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## MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.*  
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—*Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.*  
April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope

## Current Topics

### The Syllabus

On next Saturday a conference consisting of an equal number of school inspectors and members of the New Zealand Educational Institute will meet in Wellington. Their business will be to take the new school syllabus into hand and lease it out and shape it into a workable system of instruction. The result of the labors of the conference will be awaited with much interest by all who are concerned in educational matters.

### True Patriots

One Lenten day in the early eighties the writer of these lines—then a pale and gracile youth—sat among a crowd that thronged the grand old pile of Notre Dame in Paris. The famous preacher, Father Monsabre, was in the pulpit. He spoke with voice and eye and hand, and the rushing tide of his eloquence poured in a high flood over his packed audience, surged through their brain-cells and (metaphorically, of course,) lifted his hearers off their feet. Before hard agnostics—lawyers, budding medicos, university students and professors, and cultivated worldlings of every sort—as well as before the devout of Paris, he set forth the claims of the religious Orders to the respect and gratitude of every true son of France. Among other things, he told in glowing terms the story that was fresh and green in the recollection of many of his hearers—the magnificent devotion of monk and Sister and priest to the sick and wounded and dying in 1870, during the country's long life-and-death struggle with the enemy from beyond the Rhine. And then, in a magnificent burst of moving eloquence, he told them how, if France should ever need it again, patriots in the black soutane, patriots in religious habits of brown and grey, patriots in the black veil and the white cornette would again march in thousands from school and cloister and hospital all over the land and cheerfully toil and die for their beloved country and their fellow-men. As Pere Monsabre smote them with his burning words, the audience rose to their feet, and, when the last word had been uttered, made the storied walls of Notre Dame resound with vibrant applause.

M. Combes and his Radical and Freemason following have chosen to forget the splendid services which the religious Orders have rendered to France from the days when the Benedictine monks set about reclaiming its

swamps and civilising its inhabitants after the barbarian invasion, down to the present time. The Bishop of Perigueux sums up as follows the war which the subverters of public order have been waging against religion in France. 'I saw,' said he at the Catholic Congress of Lille, 'the war of 1870: I saw happy homesteads set on fire by shells. I saw the house of my father and mother destroyed by the German shrapnel, and I saw all our fields and vineyards laid waste. It was fearful and saddening, but I never suffered during that war as I suffered last year. In 1870, we were face to face with the hereditary foe. Now French Catholics are persecuted and tormented by their own fellow-countrymen. It is the revival of the inhuman struggles called the wars of religion. For the past fifteen months the Freemasons have caused floods of tears to flow in France, and if the Catholics do not rise energetically and unanimously against their enemies the country is finished. France will be at the mercy of the first foreign sword whose wielder is ambitious enough to invade the territory. The Catholics are now enslaved; thousands of them will lose their places if they go to Mass, and the Freemasons will soon prevent the priest from giving the last consolation to the dying.'

France, under Combes's infidel regime, is running fast for a fall. It is

Like a young eagle, who has lent his plume  
To fledge the shaft by which he meets his doom.'

The hapless country's star of hope lies in the patriots in the black soutane and the white cornette and the dark veil who have been installing into the youth of France those principles of righteousness that exalt a nation. But to Combes and his fellow-enemies of religion, they represent the idea of God and of moral responsibility to a great Creator and Judge. And for this they are to be banished as enemies of the political atheism that now rules in the high places in France.

### War and Trade

When Robert d'Insula was raised to the See of Durham in 1624, he provided his crotchety old mother with a retinue of servants and with all manner of bodily comforts that were known at the time. But the old-dame's happiness made her misery. 'In short,' said she, at the close of a long and bitter lamentation to her son, 'all things go on so abominably smooth, that my herte is bursting within me for something to spite me and pick a quarrel withal.' The nations to-day are like querulous old Mistress d'Insula of Durham. They are never at peace unless they are at war. Commerce rules the political roast nowadays. The nations



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have become big shopkeepers and are ever and evermore casting about for fresh customers for their wares. The wide world is all too small for their rivalries, their settled policy is one of grab; and they are constantly in search of pretexts to pick quarrels that will give them the command of the hinterlands of the world or the ownership of the rich mines or other commercial advantages which small nations here or there possess. Once on a time, wars were mainly dynastic. From the seventeenth century onwards they have been undertaken almost altogether for the purpose of opening new markets or securing other commercial advantages or monopolies. In the days when Britain, Portugal, Spain, France, and Holland were exploiting the newly discovered lands in the west and east and south, war (as the historian John Robert Seeley points out) was a commercial industry—'a profitable investment into which men put their capital as the most thriving business of the time, and for which they readily ventured their lives.'

Holland, for instance, embarked her all in the big 'plunge' of a war with Spain. It was purely a commercial speculation. For eighty years Don and Dutchman pounded and skewered each other for the trade of the western world. The war almost bled both antagonists white. But it made little Holland one of the great commercial powers of the time. Great Britain undertook the conquest of India for a corporation of traders called the East India Company. She encouraged them to form a large native army. She stiffened the backbone of their white soldiers by bountiful drafts of royal troops. Leopold, King of the Belgians, acquired the Congo Free State as a commercial undertaking. 'Spheres of influence' in Darkest Africa, the Persian Gulf, etc., represent a political euphemism. It means the control of such mines and other valuable commercial considerations as may exist there, and a monopoly of markets for the shoddy clothing, cotton shirts, iron pots, and wire nails of this or that Great Power. Madris are 'smashed,' not for sentiment, but because they bar the door to the commerce of a region or like the Algerine pirates, render its communications insecure. The trouble between Russ and Jap in the Far East is, in its last resort, a commercial rivalry over the expanding markets and the rich trading possibilities of Korea. For Japan it has come to mean something more as well. For Russia is the empire that has never turned back. If she once absorbed Korea, the next and inevitable step would be the 'benevolent assimilation' of Japan. And so Mikado-land has got its back against the wall.

Just six years ago the 'herte' of the American Jingo or expansionist party was bursting to find some means of picking a quarrel with Spain. The pretext for forcing on an open rupture soon came. One night in February, 1898, the United States battleship 'Maine' was blown up in Havana harbor. The Jingo journals gripped the incident with fierce joy. Without the shadow of evidence they charged the Spaniards with having deliberately destroyed the ship, and night and morning they shrieked about the treachery of the unspeakable 'Don' and made the land ring with the cry, 'Remember the Maine!' The party who sought an 'open door' for their iron bolts and enamelled saucepans and tinned facts and patent wringers in Spain's colonies, wanted war. They wanted it, too, without allowing Spain a chance of clearing herself of the dishonoring charge of treachery that had been laid at her door. They got what they wanted. The 'Maine' incident served its term. But no man now, either in or out of America, believes that the Spaniards had any part in the blowing up of the 'Maine.' Senator Teller, of Colorado, voiced the same feeling of every decent American when, a few weeks ago, he said on the floor of the Senate in Washington: 'Nobody knew and nobody can prove and never did prove, and it cannot be proven to-

day, that either Cuban or Spaniard had anything to do with the blowing-up of the ship. I heard one of the best military men now in the service of the United States say within a month that he believed the ship was blown up by the powder that it had on board, which went off without any action of Cuban or Spaniard either.'

The war in South Africa was the natural, foreseen, and predicted sequel of the Jameson raid. Nobody now pretends that a desire to remedy the alleged 'Uitlander grievances' was the real purpose of that long and costly struggle. British and German stock-jobbers and Jewish mining syndicates wanted the war. They got it. Australia and New Zealand sent their gallant and resourceful sons to protect and secure the property of the Rand millionaires. The men from under the Southern Cross did the 'hight of the fightin'.' They were patted on the back. They were praised and flattered for their dash and gallantry by high-placed officers of every rank, up to and including the Commander-in-Chief. Hints or promises of grants of land were dangled before their eyes, and the vast mining territories of the Transvaal were to be a new El Dorado where the white Uitlander would never again know the 'grievances' which were supposed to have torn his heart under the regime of Oom Paul. All this was in the days when 'blood was thicker than water,' and when the Empire needed strong hands and manly hearts. Then the syrens of the London Stock Exchange told a flattering tale. But they sang quite a different song when peace was proclaimed, when their vast concessions were secure, and when Johnny came marching home. Then came the great betrayal. At Durban and Cape Town, the 'loyalists' refuse to employ Australians or New Zealanders. The Rand millionaires insult the hunger of the gaunt and starving Uitlanders that are day by day tramping the streets of Johannesburg by tens of hundreds and passing their nights under the falling rain or the blinking stars. The white man is not wanted by the nabobs of the Rand. Hordes of yellow pagans are to be imported to work the mines which were secured to them by the toil and blood of Britons, Irish, Canadians, and Australasians. These are to be boot-toed out of the country which they helped to win, and their places are to be filled by swarms of slant-eyed heathens from the huts and kenne's and opium hells of Hang-chow and Canton.

The Rand is no longer to be a white man's country. Yet (as the London 'Daily News' points out) 'it is neither the costliness of white labor nor the insufficiency of black that is the motive for the conspiracy of the mine-owners to impose 300,000 Chinese upon South Africa. It is the determination to keep out of the country a class of labor that would demand votes and a share in the government of the country. The financiers have secured the prize through the blood and treasure of this country, and they do not intend to share it with organized and enfranchised labor. The white man was a useful instrument in deposing Mr. Kruger. Now he is thrown aside like a sucked orange. If this monstrous scheme is to be thwarted, it can only be done by transferring the government of the country from the mining houses to the people.'

The more culture the less jewelry  
Work, not play, is the divine opportunity  
The Church aims at realities, the world at decencies.  
Folly comes unsought, wisdom only when entreated  
Poverty is the north wind that lashes men into Vikings  
What some folks call luck is in reality disaster to them  
Night is only a tunnel to him who travels towards hope  
A noble character produces no impression on a vulgar mind.

# THE MAID OF ORLEANS

## THE STEPS TOWARDS BEATIFICATION

Some time ago we dynamited a cable-demon's fiction to the effect that the process of beatification of Joan of Arc, the wondrous Maid of Orleans, had come to an untimely end and been completely abandoned owing to the discovery, by the Vatican authorities, that she was no maid! The story was a falsehood of the whole cloth, and as cowardly a calumny on the memory of a great and good woman as was ever sent to our shores. A recent cable-message announced that her beatification had been fixed for January 6, and from another source we learned that it is to take place on the occasion of the Pope's next visit to St. Pater's. The story of the various steps towards her beatification up to November 28 is told in an interesting way by a Rome correspondent in the columns of an American contemporary. He writes as follows:—

The Congregation of Rites, in the presence of the Pope, has given its decision on the moral heroism of Joan of Arc, this is the last stage but one in the process of beatification. There remains, before she can be crowned, the proof of the miracles performed so that the beatification cannot be pronounced till some months have elapsed. I should not dream of lifting a corner of the veil that conceals the canonical drama, but to relate to mankind, which is properly curious, what properly belongs to the public domain will seem neither indelicate nor presumptuous.

It was Monsignor Dupanloup who, at a critical moment, made a bold proposal to the Holy See. The people of France, who first acclaimed the Maid of Orleans' mission, had also placed on her head the mystic halo. It raised altars to her, established festivals to glorify her magnanimity and to exalt her. Such a general instinct precedes in the Church the liturgical codification. Does not everything in Joan of Arc show her moral pre-eminence, that infallible mark of saintship, the Maid's gentleness, her generalship without a mistake, her heroic valor, her keen and subtle diplomacy, her mildness joined to force, and her humble attitude when giving imperative commands? The

### Peasant Girl of Domremy

wore this marvellous crown with the quiet ease that makes her a unique being, the splendor of whose life startles us.

The historian finds in her, in an incomparable degree, the merits of both sexes. She did and acted before she knew, or rather she knew without having learned. In everything she still looked to that to which none else looked. It was impossible to combine in the same person more grace, more reason, more virtue; her life was a permanent miracle, she was outside the limits of humanity. 'From time to time,' says La Brugere, 'there appear on the surface of the earth rare, exquisite men, who shine by their virtues and whose eminent qualities shed a prodigious light. Like those extraordinary meteors whose cause is unknown, and of whose fate after they have disappeared we know even less, they have neither ancestors nor descendants, they themselves comprise their whole race.' From what a height the maid looks down on these souls will be shown by the documents in the case.

Rome, it must be admitted, received the advocate of Joan of Arc with the silent dread that cautious old men feel when they see a bold gesture. Monsignor Dupanloup, with his enterprising manner, disturbed their caution. What a perspective of troubles and worries opened before them. Nationalism with its passions, French ardor, England, rival jealousies, the apotheosis of war, many shadows in the picture apart from Joan's 'weaknesses,' all this brought up a vision of endless procedure. Monsignor Dupanloup, in his stirring way, rushed through this terror like a whirlwind, bearing down resistance in his path. Joan of Arc's

### Case was Begun.

There was at Orleans an antiquarian of the old school, innocent as a child and learned as the Benedictines. On his deathbed, two years ago, Abbe Desnoyers asked Monsignor Touchet the question: 'Do you believe that I have been a scholar more than a priest?' His candor was inspired by the glory of the heroine. But Rome, anxious for the maintenance of her canons, insisted that the Inquisition should be begun all over again. It was France's good fortune that at the Vatican there was somebody who could read the souls of men and nations.

Cardinal Parocchi, who had charge of the investigation, had the gift of imagination and the charm of eloquence. In the winter of 1893, at the first plenary meeting when Joan of Arc was proclaimed Venerable, his plea roused such applause that the Cardinals, in their excitement, thought of proclaiming the beatifica-

tion at once by acclamation. Cardinal Longenieux objected. It is his merit, and will ever be his honor, that he chilled the enthusiasm; for the suit, as it proceeds, will throw light on every page of the epic and wipe out the disturbing shadows from the picture full of wonder.

Despite Leo XIII's good will, ten years went by. Rome supplied itself with all the testimony. In the front row we have Monsignor Touchet, the conqueror. He told the Pope what he believed. Fond of great ideas and of pageants, Leo XIII. allowed himself to be carried away by the magic of the prelate's firm conviction. 'And your mind is made up? You know that Joan is blessed?' 'Most Holy Father, I wished to be sure, I have studied, I believe it.' When Monsignor Touchet yields to the charm of the Maid he grows excited, his eyes gleam, his face lightens up; it is a transfiguration springing from the most beautiful enthusiasm, that of the heart. One evening he told

### The Mysteries of Her Life

to some intimate friends; everyone was in tears. At Orleans 122 meetings were devoted to the preparation of the brief. Learned men, historians, documents, the archives of the past, the facts of the present, none of these does the Bishop allow to escape his vigilance. The statement of M. Kurth seemed most decisive. The celebrated professor of the Liege University, a historian and critic, declared: 'I do not know history, nobody does, but I have grown gray studying documents. On my soul and conscience I proclaim that since the Blessed Virgin no soul has shone with such brilliance; she is the gentlest and purest example of the human race.'

There were still doubts. To do away with these Leo XIII, by his personal authority, gave Monsignor Touchet the assistance of the first jurist in Rome, Monsignor Alibrandi. At the same time, at Cardinal Parocchi's death, Monsignor Touchet confided the direction of the case to Cardinal Ferrata. Four times did the Bishop of Orleans try in vain to talk the matter over with the former Nuncio to Paris; it was only after he had thoroughly studied the matter that the Cardinal shed light on the case with the Italian clearness, that diplomatic shrewdness, and that conviction that make him a man of action. He managed to touch up the lights and to disperse the shadows.

Consequently at the second meeting, last year,

### All the Cardinals

of the Congregation voted that the case should be introduced, out of twenty-one consulters only five hesitated and preferred 'suspension.' Yet those two victories did not decide the question. Strong prejudice appeared against the full rehabilitation of the Maid. What would England say? What would the world think, jealous of this moral supremacy and light? Monsignor Touchet refused no task. In the name of the Church and of Great Britain Cardinal Vaughan exalted the French Jephtha and put a stop to the echoes of the Roman court.

