my life Tom Dwyer's little bitch 'ud bate him on the mountain at any rate. He's not a fit dog for any wan that 'ud want to have a run widout lave. A gamekeeper 'ud see him five miles away."

"Now you're all right," said Body Flynn, putting the finishing touch to the bandage. "Mind, keep it always in the sling. Here, Julia, put that string through the button-hole an' tie the coat so as that it won't slip off his shoulder. Will you stop an' have a bit of dinner with me?" he asked cheerfully as he dried his hands on a clean towel.

"Do, Con," said Julia tenderly, as she drew the coat carefully round his shoulder. "'Tis just ready."

"No, thank you, Body," returned Con Cooney, glad of an excuse for declining the proffered hospitality.

"Joe is on before me wud the horse, an' he said he'd wait at the mill, an' give me a ride as far as Mr Cormack's gate."

"Are you takin' the paper?" Body asked.

"Yes, 'tis in my pocket," he replied.

"Oh, Con," said Julia, "will you bring this book an' tell Joe to give it to Miss Alice? She told me last Sunday she was goin' back to a concert this week, an' maybe she might want to bring the book with her." And Julia got the book with some little trouble into Con Cooney's coat-pocket, warning him not on any account to forget it.

Body Flynn, having eaten his dinner, went to work briskly to finish the firkin he had in hands when called away in the morning

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by Joe Cooney. But great as his hurry was—knowing that the firkin would be called for during the evening—the good-humoured cooper stopped more than once to press his hands on his ribs, and have a silent laugh as he recalled some of the incidents of the chase after the three Glenmoyan pigs, and the sub-constable's comments thereon. The graphic account of the episode of the tinker's wife, and the new tin kettle in particular, appeared irresistibly droll to Body Flynn; and as pictured the scene to himself he unconsciously made his neighbour, Nell the cobbler, represent the principal female actor in the little drama. It was then rather startling to see the identical Nell with a tin kettle—though not a new one—in her hand, rush into the workshop with dishevelled hair and a wild, anxious expression in her not-to-be-described countenance. Nell pulled her hopeful son Jacky after her, and, pointing to that promising youth's forehead, looked with an inquiring and terrified gaze into Body Flynn's astonished face.

"What happened him?" Body asked.

"Bidia' Terry Hanrahan's mule," Nell the cobbler answered, keeping her eyes still fixed upon the cooper's face.

"I thought it was only the skin was rubbed off till I saw him this minute in Bully's Acre, as I was goin' for a kettle av water, and them big red lumps on his forehead like roseberries."

Body Flynn put on his spectacles, through which his eyes began to sparkle, as, with his head thrown back, he examined Jacky's wounds.

"'Tis proud flesh," he remarked.

"Is there any danger?" Nell asked, in an intense terror.

"Let it alone," returned Body Flynn, "an' 'twill be well in a couple of days. People have wrong notions about proud flesh. 'Tis only a sign that a wound is gettin' well."

"God-'lmighty bless you!" ejaculated Nell the cobbler, dropping upon a firkin which happened to be placed conveniently for a seat near the door. "I'll never be the better of the fright. I thought 'twas his brain was comin' out. Ho! you limb of the devil," she exclaimed, suddenly recovering her energy, and seizing Jacky by the hair of the head. "What am I to do wud you? As bad as your father is, you are fifty times worse, you are! you are!" And her hard knuckles sounded sharply upon the culprit's skull, till with a yell he disengaged himself from her clutches, and rushed out of the door, displaying his bare feet and long shanks in a manner which would at once have suggested to an unprejudiced observer that Sub-constable Joe Sproul had caught Jacky the cobbler's most characteristic personal peculiarity when he referred to him while passing Bully's Acre as, "that chap with the ankles."

At the moment Sub-Constable Sproul and Acting-Constable Finnican were passing, having spent quite a pleasant half-hour with their new friend the bailiff in Larry Foley's tap-room before delivering their dispatch at the police barrack. They were comparatively cheerful, and evidently beginning to take a brighter view of human life. Joe Sproul had just remarked that after all, he began to think their lives had fallen in pleasant places. He caught a glimpse of the cooper's merry face, and, remembering the pretty girl he had seen at the door an hour or two before, felt a not unnatural desire to see her again.

