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As we write the aspect of matters with respect to THE PBENCH Siam continues doubtful. Probabilities still seem to point to an avoidance of anything like open hostilities between France and England.

bilities, nevertheless, exist of a less desirable condition of things France may be certainly regarded as unlikely to risk any action that would give Germany the opportunity for which she is known to be on the watch. In England, too, a war would be looked upon as only to be undertaken in the utmost extremes. At the same time the Press in both countries seems to have adopted something of an aggravating, if not quite a belligerent tone. The whole East is looking on with interest; and it is not difficult to foresee a state of things in which either nation might be placed in a position from which a peaceable withdrawal would be a sacrifice, it not of honour, of at least a very necessary prestige. Under the circumstances the military power of France assumes for us a closer interest. It seems much to the purpose, therefore, that we have at hand some considerable information on the subject given by a thoroughly competent and trustworthy writer who speaks from his own personal experience. The article to which we allude is that on the conscription in France contributed to the Contemporary for June by M. Hilaire Belloc. It takes, besides, an additional interest from the fact that the writer, although a Frenchman by birth and family, had been educated in England, having been a student of the Oratory college at Edgbaston, where he was moreover, a personal friend of Cardinal Newman. He is also looked upon as a young Catholic writer of good promise. M. Belloc, then, has served a year in the French army, and he gives us a phase of his experience in the article in question. The mixture of the social ranks in the army, he says, is one of the principal causes of the recuperation of the country. "Under the French law every man without exception serves in the army for at least one year, During that year he is merged entirely in the private soldier. His social rank, if he has one, is completely ignored; the officers who command him regard merely his efficiency and faithfulness to duty,' "The result," says the writer, "is peculiar, and, on the whole is not prejudicial to the parties concerned." He however, thinks it doubtful whether such a system could be adopted elsewhere. But in France the comparatively elight differences arising from social position make the association more easy. "Whether a man proves an efficient or inefficient soldier very much depends upon his physical strength or on his readines; to obey and to acquire the habits demanded of him. Physical strength is independent to a great extent of social differences, except that the peasant and the artisan have, in all that involves direct manual labour, the advantage over the product of the wretched public school system that prevails in France. Readiness is ensured by a discipline pressing so hardly and so equally upon all that the habit of continual labour is acquired with an ease and rapidity that surprise the man himself who is submitted to it." "The great fatigues or rather the fatigues which seem so great after an ordinary civilian life," the writer goes on to say, "the long marches in full kit followed often by sleepless nights of guard duty seem at first unendurable. It is impossible to conceive, unless one has experienced it, how different is the hardship of such a life from that which a free man voluntarily imposes on himself; and when men say, on hearing of some forced march or feat of endurance, that they have on this or that occasion surpassed it, they leave out of reckoning the thousand difficulties that arise when large bodies of men have to do the same thing in concerted action and with no regard for the individual." Fatigues, he explains, naturally press harder on the man who has seen no active service, but the change, though sudden and extreme, has, as a rule, a good effect. The French lycéen learns in the regiment an independence and a self-reliance that years in the society of men of his own stamp could never teach him, and he picks up health visibly, in spite of the short hours of sleep the bad food, and the perpetual labour." The writer compares the conscription with voluntary enlishment. He finds it most effective where regulations are concerned which-fall hardly on the private

soldier, but which are beneficial to the army sea whole. "It is, nevertheess, remarkable bow little any spirit of discouragement or vexation exists in the ranks of the army and how little the hardship which it has caused him to undergo affects the French elector when he leaves it to enter upon civilian life. The popularity of the army, the admission of its necessity, and the pride taken in its new vigour are sentiments in which the whole nation is practically unanimous. A candidate who seriously proposed any reduction in its numbers or its expenses would stand no chance of election in any French constituency." M. Belloc writes as follows in allusion to the misfortunes of the war with Germany :- "Toe break-down of purpose which rained many of the leaders, the lack of proper discipline in the earlier battles, and the fact that the French combatants in the later ones were mere hordes of recruits rapidly levied, without training or experience of arms, all point to the peculiar circumstances of a peculiar time. Neither infirmity of purpose, nor lack of discipline, nor armies unfamiliar with arms are characteristic of the French nation in history. These faults were in the terrible campaign of 1870 the end of a disastrous réglue. They were neither of long standing nor destined to endure, and it would be impossible in criticising the French army of to-day to draw any idea of its lasting defects from the momentary faults of that time."-The writer, nevertheless, admits that certain of the objections urged against the French soldiers have some degree of truth. The physique of the French soldier, for instance, does not strike Englishmen as equal to their owr, and his general smartness is not up to the English standard. The French linesman, he admits, might be a good deal smarter in his personal appearance, and would not lose by another inch or two to his beight. "And it remains only to mention in contrast the many peculiar and splendid qualities of a soldier which he does exhibit, and which are so apparent when one stands shoulder to shoulder with him in the routine of the barrackroom or on the hard days of the mar œuvres." "There is," he adds, "one quality in the Frence soldier which gives him a supreme value; it has by the writers of his own country been called endurance, but perhaps that word in English hardly gives the equivalent of what is meant; it is rather a power of recuperation and of extreme effort for a particular object, which distinguishes him. It goes side by side with a peculiar gaiety which shows him the lighter view of the darkest case. There is another quality-which in days of short service and extremely rapid action is of no less importance -- it is his intelligence."-"The two combined," says the writer, "more than compensate for those qualities in which the critics of other nations find him lacking." "It has been remarked," be says again, "that the high level of intelligence which the conscript exhibits in France is of immense importance in the present state of the army." As to the moral side of the conscription the writer does not dwell on it. 'Suffice it to repeat," he says, "that personal service in the ranks, which, more than any other experience, is calculated to damp the enthusiasm of a mao, and to make bim, if he looks upon it selfishly, lose sight of great national ideas, has in no way impaired the strong love of country in the French peasant and workman but has made it more sane and has given it a clearer object." "That the conscription in one nation has helped social order," he adds, " while in another it has attacked it, is a matter depending largely upon the justice or injustice of its weight upon the people. In the France of to-day it is a matter of history that the private soldier, when he returns to his civilian life, strengthens the Republic, and it is an experience of the present writer, in which he is sure that all those who have shared in the life of the French barrack-room will bear him out, that the value of his people, and the peculiar strength of those qualities which lie at the root of their character, are never more apparent than in those long, hard months of ordeal which each man puts without question upon himself, and which, in the mas, have remade the nation."-For our own part, we may add, that what M. Belloc tells as of the army of his country exhibits it in a most favourable light. What, moreover, he does not tell us in so many words, but implies in the tone of his writing, is even more impressive. He speaks with an earnestness and a respect that are very convincing as to the worth of the men with whom he has been associated. Whoever, therefore, the enemy may be that have to deal with the army of France, they will evidently have no contemptible foe to encounter. M. Belloc's article, indeed, enables us more clearly to understand the anxiety of the German Emperor for the passing of his Army Bill—and let us note, besides, the contrast, on which M Belloc has passingly touched, between the good will with which the French people support their military burden and the struggle necessary to sustain theirs on the people of Germany. Let us hope, in conclusion, that whoever the enemy may be the army of England, either independently or in alliance, may not be identified with them. The misunderstanding about Siam will, we trust, be peaceably settled. The probabilities of the matter are infinitely preferable to its possibilities.

AND is that all that philosophy is good for? But still, we must admit that the New Liberalism leaves POLITICAL to its adherents-even to their leader-a very full freedom of the individual. Nothing, for example, could be more free than the manner in which last week, Sir Robert Stout replied to the attack made on him by Mr Fish. Mr Fish. indeed, said several nasty things. He brought against Sir Robert, to all intents and purposes, a charge of influencing the Government to awindle certain creditors in order that he himself might be saved from incurring any loss. The case was that of the Fernhill railway. The mine connected with the railway, Mr Fish said, was, in fact, owned by Sir Robert Stout-who had first instigated the commissioners to take possession of the line, and had now, also through the commissioners, induced the Government to revest the company with it-making no provision for the payment of debts due to other people. Mr Fish added that Sir Robert Stout was generally in the habit of employing go betweens to do things with which he found fault. But we might have thought that this opportunity was one on which Sir Bobert Stout would gladly seize to give to the Colony, and indeed to the world at large, to which, as we know, he is so anxious to afford a much needed example, a pattern of philosophical forbrarance, and calm dignity of repudiation. He did nothing of the sort. On the contrary, as we have said, he availed himself of all the freedom which the New Liberalism leaves in the hands of the individual. He in turn, attacked Mr Fish, and discharged in that gentleman's face every accusation of crooked dealing that had been brought against him throughout his public career. It is not our business to pass any judgment in the case. We may possibly conclude, that, as is common when there is a quarrel, there were faults on both sides. Meantime it remains for us, like M. Jourdain on a somewhat similar occasion, toexclaim in tones of chastened remoustrance and surprise, "Monsicar le philosophe!" We may add that rumours are about to the effect that Sir Bobert is bent, if not on a complete overthrow of the Government at least or a reconstruction of the Cabinet. We may conclude, in short, that the New Liberalism leaves also to its adherents, and especially to its leader, a freedom to consult closely for the interests of number one. -The scene between Mr Fish and Sir Robert Stout was not the only rumpus that during the week conferred a particular liveliness on the House. There was also an outbreak on the part of Mr T. Mackenzie. Mr Mackenzie fell foul of the Government with respect to the works at Cathos, where, he declared, he had found it impossible to obtain employment for deserving and needy men. He accused the Ministry of making use of the co-operative system to promote the interests of party, and of reserving employment for those alone who were of the right colour. Mr Earnshaw, who, by the way, seems not disinclined to do a little dirty work in seconding the intention attributed to Bir Robert Stout of at least ousting the present Premier, partly sided with Mr Mackenzie, and admitted that there was some justice in his charge. The hon Member, took the opportunity of speaking a word or two in his own favour. He denied that the right colour had anything to do with the mater. He himse f. for example, he said, bad found employment for men who had voted against him and woo would do so again. The row culminated in a scene in which Mr Mack-ozie accused the Minister for Labour of telling an untruth, and recommending him to show a little more decency. Mr Rolleston finally persuaded the irate Member for the Clutha to cool down and withdraw his offensive

Mr Shera, it seems, distinguished himself in the Financial debate by a very smart speech, in which he criticised hon Members generally in anything rather than a complimentary manner. Mr Shera, however, appears to share the inconsistency that, strange to say, is everywhere a characteristic of the Liberal workingman. The whole position of this party is based on a community of interests, on a universal brotherhood, and yet, not Mayfair, not the Faubourg Saint Germain, is, in its particular way, more exclusive or jointly monopolistic. Mr Shera's contention was for the particular interests of the North We, nevertheless, are quite willing to make a compromise with him. He complains that every Minister hails from the South. Let him, then, take Sir Rebert St ut and elect him for a Northern constituency at the approaching election. It may be doubte's whether Sir Robert, if he were to oust Mr Seddon, would retain his popularity on the West Coast. Possibly, indeed, the intention of doing so with which he is accredited, might prove a hindrance to his being again returned there. In the South, much as we admire Bir Robert and fond as we are of him, it is also doubtful as to whether

he would be returned. We are used to him, and therefore not now so much affected by that brilliant philosophic strain, which, on the principle omne ignotum pro magnifico, so took the House by storm the other day. Mr Fish, as we see, though hardly understanding more than other Members, remained undazzled. All the difficulty would be solved by their taking Sir Robert up to Auckland and electing him there. Every one must admit, besides, that it would be much prettier for him to kick Mr Seddon out from a different standing point than that which he occupies at present, and on which many friends of the Premier and the Cabinet were so eager and did so much to place him. "If the North had not been vanquished by the South, why were its representatives expected to bow down their necks under the yoke of Southern supremacy?" So inquired Mr Shera as reported by the correspondent of the Otago Daily Times. But, there, we offer them the choicest firstling of our flock. What more can they desire? To Sir Robert Stout, in whose heart the universal brotherhood is no vain sentiment, all constituencies are necessarily alike and cardinal points are indifferent.—Mr Ward's reply to the critics of his Statement appears to have been in every respect sufficient. Indeed, he very fully brought out the weakness and querulousness of their fault-finding. On that disputed matter of the surplus, too, he spoke in a manner to reassure us. But, in fact, Mr Rolleston had admitted that the surplus was real. The only qualification he made was that it was an accident. They, however, tell us that it is always the unexpected that happens, and, even if they exaggerate, it very often is so. Therefore we may hope for a like casualty next year. Mr Rolleston, meantime, complains that the winding up of the Financial debate was brought about unfairly and in a manner that " jockeyed " several members of the Opposition out of their opportunity to speak. But if, as seems almost certainly the case, these Members had nothing better to say than had those of their party who had spoken, they may be congratulated on an escape from making a display of their empticess, and the country has gained something by way of a saving of time.—Mr Taipua, representative of the Western Maories, gives warning that, if surveying of Native lands be continued as it goes on at precent, serious trouble may be the result.

The righteons soul of Mr W. Hutchison is vexed because of the sum of money that leaves the Colony, with the hazardous destiny of supporting Tattersall's sweeps at Sydney. He has consequently applied to the Hon Mr Ward for a Grahamisation of letters so addressed. Mr Ward, however, declines to do anything in the matter. And, indeed, cui bono? what better use would gamblers make of the money restored to them? How would it do, meantime, to pass an Act confiscating to charitable uses the money so devoted? But then Tattersall, no doubt, would invent an alias. hardly as yet arrived at that pitch of perfection in moral legislation when it will be possible to appoint a general postal censor at every post office, authorised to open at will every letter and dispose of it as the public good seems to him to demand. Times, however, are advancing, and, although, as we have said, the New Liberalism leaves to every man a fulness of individual freedom, it provides also for a interference of the State in his affairs. The near future, therefore, may bring forth all that is requisite. But Mr W. Hutchison's righteousness seems generally on the qui vive. We learn, again, from the Otago Daily Times that it is his intention to propose a clause in the Education Act Amendment Bill, to permit of Bible-reading in the public schools. The clause is to the effect that, on the requisition of 20 parents or guardians of pupils, a school committee shall permit of the reading in question, with or without comment-" Provided," and here is where the room for doubt occurs, "the requisionists appoint a suitable person for the purpose, and provide a fund for the payment of his services and other expenses, and appoint a committee of five to act in conjunction with the school committee." Is it, then, Mr Hutchison's desire "to run with the hare and bunt with the bounds," as the old saying is? The accommodating nature of the hin Member is well known. Does he mean to conciliate the Evangetical by the measure, and to conciliate the secularist by making it inoperative? In any case those 20 parents or guardians will not make themselves accountable for one penny. They will have Biblereading, and Bible-teaching if they can get them for nothing, but as to paying for them, that is another matter altogether. The case is one in which the "Word" must be given to them literally without money and without price. Mr Hutchison's righteousness, then, may, perhaps, be taken as tending, not quite inconsistently with the hon Member's general reputation, to cheat the devil in the dark.

THE refusal of the Auckland Board of Education
BIGOTEY AND to accede to the request of the Most Rev Dr Luck,
that they should authorise the inspection by their
inspectors of the Catholic schools is possibly only

what might be expected by any one acquainted with the character of the Boaiu's members. For our own part, we had known nothing whatever about the gentlemen in question. The report of their meeting, however, as given by the New Zealand Herald of July 19, is quite sufficient to place us an courant of their general disposition.

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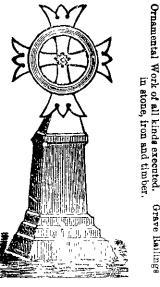
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but we have yet to learn what the answer of the Minister as to the provisions of the Act will be-it has at least served to bring the true state of the case before the public eye, and the people particularly concerned should know how to be instructed by it, and strengthened in their resolution.

BUT you see, it is not necessary that you should MORE see it. If Father Hackett himself sees it, that is " CHEEK," quite enough. We allude to a remonstrance advanced by our contemporary the Otage Daily

Times against Father Hackett's reported refusal to receive into his Sunday school children attending the State schools. Father Hackett, we learn from an interview quoted by the Daily Times from the Auckland Herald, says he finds it labour thrown away to attempt to instruct such children in their religion, and he refuses therefore to incur any responsibility in the matter, But how, we should like to know, does that concern our Dunedio contemporary? Are journalists indeed free to stick their fingers into every pie, or when they interfere in matters that do not concern them, may we not set them also down as busy-bodies and meddlers? Our good contemporary, likewise makes some display of impudence by accusing Father Hackett of exercising a tyrannical authority over his people, and by his assumption that he is thus making an attempt to force the country to grant the Catholic claims. Does our good contemporary imply that by receiving such children into his Sunday school, Father Hackett would be doing anything in promotion of those claims? Not he, for he writes without any other meaning than that of raising a howl of bigotry. As to the charge made in our contemporary's cowardly sentence-"It is natural that they (Catholics) should want to take advantage of the system to the support of which they contribute, and some of them bold that their children are better taught than they would be in the Catholic schools "-it is refuted by the action tof the Board at Auckland, and the exposure of the disposition of other Boards made by the New Zealand Herald. The secular authorities are afraid of the Catholic schools. Competition with them might oblige them to stir up their own much vaunted schools to produce

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scholars into the hands of the Board, and they would educate them in the same manner as the other children." This is Mr Muir's notion of a gentleman's reply to the request of a gentleman! The Board also made a display of their "cheek" in referring to the additional expense that would devolve on them-and that with regard to a section of the people whose support of their own schools saves the State annually many thousands of pounds. We are glad meantime, for the credit of journalism to see that the New Zealand Herald disapproves of the rude and impudent recommendations made by these men to Dr Luck. He publishes an article dealing with a reference made of the matter by the B shop to the Minister of Education-for his Lordship has very properly refused to receive the refusal of the Board as final. "One or two of the members (says our contemporary) advised Bishop Luck to close his schools, and sind the children to the public schools, a piece of advice which they might as well have kept to themselves." The Herali, nevertheless, sympathises with the Board-exposing, at the same time, perhaps auvoluntarily, a motive that speaks little for any desire felt as to the state of of genuine education in the colony. "We have not the slightest doubt (he says) that every Board in the country would decline to undertake such a duty in the case of Roman Catholic schools, unless imposed on them by the Act. They are naturally desirous to maintain the public school system as against private schools, especially private schools instituted by a denomination hostile to the system. The Boards, then, are afraid of competition with the Catholic schools. They will admit of no interference with the dull level of secularism, and will do their best to maintain a uniform mediocrity. This is the best explanation we can give of the Herald's words. They, of course, like the conduct of the Auckland Board, are capable of a worse interpretation, that, namely, of an insolent bigotry. And indeed the Herald at least shares in the "cheek" of the Board by referring with approbation to their fear of expense, although he admits that that would be trifling. Untaili s, meantime, may take a lesson from this additional exemplification of the spirit that prevails against their echools-a spirit of bigotiy and insolence, and fear of their produc-

more brilliant results. We may admit, however, that it is natural for Catholics, as our contemporary says, to wint to take advantage of the system to the support of which they contribute. It is natural for them to want to do so in a legitimate manner, but it would be altogether out of keeping with their nature as Catholics to risk for their children the curse of godlessness in taking that advantage. Again, as our contemporary says, it may be impossible, and it is probably undesirable as well, for Father Hackett to isolate the lambs of his flock from non-Catholic influences, but it is certainly his duty to do his utmost to shield them from anti-Catholic influences.—" How teaching children reading, writing, and arithmetic should have any religious or irreligious effect on the children we cannot very well This is the sentence from our contemporary we took for our Will, if he is too blind to see for himself, and too bigoted to be taught to see by Catholics, let him go to the Orangemen. They can fit a sympathetic glass to his eye, and show him how they look on the system, namely, as satisfactory to them as Orangemen, and consequently as producing with a vengeance a religious or irreligious effect. Meantime, as we have said, Father Hackett can see for himself, and that should be sufficient. If the Otago Daily Times suffers from obliquity of vision he can't help that. To avoid our contemporary's guidance is what devolves on the rest of us.

