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

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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

### Where Catholics Lead.

'The Church of the Future'—of which we have been lately hearing so much in magazine and pulpit essays—is simply the Church that begins by taking to its heart the children of the present. And, in these countries at least, Catholics have a practical monopoly of that work. They alone have a just appreciation of the tremendous perils of childhood and youth and of our responsibilities in regard to them. Other denominations see this mighty sign of the times not at all or as a red ant sees the towering mass of Mount Cook—only in microscopic fragments, one at a time, that can never give an idea of the vastness of the outlook. And they have not yet risen to the point of personal effort and self-sacrifice for the souls of Christ's little ones. In New Zealand a noisy body of the non-Catholic clergy are spraining their jaw-bones in an effort to abdicate their duty of instructing children unto justice, to pass it over to State officials, and then sit down and loaf and laze with drugged consciences in a lotus-land of drowsy ease. The Protestant Episcopalian Bishop Greer, of New York, had something apt to say on this matter in a recent speech to a gathering of his co-religionists, said he, 'such an appetite for knowledge in the world as now. It is the altar and the shrine to which the world kneels. All this is admirable. But we are beginning to discover that intellectualisation of the world has been growing in advance of its moralisation. We are coming to feel that knowledge in its secular significance is not sufficient. We must have moral training, and that training must begin with the child. "The child is father to the man," and the Church that lives and works for the child will contribute most to the greatness of the future and will itself be the greatest Church in Christendom.'

In the one archdiocese of Melbourne, for instance, there are 23,894 children in attendance at Catholic schools. Of these no fewer than 21,714 receive their training in 111 primary schools. The cost of maintaining these amounted, during the past twelve months, to £22,450. In addition to this, repairs and other contingencies absorbed a sum of £1669, and during the same period no less than £10,916 was expended on new school buildings. Altogether, the clergy and laity of the archdiocese of Melbourne expended, during the past twelve

months, £35,035 on primary education alone, besides paying their full quota of the cost of providing free and secular instruction for the children of others. The same thing is taking place in every part of Australasia. At a public meeting in New South Wales Sir Henry Parkes held aloft his draft Bill on (secular) Public Instruction and exclaimed: 'I hold in my hand what will be death to the calling of the priesthood of the Church of Rome.' Mr. Stephens, the Victorian Attorney-General, was equally outspoken as to the chief object of his godless system of public instruction: it was to 'rend the Catholics asunder,' to 'purge the colony of clericalism,' and to lead the young generation by sure but gradual steps to 'worship in common at the shrine of one neutral-tinted deity sanctioned by the State Department.' The Protestant clergy, we are told, 'did not lift a little finger' against the new educational project when it was before the House. They now realise that it has quite failed in its avowed object—to 'rend the Catholics asunder.' The lines of cleavage are, in point of fact, following quite other directions. And the alarmed clerics of sundry non-Catholic creeds, seeing the ground opening beneath the foundations of their own churches, fill the air with what the 'Advocate' aptly describes as 'noisy, meaningless, and insincere clamor,' instead of letting their energy—like that of their Catholic fellow-citizens—take the normal path of discharge.

### Atheistic Socialism.

Sweet are the uses of advertisement. For some time a half-educated and crudely amateurish foreign atheist-socialist lecturer has been perambulating the chief cities of New Zealand. With characteristic modesty he describes himself as an 'orator.' The stroller's business seems to be to teach New Zealanders—at threepence or sixpence or some such charge per head—how to manage their own affairs and to turn this country into a socialistic Utopia from which the Almighty shall be barred out. Thus far every attempt at the formation of socialistic Utopias has ended in rank failure. But let that pass. In Dunedin a series of newspaper controversies gave the wandering socialist's lecturing venture the advertisement that seems to have been denied him elsewhere. The crowning puff was given to the man's pitifully shallow vaporings by Mr. Bedford, M.H.R., when he publicly debated with the stranger the issue: 'Is Christianity conducive to or productive of conditions that tend to secure the professed objects of socialism, or the development of

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man?' On Mr. Bedford's side (the affirmative) the debate, if properly reported, was slipshod alike in conception and execution. As for the strolling 'orator,' he simply did not face the issue. His part in the proceedings was apparently limited to a few hollow-sounding Ingersollian misstatements, some of the customary cant of atheistic 'humanitarianism' (so-called)—and the fobbing of what was probably the biggest collection that he handled since he touched the shores of New Zealand.

'Noise proves nothing,' says Mark Twain; 'often a hen which has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid.' Our foreign visitor has, to use Carlyle's phrase, 'swallowed formulas.' But he has not digested them. Neither has he learned that loud and vehement assertion does not transmute shallow sophism into sound reasoning nor misstatement into sober fact. Nowadays scientific men do not cackle over the fallacies of Tom Paine nor the sneers of Voltaire nor the crude and barbarous illogicalities and controversial dishonesties of Robert Ingersoll. They know too much for that. Once upon a time a conceited and blustering French general declared, in the presence of the elder Alexander Dumas: 'I cannot form the slightest conception of the mysterious Being known as the good God.' The eccentric author of 'Monte Cristo' knocked the sneerer inside out with the following unexpected answer: 'General, I have in my house four dogs, two apes, and a parrot, and I assure you that their opinions are absolutely and entirely identical with yours.' Dumas' remark was by no means so trivial either then or now as, at first blush, it may seem. To-day, as in this time, there is probably much so-called atheism and sneering at religion that are merely skin-deep and not grounded upon serious study or investigation of the subject. 'All roads lead to Rome.' So the saying runneth. And its counterpart is this: 'All the great highways of knowledge lead to God.' With unerring certainty the study of all matter, the whole realm of physical science, so long as it stands on the firm and sure ground of fact, lead back to the One First Cause, which is God. 'No system of the universe,' says Sir Joseph Dawson, in his 'Modern Ideas of Evolution,' 'can dispense with a First Cause, eternal and self-existent; and this First Cause must necessarily be the living God, whose will is the ultimate force and the origin of natural law.' Faraday was the wizard of modern science. In his 'Experimental Researches' (p. 465) he sums up, in the words of a higher revelation, the revelation which his life-long study of nature made to him. 'I believe,' said he, 'that the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.'

These are but samples of testimony taken at random from among the foremost of the world's scientific men. There is no atheism about true science. But, of course, there are many who will not see. Nelson, for instance, on a historic occasion clapped his blind eye to the telescope, and 'did not see' the signal which he preferred to disregard. And, in the comedy trial in 'Pickwick,' did not Sam Weller look straight up into the roof of the court and, therefore, 'didn't see' his portly father sitting conspicuously in the gallery? There are those who 'do not see' God in His universe because He is a Personage whom they would willingly ignore. The shallow thinkers and the vociferous half-educated fancy, too, that we are in another 'twilight of the gods.' But three hundred years ago Sir Francis Bacon clapped the cap upon their form of the atheistic fad. A little learning, said he, leads to atheism; deep study leads back to faith.

#### Mr. Bedford, M.H.R., and the 'Romish' Church.

Mr. Bedford, M.H.R., is probably a well-meaning if somewhat inexperienced young man. He may feel the

need of airing his traditions from time to time to keep the blue mould off them, but he would do well to reserve that function for the pulpit, and to pitch in a somewhat lower key some of the utterances which he makes from the public platform to general audiences of his fellow-citizens. It was, for instance, a needless offence to many of his hearers in a public debate on last Friday in Dunedin to speak of the 'Romish' Church as having 'fought against Christ' when it opposed Luther. Macaulay, referring to some of the envenomed partisan myths set afloat against English Catholics in the seventeenth century, said: 'They have been abandoned by statesmen to aldermen, by aldermen to clergymen, by clergymen to old women, and by old women to Sir Harcourt Lees.' Mr. Bedford should abandon such offensive theological slang as 'Romish' to fanatics of the deep yellow stripe of Sir Harcourt Lees. The word has long ago passed out of respectable society. Its place to-day is practically limited to the gutter controversy of the Order of the Saffron Sash, and in using it Mr. Bedford claps upon himself a stigma of ill-manners which no cultivated man should care to bear.

In the course of the debate Mr. Bedford was singularly unhappy in his references to Luther and the 'Romish' Church. Take, for instance, his statement that Christianity overthrew slavery. Quite true. But it was not an abstract Christianity that burst the shackles of the slave. It was applied Christianity—Christianity at work in the daily lives of men and women. And it so happens that the men and women who achieved this were those of the 'Romish' Church. They, and they alone, broke down the slavery of the old pagan days. The Church's course of action was, says Baluffi, 'measured, not sudden or revolutionary.' So deep and old-standing a social sore naturally took a long time to heal. The Church's work on behalf of the slave resolved itself into three kinds: (1) She proclaimed the equality and fraternity of all men in the sight of God; (2) she raised the moral dignity of labor; (3) she gave an unexampled impetus to the movement for enfranchising slaves. Not alone the priesthood, but the episcopate, was open to manumitted slaves in the early Church. The noble church of St. Vitalis at Ravenna (Italy) was dedicated to the memory of a martyred slave. The Catholic monks were the pioneers of modern free industrial life. They removed the stigma of contempt that attached to labor; they worked for work's sake and God's sake and their neighbor's sake; they softened and sweetened everywhere the life of the tiller of the soil. At least ten Popes issued fulminations against the enslavement of their fellow-men. In over forty Councils the Catholic bishops enacted laws for the protection of slaves, for their gradual emancipation, erected schools and asylums for them, sanctified their manumission by solemn religious services, and excommunicated all who attempted to deprive them of their freedom. Both in East and West the Catholic monks emancipated the slaves on land given to them. Alms were collected for their enfranchisement; two great religious Orders—that of the Trinitarians and of Our Lady of Mercy—were founded for the redemption of Christians who had been enslaved by the Mahomedans; manumitting as an act of devotion and leaving slaves their liberty by will were encouraged by the Church everywhere. The result is stated by the rationalist historian, Lecky: In the twelfth century 'slaves in Europe were very rare. In the fourteenth century slavery was almost unknown.' It had, at worst, been mitigated into serfdom and villeinage. And these, in turn, gave way to the absolute liberty of the free and untied worker.

When Luther began his revolt he found slavery non-existent in Europe and its very memory dim and blurred. He hastened to advocate its re-infliction on his kind. He advocated the mowing down of the revolted peasants as if they were 'mad dogs.' In one of his

sermons on the first book of Moses, published in 1527, he said: 'It was almost desirable that servants should be subjected to a kind of slavery, such as existed among the Jews.' He spoke approvingly of the days when men-servants and maid-servants were, like sheep and oxen, 'all personal property, and the owners might sell them as they liked; and,' he added, 'it would verily be almost best that this state of things should exist again, for nobody can control and tame the populace in any other way.' In the previous year (1526) he wrote that rulers 'must drive, beat, throttle, hang, burn, behead, and torture, so as to make themselves feared and to keep the people in check.' Melancthon, Butzer, and other reformers gave expression to similar ideas. Their testimony will be found in the fourth volume of Janssen's great work, the 'History of the German People' (pp. 361-9). Bond slavery of a particularly odious kind was introduced into England with the Reformation—its sad details can be learned from Gibbins's or any other good industrial history of the country. The Treaty of Utrecht gave Great Britain a monopoly of the slave-trade with America. Bristol first, and afterwards Liverpool, were the headquarters of the traffic in human chattels. Queen Elizabeth was a partner with Sir John Hawkins—the first Englishman who engaged on a big scale in the African slave-trade. In twenty short years—from 1680 to 1700—English traders exported, according to Chambers, 300,000 negro slaves, and from the year 1700 to 1768, 40 Jamaica alone, 610,000 unhappy Africans, with every circumstance of callous inhumanity.

In Scotland slavery disappeared at a very early date. Serfdom also gradually died away. But the Reformation changed all that. As soon as it had been firmly established in the country, laborers, hitherto free, were turned in large numbers into slaves by the Acts of 1579 and 1597. The odious function of enslaving free men was made over to the Presbyterian Kirk Session. The 'Edinburgh Review' for January, 1899, in the course of a learned article on the subject, shows how 'about six hundred little ecclesiastical courts' were, in 1597, empowered to reduce to perpetual slavery 'perhaps a tenth of the inhabitants of Scotland.' In the coal and salt mines of the country slavery existed till the year 1799, when it was abolished by Act of Parliament. We have barely touched the fringe of our subject. But the little we have said we commend to the attention of our youthful preacher-politician. It may serve him in good stead when next he couples together the Catholic Church, Martin Luther, and human slavery, and may aid him in the toilsome advance from the mental rawness which is rash in statement to the mental ripeness which is more diffident and a better judge of facts and of their right place in the perspective of things.

Miss E. McQuinness, our talented organist (writes our Timaru correspondent), is to be congratulated on the success that attended her pupils at the recent Trinity College examinations. Four of them—the Misses Egan, Twomey, Stuart, and Ward (a daughter of Sir Joseph Ward) obtained their certificates as pianoforte teachers. Miss E. Fitzgerald, of this town, also obtained a like distinction. She is a pupil of the Dominican Convent, Dunedin.

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## OUR SCHOOLS.

### ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

At St. Benedict's Hall on Wednesday evening the pupils of St. Benedict's School, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, held their annual entertainment and distribution of prizes. The hall was crowded, and the performance went off very well. Rev. Fathers Gillan, McMillan, and Duffy were present. The programme was as follows.—Quartette (piano), Misses Denz, Fouhy, Wheeler, and Grevatt; chorus, infants; maypole, junior girls; song, 'As your hair turns grey,' Miss S. Fernandez; dialogue, 'Message from Ireland,' Misses M. Coupland and Elsie Torritt; tambourine drill, senior girls; quartette, Misses Joseph, Denz, Wheeler, and Grevatt; chorus, 'Sea flowers,' senior girls; drill, junior girls; chorus, 'Niggers,' boys; drama; song, Master Jack Quinlan; tableau, Miss Frances Denz acted as accompanist. During the interval Rev. Father Gillan presented the prizes to the following students:—Miss Frances Denz—Music—Junior division (honors), theory, 98; intermediate, practical, 67, gold medal; Rita Gravatt—Junior (honors), 98, gold medal; Edith Foreman—Junior (honors), 97, silver medal; junior division (honors), Maggie McEvoy, 85; Hilda Heighton, 85; primary division (honors), Louisa Gaspard, 86; Frances Field, 74; Edna Amos, 78; also passed junior grade Evelyn Sheath, 69. The medals were the gifts of Rev. Father Gillan.

### ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, PONSONBY.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, took place on Saturday evening, December 10, at St. Mary's Convent. Various exhibits of painting, fancy work, carving, etc., were much admired. A capital concert programme was gone through during the evening, the following being contributors:—Misses G. Casey, Insoll, Histed (2), M. Ralph, C. Gallagher, McGinley, A. Sarah K. Mahoney, Cullen, Brown (2), Kelly, Hutchinson, Amodeo, M. Gibbons, B. Knight, M. Moriarty, Cullen, McLean, K. Ralph, M. Cronin, Moody, A. Ralph. A number of choruses and dances were given by the children, who displayed a high standard of training in everything they did.

The Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., presented the prizes, at the conclusion of which the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly delivered a happy speech, being heartily applauded. The Bishop (Dr. Lonihan) was also present.

The following is the prize list:—

Matriculation and Civil Service Class—Ellen Brown, mathematics; Eileen Cronin, French and English; Jenny Hutchinson, English and French; Alda Ralph, singing and elocution.

Class VII.—Kate Mahoney, French and science; Monica Gibbons, French and writing; Bertha Knight, geography and French; Elsie Maguire, geography; Alice Davison, general proficiency.

Class VI.—Janie Amodeo, French and writing; Lucy Moody, wood-carving and elocution; Mary Cronin, general proficiency; Alma McCraig, English; Kathleen Mathias, general proficiency; Norah Quinn, drawing; Winnie Eddowes, general proficiency; Dorothy Insoll, arithmetic.

Class V.—Celia Gibbons, geography; Ida Histed, arithmetic; Flo Histed, reading; May O'Brien, general proficiency; Eva Eddowes, dictation and spelling; D. McGarry, writing.

Class IV.—Alec. Sneddon, arithmetic and geography; Anthony Gibbons, arithmetic; Hazel Dalbey, conduct and writing; Edith Buck, reading; D. Blakey, general proficiency.

Class III.—Rosie Ralph, application; Margaret Ralph, writing; Elsie Eddowes, composition; Edith Dalbey, arithmetic; Elsie Thomson, reading; Gussie Wakefield, general proficiency.

Class II.—Stella Fraser, conduct and reading; Irene McGarry, writing and spelling.

Class I.—Doris Murphy, conduct and spelling; Dorothy Sneddon, conduct and reading; Rena Ralph, reading; Joe Darby, spelling and reading; Patricia Darby, general proficiency; Eileen Moriarty, arithmetic; Mauris Noton, general proficiency; Irene Beckett, reading; Jone Dalbey, writing; Pauline O'Connor, general proficiency; Dave Malavey, application.

Preparatory Class—Gertrude Darby, reading and spelling; Louis Cullen, spelling; Rosetta Beckett, general proficiency.

Gold medals were awarded to May Maguire, for success in matriculation examinations; Alda Ralph and Eileen Cronin, for obtaining senior honors in practical music; Olive Insoll and Katie Ralph, for gaining highest marks in arithmetic.

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## EXTRA PRIZES.

Matriculation and Junior Civil Service Class—Alda Ralph, Christian doctrine; Ellen Brown, English and French; Winnie McGinley, music and painting; Jennie Hutchinson, music and theory; Mary Kelly, music and singing; Alma Sarah, music and French; Mary Kelly, wood-carving; Alma Sarah, wood carving. Certificates to E. Cronin and O. Insoll, for painting; W. McGinley, M. Kelly and O. Insoll, for theory; W. McGinley and O. Insoll, for music; O. Insoll, for French; E. Cronin, and W. McGinley, for wood carving; Jenny Hutchinson, for bookkeeping; Jenny Hutchinson, E. Cronin, and M. Kelly, for shorthand.