"Come in for a minute," said Joe Sproul cheerily, "till we have a talk with 'mine host of the cherry-tree.' He'll tell us something about that mysterious sheriff's officer."

Joe Sproul walked smilingly towards the cooper's door. He laughed good-naturedly on seeing the "chap with the ankles" rush out against him, rubbing his shock head and howling fearfully. But in another instant Body Flynn was amazed to see Sub-Constable Sproul recoil into the middle of the road as if he had encountered a hyena. Nell the cobbler stood in the doorway with the tin kettle in her hand.

"Were you ever a tinker's wife in Limerick?" Joe Sproul asked, clapping his open hand over his mouth.

"No," Nell the cobbler answered; "but I was a tinker's first and second cousin in Limerick. I remember you."

"Come away!" exclaimed Joe Sproul, almost breaking into a run. "This is frightful! This is the most memorable day of my life. Unmerciful disaster follows fast and follows faster. 'Tis on the cards that the Belfast Orangeman is waitin' at the next crossroads to pay his respects to me. An' the Cappawhite four-year-old selectin' nice-sized wans in the quarry on the hill. An' if there's a bog

between this an' Gurtanatoher station an' a Jacky-the-Lanterner specially detailed to lead me into all the deep holes, 'twon't surprise me in the least. A gentleman's life indeed! Hurry on an' be damned to you.

CHAPTER XIV.

The words "That lad o' mine" roused Julia Flynn out of a reverie into which she had fallen over her needlework, as she sat by the window with her eyes fixed upon Joe Cooney's bunch of lilac. She started up, twisting her abundant brown hair hastily into a fold down the back of her neck, that an artist would have admired, and tying a red ribbon round her throat before the little looking-glass that hung in the midst of half-a-dozen pictures about its own size on the wall at the right-hand side of the window; her boarded bedstead, papered with newspapers, occupying the other side. Julia took a look at her profile, right and left, in the little looking-glass, glanced at her shoes and stockings to see that they were tidy; threw her light blue cloak over her shoulders, and seizing the little can from the stilling in the kitchen, hurried through the workshop to the street door. She need not have been in such a flurry, however, for Davey Lacey was at his post earlier than usual, and the little brown cow would not be on the lookout for her till nearly an hour later. Davey took his eyes from the poplar tree and opened the half-door for her. But Julia drew back for a moment till Father Feehan and Mr Robert O'Keefe, who were driving down the street, had passed. Then Julia Flynn tripped on to milk the little brown cow, looking brighter and fresher and happier every step of the way. The breeze was cool and fragrant. The sky was clear and cloudless. Only the dome of the mountain was blue—all the rest, down to Martin Dwyer's orchard, being quite distinct. The two oblong fields, like an open green book laid back upward against the grown hillside up near the summit of the first range, Julia knew, belonged to Con Cooney. She knew that witty and clever sheriff's officer, Murty Magrath, remarked one day while standing at the door of her father's workshop, that no matter how poor old Joe Cooney might be, he was every year getting up in the world; and that however slovenly his system of cultivating his land, no one could deny but that it was "high farming." Julia Flynn's violet eyes often wandered to that lonely-looking home among the heather, while milking the little brown cow morning and evening. It would be pleasant, she used to think, to live up there, and milk little cows in those green fields, the boundaries of which were so wonderfully straight and regular. But she always said to herself that she would never leave her father unless Charlie came home and married a good wife to take her place. Charlie could not rest if he did not first see the world. Why, even his father had the Queen's County to talk about; and how could he be contented unless he knew something of what was going on beyond these bills that seemed to shut out the busy world on every side from Shannaclough? But Charlie always said he'd come home, and work cheerfully with his father after a few years. He was a bright-eyed, manly little fellow—as Body Flynn's son had every right to be—when he went away. Now he was a bearded man, with a rather stern expression in his face—which was quite out of place in the face of his father's son—if the photograph which Julia always carried in her bosom was to be believed. Julia's heart leaped as she imagined Charlie coming to spend Sunday with them—yes, with her and Con Cooney—in that lonely home among the heather. This vision had often presented itself to Julia Flynn, only to bring a flush to her cheek and brighter light into her eyes. But this evening, for some reason or other, the thought of Charlie—good-humoured, bright-eyed, manly little Charlie paying that Sunday visit to the mountain, brought the tears to her eyes; and Julia, standing by the side of the little brown cow, bent her head, and covering her face with her hands, let the tears have their way. Julia wondered at herself. These fancies had never even taken the shape of hopes. And even if they had, nothing had happened to make their realisation less likely than it had ever been. Yet she never had been so morbid before.