MR SINNETT in one or other of the reviews for June A VAIN APPEAL, publishes an answer to Professor Max Muller, in in which he contends that that savant knows nothing about the late Madame Blavatsky, and little or nothing about Buddhism. This, he declares, does contain the doctrines of the Theosophists. Professor Max Muller, however, we leave to defend himself, and as for the doctrines of the Theosophists, even if they are contained in the teaching of Buddha, that by no means affords a proof that they are true. Where Mr Sinne't makes a palpable mistake is in pointing to the testimony of Mr Harry Kellar for a proof that in Iodia such assumed secrets of nature as those by which Madame Blavatsky was wont to astenish her neophytes are known to ing higher results. If Dr Luck's application has done nothing else- a select few. Mr Harry Kellar, in fact, asserts that such secrets are

known also among the natives of Africa where we fancy no claim will be made for the existence of Mahatmas, or of an occult science that a all reform or give any consolation to the world. Here, then is a story that Mr K ill artells. It occurs in the North American Review for January 1893 During the Zilu Wir I wasi South Africa, travelling nor h throng Zululand. In Dann's reservation two hundred miles north from Durban, I saw a witch doctor levitate the form of a young Zi'u by waving a tufi of grass about his head amid surroun lings calculated to impress hemselves deeply upon the most prosaic imagination. I was evening and the witch dortor, who belonged to the class describe | more than once by Rider Haggard with great accuracy. was as revolting in his appearance as the high caste fakirs had been pleasing." The scene was around the camp fire. " After considerable solicitation from the natives . . the conjurer, who at first seemed reluciant to give an exhibition of his powers before me, took a knob kerry, or club, and fastened it at the end of a thong of raw hide about two first long. A young native, tall and athletic, whose eyes appeared to be fixed upon those of the conjurer with an apprehensive steadfastness, took his own knob kerry and fastened it at the end of a similar thong of hide. The two then stood about six feet apart, in the full glare of the fire, and began, all the while in silence, to whirl their knob kerrys about their heads. I noticed that when the two clubs seemed in their swift flight almost to come in contact, a spark or flame passed, or appeared to pass, from one of them to the other. The third time this happened there was an explosion, the spark appeared to burst, the young man's knob kerry was shattered to pieces, and he fell to the ground apparently lifeless. The witch doctor turned to the high grass a few feet behind us and gathered a handful of stalks about three feet long. Standing in the shadow and away from the fire, he waved with a swift motion, exactly similar to that of the clubs a few minutes before, the bunch of grass around the head of the young Zulu, who lay as dead, in the firelight. In a moment or two the grass seemed to ignite in its flight, although the witch doctor was not standing within twenty feet of the fire, and burned slowly, crackling audibly. Approaching more closely the body of the native in the trance, the conjurer waved the

have terminated with the consent of the chairman of committees to report Mr O'Connor's offence to the Speaker, - Mr O'Connor apologising after the Speaker had rebuked the House "with great dignity."-Meantime, goodness only knows what had or what had not taken place. It is plain that the Unionists had given way to all the excitement of their anger and panic at the full persuasion arrived at by them that the success of Home Bule was now a certainty. Three of their party, namely, Messrs Hayes and Fisher and Sir E. Ashmead Bartlett, bauled Mr Logan, the member for Leicester, from Mr Balfour's seat, which the hon member had occupied after a few hot words with Mr Carson. "A free fight followed, during which Badical punished Conservative, and the Conservative whip seized the Radical by the scruff of the neck and shook him.—A number of Irish members then attacked the Opposition, and in the gangway there was instantly a confused mass of shouting, struggling, and fighting members. Others clambered over the benches to join in the melee. The Unionists who were locked out clamoured for admittance. Mesers. Burdett-Coutts, Condon, W. Redmond, and Healy were conspicuous in the fray. Colonel Sannderson hit out boldly, felling several members. Mr O'Brien, standing on a seat, vainly implored members to maintain order. Dr Tanner's friends helped him out of the row. Mr Burns shouldered members right and left and tried to suppress the disorder. The Irishmen were knocked down and trampled upon. Mr Healy fell after a fierce struggle of five minutes. The strangers in the gallery hissed and cried 'Shame.'" - We are told that Mr Gladstone, "mute, pale, and calm," sat looking on, but without making any attempt to restore order. And how, indeed, could he? That certainly was not the tack for a man some two or three summers past his eightieth year. Sir Ashmead Bartlett's shout at him, in fact, valiant as that combatant might have shown himself in dragging Mr Logan by the lege, was the short of a coward.-"This is your doing."-Hon Members showed the marks of the fray in torn shirts, coats and waistcoats, and the back of one of the benches was wrenched off. But the whole affair was deplerable and disgraceful. We can well believe that, as reported, it has aroused

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flaming grass gently over his figure, about a foot from the flesh. To my intense amazement, the recumbent body slowly rose from the ground and floated upward in the air to a height of about three feet, remaining in suspension and moving up and down, according as the passes of the burning grass were slower or faster. As the grass burned out and dropped to the ground the body returned to its position on the ground, and after a few passes from the hands of the witch doctor the young Zulu leaped to his feet, apparently none the worse for his wonderful experience." Here, then, was an exercise of a power, apparently preternatural, and more as outshing than anything that Mr Kellar had witnessed among the fakirs of India. It was in the possession of a savage who made no pretence of scientific know-ledge, who, indeed, did not know that there was such a thing ascience in the world. The performance in question certainly discredits those of the Indian fakirs, from whom, perhaps, Madame Blavatsky had acquired her art-an art, as Father Clarke has shown us in the Month, not wholly free from a suspicion of diabolic agency Mr Sinnett may convict Professor Max Muller of ignorance. His appeal, however, to the testimony of Mr Harry Kellar has proved a signal failure.

A UNIQUE

EVERYTHING, the possibility of war in Siam, and averything else, necessarily sinks into insignificance compared with the row in the House of Commons,

a row unique in the history of the House, as Mr Gladstone declares it to be. There is a question as to the appointment of a committee to inquire into the origin and cause of the scrimmage, but, we are told, Mr Gladstone hesitates, declaring his belief that there would be an introduction of much informal matter, and evidence hopelessly diverse. If, therefore, our own conclusions, gathered from the summaries forwarded here by cable, are not quite clear, we may be held excused. It seems doubtful whether—on the enforcement of the closure for the last time—the fracas began with a shout emitted by Mr Arnold Forster, "Why associate with bloody Irish rebels?"—or with the cry of "Judaa" aimed by Mr T. P. O'Connor at Mr Chamberlain, but of which the chairman of committees refused to take any notice. The row, however, appears to

a strong feeling throughout the country. For ourselves it possesses one mitigating feature only, that is the proof afforded by it of the terror and conviction of the Unionist party. In the feeling it has aroused in the country, besides, we may discern a presage of what public opinion would be with regard to any outbreak that might occur on the final passing of the Bill. This unique scene in the House of Commons, we may rationally conclude, will be the last and only, as it has been the first, violent demonstration of any importance arising from the success of the Bill. Of those mere matters of course, the ordinary rows of the Orangemen, we make no reckoning.

IF anyone wants to know or to be reminded of OUR ORANGE what Orangeism means, he may find all he need FRIENDS AGAIN, have for the purpose in an address delivered at Sydney, on the evening of July 12, by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Lodge there-one Mr J. C. Neild, M.L.A. Possibly for impudence of mistatement, for boastful falsehood, and for hypocritical cant, this speech may be taken as the extreme to which such an effort can go. The speaker, a know-nothing of the know-nothings, began with a protest against the illegality of the meeting at which he presided, expending on it a deal of playful earcasm, and finding fault with the Upper Chamber, which, he said, had more than once rejected a Bill to make such assemblies, and all other party displays, legal. Nevertheless, the speaker was in downright victous earnest when he afterwards pointed out that a law against the Jesuits existed in the colony, on whose enforcement he would rigorously insist. It is not, however, our intention to pursue Mr Neild's argument at any length or in particular detail, and, in fact, it reads pretty stale to us. Almost all of its contents have been long familiar to us, and a mere spiteful repetition of old calumnies often refuted would prove but profitless matter for quotation. What was new to us in the harangue were some passages from atherstical Italian publications of the day, in which the Society of St Vincent de Paul, of all others, is held up to detestation as everything wicked and formidable-everything, in short, that atheists and Orangemen themselves would be if they had the opportunity. A point, moreover, which we would especially note

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is the tie that binds the ultra-Protestant and the atheist, the Orangeman and the Continental Mason, together, a common batred of the Catholic Church-a proof, as we have ere now hailed it, that Satan cannot be divided against himself. As to the rest of the address, it is of the time-honoured class-a mere repetition, glib and virulent perhaps beyond the common, but still a mere repetition of the traditional know-nothingism. There is a crow at Cardinal Moran, as having been defeated in an argument with this man Neild, which, of course, we may take for what it is worth. The Cardinal knows how to avoid the soiling of his hands. There is a coarse word or two of reproach against the memory of Archbishop Vaughan, and then, in conclusion, the hypocritical whine of the Orangeman as to his being a man of peace, the friend and well wisher of his Catholic neighbour, the dearly beloved neighbour, whose throat he would cut if he got the chance, and whose head he does occasionally break or tear the hair off, according to sex. Another point, nevertheless, worthy of notice in this disreputable harangue is the stress laid all through it on the resolution shown by Catholics in rejecting the godless schools and giving their children a Catholic education. The godless schools, in fact, are now claimed by the Orangemen as their own particular property, and for those of us who know what Orangeism is, that of itself should be sufficient. This address of Mr Neild's is, therefore, in a certain sense, instructive, though stale and traditional, reading.

ODDS AND ENDS. MR W. R. BROWN, who writes from Macclesfield to the *Methodist Times*, calls attention to the instance of biting your nose to vex your face shown in the attitude towards Home Rule of Irish

Methodists and Irish Protestants generally. He tells of a case which he had himself heard related by a young Methodist minister. This minister had been apprenticed to the drapery trade, and with much self-denial gaved money to buy his mother a new dress in which to go to chapel, "but when his ambition was realised and he triumphantly took it home, his poor mother was afraid to wear it, fearing the landlord might hear of it and raise the rent in consequence of her apparently increased prosperity." "Such cases," adds the correspondent, "were only too numerous; but Methodists and other Protestants continued to suffer, and actually to oppose their own liberation, for the only reason (as far as I was ever able to learn) that if they improved their own position they would also improve that of their Roman Catholic neighbours." Mr Brown concludes with an argument from his own personal experience that Home Rule would involve no persecution of Protestants. "Having," he writes, "for a long time served as an assistant in the largest retail Catholic business-house in Ireland, with hundreds of Catholic young men working by my side, and living and sleeping in the same house, I assert that the spirit of religious intolerance was never manifested; my religion was always respected; and never either by sign, or jest, or jeer did those Roman Catholic Irishmen cause me a mement's pain, or do anything to justify the wild shricks of fear, which the advent of Home Rule appears to call forth.

Our light and cheerful friend "Nemo" of the Dunedin Star is puzzled, he says, at the state of his feelings. But we think we can explain the matter to him. At least we can suggest the alternatives that contain its explanation. "Why," he says, "I should always chuckle at the notion of an American bishop I can no more explain than I can demonstrate the physiology of tickling; still less can I give a taogible reason why the mental picture of a solemn assembly of episcopal Yankees in bib and tucker (or whatever they call those things) should be to me so distressingly diverting." Well, but you know there are two classes of people who are easily amused, that is, children and fools. We, for our part, are not acquainted with the date of our light and cheerful friend's birth. Therefore, we cannot decide as to the class in which he takes his place. We have, how-

over, suggested the alternatives, and it now remains for our "Nemo' himself to make his selection.

"A young woman named Golding alleges that poisoning and immorality are practised in 10 convents. A commission composed partly of Protestants and partly of Roman Catholics are inquiring into the charges. Among the commissioners are Cardinal Vaughan, the Duke of Norfolk, and Mr Guinness."-This is a cablegram under date London, July 25. We have reason, however, to doubt its contents. Miss Ellen Golding was a member of a religious community in France, and her experience of convents had been confined to those of her Order at Calais and Donai. She now plays the character of the "Rescued Nun"—but as she could write from her convent to her solicitor and her brother-in-law and could herself post her letters, at is evident there could have been no great difficulty in rescuing her. She was often in the streets and might have refused at any time she liked to return to the convent. She has been for some time under the tuition of the Rev Jacob Primmer, and is necessarily prepared to say anything that comes into her head or that is suggested to her. What we doubt is that anyone worth speaking of takes any notice of what she says.

And we, for our part, are very sorry that our good contemporary feels very sorry without any cause. We allude to our contemporary the Napier News who has grievously taken to heart his own misunderstanding of a letter from a Wellington correspondent published in our issue of July 14. Our contemporary is heart-stricken because he fancies our correspondent objects to the Catholic children in the country schools having to read the "Village Blacksmith." correspondent doesn't. Our correspondent says: "Giving full credit to the above"-a quotation from the Advent Review calling out against the inclusion of the Angelical Salutation in a combined form of prayer-"we would not be justified in accepting the present standards used by the different boards of education throughout New Zealand." And, then, as an example, he makes a quotation from the verses referred to. If, therefore, our good contemporary will read the letter with a little more attention he may cheer up, and feel no longer very sorry, and call no more upon the gods.

The late Mr M'Kinley was the busband of Madame Antoinstte Sterling and the brother of Major M'Kinley of the famous tariff. Who was he himself? Mendelssohn's father when he was young was the son of the great Mendelssohn, and when he was old the father of the great Mendelssohn, but he bimself was nobody.

The issue of the leather railway passes to the new members of the Upper House instead of the time-honoured golden baubles, is hardly explained satisfactorily by that reason assigned to the effect that it was bard to get the gold ticket returned—particularly on the death of the legislator. Is recovery, for example, thought likely to be less easy because the survivors will be found among the working class—or are they considered less justified in retaining the trinket? At all events, why was the stuff of the cobbler especially chosen? to keep before the eyes of hon Councillors the necessity of sticking to the last? or simply because there is nothing like leather? It is, nevertheless, consistent that men of the people should hold the toys of the bloated aristocrat in contempt and bear themselves plainly and humbly. But is it true, by the way, that one of our Danedin honourables has assumed a "bell-topper" hat in Wellington, having waited until he got to Christchurch to try it on fur the first time? If so, no wonder he should kick against the leathern pass.

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Carlow.-There is but one Catholic magistrate in the County Carlow.

The Kilkenny Archæological Society has made some important discoveries at the old Abbey of St Mullins. The grounds on which it stands are under the control of the Ross Board of Guardians, and Mr Patrick O'Leary, of Graigue, who is one of the most energetic members of the society, obtained permission from the board to make excavations. The result of his labours he describes in this interesting letter which he sent to the Guardians -- Our researches at St Mullins have brought to light the ancient altar of cut stone; the large fireplace of the refectory, the well-chiselled mantel which, broken into "three balves," as the workmen say, is now raised up and laid on the wall, so that it can be easily seen. It is over 9 feet in length. The smcke stain, turf ashes and soot are still in the fireplace, If we could only learn the last discourse that was held under this mantel-piece how interesting it would be. The Danes plundered the place several times, notably in 825 and 951. The place was burned in 1138. These marauders threw down the round tower, broke the altar and burned all the buildings over the bodies of the slain. Of this there is silent evidence in the present remains without referring to historical facts. A subscription has been started for the purpose of clearing up the churchyard and removing loose stones, rubbish, nettles, etc., from the graves, which I trust will be successful. A large stone, bearing a Latin inscription round the edge, has been raised up to light, which marks the burnal place of Daniel Kinsella, who died in 1645. Of the ancient mill we have at present only brought to light a portion of the circular structure, having a level The Nationalists of Midleton, at a meeting on May 19, made their final arrangements for raising a monument to the memory of Timothy Daly, who fell in the '67 mov: mrnt. On Sunday, May 21, a meeting of Nationalists was held at Aghada for the purpose of completing the arrangements for the erection of a monument in honour of the late Mr O'Kelly, a local Nationalist who did good service in the Nationalist cause.

Derry.—A series of evictions were carried out on the Skinner estates, about Drapers'own, lately. The first victims were the Hepburn family, of Dromard, George Hepburn, his wife and five children. The home of James Kane was next visited. In its only room was his sick wife nursing her youngest child, and seven other children hungry and ill-clad. They were not disturbed owing to the condition of Mrs Kane. James, Owen, and Mrs Anne Logan, of Draperstown, were dispossessed of their occupancy of a public-house, but the two lastenmed were readmitted as caretakers

Dublin.—Labour Day in Dublin was enthusiastically observed with very large processions and numerous speeches.

A dictionary in the Irish language has been discovered in the House of Commons. The dictionary was printed in Dublin and is quite old. It was doubtless a portion of the spoils taken from Ireland after the Union, but the greatest of all the spoils was the Union itself.