Class VII.—Kate Mahoney, Christian doctrine; Linda Nicholson, music; Katie Mahoney, music; Monica Gibbons, music; Bertha Knight, music. Certificates to Katie Mahoney for shorthand and typewriting.

Class VI.—Sadie McGinley, conduct and Christian doctrine; M. Moriarty, conduct; Janie Amodeo, music; Eileen Cullen, music; Flora McLean, music; Gwen Casey, music; Alma McCaig, music. Certificates to M. Cronin, L. Moody, K. Ralph, Sadie McGinley, and D. Insoll, for music; Flora McLean, for French; Eileen Cullen, for bookkeeping.

Class V.—Cecilia Gibbons, Christian doctrine; Ida Histed, music and French; Flo. Histed, music. Certificates to C. Gibbons, Eva Eddowes, and Flo. Histed, for French; C. Gibbons and D. McGarry, for music.

Class IV.—Alec. Sneddon, Christian doctrine. Certificates to H. Dalbey and D. Blakey, for music.

Class III.—Rosie Ralph, Christian doctrine; Margaret Ralph, music; Rosil Ralph, music. Certificates to Alec. Sneddon, Margaret Ralph and Rosie Ralph, for French.

Class II.—Stella Fraser, Christian doctrine. Certificates to Stella Fraser and T. McGarry, for music.

Class I.—Dorothy Sneddon, Christian doctrine. Certificates to Joe Darby, Patricia Darby and Eileen Moriarty, for music.

Certificates for passing Standard VI. to Janie Amodeo and Katie Ralph.

Theory Certificates for Trinity College Music Examinations—Senior division—Hilda Nixon. Intermediate Nelbe Donovan and E. Kenealy. Junior—Janie Amodeo, M. Moriarty, and Monica Gibbons.

Preparatory.—M. Cronin, Elsie Maguire, Gwen Casey, A. McCaig, Katie Ralph, and Emily Thomas.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL, WANGANUI.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Opera House was filled to overflowing on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the entertainment by the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent. Both local papers spoke highly of it. The 'Chronicle' said: 'It has become customary to expect an excellent programme from the convent school, but this year's entertainment outdistanced all previous efforts in this direction, whilst the 'Herald' referred to it as 'the best ever given by the school.' As this season brings round the annual crop of reports of school entertainments, I must refrain from any lengthy review, but would like to be at one with the 'Herald' in its reference to 'the artistic singing and playing of Miss Dora Carroll, who is a musician of great promise' Miss M. Robson also sang her solo, 'The soul's awakening,' with taste and expression. The following programme was submitted:—Chorus, 'Welcome,' pupils of Select High School; pianoforte trio, 'Dory Giovanni,' Misses D. Bull, W. Neylon, M. Balmer, K. Quillinane, E. Sullivan, N. Dwyer, L. Shanley, L. Gray, A. Sullivan (organ), D. Carroll; vocal solo, 'The soul's awakening,' Miss M. Robson; drill, 'Mother Goose's reception,' pupils of Infant School; chorus, 'The Indian drum,' pupils of Select High School; pianoforte solo 'Valse,' Miss D. Bull; cantata, 'Quarrel among the flowers,' pupils of select High School; pianoforte duet, 'La harpe eolienne,' Misses D. Carroll, M. Robson, D. Bull, L. Clapham, R. Perrett, and A. Callagher; vocal solo, 'O Divine Redeemer,' Miss D. Carroll; floral drill, convent boarders; pianoforte solo, 'Gavotte de Corelli,' Miss D. Carroll; chorus, 'Legend of the bells,' pupils of select High School; vocal duet, 'Sister elves,' Misses D. Carroll and M. Robson; chorus, 'Dance me, papa, on your knee,' pupils of St. Joseph's School. The entertainment concluded with a play entitled 'My Aunt's Heiress,' the various parts in which were capably taken by the following: Misses M. Robson, K. Quillinane, N. Dwyer, A. Sullivan, L. Shanley, D. Carroll, M. Balmer, Agnes Callagher, and Annie Lloyd.

His Worship the Mayor, who had kindly consented to present the prizes, then made a few appropriate remarks, expressing the pleasure it had given him to attend such a thoroughly enjoyable concert. Mr. Bignell said that the excellent work of the performers only

went to emphasise the advantages of intellectual entertainments, and paid a tribute of praise to the Sisters and performers alike for the splendid entertainments they had provided.

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan then read the inspector's report and the following prize list:—

## SPECIAL PRIZES.

Amiability (chosen by vote of companions)—Phyllis Clapham.

Good Conduct, gold medal—Jvy Cleghorn.

Christian Doctrine—First prize (gold medal gift of convent), Lizzie Clark; second prize (gift of Rev. Father O'Sullivan) Phyllis Clapham.

Dux of School (gold medal, Archbishop's gift)—Mary Robson.

Civil Service Class (gold medal, gift of Mr. A. McDonald)—Nellie Dwyer.

Music and Singing—Gold medal, Dora Robson; second prize (singing), Mary Robson; second prize (music), Doris Bull.

Painting—Doris Bull.

Drawing, Phyllis Clapham.

House Prize—Myrtle Cleghorn.

Mending Prize (gift of Mr. Drew)—Katie Quillinane; next in merit, Clara Brownlie.

Fancy Work Prize—Gladys Matherson.

Sewing Prize—Phyllis Clapham.

Civil Service Class—Highest marks (gold medal, gift of Mr. A. McDonald), Nellie Dwyer; first in geography, Annie Lloyd; first in botany, Sophie Georgetti; second in French, Mary Lloyd; second in English, Josephine Lloyd; general improvement, Katie Quillinane.

Seventh Standard—First in English, second in composition, Willie Leo; first in typewriting, first in shorthand, Wynnie Bergin; first in arithmetic, third in physiology, Agnes Gallagher; first in geography, second in English, Lizzie Clark; second in arithmetic, first in physiology, Nellie Duff; second in physiology, third in arithmetic, Vera Signal; diligence, Lucy Shanly.

Sixth Standard—First in English and composition, Mabel Loftus; second in English and composition, Mary Balmer; first in geography, Lena Clapham; first in arithmetic, second in geography, Doris Bull; second in arithmetic, first in physiology, Kathleen Wood.

Low Sixth Class—First in composition, Annie Sullivan; first in grammar, second in composition, Laurel Booknell; second in grammar, first in physiology, Leila Gray; first in geography, second in physiology, Mary Keane; first in arithmetic, Phyllis Clapham; second in geography, second in arithmetic, Lily Clarke; third in grammar, third in physiology, Gladys Matherson.

Fifth Class—First in grammar, third in geography, Olive Oldberg; second in grammar, first in history, Evelyn Herlihy; first in arithmetic, second in geography, Mary Herlihy.

Standard IV.—First in reading, grammar, composition, Ruth Ralph; first in geography, third in composition, Minnie Jefferson; second in composition, second in geography, Katie Hatrick.

Standard III.—First in English, arithmetic, geography, Margery Merrin; second in grammar, third in arithmetic, Ha Henderson; first in reading, second in geography, Nona Atkinson; second in arithmetic, second in reading, Eileen Carvel; diligence, Clare Brownlie.

Standard II. will receive prizes from the Christmas tree.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL.

Standard VI.—Composition and writing, Alice O'Connor (proficiency); arithmetic, spelling, and geography, Maggie Quirk (proficiency); drawing, Annie Murphy (proficiency). Annie Meehan also obtained a proficiency certificate.

Standard V.—Spelling and science, Annie Trainer; arithmetic and drawing, Katie Smithies; composition and second in arithmetic, Martina Fowkes.

Standard IV.—Arithmetic and writing, Leila O'Brien; reading and science, Edith Morgan; spelling and geography, Mabel Nixon; diligence, Teresa Hogan.

Standard III.—Arithmetic, Katie McManus; geography, Helena Ellis; writing, Eileen McGuire.

Special Prizes—Good conduct, Frances McCulloch; Christian doctrine, Maggie Quirk; plain sewing, Alice O'Connor; singing, Christina Jury; attendance, Eileen Boyle.

The Very Rev. Dean Grogan thanked the audience for their patronage, and wished the young ladies a pleasant vacation and a merry Christmas.

## CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual distribution of prizes took place at the Sacred Heart Convent, Timaru, on Tuesday, December 13. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided. Prior to the distribution of prizes the following programme was

gone through by the pupils:—Entree, 'Tannhauser'; German recitation; Fairies' moonlight dance; action song; French recitation; quartette, 'Spanish dance'; three types of womanly virtue—Night, dialogue, Antigone and Ismene; tableau, 'Antigone discovered burying her brother'; chorus, 'Wanderer's night song; dawn, dialogue, Judith and the ancients; tableau, 'Judith at the camp of Holofernes; chorus, 'Judith's invocation'; day, dialogue, The poets on Our Lady; tableau, 'The Immaculate Conception'; chorus, 'Immaculate'; piano solo, 'Cachua.'

His Lordship, after referring to the beautiful tableaux which had been shown, and saying how appropriate it was at the present time that the pupils should be contributing their quota of praise in honor of the Immaculate Conception, congratulated the pupils on the great progress they had made during the year, and thanked them on behalf of himself and the priests present for the entertainment given them. I could not help thinking during the course of it (concluded his Lordship) what an immense advantage you have over numbers of other children in being under the care of those to whom your fond mothers have confided you, knowing what ability and maternal devotedness they would display in your regard from morning till night, and make of teaching not only a profession—and teaching in itself is a noble profession—but a divine vocation, and who see in you representatives of the eternal Trinity, and who realise not only their duty towards your parents, but also their duty towards God in their efforts from morning till night to make you what you ought to be as the future women of New Zealand. For this they are obliged to impart ordinary knowledge, but this is not all. The faculty of the will has to be developed not only with regard to exterior but especially to supernatural things I most sincerely wish you a happy vacation, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The following is the prize list:—

Decorations—The first medallion and ribbon of merit were given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by the religious, to Essie Bruce; the second medallion and ribbon of merit to Kate Campbell; the 3rd ribbon to Stella Murray, Gertrude Clark, Mary Cameron, Clara Sheath; the 4th ribbon to Dorothy Bone; the 5th ribbon to Beatrice Dowling, Nancy Johnston, Ena O'Donohue; the 6th ribbon to Mary Geaney, Edie Scott; the 1st green ribbon to Mary Callan, Frances Clark; the 2nd green ribbon to Noelle Pascal, Rita Twomey; the pink ribbon to Mary Farrell, Edith Chamberlain, Dorothy Nottingham, Beatrice Clifford, Mary Clifford, Sigrid Lindstrom, Ulrika Lindstrom.

General Good Conduct—Essie Bruce; next in merit, Kate Campbell.

Christian Doctrine—First division, Essie Bruce; next in merit, Dorothy Bone. Second division, Kathleen Twomey; next in merit, Mina Ward. Third division, first, Mary Callan, second, Mona Lawless, Betty Meares; next in merit, Edith Hill, Kathleen Devine. Fourth division, Edith Chamberlain; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby.

Diligence—Dorothy Bone. Second class, Stella Murray; next in merit, Mina Ward. Third class, Mary Cameron; next in merit, Nancy Johnston, Christina Henrys. Fourth class, Mary Callan; next in merit, Grace McArdle. Fifth class, Rita Twomey; next in merit, Noelle Pascal. Eighth class, Dorothy Nottingham.

History—Dorothy Bone.

Mathematics—Dorothy Bone.

Second Class—Elements of logic, Mina Ward. Latin grammar, Mina Ward. Composition, Eileen Ward. Geography, Madge Pascal; next in merit, Eileen Ward. Repetition, Stella Murray.

Third Class—Grammar, next in merit to the prize, Kathleen Twomey. Composition, Nancy Johnston; next in merit, Mary Geaney. History, Nancy Johnston; next in merit, Kathleen Twomey. Geography, Christina Henrys; next in merit, Mary Cameron; Repetition, Kathleen Twomey; next in merit, Mary Cameron. Arithmetic, Christina Henrys; next in merit, Edith Hill.

Fourth Class—Grammar, Ethel Wardell; next in merit, Mary Callan. Composition, Mary Callan; next in merit, Ethel Wardell, Mabel Aspinall. History, Grace McArdle; next in merit, Mary Callan. Geography—Grace McArdle; next in merit, Nina Verity. Repetition, Grace McArdle; next in merit, Ethel Wardell. Arithmetic, Nina Verity; next in merit, Grace McArdle.

Fifth Class—Grammar, next in merit prize, Noelle Pascal. History, Mary Mackenzie; next in merit, Noelle Pascal. Geography, Noelle Pascal; next in merit, Rita Twomey. Reading, Mina Laverty; next in merit, Mary Mackenzie. Repetition, Kathleen Devine; next in merit, Noelle Pascal, Monica Hill. Arithmetic, next in merit to the prize, Dorothy Hall.

Sixth Class—Grammar, next in merit to the prize, Dorothy Eiby. Sacred history, Cleo Ferrandos. Read-

ing, Mary Ward. Spelling, Alison Bristol. Arithmetic, next in merit to the prize, Yvonne Waley.

Seventh Class—Reading and spelling, Edith Chamberlain. Elementary class, prize for encouragement, Sigrid Lindstrom, Ulrika Lindstrom.

Needlework—First division, Stella Murray; next in merit, Essie Bruce. Second division, Mabel Aspinall; next in merit, Mary Cameron, Beatrice Dowling. Third division, Frances Clark 1, Clara Sheath 2; next in merit, Edith Hill, Madge Green. Fourth division, Yvonne Waley; next in merit, Alison Bristol.

Writing—First division, Gertrude Clark; next in merit, Mary Geaney. Second division, Ena O'Donohue 1, Mona Lawless 2; next in merit, Mabel Aspinall, Mary Cameron. Third division, Mary Ward.

French—Third division: Diligence, Mina Ward; next in merit, Madge Pascal. Fourth division: Diligence, Mary Callan; next in merit, Kathleen Twomey, Christina Henrys. Fifth division: Diligence, Mary Cameron 1, Noelle Pascal 2; next in merit, Mabel Aspinall, Mary Mackenzie. Elementary division, Edith Chamberlain.

German—Fourth division, Nancy Johnston. Elementary division, Yvonne Waley.

Order—First division, Stella Murray; next in merit, Gertrude Clark, Mary Geaney. Second division, Ena O'Donohue; next in merit, Rita Twomey. Third division, Frances Clark.

Domestic Economy—Mary Cameron.

### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

The annual entertainment by, and distribution of prizes to, the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, took place in His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday evening. The pupils of the Christian Brothers' are noted for the excellence of their entertainments, and are consequently favored with very large audiences. This no doubt accounted for the splendid attendance on the present occasion, and it is needless to say that the expectations of the audience were more than realised, as the programme was a most enjoyable one, and thoroughly appreciated by those present. His Lordship Bishop Verdon presided, and there were also present the local clergy. The following was the programme:—Overture, by the Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. E. Eagar; class song, 'The huntsman's chorus'; musical drill, junior squad; recitation, 'Cardinal Wolsey's soliloquy,' Master T. Laffey; song, 'Ring on, sweet Angelus,' Master W. O'Connor; cadet display, Christian Brothers' Defence Corps, under the direction of Captain Hussey; scenes from 'Hamlet,' in which the characters were taken by Masters R. Burke, B. Connor, L. Coughlan, Timothy and Thomas Laffey, J. Collins, and W. Coughland; four part song, 'The harp that once'; orchestral item; churchyard scene from 'Hamlet'; recitation, 'The fall of D'Assas,' Master T. Leyburn; club swinging, the senior squad; class song, 'Oh, steer my barque'; horizontal and parallel bar display, senior squad, Master J. Bryant, leader. Miss Clara Hughes acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Brother Brady read the annual report, after which his Lordship the Bishop distributed the prizes. The following was the report:—

It affords me great pleasure to place before you a short report of the school year so happily terminated this evening. In every respect it has been a highly successful one. It was a great source of gratification to the Brothers to notice the steady increase in the school attendance during the year, the average attendance for the past three months being the highest for this year, and considerably higher than the corresponding period of any other year since 1900. The regularity of the children's attendance throughout the year has been all that could be desired. This healthy increase, both in regard to numbers and regular attendance, plainly shows the earnestness of our people to give their children a sound religious and secular education. Good parents know well that a sound religious education is of the utmost importance to the welfare of their children. They know that it will induce the cultivation of moral excellence, which is the very ground work of all eternal happiness and material accomplishments. In prosperity, a religious education will provide a youth with a steady head and wisdom, and in adversity, will give him a sufficient elevation of mind, and self-reliance which will enable him to overcome all difficulties. While attaching great importance to the religious education of our pupils, it must not be understood that the secular studies are neglected. Religious education is like a watchful mother, which has for its object not excellence in this department or that, but embraces the child himself, and nothing that concerns his happiness is too low for her to stoop to. If there be anyone who thinks we have devoted too much time to this side of

the child's education, the University and Civil Service results of years past, together with the marked successes which numbers of our old boys have won for themselves in the arena of public life, ought to entirely disabuse him of that error. The physical training of our boys is a strong feature of our school, and this year very good work was done by Mr. J. C. Smith for the first half of the year, and under Master J. Bryant for the second half. I record with pleasure the close application of the pupils—senior and junior—to their studies. On the athletic field our boys have been singularly successful. At the Schools' Championship Sports, held at the beginning of this year, the boys carried off 22 medals out of 42 presented by the Otago Centre. This is a record of which any school might be proud. They are, moreover, premiers in School Senior Football for last season, premiers in Schools Senior Cricket for season 1903-04, and in this year's competition have suffered no defeat. Our pupils were moreover very successful at the Dunedin Elocutionary Competitions, carrying off two first prizes and two second prizes in the three events open to school children. A great deal of this success can be attributed to the enthusiasm infused into every department of school life, by the complete renovation of the schools during the early part of the year. We are deeply indebted to his Lordship the Bishop and his devoted people for their great generosity in this matter. Their whole-heartedness in undertaking the heavy expenditure required to renovate the Brothers' house and schools, and their generosity in meeting that expenditure so willingly, are to us a signal proof of the zeal and devotedness of his Lordship and his generous people to the sacred cause of Catholic education. We return our sincere thanks to one and all for their liberal support during the year. It would be difficult to find words to express our gratitude to the Rev. Father Murphy and the other zealous priests of St. Joseph's for the practical interest they have at all times taken in promoting the success of our schools. This year saw the establishment of a Defence Cadet Corps in connection with the school under the able management of Captain T. Hussey. I may here state that Mr. Hussey has been a mighty factor in promoting the welfare of our school and extending its sphere of useful work. Four of our boys passed the public examinations since last year, a 100 per cent. of passes being obtained in the Civil Service examination. The dux of the school for this year is Master William Coughlan. Our thanks are deeply due to the many kind friends who so generously contributed to the prize fund.