When, at the Bishop's invitation, Monsignor Ireland from New Orleans pulpit made universal the veneration of Joan and her glory, even Germany smiled at the profaning sentimentality of Schiller, and the Russian General Dragomiroff took the pains, in an exact essay, perhaps the most comprehensive of all, to throw light for France on the epic of her heroine and the popular currents of the time. An Austrain once said to me: 'The Maid of Domremy

### Belongs to Heaven

and to humanity. We do not fear the glorification of the soul of France in its transcendental and enlightened side. The horizon of life will be broadened by her canonization.'

Rome feared the cloud of glory rising from Joan's exploits which might darken the peace and fraternity of the Gospel. Should the noise of the camps, the array of battle, the shedding of blood be exalted? No! If the Maid of Orleans rushed into the shock of arms it was because the equilibrium of Europe demanded it imperatively. God wished to preserve France as an essential organ of civilisation.

The delicate point is the apparent retraction at Rouen. Here, if I am not mistaken, will be found the new light shed on the case by the investigation. This has been most thorough and will give light with no shadows. Monsignor Touchet will write the final book on the heroine, and thus, apart from any supernatural apotheosis, will be the real benefit conferred by the long consultation. The history of France will be the greater organ of civilization.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—\*\*\*

## LORD WOLSELEY'S 'HISTORY'

## THE RED RIVER REBELLION

'Oh . . . that mine adversary had written a book!' Lord Wolseley has done this in his old and leisured days and has fallen into the hands of his adversaries. It is strange to us that he has glorified war as about the noblest sport of all—an opinion which was not held by the commanders of such greater eminence as Wellington and the First Napoleon. However, let that pass. To Catholics, Lord Wolseley's shameful and amazing perversion of the story of the Red River Rebellion in Canada has come as a great surprise. We were long familiar with the details of that rising, and our knowledge of it was rendered still more intimate by the stirring narrative which—as we stood by the grave of Louis Riel in St. Boniface, in 1902—was communicated to us by a Canadian participant in the struggle who accompanied Lord Wolseley on the expedition which he so grievously misrepresents in his recently published book.

A Nemesis has, however, got on the track of Lord Wolseley. The Nemesis is Mr. Martin J. Griffin, Parliamentary Librarian of Canada. With all the documents in his possession he tears Lord Wolseley's account of the rising to tatters. His communication appeared in 'The Times Literary Supplement' (London) of Friday, December 4. He says:

All Canadians will read with surprise, many with regret, and not a few with some indignation, the chapter in which Lord Wolseley sums up his recollections of his Canadian career. That career is inseparably connected with the Red River Rebellion of 1870. That rebellion is not yet a part of ancient history. Many are very much alive who took part in it. Most Canadians of middle age remember its details. To all of them the account and the comments of Lord Wolseley will seem inaccurate, unkind and unfair.

To write a controversial chapter after so many years seems to indicate a state of feeling which ought not to exist, or which, if it existed, should have been suppressed. Will you kindly permit me to occupy enough space for a necessarily controversial reply?

In describing the origin of the rebellion at Red River, in 1870, Lord Wolseley, says that the French Canadians of the West were 'ruled over by a clever, cunning, unscrupulous Bishop—a description of

## Archbishop Tache

which will hardly be recognised by any one who had the honor of his acquaintance. After so many years it seems odd that Lord Wolseley should retain what seems to be personal animosity towards a man so long honored all over Canada. Lord Wolseley says of the Archbishop that the Hudson Bay Company had 'used him' to keep out settlers—a statement which will certainly be news to the Hudson Bay people as it will be to the friends of Archbishop Tache. As well talk of 'using' Richelleu! Archbishop Tache was so great a man that ordinary human cunning shrank in his presence into fear and awe. He was so wise and powerful a man that he was sent for to Rome in 1870 to try to settle the rebellion. He was so trusted a man that the Governor-General sent for him, and pledged him, 'viva voce' and in writing, the honor of the Crown for any settlement he might be able to make of a disturbance which threatened to be disastrous. To call such a man 'clever, cunning, and unscrupulous' shows a singular want of fitness in the choice of phrases.

Lord Wolseley says that the French Canadians 'saw with envy and dread the steadily increasing power and position of Western Canada,' and wanted 'to create a new French-speaking country westward of the great lakes.' He ignores what ought to be the obvious fact, that, if Bishop Tache was in league with the Hudson Bay Company to keep out settlers, it would not be easy to create a new State. And he does not seem to know that from the moment of its purchase in 1870 the North-West country came under the control of the Federal Government at Ottawa; that Sir John Macdonald was the head of that Government; and that every step taken in regard to the purchase and the government of that country was taken by an Administration in which the French-Canadian Ministers were only three out of thirteen.

No French-Canadian 'wire-pullers,'

as he calls them—as he calls men like Sir George Cartier!—could have prevailed in so sinister a policy against the ability and the strength of the majority of the Cabinet. Had the 'wire-pullers' so prevailed there was Parliament ready to crush all of them.

Lord Wolseley goes on with a high degree of inconsistency to point out how the Government of Canada, in the beginning of the troubles, sent out surveyors to survey the lands of the half-breeds; how the surveyors offended the people by their off-hand manners and ignor-

ance of the French language; and how the half-breed 'very naturally jumped to the conclusion that there was some plot on foot to rob him of the land he occupied and had partially cultivated, but for which he could show no written title.' If the mental attitude of the half-breed was 'very natural' (and why should he welcome his own extinction?), surely we do not need the romantic theory of a French-Canadian conspiracy to account for the rebellion. The conspiracy theory is just

'Fudge!'

With regard to the expedition which Colonel Wolseley was, under General Lindsay, the commanding officer, the narrative is so curiously inexact that my references to it will seem rather tame to those in Canada who do not reflect on the seriousness of using expletives regarding a gentleman holding, so conspicuously, his Majesty's commission. He tells us that the Government were 'not always the easiest people to deal with'—though they placed the whole resources of the country at his disposal. He denounces the 'French-Canadian politicians and their bigoted priests' for exaggerating the 'physical difficulties' in his path—as if such discouragement was of any consequence to a soldier commanding a fully-equipped expedition, largely manned by French-Canadian 'voyagers! He goes on to say that these priests and politicians were 'silly people.' If they were silly they were not dangerous; to denounce them is waste of space. He denounces once more the 'scheming prelate' who was trying to save

Riel, the rebel chief;

but he admits that the prelate failed—even with the 'wire-pullers' at his back, and all his unscrupulousness to back him!

Lord Wolseley tells us that the expedition was economically managed, and that the reason for this was that the whole business was largely under the control of General Lindsay (and Colonel Wolseley?) in Canada, and he makes his comment:—'The Cabinet and the Parliamentary element in the War Office that has marred so many a good military scheme, had, I may say, little or nothing to do with it from first to last. When will civilian Secretaries of State for War cease from troubling in war affairs?'

Now I hold no brief for the War Office, though, having a long and intimate knowledge of Ministerial difficulties, and also of the somewhat peremptory tendency of the military mind, I would gladly do so. For the present I may simply say that in this particular instance Lord Wolseley's oblique attack is singularly wanting in discretion. There never was a more purely civilian affair than the Red River Rebellion of 1870. It originated with agriculturists and hunters. It was legislated for by a civilian Administration. The expedition was half volunteers. The whole business of the expedition to the very last detail was planned and carried out by Mr. Simon Dawson, a civilian; by Mr. Lindsay Russell, a civilian; by the Hudson Bay officers, all civilians; and by the Public Works Department at Ottawa, a hopelessly civilian organisation. The only serious troubles that arose during the expedition resulted when the inexperienced military chief gave orders contrary to the advice of the experienced civilians—as, for example, when he sent huge boats up stony rapids when a road was ready at hand; or when, owing to the allowance of only 'military rations' to the horses many were rendered useless. There was, indeed, a short, gloomy period when, in consequence of the departure of the Indians, and the discontent of the voyageurs at the useless labor imposed on them by the military chief, the expedition seemed doomed to failure. It was

Saved by Civilian Energy

and civilian knowledge.

Lord Wolseley exaggerates the military character of the expedition. This was all very well when he was only publishing a pleasing address to the troops; it is out of place now. The fact is that the rebellion originated with a demagogue and a few farmers. It was suppressed by a military picnic. There was no fighting. The demagogue fled. The farmers were found in their fields. The route over which Lord Wolseley passed, though stiff enough for a large force with much weight to carry, had been for two centuries the highway of French commerce and communication. The exploit of passing over it was not heroic or classic, though Lord Wolseley talks of the Romans.

When the whole affair was over Lord Wolseley was so impressed with the value of the country that he asked Sir John Macdonald to appoint him to the Governorship. Sir John and Sir George Cartier refused. It was indeed a fortunate refusal. Had Lord Wolseley succeeded in getting the position he would have been ruined. It was fortunate in another way. Had he been appointed to govern a people about whose race and religion, bishops and priests he entertains such curious opinions, there would have had to be another expedition—to rescue Lord Wolseley.

# Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 30.

The schools of the parishes re-open on Monday, February 1

Two pupils attending the Catholic schools at Blenheim have gained the medals presented by the member for the district, the Hon. C. H. Mills, for the past year.

The annual retreat for the priests of the archdiocese commences in St. Patrick's College on Wednesday next.

An energetic and influential committee has in hand the arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. It has been decided to hold the usual picnic at Wallaceville.

The many friends of the late Mr. W. L. Sievers will regret to hear of his death, which occurred on Tuesday evening last. Deceased was for upwards of fourteen years in the service of the local Harbor Board, and latterly filled the position of toll clerk. He was the only son of the late Mr. A. Sievers, one of Wellington's early settlers, and at the time of his demise was in his fifty-third year of age.

### Hokitika.

(From our own correspondent.)

January 26.

Great and widespread regret was expressed in Hokitika at the receipt of the news of the transfer of the Rev. S. Mahoney to Christchurch. Father Mahoney's genial character and his eloquence in the pulpit won for him the esteem and affection of the whole parish. Although the time between the return of the Rev. Father Mahoney from the retreat at Christchurch and his final departure was so short the Children of Mary inaugurated a farewell concert on Monday evening (25th inst) to the rev. gentleman, at which all the parishioners who possibly could attended to bid farewell and to show their appreciation of him.

During an interval of the performance Mr. Gribben, chairman of the church committee, made feeling reference to the departure of Rev. Father Mahoney and called upon Mr. J. D. Lynch to read the following address to Rev. Father S. Mahoney, S.M. :-

Dear and Reverend Father,—It is with feelings of sincerest sorrow and deepest regret that we are assembled to bid you farewell on this the eve of your departure from our midst. Although it is but a short twelve months since you came to instruct us and labor for our spiritual welfare, your unflagging zeal and kind sympathy have earned for you the respect and love of the whole community. Coming to us so soon after the death of our much lamented and dear friend Father Malone, we were prepared to love and respect you as a friend and companion of his youth and priesthood, but, dear Father, your own bright and cheerful disposition, your genial words of advice, and your eloquence in propounding the word of God and instructing us in the way that leads to everlasting life, soon endeared you to us for your own merits. It seems hard to realise that our worthy Bishop has demanded this sacrifice at our hands: namely, that we relinquish all claim to you as our spiritual friend and adviser. The fiat, however, has gone forth and we must obey. The good work you have done during your stay in Hokitika will long be remembered and appreciated by us, and we confidently affirm, without wishing to flatter, that wherever your superiors deem fit to direct your labors, there the vineyard of our Lord will ripen and bring forth in abundance. To the bitterness of departure we wish to add a little of the sweetness of a cherished friendship, and therefore, dear and reverend Father, we ask you to accept the accompanying souvenir as a very small token of the esteem and good-will we bear you. In conclusion, dear and Reverend Father, we pray God that you may long be spared to minister to his children and we trust that ere long we may see you in our midst once more, if not to labor amongst us, at least that we may extend to you that fine old Irish welcome 'Cead mile failte.'

Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Hokitika and District. H. Gribben, Jas. Toomey, J. McSherry, J. D. Lynch, E. O'Connor.  
Hokitika, 25th January, 1904.

After the address had been read, Mr. Toomey, on behalf of the congregation, presented Father Mahoney with a purse of sovereigns, the voluntary donations of the parishioners. Miss Bourke (President of the Children of Mary), supported by Misses Foster and Hayes, read an address and presented Father Mahoney with a handsome silver-mounted walking stick and silver-mounted pocket book suitably inscribed.

Messrs. Lynch, Toomey, and Mandl, and Rev. Fathers O'Connor (Ross) and Murray (Redemptorist) made feeling reference to the departure of Father Mahoney and the sorrow of the people at losing him.

Rev. Father Mahoney feelingly replied. He said he had been happy in his labors in Hokitika, but his superiors had called him away to do the work of the Lord in parts where it might be more meritorious. The Reverend Father, who was deeply affected, thanked the donors for their kind and beautiful presents, which he said would ever remind him of the happy days he had spent in Hokitika and recall to his mind, if any time he might forget them, for a brief space, the true friends he was leaving behind. He concluded by saying good bye, but trusted it would not be good-bye but only 'au revoir.'

Almost every item in the musical programme was encored. The overture was played by the Misses Murphy; songs were contributed by Misses M. Murphy, Bourke, Grouisky, and Ward, and by Messrs. E. Dale, Ralfe, Coltman, McSherry, and (by special request) Father Mahoney; violin solo by Miss Gribben, and recitation by Mr. J. Burke.

Rev. Father Mahoney left Hokitika for Christchurch via Reefton, Nelson and Wellington, on Wednesday, and was parted with at the railway station by a great crowd of friends who had assembled to take the last farewell and receive his parting blessing. Three hearty cheers were given for Father Mahoney as the train moved out from the station.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 1.

All the Catholic schools of the district re-open today (Monday) after the Christmas vacation.

Brother Basil succeeds Brother Paul as principal of the local Marist Brothers' teaching staff. The latter goes to Wellington.

Miss Helen G. Schmidt, pupil of the Sisters of Mercy Collegiate High School, Colombo street, is among the successful candidates of the Matriculation examination held in last December.

His Lordship the Bishop left town on Saturday last for Akaroa. His stay there is expected to extend over ten or twelve days, during which time he will visit Little River and other settlements on Banks Peninsula.

The Christchurch Catholic Club executive committee met on January 26, the president (Mr R O Duncan) presiding. The nominations of six new members were received and a vote of thanks passed to a friend for a supply of magazines and Catholic newspapers. Accounts amounting to £10 8s 6d were passed for payment.

During his recent visit the Earl of Ranfurly inspected the new cathedral and ascended to the towers. His Excellency was delighted with the experience, and expressed the conviction that in design and construction he had seen nothing to surpass it. When completed, the cathedral would rank as one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical structures in the southern hemisphere, and far ahead of any in New Zealand. The Governor has taken very great interest in the cathedral from the first, and when in Christchurch rarely loses an opportunity of going over the works.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee held a first meeting at the episcopal residence on last Thursday evening, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. The Very Rev. Vicar-General and the Rev. Father O'Connell were amongst those present. In a few opening remarks the Bishop said that the present celebration, when carried out, would be the third organised for the purpose of establishing the home for our destitute, afflicted, and orphaned, the desirability and necessity of which could not be doubted. Some people had approached him with the suggestion that the object of the celebration should be transferred to the cathedral building fund, but however much he and all of them regarded the importance of the latter work, he had, as Bishop, but one answer: the establishment of a Nazareth home was a noble cause; it was intended to benefit all, and, as such, it would undoubtedly gain the sympathy and support of every citizen. Since the committee



had last met, he (the Bishop) had been in continual negotiation with the head of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth. A final letter from them had been received, and the agreement embodied therein had received his assent. As matters now stood, the Sisters might be expected to arrive at any time during the present year. The reason advanced by them for so long delaying their advent was that, owing to the war in South Africa, where many of their houses are situated, the ranks of the community had been lessened. Recruits had to be sent there, but it was hoped that at least six Sisters would form the foundation in Christchurch and that others would be added each year as required. Already an application for admittance had been made to him by an intending inmate for the Home who was not of our faith, and probably, therefore, a non-Catholic would be the first to enter. The re-appointment of Mr. W. Hoban as chairman, Mr. P. Burke as hon. treasurer, and Mr. E. O'Connor as hon. secretary was confirmed, and the minutes of the final meeting held last year were adopted. It was decided to suggest to a general meeting of both city parishes and adjoining districts (to be held next week) to suggest the advisability of having an excursion on St. Patrick's Day, with a grand national concert in the evening. Messrs Burke, Hoban, and O'Connor were meanwhile deputed to gather all available information in regard to both projects.