"God send it is not anything that has happened to Charlie," said Julia, with a deep sigh that came very near being a sob. But Julia might have found the real cause of her emotion in the look that met hers while she untied the string that fastened Con Cooney's coat a few hours before. She never asked herself what that look meant, nor even consciously thought about it at all; yet that sorrowful look

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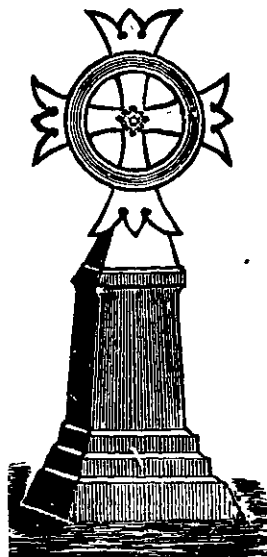
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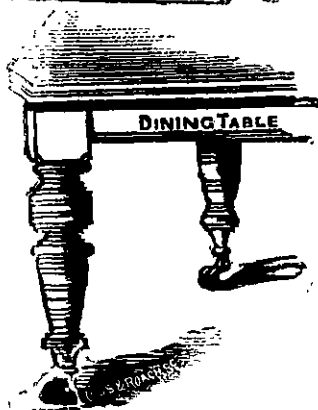
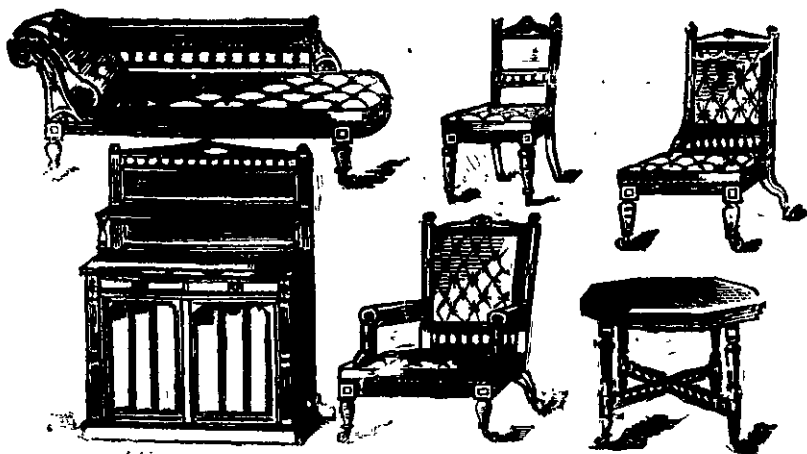
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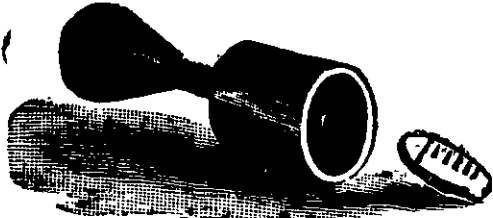
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in Con Cooney's eyes was the true cause of those unbidden tears that so surprised and even alarmed her.