The following is the prize list:—

Medical Preliminary—James Collins (advanced mathematics and classics) 1, Leonard McBride (Latin, French, physiology) 2.

Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge—William Coughlan, dux of school (gold medal presented by Mr. John Collins) 1, John Collins, mathematics (medal, Mrs. W. Haydon donor) 2, Richard Burke (English and Latin) 3; special prize Christian doctrine, R. Burke.

Civil Service Class—William Higgins (English, geography, book-keeping, medal presented by Mrs. Burke) 1, E. Joyce (mathematics) 2, L. Casey (geography and book-keeping) 3, D. Collins (mathematics) 4, D. Hartstonge (Euclid, arithmetic) 5, A. Byrne (English, English history) 6, R. Thomas (arithmetic, English history) 7; special prize, Christian doctrine, E. Joyce.

Sub-Matriculation Class—D. O'Leary (geography, arithmetic) 1, James Walsh (Latin, French) 2, H. Salmon (algebra type-writing) 3, T. Laffey (English history, book-keeping) 4, L. Coughlan (Euclid, reading) 5, F. Wood (history, English) 6, R. McLean (arithmetic, English) 7, G. McCormack (geography, Irish history) 8, B. Connor (English history) 9, special prizes: Christian doctrine, Thos. Laffey; Irish history Mrs. Rossbotham's medal, J. Walsh; writing (medal, P. Hayman and Co.), J. J. Bryant.

Sixth Class—E. Spain (medal, Mr. D. Beard) 1, T. Francis 2, W. O'Connor 3, D. Fogarty 4, C. Mellick 5, E. Wilkie 6; arithmetic, W. Gustafson; reading, W. Connor; dictation, D. Fogarty; mapping and geography, C. Kerr; home exercise and drawing, R. Brown; writing, E. Wilkie; grammar, T. Francis; Euclid and algebra, E. Spain; Latin and French, D. Fogarty; book-keeping, C. Mellick; English history, E. Spain; Christian doctrine, T. Francis; industry and general improvement, J. Smith.

Fifth Class—C. Marlow and T. Laffey 1, P. Schluter 2, T. Warren 3, D. Murphy 4, R. Fogarty 5, Jas. Monaghan 6; Christian doctrine, T. Laffey; reading, T. Laffey; geography, P. Schluter; Euclid, M. Donovan; algebra, C. Marlow; writing and home exercise, P. Schluter; grammar, T. Laffey; Latin and French, F. Cooney; arithmetic, R. Fogarty and Jas. Monaghan; English history, P. Schluter; industry and general improvement, F. Perkins, Jas. Rodden, Thos. Mooney; special prize, Irish history, E. Spain (medal, Mrs. Rossbotham).

Fourth Class—John Tarleton 1, George Newman 2, Harry Drury 3, James McQuillan 4, George Wakelin 5, Walter Monaghan 6, John Collins 7, Wm. Ryan 8, John Stapleton 9, Joseph Salmon 10; special subjects: A. Cameron, Thos. Kelly, John Keyes, Thos. Carran, arithmetic; Jas. McQuillan, Christian doctrine; Jas. McDonald, J. McKay, Wm. McAllen, D. Mahoney, Thos. Leonard, grammar; T. Heffernan, F. Power, J. Cooney, M. Coughlan, reading; A. Crawford, Pat Maloney, Richard Hungerford, Thos. Mee, writing; B. Rendall, John McKenzie, home exercise; C. Creighton, geography; E. Salmon, Thos. Leyburn, recitation; W. Mount, F. Meenan, regular attendance; P. Heffernan, drawing.

Third Class—Charles Dunn 1, Thomas Leyburn 2, F. Cameron 3, John Walsh 4, M. Piper 5, R. O'Neill 6, L. Bourke 7, Joseph McKenzie 8; special subjects: P. Begbie, E. Meenan, arithmetic; Wm. Gawne, J. Rogan, G. Wilson, A. Stevenson, reading; N. O'Neill, P. Keltiger, grammar; V. Adelman, J. McKenzie, Christian doctrine; J. Brady, geography.

Second Class—Christian doctrine, F. Yule 1, J. Marlow 2, F. Marlow 3; arithmetic, F. Marlow 1, F. Yule 2, I. Monaghan 3; reading, John Hally 1, F. Marlow 2, M. O'Brien 3; writing, H. Bustin 1, L. Petherick 2, A. Hesford 3; dictation, F. Marlow 1, F. Yule 2, A. Hawkins 3; grammar, A. Meenan 1, J. Marlow 2, B. Cantwell 3; comprehension, J. Hally 1, J. Marlow 2, F. Marlow 3; recitation, B. Cantwell 1, M. O'Brien 2, J. Thompson 3; home exercise, J. Hally 1, J. Fogarty 2, M. O'Brien 3; geography, J. Hally 1, F. Yule 2, A. Meenan 3; drawing, Lawler Shiel 1, F. Yule 2, L. Petherick 3; slate writing, J. Dunford 1, L. Petherick 2, H. Bustin 3; object lessons, F. Yule 1, J. Hally 2, F. Marlow 3; dux of second class, J. B. Hally; special prizes: B. Fogarty, R. Simpson, J. P. O'Connor, E. Hill, F. Bryan.

High First Class—Christian doctrine, J. Flanagan 1, C. Mulrooney 2, I. O'Connor 3; arithmetic, D. Keyes 1, S. Mulrooney 2, T. Gawne 3; reading, J. Flanagan 1, T. Gawne 2, J. O'Connor 3; writing, A. Cameron 1, C. Mulrooney 2, W. Maloney 3; spelling, F. Wilson 1, S. McAllen 2, J. Flanagan 3; home exercise, A. Cameron 1, C. Mulrooney 2, J. O'Connor 3; geography, J. Flanagan 1, A. Cameron 2, T. Gawne 3; object lessons, J. Flanagan 1, A. Cameron 2, H. Wilson 3; drawing, F. Wilson 1, J. Flanagan 2, T. Gawne 3; special prizes: A. Gustafson, A. Reid, A. Hosey, R. Taylor, G. Gray, P. Coughlan.

Low First Class—Edward Barry 1, F. Brown 2, T. Hally 3, A. Webb 4, G. Thompson 5, M. O'Sullivan 6, E. O'Sullivan 7; J. O'Connor 8, J. Rainham 9; J. McDermid 10; special prizes: A. Tarleton, C. Crichton, W. Brady, H. Isaac, J. Rogan, J. Dunn, J. Higgins, J. McVeigh.

Cricket—Season 1903-04, L. Casey (medal, Mr. P. F. Rogan).

Football—Season 1904, D. Collins (medal, Mr. E. Gresham).

Gymnastic Medals—Seniors: J. J. Bryant (Mr. E. Gresham), 1; D. Collins (Miss Purton), 2; W. Coughlan (J. J. Bryant), 3. Juniors: E. Salmon, 1; B. Cantwell, 2. Clubs, L. Coughlan, Dumbbells, J. Collins.

## ST. MARY'S CONVENT, WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The prize-giving in connection with St. Mary's Convent took place in the Guildford Terrace Hall on Monday evening. The hall was well filled with enthusiastic parents and friends. Prior to the distribution of prizes a concert was given by the pupils, in which the following took part:—Misses Campion, Reardon, G. Garvey, I. Bunney, S. Williams, Segrief (2), M. O'Farrell, G. Blacklock, Violet Lammacroft, White, Martin, Denhard, and Master Eric Reeves. Miss C. Campion played the accompaniments during the evening. After the concert the Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., referred in terms of praise to the high standard of the entertainment, and eulogised the good work done by the Sisters of Mercy. The Rev. Father Murray also spoke well of the training imparted by the Sisters, and assured his hearers that the education given in Ireland in the convents was far superior to that given in the national schools. The prizes were then presented by the Rev. Father McDer. mott. The following is the list:—

Good Conduct (boarders), silver medal, gift of Mr. White—Cora Feldwiok; (day pupils), silver medal, gift of Rev. Father Holley—Olive Blake; junior pupils, Mollie Laing; preparatory school (boarders), gift of Mr. J. Dealy. Grace Wilson; preparatory school (day pupils), gift of Mr. Dealy, Girly Gibbs.

Christian doctrine, gold medal, gift of Very Rev. Father McNamara—Gortnude Garvey.

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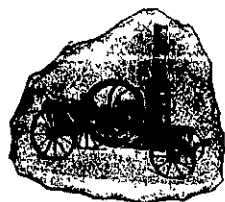
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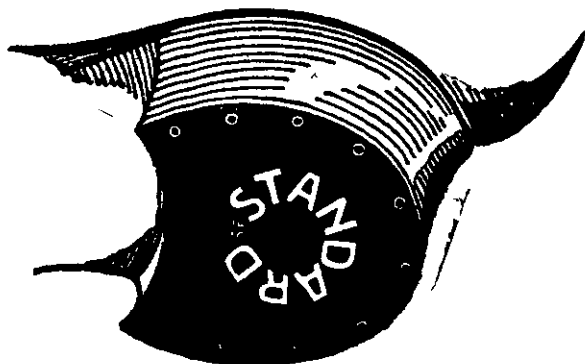
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## Irish News

### ANTRIM.—Fatal Accident.

Professor Thomas Gilligan, of St. Malachy's College, Belfast, died at Bangor, County Down, from injuries sustained while cycling to Belfast.

### DONEGAL.—Granite Quarries.

A report on the Donegal granite quarries has just been issued by Mr. S. G. Frazer. Mr. Frazer sets out the conclusions of experts, which go to show that there is an extensive area of about seventy square miles, which will afford for all time an inexhaustible supply of the finest material; almost every type of granite, both as regards color and texture, is available. Material for every class of work can be easily and cheaply procured within the area specified. The durability and soundness of the rock have stood thorough tests, and for polished work it has been found quite equal to the best Aberdeen or Peterhead stone. The facilities for quarrying leave nothing to be desired, and there is abundant local labor. On all sides the brightness, handiness, and eagerness for work of the Donegal peasants are admitted. Here, it is pointed out, is a capital opportunity to develop a great industry, and Mr. Frazer estimates the possible income at £44,000, which would give a margin of profit of £22,000. Mr. P. Brannon, a practical engineer, has pronounced the Donegal granites the most enduring known.

### DOWN.—A Presentation.

The friends of Father O'Hare, from Derrymacash, Lurgan, and Portadown, presented him with a very substantial testimonial on the occasion of his departure for America to collect funds for the renovation of Newry Cathedral. Father O'Hare has labored with energy, zeal, and ability for ten years in the parish of Seagoe. He has delivered many interesting, able, and eloquent lectures on National and kindred subjects in Belfast and other centres. His numerous friends much regret his departure, since his absence creates a void which cannot be filled up.

### DUBLIN.—Death of a Composer.

The death is announced of the well known Irish composer, Mr. Richard Frederick Harvey, who has just passed away at a ripe old age at his residence, Merrion row. Mr. Harvey, who was the organist of a city church for many years, was well known as the composer of the popular song, still in vogue, 'Ireland's hearts and hands.' He was also the composer of several other successful songs, and wrote some fantasias which were played all over the world. He was a friend of Sir Henry Irving and several other leading artists. He married a daughter of Colonel Hyde Parker Laurence.

### The Anti-Emigration Society.

A conference on the Irish emigration question was held under the auspices of the Anti-Emigration Society in the Mansion House on November 1. The Lord Mayor presided at the meeting, which was fairly well attended. Very able papers dealing with the subject were read by gentlemen who have made a special study of it. Very few practical suggestions, however, were offered. Emigration continues, and everyone knows already what a misfortune it is. Much stress was laid on the prepaid passage ticket, which it was stated by Blather Clancy, P.P., was accountable for at least 90 per cent. of all cases of emigration. This seems strange in view of the fact that those who send the tickets to their relatives know what they are leaving and what they are going to. The Rev. T. C. Connolly, Manorhamilton, advocated the founding of industries as a remedy for excessive emigration. He also insisted on the far-reaching importance of supporting Irish manufactures. Until the industries are founded and grazing ranches broken up and divided among the people, emigration will unfortunately continue.

### FERMANAGH.—Legal Action Discontinued.

Lord de Freyne's solicitors have given notice to discontinue the actions against the United Irish League and the 'Freeman's Journal.'

### KERRY.—Bishop Mangan in Listowel.

During his visit to Listowel Dr. Mangan met with a genuine cordial welcome from the people of his native parish. Popular rejoicing was evident on every side, and his Lordship must have been highly pleased with the reception accorded him. Addresses were presented to the Bishop by the Urban Council and by the staff of St. Michael's College. Replying to the former, he said the history of North Kerry was one of which any Irishman might well feel proud. The Kerry election of 1872 was the turning point in the history of Ireland. There were many amongst them who were old enough to

remember those magnificent Irishmen, those splendid specimens of the Irish priesthood, Father Murty O'Connor, of Ballybunion, and Father O'Sullivan, of Ballylongford. He sat at their feet and drank in inspiration from their lips, and he was filled with the high ideals of patriotism to which they had devoted a large portion of their lives, and when his lot was cast amongst the poor and the oppressed, he would be less than a man if he did not raise his voice and denounce the oppression. He also dealt with the education question, and warned the Government against attempting to divorce religion from education.

### KILKENNY.—The Freedom of the City.

On October 31 Mr. John O'Callaghan, of Boston, General Secretary of the United Irish League of America, was presented with the freedom of the city of Kilkenny. Mr. O'Callaghan, who was accompanied by Mr. P. O'Brien, M.P., delivered an interesting address.

### Successful Students.

Amongst the candidates on whom the B.A. degree in mental and moral science was conferred at the Royal University, Dublin, were five students of the Franciscan Capuchin Order from the Friary, Kilkenny. The names of the graduates are Brother Columba Murphy, Brother Berchmans Cantillon, Brother Gregory Brennan, Brother Edward Walsh, and Brother Brendan O'Callaghan.

### GENERAL

#### The Rancor of Monopolists.

Sir Antony MacDonnell (says 'Truth') is not the first official in high place in Ireland who has fallen foul of the Ascendancy party through applying reason and common sense to Irish affairs. Let it be granted that all King Edward's subjects in Ireland have equal rights as subjects, that every Irishman, like every Briton, is entitled to hold whatever religious belief he chooses to adopt, it necessarily follows that the State should show to every man of every creed the same fair field and no favor. Sir Antony MacDonnell's advocacy of absolute equality for all creeds in Ireland, strictly in line with the policy of the disestablishment of the Irish Protestant Church, has brought on him the rancor of the monopolists, who, notwithstanding disestablishment, still managed to maintain an ascendancy over the majority of their countrymen. As a matter of fact Ireland has no State Church; all Churches in the country are legally on an equality; the Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic and Protestant Churches take precedence amongst each other according to seniority of appointment. During Lord Plunket's lifetime the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin took precedence of the Catholic; now Archbishop Walsh, being the senior, precedes the Protestant Archbishop Peacocke.

#### The Favored Minority.

The Rev. Dr. Hogan, of Maynooth, writes a letter to the 'Spectator' which ought to carry conviction to the minds of all who wish to know the true facts regarding the relations that exist between Catholics in Ireland and the State. Dr. Hogan deals with the statements of Professor Dowden, whose recently published article serves up for the perusal of British readers the usual class of sensational stories regarding the politico-religious situation in Ireland. In refuting the Professor's charges Father Hogan gives figures to show that from the highest official appointment down to the lowest in connection with the Irish Government and its administration Catholics are systematically excluded. Here are a few specimens of them:—Lord Lieutenant and his Household—Protestants, £36,230; Catholics, £650. Chief Secretary's Office—Protestants, £14,200; Catholics, £2,920. Judges of the High Court—Protestants, £51,692 6s; Catholics, £13,112 8s 8d. Law Officers of the Crown—Protestants, £9050; Catholics, nil. Recorders and County Court Judges—Protestants, £21,500; Catholics, £10,000. Resident Magistrates—Protestants (49), £29,400; Catholics (19), £11,400. County Inspectors of Police—Protestants (33), £14,850; Catholics (4), £1800. District Inspectors of Police—Protestants, £29,876; Catholics, £11,640.