**Timaru**

(From our own correspondent.)

February 1

On Thursday afternoon the grounds of the Sacred Heart Convent were the scene of a large gathering of young ladies of the parish, the occasion being a garden party given by the Rev. Mother and the Superior of the parochial school to the Children of Mary. The weather was all that could be desired, and by two o'clock some sixty young ladies were on the spacious grounds. Lawn games, croquet, cricket, etc., were indulged in for about an hour, when an adjournment was made to the Children of Mary's oratory, where the Rev. Father Taylor, after a short address on devotion to the Mother of God, unveiled a beautiful statue of Our Lady, which had been brought from France at the instance of the Society. The figure is life-size and stands with uplifted hands, one foot on the allegorical serpent, the whole most devotional to a degree. Afternoon tea was later on served on the lawn by the Sisters. Games were then resumed and continued till the Angelus bell brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Brothers arrived back on Thursday last from their annual retreat, which was this year held in their new college at Auckland. The boys' school opened with a good attendance on Monday. Brother Martin is now Director. He is assisted by Brothers Pius and Nazarius. Brother Pius has done many years of good service in Timaru and retires from the directorship after teaching the full complement of years for which that office can be held.

The Premier, the Right Hon. Mr Seddon, arrived here from Wellington on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by his son, Captain Seddon, and his private secretary. He was greeted by a large crowd which blocked all the approaches to the station and made it almost impossible to move on the platform. The Mayor, Mr. W. Evans, chairman of the Harbor Board, met him on arrival and at the foot of the station steps formally welcomed him to Timaru. Headed by the Garrison Band, the Premier was conducted to the Grosvenor Hotel, where a short rest was taken. Then the party was driven round the town and outlying district. In the evening he was the guest of the Borough Council and the Harbor Board in the Grosvenor Hotel. On Sunday he was taken by the Mayor to his farm at Kingsdown, and on Monday he went with a representative party to inspect the Harbor Board quarries. Owing to a number of pressing engagements, he had to leave for the north by express on Monday evening. Elaborate arrangements had been made for his entertainment in Timaru and great disappointment was felt at the hurried nature of his visit.

**DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

(From our own correspondent.)

January 28

Rev. Father William Mahoney, of Auckland, was, at latest advices, in Italy. Mother Ignatius has been chosen Rev. Mother of the Sisters of Mercy. This, I believe, her third term at intervals. Fully forty priests of the diocese are, as I write, in retreat at the Sacred Heart College. The retreat began last Monday, and terminates to-morrow (Friday).

His Lordship is with his priests in retreat, which is conducted by the Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, of the Redemptorist Order. Great regret was expressed by the priests that, on account of illness, Father Mulvihill, the popular pastor of Gisborne, was unable to attend.

Mr. P. O'Kane, who has in past years done yeoman service as secretary to St. Patrick's Day Sports committee, is, I regret to say, confined to the Mater Misericordiae hospital, and very dangerously ill. In local Hibernian Society circles, he has been long and favorably known, having advanced from the junior branch.

The Rev. Father Patterson, while in charge of Panmure, collected a sum of money to erect a church at Ellerslie in memory of the late revered and lamented Monsignor McDonald—or as he was more familiarly known, 'Father Walter.' The site has been generously donated by Mrs. Coffey, who is now but five years short of the century in age. It is intended very soon to commence building operations.

Several important changes have taken place in the staff of the Marist Brothers locally. Brother Basil, Superior at the Sacred Heart College, has been transferred to Christchurch. His place has been filled by Brother Mark, for many years Superior at Wellington. Brother Borgia (lately of Wellington) has been transferred to the College. Brothers Irenaeus and Kevin are en route from Sydney for the College, and Brother Raphael to the Pitt street school. Brother Patrick goes from Auckland to Wanganui, Brother Phelan to Napier, and Brother Nazoran to Timaru. Brother John left for Sydney last Monday evening. From there he visits the Islands, including the French possessions. Brother John is lately from France, where he was an eye-witness of the actual working of M. Combes's cruel and arbitrary expulsion laws against the religious Orders. It is said that M. Combes's Government is going to enforce this obnoxious law at our doors in the Pacific.

One of the New Zealand students, writing from Propaganda College, Rome, described to his parents in Auckland this week an audience the students had with his Holiness Pope Pius X. 'The Pope,' says he, 'entered the apartment radiant with smiles. He walked round and each student was presented to him. Then the Holy Father was seated, and beckoning the students to gather around him, all advanced close to his Holiness, who then briefly addressed them and gave them kind advice, laying great emphasis on the cultivation of piety, a love for learning, and the practice of humility. Those qualities would enable them to become good priests in the high service of Almighty God and Holy Church. Turning at the door to the students when leaving, his Holiness said, 'There is one thing I have forgotten. I would ask you all to remember me in your prayers.' He then withdrew.' The writer adds: 'As soon as you see and hear the Pope, you are struck with his piety and great humility. Upon our students he made an indelible impression.'

**Lord Dudley on Sectarianism**

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (says the Glasgow 'Observer') received extravagant praise for his recent declaration in favor of religious tolerance in Ireland. To Lord Dudley, as an individual, such views are a credit. To the Lord Lieutenant, as the head of the English system in Ireland, such views are not creditable, for if the Lord Lieutenant holds them, he should put them into force. Mr. Labouchere has sharply brought his Excellency to book for indulgence in empty and misleading platitudes. Writing in 'Truth' Mr. Labouchere says: 'In Lord Dudley's speech he took a curious view, not at all consistent with the facts of Irish history, either past or present. He treated religious animosity in Ireland as a thing at which England looked on, but had no part. But Protestant ascendancy in Catholic Ireland was not a home growth. Without outside backing it would have been impossible, and is dying when deprived of it. Irish Catholics do not admit that their demand to be on a footing of equality in their own country with their Protestant countrymen is an expression of religious animosity. In the matter of education they ask nothing which is not strictly within the bounds of common-sense and justice. They have nothing to say against a Protestant University for Protestants; they have a great deal to say in favor of a Catholic University for Catholics. Every one is free to hold his own religious tenets in a free country. When his religion is not illegal, it is logically absurd that it should deprive him of equal rights with every one else in the Kingdom.' It is all very well for Lord Dudley to talk so nicely as he did, but fine words butter no parsnips. Within a day or two ago of His Excellency's speech, Dublin Castle appointed twelve leading legal officials for Ireland. Eleven of them were Protestants. Enough said.

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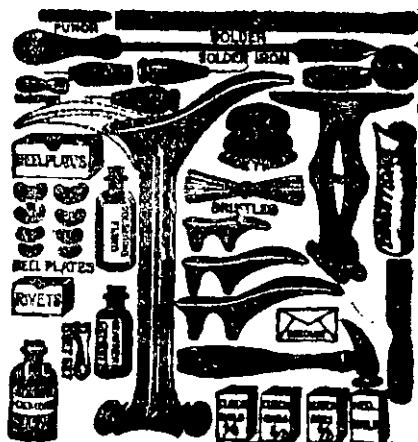
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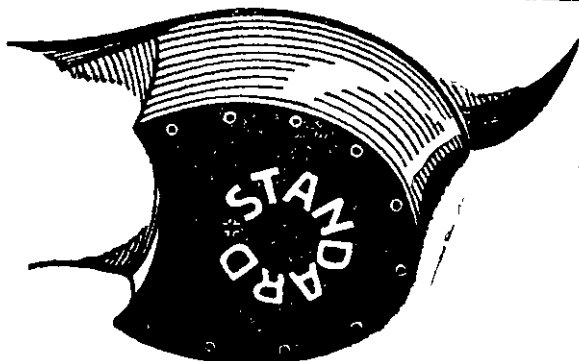
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## Irish News

### CLARE.—Land Purchase

It is announced that the landlord of the Keane estate, County Clare, has been selling to his Einagh Monmore (near Kilrush) tenants at 18½ years' purchase.

### Floods in Ennis

The second week of December was marked by an abnormal rainfall in Ennis district, with the result that the waters of the Fergus were enormously swollen, and the lower parts of the town, along the quays, the lower Mill street were flooded at high tides to a considerable depth. The Urban Council took steps to form a fuel fund to relieve the distressed poor affected by the floods, and a concert was organised by a number of local ladies and gentlemen.

### CORK.—The Gerald Griffin Centenary

The centenary celebration of Gerald Griffin took place in Cork on December 15. High Mass was celebrated at the cathedral, at which the Lord Mayor and Corporation attended in state. The grave of Gerald Griffin, in the North Monastery, in which community of Christian Brothers Gerald Griffin died, was decorated, and was largely visited by pilgrims.

### DOWN.—A Noted Lady Dead

The latest Home files record with great regret the death of Mrs. Doyle, of Closkelt, a prominent Catholic lady of the County Down. Her remains were laid to rest on December 11 in the family burying ground at Dechomet, Drumgooland. Mrs. Doyle was the relict of the late Mr. James Doyle, J.P., of Lake View House, Closkelt, Katesbridge, County Down, and like her late husband, she was noted for her great piety and charity. One of her sons is the parish priest of Ballynahinch, the Rev. John Doyle.

### DUBLIN.—The Oblates

On Sunday, December 13, the very handsome Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, which had been consecrated on the previous day by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, was filled to overflowing by friends of the Oblate Fathers, who came from near and far to assist at the joyful ceremonies in celebration of the happy event. At 12 o'clock Solemn High Mass commenced. His Grace the Archbishop was again present, so also were the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, the Right Rev. Mgr. Lennon, Liverpool, and many distinguished ecclesiastics. The Very Rev. Father Nicholl, O.M.I., was celebrant. After the first Gospel, the Very Rev. Dr. Butler, O.C.C., formerly of Port Melbourne, preached the occasional sermon.

### FERMANAGH.—Land Purchase

The 'Dublin Gazette' of December 16 notifies that Sarah Mahon Cowell and Richard E. N. Bailey are proceeding to sell their estate at Gorbatole, Clanawley, County Fermanagh.

### GALWAY.—Land Purchase

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert, acting for the nuns in Loughrea, has made arrangements with the Rev. Father O'Farrell, P.P., Kilbeacanty, to sell to the tenants in his parish a large grass farm in the vicinity of Gort on terms that will secure the nuns their net income.

### The O'Connor Don Estate

On The O'Connor Don Estate the Cloonalis tenants were asked by their landlord, The O'Connor Don, to say would they accept his offer of 23 years' purchase of their holdings. The tenants to a large number, headed by Mr. Luke Flanagan, D.C., waited on the O'Connor Don at his rent office at Clonalis. The tenants' first offer was 17 years' purchase. After a great deal of discussion no arrangements was concluded. The tenants then left and reconsidered the position. Mr. Flanagan went back to the O'Connor Don, with the result that the O'Connor Don agreed to take 21 years' purchase, which the tenants agreed to, and they afterwards signed their agreements.

### Grazing Areas

At a recent meeting of the Tuam Board of Guardians—Mr. Thomas Higgins, J.P., presiding—the Clerk of the Union, in compliance with an order of the Guardians, submitted a return from the rate-books showing the number of acres of land under grazing on the estate of each landlord in the Tuam Union, together with the annual valuation of the tenants on each estate. From the return, it was seen that the valuation of 3,680 occupiers is below £9, while 159 graziers (including 26 non-resident graziers) are in possession of 31,261 acres at a valuation of £13,602, and that 146 landlords are in possession of

45,174 acres for grazing purposes in addition. The return showed there are in the Union 191 occupiers, valuation £3 and under; 182, £4; 615, £5; 810, £6; 1215, £7; 667, £8—total, 3680. Leaving the landlords, say, 26,000 acres, there would be left 50,000 acres of the grazing land for distribution amongst the tenants, which would give each tenant an increase of 14 acres.

### LIMERICK.—Land Purchase

The tenants of the Cappagh estate, Co. Limerick, have accepted the landlord's terms of 20 years' purchase on all rents. Negotiations for the sale of the Peile Estate, Co. Limerick, have also been concluded, the tenants buying at 18½ years' purchase, and to have all game rights. A gazette notice also announces that Michael Joseph Hartigan in the same county is about to sell his estate at Badgerfort.

### MAYO.—Land Purchase

The tenants on Lord Kilmaine's Estate, Co. Mayo, have accepted the landlord's offer of 21½ years' purchase.

### MONAGHAN.—Land Purchase

The sale of Lord Rossmore's estate, Monaghan, at 21½ years' purchase of first, and 24 years' of second term rents, was reported to have been almost completed when the latest Irish mails left Dublin.

### ROSCOMMON.—Land Purchase

The landlord's terms of 21½ years' purchase on first and 24½ years on second term rents have been accepted by the tenants on Sir Josslyn Gore-Booth's estate, Boyle.

### TIPPERARY.—Land Purchase

Negotiations have concluded at Newtown, Ballyrushin, and Ballynamoe for the sale of the estate of Mr. Massy Power Monroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, at 21½ years' purchase on present rents. The Very Rev. J. O'Halloran, P.P., acted on behalf of the tenants.

### A Pioneer Leaguer

There died recently at his residence, Mullaunbrack, near Thurles, John Butler, the first person who entered the lists against landlordism in the days of the Land League agitation. He kept up the fight stoutly for eleven years until, under the auspices of the late Archbishop Croke, and the personal direction of Father Cantwell, now P.P. of Ballygarry, the first Land League huts in Tipperary were erected at Mullaunbrack. Eventually, through the exertions of the late Father Michael Ryan, Adm., and his own pluck, John Butler had the happiness of seeing himself and his brother tenants not only restored to their old holdings, but becoming the proprietors of their farms under the Ashbourne Act.

### WATERFORD.—A New Church

The ceremony of the blessing of the beautiful new church took place at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Waterford, a few weeks ago. The function was carried out by the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford.

### WEXFORD.—A Prominent Man gone

The death recorded of Mr. George H. Lett, of Millpark House, Enniscorthy, a member of an old and respected Wexford Protestant family, will (says the Dublin 'Freeman') recall to recollection one of the most conspicuous deeds of courage and heroism in the Insurrection of '98, which has procured for the name of Lett an immortality in the annals of Irish patriotism. At the battle of New Ross, at a critical moment, when the Irish forces were hard pressed, one of the Letts, a young boy in his thirteenth year, who had run away from his mother to join the insurgents, snatched up a green banner, and a great body of pikemen followed him in a charge which completely broke the British line, and all but turned the fortunes of the day in favor of the Irish cause. Young Lett had afterwards a distinguished career of adventure at sea and in foreign service. Another young boy who fought bravely in the Irish ranks on that fatal day was John Devereux, of Taghmon, who afterwards rose to fame and fortune in South America, and became one of the most distinguished Generals in the service of Bolivar.

### Vinegar Hill Memorial

A meeting organised by the Wexfordmen of Dublin was recently in the Mansion House for the purpose of forwarding the project for the erection of the Vinegar Hill Memorial to the men of '98. There was a huge and enthusiastic attendance, the spacious supper room of the Lord Mayor's official residence being scarcely large enough to accommodate the crowds that sought admission. Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Sir Thomas Esmonde, M.P., and others spoke. The demonstration was very enthusiastic.

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## GENERAL.

**A Bright Outlook**

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., as Chairman of the Irish Party, writes to the President of the United Irish League in America denying that there is disunion in the ranks, and stating that the prospect is full of the brightest hope.