Fermanagh.—A man named Irvine, said to be a captain in the Fermanagh militia, carries on drilling at Carrickreigh on the premises of one Sandford, and although the Royal Irish Constabulary stationed at Cossycon and Derrygonnelly have been present and witnessed these illegal drillings, strange to say no steps have been takes to put a stop to such grossly illegal practices.

Kerry.—A terrible railway accident occurred on May 22, at Camp, on the Trales and Dingle Light Railway. The train consisted



floor, on which, probably, the water-wheel revolved horizontally, as in the early mills-in fact, a primitive turbine-the mill-stones turning on the same shaft overhead, thereby dispensing with difficult gearing. The Four Masters make mention of mills grinding wheat and oats in Ireland as early as the year 651, and the Brehon laws regarding those mills are not only curious but instructive. There is a story told of the former proprietor of the present extensive mills at St Mallins, who removed the ancient building known as the " Caislan Maol "-i.e., bald castle-which stood in the field at the back of the mill. The same night a white borse, bearing a lot of heavy chains. was seen to come from the ruine in the direction of the mill, and in the morning the shaft of the great iron water-wheel was found broken. though newly erected. The next St Martiu's Day, on which no sensible mill, according to custom, should grind, the water was turned on in spite of all the warnings of all the "knowlidgible min," and swidently against the wishes of the mill itself, when, lo and behold? the big wheel went, like a stubborn mule, backwards. It is intended to continue the excavations, and it is confidently expected that many more important discoveries will be made.

Clare.—A sale was held at the County Court House, Ennison May 20, of the tenants' interest in five farms on the Bodyke estate of Colonel John O'Callaghan, under write of fifa for non-payment of rent. The sale had been announced to be held some days previous, but failing to secure an auction or, there was a postponement. Only two of the tenants whose holdings were put up were present. The farms were bought in by the agent, S. MacAdam, for £1 each.

Cork.—A public meeting, under the presidency of the Mayor, was held lately in Mechanics' Hall, Cork, for the purpose of taking steps to erect in that city a memorial to the Manchester Martyrs.

of seven trucks, laden with pigs, a passenger van, an ordinary carriage, and the guard's van. As it began the descent from Glanagel's one of the steepest gradients in the United Kingdom, the drivers William Redshaw, applied the brakes as usual, but they would not work. Bedshaw found that he had lost all control over the train, but both he and his fireman, Richard D.Pon, gallantly remained at their posts although they knew this meant certain death. About two miles down the hillside the line crosses a mountain gorge by means of a viaduct about 48 feet high. The line curves sharply at the end of the viaduct, and it was at this point that the catastrophe occurred. Then the engine, brake-van, passengers' curriage, and pig trucks plu ged headlong over the western parapet and into the gorge below. The other van, which contained nine passengers, was saved from a similar fate by the samping of the couplings, with the result that the vehicle kept the rails. In the gorge the scene was appalling, Beneath the wrecked carriages and trucks were buried men and women and scores of pigs, and the cries of the wounded passengers mingled in a strange and terrifying medley with the almost human screams of the suffering swine. Redshaw and Dillon were both killed. as was also Bernard Loughlin. An inspector sustained injuries from which he died soon after being extracated from the wieckage. Of the passengers in the carriage twelve had been fearfully knocked about and crushed, and the injuries of some were probably fatal.

Kildare.—The Land commissioners gave judgment at Dublin, on May 22, in the case of an appeal from Judge Darley, who had awarded Mrs Kelly, one of the evicted Clongorey (Kildare) tenants, a sum for compensation for improvements, which was counterbalanced by the set-off allowed to the landlords. The Land Commissioners awarded the tenant £239 18s 7d which Commissioner O'Brien was of opinion should have been £368.

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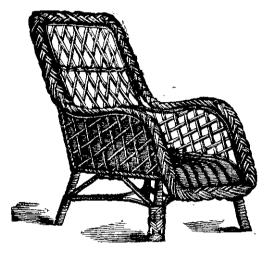
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Kilkenny .- The Gaels of Kilkenny are moving their association to the front. Two new clubs have been established in the city, the "Confederation" and "Commercial," and much interest is manifested in the success of the association.

Evictions are in progress on the Kough estate at Rabenure, South Kilkenny, but there is no resistance. The tenants were small landholders and the land is of a poor description.

Louth.-Amongst the most successful students upon whom medical degrees were conferred recently, in connection with the Royal University of Ireland, is Dr Michael V. O'Reilly, brother of Mr M. O'Reilly of Drogheda. Dr O'Reilly is a graduate of the Christian Brothers' Schools, and adds another to their alumni who either in the professional or commercial walks of life reflect credit on the institution in which the educational groundwork for their future progress was sodidly laid.

Sligo.—In the County of Sligo, where 86 per cent of the electors are Nationalists, only one magistrate out of 74 is a Nationalist. notwithstanding sixteen Catholics hold the Commission of the Peace for the county. The names are as follows :-- Peter O'Connor, O'Connor Don, E. J. Tighe, Col. Coffey, J. O. Cooke, P. P. Costello, J. W. Flansgan, S. W. Flanagan, Guilfoyle, M'Carrick, The M'Dermott, M'Demott Ros, M'Ternan, Martin Madden, Charles Maguire and Simon Cullen.

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The business of the evening was a debate on "Women's Suffrage." The affirmative and negative sides, in reference to the extension of the franchise, were well supported, and the subject was handled both from a serious and a humorous point of view. Political economists, philosophers and statemen, both dead and alive, were made to dance attendance on the various speakers, while the Members of both Houses of the Legislature (being too busy just now to be present) were represented by Hansard. The tenor of the meeting showed that the verdict would be a foregone conclusion if the question was put as one of principle or opinion, for as far as the women's franchise is concerned "the age of chivalry is gone." The rev chairman, therefore, seked for a show of hands to decide as to which side advanced the best arguments, with the result that the debaters "on the side of the angels" won the bonours. The syllabus for the ensuing three months was read to the meeting as prepared by the managing conneil, and was considered very interes ing and complete. It comprises debates, lectures, socials, magic lantern entertainments, R.M. Court trials, essays, and miscellaneous evenings. The Society has spent the first half of its session in a very successful manner, the membership is steadily increasing, and the remaining half promises to be highly instructive and entertaining.

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(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held on July 6th, and was largely attended. The balance sheet for the previous quarter was read, together with a report from the auditors, the latter referring to the very satisfactory state of the funds of the branch, and the considerable increase in them during the quarter. About twenty pounds, the proceeds of the annual social, was placed to the benevolent fund, a substantial nucleus which is to be added to by an annual levy in addition to the proceeds of entertainments. The object of this fund is to render assistance in extraordinary cases where the rules of the Society forbid any assistance from the sick fund, or where the amount authorised by the rules is insufficient for requirements. The election of officers for the ensuing six months, resulted as follow: --President, M. Crannetch; vice-president, P. Kane; treasurer, E. Lane; secretary, M. F. Denneby (re-elected); warden, J. P. Corcoran; guardian, J. Murphy; sick visitors, J. Moloney and J. Sullivan; dispensary delegate, J. P. Corcoran. On Thursday, the 20th inst., Brother Patrick O'Shea, the retiring president, duly installed the newly elected officers, and wished them a happy and prosperous term of office. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring efficers, and a resolution voting Brother O'Shea a past-president's collar in recognition of his services during the previous six months was carried unanimously. Brother O'Shea briefly returned thanks on behalf of his brother officers and himself, and referred to his term of office as president as being a successful and prosperous one.

The usual weekly meeting of the Aloysian Society was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst, the Bev Father Tubman in the chair.

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In a short time the life of the saintly Passionist, Father Charles

with whose name Catholics the world over are familiar, will be given to the public, says the *Irish Catholic* of Dublin. The work has been written by one of the Passionist Fathers, Mount Argus; while the Very Bev T. A. Finlay, S.J., M.A., F.R. U.I., Catholic University, Stephen'sgreen, has contributed a preface. It will contain a faithful pen-picture of Father Charles's inner life, dealing largely with his heroic virtues. A special chapter is devoted to the narration of some of the miracles wrought by this holy man. Chapters dealing with his life and labours in Holland, Belgium, England and Ireland are introduced. A nephew of Father Charles, Professor Godfrid Honban, of Schimmert, will edit the Dutch edition of the work.

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Store Cattle—The absence of supplies is restricting business in this line, although there are enquiries for cattle of every description. few transactions are taking place owing to their scarcity. The few lots that do change hands invariably fetch prices in favour of sellers Store Sheep—The market for these has lately assumed a much

The few who still hold are not disposed to quit except quieter tone. at prices equal to those obtaining earlier which buyers are not now so ready to give.

Sheepskins—A very good demand is experienced for these and the weekly market sale is regularly and well attended. On Tuesday our catalogue was a lengthy one representing the usual variety and met with excellent competition, all sorts both dry and green had good attention. Best green crossbreds feeching 4s 91 to 54 3d; choice, 58 6d; medium to good, 39 9d to 4s 91; green merinos, 2.81 to 4s 1d;

os 6d; medium to good, 3; 9d to 4s 91; green merinos, 2; 81 to 4s 1d; country dry crossbreds, interior to medium, 1s 81 to 3; 9d; do do merino, 1s 61 to 2; 7d; full-woolled crossbreds, good, 3; 10d to 4; 10d; best do, 5s 3d to 6s 6d; do do merino, good, 2; 81 to 3s 81; best, 3; 9d to 5s 7d; dry pelts, 21 to 1s 5d each.

Rabbitskins—A very active demand continues to exist for these, and the market remains firm. All sorts are in good demand, but particularly late secured, when dry and otherwise well saved, have the most attention. Best winter grey doe skins, 1s 41 to 1s 4½; extra choice, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; bucks and does mixed, 1s 3½d to 1s 4d; bucks, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d; medium to good, 1s 1d to 1s 2½d; autumn, 10d to 1s 1d; summer, 8d to 91; suckers, half-grown and inferior, 3d to 7½d per 1b. 3d to 7dd per lb.

Hides-There is no change to report in the demand for these. Heavy hides, 2d to $2\frac{1}{2}d$; extra do, $2\frac{3}{4}d$ to 31; medium, $1\frac{1}{2}d$ to $1\frac{3}{4}d$; inferior to medium, 1d to $1\frac{1}{4}d$ per lb.

inferior to medium, 1d to 14d per 1b.

Tallow is in very good demand, and the consignments that arrive daily are without difficulty placed at full market quotations, which are for best rendered mutton, 20s 6d to 22s 6d; medium to good, 18s 6d to 20s 6d; inferior to medium, 14s 6d to 17s 6d. Bough fat, best clean caul, 14s to 14s 6d; medium to good, 12s 6d to 13 9d; inferior to medium, 11s to 12s 3d per cwt.

Grain—Wheat: Business during the week has not shown any material variation compared with the previous one. A moderately

Grain—Wheat: Business during the week has not shown any material variation compared with the previous one. A moderately fair demand continues to be experienced, and prices lately ruling readily secured. Quotations—Prime milling, Tuscan, 3s to 3s 1d; do do velvet, 2s 11d to 3s; medium to good, 2s 101 to 2s 11d; inferior to medium, 2s 7d to 2s 91; broken and thin, 2s 2d to 2s 6d; ex store, sacks weighed in, terms. Oats: The keeness displayed by buyers lately has now somewhat toned down. At the same time a considerable amount of husiness is being transacted at price and a considerable amount of business is being transacted at prices nearly considerable amount or business is being transacted at prices nearly on a par with those obtaining last week. Prime milling and heavy bright feed commanded most attention. Although all sorts meet with buyers, who, however, are not quite so ready to give the prices paid during the last two or three weeks. Quotations—Prime milling, sout during the last two or three weeks. Quotations—Prime milling, s'out and bright, 2s 1d to 2s 1\frac{3}{4}\frac{1}{3}\frac{ Quotations for prime malting, nominally, 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 61 to 3s 3d; milling, 3s to 3s 6d; feed, 2s to 2s 6d; ex store, sacks ex raterms.

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Potatoes—The supply being no more than sufficient for requirements, prices remain firm for best derweats, L5 2s 6d to L5 5s; medium, L4 15s to L5; kidneys for seed, L4 15s to L5 per ton, ex stors sacks weighed in net.

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Chaff—The market is barely supplied with really good, while more than sufficient comes forward, and difficult to place even at low prices. Prime, 57s 6d to 60s; extra heavy and well cut, 62s 61 to 65s; medium, 42s 6d to 52s 6d; inferior, 27s 6d to 40s per ton, ex truck, sacks extra.

Darry Produce—Market quiet, business confined to small retail lots. Prime salt butter, darry made, 7d to 81; medium, 5d to 6½]; factory, nominal, 10d to 11d per 1b; factory cheese, medium and loaf-shape, 5d to 5½d; dairy made, 2i to 41 per 1b.

Flax—We bave no improvement to note in the tone of the markets at the salt of the sa

ket which still continues flat, Best, L16 to L17; medium to good, L14 to L15 10s; inferior and strawy, L10 10s to L12 10s per ton, ex store.

MESSES STRONACH BROS, AND MORRIS report as follows :-

Fat Cattle—Supplies are short, and in consequence values at time of writing are ruling high. Best bullocks, L12 5s, or 27s 61 per 100 lbs.

Fat Sheep-Quite sufficient for requirements, and anything but good mutton is somewhat dull of sale. Best crossbred wethers, 17s 6d to 18s.

Sheepskins-Good demand, and brisk competition.

Rabbitskins—A strong demand exists. Best selected winter does, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d; winter mixed. 1s 4d to 1s 4½i; bucks, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; do medium, 1s 2i to 1s 3½1; autumns, 10d to 1s 1½1; summers, 7½d to 9d; suckers and inferior, 3d to 7d per 1b.

Hides—The local market is unchanged. Best well-flayed ox bides 60 Ibs and over 271 to 31; medium, in good order 121 to 211; light, 11d to 11d. interior and slippy, 11to 11 per ib.

Tallow—All consignments are readily placed.

Grain—Wheat: The market is still dull and lifeless. We quote —Prime milling, 2s 10d to 3s; medium, 2s 81 to 2s 91; inferior, 2s 6d to 2s 7d; fowls' wheat, 2s 31 to 2s 5t.

Oats—Values are equal to last quoted. Best milling, 2s 1d to 2s

2d; best beavy seed, 2s to 2s 1?; inferior and discoloured, 1s 104 Lo la 11d.

Birley-Business in this line is very slack. Prime malting, 3s 10d to 48; milling, 3s to 3:51,

Potatoes-Only prime parcels are required. Chaff - Prices very firm, and good quality scarce.

MESSES DONALD REID AND Co, report as follows:

Sheepskins.—Our carelogue on Tuesday was a large one, and included several lines of heavy crossbreds and merin a in nice condi-Green crossbreds sold at 3,4 i to 5,2d; green merinos, 3s to tion. 33 11d; dry crossbreds, 2: to 5: 7d; dry merinos 1s 5: to 4s; dry pelta and hoggets, 4d to 3: 1d.

Hides-The market is not plentifully supplied, During the week we cleared all on hand, and quote—extra prime heavy up to 34d lh. prime, 24d to 31; medium, 2110241; light, 14d to 14d; inferior, builts,

suppy, ld to 141.

Tallow—Tuere is a brisk demand for all descriptions, and prices remain firm at last week's quotations.

Wheat—Fow s' wheat continues scarce. Prime milling, 2s 10d to 3s; medium do, 2s 81 to 2s 91; inferior do, 2s 61 to 2s 7d; fowls' wheat, 2s 31 to 2s 51.

Oats-Market hardly so brick, and prices shade easier. 2s 11d to 2, 2d; bright feed, 2, to 2, 1d; discoloured, 1s 101 to 1s 11d; sacks extra.

Barley—Malting, 3s 9d to 4s; milling, 3s to 3s 51; feed, 2s to

23 6d ; sacks extra.

Potatoes - Prime Derwents meet with ready sale, but inferior are not inquired for. Prime Derwents, L5 to L5 2:61; inferior, IA 100

to L4 15s; kidneys, L4 to L5. Chaff—Best oaten, L3 to L3 5s; medium do. L2 10s to L2 15s; inferior do, L2 to L2 5s; straw chaff, L1 5s to L1 10s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

MESSES. WRIGHT, STEPHENSON AND Co. report as follows:—A moderately large entry of horses was offered at our sale on A moderately large entry or norses was onered at our sale un Saturday, but the demand for all classes, except draughts and springs carters, was very dull. The larger portion of the animals entered were inferior to m dium backs and harness horses, but there were also a few really good sorts offered. We have numerous inquiries for draughts, and could place an unlimited number of good young sorts at current rates. We quote :—E. first class draughts (axtra heave) L25 to L30; good or inary (vonz). L18 o L22; medium, L12 to L16; agei, L6 to L10; good backs an i harness hors.s, L12 to L16; medium, L7 to L9; light and inferior, L2 10; to L5.

MR F. MEENAN, King street, reports: —Wholesale price—Oats: 1s 10d to 2s 2d (bags extra). Wheat (sacks included): Milling, 2s 9 i to 3s 0 i, demand fair; fowls', 2s 0d to 2s 7d. Chaff: Inferior to medium, good supply, demand dull, £1 10s 0d to £2 5s 0d; prime up to £3 0s 0d, good demand; hay, oaten, quality new, good, demand dull, £2 15s to £3 0s; ryegrass, £2 15s to £3 0s, of good quality. Potatoes, kidneys, £4 10s 0d; derwenta; £5 0s 0d, market bare. Flour: Roller, £7 15s to £8 5s; stone, £7 0s to £7 10s, demand quiet. Oatmeal, bulk, £10 0s; 25 ibs, £10 10s. Butter, fresh, 8d to 11d: potted, dem and easer, 7d for prime. 103. Butter, fresh, 8d to 11d; potted, dem and easier, 7d for prime, Eggs, 9J per d zen.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

(From our exchanges.)

THE German Empress has sent to Fath r Cza Luzz, librarian at the Vatican, through Herr von Bulow, the Prussian Minister to the Vatican, a ring containing twenty-four diamonds and the imperial initials in brilliants and rubies.

At a recent fire in Angers the bishop, Mgr Mathieu, attended by his two secretaries, was instrumental in saving life. Wherever danger was most conspicuous his lordship was present, and was amongst those who helped to carry an aged infirm person out of reach of the flames on a mattress.

Madame Pauline Hervocke, a religious of the Order of the Ladies of St Thomas de Villeneuve, has officially been granted a medal of honour by the French Government, for her services to the sailors and soldiers of the French army during thirty years.