#### Royal University Honors.

The brilliant achievements of Catholic students, as shown by the honor lists of the Royal University for the past academical year (writes a Dublin correspondent), emphasise once again the galling injustice inflicted upon the great majority of Irishmen in the matter of higher education. Debarred from the advantages of a university which they could conscientiously attend, they have to rely on unendowed colleges conducted in accordance with the tenets of their Faith. Thus handicapped in competition with their highly-favored Protestant fellow-countrymen, they have by their natural ability and perseverance far more than held their own, and have again shown clearly that the ancient religion,

instead of having the narrow-minded tendency that some latter-day statesmen attribute to it, helps most materially to develop in the young student the gifts with which God has endowed him. An analysis of the results of the Royal University examinations shows that University College, Stephens Green, obtained 31 first-class distinctions, while the Queen's Colleges of Belfast, Galway, and Cork combined only won 28 between them. Loreto College, Stephens Green, Blackrock College, County Dublin, and St. Mary's, Donnybrook, did remarkably well also, having won respectively 27, 15, and 14 distinctions of all grades. Space will not permit mention of all those who achieved brilliant successes, but the names of a few of the most highly distinguished will not be out of place. The Rev. Michael Cronin, M.A., secured the Junior Fellowship in Mental and Moral Science. This is the third year in succession that Clonliffe College has obtained this coveted distinction. The medical studentship in pathology was won by Dr. Denis Farnam, of the Catholic Medical School, Cecilia street. Mr. James A. Murnaghan, M.A., son of Mr. Murnaghan, M.P., won the studentship in ancient classics; Mr. John M. O'Sullivan, M.A., one in mental and moral science; Mr. John J. O'Reilly, B.A., one in mathematical science; and Mr. F. W. Hackett, B.Sc., one in experimental science. All four are students of University College, Dublin. Mr. Murnaghan and Mr. O'Reilly are old pupils of the Christian Brothers. Mr. O'Sullivan is a Clongowes man and a native of Killarney, where his father took an active part in forwarding the National cause. He is a nephew of the Very Rev. Canon O'Sullivan, P.P., Millstreet. Mr. Hackett is editor of 'St. Stephens,' the college journal.

### 'The Story of Ireland.'

The Commissioners of National Education have directed their secretary, Dr. Lemass, to inform the Right Rev. Mgr. Keller, P.P., Youghal, that they have decided that the 'Story of Ireland' by A. M. Sullivan is not fit for use in Irish National Schools. This is the answer to a letter from the Monsignor requesting their sanction for the use of the widely known and highly popular work in one of the schools of which he is manager. The 'Story of Ireland,' however, of her faith and her sufferings, will still be read, not only in Ireland, but wherever an Irishman finds a home, notwithstanding the ukase of the high and mighty body at Tyrone House.

### Irish Taxation

According to a return recently issued the gross total revenue actually collected in Ireland during the year ended March last was £11,616,500, which is £356,000 less than the previous year, but with one other exception (1900-1) is the largest sum ever raised in the country. Of this £9,718,500 is the 'estimated true revenue,' as against an 'estimated true revenue' in Great Britain of £137,184,500. Ireland's 'true' revenue thus represents a percentage of 6.63 as compared with the rest of the United Kingdom, and is at the rate of £2 4s 2d per head of the population. The amount expended in Ireland is given at £7,548,000, being an excess of £185,000 over the previous year; and the remainder of £2,200,500 has gone to Imperial purposes.

The Rev. Father Ryan, of Burrogorang, while driving from the Peaks met with a severe accident through his sulky capsizing. His leg was broken, and he was badly bruised. The injured gentleman was conveyed over 30 miles to the Camden Cottage Hospital.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mateu, who has just joined the Benedictine monks of New Norcia, W.A., is well known in West Australia, having been many years in the Perth diocese, and for 27 years in charge of Albany, where his zeal and untiring labors in the cause of religion were much appreciated and merited for him the dignity of Monsignor conferred upon him by the late Supreme Pontiff Leo XIII. The Right Rev. Father had long contemplated retiring from the world, but ill health compelled him to postpone the step which he has now finally taken. Besides Monsignor Mateu, quite a number of priests have sought admission at New Norcia within the last year, so that there are now no less than six Irish priests in the community, who find in the religious life combined with retirement and prayer full scope for their missionary zeal.

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## People We Hear About

Admiral Dewey has been in the U.S. navy 50 years. He had forgotten the fact on the anniversary, September 23, and was only reminded of it by a Washington newspaper. The President, when his attention was called to the fact, sent the admiral a bunch of American beauty roses. Admiral Dewey is 67 years of age.

Dan Leno, who died in London at the end of October, was of Irish parentage; his real name was Galvin, and his children were educated at a South London convent. There is no one to take his place on the London music-hall stage. Other artists are clever and amusing in their way, but not one of them possesses the absolutely original style of Dan Leno.

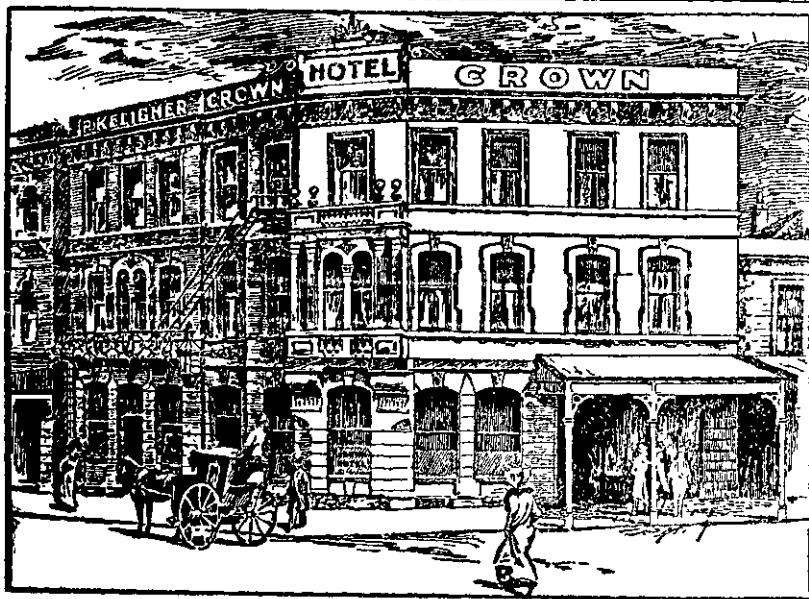
Colonel Saunderson, the chairman of the Ulster Unionists, was a Liberal when he first went to the House of Commons, forty years ago, as member for Cavan. His father and grandfather occupied the same seat. In 1874 the Colonel was defeated by Joe Biggar, and when he went back to the House of Commons in 1885 it was as a Unionist. It is somewhat singular that Colonel Saunderson's grandfather was a member of the old Irish House of Commons, and refused both a peerage and a pension offered him if he would vote for the Union.

'That Orkins hover there—'im a-torkin' to Corlett. See 'im? Nice benevolent old cove to look at, ain't he? Yus. That didn't stop 'is givin' me five of his wery best, simply becuz by accident I mistook some-b'dy else's 'ouse and plate-chest for my own. Sorter mistake which might 'appen a'most to henyb'dy. There 'e is—see 'im? That's Orkins!' 'I need not say,' continues Lord Brampton, in his 'Reminiscences,' a veritable treasure-house of spicy anecdote and shrewd observation, 'I need not say that I was frequently spoken of in this complimentary manner by persons who had been introduced to me at the Bar.' The interest attaching to so forcible an individuality as that of the famous 'Mr. Hawkins, Q.C.' of Tichborne trial fame, can well be imagined.

Lord Rossmore, whose secession from the Orange body has awakened so much interest, comes of a Dutch stock. The Westerra family is very ancient in Holland. They have the 'augmentation' of the sea-horse on their coat-of-arms in allusion to the gallantry of an ancestor, who during the Duke of Alva's campaigns was entirely employed against the enemy, and undertook to swim across an arm of the sea with important intelligence to his besieged countrymen. Lord Rossmore's ancestor, Warner Westerra, settled in Ireland with his brother, Derrik Westerra, in the time of Charles II. On failure of his own issue he left his estate in Ireland to the eldest son of his brother, Henricus Westerra, on condition of his being sent to Ireland and naturalised.

Lord Spencer has just entered on his 70th year. It is curious (says the 'Freeman's Journal') that the most Coercionist Lord Lieutenant of the last quarter of the century should, by the Irish people, be the most respected member of the long line of English governors who have misgoverned Ireland. That is, of course, because he was one of the few Englishmen who came to Ireland to rule us against our will who not only discovered the error of his ways but acknowledged it, and even tried, to the best of his ability, to remedy it. It is interesting to remember that one of Lord Spencer's uncles, the Hon. George Spencer, became a Catholic in his youth, and joined the Passionist Order, becoming a Catholic propagandist among the aristocrats of England.

Walton Hall, the historic seat of the Waterton family, which has clung to the Catholic faith from the earliest records of their famous house down to the present day, is shortly to come into the market. The present mansion, which is near Wakefield, is a modern one, surmounted by a moat, and is chiefly interesting as having been the residence of Charles Waterton, the celebrated naturalist and traveller, who was one of the first alumni of Stonyhurst College, and died in 1865, leaving the greater portion of his magnificent collections of natural history to his old school. The Watertons are mentioned in Domesday Book, and have been prominent in many stirring scenes of English history. One of them, Sir Robert, was Crusader at the battle of Ascalon, and is said to have been granted by Richard Coeur de Lion in person the three sable crescents which are still borne on the coat-of-arms of the family. Sir John Waterton fought at Agincourt, and later on Charles Waterton, who married a lineal descendant of Blessed Thomas More, was imprisoned at York for his fidelity to the Stuart cause. The present representative of the house is Mr. Joseph Waterton, who is the great-grandson of the famous naturalist, and is a schoolboy still in his teens. Canon Waterton, of Carlisle, is of the same family.



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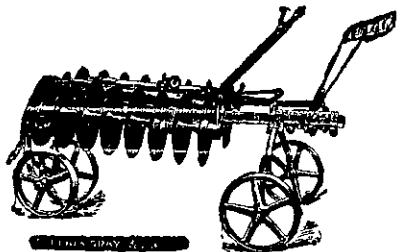
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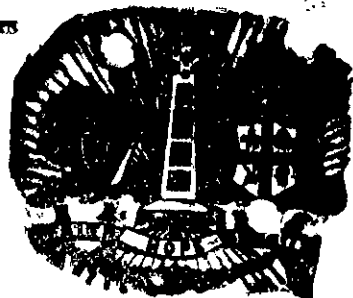
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# Commercial

(For week ending December 21, 1904.)

## PRODUCE.

London, December 16.—The markets are dull, but prices are fairly maintained, owing to conflicting reports from the Argentina of lighter shipments, and an unfavorable report of the condition of the winter wheat in America. Cargoes are quiet. New Australians are rather low, 12,000 and 13,000 quarters January and February shipments, 33/1½. Australian spot is practically exhausted, but nominally is at 34/-. New Zealand has a small supply of short-berried at 33/6.

Butter is dull. Danish is unchanged. Choice New Zealand, 103/-; Victorian, 100/- to 102/-; New South Wales, 98/- to 102/- (both occasionally 104/-). Recent Australian arrivals are not completely satisfactory, they were apparently carried at too high a temperature.

Rabbits are slow of sale. Large 1/3. There is a better demand for hares at 1/10 to 2/-.

London, December 17.—Frozen Meat—Sheep: North Island, best, 4½d, all other sorts unchanged. Lambs—Canterbury, light, 6½d, heavy, 6d; all others unchanged. Beef: Very firm. Owing to a strike, Argentine supplies are likely to be curtailed. Fores, 3½d; hinds, 3½d. Raker, Plate sheep unchanged. Beef—Fores, 3½d; hinds, 3½d.

Wheat.—Two Australian cargoes sold at 32/10½, and a third at 33/4½, 11,000 quarters at 33/1½, and 200 quarters at 33/4½, both December and January shipments.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. There was good competition throughout, and every lot offered found buyers at quotations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—There has been a steady demand for all good sound lines of Gartons coming forward 'A' and 'B' grade sparrowbills also have more attention, and although sales of these are not so readily effected as in the case of Gartons, there is little difficulty in dealing with any lots offering at quotations. Lower grades, which have been neglected of late, are also in better demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 1/7 to 1/8; good to best feed, 1/5½ to 1/6½; medium, 1/3 to 1/4½ per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Only the best lines of milling quality find any favor with millers at present, medium grades having been severely left alone for some time. Fowl wheat has good demand, both locally and for export. Stocks of this are now in smaller compass, and any good lines are readily quitted on arrival. Quotations: Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/8; medium to good, 3/2 to 3/5, whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/1; broken and damaged, 2/7 to 2/11 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—With short supplies, and a good demand, prices have again advanced, and to-day best Derwents sold at £1/10/- to £1/15/-; medium, £1 to £1/7/6; others, £3/10/- to £4 per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf continues to arrive sparingly, and for all bright heavy lines there is ready sale. Medium quality, although not so strongly in favor, is also quitted without difficulty. Quotations: Choice, bright oaten sheaf, £4 to £4/5/-; medium to good, £3/10/- to £4 per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations.—Wheaten and oaten, 30/- to 35/- per ton (presseu).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Wheat.—The market continues as last advised, Millers still being disinclined to buy. We quote: Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/8; medium to good, 3/2 to 3/5, best whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/1; inferior and damaged, 2/7 to 2/11.

Oats.—There has been some enquiry lately, but quotations remain the same, namely, prime milling, 1/7 to 1/8; good to best feed, 1/5½ to 1/6½; medium, 1/3 to 1/4½.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, £4/10/- to £4/15/-; others, £3/10/- to £4.

Chaff.—There has been a further rise, best oaten sheaf being worth £3/17/6 to £4/5/-; medium to good, £3/10/- to £3/17/6.

## WOOL.

Wellington, December 15.—The Department of Industries and Commerce received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, 14th inst: 'The wool market continues firm at the advanced quotations recently cabled.'

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Rabbitskins.—Supplies have now fallen off very considerably, and sales for the next month or two will only be held fortnightly.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, and sold crossbreds to 10/6, merinos to 10/-, half-breds to 9/3, butchers' pelts to 2/-, and lambs to 1/10.

Hides.—We had a very successful sale last week, our top price for ox being 6d, and for cows 5d. We recommend consignments being sent in at present.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in this market.

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### OTAGO FARMERS' HORSE BAZAAR.

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We held our usual weekly sale at our Horse Bazaar on Saturday, when we had a splendid attendance of farmers, waggoners, town carriers, and trailers. Our entry totalled 57 draught, van, and spring-dray horses, light harness and hackney geldings, and, with the exception of a very few, these horses were all fresh from the country. We may say that all the young sound horses from the country were appreciated both by town and country buyers, and met a sale satisfactory to sellers and buyers. Heavy draughts were a shade easier, but clean, sharp, active geldings, suitable for town work, were in good demand. Express horses were also well competed for. Spring-carters are still in good demand. Of this class we had again a short supply, and a good few could have been placed at fair values. Hackneys, although nothing of a very high grade was offered, met a good sale, and a good many changed hands at fair prices. Quotations: Heavy cart horses, £50 to £80; plough mares and geldings, £40 to £50; chuff van geldings, £38 to £44; spring-dray horses, about same price; spring-carters, real good sorts, active, young, and sound, £25 to £34; useful hackneys, £18 to £25, buggy geldings, with a good dash of action and quiet, £25 to £30, buggy pairs, £45 to £55; carriage pairs, £60 to £100, according to style and quality.

### THE ADDINGTON MARKET.

At Addington there were fair entries in all departments, comprising 6625 sheep, 572 cattle, and 611 pigs. The attendance was small.

Fat Cattle.—The yarding comprised 221 head, and the large supply caused a further drop of £1 a head in value; while a large proportion were withdrawn. Steers made from £7/7/6 to £10/10/-, one pen of bullocks being withdrawn at £12/10/-; heifers, £5/15/- to £8; and cows, £5/5/- to £7/18/-, being at the rate of 20/- to 21/- per 100lb for medium to prime beef.

Fat Sheep.—There was a fair entry, consisting chiefly of ewes. The sale opened with a quiet tone, and as it went on and butchers' needs became satisfied a very substantial reduction had to be made in the prices of ewes, wethers suffering to a smaller extent owing to the competition of export buyers. Wethers may be quoted at 1/- below the previous week's value, while ewes sold with great irregularity, the decline on some pens being no more than 1/- and on others as much as 3/- or 4/-, and the average fall being fully 2/-. A few consignments of ordinary merinos suffered a similar decline. The range of prices for shorn sheep was: Wethers, 19/7 to 23/5; prime heavy ewes, 20/- to 23/3; other ewes, 16/- to 19/6; merino wethers, 12/7 to 16/9; merino ewes, 10/-.

Fat Lambs.—A fair number were penned, but many were of indifferent quality. Prices were irregular, and on the average from 6d to 1/- lower than previous rates, only the best pens making last week's values. Good to prime lambs sold at from 17/6 to 20/-, a few extra quality at 21/-; secondary, from 13/- to 17/-.

Store Sheep.—There was a small entry, and buyers were few, but previous values were maintained. The principal sales included 250 wethers at 17/9, 89 two-tooth wethers at 17/10, 64 two and four-tooth wethers at 16/2, 8 sound mouth ewes at 17/8, and 208 small two-tooth ewes at 15/11.

Pigs.—Another large entry met with moderate competition, and prices all round were easier. Baconers sold at 38/- to 52/-, equal to 4d to 4½d per lb; porkers, 25/- to 31/-, or 4½d to 4¾d per lb; large stores, 22/- to 30/-; small, 12/6 to 18/-; and suckers, 8/- to 12/-.

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Mathematics, gold medal, gift of Mr. McArdle—Lilian Gallagher.

Singing, medal, 'The Grace Memorial,' gift of Mrs. Grace—Mary O'Farrell; first prize, Gertrude Garvey; school singing, Agnes Segrief; preparatory school, Kate Redmond.