**The University Conference**

Captain Shawe-Taylor has published a list of the members of what he describes as 'The Irish University Conference.' The following are the terms of reference: The Conference: (1) To secure an equitable settlement of the Irish University question; (2) To end sectarian animosity in Ireland. Unfortunately, Captain Shawe-Taylor's list contains no representative of the Protestant Episcopal Church, nor of Trinity College, nor of the Orange Association, the most formidable opponent of justice to Catholics. The Archbishop of Dublin has stated that he cannot take part in it, as certain conditions which he laid down as necessary when asked to act have not so far been realised. The President of the Queen's College, Belfast, says that the use of his name in connection with the Conference is unauthorised. Altogether, the prospects of Captain Shawe-Taylor's well-meant endeavour looks anything but promising. The Conference was intended to consist of six Catholics (C) and six Protestants (P.). The following is the list of members published: The Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Walsh (C); the Earl of Dunraven, K.P. (P); the Archbishop of Tuam, Dr. Healy (C); the Right Hon. the Earl of Mayo, P.C. (P); the Bishop of Limerick, Dr. O'Dwyer (C); the Rev. Thomas Hamilton, D.D., President Queen's College, Belfast (P); the Lord Mayor of Dublin, M.P. (C); Mr. John Cooke, D.L., Trustee Magee College, Londonderry (P); Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., M.A. (C), the Rev. Professor Dickie, D.D., Vice-President Magee College, Londonderry (P); Mr. Douglas Hyde, LL.D., President Gaelic League (P); Mr. Nicholas J. Synnott, Secretary Catholic Laymen's Committee (C); Honorary Secretary, Captain Shawe-Taylor (P).

**Industrial Work**

The Rev. T. A. Finlay, S.J., Vice-President of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, is at present in the United States. The object of his mission is to further the work of that organisation. In an article which he contributed to the December issue of the 'Messenger,' a magazine published by the Jesuits in New York, he gives an account of the development of the Irish co-operative movement, from which it would appear that under the fostering care of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society co-operative societies have multiplied. At present the total number of these societies in Ireland is eight hundred and fifty, and they have a membership of over eighty thousand farmers. A new element of hope and a new incentive to effort have come to Irish industrial workers from friends in the United States who have formed themselves into the Irish Industrial League of America to aid the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society. In Father Finlay's opinion, the rural factory is the pressing need of the moment in Ireland, for it is of importance to preserve the healthy home life of the people and to void massing them in city slums. The rural factory system of the Eastern Swiss cantons, of Voralberg, and Southern Bavaria, furnish, it seems, the models which many Irish economists, for whom wealth means the welfare of the people, would gladly imitate.

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**People We Hear About**

Count Leo Tolstoy, the noted (or notorious) Russian novelist, has completed his 76th year. He entered the Kazan University as a student of Oriental languages and law in 1850, but, getting tired of both, returned home. He has also been an officer in the Russian Army.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is nine times king, twice a grand duke, once a grand prince, four times a margrave, and the multitude of his titles, as count, and so forth, is past enumeration. In addition, as King of Hungary, he bears the title of 'Most Apostolic,' which is one of the four honors bestowed by the Pope.

His Majesty the King has lately accepted a unique gift, their own handiwork, which has been presented to him by two natives of Bethlehem, who brought it with them from Palestine. It consists of a large picture of Our Lord composed of mother-of-pearl and is extremely curious and interesting. The two donors were educated in the Bishop of Jerusalem's school, and speak English fluently. One of them was a Government interpreter in the Soudan War.

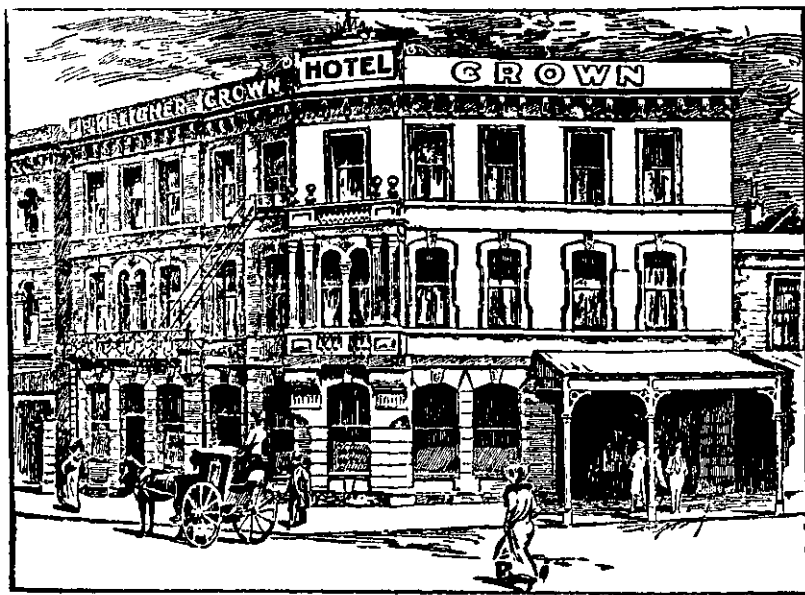
Mme. Amy Sherwin, the gifted Tasmanian prima donna, owes her introduction to a brilliant career to an accident. One day while she was singing in the woods near her home, with all the untutored sweetness of her girlish voice, it chanced that Signor Pompei, the head of a wandering operatic company, heard her, and succumbed to the spell of the woodland voice. He offered the young singer a place in his company, and very shortly afterwards she had Melbourne at her feet.

The King of the Belgians is a brilliant talker on any subject. His habits of life are very simple. His Majesty rises at six o'clock and works for a couple of hours before breakfast, a meal which is served in the Queen's apartments. It consists of coarse dry bread, tea, and an apple. The morning is spent in the transaction of State business. Luncheon is of homely fare. The King usually drinks filtered water, rarely wine. He is very particular to take outdoor exercise in the afternoon. Dinner is a plain meal, for the king is fond of ordinary joints.

Dr. J. Wilson Swan, F.R.S., the inventor of the incandescent electric lamp, has just entered his seventy-sixth year. It is nearly a generation ago since Dr. Swan first publicly exhibited the electric light which has now become universal. There were at that time only two houses in the world lit with incandescent electric lamps—the late Lord Armstrong's and his own. Despite his great service in the advancement of science by his discoveries in electricity and photography, the only country which has recognised Dr. Swan's genius in France, whose President bestowed on him, twenty-two years ago, the decoration of Knight of the Legion of Honor.

It is doubtful whether there is any other living person who can produce quite so much first-class 'copy' as the great Catholic novelist, Mr. F. Marion Crawford. It is an ordinary thing for him to write 5000 words in a day, and he really 'writes' it. He tried dictating several times, but somehow could never make any headway. His 'copy' is a work of art, but very unpopular with the printing fraternity. He writes a beautiful, clear, copperplate hand, and when he starts out his letters are of a very good size and as legible as typewriting. But as he proceeds the letters grow smaller and smaller until finally they are not much larger than a pin's head. Some conception of the minuteness of his writing may be had when it is stated that his copy will generally run 1750 words to a quarto page.

Miss Castles is (says the Sydney 'Freeman') at present studying Marguerite in 'Faust' under Monsieur Valdejo, in the opera class, and he expresses himself as quite charmed with the grace of her acting. Miss Violet Clarke (daughter of the Governor) has been very kind to Miss Castles, and they often have afternoon tea together. Dolly Castles is a splendid student, and making good headway at her singing and French. A number of very fashionable people in London are greatly interested in Miss Castles. The Hon. Mrs. Edwardes, whose daughter, the Hon. Sylvia Edwardes, is maid of Honor to her Majesty the Queen, corresponds regularly with Amy, and assures her of a hearty welcome to their home whenever she comes to London. Mrs. Ronalds, who is a recognised society leader in England, Lady Dallas, and many others also take a great interest in the young singer. Mr. Vert, one of London's greatest managers and entrepreneurs, says that, given health, there can be no possible doubt as to Miss Castles's success, and that he felt so certain of this that he would not wish for any money to lose Miss Castles's business as her manager.



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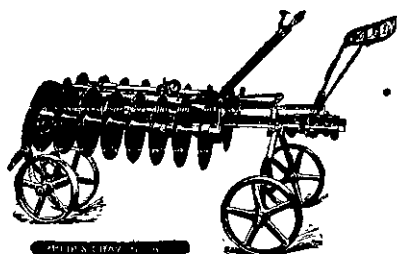
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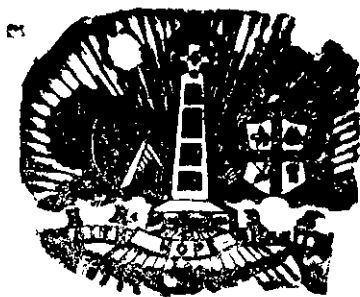
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## THE AGENT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Wellington, February 1.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the Agent-General, dated London, 30th ult.—'Mutton: Market firm at quotations cabled last week. Lamb: Market quiet. Shipment new season's lamb ex-Athenic not yet upon the market. There has been no alteration in the beef market since cabling last week. There is a better demand in the butter market, and a firmer average price. To-day choicest New Zealand butter is quoted at 97s per cwt. The cheese market is unaltered. The hemp market is firm at quotations cabled last week. There is no change in the cocksfoot market. The wool market is firm, with a hardening tendency. Prospects are favorable for shipments of apples, with a clear market.'

London, January 31.—Wool: The quantity catalogued to date is 116,898 bales, and that sold 111,762 bales. Prices for merinos were fully maintained, shabbier, crossbreds rather dragging. The following clips were sold: Otago, 9½d; Owaka, 8½d.

Messrs. Kirk and Co. (Limited) have received advices from their Home agents that since the wool sales opened on the 19th ult. coarse wools have declined 5 per cent. to 7½ per cent.

Sydney, February 1.—The concluding week of the local wool sales opened briskly, prices being well sustained. Greasy sold up to 11½d, and scoured to 1s 7½d.

The C.C. and D. Company has received the following cable from its London office. 'Frozen meat market—There is an improvement in the value of mutton. Quotations: Canterbury mutton, 4½d; Napier, Wellington, and North Island, 4½d. Lamb. First quality, 5d, second, 4½d.'

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Milling, 1s 5d to 1s 6d, feed, 11d to 1s 5d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 9d to 3s 3d, fowl's wheat, 2s 4d to 2s 7d. Potatoes: £2 10s per ton. Chaff, £2 5s to £3 5s. Straw. Pressed wheat, 30s; oats, 35s; loose, 35s. Flour: Sacks, £9; 100lb, £9 10s; 50lb, £9 15s; 25lb, £10. Oatmeal, £8 10s. Pollard, £3 10s. Bran, £2 10s. Butter: dairy, 8d to 10d; factory, 11d. Cheese: factory, 5½d; dairy, 5½d. Eggs, 1s 1d. Onions: Melbourne, £5.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 5d, separator, 6d, factory, bulk, 10½d to 11½d, pats, 11½d to 11½d cash. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, (factory), 8½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £3 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10 10s. Oatmeal, £8 to £8 10s. Bran, £3. Pollard, £1. Retail.—Farm butter, 7d, separator, 8d, butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Bacon, 11d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 4s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 21s; 50lb, 5s 6d. Oatmeal, 50lb, 5s 6d, 25lb, 2s 6d. Pollard, 7s per bag. Bran, 4s. Chaff, 1s 6d.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue, which comprised most of the lines usually on offer, met with fair competition from a good attendance of buyers. Prices ruled as under—

Oats—During the past week there has been moderate inquiry for good to prime lots of oats suitable for shipment, but for nearly all classes the demand has not been so strong as that lately experienced. We quote Prime milling, 1s 5d to 1s 5½d, good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d, medium and inferior, 10d to 1s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—Local stocks of prime milling quality are now much reduced, and medium sorts have little attention from buyers. Fowl wheat, although not so strongly inquired for, has fair demand at prices a shade below late quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d, medium to good, 2s 8d to 2s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; broken and damaged, 1s 10d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes—The market continues to be over-supplied and shows no improvement in values, indeed, anything but good, freshly-dug lots is only saleable at a reduction in values. We quote: Best kidneys, £2 to £2 10s; others, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d per ton (sacks in).

Chaff—After a dearth of prime quality, the market has become fully supplied, large consignments of good to prime quality having come forward of late. In the face of these supplies it has been impossible to maintain

late values, and prices for choice quality have suffered to the extent of about 5s, and other sorts to about 10s per ton. Good to prime chaff still has most attention, medium and inferior being almost without inquiry. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £2 15s to £3; medium to good, £2 5s to £2 12s 6d; inferior, £1 10s to £2 per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Moderate supplies coming forward, which meet with fair demand at 27s 6d to 30s per ton.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report as follows:

Wheat—Millers are still only buying good samples in small quantities. In other lines there is very little doing. Prime milling, 3s to 3s 3d; medium to good, 2s 7d to 2s 11d; best whole fowl wheat, 2s 5d to 2s 8½; broken and inferior, 1s 10d to 2s 3d.

Oats.—Buyers are not so keen to do business, and the market is a shade easier. Prime milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d, good to best feed, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½; inferior to medium, 10d to 1s 2½.

Potatoes.—The supply continues large and values have fallen very considerably, only best samples being easily sold. Best kidneys are now worth £2 to £2 10s; medium, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d.

Chaff.—Very large consignments have come forward lately and prices have come back in consequence. Prime oaten sheaf is saleable at £2 15s to £3, but medium is hard to sell at £2s 5s to £2 12s 6d. Inferior is nominally only worth £1 10 to £2.

Straw.—Commands 25s to 30s.

## WOOL.

London, January 27.—At the wool sales there was strong competition, and prices were maintained. The sales included the following clips:—Ohau, 8½d; Acton, 7½; Raukawa, 8½d.

London, January 28.—At yesterday's wool sales merinos were exceedingly firm and crossbreds were keenly competed for, excepting coarse faulties. The Americans were operating freely. The Amby Downs, Mangator clip realised 8½d, and W.D. (New Zealand) 9½d.

At the wool sales to-day prices were firm and slightly better for scoured merinos.

London, January 29.—At the wool sales, prices generally were maintained, but low crossbreds were occasionally weak.

Sydney, January 28.—A parcel of Queensland scoured wool sold at 2s 1d—the highest for the season. Greasy realised 11½d.

The week's wool sales closed with animated competition. All the better qualities are very firm at late rates.

Wellington, January 29.—The third wool sale of the season was held to-day, various brokers offering 4000 bales. There was a large attendance of buyers, being the best muster that has been seen at the sales, several Continental and Home buyers attending for the first time. The wools in the catalogue were exceptionally free from grease, but seed and cotts were very prevalent, and materially affected the value of much that was offered. Lambs' wool was in good demand, and realised as high as 7½d. Generally there was a rise of from ¼d to ¾d on the December sale price. The range of prices was as follows: Merino, 8½d; halibred, 6½d to 7½d, medium crossbreds and Romneys, 6½d to 7d; coarse crossbreds and Lincolns, 6½d to 7d; logstained and inferior, 5½d to 6d, pieces and bellies, 4d to 5d; locks, 1½d to 3d. Lambs: Bright and clean, 6½d to 7½d slightly seedy, 5d to 5½d.

Stronach, Morris and Co. report as follows:—

Sheepskins—We offered a very large catalogue on Tuesday and had a most satisfactory sale. Buyers were present in good force. We sold best merinos, 6½d to 7d per lb, medium to good, do, 5d to 6d; inferior, do, 1d to 4½d, best halibreds, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, do, 5d to 5½; inferior, do, 4d to 4½d, best fine crossbreds, 5½d to 6½d, medium to good, do, 4½d to 5½d; inferior do, 3½d to 1½d, best crossbreds, 5½d to 6d; medium to good do, 4d to 5d, inferior do, 3d to 3½d; pelts, 9d to 2s 3d each, lambskins, 10d to 2s.

Tallow and Fat—There is no change in the market and quotations may be repeated, viz., best tallow, 19s to 22s, medium to good do, 16s to 18s, best caul fat, 15s 6d to 16s, rough fat, 12s to 11s 6d.

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### THE ADDINGTON MARKETS.

Christchurch, January 27.—There was a fair yarding of stock at the Addington saleyards yesterday, and a good attendance of buyers.