Cardinals die in groups of three. When Cardinals Giordani and Sepiacci passed away within a few days of each other, those who believed in the saying were wondering who would be the third member of the Sacred College to be summoned to the other world, that the terna might be completed in this case. Cardinal Zighara's death ends the marvel.

The Annee Dominicaine for April says-Steps are now being taken for the beat fication of the Irish Dominicans put to death in the reign of Elizabeth. At the beginning of that sanguinary reign there were 600 religious of the Order of S: Dominic in Ireland, and at the end of the same reign there remained but four. Nearly all had shed their blood for the faith. The names of 106 of these martyrs are known, and their cause has been introduced at Bome.

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A London Irish priest writes to the Star :- " The Catholic Unionists of England are trembling for the fate that awai's the Church in the sister isle at the hand, of the Irish Revolutionary Home Rulers. M:F's, and ecclesiastics. Allow me to remind those canting censors of an event in the history of the Church (16th cen-The constancy of individual members of the Church was then tested by bribery, threats, and torture in England and Ireland. Who were guilty of the sacrilegious betrayal? The English or the Irish? It was the English law Unionists who showed the white feather and sold the pass-ay, for a paltry mess of pottage. The Irish-laymen and ecclesiastics-with the devotion of the martyrs of the early church, spurned the bribery, defied the torturer, and maintained their fidelity at the risk of life. Ye canting by pocrites, are the descendants of those Irish martyrs likely to have their heads turned now by the concession of Home Rule ?"

Friday August 4, 1893.

Doctor Leonard Freeman, of Cincinnati, has been on a visit to Molokai. He spent two days in the leper colony, and in the course of a long account of his observations, he says :- " There are several other churches in the colony besides the Methodist, including a Catholic church and a Mormon church; but the Catholics seem to be doing the most of the real work-the others take it out largely in talk. There are nine Sisters of Charity all from Syracuse, N.Y., and and two Fathers. The buildings in which they live are neat and clean, and are surrounded by gardens and banana trees. These noble women are sacrificing their lives to a great and loving work under the most discouraging circumstances. How sweet, good, and gentle they were to the lepers! Some have been in the colony five or six years without having once left it." The priests are Fathers Conrardy and Wendelin. They have taken up the work laid down by Father Damien and are carrying it on with the same aids of divine grace to the same end.

Dr Leonard Freeman, a leading physician of Cincinnati, writing in the Enquirer of his extended travels, describes a visit be made to the leper settlement of Molokai, "I met on the Island," he writes, "a gentleman named Dalton, who had been an officer in the United States army, and lived for a time at Cincinnati. He was formerly wealthy, and stood high in the social world. Five or six years ago he was converted to the Catholic faith, disposed of his fortune, gave up his social position and went to Molokai to devote the remainder of his life to the lepers. I found him a good-looking and extremely intelligent man, with a pleasing address. Every morning this good Samaaitan puts on an old blue blouse and a pair of overalls, and goes down to what he calls his 'workshop,' a small frame house with a verandah, around which are arranged a number of benches and some dishpans filled with warm water. Miserable, decrepid lepers come hobbling in until the benches are fieled and standing room is at a premium. Mr Dalton, with true religious courage and sympathy bathes the leprotic sores in the pans of water and applies fresh salves and bandages."

The missionaries of the Catholic Church penetrate every where, They do not stop to inquire whether the place is a comfortable one to live in and if the work before them is easy. They go, willing to take all chances. A little volume giving some account of the work of the propagation of the faith lavely devotes a paragraph to what the Church is doing on the desolate island of Tierra Del Fuego. Charles Darwin spoke of the savages there as exhibiting " man in a lower state of improvement than in any other part of the world, Mr Mathews, who had formed the project of trying to civilise them, after stopping on shore a very shirt time was so terrified by their savageness and ferocity that he was glad to return on board the Beagle. Dom Fagnano, of the Salesian Congregation of Turin, Apostolic Prefect of Southern Patagonia, has taken the Fuegians in hand. He has founded at Dawson's Island, on the south coast of the Straits of Magellan, the Mission of St Raphael, and so far has found the natives pretty docide and very willing to take up the habits of civilisation, such as to wear clothes instead of going naked, and to eat food cooked instead of raw. Many of the young folks have picked up some Spanish and Italian. He has made divers excursions in order to get acquainted with the natives, and his endeavours are now directed to get them to settle around the Mission of St Raphael. Eventually the light of the gospel will illumine this gloomy part of the world as well as others.

Cardinal Gibbons favours Sunday opening of the World's Fair, and so expresses himself in an interview in the New York World of June 12.

Says the Catholic Advocate of Louisville, Kentucky : - " One of the most degraded desperadoes whose infamics have disgraced our country is Abe Buzzard, of Pennsylvania. He has been recently let loose on society from the portals of the penitentiary. He could find no employment. Decent imployers would not hire him; decent employees would not labour in his company. He admits this and that as no industry was open to him he became a preacher. He admits this and sava training for his new vocation was that acquired in his previous career. He is now 'doing effective work' as a Baptist evangelist." As long as Mr Buzzard-suggestive name—does not pose as a "converted priest," there is a me hope for him. This role, or that of the "escaped nun" as in Mangaret Shepherd's case, is usually the last step in the descent of Avernus. - Pilet.

THE SPEED OF IROUGHT.

In its origin the expression "Quick as thought" no doubt referred to the lightning-like transfer of the attention from one person or locality There is, however, no comparison between to another far removed. the subjective act of thinking and the objective distance thought of. Looked at scientifically, the speed of thought can only be considered as the speed with which the nerve-impulse travels along the nervetrack of the brain and there registers its impression. very accurately measured, and if found to vary, according to the sensibility and education of the person leated, from 120 to 200 per second. Herr Donders, of Utrecht, has devised a most ingenious apparatus for registering the thought-speeds of various subjects, and according to his results it takes an average person 1-20th of a second to see a white light, 1-10th to see a picture, 1 8th to see a letter, 1-13th to judge between the blue and the red, 1-9th to recell a word seen in print, 1-6th to remember the name of a picture, and 1-4th to bring up before the "mind's-eye" a letter lately seen or mentioned. Off course these are only the most mechanical operations of the intellect and senses combined. Above these is the mind proper, whose mysterious workings can neither be messured nor stated in any terms known to mechanical science. Does it not strike the most casual observer that with an organism capable of such rapid action must be very susceptible to complication. This may be of various forms, the human body is the most elaborate machine in existence, and the various parts are liable to diseases of various kinds. The symp'oms are too well known to need numeration here. We need only mention are too well known to need numeration here. We need only mention a few such as sour s'omach or indigestion, palnitation, diarrhœa, singgish liver, and so, for all of w'ich Clements' Tonic is an absolute safe and quick cure, as proved by Mrs Wi son, Times Office, Bulti, N.S.W., who writes:—I have much pleasure in adding mine to the many undoubted testimonics of the value of Clements' Tonic. I have been a long sufferer from weakness and nervous debility, often unable to perform some light household duties, and becoming quite prostrated at times. Resort to medical prescriptions has scarcely ever made any permanent improvement in the state of my health. At last I was induced to try Clements' Tonic, and incredible as it may seem, one bottle produced a marvellous change-appetite restored, digestion improved, sick headaches and low-spiritedness altogether removed, I have given it more than one trial, and in future shall not be without it or fail to recommend it to my friends.—(Signed) S. A. Wilson. Times Office, Bull, N.S.W.

The Princess Eulalia is a pupil of the nuns of the Sacred Heart. Some of her former teachers are at the Manhattanville Convent, She will visit them before she returns to Spain.

Chicago may have her rum-shops and her side-shows and her divorce mills, but she will have no ungodly exhibitions of art or industry on the Sabbath day. The line has to be drawn somewhere .-

Here is a theme worthy of the genius of a Pos, if we had such a genius on the earth to-day. Two murderers, Roebl and Pallister, condemned to the most awful of all fates, death by electrocution, made their escape from Sing Sing a few weeks ago. The doomed poisoner Harris refused to share their fortunes, and lived only to perish at the hands of the public executioner, a few days later. Meanwhile, the fugitives appear to have made their way to the river, where they found a boat and embark don he tempest swept Hudson. Scarcely had the unfortunate Harris paid the penalty of his crime before the startling news came that the body of Roehl was found flusting on the river, with a bullet would in the skull. A few days afterwards that of Pallister was also found with a similar ghastly proof of how the fugitive had come to his cud. But the boat in which both bad escaped was found high and dry on the further shore! Was it a cale of murder followed by suicide, of a double murder, or what? Nobody knows, and probably nobody ever shall know. Speculation and conjecture are rife enough, but there is no explanation to cover all the contradictions. The annuls of crime have seldem presented a problem so perplexing as this latest mystery. -Pilot.

The Vatican organ-Moniteur de Rome-in considering the particular phase to which the Home Rule Bill has reached, notes that the Irish themselves, in present conditions, give evidence of a rare spirit of abnegation. Although they are so lively and enthusiastic in discourse, says the Monitour, they keep silent. They count the rice spirit of abnegation. Although they are so rivery and enturusiastic in discourse, says the Monitour, they keep silent. They count the blows and regis er the bulletins of victory. Vain efforts have been made to put disorder and distrust in their ranks; patriotism imposes this sacrifice. People pretended that after Parnell, the party become the prey of division, would fall like an army without a leader and without discipline. Such a spectacle has never been seen in history; a party assisting with this calmness at a struggle from which it will issue conqueror. It might be said that Providence has arranged this joyons finale of the great Irish drama. If O'Conneil could have seen this double triumph—the moral triumph almost as greaf as the material one—his soul would have leaped for joy, his proudest hopes would have appeared supersbundantly fulfilled. And, after noting the remarkable peculiarity that the Tories have voted against an Upper Chamber in Ireland, while the Glasst mians have voted for i. the Vatican organ concludes that the Irish cause is being crowned with triumph. The distrust and the fears of the first hours have with triumph. The distrust and the rears of the massed away. This journal notes also how strange it is that the laws passed away. This journal totes also now strange it is that the laws most important as to consequences of the various countries have been passed with a small majority. Viewed close this fact is by no means extraordinary. Precisely because they are important are they disputed, and furnish this peculiarity. It has often been said in our days that scientific Darwinism has been followed by political Darwinism, and that the world is the victim of force and of positivism. And yet it seems, on the other hand, that the soul has posi ivism. And yet it seems, on the other manu, that the resenge of right and of justice.

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PART III.

24. If, and as often as, not less than twenty parents or guardians of children attending a public chool having an average attendance of one hundred

children and upwards shall by requisition in writing to the school committee request that the reading of the Bible, with or without comment, may be instituted in the school, the committee, of without comments of the requisition and of the signa-tures thereto, shall take such steps as may be necessary to permit such Bible reading, with or without comment as aforesaid, in a class-room separate and apart from the others.

Provided that the following conditions be first complied with by or on behalf of the requisitionists :--

- (1.) They shall appoint a suitable person specially for the purpose of superintending and teaching such Bible class. This person shall not be a teacher in the public school.
- (2) They shall provide a fund sufficient for the payment of the services of the person so appointed in this respect, and for any other expenses incident to the efficient carrying out of the Bible class,
- (3.) They shall appoint a committee of five of their number to act in conjunction with the school committee, in so far as the management and control of the class-room set spart for the Bible class is concerned, during such time as the class room is used for such purpose.
- (4.) The hour for holding the Bible class shall be definitely The time occupied shall in no case exceed thirty minutes, and may be daily or at less frequent intervals, as may be mutually arranged by the inspector, the school committee, and Bible class committee, having due regard to the convenience of the ordinary secular teaching of the school, which may not be interfered with in the case of those children attending the school who are not attending the Bible class.

25 The Bible class committee shall have the power of admitting children to the Bible class whether or not attending the school as ordinary papils, and whether or not the parents or guardians of such children contribute towards the expenses in connection with such Bible class.

26. Section 84 of the said Act, and all other parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, are hereby

We have copied the above from the Evening Star of Satur-We have no doubt, of course, of its authenticity, but we entertain the greatest doubt as to the efficacy of the provisions embodied in Mr HUTCHISON'S proposed clause. Nor, indeed, is the clause at all necessary for parents who are really anxious to provide Bible-reading for their children. There is nothing authorised by this proposed clause which cannot be even now effected by parents. Twenty parents of children can meet, appoint a committee of five, appoint and pay a person to superintend Bible-reading or give religious instruction in any school before or after school hours, after having conferred with the ordinary school committee. In fact, it appears to us that Mr Hurchison's clause would have the effect of restricting the liberty parents now enjoy, inasmuch as at present parents can arrange for Bible-reading in any school, whereas should this clause be enacted, it can only take effect in schools which have an average attendance of at least one hundred children. And now we may ask, What reason is there for this restriction? The majority of the children of this country attend schools whose average attendance

does not exceed, or even amount to one hundred. At all events, we are under this impression, which we could easily test, did time permit, by consulting the last Education Report. But we have so recently looked over this report that we think we are not mistaken. In the second place, we are convinced that parents who send their children to the public schools will in no instance avail themselves of this clause even if enacted. They have not the least idea of making special payment for Bible-reading. This is not what they ask, or what they want. They would be very glad, indeed, to see Bible-reading, and even religious instruction, introduced into the public schools, provided always that these were included in the curriculum of daily exercises to be given by the ordinary teachers and during the official school hours. But that parents should be called upon to provide separate teachers and especial salaries for such teachers, these are considerations which have no place in the minds of these parents. Of this we feel absolutely certain, and on this account we regard Mr Hutchison's clause as utterly nugatory. No; there is only one way of securing even a modicum of godliness and religious instruction for children in schools—that is, to subsidise denomina-tional schools to enable them to pay for their secular instruction. And even here our legislators need not fear a rush of applicants for such aid. No denomination, except the Catholic, has given any proof of earnestness and sincerity in this matter. Catholics are in earnest, and never will accept the present public school system. No man now doubts this, unless indeed he should happen to be a semifatuus. Surely our fellow-citizens who are qui'e content with the present system have not finally made up their minds to plunder and tyrannise over us for ever. We do not believe any except Catholics would avail themselves of the provisions of an Act of Parliament authorising aid to denominational schools. Certainly, there is no reason apparent at present to justify the conclusion that there are any others. It appears to us that what our fellow-citizens want is free education. If they can have this and free Bible-reading, so much the better; but if not, then Bible-reading in schools will not be insisted upon, provided free secular instruction remains within their reach.

TWENTY YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

Ir is now about twenty years ago since we visited, for the first and last time, the old Provincial Council Hall, to hear a debate of Members, and learn a lesson of public speaking. We speak with some hesitation as to the latter; we are not absolutely certain that we were actuated by this motive. At all events, we heard a debate, and we have not yet forgotten it. Several of the Members spoke, and spoke very well, using plain, simple, and grammatical language, which the gallery understood. After some time, thinking we had profited as much as we were likely to do by our visit, we began to make preparations for departing, and were arrested in our industry by unintentionally overhearing a conversation of two men, who had a short time previously entered the gallery. Whilst one of the Members was making a very good speech, one of these two men said to the other, " Wait a little and you will hear something worth while. Stoot is going to speak." Well, wishing to hear an evidently great gun go off, we waited for STOOT's turn, and his effort, all surroundings considered, was prodigious. On standing up to orate, Mr Stoot, as his admirers called him, thrust his two hands above the wrists into his breeches' pockets, assumed an oratorical attitude, looked at Members of the Council as if they were a parcel of urchins trembling at the thought of the cane, as well knowing they had deserved a flagellation. After a little by play by way of exordium, Mr Stoot dashed in medias res, and in stentorian tones told Mr DONALD REID and his party that the principle of their measure under consideration was "permicious." At the word "pernicious" escaping beyond his lips, his admirers about us cheered long and loudly. This was a manifest encouragement to our orator, for, without seemingly any good or special reason, he told Mr REID several times that his project was "pernicious," "most pernicious." Every time the word "pernicious" was uttered by Mr STOUT, his friends in our neighbourhood cheered and cheered again. This word was evidently in their estimation a high flight of oratory, and a grand display of parliamentary eloquence. And it was, of course, like all the surroundings, prodigious. Well, Mr STOOT of twenty years ago, the great democratic leader, who

would then anathematise anyone who accepted a title from her Majesty the Queen, has since blossomed into Sir ROBERT STOUT, the great ornament of the present Parliament sitting in Wellington. A few evenings ago, we are told, he delivered a great oration, quite equal, no doubt, to one of Cicebo's best, of which, however, the culminating glory was the peroration. Anxious to see and read this mighty effort of genius, a giant effort, we procured a copy of the newspaper in which it was best reported, and with great interest and anxiety read it carefully. No doubt Captain RUSSELL praised it, but then this production is so plainly a near relation of the "pernicious" effort of the Provincial Council of Otago that we are forced to the conclusion that Captain Russell's commendation was only the polished sarcasm of one who is really well educated and a gentleman. For what is there either of eloquence, philosophy, political wisdom, or even common sense in this belauded peroration? No wise principle is enforced or even stated, no ingenious remark of any kind is to be found in it, no political principle is enlarged upon, no wise law inculcated. It is from beginning to end a heap of what Americans very properly call "high-falutin'," a heap of literary rubbish. "Most pernicious! most pernicious!" and prodigious, we say. Sir ROBERT is now, after a long period of sulk, some people say, once again n Parliament, and it is hard to know what to do with him. His friends sent him there with the intention he should be Premier before now, but their disappointment must be great. He is not yet Premier, ror is he likely to be in the near future. A man who cannot get returned to Parliament for his own town is hardly likely to be a Premier. But what is to be done with him? He is now like an idle boy, doing mischief, though, perhaps, unwittingly. His policy, whether intended or not, goes in the direction of upsetting the Government that was principally instrumental in securing him a seat in Parliament, and it would be a mercy both to him and the Liberal party to find him just now some suitable occupation. Though we are not under any special obligations to the Ministry or Liberal party, yet, in a spirit of universal charity, we beg to offer a suggestion. Let Sir ROBERT be appointed chaplain to both Houses of Parliament and the vice-regal household, so that the whole legislative machine may come under his commanding influence. The successful way in which he conducted the Lyceum for many years points him out as eminently fitted for such an office. Let him lecture each member of the legislative body, once a week at least, on the way in which the ideal man and woman of the future may be produced by preaching which takes no account of God, or of Christ, or of Christianity. He can, of course, go back to the teachings and practice of the philosophers and pagan nations of old, whose teachings and practice resulted in the horrible state of things depicted by St PAUL in his Epistle to the Romans; and of course he can ignore the Christian religion that rectified all this and has given the world Christian nations, civilisation, and morality. His new title, if our suggestion be accepted, will look very pretty on paper -viz., the Very Rev Sir Robert Stout, sometimes pronounced Stoor.