Music (advanced grade), silver medal, gift of Rev. Father Lewis—Brenda von Dadelzen; highest marks during the year, May Gudgeon; intermediate grade, highest marks in examination, Doris Haywood; higher school division, Dorothy Tanner; higher school division (highest marks in examination), Ethel Manning; lower grade (highest marks in examination), Rose Segrief; lower grade (highest marks during the year), Muriel Blake; elementary grade, first prize, Iniva Bunny; elementary grade, second prize, Norma McGrath; diligence in music, preparatory class, Grace Wilson; playing from memory, gift of Mr. M. Kennedy, Gertrude Blacklock; playing from sight, gift of Mr. M. O'Connor, Celia Dwyer; improvement in harp playing, gift of Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Sylvia Williams; violin, gift of Miss Julia Moran, Rose Segrief; theory of music, first prize, Eileen Truman; second prize, Doris Haywood; third prize, Gertrude Blacklock.

Painting, brooch, gift of Mr. T. O'Rourke, Chrissie Reardon; improvement in painting, Cora Feldwick.

Shorthand, senior division, Eileen Truman; intermediate division, Kathleen Ward; junior division, Eugenie Goulter; typewriting, Kathleen Ward.

Drawing, light and shade, Cristobel Reardon; free-hand, class I. (equal in merit), Cora Feldwick and Agnes Segrief; freehand, class II., Gertrude Blacklock; brush-work, Aileen McAlister; drawing, preparatory school, Greta Harvey.

Needlework, class I. (equal in merit), Annie Laing and Daisy Nathan; needlework, class II., Olive Arthur. French Conversation, gift of Mr. Bridge, Olive Blake.

Class I.—English, Lilian Gallagher; geography, Lilian Gallagher; physiology, Lilian Gallagher; composition, Ella Barry; French, Agnes Segrief; book-keeping, Eileen Truman.

Class II.—Arithmetic and algebra, Eileen O'Rourke; literature, Eileen O'Rourke; geography, Annie Laing; composition, Agnes Segrief; algebra, Doris Haywood; French, Gertrude Garvey; Latin, Eveline Collins; penmanship, Violet Lammacroft; Euclid, Doris Haywood; physiology, Eveline Collins.

Class III.—Christian doctrine, Ida Barry; English, Ida Barry; Latin, Alice Ross; arithmetic, Violet Lammacroft; history, Ids Barry; geography, Freda Ross; penmanship, Eugenie Goulter; elocution, Madeline O'Sullivan; composition, Ida Fahey; diligence, Ida Barry.

Class IV.—English, Kate McVicar; history, Kate McVicar; geography, and mapping, Molly Laing; elocution, Molly Laing; arithmetic, Muriel Hodgins; diligence, Muriel Hodgins; composition, Aileen McAlister; French, Aileen McAlister; Latin, Ida Barry; algebra, Ida Barry; penmanship, Ethel Keys.

Class V.—Diligence, Eveline Healy; arithmetic, Gertrude Blacklock; penmanship and mapping, Gertrude Blacklock; composition, Sylvia Williams; elocution, Kathleen McGrath; English, Kathleen McGrath; geography, Iniva Bunny; history, May Curtis; Latin, Muriel Hodgins.

Class VI.—Christian doctrine, Iris Ross; diligence, Margaret Cameron; arithmetic, Madge Bolton; composition, Olive Young; French, Olive Young; geography, Vivien Cummings; history, Vivien Cummings; elocution, Norma McGrath; penmanship, Eva Gascoigne; English, Madge Bolton.

Preparatory School, Class I.—Christian doctrine, Vera Chalmers; arithmetic (equal in merit), Girly Gibbs and Vera Chalmers; dictation and spelling, Girly Gibbs; grammar and composition, Girly Gibbs; geography, Vera Chalmers; history, Connie Twomey; writing, Connie Wynn; French, Greta Harvey.

Class II.—Arithmetic, Vera McInerney; dictation and spelling, Eric Reeves; grammar and composition, Clare Henrys; geography, Muriel Blake; history, Vera McInerney; writing, Grace Wilson; reading and recitation, Geraldine McGrath.

ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

On Wednesday evening a nice little concert was given in the schoolroom, Dixon street, by the pupils there. The prizes were presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, who spoke with pleasure of the good work done during the year by the Sisters and their pupils. He was pleased to see that the Dixon street School was still holding its own in the direction of musical education. The following is a list of the prize winners:—

Good Conduct, senior pupils, medal (gift of Ven. Archdeacon Devoy)—Lizzie Phelan. Good conduct, junior pupils, medal (gift of Mr. O'Connor)—Lizzie Madden. Most popular girl—Kathleen Gallagher. Christian doctrine, medal (gift of Mr. Segrief)—Magdalen Lawlor. Music (first division), Annie Foster; progress in music, Hilda Flanagan; music (second division), Mabel Outtrim; progress in music (second division), Nellie Maher; music (third division), Tessie Foster; singing, Mabel Outtrim, Florrie Outtrim, Hilda Flanagan; needlework, Kathleen Gallagher.

Class I.—Highest marks, medal (gift of Mr. McArdle), Hilda Flanagan; arithmetic, Nellie Carmody; composition, Kathleen Gallagher; reading and recitation, Hilda Flanagan; drawing, Nellie Carmody; French, Kathleen Gallagher; history and geography, Hilda Flanagan; grammar, Nellie Carmody; algebra, Lizzie Phelan.

Class II.—Reading and recitation, Leila Flanagan; grammar and composition, Magdalen Lawlor; spelling, Nellie O'Connor, arithmetic and algebra, Leila Flanagan; regular attendance, Nellie Maher; history and geography, Magdalen Lawlor; French, Nellie O'Connor; drawing and physiology, Magdalen Lawlor.

Class III.—Reading and recitation, Florrie Davis; composition, Katie Madden; arithmetic, Freda Shanaghan; grammar, Prissie Weight; history and geography, Katie Madden; mental arithmetic and algebra, Prissie Weight; writing and spelling, Freda Shanaghan.

Class IV.—Christian doctrine, Lizzie Madden; highest marks, Kathleen Weight; history and composition, Florrie Sanders, reading and recitation, Veronica Flanagan; writing and spelling, May Doherty; arithmetic and French, Lizzie Madden; geography and drawing, Kathleen Weight; grammar, Veronica Flanagan; regular attendance, Mary Scott.

Class V.—Highest marks, Eileen McKittrick; arithmetic, Moreen O'Donovan; writing, Maggie Gallagher; grammar and composition, Ethel Hyde, reading, Irene Dowell; French, Eileen McKittrick; spelling, Moreen O'Donovan; needlework, Kathleen Healy.

JUNIOR PUPILS.

Class I.—Highest marks, Marie Doherty; arithmetic and grammar, Minnie Curran; Christian doctrine, Marie Doherty; arithmetic and brush-work, Gladys Friers; geography, Agnes Hastie; drawing, Jessie Weight; reading, Mary Hyland; spelling, Emmie Shanaghan; writing, Teresa Hyland.

Class II.—Spelling and dictation, Jessie Ward; reading, Gertie Treadgold; writing, Josephine Burren; drawing, Frank Walker; spelling and writing, M. Blewman.

Infant Class.—Arithmetic, Maggie Mitchell; spelling, Rody Doherty; diligence, Eileen McArdle.

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Diligence.—Standard VI., Constance Levy and Susan Forbes; Standard V., Mabel Outtrim and Mary McGrath; Standard IV., Jennie Moffitt; Standard III., Lizzie Coleman; Standard II., Beatrice McNaughton.

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**BOWDEN.**—On December 4th, at his parents' residence, Thorndon Quay, Wellington, after a short illness, Thomas Patrick, second and dearly loved son of Thomas and Julia Bowden, and brother of Rev. Father Bowden, of Palmerston North; aged 31 years.—R.I.P.

**MAHON.**—On the 18th December, 1904, at the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin, Mother Mary Teresa Mahon; in the forty-fifth year of her age and the seventeenth of her religious profession.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1904

**THOSE 'SPECIMEN LESSONS.'**



THE Bible-in-schools Executive has just been playing the little comedy of the ancient Greek who strolled through the market-place of Athens exhibiting a brick as a sample of the house he wished to sell. They have published a small pamphlet containing three 'specimen lessons' from their proposed text-book—one for the junior grade, one for the intermediate, and one for the senior. By themselves the three 'specimen lessons' would give about the same idea of their text-book that three bricks would of three dwellings. When a conjurer wishes to mask a vital movement in an illusion he contrives to direct the attention of his audience elsewhere. This ruse seems to be well known to the prestidigitateurs of the Bible-in-schools Conference. In as catchy and tricksome a preface as we have ever read they make a great sing-song about the notes appended to their sample lessons. But the mischievous character of the contemptible bit of political conjuring which they are endeavoring to play upon the people of New Zealand appears really elsewhere, namely, in the 'list of contents' which is appended to the sample lessons. But the Bible-in-schools leaders ought to be aware that the average elector, and the casual reader generally, will at most glance lightly over the 'list' and will thus fail to detect the

real significance of the illusory scheme which they are trying to force upon the Colony. So far as the general public are concerned the little pamphlet published by the Bible-in-schools leaders will fail to effect its avowed purpose of supplying 'the demand for information' and will prove, instead, a delusion and a snare.

In the course of their trick-references to the footnotes, the clerical illusionists of the Wellington Conference take loquacious pride in the plea that they do not 'indulcate any theological or dogmatic belief.' In fact they solemnly asseverate their fixed determination to bolt and bar out all manner of 'religious teaching' from the public schools. The first of these two statements may be taken for what it may prove to be worth. The second must be taken in a Pickwickian—we had almost said Pecksniffian—sense. By the very nature of the case 'religious' and dogmatic teaching, express or implied, runs through and through the whole of the proposed text-book. The text-book itself is, in brief, a reprint of the compilation drawn up four years ago by the (exclusively Protestant) 'Commission on Religious Instruction in State Schools.' Their express duty, as set forth in their title and mandate, was to draw up a scheme of 'religious instruction' for the public schools of Victoria. Our Bible-in-schools agitators reprint their programme of lessons in its entirety, and yet have the hardihood to serenely declare that 'religious instruction in State schools' is the last thing in their thoughts and wholly foreign to their intentions!

But the most discreditible thing about the proposed text-book is the wholesale chicanery with which—under protests of fair-play and honor-bright—it is sought to make it subserve sectarian interests in public schools that are frequented by children of all manner of creedal convictions. (1) From beginning to end the Scripture lessons are taken from the Protestant Authorised Version of the Bible—with all its errors of omission, addition, and mistranslation upon its head. (2) The Protestant division of the Ten Commandments is used, and the Protestant form of the Lord's Prayer, despite its rejection by the whole voice of Protestant scholarship, is set down for the daily use of pupils. (3) The Wellington Conference has, with open eyes, shared the shame of their Victorian confreres in outlawing the basic truth of Christianity—that of the Incarnation and Virgin-Birth of the Saviour of the World—from the sacred narrative. Though twice challenged, they have failed, thus far, to furnish any explanation or excuse for so wanton an outrage against religion and against the integrity of New Testament history. 'Men are at liberty,' said the prominent Presbyterian divine, Dr. Rantoul, 'as individual men, to take whatever view they choose of this or that historical period. They take that liberty abundantly. But a Commission of representatives of the Victorian Churches called upon to approach in honest good faith the New Testament narrative, and setting itself to tell our children the story of our Lord's birth and infancy, has no right to act thus. It is a wanton and a deadly wrong to the bonafides of the story and to the central faith of the Protestant Churches themselves. It is, I need scarcely say, a direct blow to all that is most sacred and most reverently cherished in the faith and the religion of Catholics.'

(4) But that is not all. In the proposed text-book Protestant teaching is suggested throughout in a persistent and manifestly deliberate way. Here are some of the unworthy ruses to which our Bible-in-schools party have resorted in their attempt to sectarianise the public schools: (a) Emphasising obscure texts which have been twisted into a Protestant controversial meaning, and passing over clearer and explanatory texts which tell in a Catholic sense; (b) garbling the sacred teaching or narrative in a wholesale way in the sectarian interest—suppressing, for instance, a great part

of the story of the Last Supper and the remarkable words regarding the Eucharist contained in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel; omitting all reference to the power of forgiving sins; setting aside all that refers to the Church, its constitution, its teaching authority, its indefectibility, and its infallibility in teaching; throwing overboard each and all of what are known as the 'Petrine texts'—those which point in so remarkable a way to the prerogatives of the Prince of the Apostles—and emphasising, by repetition, the denial of St. Peter in the days before he, being converted, received the commission to 'confirm his brethren' and to feed the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. (c) Protestant teaching is, moreover, suggested in the Bible-in-schools text-book by the use of unauthorised headings, italics, capital letters, etc.; and it has been truly observed that 'in what is omitted, as well as in the general tone of what is expressed, the lessons are made as Protestant as they could well be made in the circumstances.' And the 'modest petition' of the Bible-in-schools clergy is this: that this scheme of 'religious instruction,' drawn up by Protestants, out of a Protestant version of the Bible, for the use of Protestants, should be made the official established creed of our public schools, and that Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, and non-religious objectors should be compelled to contribute towards its maintenance or lie in gaol till they rot.

## Notes

### Christmas Greetings.

'Christ is the kindest King.' So wrote the Catholic poet John Acton. To all our readers we cordially wish, during the approaching festivals and through all the coming years, the best and most precious of His royal bounty and of the great love of His Sacred Heart, which knows no horizon, and which neither time nor space can bound.

## DIocese OF DUNEDIN

A general meeting of the parishioners was held in St. Joseph's Hall, on Monday evening in connection with the annual schools' picnic. It is to take place at Waihoua on February 1, the Railway Department being unable to meet the wish of the committee to hold the event on February 8.

The Christian Brothers' school cadet corps, which mustered 59, paraded at the Asylum grounds on Thursday night under command of Captain Hussey and Lieutenants O'Sullivan and Bryant, when they were inspected by Colonel Robin. The inspecting officer closely examined the uniforms and arms, and expressed himself pleased with the general appearance of the corps. The uniform is a blue serge, with green and red facings, and field service cap. The corps are armed with the Martini-Enfield .303 carbine. At the conclusion of the parade Colonel Robin expressed his pleasure at witnessing the company's movements for the first time. He thought it highly creditable to all concerned that the company should be armed and uniformed within two and a-half months of their acceptance by the Defence Department. He was delighted with the progress made, the attention to the word of command, and the general bearing of the boys, and advised them to keep on in the same way, and they would soon become an efficient corps.

A pleasant gathering took place at St. Patrick's presbytery, Lawrence, on Monday evening of last week, when the members of the choir made a presentation to Miss Woods. Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, who presided, said the choir felt that they could not allow Miss Woods to leave Lawrence without conveying to her their sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for the priceless services she had given during many years in connection with the public service of God. He concluded a eulogistic speech by presenting Miss Woods with a very artistic and handsome gold greenstone bangle. With this there was also presented a very beautiful embossed silver case for cartes de visite. He wished her a prosperous career and prayed she might enjoy good health to wear those ornaments for many years. Mr. Woods, on behalf of his daughter, thanked Monsignor O'Leary and the members of the choir for

their handsome gifts. His daughter would start on her mission trusting in God and prepared to work hard to make herself in some way worthy of the kind attentions she had received from the people of Tuapeka and the members of St. Patrick's Church choir.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon speaking at the distribution of prizes on Tuesday evening to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School said that they would all agree with him that the annual report just read by the Rev. Superior was highly satisfactory. They had reason to be proud of the boys and proud of their teachers. A short time ago the Bishops of New Zealand published a manifesto in which they stated that 'a sound civilisation depends upon a sound popular education; and a sound education consists essentially in the harmonious development of the physical, the intellectual, and the moral faculties of children.' Judging of education from this standpoint the Christian Brothers give a truly sound education, developing the physical, intellectual, and moral faculties of the young people confided to their care. The religious instruction of the children is most carefully attended to. Day by day the young people receive instruction in Christian Doctrine and Bible history, and one day in the week the pupils adjourn to the Cathedral, where they receive instruction from one of the Cathedral priests. Some may think that there was too much religious instruction, but in the report just read it was shown that the boys were very successful in the various public examinations and competitions. He (his Lordship) visited the school occasionally during the year, and he was much impressed with the intelligence and application of the young people; they were bright, happy, and attentive to their work. As regards physical development they saw what the pupils did that evening, and also heard of their success both on the football and cricket field. In conclusion his Lordship congratulated the boys most heartily on the success of their entertainment, and he trusted that they would have the Brother Superior and his staff in their midst for many years. In proposing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding Mr. J. B. Callan congratulated the Christian Brothers and their pupils on the very enjoyable entertainment given that evening, and gave a special word of praise to Captain Hussey for the efficiency displayed by the cadet corps. Mr. J. J. Marlow, in seconding the motion, spoke in a similar strain.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 17.

The local Catholic Young Men's Club has donated a gold medal to the Marist Brothers' School for the Christian doctrine prize this year.

The club rooms, known as St. Patrick's Hall, are to be furnished early next year. An art union has been arranged and promises to be highly successful. The various prizes have been kindly given by the friends of the young men.

On Sunday last a church parade of St. Patrick's College cadets took place. The two companies, numbering in all about 110, and under the command of Captains Redwood and Segrief, marched to the Sacred Heart Basilica. The Rev. Father Hills, of the College, celebrated the Mass, while a suitable sermon was preached by the Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh. The church was crowded.

The programme for the monster picnic on Boxing Day is now complete. Special attention is being paid this year to the sports for the children. An inter-parish tug-of-war is likely to cause a great deal of enthusiasm. The cup is at present held by the Te Aro parish team, but this year the Newtown men are very hopeful of gaining the coveted prize.

Arrangements in connection with the great bazaar during Easter time are progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. L. Dwan is to take charge of the refreshment stall. Mrs. J. Gallagher will probably be assisted by some other lady in the management of her stall. The number of stall assistants has been limited to sixteen to each stall, with the exception of the refreshment stall, where the number needed will be greater.