**Fat Cattle**—The yarding totalled 178, the entry being of fair quality. The sale was not a brisk one. Many lots were passed unsold. Ten steers sold on account of Mr G Holmes (Taitapu) brought from £9 to £9 15s. Other steers realised from £7 to £10 17s 6d; heifers, from £5 15s to £7 17s 6d; cows, £5 15s to £8 15s. The price of beef ruled from 19s to 23s 6d per 100 lb.

**Store Sheep**—The yarding totalled 6593, and although the sale was a dragging one the bulk of the entries changed hands at a slight reduction on late rates. The principal sales were: Lambs, 270 at 12s, 112 at 10s 7d, 100 at 10s 3d, 114 at 10s 2d, 103 at 9s 9d, 78 at 9s, 145 at 8s 4d; wethers, 51 at 17s, 62 at 16s 9d, 68 at 15s 5d, 300 at 14s 11d, 253 at 14s 2d, 269 at 13s 11d, 191 at 13s 11d, ewes, 114 at 15s 6d, 85 at 15s, 35 at 14s 11d.

**Pigs**—There was a moderate entry and a fair demand. Baconers brought from 42s to 53s 6d, equal to 4½d per lb; porkers, 32s to 39s, equal to from 5d to 5½d per lb; stores sold at from 28s to 36s for large sorts, medium, 22s to 26s, weaners, 9s to 13s.

**Fat Sheep**—There was a fairly large entry, with a fair proportion of prime wethers and some good quality ewes. A brisk demand at last week's rates was shown. The range of prices was: Wethers, 17s to 21s 9d, best ewes 16s to 17s 6d, others, 11s 3d to 15s 6d.

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W.M. (Napier).—(1) The pretended 'escaped nun' to whom you refer left the American convent of her own free will. The story that she 'escaped' therefrom is a fabrication and a fraud. Shortly after her departure from the convent, she wrote several letters to the Superior protesting that she was not in her right mind when she left, expressing the greatest affection for the Sisters and the deepest humiliation at her conduct, and beseeching to be received back once more into the community. These letters were repeatedly published in Catholic papers and are still in existence. They were also, we think, printed in a pamphlet published in this office in 1886, but now out of print. This woman is no longer on the 'lecturing' platform. (2) The story of Chiniquy was published twice in the 'N.Z. Tablet' during the past few years. He is dead. (3) For the history of the Slatтеры and other impostors, see our two 'pink pamphlets' (posted 5d). Communicate with Manager. (4) We are not aware that those you mention repented and returned to the Church. (5) The full reply to your queries would cover a ream of paper. It is well to preserve all copies of the 'N.Z. Tablet' that deal with impostures and slanders.



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LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1904.

**OUR JOSS**



**P**OLITICIANS and secular journalists in these countries have for over a quarter of a century been dancing and singing around the golden calf of godless public instruction. It was blasphemy and high treason to suggest that it had spot or blemish. 'Our primary education system,' says the Melbourne 'Argus' in a recent issue, 'has become a joss or fetish, which is far above the hostile criticism of its faithful and superstitious worship-

pers. The only note of complaint,' it adds, 'seems to be that it is not expensive and extensive enough. Before some of our legislators will be satisfied with it, it must include the creche at one end and the university at the other.' Half-educated Ministers of Education throughout the seven colonies have used it as a corpus vile for crude experiments and have tip-tilted the public purse into it in every form of useless and fantastic expenditure. Witness, for instance, the Victorian Ministers of Education who had the girls in the State schools thumping German pianos in one room, while in another the boys were sitting cross-legged, like so many Buddhas, learning to thread the needle and sew. 'Gold is omnipotent,' says the Spanish proverb, 'and the ducat is his lord lieutenant.' But gilding could not forever conceal the innate defects of a system that journalist and political faddist made it a sacrilege to criticise. Sooner or later the public had to discover that the god of their worship had feet of clay. Here in New Zealand our sacrosanct and behind-date system is undergoing radical revision—long after it had become an intolerable burden to teacher and pupil alike. And the expert Commission appointed in New South Wales to inquire into public education in Europe has reported that the system in use in the Mother State of the Commonwealth (which is practically identical with ours) is at least ten years behind that of England. And foremost expert opinion has more than once declared that the English system lays a decade or more behind that of Continental Europe.

In a noted discourse on the subject at Bulli on last Sunday week, Cardinal Moran said:—

'In England, unfortunately, the public system of education had been on its trial for some time and stood before the world as universally convicted of being unequal to the times in which they lived. He was reading the other day a judgment of one of the great experts in England on the public system of education there, and his report was that over the portals of every public school in England the words "failure" and "stupidity" should be written, for these were the distinctive features of the school system in that country. Especially in one branch, which might be called the branch of science, it was now confessed by all that schools in England were far and away, at least, ten times inferior to the Continental schools. One of the leading periodicals connected with educational matters reported that the South Kensington Department of Science, which gave a tone and administered, so to say, the whole department of science in England—that this department was the most costly, the most wasteful, and the most stupid of all the educational shams in England. It was a very telling verdict, one which he (the Cardinal) would be very sorry to pronounce, but coming from a leading authority interested in the development of education, it told its own tale. If such was the condition in England compared with the educational requirements of the Continent and the wonderful development these schools on the Continent had attained, it came home to themselves that if their public school system here was to be worth the money expended on it, some life must be put into it—if their system was at present ten years behind the public school system of England, while that of England was ten years behind the Continent.'

The English type of teacher and English teaching methods had found their way into Germany before 1866. But the rigid educationalist tests required in Prussia for military service speedily pole-axed both 'The German pedagogue,' says Sidney Whitman in his noted work, 'is as poor as a church mouse, but devoted to his work heart and soul. It is impossible to find his equal elsewhere in the world.' Educational congresses, expert study year in year out, under State direction and at State cost, have given to Germany those advanced systems of public instruction to which, in great part, she owes her present proud position in the world of intellect and commerce. And all this scholastic success she has achieved without such incentives as scholarships, or appeals to the spirit of rivalry or competition. Throughout Australasia, in the meantime, we have been content to jog along with antiquated methods, copying the dear

old Motherland, and—like her, and unlike Canada—burdening our children's brains and clogging our commerce with a system of weights and measures and rules that are as cumbersome and out-of-date as the ideographs of the heathen Chinese. Here in New Zealand we have long been straining to produce infant phenomena—overburdening the brains of our youth with doses of undigested knowledge that is utterly lost or thrown to the winds in the practical battle of after life. Yet the new school syllabus proposed to add still further to the burdens of teacher and pupil. In the crush and hurry of stuffing the children's heads with homoeopathic doses of fifty 'ologies, the great object of education—the formation of character—is wholly neglected in our public schools. Within the narrow limits of their system, our State school teachers are, no doubt, good instructors. But they are not educators. And this arises, not from their fault, but from the radical defect of a system which, in practice, assumes that the child has no more soul within him than the colt of a wild ass.

Catholics alone in these colonies realise the tremendous perils and possibilities of youth, and the dread responsibilities of the work of education. We give the development of character its due place in our system. State inspection in New Zealand and public competitions in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia, and other States of the Commonwealth, show at the same time that, in the matter of secular instruction, we are ever ready to pit ourselves against all comers. At recent public examinations, for instance, for twenty positions in the Commonwealth service, fourteen successful candidates—among them the highest on the list—came from the Catholic schools. It took a generation of agitation and a long and costly war to reform the British army. Expert opinion and public dissatisfaction may at last send that darling idol—'Our Great National System'—to the melting pot. But no reform can be complete but one that will recognise in a practical way the valuable work which the Catholic schools are doing for the State.

## Notes

### A Risky Business

Horse-dealing is a risky business. Horse-backing is riskier. 'Kind o' risky business buyin' hosses,' said old Eben Holden to his nephew in Irving Bacheller's droll volume; 'got t' judge the owner as well as the hoss. If there's anything the matter with his conscience it'll come out in the hoss somewhere—every time. Never knew a mean man t' own a good hoss. Remember, boy, 's a lame soul that drives a limpin' hoss.' According to the Duke of Portland, 'backing one's fancy' on a racecourse is as ticklish and uncertain a business as 'buyin' hosses', for there seems to be a deal of lame souls and case-hardened consciences to deal with. And the Duke ought to know, for is he not the man who owns Cathine, Australia's most famous racehorse? He states that with the best of horses and the best of information, it is impossible to win by betting on the turf. 'This opinion,' says the Melbourne 'Advocate,' ought to convince backers who foolishly think that they can "spot winners" that the practice is all one-sided, and the bookmaker has the best of it. Very often not only have bookmakers horses running in their interests, but also the controllers of horses, the jockeys, are often in their pay. The Duke of Portland knows the tricks of the betting ring, and consequently advises persons against betting.

### A Frothing Bigot

The January number of the 'Review of Reviews' is blemished by a repetition of some of the paltry tales which the Rev. Alexander Robertson contributed to the

'Pall Mall Gazette' under the pretence of being an 'anecdotal narrative' of the life of the new Pope. The Rev. Alexander is a Protestant minister resident in Venice. The people of Venice have conspicuously failed to assimilate the sort of substitute which he offers them for Christianity. This may or may not account for the evil temper in which the Rev. Alexander Robertson speaks of the Italian clergy and people. At any rate, the Rev. Alexander is a bigot of the most fanatical type. He writes with a pen steeped in gall and assafoetida. Some months ago we published a book, entitled 'The Roman Catholic Church in Italy.' It was a fine war-whoop—a frothing exhibition of shrieking non-Popery hysteria. The widely circulated and well-known non-Catholic London weekly, the 'Spectator,' said of it: 'This book may be best described as an invective against the Roman Catholic Church in Italy. The author, is a Protestant minister resident in Venice, and as he has many friends among the Italians, he might have written an informing book had he not been so blinded by his hatred of the Church of Rome as to be unable to distinguish between truth and falsehood.'

One of the abominable falsehoods told by the Rev. Alexander Robertson in that evil book is this: that, in the time of Pius IX. Catholic priests in the Papal States made a practice of murdering sick people for their money in the very act of administering to them the Sacraments of the Church. The 'Spectator,' referring to the malevolent falsehood, said that it was 'amazing' 'that a minister of religion and an educated man should repeat without a word of dissent such a monstrous allegation. There is,' it adds, 'much of the same kind in Dr. Robertson's volume, which we cannot recommend.' And this is the man whose venomous tongue clacks petty small-talk and perverted 'anecdotes' in the hope of showing unamiable blemishes in the lovable character of Pius X. The great-hearted Pontiff may have his little defects. But we prefer not to take the catalogue of them from Dr. Robertson, who, like Foude, 'leaves us hopelessly struggling to distinguish between his history and his hysteria.'

### Cardinal Merry del Val

More sympathetic and more true is the 'Review's' character sketch of the Pope's new Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry del Val. 'The son of a distinguished diplomatist, he has spent the last twenty years in the greatest school of diplomacy in the world. Other Sovereigns can back up their diplomacy by force, but the Pope has no second weapon. It is doubtful whether any modern diplomatist has ever started better equipped for his task. His wonderful gift of languages places him in a position of superiority over all his predecessors. Spanish is his mother tongue, English he speaks as an Englishman, French like a Frenchman, and he has also a fluent command of German. Italian he speaks without accent, and he has become so much to be regarded as one of themselves that there was no feeling of opposition from the Italians to his appointment to a post they had always regarded as belonging to an Italian. He is the first Cardinal Secretary of State who has been able to deal with Catholics of the Anglo-Saxon race in their own language, and this has been, perhaps, a large factor in his appointment. He is an indefatigable worker and a man of strong character. He has a temper well kept in control which betrays itself sometimes by the appearance of an indignant flush on his face and by a flash from his dark eyes.'

The finest trait in the new Cardinal Secretary's character is, perhaps, set forth in that part of the sketch which represents him, after an arduous day's work in the Vatican, snatching a hasty and ascetic meal, and then casting off his brilliant robes and donning the plain black soutane and 'hastening along the streets across the Tiber to the Trastevere, where the great work which he has organised amongst the poorest

of the poor of Rome has its headquarters in the poor boys' school and club. This club,' says the 'Review of Reviews,' 'developed by him for years with unflagging energy, now contains hundreds of members, many of them saved from ruin by its influence. With these poor urchins and their families Cardinal Merry del Val is a hero and a saint. This is the kind of work to which, beyond others, he would wish to devote his whole life.'

## DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Dunedin Catholic schools picnic took place at Evansdale yesterday (Wednesday).

The retreat of the clergy closed at Holy Cross College on last Friday morning. The annual Diocesan Synod was held afterwards.

A mission for the women of St Joseph's Cathedral congregation is being conducted this week by fathers Roney and Morrogh, S.J. The mission for the men opens on Sunday evening.

At St. Anne's Church, Waikouaiti, on Wednesday of last week, a presentation of a watch, etc., was made to Miss E. Pickup by the congregation in testimony of their grateful sense of the valuable services which she had rendered for several years in the care and decoration of the church. The presentation was made by Mrs. P. Toomey on behalf of the congregation.

The following clerical changes have taken place in the diocese of Dunedin: Rev. J. O'Malley goes from Oamaru to St. Joseph's Cathedral; Rev. P. O'Neill from Holy Cross College to Oamaru; Rev. D. Buckley from St. Joseph's Cathedral to Holy Cross College; Rev. J. Liston, who was ordained on last Sunday, goes to Holy Cross College. The Cromwell mission has been divided. The Rev. John Ryan has been placed in charge of Cromwell, and the Rev. George Hunt has taken over Alexandra, where he now resides.

The Rev. James Liston was raised to the priesthood on last Sunday by his Lordship the Bishop at the eleven o'clock Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral. The cathedral was densely packed. The occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. J. Ryan, S.J. The following clergy were also present at the solemn ceremony: Very Rev. J. O'Neill (Milton), Rev. J. Roney, S.J. (Sydney), Rev. P. Murphy, Adm., Rev. J. Coffey, Rev. P. O'Neill, Rev. D. Buckley, and Rev. H. W. Cleary. The newly-ordained priest was the recipient of many congratulations from lay and clerical friends in various parts of New Zealand.

Another meeting of the committee in charge of the movement to raise funds to repair and ultimately rebuild the Christian Brothers' School was held on 31st January, when it appeared that matters were well in hand, and that the actual canvassing both in Dunedin and out of it should begin this week. Already a number of the ex-pupils have associated themselves with the movement either by attendance at the meetings or by subscriptions or promises. Among them are the following gentlemen:—The Rev. Fathers P. O'Neill, Buckley, Liston, Messrs P. and J. Hally, A. J. Sullivan, J. J. Connor, Junr, T. J. Hussey, Jas Hill, W. Fitzpatrick, C. Columb, Junr, F. Heley, J. J. Dunne, W. H. Haydon, Junr.

A private letter written by the Right Rev. Mgr Mackay on December 26 to a clerical friend in Dunedin conveys the information that the Monsignor had at that time been two months in Rome. He was the guest of his old friend and class-fellow, Monsignor Fraser, Rector of the Scots College, and greatly enjoyed his stay in the Eternal City, visiting day by day every place of interest. He also visited Lourdes, Monte Cassino, and Naples. At the last mentioned place he met Bishops Reville (Bendigo), Higgins (Rockhampton), and Gallagher (Goulburn), and Dean Slattery (Newtown, Sydney). He called upon the New Zealand students at Propaganda College, and reports them in excellent health. On the week after Christmas, Monsignor Mackay was to set out for Scotland by Florence, Venice, Milan, Lyons, Paris, and London, and then (said he) 'on board for dear old New Zealand.' He expects to be back in Oamaru about Easter.

A man's business may be a success, and yet the man a failure.

Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch, and 97 George street, Dunedin, have just landed some beautiful medallion portraits of Pope Pius X and Leo XIII. As the price is only ninepence, they are within the reach of all. The firm have also a large stock of prayer books at the most reasonable prices.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

From our Hokitika correspondent we learn that Father Aubrey, lately of Waimate, reached Hokitika, his new sphere of labor, on January 27.

We have received several communications in reference to pupils who won the St. Patrick's College scholarships, Wellington, but have been requested to await the complete official list which we hope to publish next week.

The list of successes at the recent N.Z. University examinations contained the name of Miss Maud Casey, who passed the medical preliminary. This young lady was prepared for her examination at the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth.