Subduing her emotion by an effort, she commenced milking the little brown cow, keeping her eyes resolutely turned away from the mountain, and trying to find in nearer objects occupation for her thoughts. The primroses were perfectly bewildering in their countlessness. The grass in the meadow portion of the field was becoming high enough to undulate here and there in the soft evening breeze. And there was the first "May bush" she had that year seen in full bloom in the corner where the blackbirds were wont to build. Now, if she could reach to that snowy bough, she'd pull a branch and bring it home to keep company with the lilac. Poor Joe! what a good poor fellow he was! For a moment there was a laugh in Julia's eye; but suddenly she became very grave. Was there the least danger that Joe Cooney might have misunderstood her? He had not the remotest suspicion that his brother Con had even thought of her. And possibly her manner towards him, as Con's brother, might have had a meaning in his eyes very different from what she intended.

"But what right have I to think that anyone at all cares about me?" said Julia to herself as the spitting of the milk into the pail began to fail. "Even Con never told me he cared for me in plain words, I really fear I am very vain. Here is Mr Jim Foley at the gate with his arms folded, thinking himself the finest and the handsomest and the richest man in Ireland—that all the young ladies are dying about—and I declare I believe I have not a doubt in my mind but it was for nothing else but to be home with me he has walked out this evening. 'Pon my word, Julia Flynn, you're as great a fool yourself as Jim Foley, except that you don't let all the world know it. Come, poor Rosheen, I must pull up the stake and move you to where you can get a mouthful. You have this spot as bare as the palm of my hand. How good and quiet and patient you are! I'd be sorry to part with you, poor Rosheen. Ah! I believe even if I was up there where my heart is, 'tis often I'd look down and think of you here by yourself, poor little old darling! I wonder will I ever again hear poor Charlie repeating that poem about the 'Woman of Three Cows.' 'Twas better than a play to listen to him. There used to be such a roar when he'd come to—I'd whack you well to cure your pride, great woman of three cows.' Ah, not one of 'em like Charlie! If Con Cooney had his spirit he'd be the finest fellow from this to himself—I'm not such a fool as not to see the difference between them. But for all that I believe I couldn't like Con better than I do, no matter what he might be."

Julia drove the iron pin into the ground with a few vigorous and well-aimed strokes of a rude mallet, always left in the field for the purpose—having just allowed the little brown cow to drink from a pool in the dyke, which only ran dry for a few weeks in the middle of the summer. Then taking up her pail she tripped back to the gate with her usual springy step, biting her lip and dropping her eyelids, to keep herself from laughing outright at the affected attitude of Jim Foley, who was standing upon the road, so that all passers-by might admire the symmetry and strength of his limbs, and go on their way rejoicing.

(To be continued)

WELLINGTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 3, 1892.

THERE was a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday evening at St Joseph's Church, Buckle street. The procession, indeed, was a very good one, and the feature which most struck the visitor was the number of junior Hibernians who took part in it. I do not think that the H.A.C.B.S. has made such progress in this way in any other part of the Colony. The officers certainly deserve much credit, if not for the initiation, at least for the putting into practice of a scheme, whilst novel, must be fraught with great benefit to the Society. We know how difficult it is for the Society to keep its ranks replenished in other parts of the Colony in consequence of the unsettled character of our population. This will prove undoubtedly a splendid reserve force to fall back upon: The action of

the Hibernian Society here deserves the careful consideration of members of the Order in other parts of New Zealand. Not alone by the benefit which they will confer on the branch here, but also the good which is done to the State and to the children themselves by training them in their early days to habits of thrift, self-reliance, and manly independence.

There has been a discussion going on for some time in some of the American papers as to what nationalities make the best servants. The well-known writer, Mrs Lyman Abbott, contributes an article on the subject to a late number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, in which she very fairly and very honestly puts forward the claim of the women of the different nations who contribute to the keeping of the household. She says that in a house where the family is very regular, the orderly and ambitious Swede is perhaps the best. Where there is much drudgery, the sturdy German is the best. Where the household is irregular, where the mother needs the sympathies of her maid servant, the warm-hearted Irish girl cannot be surpassed. But in each case the treatment must be according to the disposition. If you expect from the mercurial Irish girl cordial acceptance of a great burden of work at one time you must be ready to give her a little outing occasionally, and must take an interest in her burdens, when they come. I find it much better to take my servants into a sort of partnership. Perhaps if a good many mistresses, who spend their existence between retailing small gossip and scandal about their neighbours, and complaining about the shortcomings of their servants, would only take a little heed from the sound practical advice which Mrs Lyman Abbott gives them, they would not alone be much happier, but make all those around them equally so.