A PICTURE of our Lady of Good Counsel has been placed in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin. The picture, which is a faithful copy of that at Genezano, to which also it has been touched, was received several years ago from Italy.

A TEMPERANCE association for the youth of the parish has been inaugurated at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Danelin. The senior children of the schools will be assembled regularly in the church, where one of the priests of the mission will give them an instruction on the virtue to be cultivated. They will pledge themselves to total abstinence from intoxicating liquor until they have attended the age of 21. By that time, it is hoped the temperance habit will be formed, and in the great majority of cases—especially since colonial youth is not generally addicted to dank—there will be no departure from it.

PRAYERS for the repose of the late Mother St Gabriel, whose much lamented death we record elsewhere, were offered on Sunday at all the Masses and at Vespers in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.

AT a meeting of the Diocesan Chapter, held at Adelaide on Widnesday, June 28, under the presidency of the Most Rev Dr Gibney, Bishop of Ferth, and Senior Suffragan Bishop of the province, an election was made of candidates for the Archiepiscopal ace. The council of selection was formed by ten members of the elergy, cach of whom had three votes, the obligatory number of the can indates to be selected being also three. The result was:—Right

Rev John O'Reilly, D.D., Bishop of Port Augusta, 8 votes; Right Rev Joseph Higgins, Bishop Auxiliary of Sydney, 6 votes; Right Rev R. A. Sheehan, D.D., Bishop of Waterford and Lisburn, 3 votes; Right Rev John Dunne, D.D., Bishop of Wilcannia, 3 votes; Very Rev J. J. O'Brien, D.D., Rector of St John's College, Sydney, 3 votes. There were seven votes distributed amongst other candidates. The three names selected, that of the Bishop of Port Augusta being dignissimus were forwarded for report to the surviving Archbishops of Australia. It remains for the Holy Father to make the appointment, choosing one of the candidates submitted to him, or should he so decide setting aside the choice and fixing on another prelate. Fumour, meantime, seems to favour the appointment of Dr O'Reilly.

IT appears that an unfortunate young fellow named Wallath, who has been committed for trial at New Plymouth on a charge of housebreaking, and who, for some time, is said to have played the part of a highwayman in the neighbourhood, was given to the practice of reading sensational stories of the "Jack Shepherd" type. This is a practice that has done infinite mischief, and more especially of recent years in America, and heads of families cannot be too careful in excluding from their houses books of the kind.

THE weekly meeting of the Dunedin St Cecilia Society took place on last Monday evening. There was a very good attendance of members notwithstanding the inclement weather. The musical director (Mr Albert Vallis) was unable to attend owing to a severe illness. A short lecture on the great Catholic composer Haydn was given and after the usual instruction on the theory of music, two solos were contributed, "Our Guards" (Watson) by Mr Frank Woods, and "True Till Death" (Gatty) by Mr Harry McCormack. Miss Crawford and Mr William E. Davis played the respective accompaniments. The Dresden Piano Co., wrote offering a five guinea gold medal for competition among the members at the end of the session. The offer was gratefully accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the generous donors. The election of the executive officers of the society resulted as follows: President, Rev P. Lynch; vice-presidents, Messrs P. Carolin and T. Deehan; hon secretary and Treasurer, Mr Charles Columb Jun., Librarian, Mr Michael Rogers; committee of management the above mentioned officers with Messrs N. Smith, E. W. Dunne, W. E. Davis and W. Shepherd.

A NIGHTCAPS correspondent informs us that the remains of the late Mr Michael Griffin of Nightcaps were interred on Wednesday 26th plt. at Wrey's Bush cemetery. The deceased gentleman was a native of County Kerry, Ireland. He came out to this Colony about twenty years ago and had lived in Southland ever since. He was proprietor of the Railway Hotel, Invercargill, for four years, when he removed to Gore, where he took charge of, and conducted the Club Hotel for seven years, and lately, for the past two years, he had charge of the Railway Hotel, Nightcaps. He was a very affable and inoffensive man. The funeral procession, which was the largest ever seen in this district, was attended by sorrowing friends from Gore, Invercargill, Winton, and other parts of Southland, testifying to the esteem and respect in which the deceased had been held. The Very Rev Father Walsh conducted the burnal service in an impressive manner. Mrs Griffin and children four have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of this district for their sad beiseavement,-RIP.

THE Conservatives are palpably at their wits' end. The feeble attempts of their Members in the Financial debate have evidently filled them with alarm as to the results of the approaching elections, The Wellington Post, for example, as a last resort, calls out for the aid of the education craze, and shouts that the system is in danger, the Liberals inclining to grant assistance to the Catholic schools. The Daily Times goes more cunningly to work. Our contemporary pretends to condemn the parie of the Post, and to contradict his assumption as to the intentions of the enemy. He, however, artfully suggests that it is not their good will but their knowing ways that offer a hindrance to their carrying out the dreaded measure. The pretext for the alarm-note of both Post and Times is the asserted desire of the Ministry for the re-entry of Mr Pyke into political life, that gentleman, according to the Post, having been looked upon as the leader of the denominational party in the House. And here again our Danedin contemporary brings his insidious art into play. He protests against the ingratitude shown in leaving out Mr Pyke from the appointments to the Council, and calls on the Ministry to aid him in the coming elections, not withstanding his denominational tendencies, But whether underhand or in our outspeken manner, whether as initiated by the Post or as secretly and falsely seconded by the Times, we are to have, as the great Conservative effort in the approaching elections, the education question and the "no-Popery "cry.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the Sacred Heart Benediction service composed by Mr A. Vallis, choir-ma ter of St Joseph's Cathedral, Danedin. We shall refer in an early issue at greater length to this composition, which, at first sight, appears to us of considerable merit.

THE drawing of the art-union in aid of the convent at New Plymouth, will take place on the 18th inst. The holders of books are requested to be prompt in returning the blocks of tickets sold, so that everything may be in readiness for the decisive even.

MESSES Logan, Gladstonite Member for Harborough, and Fisher, Unionist Member for Fulham, have evidently acknowledged themselves as chief delinquents in the fraces in the House of Commons. They have apologised and consequently the proposed inquiry has lapsed.

We have just heard with much regret of the death at Sydney of an old New Zealand settler. We allude to the late Mr Philip M'Carthy, who formerly for many years carried on the brewer's business on the West Coast and afterwards in Dunedin. In both localities he was held in high esteem by a large number of friends. He died on June 6th at the age of 59.—R I.P.

A CABLEGRAM has been received by the Very Rev Father Vaughan, C.SS.R., of Waratab, N.S.W., announcing the death of the Very Rev Father Mauron, the saintly General of the Order of the Redemptorist Fathers.—R I.P.

It does not seem advisable for Methodists to go as missionaries to Mexico. At least if we may judge from a sensational farrago quoted, on such authority, by the Dunedia Star of Tuesday evening, the undertaking seems to drive such missionaries frantic. This missionary, we need hardly say, has drawn altogether on his imagination—and his imagination is that of a fanatic. The Bisbops of Mexico are a highly educated and enlightened body of prelates, and nothing of the kind could possibly take place in any one of their dioneses. Of course if the people alluded to are perverts, taking up or adapting the practices of an American camp-meeting, it is another thing. But there the missionary should feel at home and quite among his accustomed surroundings. Or perhaps they might be Jews, infidels or atheists, making a mockery of Christ. No religious order, we may add, that ever existed in Spain formed a precedent for such wicked and blasphemousiextravagances.

AUCKLAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

July 27th, 1893.

HIS Grace Archbishop Redwood, accompanied by Father Mahoney, of Nelson, left here by the Monowai on Saturday week en route to Chicago. Arriving late in the Manaku on Friday evening, they stayed with Father Paul at Obehunga, coming into town on the following morning, where until the steamer left, they were the guests of Father Hackett. His Lordship Bishop Luck, Father Hackett and others saw the distinguished visitors off, wishing them God-speed to the Golden Gate.

On the evening of Sunday week the Rev Father Gillan preached in St Patrick's Cathedral a fine discourse on the brown scapular of Mount Carmel. Father Hackett on the same evening took Father Gillan's place at the Sacred Heart, Pouso by, and preached on the evils arising from the sinful habit of fortune-telling, which is now preva ent in this city, but particularly in our western suburb. That such fainity exists, and among Catholies too, is beyond comprehension.

Through His Eminence Cardinal Moran, our Bishop has arranged for Maori missioners, four of whom are expected to arrive in Auckaland at an early date.

Finding that the children attending the State schools, and who attend Catechism in St Patrick's on Sunday afternoon are, compared with the children attending the Catholic schools, considerably backward in religious instruction, thereby rotarding the progress of the more advanced, Father Hackett has been reluctantly obliged to ask the parents to undertake the responsibility of teaching these children (State school children) at home, because one hour on Sunday afternoon is not sufficient for the purpose. This is certainly an extrementary but under the circumstances most justifiable. "No one," says Father Hackett, "need offer the excuse of poverty for not sending their children to the Catholic schools, for it representations on that score are made the Brothers and the Sisters will not charge such persons." This is practical and to the purpose. The responsibility is now located, and if those so responsible fail in their duty, they will, believe me, count their grey hairs in sorrow.

Father Buckley, accompanied by his brother, a sub-deacon, arrived here from 8jdney last Monday. The latter is to be ordained a priest by the Right Bev Dr Luck, while the former returns to Sydney.

Our Bish p has succeeded in exposing the "cloven boof" of the local Education Board by addressing to them a letter asking the services of one of their inspectors for the Catholic schools of the district. His Lordship quoted section 98 of the Education Act of

1877, which says-" Where the teachers or managers of any private school desire to have their school inspected by an inspector, such teacher or managers may apply to the board to authorise such inspection, and the same when authorised shall be conducted in like manner as the inspection of public schools.' This is plain sailing, and ought not to admit of any shoffing on the part of the board. But it did. The one was given by Mr Cooper, a lawyer and a member of the board, who being engaged at court, wrate to the meeting to say the " Education Act clearly left it discretionary to the board to consent or to refuse, etc. Then most insultingly this Mr Cooper says, " Considering that these schools (Cathoric) are mainly in and about the city, there was ample opportunity for the children attending them to attend the board's schools" The residue, therefore, armed with gratuitous legal advice, took up the running. Mr Muir said that "Bishop Luck had sent them a gentlemanly communication, and he was perfectly certain that they would reply to it in the same spirit," Before this same Mr Muir sat down he replied to the "gentlemanly communication" in this spirit-"He (Muir) thought the Bishop should be asked to consider the advisability of closing their schools and throw the whole of his scholars into the hands of the board, and they would educate them in the same manner as the other children." This person is thirsting for Parliamentary housers, and the "gentlemanly spirit" displayed is but an appeal to the gallery. Needless to add that the Bishop met with an absolute refusal. Ignoring this altogether the Bushop now renews his application, this time to the bead, the Minister of Education, the Hon W. P. Reeves Meanwhile, as the Herald says, "It will be interesting to see what answer will be given by the Minister of Education." What the answer will now or hereafter be depends entirely upon the Catholics themselves, "Therein the patient must minister unto himself."

Mr Joseph Hickson, a son of Inspector Hickson, has been transferred to Wanganus from here. During his short sojourn in Auckland he has made a host of friends, who regret his departure. The Catholic Literary Society lose in him a valuable member.

Bro Fe ix, Provincial of the Marists, arrived on last Monday night from Sydney, and leaves for the South by the West Coast on Monday next.

Father Mahoney delivered his promised lecture, "My tour through Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, and Greece, with the camera," in the Catholic Institute on Tuesday evening, July 18th, under the anspices and in aid of the Auckland Catholic Literary Society. There was present his Lordship the Bishop, Dr Egan, and Fathers Hackett, Lenihau, and Gillan, the Hon J. A. Tole, etc. Mr E. Mahoney, president of the society, introduced the lec urcr. The subject was most ably handled; full of instruction, thought, and amusement. Some splendid hime-light views of the places visited, which were taken on the spot by Mr Robert Mahoney, were shown. Those of the holy places were of great interest, I kewise pyramids of Egypt, Constantinople, the Bosphorus, Athens, with a view of the famous Necropolis, etc. For this exhibition Mr Robert Mahoney is deserving of the highest encomiums. In the working of the light he was ably assisted by Father Lemban and Mr Edward Tole. A hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr J. B. Graham, was given to Father Mahoney and Mr Robert Mahoney and Father Lenihan, thus bringing a most enjoyable entertainment to a c ose.

Mr J. D. Councily U.S. Consul, most unexpectedly returned here by the Alameda from 'Frisco. The authorities in Washington gave him but four days notice to return to Auckland. This is in consequence of the Samoan trouble, as Auckland is the nearest cable station. Mr Connolly expects early promotion, his stay here being temporary. The address s he took with him, particularly the Irish one, were universally admired in California, where it was said that nothing had ever beaten it from foreign parts.

At one of the literary societies in the city last week an essay was given on the "Life and character of Queen Elizab, th." Life and character, oh! shades of Dudley and Devereux. Bess' career, like the stagnant pool when stirred, becomes pestilential, and yet it is held up as an object lesson to those in the bey-dey of youth.

The local branch of the Irish National Federation is about to take immediate steps to raise a further sum of money to send Home in view of a probable general election. Mr W. J. Napier is to give a lecture curitled the "Orators of Ireland," the proceeds to form the nucleus of the fund. In one other part of the Colony I notice similar action is afoot-I refer to Hastings. It is time that Wellington, Christchurch, Duncdin, Invercargill, and last, but not least, the West Coast made a move. It has been a long and bitter campaign, therefore, we should all of us endeavour to have a band in the fast approaching Waterloo.

The local police and detective force are kept busy. Burglarics and pocket-picking are rampant in the city and suburbs. One of the detectives told me the other evening that they "were at their wits ends," and, he added, "the hands at work now are as scientific as those with whom Scotland Yard has to deal." In broad day-light these gentry robbed the house of Judge Rogan. A sense of insecurity everywhere provails.

Brother Augustine, superior of the Marist Brothers here, leaves for Napier tc-day, Brother Cyril, of Napier, taking his place in Auck-

land. Brother Augustine has been here for several years, during which period he has endeated himself to all by his unassuming and gen lemanly bearing. Ill bealth is, I understand, the cause of removal. Auckland's loss is Napier's gain, Brother Augustine carries with him the beft wishes of the whole of the Catholic community of this

The City Council has distributed among thirteen of the local medical men for reporting, from June 30th up to July 19th cases of measles, the sum of £290. One of the gentlemen topped the list with £42 10s; the lowest, £3 2s. The Mayor stated that £312 had already been paid to the doctors. £602 of the ratepayer's money paid away for mere y no ifying the existence of a disease, which with ordinary care in the bousehould might easily by stamped out. Because exception to this waste was taken by the Council the N_*Z_* Times of Wellington impertmently remarked: - "The conduct of the Council is startling in its pettifogging absurdity," which gratuitons advice is downright absurdity, seeing that Dunedic, Christchurch and Wellington have refused to pay.

The political duel between Mesers Cadman and Rees is now at its height. Past careers and records are being unearthed and brought to light. One aspect of the contest is assuring. Each candidate view with the other to impress upon the electors his entire freedom from land monopoly and land monopolists. The truth of this I do not question, but the emphatic denials on the subject prove the rooted antipathy of the people to land monopolists. At this juncture it is hard to say who will win, though Mr Cadman seems to gain ground every day.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

This church, which has now so far advanced towards completion as to form a very striking object in its district and to give promise of being the fine and handsome building that it will be when it is finished, stands sorely in need of funds for the continuance of the works. Sunday next, therefore, has been appointed for a collection to be made in the three churches of the parish for the purpose. We need hardly say that to see the works of a Catholic church stopped for any time for want of funds would be a sight most grievous in the eyes of every Catholic worthy of the name. The completion of this church, moreover, at least to the point at which it will be possible becoming y to celebrate in it the ceremonies of our holy religion, is a pressing necessity. The accommodation afforded by the existing school-chapel is wholly inadequate to the requirements of the congregation, and their attendance there is accompanied by much that is inconvenient and trying. The Catholics of South Dunedin, moreover, have merited the aid of their fellow-Catholics in the city and in other parts of the suburbs. In the assistance they for their part gave in the erection of St Joseph's Cathedral they were most liberal, and their generosity was proportionally exercised when the Church of the Sacred Heart was being constructed in the North-East Valley. They have, therefore, earned the return that good deeds always ment, and ingratitude only could close the purse-strings of their fellow-Catholics against their claims. There is, however, no danger that anything of the kind will occur. We are too well acquainted with the disposition of the Catholics of Dunedin and its vicinity not to know that, on an occasion of this kind, they may be most fully relied on. On the last two Sundays appeals were made in the churches by the clergy of the mission, and on Sunday evening last the Bev Father Lynch Adm, read the following letter from the Bisbop to the congregation in St Joseph's Cathedral :-- My dear Father Lynch, -- You will be so good as to thank the congregation of St Joseph's Cathedral for all heir charity to me during my illness. I am more grateful to them than words can express for their prayers and communions offered up for my recovery. And nothing would give me greater consolation and pleasure than to be able to work for them again. But at present I am weak and helpless and unable to work. I must request you to ask the congregation to continue their fervent prayers for me in the hope that I may soon be enabled to resume the discharge of my duties. I am, thank God, better than I was a week ago, and I have hope and confidence that by the blessing of God, the aid of pions prayers, and the skill of my physician, to whom I am so deeply indebted, I shall soon be able to be amongst my people as in former days. I have had one great source of anxiety during my illness, arising from the very unfinished state of St Patrick's Courch building. I am most acknows for several good reasons that this building should be so far completed as to be rendered safe against the action of the wea her, and fitted, though in an incomplete way, for the use of the congregation, which is badly in need of additional accommodation. I have therefore to ask you to call on the people to make a collection for St Patrick's in the three churches of this parish on the first Sunday in August. I feel assured that they will bear in mind that the people of South Dunedin during the time of the erection of the cathedral helped us generously and perseveringly, and that they will now in return help them to the best of their ability.-I am, etc.,

PRESENTATION TO FATHER PATTERSON.

(From the Manawatu Times, July 26.)