Our Wanganui correspondent writes: Among the successful candidates at the University examinations held in December last, I notice with pleasure the names of Misses M. Robson and M. Mitchell, both pupils of the Wanganui Convent. The former young lady passed in Latin, qualified for matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge. Miss Mitchell passed the matriculation examination. These were the only two candidates presented by the Sisters, and it is gratifying to find that both have been so successful.

At St. Patrick's church, Greymouth (writes a correspondent) on Sunday, January 24, two young ladies—Miss Gunan and Miss Parker—received the white veil of the Sisters of Mercy. The former young lady is now known in religion as Sister Mary Baptist and the latter as Sister Mary Claude. The ceremony was a very impressive one. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Guthrie, sang the music proper for the occasion, and the Rev. Father Mangan, C. S.S.R., preached a very able and appropriate sermon. The congregation was a very large one.

From the Napier (H.B.) 'Daily Telegraph' of January 23, we learn that on the previous Sunday, after Vespers, an address with accompanying purse was presented to Dean Binsfeld by the parishioners of Meanee. Dr Kennedy presided and delivered a complimentary speech worthy of the occasion. Mr Pothan read the address and presented the purse of sovereigns, which about doubled the Christmas dues, showing the generosity of the people and their appreciation of their late pastor. Dean Binsfeld warmly acknowledged their liberality, and especially drew attention to their hearty feeling towards himself during the eight years he had been in charge of the parish. As he had already said in his farewell address to them in the morning from the altar, he had always experienced from them respect, unvarying kindness, and docility.

## PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 31.

The Rev. Dr Kennedy, of Meanee College, was a visitor to Palmerston during the holidays. He was the guest of his brother, Mr. Matthew Kennedy, manager of the local gas works. On Sunday last at Vespers Dr Kennedy preached an eloquent sermon.

The adjourned meeting of the local branch of the I.A.C.B.S. was held on last Wednesday, January 27. Bro. Fred Herring, president for the ensuing half-year, was in the chair, and there was a good muster of members present. The secretary presented the balance sheet from the branch's inception to date, which was passed as very satisfactory. A pleasing thing to note was the healthy state of the roll, there being now a little over double the number of financial members the branch started with in August. It is gratifying to see the financial support the Lodge is receiving throughout the district, there being now a good round sum to meet the many little necessities hitherto done without, and funds are still coming to hand. All this should tend to bring the branch into a flourishing state by the end of its first year. Mr. W. Ryan was proposed an hon-member. The meeting broke up at 10.30.

During the week great interest has been taken in the painting of St. Patrick's steeple, which, together with the rest of the church, is undergoing a complete renovation at the hands of Messrs. Brady and Fitzsimmons. The painting of the cross, which is over 150 feet from the ground, is, with the breeze that blows in Palmerston, somewhat of a steeple-jack performance. The work, however, is proceeding satisfactorily. On next Sunday a collection will be taken up for the purpose of defraying these expenses, and we feel sure it will meet with the best support of the parish.

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## WEDDING BELLS

### LOUGHNAN—HARPER.

At the Pro-Cathedral on Monday of last week Dr James Robert Loughnan, of Colac, Victoria, and Miss Lilian Harper, daughter of Mr. George Harper, of this City, were (says our Christchurch correspondent) united in the bonds of holy matrimony His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. James, Bishop of Christchurch, attended by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., celebrated a Nuptial Mass and performed the marriage ceremony. His Lordship also delivered an impressive address. The Very Rev. Fathers Ginaty and Mar-nane and the Rev. Father O'Connell were also present in the sanctuary. The bride was given away by her father, and there was a very large attendance to witness the interesting event. Miss Katie Young, the Cathedral organist, played an offertory and the Wedding March. In the afternoon a reception was given at Hareley House. The honeymoon was spent at Governor's Bay, and on Friday the happy couple left for their home in Australia.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. CURRY, HERIOT

A correspondent writes:—Much regret was felt at the news of the death of Mrs. Catherine Curry, which took place at her residence in Heriot on January 23. The deceased lady was 39 years old, and was the wife of Mr. Hugh Curry, of Heriot, and daughter of Mr. James Hegarty, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone, Ireland. She came out to the Colony with her husband about sixteen years ago. She was attended during her illness by the Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Hearn, of Gore. Her funeral was largely attended, mourners coming from all parts of the district. The Rev. Father O'Donnell officiated at the graveside. The deceased lady leaves a family of seven to mourn their loss.

### MR. T. LEAHY, GORE.

General regret (says an esteemed correspondent) was felt through the Southland district when it became known that Mr. Thomas Leahy, of Gore (late of Invercargill and Wyndham), had passed away after a long illness extending over two years. He died a most holy death on January 16, fortified by the holy rites of the Church. The local clergy attended to him in his last hours. The funeral took place on Monday, January 18, at Invercargill. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of friends from all parts of the district. The burial service was impressively conducted by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, and Rev. Father Lynch, of Invercargill.—R.I.P.

### SISTER MARY BARBARA, AUCKLAND.

We have with deep regret to record the death of Sister Mary Barbara Comerford, a member of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Ponsonby, Auckland. The deceased Sister, who passed away on January 19, seemed to be in good health up to the week before her death. The doctors were called in, and it became their painful duty to declare that her ailment was of a serious nature. They were most attentive, and did their utmost to prolong her life, but owing to weakness of the heart, Sister Mary Barbara succumbed after a very short illness. Her death brought a severe pang to the hearts of her sisters in religion, and many were the kind and sympathetic messages received by the community in their sad bereavement. Sister Mary Barbara was born at Castle-comer, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. She came to New Zealand, January 6, 1875, and celebrated her Silver Jubilee on January 7 of the present year. For many years she held the responsible office of bursar in the Convent, the various duties of which she discharged with the most conscientious exactitude. She was of a timid and very retiring disposition, and sweet and amiable in manner. Death found her fully resigned and happy, and she who for many years was to her sisters in religion a bright example of virtue, leaves behind her the solacing thought that she is now enjoying the reward of her holy edifying life. The obsequies took place in the Convent chapel. His Lordship Dr. Lenihan presided. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., deacon, Rev. M. Furlong, sub-deacon, Rev. H. Holbrook, master of ceremonies, Rev. G. Gullan. There were also present Rev. Fathers Benedict, O.P., Kehoe, Patterson, McGuinness, Meagher, McMullan, Duffy, and Hills, S.M.—R.I.P.

## Armidale's Bishop Dead

A brief message in last Friday's daily papers announced the death of the Right Rev. Elzear Torreggiani, Bishop of Armidale, New South Wales. The deceased prelate was born at Porto Recanati, near Loreto, in Italy, on May 28, 1830. When seventeen years old, he joined the Order of the Capuchins in the pretty mountain town of Camerino, in Umbria, Italy. He was raised to the priesthood in 1853, and soon afterwards proceeded to England, where he labored with great and fruitful zeal in the Capuchin missions of Peckham, Pantasaph, and Pontypool. He was rector of Pontypool when he was appointed to the See of Armidale, in succession to its first Bishop, Dr. O'Mahony. He was consecrated on March 25, 1879. On September 29, of the same year, he sailed from Brindisi for Australia, accompanied by six Capuchin Fathers. At Armidale he met with an enthusiastic reception from Protestants and Catholics alike. In the following year (1880) there were in his diocese about 10,000 Catholics, ministered to by 17 priests. There were only two Catholic schools. Five years later, at the Plenary Synod, a new diocese—that of Grafton—was set up within the original boundaries of that of Armidale, which had contained a territory of some 46,000 square miles. Bishop Torreggiani lived to see, in the same territory, 2 bishoprics, 89 missionary districts, 37 priests, 220 nuns, 9 boarding schools for girls, 9 superior day schools, 27 parochial primary schools, 4641 children in attendance at Catholic schools, and a Catholic population of 44,523 souls. Bishop Torreggiani was a familiar and striking figure with his brown Capuchin habit, which he always wore, both in public and in the privacy of his own episcopal residence. He was a man of singular piety, and he was greatly revered by people of every creed and class for his genial kindness and his large-hearted charity. Throughout his extensive diocese he has left great numbers of convents, schools, presbyteries, etc., which stand as monuments of his missionary zeal.—R.I.P.

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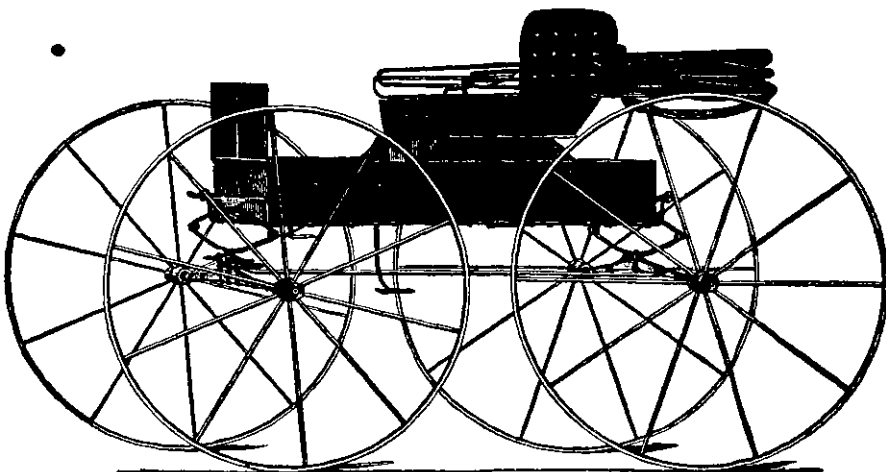
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# 'The Storyteller

## GABRIELLE

### I.

To a traveller standing on the mountain side in south-eastern France the first dawn, as the sun rose behind the hills, was one of surpassing beauty. The fresh green turt of early spring and the trees laden with white blossoms, were touched with a rosy light; while the river in the valley took on a soft, silvery sheen. Every object stood out clear and distinct like a cameo, a sharpness and yet delicacy of outline that was lost later in the day.

The knight coming up the mountain side with his men-at-arms was young, and attuned both by age and nature to the loveliness of the scene, so half way up the steep path he paused and removed his helmet to let the delicious morning breeze fan his brow. A pale golden light pervaded every spot and gave mystery and beauty to the meanest objects. Everything sang the morning psalm of life, with no foreshadowing of approaching danger. But just as the knight bared his head to the breeze, an arrow whistled by, followed by another; and even as the men-at-arms closed around their master with raised shields, they heard a wild cry far up the height that went echoing through the ravine at their right.

'Forward' cried the knight, as he quickly replaced his helmet; and without loss of time he and his followers charged up the steep path till they reached the summit of the mountain pass.

But they found nothing, and careful search of the ravine failed to reveal any sign of human life, so after an hour they gave up the quest and resumed their journey.

As they descended the hill on the other side, valley, river and plain lay stretched before them, while the pine-clothed ravined and near-by rocky peaks lent grandeur and solemnity to the scene. The knight uttered a prayer of thankfulness for his escape from what, was meant for certain death. Half a league further on the country became more thickly wooded, until at length on the brow of the hill, around which the path wound, a chapel came in sight, toward which some peasants were wending their way. The knight entered with his train and knelt on the bare earthen floor until the priest had received the holy elements, when he advanced and, kneeling at the foot of the altar steps, likewise received the Sacrament. 'Quid retribuam,' the priest had said, 'What shall we render to the Lord for all the hath rendered unto us?' The knight lifted up his heart, which was already illuminated by divine grace; some fitting memorial must be his.

At the conclusion of the Mass the men-at-arms and the few peasants present withdrew, and the cure left the altar just as the knight advanced to meet him.

'Father,' he said, 'I am the Seigneur de St Denis, and as I came over the mountain pass this morning with my train the hand of an assassin was raised against me, and my life seemed saved only by a miracle. But thanks to the Adorable Name of Jesus, which I had just invoked, I escaped. Henceforth, Reverend Father, I wish to vow my life and my strong arm to the glory and service of God.'

'It is well, my son,' said the priest; the blessed St. Denis, whose name you bear, will be your defender and protector, and make your name illustrious for France. As they stood there in the mystic morning light, the knight in his shining armor, his noble head bared and bent in reverence to the words of the priest, he might have stood for the impersonation of the Blessed St. Denis himself.

A few more words passed between them, and then the knight and his train resumed their journey down the valley to the city some leagues beyond, but on the spot where the arrows had whizzed close to his head there arose in a few years a noble castle, and hither the Seigneur de St. Denis brought his bride, and before long the laughter of happy children resounded through its walls. Fortune smiled on the knight, but ever he kept before him his vow to give of his best to God and France.

So the years passed, and the St. Denis grew in power and wealth, while preserving intact the heritage of faith bequeathed them by their illustrious founder. They became great in peace and war, and high in favor with the king. Indeed, a monarch of France once spent two nights under their roof, and the country folk for many years after proudly recounted to their children how for forty-eight hours the royal standard of France waved from the castle walls.

And thus it was that one generation succeeded another until the year of grace 1770, when the last of the

house of St. Denis was born, and, instead of the expected heir, it was a girl. The title became extinct, and the last lord of St. Denis, who had died two months previously, was soon followed by his wife, leaving their child, with her vast estates and her wealth, to be brought up, in the troubled times France was entering on, by her great-aunt, a childless widow, known in the world as Madame la Countess de Vignon.

### II.

Mother Angelique stood in her convent parlor looking out on the garden and beyond to the river and valley and distant mountains. Dark against the sky rose the castle of St. Denis, as impregnable as when it was built hundreds of years ago; but the country around had changed and become more thickly populated; the beautiful convent on the brow of a hill, built of stone and half-covered with ivy and other vines, was also old in point of time, though compared to the castle it was young. For forty years Mother Angelique had looked out on the same scene, first as a novice and later as choir-mistress, and finally as superior. All the familiar scenes, and all the changes of summer and winter were known and dear to her. There across the valley were the cottages of the peasants who came almost daily to her for aid; in the convent garden were the children with some of the younger nuns; their merry voices penetrated the closed window, bringing a pang to the tender heart that knew and loved each one.

It was in the summer of 1793 and France was in the throes of the Revolution. Louis the King had been guillotined and the flower of the French nobility were dead or dispersed. Some there were who remained in their unhappy country, chiefly those who lived far from Paris. Convents and castles were everywhere closed or pillaged, and that the castle and convent of St. Denis had hitherto been left undisturbed was due in a large measure to the faithfulness of the retainers and peasants, who treated the lords of St. Denis with far more kindness than distinguished the nobles of the time, would have died for any of the family. Hence Mother Angelique had hitherto felt comparative tranquility, but this particular morning her heart was full of anxiety, word having reached her of an uprising of the peasants a few leagues from the convent. It was even said that a noble had been shot on his own estate. How long would it be, she wondered, that their own serfs would remain loyal? There came a soft tap on the door, and in answer to her 'Enter,' the massive mahogany door opened, and a tall, slender, graceful figure advanced and knelt at her feet.

'Have you heard the news, Mother,' she said, 'that there has been an uprising on the De Grenelle estate and that the Count Grenelle has been shot and killed?'

'Yes, dear Gabrielle,' answered the old nun, laying her hand gently for a moment on the girl's beautiful dark head. 'God alone knows what will come to our unhappy country now.'

'It is shameful,' said the young girl, springing to her feet; 'something must be done, Mother; this tyranny must be overcome. What is going to become of France in the future?'

'There is nothing to do, dearest,' said the nun; older and wiser heads than yours have wrestled with the problem, and see no way out of it—now.'

'Do you remember, Mother,' said the young girl, 'the story you used to read us of King Clovis and St. Remy, when Clovis was so moved by the saint's recital of the passion and death of Christ that he sprang from his throne and cried out: "Had I been there with my brave Franks I would have avenged his wrongs." Mother—and the young girl took a step forward—'we need some one to avenge the wrong done to God and France now.'

'The times are changed, my child,' said the nun; 'our only weapon now is prayer.'

To the young creature before her, pulsing in every fibre with glorious life, this was too tame.