I regret that through an oversight in my account of the proceedings of the final meeting of the committee, who carried out the social on behalf of the funds of the Irish Parliamentary party, the names of two of the ladies who worked most energetically for the success of the gathering were omitted from the votes of thanks, namely Mesdames Fleming and O'Dea; the name of Mr M. J. Dennehy should also be included as one who spared neither time nor trouble in contributing to the success of the meeting.

The present Government, not being able to accommodate all their more active supporters by giving them a seat in the Upper House, are doing the next best thing by appointing them to positions of honour in the country. The latest evidence of the sincerity of the Ministry in this respect is the appointment of a number of workingmen to the Justiceship of the Peace. I am glad to see that they have not overlooked the Irish and Catholic portion of the community in this respect, for after all they find amongst us their strongest and most loyal supporters—except when it is a question of Catholic education. Amongst those who have been asked to accept such an appointment here is Mr E. Carrigan, of Austin street, in this city, who is or has been a president of the Carpenter's Society. Mr Carrigan is to be congratulated on the honour about to be conferred on him, as no truer Irishman stands in shoe-leather in this city. He has always taken a very active part in Irish and National affairs, and was, I believe, one of the vice-presidents of the local branch of the Irish National Federation, a past president of the Hibernian Society, and has also been an active and energetic worker in connection with Church matters.

A short time since Mr P. L. Harnett, well known in the North Island resigned from the police force, for the purpose of entering upon some other sphere of business. The people of Patea, where he was then stationed, determined not to let the opportunity pass of displaying their appreciation of the many excellent qualities of Mr Harnett, and especially for the upright and impartial manner in which he carried out the various duties devolving upon him whilst in the district. Not alone did he perform all the duties of a police officer, but he was a public trust agent, inspector of weights and measures, registrar of deaths etc., clerk of the Magistrate Court, and many others too numerous to mention. That he filled these offices with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the residents has been expressed in the tangible form by their intending to present on Monday evening next with a framed and pretty illuminated address and a purse of thirty sovereigns. The Justices of the Peace for the district have shown their appreciation of Mr Harnett's labours as clerk of the court and the official duties appertaining thereto by the

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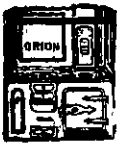
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presentation of an address, in which they speak very highly of the recipient's abilities, and of the conscientious and impartial manner in which he performed his duty, during a residence of three years in Patea. This is accompanied by a valuable gold locket, in the centre of which is a diamond, the whole being valued at about £15. Mr Harnett has, since his resignation been residing at the Hutt, and the presentation will take place there on Monday night, by Mr Fitzherbert, chairman of the Borough Council, who will act on behalf of the donors. I have only to add that I hope Mr Harnett will be as successful in his new venture as he deserves to be, from the satisfactory and genial manner in which he performed his duties in the past.

There is to be an ordination ceremony at Meanees seminary on next Thursday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when fourteen of the students will be raised to the positions of deacons, sub-deacons and minor orders according to their respective merits. The ceremony will be performed by his Grace the Archbishop, who will leave for the north on Wednesday morning. There will be, it is expected a large number of the priests of the archdiocese present, and it is expected that the ceremony will be a very impressive one. It is perhaps worthy of note that the majority of those to be raised to the dignity have been students of St Patrick's College.

At three o'clock on to-morrow afternoon, the prizes won at the annual sports in connection with St Patrick's will be presented in the College hall by his Grace the Archbishop. Amongst those to be present on the occasion, it is expected will be the parochial clergy, the Hon Dr Grace, Dr Cahill, Messrs M. Kennealy, B. P. Collins, J. Curran, etc. The following are the principal prize takers:—St Patrick's College grand challenge cup and gold medal, J. O'Connell. Mr Kohn's cup for long jump, P. Fay. Mr Morrison's gold medal for half-mile, D. Driscoll. Davis and Clater's trophy and silver medal for 250 yards handicap, E. O'Brien. Mrs Cullen's gold pin for bands' race, H. McDonnell. Silver medal, N. Maloney. Old boy's race, silver medal, T. Bourke. Preparatory school race,—silver medal, James Hughes.