LAST evening St Patrick's School, Broad street, was literally packed with visitors, who had assembled to witness a concert-play in honour of the feast day of the Bev Father Patterson. Many were unable to gain admission to the school owing to the crowd of people who had assembled outside the building long before the time approunced to commence the entertainment. Every year on the Feast of St James it is customary with the children attending the school to give their priest some little offering in token of their affection, esteem and regard. The following is the programme :-

Action song by the infants; dialogue-"Wanted a General Servant," by Misses Hickey, Carsons, Rickleben, Gearney; song, the boys; recitation, Miss Hickey; song, senior girls; presentation and address by the school children, a large framed picture of St Joseph.

Mr Charles Baker and Mr Halford deserve praise for the manner they arranged the boys' part of the plays and stage.

Second part by the Children of Mary :- Festal Ode-Children of Mary; tableau, "Mischief in school," Messrs O'Reilly, Foley, King, Jacobson, Smith, Monogues and Findley; duet, Misses N. and R. Oakley; tableau, "Dream," Miss O'Reilly and angels; song, "Died in the streets," Miss Brophy; tableau, "Mores in the bullrushes," Misses Brophy, Jacobsen, Monogue, and O'Reilly; song, Miss N. Oakley; tableau, "Boys at Trade"; recitation, Miss V. Jacobsen; tableaux-" Hospita! Nurse," Miss Brophy; "Pears Soap," Miss Foley and C. King; tableau, "Rita and Angels," Misses Jacobsen and Brophy; violin solo, Mr Brophy; tableau, "Mary Queen of Scots," Miss O'Reilly; song, Miss N. Oakley; tableau, "The Goddess of Liberty," Miss Jacobsen and Masters Oakley and Jacobsen; solo, Miss Jacobson; tableau, "The Latest News," Misses Dixon, Foley, Oakley and Brophy; solo, Miss N. Oakley; tableau, "Faith, Hope and Charity," Misses Dixon, O'Reilly and Brophy; chorus, "God defend New Zealand."

The gift of the Children of Mary was a gentleman's travelling toilet case with gold inscription.

A very costly album, pair of worked slippers, and complete set of tes service were presented by friends.

Father Patterson replied to the addresses, thanking the children and benefactors for their bandsome presents, and said he would ever keep in mind the cheering and kind words expressed by their address and offerings.

The school was tastefully decorated with ferns, etc. There was a large 300 candle power lamp in the centre.

All the children acquitted themselves well, and every appreciation was shown by the sudience. Mr Brophy played well two violin soles. Misses Brophy, Oakley and Perrin presided at the piano. The entertainment closed about 10, and everyone who was present appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed the evening's amusement provided for them.

APIER.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

July 26th, 1893.

A MEETING of the committee formed to canvass the district in aid of funds to assist in the Home Rule movement, was held on Monday night, when it was found that something over £100 had been subscribed in Napier. Messrs P. Barry and J. Higgins were authorised to remit the amount at ouce to Mr Justin M'Carthy. I do not know what has been subscribed at Hastings, but, no doubt, a substantial sum will be forwarded from that place.

I am pleased to be able to state that when the new church is being built, which is to be commenced shortly, the Very Rev Father Grogan intends to have chiming bells erected instead of the ordinary kind. He explains that these will cost very little more than the common kind. If such an idea is carried out, it will be a novelty in Napier and a vast improvement on the other churches.

The inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Debating and Literary Society was held on Tuesday evening, when there was a good attendance. Mr O'Borke read a paper on the "Benefi s and utility of a Literary Society." The paper read by Mr Owen Clarkin on "Napoleon Bonaparte," proved to contain a large amount of debatable matter, and the discussion on that subject was adjourned till next Tuesday, when a good many are expected to take part. If time permits a debate will also be held on the "Female frauchise."

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DOWN THE MOUNTAIN TO DEATH.

AT four o'clock on the morning of November 8th, 1875, an express train on the Lebigh Valley Railway, in America, was on the top of a mountain, eighteen miles above the city of Wilkesbarre. Among the passengers were the President of the United States and several members of his Cabinet, in a special coach. From this point the grade was very steep, and the road full of curves. It was the custom to keep the brakes set all the way down. If they failed, disaster was sure to follow. Within a minute af er the train started, the driver noticed that something had suddenly gone wrong with the brakes. The train kept pushing the engine. He reversed, but without checking the speed. Seeing this, the guard and one or two other train men jumped, and escaped with only slight injuries. The train now ran faster and faster, and a horrible death seemed waiting for all on board. The driver blew the whistle continuously to warn trains at the foot of the mountain of his approach. When the runaway passed to keep the brakes set all the way down, If they failed, disaster was the foot of the mountain of his approach. When the runaway passed Nescopeck station it was going at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour, and the faithful driver stood at his post, barebeaded, holding on, and still blowing the whistle. At the foot of the mountain all the trains had got out of the way except the rear end of a coal train which was just shunting. Into this the passenger train dashed with a crash that was heard for miles around, knocking the coal cars in all directions. The passengers were badly shaken, and some were bruised, but none were killed. But where was the brave driver? From under the wreck of the overturoed engine he was taken an lower afterwards complete out death at the passengers. hour afterwards, crushed and dying, but still able to speak. "Is the President safe?" he gasped. "Yes, and everybody else," was the answer. "Thank God for that," he said, and never spoke again,

A splendid deed, truly, yet there is not a driver in a hundred who would not have stood to his duty with the same fidelity. Exposed to all sorts of weather, to constant danger, and laden with responsibility, the engine drivers have a commendable record, and deserve bigher appraciation both by the companies and by the public,

public.

"I am an engine driver," says Edward Roberts, "and have been to eleven years. My health was always good until July, 1885. Then something came over me that I couldn't account for. I felt tired, sleepy, and languid. My stomach felt sour and cold, my mouth tasted awfully bad, and my tongue was thickly coated. A disagreeable fluid came up into my mouth, and my appetite failed. No food, however light, agreed with me, and I had great pain after eating anything at all. In ten minutes my stomach would be all in a ferment, and awell like a halloon does when the gas is running into it. ment, and swell like a balloon does when the gas is running into it. I had also a miserable tightness around my chest and sides. Later on I had awful pain in my kidneys. I could not rest at night; I had dreadful dreams, and won drurn and turn in bed but found no

ease.

"As time went on I got weaker and weaker until I could scarcely crawl to my work, but having a large family to support I struggled on as best I could, when many another would have been confined to bed. As it was, my suffiring was so great that I went to bed as soon as I returned from my work. For over four years I went on in this fashion, about half alive and half dead, ob aining no relief from the medicines the coctors gave me. I took six bottles of pepeine, but it did no good, neither did the seven bottles of a medicine we

sent over and got from Dublin.
"In May, 1890, a lady who called at my bouse, told me of a medicine called Mother Seigel's Syrup, and recommended me to try it; so I got a bottle from Mr Wilson, at Drug Hall, Holyhead, and it; so I got a bottle from Mr Wilson, at Drug Hall, Holyhead, and began taking it. In a week I felt better, my stomach was easier, and my food digested, and I grudually gained strength. By the time I had taken six bottles I was strong as ever. I could eat anything and have kept well ever since. I have told of my recovery everywhere, and many of my friends have used the Syrup with benefit. I wish my experience to be published, and will reply to inquiries about my exceptions. about my case.

(Signed) "EDWARD ROBERTS,
"No 9, Tyn Pwll Road, Holyhead."

What originally brought on this wretched attack of indestion and dyspepsia-which through lack of the proper remedy became chronic—Mr Roberts does not say, even if he knows. Probably the cause was exposure, and a basty and irregular habit of eating. At all events he was fortunate in learning of Mother Seigel's Syrup before it was too late. We congratulate him on this point, and are confident his frank statement will be of use to others of his honourable and

responsible calling.

For one, the writer of these lines never lies comfortably back on the cushions of a first-class carriage on the excellent North-Western Railway without hoping (selfish enough, to be sure) that all is well in mind and body with the man who drives the iron horse.

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Bublin Notes.

(From our Exchanges.)

In the House of Lords in the debate raised with regard to the condition of the counties of Limerick and Clare, Lord Spencer, on behalf of the Government, said that they were determined to exercise all their resources. He pointed out that there was much exaggeration regarding the actual state of the districts referred to, which were actually in a comparatively better condition than they had been in for some years. The Government would not hesitate to resort to the Crimes Act, or to the other legislative powers they possessed if the ordinary law failed to effect an improvement.

At Limerick Petty Sessions lately a number of soldiers belonging to the Manchester Regiment stationed in the city were charged with various offences, principally burglaries and larcenies. In most instances a sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed. An officer of the regiment expressed the opinion that these offences were committed, not as real crimes but in order to cause the discharge of the offenders from the army. The magistrates, who attended in large numbers, adopted a resolution strongly condemning the conduct of the regiment since its arrival in Limerick, and calling on the Commander of the Forces in Ireland to remove the regiment to another district.

At last, by a majority of 53-293 votes to 240-the House of Commons has declared itself in favour of a reform of the magistracy in both Great Britain and Ireland. The scandal of the existing conetitution of the Magisterial Bench in both countries has been pressing upon the attention of the country with ever greater force year by year. In Great Britain the secession of the Whigs and the use made of his powers by Lord Halsbury completed the popular indignation. As conditions were in England during the Tory Administration the state of the English Bench was rapidly approaching the point of scandalous one-sidedness, the position to which we have almost grown accustomed in Ireland. The title and rights of a magistrate were reserved by the Lord Lieutenants of the English counties for the Tories and Church of England men, to the exclusion of Liberals and Non-conformists, just as in Ireland they are reserved for Coercionists and Protestants. But, needless to say, the Liberals of Great Britain were up in protest before the justice seat had become degraded to a " political engine." Lord Herschell was asked by the representatives of the people to exercise his powers over the heads of the Lord Lieu. tenants. He refused without a mandate from the House of Commons. In the debate both he and Lord Chancellor Walker received that mandate. Indeed, the revelation is a disgrace to past Lord Chancel. lors. For example, there are certainly not ten Catholic magistrates on the Carlow Bench at present. But the proportion of Catholics and Nationalists to Coercionists as it stood in 1886, after Lord Chancellor Naish had made a slight attempt at improving the state of things, was more than sufficient to justify the surprise and i dignation expressed on the Liberal benches. Though the people of Ireland are three-fourths Catholic, only one-fourth of the magistrates are Catholic. Mr Balfour attempted a defence of this state of things by asserting, what everybody acquainted with Ireland knows to be untrue, that no Catholics can be found fitted for the magis erial bench. There is not a parish in Ireland where there could not be found Catholic gentlemen fully as well qualified, not merely in character and intelligence, but even from the point of view of wealth, if property is to be regarded as a qualification for the position of magistrate, as the majority of those that now wear the title. What happened recently at Cork, when half a dozen Nationalists were appointed magistrates is instructive. Several of them were found to be more highly rated than the Tory J.P.'s who were acting as ex-officio guardians, and they accordingly took the places of those gentlemen on the Board of Guardians. The sentiment of the Irish peasant towards the Petty Sessions Court is one of mis'rust where it is not one of contempt. It is time to end the scandal.

The profession of "loyalty" in Ireland is so profitable that in many cases one need not be cynic to entertain grave doubts of its disinterestedness. Mr T. M. Healy, M.F., in an article in the London Star, gives some telling facts, proving how well such "loyalty" has paid and is paying. As it is in the House of Commons that this clap-trap about "loyalty" mostly flourishes, it is worth while considering who and what are the Irish standard-bearers of the Union Barring the representatives of Belfast, these members are mostly landlords or place-bunting barristers. They support the status quo because it supports them, for no change could bring them benefit; but where is the "loyalty" or chivalry here? The landlord members are Mesers Saunderson, Waring, O'Neill, Mulholland, Macariney, Hamilton, H. Pinnkett, M'Calmont, Hill. Why should they want a change? The lawyers are Messra D. Flunkett, Carson, Boss, Dane, Barton, Kenny, Rentoul. What good could a reform do them? Five other Ulster M.P's, are not Irishmen at all-viz., Messrs Russell, Lea, Forster, Harland, and Woiff, who may be treated as mere party-hacks whose talk does not count. Of the remaining two Ulstermen in Parliament, one, Mr Johnson, of Ballykilbeg, has already

held office, having vacated the seat he won in the 1874 Parliament (by defying the law and going to gaol) to accept the post of Fishery Commissioner, and he re-entered the House on his dismissal therefrom for constant speech-making. . . . The seven years preceding the incoming of the present Government were years of fatness for Tory lawyers in Ireland, and the savour of them may well affect the highly-strung sensibilities of the legal props of the Union in the House of Commons. There were then given away for party services to True Blues of the right sort the Attorney-Generalship, at £5000 a year and fees (four times); the Solicitor-Generalship, at half the price (four times); a Law-Lordship, £6000; a Lord Chancellorship, £8000; the Chief Justiceship, £5000 (twice); three Queen's Bench Judgeships, £3500 each; one Land Judge, £3500; one Bankruptcy Judge, £2000; one Judicial Land Commissionership, £3500; two Land Commissionerships £3000 each; two Purchase Commissionerships, £2000 each; fourteen County Judgeships, at from £1000 to £2000; a Chief Receivership, £1000; two Taxing Masterships, £800; while as for jobs like Registrars in Lunacy, Sub-Commissionerships, Resident Magistrateships, Fishery Commissionerships, Crown Prosecutorships, berths in the Board of Works, the Local Government Board, the Prison Board, Examiners on Title Valuation Boards, Registry of Deeds, Clerks of the Crown-trifles at from £800 to £2000 a year-they almost went a-begging. Patronage valued at £150,000 a year must have fallen to the Tory Government in Ireland since the Liberals went out in 1885, without reckoning local innings at grand juries, boards of guardians, asylum boards, etc., which always remain with the ascendency party. It is, therefore, safe to say that our Unionist lawyers in the House of Commons are persons with expectations—when the "outs" come in. What wonder, then, if they threaten to "line the ditches" to keep all these good things in the family?

Mr Henry Lucy, the distinguished London journalist, who has been paying a visit to Dublin, writes under date June 2:-Lord Houghton is, for the situation, an ideal Lord-Lieutenant. Young, rich, good looking, with a fine presence and an admirable manner, he steps into the Viceroyalty as if it were a family inheritance. The position of the hour is one of supreme and unique difficulty. Heretofore, save during the brief term of Lord Aberdeen's office, the position of the Viceroy has been clearly defined. He has been the headpiece, the outward and visible sign of the British ascendancy, which galls the Irish and gratifies Ulater and other sections of the garrison." Ireland was divided into two camps, the English and the anti-English. Lord Houghton comes upon the scene with the dawn of a new era. It is understood that the Lord-Lieutenant has no politics, being simply the representative of the Sovereign. But Lord-Lieutenants come and go with Ministries, and however cleverly they may hide the colour, are steeped in the hue of party politics. Lord Houghton is the representative of the Sovereign in Ireland, but he is also the nominee of a Government which is straining every nerve in order to give Ireland Home Rule. No one talks politics in the drawing-room or dining-room at Dublin Castle, or amid the more pleasant environments of the Viceregal Lodge. But facts are stubborn things. Wnilst the populace of Dublin cheer Lord Houghton whenever he appears, recognising in him the standard bearer of Home Rule, the Ulster party-that is to say, all that is rich and powerful, professional and official-regard him as a traitor to the Union. The Viceroy had this state of things brought forcibly to his mind in connection with two race meetings he attended in swift succession. One was at Punchestown, a sort of Ascot in its aristocratic gathering on the grand stand and in the paddocks. The other was at Baldoyle, within drive by outside car from Dublin, and much favoured by the populace. When his Excellency arrived at Punchestown he was received with averted eyes and chilling silence, few so loyal as to do him reverence. As Baldoyle he had an enthusiastic reception, and when he left a multitude ran a long distance by the carriage cheering him and Home Rule. Dublin is, of course, a military centre, and with us militarism is always a hotbed of Toryism whatever popular question may be to the fore. There have been wild stories about Lord Wolseley's feeling on the subject, attributing to him nothing less than intention to mutiny in case of conflict arising after passing of the Home Bule Bill. These are, of course, gross exaggerations, but in private conversation Lord Wolseley has a frank soldierly fashion of talking about politics (almost the only science he does not understand) which leaves no doubt on the mind of the listner as to where his sympathies lie on the question of Home Rule. At the luncheon given at the Vice-regal Ledge on the Queen's Birthday I chanced to sit near a distinguished officer, who almost apologieed to me for his presence. He said he had been invited by Lord Houghton both to the luncheon and to the State banquet in the evening. Cherishing, as everyone does, a strong personal admiration for Lord Houghton, he felt he would be a traiter to the Empire if he pattered with the evil thing even to the extent of sitting at mest the guest of Mr Gladstone's Lord-Lieutenant. After long wreatling with his conscience he arrived at a compromise. Out of personal deference to Lord Houghton he would go to the luncheon; from concern for his country he would abstain from the banquet. Later in

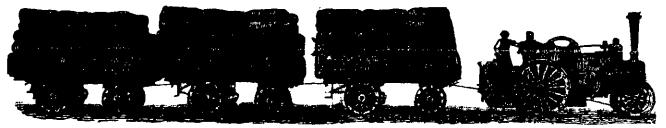
the evening I met him at tea at the Chief Secretary's lodge, his arm

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in a sling. "Ah," he said, "you see one cannot with impunity bow the knee in the temple of Rimmon. When I was riding into town after luncheon at the Vice-regal Lodge my horse came a cropper on the cobblestones, and I have sprained my wrist." I tried to convince him that this was rather a judgment for his having declined to go to the State branquet, but he was inexorable.

THE JOVIAL PASSENGER.

(From the Chicago Post)

Ir was a levely afternoon towards the close of September when we weighed anchor and sailed out of the river Mersey, bound for Melbourne. We had a good ship-Janet's Pride-laden with mis-cellaneous articles. On board were fourteen passengers, and, take them all in all, a pleasanter lot I never steered across the stormy

There were three old gentlemen who were going out to share their fortunes, come what might, and which, poor souls, they seemed to think fashioned in the brightest colours long before the English coast was out of sight.

Then there was a solitary old gentleman who, judging from the general tone of his conversation, was seeking the new world for the ostensible purpose of finding faults with it.

There were young married couples, all full of hope and activity, but bent upon making a new home far away from their native land,

There was also a very jolly elder brother and sister, neither of whom had ever entered into the bonds of matrimony, but, instead, had stuck by each other through life.

There were three old Australian settlers who had been over to have a peep at the old country, and who were now returning to the land which, to them, through long communion, had become the dearest of all others, "home, sweet home."