'Prayer—yes,' she answered, 'but action, too. Listen—and she drew nearer and, bending low, almost whispered in the nun's ear—'Listen, Mother; what we need is not another Clovis. Something more sudden and decisive—some action that will strike at the root of this revolt and put an end to its leaders—that is needed now. Do you remember, Mother' she continued, another story you read us, of how Jacl slew Sisera? It was righteous, you said.'

Mother Angelique lifted her soft, faded brown eyes to the young girl's face, and something she saw there arrested the words on her lips.

'And therefore,' continued the clear, low, musical voice, every tone and vibration of which pierced the heart of the nun, who had been like her second mother—'and therefore, Mother, it is I, Gabrielle de St. Denis, who will go to Paris and rid France of these tyrants

who deny to us that freedom of action and of religion which kings and emperors thought it a privilege to grant.

She drew back, her bosom heaving, her eyes flashing, all the enthusiasm and determination of generations of warlike ancestors in her voice and mien.

The old nun rose to her feet more quickly than she had moved for years.

'My child,' she said, 'are you mad? Do you realise what you are saying?'

'Do you realise, Mother,' was the answer, 'that it is against you this tyranny is being exercised, as much as against me, though I would avenge it?'

Mother Angelique crossed the room and unlocked the doors of a carved cabinet that hung on the wall; then she turned to the young girl, in her eyes a strange, exalted light.

'Look?' she said. 'It was not against us that Jews and Romans worked their vengeance, but against Him—the Crucified. Shall we bear less than He?'

The delicately carved head of the Christ stood out from its background of heavy, purple velvet. Gabrielle saw it all: the thorns pressing the brow, the bleeding hands and feet, the heart that bore the sin of the world, the lips that cried to heaven that His murderers might be forgiven. There He hung, the Christ in His weakness and His triumph. The young girl saw and understood, but she was not yet conquered.

'Would we have let that happen if we could have prevented it, Mother?' she said; 'and I, ah, my God! Why should I not rid the world of these men—Danton, Marat, Robespierre—who outrage God's Holy Name?'

She threw back her beautiful head and raised one slender, shapely arm high in the air as if calling heaven to witness this cruel wrong that stung her proud, loyal soul. So might Joan of Arc have looked when she led the armies of France to victory. The nun closed the cabinet, and advancing to the young girl took both her hands in hers.

'Gabrielle, little friend,' she said, 'you must seek some one wiser than I to see this matter in its true light. Go to Father Andre and tell him what you have told me. Ah, good God,' she continued, dropping the girl's hands and clasping her own, 'not by further bloodshed will France be regenerated, but by discipline and pain. We need the voice of one crying in the wilderness, one who will preach to the hearts of sinful men. The time is not yet, but the day will come when France will rise from her ashes, beautiful, glorious, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.'

She seemed not to see when Gabrielle courtesied and left the room. Softly the nun passed into the chapel beyond and fell on her knees in her stall. Long and earnestly she prayed for herself, her nuns, for France.

'For me the toil,' she said; for me the labor, the humiliation, if our Lord deems me worthy. To God alone the glory.'

Gradually the twilight descended and all was darkness, save where the red light burned in the sanctuary. In the heart of Mother Angelique, in spite of uncertainty, was that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

'Eugene, dear friend, listen to me'

The speaker stood in a deep oriel window, framed in a background of rich red damask curtains, that brought into relief the raven blackness of her hair and the delicate ivory fairness of her skin. Clad from head to foot in white, Gabrielle de St. Denis was in her own drawing-room; before her one of the handsomest and most chivalrous men in France. It mattered little to her just then that he had been pleading for her hand and for her; other and more weighty matters occupied her mind.

Owing to the troubled state of the times, the young heiress of St. Denis had grown up with more freedom and less formality that was usual in a French demoiselle. Hence the young Viscount de Morlet, whose estates adjoined hers, and who had been her friend and companion from childhood, had dined with her that night and now Madame de Vignon having fallen asleep in her chair, her ward and the Viscount had passed into the drawing-room and were ensconced in the deep oriel window that looked out over the ravine. Tradition had it that this window covered the very spot where the first lord of St. Denis had narrowly missed death from the archer's shaft. The interior of the castle had been improved and furnished by succeeding members of the family, without destroying its dignity or architectural beauty, until it was now one of the handsomest and most luxurious of the old residences of France. The title had become extinct; but the money and lands descended to the young girl, and to her heirs, if she had any.

Love, money, lands, youth, and beauty were, however, far from Gabrielle de St. Denis that night. Her whole being was wrought up to a passionate protest against the weight of tyranny and uncertainty under which France groaned.

'Listen, friend, she said. 'This is not a time for us to think of marrying and giving in marriage; our country is in the throes of mortal agony, and God alone knows what the outcome will be. Rouse yourself, Eugene, and think—think of something besides me.'

'How can I?' he said.

She made a gesture of superb scorn,

'Oh, you men!' she cried; 'you think of nothing but love till you have won, and then—you forget.'

'Ah, is it possible?' he answered, with a smile in his dark eyes, and then he straightened up.

'Gabrielle dear,' he said, 'you think me indifferent, but I am not so; gladly would I bring back to France her Catholic kings and her Catholic faith, but as yet nothing can be done; we nobles who have so far escaped the guillotine are bound hand and foot. Any day our castles may be seized and our own lives pay the forfeit. It is only so far by the faithfulness of our retainers and the mercy of God that we have remained unmolested. Ah, Gabrielle, dear heart!' he continued, as she did not speak, 'not a day passes that the motto of the De Morlets does not ring in my ears: "Je fais fort, et je faïaise"—I make me strong, and I persevere. We Catholic men of France must gird up our loins, for the time will come when our country will need her best and noblest sons.'

She was weeping now—this girl with her passionate love and loyalty for her faith and her belle patrie. Of such is the real France—the France of St. Remy, of St. Louis, of Fenelon, of a long line of saints and kings with illustrious men, whose glorious light can never grow dim.

Swayed by different emotions, Gabrielle thought one moment that she would unfold to the Viscount her plan to go to Paris with the avowed purpose of slaying the man who then ruled France, but on second thought she decided to keep it a secret. Well she knew that to tell Eugene her intentions would be to have them all frustrated. She must act quickly, she thought, and secretly, ere it be too late. Of herself thought nothing. What man or woman with a like purpose ever does. She might escape, or her own life might pay the forfeit; in her present tense, exalted state it mattered little.

Meanwhile here was a man who, in spite of republics or empires, must be dealt with—one who demanded and deserved an answer; so she turned to the young Viscount, who stood now beneath a shaded crystal lamp lit by wax candles, all the light radiating on his handsome, refined face and figure.

'Eugene, dear,' she said, 'you deserve an answer, and you shall have it. I do not say "No," yet for the present I cannot say "Yes." The thought of all the suffering hearts in our beloved patrie, and the exiles near and far, would haunt me. When I know that the pain is less, or, God willing, happily over, then—' she drew near him as she spoke, all the subtle fascination of her eyes, her smile, her low, thrilling voice, in the words—'then, Eugene, I will marry you.'

Like a chevalier of old the Viscount fell on one knee before her; some instinct told him that in her present mood the young girl would not tolerate any deeper expression of his devotion and joy.

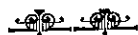
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Australain singers are not flying to the old country because they are starved out of their native land. They are going (says the 'Catholic Press') because their success here has given wings to their ambition. For instance, Miss Narelle, Miss Kate Rooney, and Miss Eva Mylott made handsome incomes for three or four years before they left, incomes much larger than those earned by artists in other spheres. While the painter and the sculptor and the poet are poor and obscure, the singer queens it over the community, and has her regal claims readily acknowledged; and even her right to impose a special tax on her fellow citizens in order that she may soar like a skylark and make the world her empire is allowed. Amy Castles received upwards of £11,000 from her fellow Australians while she was in her teens, and the flower gardens of the continent were robbed to do her homage. On her return visit Melba demanded more than regal honors, and disdained anything less than gold pieces. Ada Crossley had not such high pretensions. Still she has met with enthusiasm which comes in the way of even few statesmen. She arrived some time ago, for instance, by the Ophir at Freemantle, and telegrams in our daily papers read that 'She was accorded a civic reception, and given a special railway car for the journey to Perth, where at the Central Railway station she was welcomed by a very large and enthusiastic crowd. Booking for the first concert at Perth is a record for Western Australia.'

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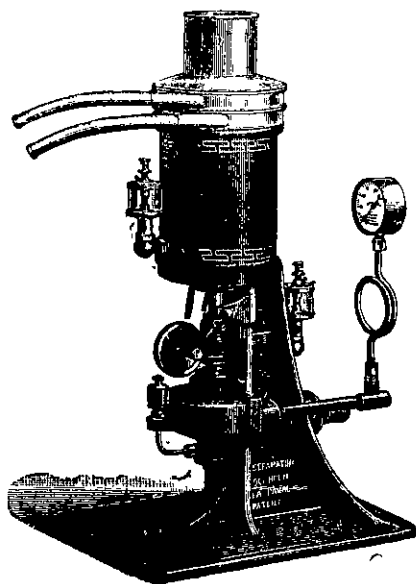
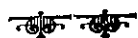
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## CANADA.—The Ruined University

The death is announced of Father Charles Fulham, O.M.I., one of the professors in the University College of Ottawa, who succumbed on December 8 to the injuries he received during the fire which, as reported in our columns recently, destroyed the college. He was a Meath man, and was only thirty-three years of age. The Ottawa University has its charter from the Government since 1866, and is empowered to grant degrees, but the statement that it is endowed is not correct; it receives no money from public sources. As a Catholic University it is the creation of the late Pope, who made the Archbishop of Ottawa its Apostolic Chancellor.

## ENGLAND.—A Vicar condemned

The Anglican Bishop of Worcester recently condemned an article in the Press by the Rev. C. Beeby, vicar of Yardley Wood, near Birmingham, as directed against the whole conception of miracles, and against the virgin birth of Our Lord in particular. The vicar has since sent in this resignation.

## Canon Lynch

The presentation of an address of congratulation and Canonical robes to Canon Lynch took place on Monday, December 21, in the Hulme Town Hall. A grand concert was held on the occasion.

## The Redemptorists

The Redemptorists have purchased Windhill House and St. Katharine's High School, Bishop's Stortford, with five acres of ground attached, for the purposes of a monastery. A new church is eventually to be built in the grounds, which adjoin the parish church.

## Westminster Cathedral

The very beautiful crucifix designed by the late Mr. Bentley and recently painted by Mr. Simonds was blessed on a recent Sunday at the Westminster Cathedral by the Right Rev. Mgr. Provost Johnson. It was an unpretending ceremony, but most interesting as a revival of an old custom in the Catholic Church. In its position, about 100 feet from the ground in the centre of the Cathedral, the crucifix cannot but be recognised as giving a most ecclesiastical tone to the whole building. The weight of the crucifix is about three tons, and the manner in which it was raised by pulleys and ropes into its proper place reflects great credit on the presiding genius at the Cathedral. The cost of this unique work of art is not less than £600.

## Archbishop Bourne

Archbishop Bourne, of Westminster, was having a sort of triumphal progress homewards from Rome when the last mails left. He was received at Milan by representatives of Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, and the Catholic Press Association. An address on parchment was presented to him, and Cardinal Ferrari made a gift of a relic of St. Charles Borromeo for Westminster Cathedral. The relic consists of a portion of the body of St. Charles in a crystal urn, which is enclosed in a magnificent silver case. After Mass at Milan two days later before the exposed remains of St. Charles Borromeo, Archbishop Bourne left for Monza, where he had a most cordial reception at the Seminary. Dr. Bourne afterwards returned to Milan, where he was present at a literary and musical entertainment at the Academy. Cardinal Ferrari gave a dinner to his honor, at which distinguished ecclesiastics and laymen were present. Speaking at the Theological Seminary of the diocese of Milan, in the presence of 300 students, expressed his satisfaction at having been able once more to visit the celebrated Seminary which, he recalled, had been founded by St. Charles. Continuing, the Archbishop said: 'I encourage you to arm yourselves with sound piety and a knowledge of sacred and profane science, so that you may face and cure modern ills. This was recommended to me by the Pontiff when he expressed a wish soon to see a seminary founded in Westminster. Archbishop Bourne's enthronement took place in Westminster Cathedral, on December 29, the feast of St. Thomas the martyr, Bishop of Canterbury.

## The 'Rock' on a Reef

Few people that value religious peace and the ordinary decencies of controversy will regret that the 'Rock' is in difficulties. A correspondent of that violent Protestant news-sheet has made a fervent appeal in its columns for funds to support the paper. It appears from a report of a case that came before the City of London Court, in which auditors sued the 'Rock' Newspaper and Publishing Co. for their fee of five guineas, that a subsidy has been received from the Church Association. The 'Rock's' correspondent evi-

dently thinks that there should be a further and a larger gift, for he says that the £50,000 the Church Association is about to raise 'will be of little use to secure the Protestant Parliament, which is so urgently needed, unless public opinion is formed by such a paper as the "Rock" is.' To the correspondent's letter the editor appends a note declaring that 'a crisis has overtaken the "Rock" like the "Pilot" and asking: 'Will Protestants rescue the former as Ritualists did the latter?' If, after having been in existence not for a short time, like the 'Pilot,' but for some forty years, the 'Rock' is losing £300 a year, the prospect for intending rescuers is not altogether roseate. We take no pleasure (says the 'Catholic Times') in the 'Rock's' distress, but we hope that it will learn a useful lesson from its troubles. The bigoted and fanatical contributions to which it has been continually lending its columns were enough to kill any paper. Why not try fair, respectable argument?

## FRANCE.—Combes at Work

Having expelled many of the religious Orders from their teaching establishments, M. Combes is now engaged in providing schools to replace those which his persecuting laws have yet to close. Altogether (says an exchange), he has to deal with some 3500 schools which are still being conducted by Congregations who are authorised. These schools, too, must be seized in the name of the State! Two thousand two hundred of them are for girls, and one thousand three hundred for boys. His prefects have sent him in an account of what provision could be made for taking over the work, were he to expel even these authorised. Congregations of teaching Orders. Nineteen hundred may be closed at once, as there is for that number of schools a sufficiency of State schools to take over the pupils from them. In the rest of the cases, either additional or entirely new accommodation must be provided before the State schools could deal with the dispossessed scholars. Apparently M. Combes does not hesitate at the prospect. He has held a Cabinet Council, discussed with his Ministers his programme, and is prepared to lay the matter at once before the Chambers. Thus the dechristianisation of France proceeds apace.

## ITALY.—The Pope a Collector

Before his accession to the Chair of St. Peter, the Pope had accumulated a collection of over 10,000 post-cards. He is still an enthusiastic collector.

## A Rumor Contradicted

Rumor has been 'at it' again in regard to Pius X. This time it again repeats the old wheeze about his intention to quit the Eternal City. The London correspondent of the London 'Morning Post' says he has received what may be almost termed an official declaration that the Pope has no intention of leaving the Vatican.

## A Monument

The design for the statue of Leo XIII. which is to be erected as a memorial of the late Pope, on the hills overlooking his birthplace at Carpineto, has now been completed by Signor Ernesto Bondi, the sculptor to whom the commission was entrusted.

## Fire Practice

Since the last fire at the Vatican the authorities have been studying the question of securing better protection of the building. The Pope, accompanied by Cardinal Merry del Val and the Papal Court, recently witnessed from the balcony a fire-extinguishing experiment, which was made in the Cortile del Belvedere. Fire was set to some wood saturated with petroleum and other combustibles, but the flames were quickly subdued by the new type of fire-extinguisher. His Holiness expressed satisfaction at the result of the experiment.

## Pius and the Scriptures

The present Sovereign Pontiff takes a special interest, as did his predecessor Leo XIII., in promoting the reading of the Scriptures. The Association of St. Jerome, whose object it is to introduce the Gospels into the houses of the people in Italy, have lately had an audience with his Holiness, and the Pontiff enthusiastically praised their work. The perusal of the sacred text, he said, could not but prove profitable to every class of society. It brought solace to the poor and the suffering, while to the highly-instructed it supplied abundant food for meditation. Learning that Father Ghignoni was about to begin a course of sermons explanatory of the Gospels in the Church of St. Maria in Aquaro, he expressed keen satisfaction at the news, and said he would impart a special benediction to him and his auditors. When Catholics are well aware that their clerical leaders are thus eager for the circulation of Catholic versions of the Scriptures it is hard that they should so often have to reply to the accusation that the Church is hostile to the diffusion of the Bible.