December 10, 1892.

His Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by the Very Rev Father Letierrier (Provincial of the Marist Order) left here on Wednesday for Meanees, for the purpose of holding an ordination service on Thursday last, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The following were raised to the dignity of deacons:—Revs M. O'Sullivan, J. M. Hickson, and J. Bowden; sub-deacons, Revs S. Mahony, D. Malone, and T. O'Shea; minor orders, Messrs W. P. Tymons, J. J. Ainsworth, Herbert, and Herbery. It is worthy to note that Revs O'Shea, Mahony, Mahone, and Messrs Tymons and Ainsworth, are past matriculated students of St Patrick's College. Those who have been raised to the dignity of deaconship will be ordained priests in St Mary's Cathedral, early in the ensuing year. Amongst the clergy expected to be present on the occasion were the Very Rev Fathers Smythe and Kirk, and the Rev Fathers Grogan, Doherty, Melu, and Le Prêtre.

His Grace is to open the new church which has been recently built at Meanees to-morrow (Sunday) and on to-morrow week will be in Wairoa.

Active preparations are being made for the grand Zealandia Bazaar and Fair, which is to be opened here on February 6th in the Bink. This promises to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held in Wellington, not alone by reason of the very large and valuable collection of goods, which the ladies have gathered together from the four quarters of the globe, but also from the manner and style in which it is to be carried out. It will be the most picturesque and gorgeous spectacle ever put before the public of Wellington. I am given to understand that an innovation has been made with respect

to the goods, as instead of the usual quantity of innumerable cosies cushions and such like, there is an immense variety of very useful articles, that have been got at the warehouses here. The Bink, I understand will be transformed into a sort of fairy land, by the aid of native plants, trees and fountains, lamps and lights, and various other means. For this purpose the Very Rev Father Devoy has enlisted in his service a lady and gentleman, lately from Christchurch where their talent and taste in connection with such works are well known. The cause is an excellent one. The Vicar-General wants to provide schools in the rising portion of the city—Newtown. The necessity for this is very urgent and persons having the interest of Catholic education at heart could not do better than assist, in however small a way, the popular Vicar-General of the Wellington diocese in his laudable efforts to provide the accommodation for the rising generation. The following are some of the ladies amongst others who will have stalls on the occasion:—Mesdames Devine and Holt, Misses Collins and Miss Kennedy, Mesdames Eller and Brady, Mesdames Carroll and McCarthy, and Mesdames McDonald and McCarthy.

A meeting representing the parishes of Te Aro and Thorndon was held last night in St Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual picnic for the children attending the parochial schools. The chair was occupied by the Very Rev Father Devoy, V.G., and there was a large and representative attendance. Amongst those present being Rev Father Power, and Messrs Davis, Lawler, Ross, Robinson, Naughton, and Hyland. It was decided to hold the annual outing on Boxing Day, and committees were appointed to arrange the details and to report to another meeting later on, of which due notice will be given.