Lovers of music have had ample opportunities during the week of gratifying their tastes in this direction. Judging from the talent displayed at many of the various pupils' concerts this week, Wellington has little to fear for the future. The concert previous to the presentation of prizes at St. Mary's Convent was up to

its usual high standard. Miss Moran's concert on Thursday evening served to show the possession of great gifts by many of the younger Wellingtonians.

The concert arranged by Miss Julia Moran, an artist of exceptional ability and one ever ready to assist in any good cause, proved a treat of a very high order. The majority of the performers were Miss Moran's own pupils, and the manner in which they acquitted themselves reflects greatly to the credit of their teacher. The items were mainly violin and piano selections. Misses Amy Hyde, Lenore Pulsford, and Lily White, all former pupils of St. Mary's Convent, assisted during the evening, and greatly added to the enjoyment. The first part of the programme consisted of a violin solo by Miss Langdon, a piano solo by Miss Ida Moran (a pianist of great promise), a violin solo by Miss Moya O'Sullivan, and a song and encore number by Miss White. In the second part songs were given by Miss Hyde and Miss Pulsford. Miss Moran played Leonard's 'Souvenir de Haydn,' and being heartily encored contributed a tuneful setting of 'When other lips.' The other items were all rendered in creditable style, and the entertainment throughout was most enjoyable.

**DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 19.

The Rev. Father O'Brien, C.S.S.R., is to commence a mission at Halswell to-day (Monday).

A mission is to be commenced at Akaroa on Christmas Day, probably by the Rev. Father Stack, C.S.S.R.

Last week a large number of the police and detective forces met at the police station to say good-bye to Sergeant P. Ryan, who has been transferred to Dunedin. Sergeant Bourke presided, and on behalf of his comrades presented to Sergeant Ryan a gladstone bag and an umbrella, both bearing silver plates inscribed with a message of esteem and farewell, and a gold and emerald brooch for Mrs. Ryan. Sergeant Bourke gave expression to the regret felt by members of the force in and around the city at their having lost a valued comrade and a trusted friend, and assured their guest of their sincere wishes for his prosperity in his new district. Sergeant Ryan thanked his colleagues for their presents and their good wishes, speaking of his own regret at having to leave a district with which very many happy memories were associated.

During the course of his address at the Sacred Heart High School prize distribution Bishop Grimes spoke as follows on the Bible-in-schools agitation: There had been some remarks made recently with regard to the Bible-in-schools, and it had been said—'Look at the Catholics. What they are doing is the thin edge of the wedge.' He denied this, and he asked why did not those who made the statement do what the Catholics were doing, and make the sacrifices they were making in the interest of their children. They gave them an education which not only fitted them for any position they might be called upon to occupy in this world, but also fitted them for the next. Catholics put their hands in their pockets and paid for what other parents should give their children, not what they relied instead upon the State to give them. It was also made a cry that Catholics had no love for the Bible. Why, it was due to the Catholic monks of the middle ages that they had the Bible. They had spent years in translating and transcribing the manuscripts, such as were to be seen in the British Museum and elsewhere. They as Catholics loved and revered the Bible, and regarded it as a divinely inspired book, and there was nothing in the statements which had been made to the contrary.

The greatest interest has been maintained throughout the week in the mission at the Pro-Cathedral by the Redemptorist Fathers. On Wednesday evening the service was especially in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Rev. Father O'Brien preached a fine discourse on the Real Presence. On Sunday evening the mission was solemnly closed, when probably one of the largest congregations ever gathered within the walls of the church assembled. On the text, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all He hath rendered unto me,' the Rev. Father O'Brien discoursed impressively and in such a manner as to leave a lasting remembrance on all present. A wondrous spectacle was presented when, with lighted candles, the vast concourse renewed their baptismal vows. After imparting the Papal blessing, the preacher feelingly referred to the extreme kindness and assistance extended towards the missionaries by his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Rev. Vicar-General, and the clergy of the parish. His Lordship the Bishop expressed the deep debt of gratitude they were under after Almighty God to the apostolic sons of St. Alphonse Liguori for the time of such abundant grace.

**Greymouth**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 17.

A bazaar is to be opened at Brunner on Monday evening for the purpose of liquidating the school debt.

On returning from Blackball after saying Mass a few Sundays ago, the Rev. Father Leen ran serious risk of being drowned when crossing one of the rivers, it being in high flood. The Rev. Father, however, was fortunately rescued by some onlookers.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week special services were held in connection with the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fully 200 received Holy Communion on the feast day, and also a large number of children made their First Communion. Impressive sermons were delivered each evening by Very Rev. Dean Carew and Rev. Father Herbert.

The Rev. Father Herbert, who left here last Monday for Wellington, en route for Sydney, where he goes to see his mother, who is seriously indisposed, was presented on last Sunday evening with an address and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. M. J. Fogarty read the address, and Mr. Felix Campbell, in making the presentation, referred to the many good qualities of the recipient. The Rev. Dean Carew also bore testimony to the good work done by the Rev. Father. The Rev. Father Herbert suitably replied. The Rev. Father Herbert was also presented with handsome gifts and illuminated addresses by the Children of Mary and she altar boys.

On last Sunday the quarterly Communion of St. Columba's Club took place. A billiard table is now in full operation and the membership is nearing 100. A cricket club has also been formed. It is captained by Mr. T. O'Donnell, who represented Greymouth against the English eleven some few years ago and made a brilliant stand.

To aid in liquidating the debt on the Blackball church a concert was held there on last Friday evening. Mr. Bird and the Rev. Father Leen, who got up the affair, were well rewarded for their efforts, and had a good house. The Rev. Father thanked all those who had assisted in any way with the new church, and hoped that on the opening day not a penny would be owing.

**DIocese OF AUCKLAND**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 15.

At St Benedict's at the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop preached. There was a very large congregation. In the evening his Lordship was again present, when the Rev. Father Benedict, O.P. was the preacher. St. Benedict's is a very fine church, both externally and internally, and I am safe in saying that few finer churches are to be seen in New Zealand.

Rev. Father Carroll, of Melbourne, preached last Sunday evening at St. Patrick's, and left the following Monday evening for the Victorian capital.

A well attended meeting of St. Patrick's Day celebration committee was held in the Marist Brothers' Schoolroom, Pitt street, last Tuesday evening, Mr. J. J. O'Brien, J.P., in the chair. The Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Fathers Patterson, Adm., McMillan, Holbrook, and Dignan were present, and several ladies representing St. Benedict's parish. The utmost enthusiasm was displayed, and a large amount of detail work was gone through. The nucleus of a sports committee was set up, while the national evening entertainment was left in the hands of Dr. Egan, and Messrs. R. A. Keenan, Scanton, and M. J. Sheahan. The tickets for the art union are to be issued forthwith.

Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., arrived last Tuesday morning from Australia via the south, and will conduct the annual retreat of the religious of this diocese.

**SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH.**

(From our own correspondent.)

The High School, conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, celebrated the approach of the Christmas vacation on Thursday, December 15. As usual the exhibition of art, needlework, etc., was on an extensive scale, the display reflecting credit on the artistic taste, talent, and diligence of the pupils. Where year after year everything is done so well it is unnecessary to go into details, but if one branch of study more than another appears to have made a distinct advance, such must be said of the wood-carving, some really excellent specimens of which were on view, a beautifully finished folding desk and an overmantel, with hand-painted mirror, being conspicuous. The paintings and draw-

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ings, too, were of high excellence, whilst the numerous lovely specimens of fancy work, in almost every conceivable variety, plain and fancy needlework, etc., formed quite an extensive display. At the entertainment and subsequent distribution of prizes his Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were also present the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and O'Brien, C.S.S.R., Marnane, McDonald, A. McDonnell, Manony, and O'Connell, and a crowded audience of the pupils' parents and friends. The following programme was rendered with complete success:—Duet, Misses L. Sim, L. Burland, M. O'Halloran, N. Percy, J. Keppler, B. Myles, H. Ryan, E. O'Malley, (organ) M. O'Connor, action song and drill, junior pupils; duet, Misses D. Peachey, L. Dwyer, V. Barker, M. Coakley, L. O'Halloran, B. Riordan, I. Rule, E. McCarthy, (violin) L. Sim, (organ) A. Riordan; instrumental selection, (violins) Misses L. Sim, A. Rantin, E. Dorrett, (harp) R. Young, (organ) H. O'Connor, (piano) Miss Barker, song and drill, pupils; solo, Misses Barker, McLaren, Washburn, O'Connor; duet, Misses N. Coakley, C. Sparks, M. Slattery, A. D'Connell, E. Murphy, G. Wood, E. Poff, G. Barker, (violins) Misses K. Guiney, A. Rantin, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor; recitation, Miss N. Coakley; trio, Misses A. Rainbow, A. Coakley, K. O'Malley, H. Cummings, E. Dorrett, G. Wilson, E. Murphy, E. Sullivan, U. Williams, E. Poff, (harps) Misses K. O'Halloran, S. Ansen, (organ) Miss A. Riordan; instrumental selection, (violins) Misses L. Sim, K. Guiney, A. Rantin, E. Dorrett, (piano) C. McLaren, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor, (harp) Miss A. O'Halloran; duet, Misses D. Amyes, K. O'Halloran, F. Walsh, M. Hartnell, V. Gardner, S. Guiney, R. and R. Buchanan, (harps) Misses Barker, R. Young, (organ) Miss M. O'Connor, (violins) Misses L. Sim, A. Rantin, monologue, Miss J. McLaren; carabata, the pupils, solo, 'Irish Diamonds,' Misses Barker, McLaren, Washburn, O'Connor, (harp) Miss R. Young.

After the prize distribution the Bishop expressed the thanks of all present for the enjoyment afforded by the excellent entertainment. He congratulated the Sisters on the great success attending their labors during the year, and the pupils on the results attained.

Cathedral (Girls') Parish School.—This school, also controlled by the Sisters of the Mission, assembled on Friday morning, December 16, for the distribution of prizes. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among the numerous audience were the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Fathers O'Brien C.S.S.R., O'Connell and Mahony. An entertainment, in which a greater part of the pupils appeared to be engaged, formed a prelude to the prize-giving, and was carried through most creditably. The Bishop, in cordially thanking the young people for their enjoyable entertainment, characterised the performance as a creditable one. The great part of the school children had apparently been given something to do, and they had done it really well. After eulogising the work of the Sisters, carried on for some years under very disadvantageous circumstances as regards accommodation, he said that after the holidays the school would be transferred to the now Pro-Cathedral, which would afford everything desirable and facilitate greatly the work of their devoted teachers.

## OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS BOWDEN, JUN., WELLINGTON.

(From a correspondent.)

It is my sad duty to record the death of Mr. Thomas Bowden, son of Mr. Thomas Bowden, of Thornton Quay, and brother of Rev. J. Bowden, of Palmerston North, which took place at his father's residence on Sunday, December 4. The deceased, who was chief clerk in the stationmaster's office, Wellington, succumbed to an attack of inflammation of the liver and hemorrhage of the stomach. During the week previous to his lamented death he had attended the mission being given by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Sacred Heart Basilica, and Father Clune attended him on Sunday morning and prepared him for the last Sacraments, which were administered in the afternoon by Father Holley, who declared that his death was the happiest he had ever witnessed. Widespread sympathy has been expressed with the family in their sad bereavement. The high esteem in which the deceased was held in the Railway Department was shown by the number of beautiful wreaths sent from each branch of the service. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Father Bowden (brother of deceased) conducted the solemn service in the Sacred Heart Basilica, assisted by the following priests: Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Fathers Keogh and Lane, and Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Holley, Clune, Finnerty, McDermott, O'Reilly, Murray, Walsh, W. Tymons, O'Shea, McNamara, and Schapfen. The

funeral procession to the cemetery at Karori was a long one, many of deceased's comrades being amongst those who followed him to his last resting-place. Father Bowden again officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

## MOTHER MARY TERESA MAHON, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, have the sincere sympathy of the whole Catholic community in the loss which they have sustained by the death of Mother Mary Teresa Mahon, who passed to her eternal reward on Sunday at the age of 45 years. The deceased religious was born in Streamstown, County Meath, Ireland, and entered the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at Singleton, New South Wales, in 1887. She came to South Dunedin in 1900, and since then acted principally as mistress of novices and had charge of St. Philomena's School. Deceased had been ill for about nine days from pneumonia, during which time she had the unremitting attention of Dr. O'Neill. On Tuesday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in St. Patrick's Basilica by his Lordship the Bishop, Rev. Father Cleary being assistant priest, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral, master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Coffey was also present in the sanctuary. The music was rendered by the choir of the basilica. The funeral took place in the afternoon, the remains being interred in the Southern Cemetery. The funeral procession was headed by the Christian Brothers' boys, the children of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, and the pupils of St. Patrick's School. His Lordship the Bishop officiated at the grave, assisted by the clergy whose names are given above, and also Rev. Father Howard.—R.I.P.

Owing to the pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over some editorial matter and several reports.

Our Wanganui correspondent, telegraphing on Wednesday morning, informs us that the medal for singing, at the distribution of prizes at the local convent, should be credited to Miss Dora Carroll, not Miss 'Dora Robson,' as stated in the report forwarded to us.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Church (writes our Nelson correspondent) was observed with great solemnity. The church was profusely decorated. The Rev. Father George Mahony celebrated a Missa Cantata, and a large number of the parishioners received Holy Communion. The choir rendered Gounod's Messe Solennelle in a most creditable manner. The soloists were Mrs. A. P. Burnes, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Peary, and Mr. Housiaux. Miss Duff ably presided at the organ, the baton being wielded by Mr. W. H. Redwood.

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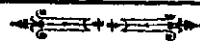
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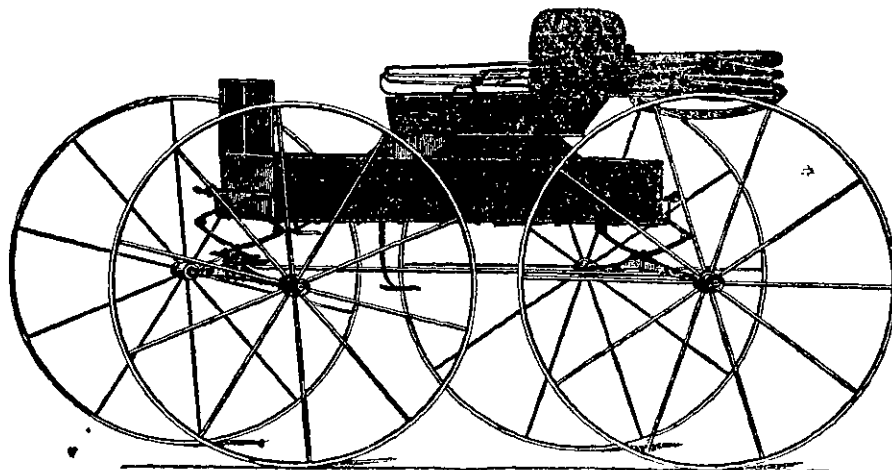
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## THE LAST LEAF.

A near neighbor of mine was Mr. Matthias Power, an ex-sergeant of the police, retired on pension, who lived in a neat cottage close to my house. There was something uncommon about the man, as well as about his Christian name. To all outward seeming he was a stern, reserved, cold, and unsympathetic sort of man. Such, at least, was my impression of him until I knew him better. In time, however, I discovered that beneath this mask of apparent harshness and crustiness there was, at least for one individual, a depth of love and tenderness which it would be hard to equal. That one was his only surviving child, a girl of some twelve years when I came to the parish.

My old housekeeper told me all about his history since he came to live in Killamure, about eight years previously. His wife, a young and strikingly handsome woman, as I learned, died the first year of their residence in the nice little cottage, leaving him the legacy of a baby boy, who followed her to heaven a few weeks after. It was a hard blow for a man who had only just retired on a comfortable competence after long years of arduous labor. He had married late in life, and he might have been the father of the gentle, winsome girl who, as he fondly hoped, would cheer and soothe the evening of his life in the quiet and blissful repose of domestic happiness.

Old Nancy dilated at length on the subject of his chivalrous devotion and respectful attentions to his young wife. 'He doted down on her,' she said, 'and he dressed her like a queen; faith they were the talk of the parish in a few weeks, with everyone praising them. Well, when the poor thing died, sure half the parish came to her funeral, short a time and all as they were in the place. It nearly broke the poor man's heart, and only he had little Lucy left to him it was people's opinion that he'd soon follow her, he was that fond of her, the poor, dear creature! Ah, there was the purty child! Everyone called her "little Lucy," and she smiled at everybody and everybody smiled at her as she passed through the village with her father, always holding his hand and skipping along by his side like a little lamb, God bless her!'

After his wife's death he centred all his affections in this child. She was everything to him now; and as she grew up she displayed more and more the graces of her dead mother, of whom everybody said that she was the perfect image. If anything, indeed, her mother's charms were intensified and perfected in her, just as the natural beauty of a lovely landscape is made still more beautiful by the artist's brush which touches up the little imperfections seemingly overlooked by nature.

The neighbors told me that when Lucy was able to go to school it was with great reluctance that the old man agreed to let her out of his sight even for a few hours daily. He accompanied her to the school door every morning, went to meet her at noon when she came home for lunch and again went to bring her home at three o'clock. Indeed, he was oftentimes seen hanging round the school all the time from early morning until playtime, and from then till the hour for breaking up, keeping guard over the place which held his little darling, the treasure of his heart. She was indeed, in the expressive Irish phrase, his 'gradh geal mo croidh'—bright love of my heart.