Last, though not least, was a solitary passenger, who soon became the pet of all on board. He was a man of twenty-eight, with a long beard and a sitky moustache. His name was Reginald May. His reason for taking the sea voyage was the delicate state of his health.

There was not the least doubt that the poor fellow's chest was considerably affected, for his voice, though charmingly sweet, was one of the weakest I ever heard, because its hollowness suggested consumption. He always were a muffler round his throat.

In all my wide experience I never knew anyone with so many friends and such undivided esteem, and in so short a time, as Reginald May. I believe there was not a sailor on board who did not entertain the warmest possible liking for him. As for the passengers, they never seemed so happy as when listening to his amusing anecdotes, of which he seemed to possess an incxhaustible store. this delicate young Englishman had made his conquest over all our hearts before we had been three weeks at sea.

He was, too, very clever with his bands, He could shape you anything out of a piece of wood, make an oyster to an elephant, and at making models of ships I never met his equal. He was, besides, most kind and considerate towards his fellow-passengers. When the three elderly gentlemen from Australia were afflicted with sea-sickness he was the first to offer to help them about when they sowly recovered. He would insist on their taking his arm, weak as he was himself, and he would lead them about on the deck with a firmness that spoke well for his sea legs,

I do not remember any voyage ever passing so quickly as the one when the pleasant passenger was on board. a long pause to dwell on the pleasant memories I still entertain of that young man.

We were within a week's sale of Melbourne. May had all but completed his model of the Janet's Pride, which he proposed presenting to me on the night before we landed. He worked at the model on deck, choosing for his table an empty water cask under the shelter of the bulwarks. He was always at work, in the morning long before any of the passengers had turned out of their snug berths.

As I have stated, we were but a week's sail from Melbourne. For the first time the jovial passenger appeared at the dinner table with a solemn face and a silent tongue. I asked him the reason for the change in his wonted cheerful manner. At first he tried to evade my queries, but I pressed him until I won from him an explanation.

"Perhaps, after all, it is only fair that I should explain a little," he answered. "The fact of the matter is, my friends, that my watch has been stolen."

"Stolen !" we all cried.

"Undoubtedly. But I pray you, captain, he said, turning to me, not to say one word about it. The only thing that renders the loss of it of any consequence to me is the fact that it was once my mother's. On that account I would not have lost it for any amount of money. However, it is useless to cry over spilt milk, as the old adage has it."

"If the watch is in this ship, we ought to find it," I said,

"My dear captain, if you will leave the matter entirely in my

hands, I think I may recover it. This request I am sure you will oblige me by granting.

"Wby, certainly, my dear sir," I said, "but still-

"Exactly," he interrupted, with his pleasant smile. "You would like to investigate the case to the utmost of your power, I know my dear captain. But I can trust you to keep your promise and leave the thing entirely in my hands, cannot I?'

How could I refuse him ?

You may readily imagine what consternation this event gave rise to among the other passengers. The three old gentlemen at once began to explain that they owned jewellery to the value of £400, which they usually kept locked up in a brown leather writing-case, but unfortunately, at the present time, the lock was out of order.

Mr May suggested a safe deposit for their valuables.

The young married couples announced the fact of their having at least £200 worth of jewellery, and they, too, consulted Mr May as to the safest place for secreting it.

The kind-hearted brother and sister had, it appeared, more valuables in the way of jewellery that anyone on board, since £1500 never purchased what they possessed.

The whole evening was occupied in speculating as to the probable perpetrator of the theft, and in condoling with Mr May and his loss. Everyone turned in that night in an uneasy state of mind, and it was with astonishment that they found themselves in the morning in full possession of their worldly goods. This improved condition of affairs seemed to reassure our passengers, who at once again began to look cheerful and at ease.

Regionald May's face wore its wonted smile, and, as heretofore, be charmed and enlivened us with his vivacity and specdotes. the day long he worked on the model of the ship, still using the top of the empty water-cask for a worktable.

That night we retired to rest with minds far mor at ease than on the previous one. Alas! What a scene of danger and distress came with the morning! Every passenger on board owning jewellery had been robbed during the night.

The three old gentlemen, the young married couples, and the kind-hearted brother and sister, found themselves minus every article they possessed. Even the grambling old gentleman had lost his gold anuff-box.

There was no keeping matters quiet this time. The thief must traced and brought to justice. What was the wisest method of procedure? What would Mr May suggest?

"I would suggest, though most reluctantly, that every sailor and

every sailor's baggage be carefully searched," he said. "I agree to see to that," I remarked,

"This," he continued, "must be most humiliating to the feelings of your crew, captain, and, ther fore, in common fairness to them as our fellow-men, let me suggest that every passenger's luggage be also thoroughly searched."

A little hesitation on the part of one or two of the passengers was shown before acceding to the last proposal, but our pleasant passenger soon contrived to bring those who thus demurred to his way of thinking.

"Of course, there is not a passenger on board who is not above suspicion," he said, "yet, in justice to the feelings of the crew, it is the least we can do."

This delicate feeling and thoughtfulness on the part of Mr May rendered him more pleasing to our eyes than ever.

Many of the crew objected strongly to being searched, but all were compelled to submit. The old boatswain was wild with anger, and vowed that if it cost him his life he would trace the thief who caused him to be searched like a common pickpocket. Even the pleasant passenger utterly failed to soothe his deep sense of injury.

Well, a thorough search was made by myself and the kindhearted old gentleman and his sister. Everyone's traps were ransacked from top to bottom without success. Further search was useless. What was to be done?

That night, all having been made snug and everyone having turned in, I went on deck, it being what we call at sea "the captain's watch," About 4 o'clock in the morning I turned in, the second officer then coming on duty. My cabin was situated amidships on deck, and from my window I could see from larboard and starboard, and from stem to stern.

Somehow I could not rest, so, dressing myself, I determined to sit up and smoke. I drew aside my cartains and looked out. It was the gray light of the early morning, and there was a stiffish breeze blowing. To my great surprise I beheld Reginald May on deck. I was about to open my cabin door and invite him to join me in my unrest, when the peculiar nature of his proceedings riveted my attention. He looked timidly around, as if afraid of attracting observa-Then suddenly, as if the coast was clear, he walked rapidly toward the empty water cask, on which he was accustomed to manufacture his model of the ship. Once more glancing cautiously about him, he then applied his hand to the cask and, with a rapid movement, lifted half the top bodily off.

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withdrew it, holding in his grasp a small bag, which he rapidly concealed in the breast of his cost. He again took a hasty survey, and was about making another dive into the strange receptacle for hidden goods when be suddenly withdrew, having quickly replaced the lid on the cask. In another moment the cause of his alarm was made apparent, as a couple of sailors passed him on the way to relieve the man at the wheel.

When all was again quiet, for an instant be seemed determined to return at once to the old cask, and no doubt, withdraw something more that the interruption had prevented his taking in the first place. But suddenly changing his mind, he went down the stairs that led from the deck to the sleeping cabin.

Scarcely had May disappeared when another figure, stealthily crossing the deck, met my anxious expectation. It was the boatswain. I saw him glance towards the stairs down which May had taken his departure. He then made directly for the cask. It was now obvious to me that the old boatswain had been watching the pleasant voyager.

Just as the old sailor reached the water cask a heavy green sea struck the ship to windward, necessitating the boatswain's holding on by the ropes to keep his footing, and precisely at the same moment May appeared at the top of the cabin stairs.

The instant the ship steadied herself the old boatswain commenced his examination of the water cask. For a moment only May stood gazing at him with as evil a glance as I ever saw. With one bound be was upon the sailor before he could protect bimself. I waited no longer, but flung open my cabin door and sprang to the rescue. In a few minutes we had our pleasant friend in irons.

So you see he was the chief offender after all, hiding his knavery under the pleasantest exterior I ever met with. The manner in which he had manufactured the top of the water cask was a very ingenious piece of carpentry. In the interior of the sides of the cask he had driven several nails about two feet from the top on which be had suspended in wash leather bags the jewellery he had stolen.

You may easily imagine the surprise evinced by the people on board on discovering that the thief was the man for whom each and every one of them entertained such regard.

As the expiration of three days from the date of May's detection we landed in Melbourne, and of course, I handed him over to the police, but, as no one cared to remain in the town for the purpose of prosecuting him, he was summarily dealt with. The presiding magistrate sentenced him to six months' imprisonment with hard

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(A lecture delivered at the Catholic Institute, Wellington street, Auckland, under the auspices of the Auckland Catholic Literary Society, by the Rev W. MAHONEY.)

LADIES and gentlemen,- I hope from the title of this lecture that you will not expect too much either in the way of description or illustration, because in speaking of such countries as Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, and Greece, there are so very many places of interest one would naturally expect to hear something about that it would take too long to touch on them all, and I shall confine myself to the chief places of interest, and give you my impressions of them. Moreover, there are places in those ancient lands that I myself did not see, but I saw the most noteworthy spots in the land of Egypt, the Holy Land, the land of the grand Turk, and the classic land of Greece. There were some historic bodies of water also which I did not see, e.g., the Lake of Galilee, but among those that I did see, were the Dead Sea, the Red Sea, and the Black Sea. The views which shall be shown upon the screen were taken by my brother who accompanied me, with a kodak camera, and mounted by him as magic lantern slides, so you can rely on them as being accurate representations of the places described. It is a novel sensation to go from the bustle and glare of the nineteenth century into the comparative repose of that ancient civilisation of those historic lands of the East, where fe flows on its quiet way, and where there is shown an unaffected entempt for modern improvements, and especially in Egypt and Paleatine the children of Ishmael cling with the greatest tenacity to their primitive manners, mode of dress, and means of locomotion. It was a strange experience for one going from this newest of new

lands to tread the soil of those oldest of ancient lands, the land where history was first written, the primeval home of the sciences, that country which has played so prominent a part in the early ages of the world's history-Egypt, the house of bondage. We made our acquaintance with Egypt at Suez, where we landed after exactly four weeks' steam from Melbourne. Suez is the Red Sea port of the Canal, the harbour of the Mediterranean side being Port Said, but as there is so little of interest there the less said about it the better. At Suez we went ashore, and on landing found ourselves at the mercies of a crowd of Arabs, who immediately commenced a battle royal for the possession of our luggage, which they hurried off to the Custom House, where it was examined by a taciturn officer, but we were not done with the Arabs, who continued to pursue us through Suez as far as the railway station. From Suez the railway passes through the desert by the banks of the fresh water canal as far as Ishmalia, a town midway between Suez and Port Said. From there it goes on to a place called Zagazig, whence it takes a route to Cairo passing by the field of Tel El Kebir, famous for its battle in the last Egyptian campaign, and now containing many graves of British soldiers who fell in that unfortunate war with Arabi Pasha, and so on, the railway passing through most beautiful country, rich in verdure, dotted here and there with palm plantations, but its beauty marred occasionally by the wretched mud houses of the fellaheen, though sometimes a group of palms will shelter the white domed tomb of a Shiek or a well of sweet water. At length a familiar object comes in view, familiar through illustrated books, for who has not seen a picture of the pyramids, and sure enough for many miles off are visible over the undulating pastures, over the loftiest intervening buildings, those silent and mysterious sentinels of the desert, those mighty structures unique of their k nd, the pyramids. The most famous of the pyramids of Ghizeh is that of Cheops, which, according to Herodotus, was built in the year 2120 B.C., and occupied 100,000 men 20 years in its construction. A great deal of this has been covered by the sand, but what is visible measures 482ft in height, and 765ft at its base. According to Strabo this mighty pile was 800ft high, for he says that the door was in the centre. The pyramids look just as imposing at a distance as they do when near, on account of the perspec tive. They are very rough, and were formerly covered with a casing of white marble and granite, which was removed by the Caliphs in order to build their palaces. From the summit of Cheops there is a magnificent view. To the south is seen the mighty desert of the Sahara with its ocean of sand, and to the north El Kaherch "the Victorian" Cairo, the city of Mars. Close to the pyramids is another unique monument, the Sphinx, which is cut out of the solid rock. It is the worse for wear. It was supposed to cover the tomb of some king, and dimensions are 100ft in length, 63ft high, and circumference of the forehead 102ft. There is an altar at its breast. The pyramids of Ghizeh are actually six miles from Cairo, and a splended road leads to the city crossing the Nile by a very fine swing bridge. The view of Cairo from across the Nile is very pretty, but in order to get a comprehensive view of this ancient city one must go to the citadel. Cairo, the city of the "Arabian Nights," the city we heard so much of in youth in connection with Alladin, with All Baba, with Sinbad the sailor, and other beroes of our childhood, was founded 970 BC. It is like nearly all the other cities of Egypt built on the Nile, that precious river, which is as a river of gold to the inhabitants, for without the rising of the Nile the North of Egypt would be like the Lybian desert which encroaches on the city. view from the citadel takes in the foreground the ancient mosque of Sultan Hassan, 750 years old, and which was considered such a masterpiece of architecture by the Sultan, that he cut off the right hand of the architect, so that he could never design another like it. A fine view is also had of the pyramids of the Sakkara, and the site of Memphis, the ancient capital of the Pharoahs, and also the tombs of the Calipha. These tombs exhibit a great variety of Saracenic architecture. Some of them are 500 years old, and were erected over the remains of the Caliphs, or rulers of the Mamelukes, a fierce tribe of Circassians from the Caucasus. These tombs stand outside the precincts of the city, on the sands of the desert where all is solemn and silent, burren and lifeless, a fliting abode of the dead. As to the citadel itself it is the most interesting part of the city. It is to Cairo what the Acropolis is to Athens, or the Castle Hill to Edinburgh, a natural fortress, and has its historic associations. The fortifications were built by the famous Saladin in 1166, but the modern structures on it were erected by the celebrated Viceroy

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Mehemet Ali, and foremost among them is the gorgeous mosque built of polished granite and alabaster. The interior decorations of this mosque are a marvel of barbaric splendour, and a glimpse of this building is worth a visit to Cairo alone. The greatest interest attaching to the citadel is, perhaps, that in connection with the unparalleled act of treachery on the part of Mehemet Ali when he caused the massacre of 470 Mamelukes whom he had invited to a banquet. Out of that number but one, Emin Bey, escaped, by leaping his horse over the wall, and to look down on the spot over 100 feet below where he landed, it is astonishing to think the man survived it. Cairo has altogether 300 mosques. There is a good deal of bustle in some of the streets of Caire, especially where the shops are. To be a shopkeeper one requires to be a polyglot, i.e., it is necessary to speak English, Italian, French, Greek, and Arabic, though Italian predomi-There are a great many Greek shopkeepers though, their shops bearing Greek signs. A favourite occupation of the Arabs is setting quait or driving donkeys. The quaits are very large, no doubt the same sort as the Israelites had in the desert. You meet the donkey boys everywhere, as the donkey is to the people of Cairo what the train is to us, for when a person wishes to go anywhere, they just get aboard of a donkey, and by paying a plastre $(2\frac{1}{2}d)$ you can go a long way, the bay always accompanying you to knock the flies off the donkey's hindquarters. Another common incident of street life is an Arab funeral. They carry the corpse in an open coffin covered with a cloth, and the mourners chant a dirge in two choruses. No women are allowed to be present. One of the oldest parts of Cairo is Boulac, which is near the water. It is at Boulac that most of the "dahbeabs" lie, with their peculiar lateen sails. An interesting suburb of Cairo is Matareth or Heliopolis, the City of the Sun, and the place called On in Scripture, three miles distant. It once contained a famous temple to the sun, and of that large city all that now remains is a single obelisk of red granite, the oldest in the world, as it was erected 1750 B.C. It was the city of Plate and of the Holy Family after the flight into Egypt, and is the traditional site of Moses' birth. From Cairo we went on to Alexandria, where the only object of any interest is Pompey's pillar. The climate of Egypt

of the temple destroyed, etc. Because of the walls thrown down. Because of our departed glory: Because of our great men who have perished. Because of the precious stone burned. Because of our priests who have stumbled. Because of our kings who despised them, we sit solitary and weep." St Stephen's gate, called by the Arabs Bab-el-Sitti Miriam, because it leads to the tomb of the Blessed Virgin, is the gate from out of which the martyrs walked to death. Continuing on down the road we cross over the brook Kedrov, which is dry except in winter. There is a stone bridge over it now, and on the left is our Lady's tomb. This is really a large chapel that has been cut out of the rock, and a flight of forty steps lead down from the door. It belongs to the Schismatic Greeks, and contains besides the tomb of the Blessed Virgin, the tombs of her parents, Joachim and Ann, and also of St Joseph and Simeon. It is lit with lamps continually kept burning ; in the centre of the chapel is a beautiful well of sweet water. A short distance along the road to the right is the Garden of Getheemani, with its ancient oaks, whose roots, according to Pliny, never die. Every olive tree in Palestine is taxed, but these are exempt, Titus ordered all trees within certain distance to be destroyed, but these were spared owing to being so near the wall. Getheemani is at the foot of the Mount of Olives, which is by far the steepest hill about Jerusalem. Its summit is crowned with a large building with a lofty tower, a Russian convent from whence is obtained the best panorama of Jerusalem and its surroundings. Below us to the west is the city of Sion, to the south Betblehem, to the north tha Damascus road, and to the east the Dead Sea, the Jordan, and the mountains of Moab, that seem so very near under the clear blue sky. By far the most conspicuous object in a panorama of Jerusalem is the mosque of Omar, which occupies the site of Solomon's temple. It is perhaps the most magnificent and interesting mosque in the world, and has one singular feature about it, that it has no minaret, and was built in 636, when the holy places were overrun by the infidel, by the Caliph Omar, but his successor improved it considerably and covered it with copper gilt. It was afterwards embellished by other Calipha with marble and mossics and fronwork covered with silver and gold and that is what now gives it such a gorgeous and imposing appear