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**SCOTLAND.—Glasgow Cathedral**

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**Sisters of Nazareth**

One of the last official wishes of the late Archbishop Eyre's life was that a branch of the community of the Sisters of Nazareth from Hammersmith should be established in the western archdiocese. A little more than a year ago practical realisation of that wish was brought about by the arrival of a contingent of the Sisters, who quietly took up their residence at Halfway House, Govan, and unobtrusively but effectively began this great work of Christian charity—that of yielding shelter to the homeless and the friendless.

**Musselburgh New Church**

The foundation stone of the new Catholic church, which is cruciform in design, and to be built of white stone at a cost of over £5000 was formally laid a few weeks ago by Archbishop Smith, at Newbigging, Musselburgh, in the presence of a large attendance of clergy and the Catholic laity of the East of Scotland. The Very Rev. Canon McGinnis, of Innerleithen, delivered a brief address. Musselburgh, he said, was small, but from a Catholic point of view it was large. History told them that three hundred years ago the old shrine of our Lady of Loreto was burned in Musselburgh, but he was pleased to say that the spirit of those left fought the way, and now the Protestants and Catholics, although they had their differences, lived in peace and harmony.

**Catholic Progress**

The Catholic Church is making rapid strides in Scotland. Scarce a week passes that the erection of a church, school, or presbytery cannot be chronicled. Catholics are truly fulfilling their mission—that of spreading the light—in the 'Land of mountain and brown heather.' Within the few past weeks in St. Patrick's parish, Glasgow, £550 was subscribed by five persons towards the erection of a high altar; while another who has withheld his name, has given £500 to the Seminary, Bearsden. Another fact worthy of record (says the correspondent of the Dublin 'Freeman') is, that bigotry is largely on the wane in Scotland. Whether this is due to the largely increasing Irish population and the prominent position as citizens in which they have placed themselves, or to the broadmindedness of Scotchmen in this twentieth century, I cannot tell, but the fact remains that Catholic Irishmen are daily being more respected and considered and placed on equal footing with their Scotch fellow-countrymen.

**SPAIN.—A Cardinal Passes**

The death of Cardinal Herrero, Archbishop of Valencia, is announced. Our readers will remember that the Cardinal was seriously ill during the recent conclave. He was born on the 20th January, 1823, and was raised to the Sacred College at the last Consistory held by Leo XIII. He was a man of great learning and piety and an ornament to the Church in Spain.

**The Young King**

The visit of the King of Spain to Portugal has been marked by brilliant ceremonies. At the City Hall, Lisbon, a reception was held and speeches were delivered. The royal visitors, who included King Alfonso, King Carlos, Queen Amelia, Queen Pia, and the Prince Royal, entered their names in the Golden Book, and then visited the municipal building. The Municipal Guards formed a guard of honor. As the Royal party entered, and left the building the bells of the churches played the Spanish Royal March. On December 12 King Alfonso and King Carlos, after having heard Mass in the Belem Monastery, accompanied by the Portuguese Ministers and Senor Rodriguez San Pedro, Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, proceeded to Cintra, where they took luncheon with Queen Pia, Queen Amelia, and the Prince Royal.

**UNITED STATES.—A Heroic Priest**

Seven deaths from typhoid and fifty new cases of the plague were reported early in December in the stricken city of Butler, Pennsylvania. Among the dead was Father Daniel S. Walsh, of St. Paul's church, who contracted the disease while working among the employees of a factory. He had worked day and night to alleviate the sufferings of members of his church. Just before his death he gave all his property for the relief work.

**Mr. Chamberlain on Ireland**

**Mr. O'Regan in Reply**

In the 'N.Z. Times' of January 26, Mr. P. J. O'Regan gets in some sounding left-handers on the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain in connection with the latter's recent attack on the Irish people in the United States.

A prominent feature of Mr. Chamberlain's dear food campaign (says Mr. O'Regan) is the studied efforts he is making to court the votaries of the music halls and the pantomimes by insulting other nations. Of course, Ireland could not expect to escape what M. Yves Guyot, in the 'Monthly Review,' calls 'the policy of the pavement.' Answering the objection that protection is largely accountable for the corruption of American politics, Mr. Chamberlain some time back informed one of his correspondents that the corruption which is so prevalent in the States was due to the Irish element. I have carefully gone through the leading American papers, and am glad to say that Mr. Chamberlain's slander is universally denounced. As there is on foot a deep-laid plot to get the Birmingham showman to visit these colonies, I hope that the men and women of Irish stock will 'retaliate' by taking no part in welcoming the man who betrayed Gladstone and Home Rule, and who loses no chance of insulting the race whence they have sprung. In so doing they would be applying Mr. Chamberlain's principles to himself. Speaking at Glasgow, for example, he said: 'I like to hit back when attacked; I dislike being trampled on.' Let us who are proud of our fathers and mothers show the slanderer that we can 'hit back.' As showing how Mr. Chamberlain's libel on Ireland has been received in America, I append an editorial from the 'Springfield Republican' of November 20:—

'Joseph Chamberlain has unhappily given the entire Irish race another reason for hating him. In answer to the point made by a correspondent that the system of protection, because of its peculiar relation to government, fosters political corruption, Mr. Chamberlain's answer in part: "Germany is free from corruption, and, while in the United States there is a good deal of corruption, it is caused by the influence of Irish political organisations." Whether this slur on the Irish is due to Mr. Chamberlain's inveterate prejudice against them or to sheer ignorance of the political conditions of America must be left undecided. The gross untruthfulness of his assertion is, however, perfectly obvious. While Irish politicians in many of our cities, notably in New York, have gained deserved opprobrium, the Irish are no more the cause of corruption in the United States than of the increase of insanity, or of the annual floods of the Mississippi river. There was more or less corruption here before the great Irish immigration began, and it would still be with us if the Irish should suddenly vanish. Republican Philadelphia, which is essentially a city inhabited and ruled by Americans of the English or German stock, is well known to be as corrupt as New York, although it never gets the same advertisement in the newspapers. The recent corruption in St. Louis and Missouri, exposed by Mr. Folk, cannot be charged on men of Irish blood. "Doc" Ames, ex-Mayor of Minneapolis, had nothing Irish in his make-up. Outside of municipal politics we have the corrupt rural voters of many States who are notoriously American; and certainly the Platts Quays, Braytons, Adickses, Clarks, and Coxes, with the vast congeries of clever lobby corruptionists that surround the various American Legislatures, are not chargeable upon the Irish race. Corruption in American politics follows no race line, and every Irishman, while acknowledging that his people have their share of moral responsibility to bear in this respect, is justified in resenting Mr. Chamberlain's statement.'

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## Biters Badly Bitten

There comes from Rome (says the Glasgow 'Observer') a story which very finely illustrates the ridiculous positions into which the fanaticism of Liberalism and anti-clericalism so often leads its votaries. A few years ago an investigator of this class came across a volume entitled 'The Rights of Man,' written by Nicholas Spedalieri, an eighteenth century Sicilian priest. Of course, the worthy Liberal jumped at the one conclusion obvious to him—here was a cleric who had been a 'Liberal,' and had had the courage to give his opinions in the cause of freedom. There must be a monument erected to the great Spedalieri! So a committee was quickly formed for this purpose, and poets, philosophers, and distinguished public men, who were eager to give evidence of the truth (or lack of it) that was in them, came forward very readily with subscriptions. King Humbert himself gave a contribution, and eventually the Government itself voted four thousand lire towards the laudable enterprise. And so the monument came into being, and was put up in a piazza near the Church of Sant' Andrea della Valle, and wrapped up to await a formal unveiling.

But time went by, and the statue still stood shrouded, the grimy covering having been torn off by the police at dead of night. And the whole secret of this matter is that the anti-clerical admirers of Spedalieri honored a very worthy priest by error, and mistook 'The Rights of Man,' a highly clerical and orthodox book, for something quite Rousseau-like. They had been over-enthusiastic to read it until rather too late!

## Converts to the Church

In one of its recent issues the London 'Daily News' refers to the conversion of the Anglican Vicar of St. Martin's, Brighton (England), the Rev. Mr. Hardy Little. He is a brother of the famous Anglican orator, Canon Knox Little, and although not the first member of the family to join the Church, his 'going over to Rome' caused a bit of a stir in Anglican circles. We refer to the matter here in order to remove a misconception that the 'Daily News' was under in connection with converts generally. Referring to Mr. Little's conversion, it says that he, 'like most modern converts to Romanism is without academic distinction.' The names of Luke Rivington and Basil Matwin, to take two at

random, sufficiently controvert the ill-natured calumny. The Cowley Fathers, many of whom have joined the Church, are not (says the 'Glasgow Observer') quite the noodles of 'Varsity life.

The 'Daily News' was sharply brought to book for its statement, as may be seen from the paragraph appended:—

'A member of the Benedictine Order writes to us from Magdalen College, Oxford, to point out that Mr. Arthur Hutton (whom the 'Daily News' mentioned) is not the only Oxford first-class man who has become a Roman Catholic during the past thirty years. He cites two names, those of the Rev. H. H. Ramsay, of Exeter College, now headmaster of Downside, near Bath, who obtained a first-class in the final schools in 1885, and the Rev. Henry Chapman, of Christ Church, now Prior of Erdington Abbey, Birmingham, who gained the same distinction in 1887. These names, says our correspondent, do not stand alone. We regret the inaccuracy which he points out.'

The censor to whose correction the 'Daily News' so humbly submitted was Father Hunter Blair, O.S.B. Of Father Hunter Blair the 'Daily News' gives some interesting particulars.—

'The foregoing correction is supplied to us by the Rev. Sir David Hunter Blair, O.S.B., a Catholic priest and monk of the Order of St. Benedict, among whose writings are a volume on 'The Rule of Our Most Holy Father St. Benedict' and a 'History of the Catholic Church in Scotland' (translated from the German of Canon Bellesheim). Sir David was at one time an officer in the Prince Regent's Royal Ayrshire Militia. He was a Private Chamberlain of the Sword and Cloak to the two immediate predecessors of the present Pope. He entered the Benedictine Order in 1878, and was ordained a priest in 1886. He was for some time Rector of the Abbey School, Fort Augustus, N.B. In 1896 he was sent on a special mission to Brazil, and in 1899 was licensed as Master of the Hall bearing his own name in Oxford. He is undoubtedly in a position to correct us on the point to which he draws attention.'

And on many others!

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## INTERCOLONIAL

Cardinal Moran blessed and opened the new Convent of St. Joseph at Bulli on last Sunday week.

Arrangements are completed for welcoming Bishop Reville, of Bendigo, on his return to his diocese after his visit to Europe.

The various parishes in the archdiocese of Sydney are being rapidly and successfully organised for the great Jubilee Fair in aid of the St. Mary's Cathedral.

A fine two-storey brick school was opened in Young street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, on last Sunday week by Archbishop Carr. The Bishop of Rockhampton (Dr Higgins) was also present.

On Sunday week the splendid new Bishop's residence at Bathurst was formally opened by his Lordship Right Rev. Dr Dunne. So far about £3000 has been expended on the building, and it will take in or about £1000 or £1500 to finish.

Rev. Father Tierney, of Newcastle (N.S.W.), joined the Order of the Sacred Heart at Randwick. He was very popular in Newcastle, where he will be greatly missed.

A very useful pamphlet, entitled 'The Rosary,' has been given gratis to subscribers of the 'Austral Light.' It was compiled by a member of the staff of that excellent Catholic magazine.

The Very Rev. Dean Slattery, of Newtown, was accorded an enthusiastic public welcome by the parishioners of Newtown, in the Newtown Town Hall, on his return to his parish after an absence of nearly 12 months on a trip to America, Ireland, and Europe.

Mr. Perrin, who was so long and honorably associated with the 'N.Z. Tablet' as its editor, has, it appears, resigned the editorship of the 'W.A. Record' (Perth). A new editor is being advertised for the 'W.A. Record' is now solidly established, owing to the interest taken in its welfare by Bishop Gibney.

The Anglican 'Church Commonwealth' of Australia, now wind up their obituary notices with the Catholic 'R.I.P.' How many Anglican clergy (says the 'Catholic Press') believe in prayers for the dead and are afraid to openly preach the doctrine?

The new Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, is rapidly approaching completion. It will be a magnificent structure and will be finished in the highest style of art. The dimensions of the main hall are 100ft by 51ft, with a fine stage 37ft by 23ft. The height from floor to the handsome fibrous plaster ceiling is 35 feet. It is lighted with electric light.

The Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, reached home two weeks ago from his visit ad limina, and was enthusiastically welcomed. As the express drew up at the station the Bishop was met by a large assemblage which included the clergy and many of the leading citizens. The band of the Boys' School was also in attendance, and as his Lordship stepped from the train the strains of 'Home Sweet Home' greeted him. Forming into a line the band escorted Dr. Gallagher to his carriage and thence to the presbytery. No formal welcome took place there, but on Sunday week his Lordship was presented with an address, a nurse of sovereigns, and a splendid new throne. Delegates and clergy were present from various parts of the diocese, and the function was a splendid one.

One of the measures discussed in the recent session of the Victoria Legislative Assembly was the Cremation Bill, on which Mr. Duffy spoke as follows:—'We all know that, in cases of death by violence, and especially by poisoning, cremation would be the first thing that would be resorted to, and that the criminals themselves would take immediate steps to have the body cremated, in order that the evidence might be destroyed. I think that, if there were no other reasons against the Bill being passed, that reason alone would be a very strong one. Apart from that, I must confess that I feel a very strong religious and sentimental objection to it. Let us cover up our dead reverently and decently from human eyes. Let us visit the graves of our departed, and place upon them tokens of remembrance. All the sentiment that gathers about the grave of the husband and father, when the widow and children come to place their wreaths upon it, will be completely done away with by this Bill if it should be passed into law, and I think that, in the interests of public morality, in the interests of public decorum, in the interests of all the higher feelings of our race, this is a measure that should not be passed.'

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## Friends at Court

### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- February 7, Sunday.—Sexagesima Sunday.  
 " 8, Monday.—St. John de Matha, Confessor.  
 " 9, Tuesday.—Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord.  
 " 10, Wednesday.—St. Scholastica, Virgin.  
 " 11, Thursday.—St. Anterus, Pope and Martyr.  
 " 12, Friday.—St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.  
 " 13, Saturday.—St. Gregory II., Pope and Confessor.

#### St. John de Matha, Confessor

The life of St. John de Matha was one long course of self-sacrifice for the glory of God and the good of his neighbor. As a child his chief delight was serving the poor, and he often told them he had come into the world for no other end but to wash their feet. He studied at Paris with such distinction that his professors advised him to become a priest, in order that his talents might render greater service to others, and, for this end, John gladly sacrificed his high rank and other worldly advantages. At his first Mass an angel appeared, clad in white, with a red and blue cross on his breast and his hands reposing on the heads of a Christian and a Moorish captive. To ascertain what this signified, John repaired to St. Felix of Valois, a holy hermit living near Meaux, under whose direction he led a life of extreme penance. The angel again appeared, and they set out for Rome to learn the will of God from the lips of the Sovereign Pontiff, who told them to devote themselves to the redemption of captives. For this purpose they founded the Order of the Holy Trinity. The religious fasted every day, and gathering alms throughout Europe took them to Barbary to redeem the Christian slaves. They devoted themselves also to the sick and prisoners in all countries. Worn out by his heroic labors John died in 1213 at the age of 53.

#### St. Scholastica, Virgin

St. Scholastica, Sister of St. Benedict, was born at Nursia, Italy, and lived near him in the monastery of Plombaniolo, which she caused to be built about five miles from that of Monte Cassino.

#### St. Anterus, Pope and Martyr

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