Of course I was not long in the parish without making the acquaintance of my interesting neighbors. Mr Power, as everybody called him, was a fresh-faced man, slightly stooped, always very trim and neat in dress and appearance even on weekdays. On Sundays he wore a black suit that seemed ever as bran-new as the day it left the hands of the tailor. On Christmas Day and Easter Sunday he donned a brown cloth overcoat with velvet collar, that, apparently, was absolutely proof against the ravages of time.

He was precise of speech but reticent; although he would always reply, I noticed, to little Lucy's questions, however trivial they might be; and he would listen with a pleased expression to her artless babble, as if her voice possessed for him the charms of sweetest music. And often I noticed how the stern, sad face of the fond father relaxed into a smile when he looked with pride and joy on the sunny countenance of her who hung on his arm; and the thought crossed my mind sometimes, as I watched them going thus for their evening walk—with a whole-hearted abstention, needless to say—what would become of that man should God call home that angel-child in the first flush of her baptismal innocence to join her little brother in the better land? Alas! I little thought that this random and unwel-

come suggestion should ever be realised; and least of all that I myself should ever say to that beautiful girl, so full of bounding life, the hard words: 'Depart, Christian soul, out of this life!' But I am anticipating somewhat.

She was in reality a most beautiful girl, well grown for her age, and having all the appearance of perfect, buoyant health. She was gifted also with intelligence of a high order. Her features were almost faultlessly perfect and pleasing; eyes of cerulean blue, rippling brown hair, cheeks mantling with the roses of health and vigor. Indeed, whenever I saw her I used to think of Burke's glowing eulogium of the charms of the Dauphiness, afterwards the ill-rated Queen Marie Antoinette. 'Never lighted on this orb a more delightful vision. I saw her just above the horizon, glittering like the morning star, full of life and splendor and joy.'

Well, toward the end of my third year in the parish an epidemic of scarlatina of a virulent type broke out in the district, and Lucy amongst other school children contracted it. As might be expected, her father was well nigh distracted with grief and anxiety about his darling, and for days and nights could with difficulty be torn from her bedside. Fortunately the attack proved to be a slight one, and she rapidly recovered. However, soon after the scaling process was completed—which left her complexion even clearer and fairer than before—she unaccountably caught a chill which developed into meningitis. Thus the fair promise of a speedy and perfect recovery proved to be of that delusive kind which 'keeps the word of promise to our ears and breaks it to our hope.' God, in the inscrutable way of His Divine Providence, which are not our ways, had decreed that this virgin lily should not run the risk of being soured or stilled by the usages of this rude world, and chose this occasion to snatch her away to join his throng of white-robed virgins 'who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.'

It was my sad duty to attend her in this illness, and the memory of it will, I think, haunt me always. It is associated with sadness no doubt—sadness tender, pathetic, and yet strangely soothing; but I have long since ceased to think of it as merely a sad episode. It has become to me a memory of gladness, of hope, of education and spiritual enlightenment, more soul-inspiring than whole volumes of ascetical theology; for I am convinced that I assisted at the passing away of an angel to God's home, and that the sad words, 'Depart, Christian soul,' but ushered in her true natal day to glory. Yes, her fifteen years, I verily believe, had left unsoiled the snow-white robe of her baptismal innocence.

When she fully realised the dangerous nature of this second illness her resignation was admirable and very edifying. She professed herself perfectly 'willing and ready to die.' The doctor found it necessary to cut off her beautiful and abundant hair; and when she saw the severed and once much-prized tresses in the hands of her weeping nurse, she said in the most unconcerned way: 'Don't mind, Ellen; put it in the coffin with me.'

Toward the end she became delirious and raved a good deal, and sang snatches of the hymns she used to sing in the children's choir. Her last farewell words to her broken-hearted father were very touching, and moved me, I confess, to tears.

'Father,' she said, 'don't fret for me, for I'm going home to God. And if I'm leaving you, sure I'm going to meet mother, and we'll wait for you in God's house, and won't it be lovely for us all to be together?—Father, if I lived to be a big girl you might die before me, mightn't you? And then I'd be very lonesome all by myself, and I might have a long time to wait before I could join mother and you in heaven. So it's just as well for me to go first. Oh, I see the Blessed Virgin there in the picture'—pointing to a print of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady—and she's smiling at me and beckoning to me! And all the little angels are flying round her. I'm going to be one of them, am I not, Father O'Carroll? Oh, won't that be grand—to fly away to heaven with the Blessed Virgin?'

The old man held her hand to the last in a dazed sort of speechless agony and bewilderment. She pressed it to her lips in a last fond effort of filial love and died in the act. When the women round the deathbed had raised her little head, I thought that her lips were parted in a smile, just like that with which she used to greet me when I met her—the sweet, winning smile of transparent innocence and childish simplicity. Ah, maybe it was caused by the warm parting kiss of her Guardian Angel as he left his earthly charge, his task done, to give back into God's hand a soul pure and spotless as it came from Him!

When the bereaved father fully realised that his heart's treasure had left him—and the dead lips pressed his hand for a long time ere he felt their fatal cold-

ness—his grief was pitiable in the extreme; aye, all the more pitiable for being undemonstrative and silent. He would gaze for hours in rapt ecstasy, as it were, on the fair face of the dead girl, while the tears coursed down his cheeks in streams that would seem inexhaustible. And at times he murmured broken words of endearment to the ears that heard them not; for doubtless they were listening to the music of the celestial choirs.

The whole scene reminded me strongly of Dickens' description of the death of little Nell, and her grandfather's inconsolable grief for her loss—a scene said by some to be the most touching and pathetic thing in literature. The school-children, her playmates, had placed a chaplet of lilies on her head and a bouquet in the dead hands, which were joined as in prayer. A crucifix rested on her breast. With her closed eyes and lips parted in the smile they wore when they pressed a last kiss on her father's hand, and the snowy whiteness of the radiantly beautiful face, she seemed to me like a tired angel that had fallen into a gentle slumber, or, to use Dickens' language describing the appearance of poor little dead Nell: 'She seemed like a creature fresh from the hand of God and waiting for the breath of life; not one who had lived and suffered death.'

It happened that I was changed from Killanure parish some few months after little Lucy's death, but during that time I frequently visited Matthias Power's cottage, and tried by every means to console and cheer him in his loneliness, but I could see that, although grateful for my visits, he would not be consoled. His was a sorrow whose roots were entwined around his heart, and could not be plucked out without the heart's coming with them.

'Welcome be the will of God,' he said. 'Aye, welcome a thousand times! And God forgive me if I'm not as resigned as I ought to be under my heavy trials! But, your reverence, I'll have a lonely road to travel till I join them—a lonely, dreary road. And I think it will be a short one, too, for I feel that my heart is broken.'

These were the words he used on the occasion of my farewell visit to him the day before I left the parish. He looked broken-hearted, in truth, and, verily, years older than he did a few months ago.

It was fully seven years before I saw Matthias Power again. I returned to my old home on a visit to a very particular friend, then the curate of the mountain parish. In the long interval I must confess that, although the episode I have narrated often recurred to my memory, I had, in the distraction of other interests and the formation of new friendships, more or less forgotten the old pensioner carrying his load of sorrow along his lonely road. I had witnessed so many scenes of suffering and sorrow since then that the accident of little Lucy's untimely death began to fade from my recollection. No sooner, however, had I looked out from the window of the old familiar parlor of the curate's mountain cottage than the name of Matthias Power came at once to my lips, for his house was the first object I saw.

Eagerly I inquired about the old pensioner, and how he had fared during all the long years since little Lucy left him to plod his lonely way alone. His history was soon told, and it filled me with sadness. He still lived in the cottage, cared for and tended by the faithful old woman who shared his joys and sorrows and witnessed the wreck of all his hopes. Alas, he needed pitying care and sympathy now, for he was a child again. His mind had given way under the weight of his sorrows, and he was a poor, childish imbecile.

I learned from my friend, Father Cummins, that the old man, after Lucy's death, pined away sensibly and moped about in an aimless fashion, seldom speaking to any one. He spent a good portion of each day in the graveyard where his loved ones were buried, and where he erected a beautiful marble monument over their grave. The impress of his knees on the green mound was plainly visible; for the daily visit was made with religious regularity in all weathers. By degrees this settled melancholy and constant communing with the dead undermined his mental powers, and he became childish, alternating his time between the churchyard and the mountain chapel, where he attended daily Mass and prayed for hours every day, doubtless for his loved and lost ones.

Next day I met him coming out of the church, and it was with difficulty I recognised him as the Matthias Power of seven years ago. He was sadly changed; thin, haggard, ghastly in appearance, careless in dress and weak and shambling in gait. He was bent and broken, and his hair was snow-white—in fine, the merest shadow of his former self. I accosted him by name, asking him if he did not remember me. He shook his head in reply, peering at me the while as if trying to catch some vague, fleeting associations of the past.

'Don't you remember Father O'Carroll,' I said, 'who attended little Lucy long ago?'

'Oh, little Lucy,' he answered, 'little Lucy, is it? She's up there'—pointing heavenward—'waiting for me, with Kate and little Matt; and I'm soon going to them, aye, soon, please God!'

His face wore a mild, calm, untroubled expression, as he said these words; and his sunken eyes brightened as he shuffled off homeward, muttering to himself, or perhaps communing with the spirit world. Evidently he was nearing the end of his lonely road.

'The last leaf,' I soliloquised. 'Verily the last leaf!'

'What is that?' said my companion, who evidently had not read Oliver Wendell Holmes' beautiful poem, 'The Last Leaf.'

'Listen to this,' I answered, 'and say if it does not describe him:

'But now he walks the streets,  
And he looks at all he meets,  
Sad and wan;  
And he shakes his feeble head,  
That it seems as if he said,  
"They are gone!"

'The mossy marbles rest  
On the lips that he has pressed—  
In their bloom;  
And the names he loved to hear  
Have been carved for many a year  
On the tomb.'

—'Ave Maria.'

## The Catholic World

### ENGLAND.—A Sermon in Irish.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has consented to preach the sermon in Irish at the special Irish service which is to be held in Westminster Cathedral on the Sunday after St. Patrick's Day. The arrangements are being carried out by a committee of the Gaelic League in London, on which are representatives of the United Irish League and other Irish organisations.

### The Education Act.

In their resolutions regarding the Education Acts, the Bishops of England and Wales state that, having given their general approval to the Education Act of 1902 in the expectation that that Act would be honestly and honorably carried into execution, they would reconsider their attitude towards the Act unless the local authorities modified their hostile and vexatious attitude and it were proved possible to administer the Act without prejudice to the rights of Catholics. Another resolution urged that managers of Catholic schools should insist that not less than sixty minutes a day should be assigned to religious instruction, in order to ensure the reasonable facilities to which they were entitled for that purpose, and that all Catholic schools should be closed all day on holydays and other religious festival days.

### A Memorial.

A meeting of the Irish priests attached to the dioceses of Westminster and Southwark was held recently to take steps for the erection of a suitable memorial from amongst themselves to the late Dean Dooley. There was a large and representative attendance and it was decided that those present should undertake the erection of a monument over the grave of the deceased. The necessary amount to cover the cost was contributed on the spot and orders were given to have the work put in hands at once. This it should be mentioned is entirely apart from the memorial which Dean Dooley's late parishioners at Commercial road have decided to erect to him, which will take the shape of a stained glass window in the church. Similar memorials are also being organised by the parishioners of Wapping and Canning Town, where Dean Dooley formerly ministered.

### A Double Anniversary.

A double anniversary in connection with St. Cuthbert's Catholic church, Wigton, Cumberland, was recognised in an interesting way. The parish priest, the Very Rev. Dr. Bourke, was ordained forty years ago, and has just completed a twenty years' residence in Wigton. A number of distinguished guests, clerical and lay, honored him with their presence, and their hearty congratulations upon this double event in his life. Amongst the guests were the Bishop of Bruges, with his



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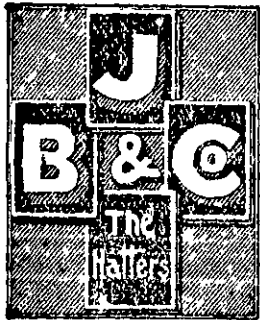
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#### FRANCE.—The Holy Father's Love.

In a letter to Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, the Holy Father gives expression to his sincere love for France and says the glories of the country are bound up with the history of the Church.

#### Grave Charges.

M. Guyot de Villeneuve, in the French Chamber the other day, produced documents showing that the closest relations exist between Freemasonry and the War Office, and that the Grand Orient keeps up a system of espionage to discover whether officers are Catholics and practise their religion. M. Mollin, an official of the Ministry of War, has resigned in consequence of the revelations, and M. Bourgeuil, juge d'instruction in Paris, who is accused of having given information about a general officer to the Secretary of the Grand Orient, has, it is stated, been asked to resign.

#### Educational Establishments in the East.

Brother Evagre, Provincial of the Christian Brothers in Palestine, has sent to the editor of the 'Figaro' a letter which speaks for itself, and which shows the effect which M. Combes' policy is already having upon French educational establishments in the East. The letter is as follows:—Kindly allow me to place before you the following statement, which I am compelled to make, both by a sense of patriotism and by a sense of urgent need. You know the laws which have recently been applied to the Congregation of which, for fifty-four years I have been a member. Our Brothers in France have had to choose between secularisation and exile. Some of them have come over here, more are coming, and in order to find work for them we are thinking of opening new schools in Syria. But where could we find in Syria, in this Liban which has remained so French, the money necessary for the opening of these schools. I want from 15 to 20 thousand francs, and those who know me know the work which I have been doing here for the last forty years. I now ask for the means of continuing and increasing our work. Our establishments have been opened on the demand of French Consuls. With the subventions which were granted to us by the French Government we have founded schools which are now prosperous. If these subventions are to be withdrawn, as seems likely, our schools will suffer to the great detriment of French influence and to the advantage of foreign establishments, which are generously supported. There are three of our most important houses which we shall have to close down soon unless help is forthcoming, viz., those of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth. The closing of these schools, so well known and so frequently visited, is all the more to be dreaded, as the English and the Germans have in these towns a large number of educational establishments, which, if we were not there, would soon sweep away every vestige of French education from the population.'

#### ITALY.—A Convert's Gift.

The jubilee of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was to have been signalled by the erection of a church at Salerno, thanks to the munificence of an English lady convert.

#### ROME.—Beatification.

The Beatification of the Cure of Ars is fixed for the 8th of next month.

#### The Church in the Far East.

The Vatican Circular states that on 'October 28 his Holiness received in private audience his Excellency the Prince Jong-Tchane-Min, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Empire of Corea at Paris, who had come on a special mission to Rome, in order to present to his Holiness an autograph letter of the Emperor, his sovereign.' This is the first public mention of Corea at the Vatican since the last Jubilee of Leo XIII., and it may be the prelude to developments.

#### SCOTLAND.—Catholic Truth Society.

The Catholic Truth Society of Scotland (writes a correspondent) may with good reason congratulate itself on the Conference held recently in Edinburgh, when able and interesting papers were read. The number of delegates attending, as well as the earnestness displayed gave most gratifying evidence of the progress the Society is making; it forms one of the most interesting of Catholic agencies in Scotland, and although it has not accomplished great things so far perhaps because it does not make much noise in this noisy hurry-scurry world, yet the members are laying the foundation on

which will be raised a structure that will command attention. The Society have at present their literature at the porches of all the city churches, some of it in specially made boxes, after the penny-in-the-slot style. There is no doubt that the Society is accomplishing much good in a quiet way. Comparing this country with what it was twenty years ago, one is struck at the progress of tolerance. The Jacob Primmers with their insulting sermons on the 'Popish Mass' are not to be heard, and little, if any, attention is paid to the bogus priest with his tales of nunneries, etc. Truth is prevailing, and towards that end the Society is working ably and successfully. At the recent Conference the Bishop of Dunkeld, Dr. Macfarlane, presided; he was supported by the Right Rev. Louis Casartelli, Bishop of Salford; Bishop Gaughren, Kimberley; Major-General Lord Ralph Kerr, etc. A message was sent from the Conference to our Holy Father the Pope, and the following reply received:—'The Holy Father cheerfully receives the homage of the members of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland assembled in Conference, and imparts to them his loving Benediction.'

#### UNITED STATES.—Death of a Venerable Prelate.

The death is reported of Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, who passed away on October 31, in his 86th year. The deceased prelate was the descendant of an old English Catholic family that settled in the United States in 1720. He was born in Baltimore in 1819, and was educated for the priesthood partly at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Maryland, and partly at Rome, where he was ordained a priest in 1846. Immediately after his ordination he was appointed president and professor of theology at St. Mary's College, and after several years' faithful service was made Bishop of Natchez in 1857. When the Civil War broke out he was assiduous in his care of the sick and wounded, in fact directing all his energies to it. In 1878 he labored unremittingly and fearlessly during the epidemic of yellow fever, and was himself taken with the disease. At one time his death was announced. In 1880 he was appointed coadjutor to Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati with the right of succession, and three years later on the death of that prelate became archbishop of the see. He was invested with the pallium on December 13, 1883.

#### GENERAL

##### The Congo.

Monsignor Roehens, Bishop of Djerba, in Upper Congo, indignantly denies the existence of the alleged atrocities reported taking place in his district by the press of London.

##### Trappists in Argentina.

A body of French Trappists is arranging to secure a considerable section of land in Argentina and found a model school of agriculture, in which the orphans and the Indians of that country shall be trained.

##### Catholics in Morocco.

According to recently published statistics, there are 6600 Catholics in Morocco. For these there are seven churches and fifteen chapels, and for the children twenty-one elementary schools. In Tangier there is a higher school for boys and a college for girls taught by nuns of the Third Order of St. Francis.