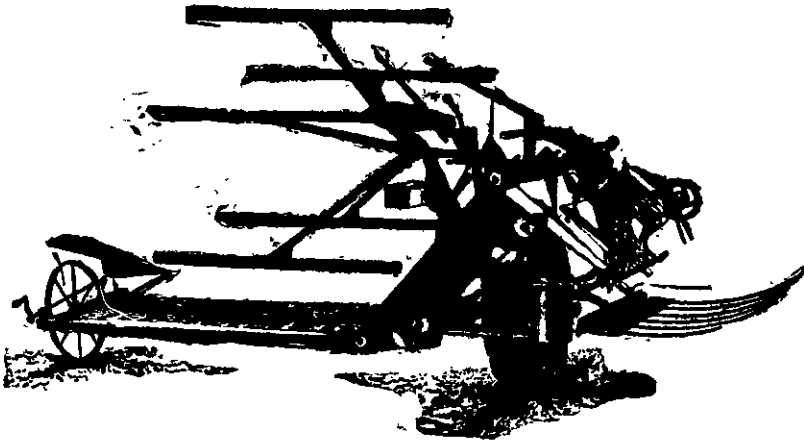
CANTERBURY CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE usual weekly meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday last, 6th inst. Present—Mr B. Dobbin (chairman) and a good attendance of members. The president mentioned that next Tuesday being quarterly meeting night, he expected to have an exceptionally large attendance, as there was very important business to transact. He also mentioned that his Lordship Bishop Grimés would deliver his lecture on the 29th inst. in St Patrick's Hall under the auspices of the Literary Society, the subject being "Picturesque Italy, with a week in Venice." The lecture will be illustrated with sixty beautiful limelight views, manipulated by Mr Seager and interspersed with music. The programme for the evening being "original papers," the Rev Father Pell read a paper "21 Arguments Proving the Immortality of the Soul." The arguments were very forcible, the writer pointing out that belief in the immortality of the soul was firmly believed in by the Egyptians, Persians, followers of Mahomet, ancient Greeks and Romans, the Hebrews (on the word of no less an authority than the mighty Solomon). That Christ proved it by rising from the dead, and the universal belief in it by all the sects professing Christianity, and numbering 388 millions. The religious followers of Confucius Buddha and others in the East, who number 480 million souls, all believe in this doctrine. In fact of nearly the 1,400 million souls who at present inhabit the earth, the rev writer stated that no mention whatever was made of any sect or body that disbelieved in this doctrine, which showed that the belief was universal. He stated that the renowned philosophers, Plato and Socrates, were firm believers in the "immortality of the soul," and concluded his paper amidst loud applause. Mr F. Cooper also read a paper "Reminiscences of an Excursion to the West Coast Sounds," which was exceedingly interesting. It was very humorous, and abounded in little anecdotes of the "Tarawera excursion to the Sounds in January 1890." The description of the Sounds scenery was very vivid, and

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Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev Father Bell and Mr Cooper, after which the meeting closed.

The programme for next Tuesday is quarterly meeting lectures by members.

LECTURE IN DUNEDIN.

(Otago Daily Times, December 10.)

THE announcement of a lecture by Mr Michael Houlahan with the somewhat comprehensive title of "Landlords, Land Rings, Banks, and Pawnshops," did not attract an audience of more than 80 people to the City Hall last evening. Those who were present were afforded full value for their money, and those who did not attend missed an hour's capital entertainment. There was no chairman, but the absence of a person in that position did not detract from the success of the meeting, for Mr Houlahan was equal to performing the duties both of chairman and lecturer.