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steamer direct for the Holy Land, the journey occupying 26 hours. To those who visit Palestine, the land of sacred memories, for the first time, there is naturally a great deal of expectancy, and so others, like myself, were on the look out for the first glimpse of land. The harbours on the Syrian coast are all open roads eads, and so there is an element of uncertainty about landing. We anchored about a mile off Jaffa, and were taken ashore in an open boat while there was a nasty swell volling in, which made it rather unpleasant. As we were noder the protection of Cook's agent we had not the experience of Suez, as the agent saw after our luggage, passed it through the customs, and our passports were not examined. There is a very fair hotel at Jaffa kept by Hardegg; rooms called after 12 tribes. I slept with Dan. Jaffa is noted as containing the bouse of Simon the Tanner, where St Peter had the vision. Left Jaffa for Ramleh, 12 miles distant, passing through the beautiful valley of Sharon, mentioned by Issias, chapter xxxv. In the suburbs of Jaffa are its famous orange and lemon groves, which fruit, along with wheat, form the staple export from this town. The road to Jerusalem is a very good one, made by the French, and very level for carriages as far as Bamleh, the ancient Arimathea and home of Joseph and Nicodemus also. After leaving Ramleh the road ascends the mountains of Judea, where we pass by Abu Gosh, with the church of the Crusaders. It was the home of a robber chief, from whom it takes its name. The road also passes by Kolonich and over the valley of the Terebruth, where is seen the broak from where David took the stone that killed Goliath. At length we come in sight of that city which is the most sacred spot on earth to Christians and Jews, Jerusalem, the holy city. Jerusalem is surrounded now, as it has nearly always been, by walls. The present walls were built by Sultan Soliman in 1534. The church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by Constantine, but was burnt in great part and restored under Caliph Hakem, 1048. Every Friday the Jews go to a place under what remains of what is supposed to have been the outer wall of Solomon's These unfortunate people consist of German, Russian, Polish, Spanish, and Syrian Jaws. They number about 40,000 out of 60,000. The women read from Esther lamentations and psalms: while moaning and crying. They also chant this litany—"Because of the palace laid waste we sit solitary and weep. Because

delightful in the spring. We left Alexandria in an Egyptian ance to which no photo can do justice. It was taken in 1099 by the crusaders and converted into a Christian temple, but retaken by Saladin in 1189. The Turkish Government has spent £100,000 since 1875 in restoring it. It is octagonal in shape and has four doors and 56 windows. The dome is covered with lead, surmounted by a gilt crescent. The interior is superbly decorated with many coloured mosaics and coloured glass, with gilt lettered texts from the Koran around the walls. It contains also the rock on which tradition says Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac, and which was the thrashing floor of Arenua, on which David built an altar, and on which smid the holy of holies the Ark of the Covenant reposed for four centuries. The Mahometans call it "Sakarah," and say that Mahomet mounted to Heaven on his steed from it; that it tried to follow him, but the archangel Gabriel kept it down. They show the mark of the archangel's hand. They say it is supported in the air by the mothers of Issa and Mahomet. On the under side they show the mark of Mahomet's head when he rose from prayer. Under it is a cave where the souls of deceased Mahomedans meet for prayer. At the north door is a slab of jasper with 19 nails, and one of which is drawn out each century to strengthen the throne of Allah. Satan pulled three out when stopped by Gab-The Mosque of Elaska is lower down, and contains the test columns. About five miles to the south is the city of Divid, Bethlehem, containing the grotto of the Nativity. Further south is Hebron, the ancient capital of Juda, where David reigned seven and a half years before being made king of all Israel. It contains the mosque of Abraham, the oldest mosque in the world. There is yet to be seen the ancient pool mentioned in 2nd Kings iv., where the murderers of Isboseth were put to death and their heads exposed. Near to Hebron is the valley of Mambre, where, according to the 13th Genesis, " Abraham removing his tent came and dwelt by the vale of Mambre which is in Hebron, and he built there an altar to the Lord." The old oak still shown is supposed to be the spot on which Abraham pitched his tent. On the opposite alope of Mount Olivet to Gethsemani is Bethamy, the home of Martha and Mary, and the house of Lazarus, or rather its rnins are still shown. The road [that leads by Bethany is also the road to the valley of the Jordan and the Dead Sea through the wilderness of Judea. It is not formed all the way as there are some river. to cross which have no bridges, so in the dry season the road leads for some distance along the bed of a torrent before it descends into

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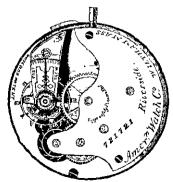
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the valley of the Jordan, crossing the brook Kerith. On the way back to Jerusalem we passed by what is called the Apostles' Fountain, of which I do not know the history. The Tower of Antonia was erected in the 2nd century before Christ by John Hyrcanus, son of Simon Machabeus. It was a fortress and place where they kept the vestments of the high priest. When Herod came to the throne he strengthened it and called it Antonia after his friend Anthony. When Titus took Jerusalem in 70 he razed most of it to the ground. Another interesting spot in Jerusalem is the Coenaculm, or room of the Last Supper. Early in the 4th century St Helena built a church with an upper story on the site of the Coenaculum, which had fallen to ruin in the 12th century, when the Crusaders restored it on the same lines. It was here that the Blessed Rucharist and the Sacrament of Penance were instituted, where our Lord appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, here where Thomas touched the Wounds, here where a successor to Judas was chosen, and here where the descent of the Holy Chost took place. It is now a mosque, called Neby Davad, or tomb of prophet David.

(To be concluded)

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE weekly meeting was held on Wednesday evering the 26th July. The rev president occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mesers James Marlow and Thorold D. Waters were unanimously elected working members of the Society.

The formal business having been disposed of, Mr Speaker (Rev P. Lynch) took the chair at half-past eight o'clock.

Mr J. B. Callan (Dunedin) proposed the motion (of which previous notice had been given) "That the bicameral system be contined in New Zealand, with this alteration, that the Members of the second Chamber be elected and not nominated as at present." He said, Mr Speaker, considering the important and weighty nature of this motion, the question might be asked, why did not the Government introduce the measure as their own? Well, as they had just accepted office, and when the disorganised state of affairs left by their predecessors was remembered, they were on that account excusable. A second Legislative Chamber had followed the British race all over the world where local government had been established, and not only that, but had been copied by other nations and found to work satisfactorily. Under the proposal now before the House, power would be exercised by the people through two channels, whereas only one would be available were the second Chamber abolished. The agitation in favour of its aboution was calculated to tickle the popular ear, and seemed to breathe a greater spirit of freedom. Where you have uncontrolled power there you have absolutism. The second Chamber had always acted as a check upon hasty legislation. Acts of injustice were passed at times, and when the measures reached the Upper House passions had cooled and palpable errors were rectified. It would, therefore, be unwise to remove this barrier, especially as under this proposal Members were responsible to the people, whereas under the nominated system they were independent and not answerable to any one,

Mr Alfred Quelch (Peninsula) seconded the motion.

Mr James P. Hager (Auckland) said he intended to put hosourable Members right as to the autude of the Ministry on the important proposal just introduced by the hon Member for Dunedin. He did not propose going at any length into the merits of the question, but said Ministers one and all favoured the idea, and would, therefore, take up the question and stand or fall on the result of the division. As a measure of desirable reform and a step in the right direction the proposal commended itself to the Government. A nominated Chamber is out of touch with the people, and, therefore, irresponsible. The hon Member for Dunedin's motion was worthy of the cainest attention, consideration, and support of every Member of this House.

Mr Patrick Hally (Wellington) congratulated the hon Member for Dunedin on the tone and moderation of his language, and hoped hon Members would follow the example so nobly set. The arguments indicated respect for the old time practices and customs of our forefathers. After listening to them, and looking round at the well-

filled Opposition benches he was tempted to exclaim—if it were not irreverent—with the disciples in the Bible story of the loaves and fishes, "What are these smong so many." He advocated the abolition of an Upper House, as the people of the Colony had already shown good governing qualities, and with an extended franchise all classes would be represented in the Lower House, and the control of power would lie with the people.

Mr W. H. McKesy, junr., (Maori) heartily supported the motion, maintained that as the constitution of the second Chamber would embedy no class interest, but would be thoroughly representative, it could not, therefore, be offensive to anyone, and prophesied the abolition of the second Chamber would be disastrous in its consequences.

Mr P. Carolin (Westland) was of opinion the speech of the hon Member for Dunedin would have done credit to a statesman of greater pretensions, although he could not agree with his arguments. On this question he (Mr Carolin) spoke from conviction, and not as a party man. From his earliest acquaintance with politics till now he had looked upon an Upper House as a political nuisance and a clog upon useful legislature and would not be satisfied until it was abolished.

Mr T. D. Waters (Ashley) expressed his thanks for election as a member of the Society, and contended that the Upper House had not the interests of the people at heart. Its actions in times past and present had shown this. If mistakes were made by Lower House the people had the remedy in their own hands through the Franchise. He was not satisfied with the half-bearted measure before the House but favoured the sweeping away altogether of the second chamber and its attendant evils.

Mir Michael Miller (Awarua) considered the second chamber of great value, in shaping and bringing into proper form new measures. The history of Upper Houses had been fully gone into by members of the opposition and examples given where the desires of the people had been carried out. But all this was so much argument thrown away when the hon Member for Dunedin's motion was properly considered. He could mention several historical instances both ancient and modern of the failure of single chambers to carry out the people's wishes. The motion was totally in accord with democratic ideas.

Mr D. W. Woods (Hawkes Bay) had not given the question sufficient attention to be able to say much about it but was strongly in favour of a second chamber, although he could not agree that it should be an elective one.

M: J. J. Connor (Port Chalmers) said the few words he intended to express would be in support of the motion. Expedition seemed to be the tendency of the times in all things, and the 2nd chamber would set as a corrective against the unseemly haste which at times characterises the represesentative chamber. All recognised the value of second thoughts. The idea of an elective Upper Chamber was a good one, and he would like to see it composed of a class of gentlemen who had served at least two sessions in the Lower House, and that should entitle such persons to become, as it were, grand jurors upon the deliberations of the other Chamber.

Mr H. McCormack (Wairan) strongly opposed the motion, could not see that any good would be done by an elective Chamber and thought the representative Chamber sufficient for all purposes.

Mr T. J. Lynch (Mount Ida) moved the adjournment of the debate till Wednesday the 2nd August.

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THE Bight Bey Dr Grimes received information by cable on Thursday afternoon last of the death, which took place on Wednesday last at Lyons in France, of the Rev Mother Marie St Gabriei, prioress of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Barbadoes street. The Rev Mother St Gabriel left New Zealand on the 13th April last, in company with Mother St John and Mother St Peter, to attend a general Chapter of her Order convened for the election of a successor to the late Rev Mother Superior-General. For the latter position the Rev Mother St Peter was chosen, and the last accounts from the Rev Mother St Gabriel gave hopes of her early return in good health and spirits. The news of her sudden death, which is supposed to be due to heart disease and to the coldness of the northern climate, has dissipated these bright expectations and caused a widespread grief amongst the Catholic community, by whom she was tenderly loved and will be greatly missed. The deceased lady was born at Castlebellingham, near Dundalk County, South Ireland, in 1853. At the early age of 13 years she left her parental home and went to Lyons, where, when 15 years of age, she joined the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions. During her several years' residence in France she acquired a perfect knowledge of the French tongue, which she spoke with correctness and ease. Her admirable dispositions developed under the judicious training of the novitiste, and in Sister Marie St Gabriel the hopes of her superiors were fully recognised. While still young she was appointed prioress at the convent in this city, where she arrived about seventeen years ago. She at once took charge of the convent, and in a few years later her jurisdiction was extended to other houses. The convent in this city was then a small wooden building not capable of accommodating many Sisters. Principally through her exertions the fine structure now used for a convent and for the high school was erected. She founded the convent at Ashburton, and the parish school in that cure is also under the control of Sisters of her Order. She was a ceusin of the Rev Father L. M. Ginaty, who for many years was parish priest of Christchurch, and assisted him greatly in founding the Mount Magdala Asylum. Had she returned to New Zealand she would have been appointed Rev Mother Provincial of her Order in the Colony. She was principal of the high school in Barbadoes street, and made it the novitiate wherefrom Sisters have been sent to take charge of a number of other convents. As a principal she did excellent work, and many highly-educated ladies, who received their training there, will learn with regret the loss the Sisters have sustained by the premature death of such a worthy and able prioress. The Rev Mother St Gabriel, who was ever foremost in all that was for the welfare of religion, and was a constant visitor of the sick, widows and orphans, and a wise counsellor to many persons who sought her advice, was a remarkable person, and displayed high administrative ability, great tact and prudence, which, combined with her long experience, truly religious spirit, and the influence which her excellent qualities gave her over others, contributed in no small measure to the success which has attended her Order in this colony. Intelligence, general aptitude at studies, open, frank, genial character and gentle manners, combined with great firmness and decision rendered her one of the foundation stones of the Order. great talents and amiable qualities fitted her eminently for the responsible position wherein she was placed, and during the time that she has been prioress, she has won the admiration of every one who came in contact with her and the undying affection of the members of the Order whose privilege was to be under her direction. The Sisters have received in their bereavement many letters and other expressions of sympathy and condolence, and a number of prayers and Masses have been said for the repose of the soul of the departed prioress. For the same purpose a solemn Requiem Mass, at which the faithful, also the Bishop and a number of priests will assist, will be said in the pro-Cathedral on Thursday next. Fervent and eloquent panegyrics have been delivered on the deceased at the various services in both parishes, and at the pro-Cathedral at the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening last, also after Vespers on Sunday last the "Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ as a tribute of respect to her memory.—R.I.P.

A special collection was made on Sunday week in aid of the funds of the local branches of the Society of St Vincent de Paul Both at High Mass, which the Very Rev Father Cummings said, and at Vespers there were large congregations, and the sum collected was very satisfactory. The music for the morning was Webbe's Mass in G, which is a florid and charming production, written with a full appreciation of the text of the Mass, and with a masterly realisation of the fact that music in order to fulfil its mission must magnify and elaborate the expression so as to be a more comprehensive rendering than would be possible with unaided language. Mr F. Funston wielded the baton with his usual success, and the Mass was well rendered by the choir, which was powerful and well balanced and gave evidence of capital training on the part of the painstaking instructor, the Rev Father Briand, and the ever-assiduous organist, Miss Funston, who played the accompaniments and solos with her unfailing reliability.

and brilliancy, and was really a tower of strength at the organ. The solos were executed with great finish and tasts. Mrs J. P. Kelly's telling soprano voice was heard to great advantage in the "Incarnatus," and in the gem of the music on the occasion-the grand "Benedictus" quartette. The alto solos were divided between Misses Cronin and Bryant, who both succeeded in imparting great feeling in their singing. The tenor solos were rendered by the Rev Father Briand, who sang the difficult piece, "Qui tollis," effectively, also by Messrs Funston, Hennessy, and McGregor; and Messrs G. Cronin, McCormack, and Hynes were very successful with the base department. As an offertory piece, Father Briand sang Webbe's "Istorum anima" very nicely. Very Rev Father Cummings, who preached on the occasion, took for a text, "By this all men shall know that you are My disciples." After a reference to the present local depression, the very rev preacher pointed out that those persons present could do their share towards alleviating the distress by giving their offerings, which would be very wisely distributed, to the St Vincent de Paul Society, whose founder had spent himself in rescuing the poor, providing hospitals and asylums at a time when charity was not so universally practised as at present. Since then the association had apread all over the world, and there was hardly a Catholic parish which has not a branch. In its members all classes of the community were comprised, and all took part in relieving God's poor. The Very Bev Father regretted that awing, he thought, to the erroneous notion that there were no poor in the city, that only a few persons took part in the good work. This was a great mistake, and in distributing the funds, no distinction of race or religion was recognised. It was sufficient that poverty existed, and no recipients were required to come before any boards or committees to be put through. In London Lord Mayor Knill was a regular attendant at the meetings, and the present Governor-General of India was also a very active member of the Society. The Very Rev Father Cummings concluded his splendid sermon with a powerful appeal and with a tribute of praise to the members of the ladies' branch, which he was pleased to say had done a large amount of practical work Two artists of well-known ability, during the past year. Miss Spensley and Mr Puschell, were secured for the service at Vespers, and their efforts provided a great treat for the congregation. Miss Spensley sang Stradella's wonderful present, "Lord God, have mercy," exquisitely and in a manner which brought out all the marvellous finish and pathos of this great composition. Mr Puschell sang "With all your heart," from Elijah, with much feeling and sweetness, and his smooth legato style enabled him to give an exceedingly good rendering of Hummell's "O Salutaris.". The Rev Father Briand, who took for a text the words, "Blessed is he that understandeth the poor and the needy," continued the appeal, which was a powerful address to persons whose means would permit them to give liberally. The rev preacher showed in explicit and forcible language that poverty—which state he characterised a great mystery-and wealth enter into the providential plan of management of this world, and that charity is the link or bond of union between the two. The order and the barmony and the infinite variety of elements in the universe were mentioned to demonstrate this proposition. Graphic pictures were drawn of the conditions of great wealth and abject poverty, and he showed that persons who are rich are morally bound to assist the poor and needy. Many more points were ably explained, and at the end of the discourse, the faithful were earnestly requested to contribute towards the relief of the poor in the parish. A very fine entertainment in aid of the pro-Cathedral liquidation

fund took place in connection with the St Aloysius Guild in their rooms on Thursday evening last. There was a large attendance, and the programme, which was well executed, was very attractive and national. Mr C. A. Oakes presided at the piano, and the first item was a duet which he and Miss M. Oakes performed tastefully on that instrument. Mr C. Goggin sang well "Nellie O'Neill," and Mr C. A. Oakes, jurr., "Teaching McFadden to waltz," and as an encore "John Maloney." Quite a gem of the evening was "Shamus O'Brien," which Mr T. Finlay recited in a masterly manner, and which elicited a most enthusiastic encore, to which he responded by rendering in good style "Mulkay's doag." Mies E. Gamble rendered the song " Eileen Alannab," Mr A. Dobbs, " Maggie Murphy's home," also Mr F. Peat an Irish jig, and later on a comic song and dance, in splendid style. The second part of the programme opened with a pianoforte overture, which was well rendered by Mis McAnally. Mr J. Hennessy gave, with much expression, the vocal selection "Sweet Dublin Bay," and Miss Burke, "Kathleen Mavourneen," for which she received a well-merited encore. Miss Cunningham sang, in a finished manner, "Come back to Erin," and Messrs M. in a nuisned manner, "Come back to Erin," and Messra M. McNamara and A. Bagley were happy in executing the songs "How Bafferty won the mile," and "Like the bright lamp." The whole concluded with the pleasing farce, "Paddy Miles, the Limerick boy," which was very amusingly performed by Messrs T. Finlay, C. Goggin, A. Dobbs, H. Haghes, M. McNamars, T. Connelly, and T. Carr. Mr T. Finlay, who gives fair promise of equalling the professional comedian, sustained very ably the leading character in the olay.

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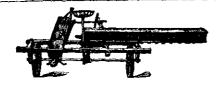
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