##### Missionaries for New Guinea.

On November 12 (says the 'Ceylon Catholic Messenger') there arrived by the German steamer the 'Grosser Kurfurst' two Rev. Fathers of the Society of the Sacred Heart, four Brothers, and three Sisters, who were en route to Pomerania in New Guinea, to replace the Rev. Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters who were murdered there a couple of months ago. It is a striking coincidence that the two Rev. Fathers were ordained on the very day upon which the massacre took place. We wish the devoted little band a fruitful result of their missionary labors in the wild and isolated region to which they are going.

The Archbishop of Adelaide was the recipient of a large number of congratulations on the occasion of his fifty-eighth birthday on Saturday, November 19.

Messrs. A. Thomson and Co., aerated water manufacturers, of Dunedin, received the following telegram from Sir J. G. Ward relative to their exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition:—'I have much pleasure in informing you that I am advised from St. Louis that the jurors in connection with the exhibits from New Zealand at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition have awarded your company gold medal for carbonated waters and gold medal for cordials and liquors.' It may be stated that the water used in all the exhibits was from the new bore...

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## THE SISTERS OF NAZARETH.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

As a community of Sisters of Nazareth are expected in Christchurch within the next few weeks for the purpose of establishing a home for the aged, infirm, and incurable a few particulars regarding the Order may be of interest to readers of the 'Tablet.' The whole service of the house is fulfilled by these educated ladies—the cooking, the washing and ironing, the making and mending, the personal care of the inmates, nursing the sick, and the tending of the frequent deathbeds. A pamphlet written some years ago by the Very Rev. Dr. J. B. McManamy gives eloquent testimony of the noble work accomplished by the Sisters of Nazareth wherever they are located, with especial reference to his own city of Ballarat.

It was on April 10, 1851, that Cardinal Wiseman, acting with Victorine Larmenier (in religion Mother Basil), realising the urgent necessity and the wide field for the kind of work to be carried on by them on behalf of the poor, founded the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth. It is thus one of the youngest of the Sisterhoods in the Church; yet in a sense it is old enough, for it is another branch of the great Augustinian family. Of Cardinal Wiseman there is no need to speak here, for his great work stands out prominently, and his life is written in golden letters in the modern Catholic history of England. Suffice to say that the founding of the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth will ever remain a memorial of his zeal and foresight. The chief object of the Order is to provide a home for the aged and infantine destitute poor. Like all great undertakings, it had a small beginning, and untold difficulties in its establishment and development were encountered and surmounted. A little over fifty years have gone by since then, but like the grain of mustard seed the Order of Nazareth has grown into a mighty tree and has spread its branches over the United Kingdom, and even South Africa. Beginning in 1851 at Hammersmith, London, with three Sisters it now has upwards of 30 houses and, according to a late estimate, 500 Sisters.

In 1888 the late Bishop of Ballarat, on the occasion of his visit ad limina, applied to the Mother-General at Hammersmith for a community of the Nazareth Nuns for Australia. The result was that six of the Sisters accompanied the Bishop on his return, and on November 10 of that year Nazareth House, Ballarat, was founded. This is the number of Sisters we are promised to found a branch of the Order in Christchurch. With reference to the foundation in Ballarat, a valuable property had already been purchased by the Bishop at a cost of £3300, and this he presented to the Sisters on their arrival. The accommodation was, however, too limited for the number of applicants, and the erection of a larger building was at once begun, and completed in 1891. Applications were numerous, and the house was soon filled. A new wing was therefore added in 1894, at a cost of £4000, to the defraying of which a generous bequest by the late Mr Martin Loughlin of £2500 helped considerably. Altogether Nazareth House, Ballarat, has cost some £16,000, and since its foundation has sheltered considerably over 200 aged people and 300 children. According to an estimate of some years ago there were then 280 inmates cared for by a community of 16 Sisters, all from the mother house, London. Besides the branch house of the Order at Ballarat there are houses in England at Cardiff, Southend, Oxford, Northampton, Southsea, Middlesbrough, Cheltenham, Lenton, Box Hill, Isleworth, Great Crosby, and Lancaster; in Scotland at Aberdeen, Kilmarnock, and Glasgow; in Ireland at Ballyvafeigh and Derry; in South Africa at Port Elizabeth, Kimberley, Capetown, Johannesburg, and Durban.

The noble work of the Sisters during the late war in South Africa is of such recent history that reference thereto is needless, suffice to say that their heroic self-sacrifice and devoted attention to the wounded, dying, and disease-stricken combatants, Briton and Boer alike, received grateful recognition from generals in the field as well as from those in the highest positions at Home. Royalty included. These trying times, however, caused not only severe pecuniary loss, but also entailed a considerable thinning out in their ranks by death, and a temporary, although serious, interference with their ordinary pursuits. So great, indeed, have been the demands on the mother-house for replenishing the depleted communities that the much desired foundation in Christchurch has been so long delayed.

The property acquired by his Lordship the Bishop for the Nazareth House in Christchurch is a large residence comprising probably 14 rooms, and situated at the corner of Fitzgerald Avenue and Ferry Road, within five minutes' walk of the Cathedral. The build-

ing stands on spacious grounds well laid out and cultivated, and recently put in thorough order. The new electric tram system runs along the two street frontages. The Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's 'Ionic,' by which vessel the Sisters are coming to New Zealand, is expected to arrive at the end of the present month or early in the New Year, by which time it is hoped everything will be in order for the Sisters to take immediate possession of their new home.

## Funeral of the Late Mrs. Holley, Leeston.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

Mrs. Mary Holley, wife of Mr. William Holley, of Leeston, passed away at Wellington at the age of 73 years. The deceased lady, who was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. O. McManaway, left home in her usual state of health. With characteristic fervor she completed the devotions of the jubilee on last Saturday week, and shortly afterwards being overtaken with illness she died on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The remains were brought home for interment, and at Leeston on Monday, December 12, a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Holley, S.M. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided, and at the conclusion of the Mass addressed the very large congregation. Nine years ago, said his Lordship, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a very interesting ceremony took place in the Pro-Cathedral—the ordination of him had just offered up the adorable Sacrifice of the Mass. That he (the Bishop) felt sure was a happy day for the family, particularly for the mother, as she made the sacrifice of her son to the service of the altar. By a singular coincidence she, for whom they had assembled to mourn, had died on the very anniversary of that great day. It must indeed be a source of great comfort to the bereaved family to have one of the number privileged to offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the eternal repose of the soul of his dear departed mother. Continuing, his Lordship said that from the first time he had known the Holley family he had learned to esteem the noble character and great gentleness of the deceased. She was a truly model mother, who had done much to train up her children in a truly Christian manner. But mindful of her manifold virtues, they must always remember the great holiness which God requires in us. They had assembled, Bishop, priests, and people, to join their fervent prayers with those of the priest at the altar in offering up supplication on her behalf. His Lordship, attended by the Rev. Fathers Marnane and Goggan, gave the Absolution. The cantors of the Mass were the Rev. Fathers Richards and O'Connell. Immediately after the conclusion of the ceremonies the funeral cortege, composed of people from all parts of the district, proceeded to the Catholic cemetery, the Dead March from 'Saul' being played by the church organist as the body was borne from the sacred edifice. The Rev. Father Holley, assisted by the visiting clergy, officiated at the graveside. The funeral procession was extremely lengthy, among the mourners being many from this city. Messages of condolence were received by the family from far and wide, especially from members of the clergy, who found it impossible to be present.—R.I.P.

Some time ago Messrs. Hallenstein Bros., of the New Zealand Clothing Factory, got up a children's rhyming competition, the subject being the well-known 'H.B.' brand. Several thousand children competed, and out of the rhymes sent in the firm selected a number and published them in booklet form. If the samples of rhyme in the little book are the genuine work of the writers it is evident that verse making will in time become a very promising industry...

The result of the outbreak of disease amongst potatoes in the Auckland district is the issue of a Gazette Supplement declaring early blight (*Alternaria solani*) and potato rot, or Irish potato blight (*Phytophthora infestans*), to be diseases within the meaning of the Orchard and Garden Pests Act. This Act provides that the Governor may from time to time, by Order-in-Council gazetted, prohibit the bringing into any specified portion of New Zealand from any other portion of New Zealand of any specified plant, etc., which in his opinion is diseased, or is likely to spread disease. The act is a very comprehensive one, and if its regulations are enforced now that the diseases mentioned have been gazetted into the Act, the shipment of Auckland potatoes may be entirely suppressed for a time.

## NEW BOOKS.

We have received from the publishers (Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd.) a copy of 'Exercises in English for the Public Examinations of New Zealand.' The book (by A. N. Burns, B.A., edited by J. Hight, M.A.) contains spelling lists, unpunctuated passages for punctuation, exercises in turning direct into indirect narrative and vice-versa, exercises in synthesis of sentences, spelling notes, subjects of essays set in the public examinations, questions on synonyms and English composition, and sentences for correction. The book is published in two forms, A and B; the former (with keys, etc.) being recommended for adult and private students, the other (without keys but with additional exercises) for pupils of Standard VII. and high and secondary schools. We strongly recommend this useful little book to those in charge of Catholic primary and secondary schools (pp. 96, cloth limp, 1s).

Finn Brothers, Sydney, have brought out an interesting little book by Father Shearman, C.S.S.R., entitled 'The Veneration of St. Agnes, V.M., Mary's Waiting-Maid.' Father Shearman has made a life-study of the story of St. Agnes and in the present book has gathered together a great amount of interesting matter dealing with his subject from saints, popes, and cardinals, religious Orders and societies, from literature, liturgy, and art, and from the history of different countries. Father Shearman wields a facile pen and has produced an exceedingly readable and interesting brochure on his favorite saint. (Pp. 116, paper cover, 1s).

The best and most compact thing yet produced on the Rosary is, we think, the 24-page booklet by our esteemed friend 'Petronius' of the 'Austral Light.' It is entitled 'The Rosary and How to Say It,' and contains a series of apt and well arranged quotations from the Holy Scriptures appropriate to the different mys-

teries. In the course of a highly commendatory notice the Archbishop of Melbourne describes the little Rosary Book as 'simple in thought, in arrangement, in form, in appearance.' His Grace writes in terms of praise of the forms of meditation, the reflections which follow the announcement of each mystery and the passages of Scripture bearing thereon. 'I earnestly recommend,' says he, 'this little book for public and private devotion, for personal and family use.' (One penny, W. P. Linehan, Publisher, 309-311 Little Collins street, Melbourne).

We have received from the publishers (Burns and Oates, London) 'A True Historical Relation of the Conversion of Sir Tobie Matthew to the Holy Catholic Faith; with the Antecedents and Consequences thereof.' The book is now published for the first time and is edited, with a preface, by his kinsman, A. H. Matthew. Sir Tobie was a Jesuit and knight and passed through the strenuous times of the persecutions of Queen Elizabeth and her successor. He was the son of a famous Protestant divine who was notorious in the North of England for his severity towards 'Popish recusants.' Young Matthew was noted for his skill as an orator and disputant, and was the life-long and intimate friend of Francis Bacon. A visit to Italy in 1605 led to his conversion, and he was received into the Church in Florence. Later on he studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained in that city by Cardinal Bellarmine in 1614. The story of his life, his conversion, and his work as told by himself in the volume before us, which, for its intrinsic interest and literary finish will commend itself to all who are interested in seeing, with the eyes of a contemporary, what Catholic life in England was in the stormy days of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The book is faultless in paper, type, etc. (Pp. xvi.-178, 3s 6d net).

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## INTERCOLONIAL

The bazaar in aid of the funds of the Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, resulted in a net profit of over £3000.

The promoters of the fund for Messrs. Duggan and Keilly, political prisoners, formerly exiled to West Australia, are providing a cottage for them at Perth pending their return to Ireland. An appeal has been made to Irish-Americans for funds.

The Ven. Archdeacon D'Arcy has presented to the Bathurst Convent of Mercy a statue of the Immaculate Conception. The statue is cast in iron and stands about 5ft high. The work is a masterpiece of art, the features are beautifully cast, while the hanging of the drapery is perfect. The statue was made in France, and arrived in Bathurst a few days ago. It is to be placed in the centre of the garden, and the work in connection with its erection is now being carried out.

Regret is being expressed throughout Ballarat and district, says the 'Age,' at the decision of the Phoenix Foundry Company to close down its works. Altogether no fewer than 349 locomotives have since 1872 been built in the foundry for the Railway Department at a cost of £1,250,000, while between £600,000 and £700,000 has been expended in wages. The plant in the huge establishment is valued at over £30,000. For a long while 400 hands were employed, and their wages totalled over £1600 fortnightly. Latterly, as the work of locomotive construction slackened off, only about 70 hands were engaged.

The Inspector of Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Melbourne reports as follows:—The total number of children who attended our 111 primary schools during the year was 21,714. The total number of teachers were 447, of whom 232 were members of religious Orders. The number taught by religious Orders was 17,012, and by lay teachers 4702. The Sisters of Mercy have 5457 in their schools, the Sisters of Charity, 3066; the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1905; and the Christian Brothers, 1976. The cost of maintenance for last year of the 111 primary schools was £22,450, whilst the new school buildings reached no less a sum than £10,916 16s 1d, and the expenditure on alterations, repairs, etc., was £1669 15s 9d, making a grand total of £35,036 11s 10d.

At a conversazione tendered to the stallholders at the bazaar in aid of the funds of the Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, his Grace the Archbishop said he was asked what he expected the result of the bazaar to be, and replied about £3000. It was highly satisfactory to find that, after paying expenses, that result had been achieved. He sincerely thanked all who had taken part in the bazaar, and helped to gain such a magnificent result. During the past two years the sum of £20,000 had been expended on the hall, club rooms, and the primary school. He had paid a considerable portion of that himself. Of the total £14,000 had now been paid off, and only £6000 remained due. No public appeal would be made to meet the interest on that sum.

In the course of an address at the distribution of prizes to the students of Riverview College, Sydney, Archbishop Kelly, referring to the importance of history and science, said there was a difficulty about these, but as a Catholic, he was not afraid of the truth, but they must guard against falsehood and malice. They heard from real historians how difficult it was to write reliable history. He mentioned Mr. Lecky to show that a historian must be a man of research, discernment, of loyalty to truth, and high principle. He must be neutralised as far as party went in order to write accurate history. Catholics were not afraid of history. There were at the Vatican valuable archives thrown open by Leo XIII. to the students of the world. History in the spirit of bias was dangerous, poisonous. He had been accused of calling the system of popular instruction in this State poisonous. He had never called that system poisonous. He had said of instruction as given in Ireland that it was poisonous. He now said: 'Give us no history rather than biased history.' Some time ago, speaking on the Papacy, he had claimed that the credit of achieving Magna Charta was due to the Papacy. Some time later a letter signed 'Civis' appeared in the press contradicting that statement. As the letter appeared to be written in a spirit of contention he did not reply to it. But the Magna Charta on the statute book of England was that given not by Pope Innocent of King John's time, as referred to by 'Civis,' but was that signed by the Papal Legate of his successor, Honorius III. That just showed how history could be miswritten, and miswritten history was the bane of students.

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## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 „ 26, Monday.—St. Stephen, the first Martyr.  
 „ 27, Tuesday.—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.  
 „ 28, Wednesday.—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.  
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 „ 30, Friday.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.  
 „ 31, Saturday.—St. Sylvester I., Pope and Confessor.

## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

To-day the Church rejoices over the birthday of her Divine Founder—the Redeemer of mankind. The time appointed for the entrance of the Son of God into the world having arrived, Mary and Joseph were led by Divine Providence to Bethlehem. Failing to obtain admittance into the inns, they were compelled to take refuge in a grotto, which served as a shelter for cattle. There our Blessed Saviour was born to a life of poverty, humiliation, and suffering. He came to redeem the world, and to draw to Himself the affections of men, and therefore He presented Himself in the most amiable form that can be imagined—that of an innocent, helpless babe.

## St. Stephen, the First Martyr.

St. Stephen was one of the seven who were chosen to assist the Apostles in the daily distribution of alms, and who, by the imposition of the Apostles' hands, were raised to the Order of Deacons, and qualified to discharge some of the inferior duties of the sacerdotal office. By his zealous efforts for the propagation of the Gospel, he stirred up the hatred of some of the Jews, who stoned him to death. He thus had the honor of being the first among Christ's disciples to seal his faith with his blood.

## St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

St. John was the brother of St. James the Greater, and is mentioned in the Gospels as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved.' He was one of those faithful few who stood by the Cross, and it was to him our dying Saviour recommended the care of His mother. After the Ascension St. John remained chiefly in Jerusalem, though he sometimes undertook long and arduous journeys for the purpose of spreading the knowledge of the doctrines and sufferings of Christ. The closing years of his life were spent at Ephesus, where he died about the year 100. He wrote his Gospel to refute the heresies of his time, and is also the author of three Epistles, which form part of the New Testament.

## The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

On this day we commemorate those innocent children whose martyrdom is mentioned by St. Matthew in the second chapter of his Gospel. Herod, wishing to destroy the new-born Saviour, 'sending, killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under.'

## St. Thomas, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Thomas A'Beckett was born in London in 1117. Having embraced the ecclesiastical state, and given proof of singular ability and fervent piety, he was soon called to occupy very important positions in the Church. In 1157 he was appointed Lord Chancellor of England by King Henry II., and in 1162 was elected Archbishop of Canterbury. Though remarkable for humility and meekness, he did not hesitate to boldly defend the rights of the Church against the unjust attacks of the English king. His firmness cost him his life. He was murdered in his Cathedral by four knights at the instigation of the king, A.D. 1170.

## St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.

St. Elizabeth was the daughter of the King of Hungary, and the wife of Louis, Landgrave of Thuringia. She was remarkable for her charity, and took a special delight in serving the sick with her own hands. On the death of her husband, St. Elizabeth was driven from her home, and reduced to take shelter with her children in a building that had been used for swine. These and other privations she bore uncomplainingly. She died in 1231, in the twenty-fourth year of her age.

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