Mr Houlahan commenced his address with an expression of disappointment at the dimensions of his audience, and this was a note on which he frequently touched in the course of his later remarks, consoling himself, however, with the reflection that with the presence of "the grand representatives of the Press," from whom he knew he would receive justice, he would gain the public ear. His subject, he claimed, was one which deserved the greatest amount of consideration at the present juncture when there was a large number of unemployed, when tracts of the country were unexplored, and when yet there was plenty of money in the Colony—when the banks' cellars were full of gold, when their safes were bursting with notes, and when, in fact, they did not know what to do with their money. It was sad, Mr Houlahan sighed, that the country should be in such a plight, that there should be plenty of money in the country and that the people could not get at it. This was a sentiment which met with a hearty response from the audience. Mr Houlahan gave a harrowing description of the consequences of landlordism in Ireland. He had had a holy horror of landlordism since he was a child, for when he was only nine years of age his father was sent adrift in the world by the sheriff and his officers. It was a singular thing, though—and Mr Houlahan's face brightened as he reflected upon the swift retribution which had overtaken the landlord—that not a single being had ever since gone to live in the house. Another illustration of the evils of the system was given by the lecturer, the landlord in this instance being a person who, Mr Houlahan said, "wore a great big nose." It was said that this nose was the result of a curse the landlord got from a poor widow whom he turned out of her house. He would not vouch for the truth of that story, Mr Houlahan with praiseworthy caution said, but it was a fact that the man had a big nose, and how he got it he could not very well say. After effectually "sitting" on a person who interrupted him, Mr Houlahan frankly informed his hearers that if he had his way he would send the landlords to Siberia—to the mines. Coming nearer home, Mr Houlahan confided to his audience that there was landlordism in New Zealand. "The speaker," he said, "is a victim to landlordism," and he proceeded to show how he had been victimised. His troubles began about five years ago, when he leased a property and built upon it a brewery, bottle store, and all the other things connected with a brewery. After this it appears Mr Houlahan ran short of money and borrowed £50 from the lessor, to whom he gave a bill at four months and a mortgage over his property. He expected to get his bill renewed, but when it was not paid the lessor pressed for money. Mr Houlahan called a few of his creditors together, mentioning them by name (two of them being in the audience), and at that meeting the lessor agreed to take £50 worth of beer. The audience evidently doubted the capacity of that gentlemen and roared at this statement. On the next morning, however, Mr Houlahan was visited by two bailiffs. He was next served with a summons for £51 18s 6d, but he confessed judgment and paid the money. That was five years ago. Since then the landlord had had "his knife in him," and kept the bailiffs so persistently running after him that they utterly ruined him. Mr Houlahan went on to describe how, in his absence, two bailiffs took possession of his property and put their humble servant clean on the broad of his back—and a few in the audience unfeelingly laughed as if Mr Houlahan's back was broad enough to sustain the burden that was thrown upon it. Landlordism, he insisted, was "eating and drinking and sapping the heart's blood of the people." That was the curse of the country, and until we got a State bank that would give money at 4 per cent, or perhaps 3½ per cent—Mr Houlahan subsequently suggested 2½ per cent—and that would take the unemployed off the streets of the cities, there would be nothing but widespread misery and pauperism all through New Zealand. Land-rings he (the lecturer) dismissed in a few words, for he assumed that the audience were pretty well conversant with these things. He then informed the audience that he had asked seven men people to take the chair, but he could not get one to do so. One whom he let slip and addressed as "your worship," informed him on

learning his subject that he was going out of town. He had also send a friend to a member of Parliament who pretended to support the present Government, "But God help the Government which had such supporters." This gave Mr Houlahan an opportunity to eulogise the present Government, singling out for special praise the Minister for Lands as "one of the noblest men in the whole of New Zealand." Before concluding, Mr Houlahan promised that the last had not been seen of him on the platform, and then, in compliance with a loudly expressed request, gave a few verses of a song which, though not one that is usually found on concert programmes, was conceived by the audience to be of the comic order, for they received it with great laughter as well as with uproarious applause and demands for an "encore," which, however, were not acceded to.

Before the meeting separated Mr J. M'Indoe proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Houlahan for his "luminous lecture," and this was assented to.

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We cannot wonder that under these circumstances our friend failed to do justice to his meals. He adds that there was what he calls "a prickling sensation" at his heart, as though it were touched with some sharp instrument. Then, again, at times he was attacked with spasms, the agony of which was so severe that the sweat rolled off him. "I dreaded," he says, the thought of eating, and many a scanty meal have I made, for I was afraid to eat.

"After a time I got into a low, weak, and nervous condition, and felt miserable, as if something was going to happen, and this caused me to lose a good deal of sleep."

What he means by the fear of "something going to happen" is, of course, the fear of some calamity, such as the loss of his position, his own death, or the death of somebody dear to him. This was due, as he intimates, to the impoverished state of his blood (the life bearer), his unstrung nerves, and to the brain enfeebled by lack of nourishment. The night of this form of illness is always full of ghosts and goblins, the creatures of a restless and ungoverned imagination.

"With great difficulty," he says, "I stuck to my work, for I had a wife and family depending on me. So I struggled on, but what I suffered for over two years is past my powers of description. I am sure no one has suffered so much as I have done."

In the latter statement he is undoubtedly wrong. One's own pain is one's own, and is always harder to bear than in one's notion of his neighbour's pain. There is a countless multitude who are all the while going through the same wretched experience, only we don't happen to come in touch with them.

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