

jealousy that springs from trade or mercantile occupation.' According to M Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, a recognised authority on the subject, religious intolerance contributed least to the anti-Semitic movement in the realms of Muscovy; racial hate was a far more powerful factor in the persecutions to which the hapless Hebrews were subjected, while 'in the midst of many idle, drunken, and ignorant populations the shrewd, thrifty, and sober Jew stands conspicuous as the most successful trader.' It may, in a general way, be stated that the virtues of the Jews are the very qualities that, by commanding commercial success, excite against them the bitterest jealousies and animosities. It would probably be easy to show—and, for the British Isles, the columns of London 'Truth' seem to amply demonstrate it week by week—that, in comparison with nominal 'Christians,' Jews are comparatively light offenders in the money-lending business, in the small 'credit' trade, and in such-like unpopular occupations. But Jews, like Catholics, have long ago learned that one man may steal a sheep, while another may not look over the fence.

In Russia the Jews are deprived by law of the rights of citizenship and compelled to herd together in the wretched Pale of Settlement, which stretches along the frontier from the Black Sea to the Baltic, and is described by Barham as 'a hell of seething wretchedness.' A few are allowed on sufferance in Courland and Livonia, beyond the boundaries of the Pale. It was only in 1897 that members of the ancient race were—provided they had a university education—allowed freedom of residence within the Empire. As to the rest, 'Jews who have lived eight years in a village,' says Barham, 'may be interned therein, and may not move, even walking distance, without leave. Jews leaving one village for another lose their rights, and must go to the Ghetto' (Jewish quarter) 'of the nearest town. This,' adds the same writer, 'is practically a sentence of death. Executions are going on, not upon scaffolds, but in dusky Ghettos, where the victims of oppression pine without hope in the world.'

In 1881, for the first time in their history, the civil disabilities of the Russian Jews were aggravated a thousand fold by brutal calumnies, mob law, plunder, and bloodshed. From that time to the present their property has never been safe nor their lives secure from fierce outbreaks of organised and rabid fanaticism. Some two years ago these deeds of mob violence—encouraged, apparently, by official intrigue—resulted in the fearful massacres that turned the astonished eyes of Christendom towards Kishineff. And now Herod has been again out-Heroded, the wild barbarian revelries of Kishineff pale their infernal fires before the far-spreading proscription and plunder and massacre that seem to have involved in one common ruin a great part of a passive and law-abiding people under the Russian flag. The Bulgarian atrocities of 1876 produced what Mr. Bright called 'an uprising of the English people.' It is to be fervently hoped that the still worse atrocities perpetrated in Russia may rouse, not England alone, but all the Great Powers, to effectually prevent the recurrence of a state of things that has no parallel in the Turkish history of the last hundred years.

DIocese of Dunedin

His Lordship the Bishop will be in Alexandra on next Sunday, when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation after the 11 o'clock Mass.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to twenty-seven candidates in St. Mary's Church, Queenstown, on Sunday morning, November 12, and to twelve candidates in St. Patrick's Church, Arrow, on Sunday evening.

On Monday, November 13, Miss Julia Heley was presented by the members of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir with a handsome tea set, on the occasion of her marriage.

The Rev. J. O'Brien, of Warracknabeal (Victoria), reached Dunedin on Wednesday morning by the 'Moe-raki.' The Rev. Father is a native of Dublin, and has been for twenty-five years a hard-wrought pastor in the diocese of Ballarat. He is now taking a well earned and much needed rest—his first holiday after a quarter of a century of strenuous and fruitful work for the good of souls.

The following are the names of the successful candidates in the examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, which were held by Mr. A. Mistowski, Mus. Bac., at St. Dominic's Priory on November 10 and 11—Higher Examinations.—Associate Pianists—Myra Montague, Minnie Paton. Associate Vocalist—Hannah Sweeney. Certificated Vocalist—Violet Frazer. Senior grade—Honors, T. McMullin, A. Knott. Pass, N. Hall (singing), A. Major (singing), N. Angus, M. Sandilands (violin), A. Ralph (singing). Intermediate grade—Pass, M. Murphy, M. McKay, M. Maloney, N. O'Leary. Junior grade—E. Ward (honors). Pass, K. Stewart, M. Jopp (singing), A. Paton. Preparatory grade—M. Laffey.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given in St. Patrick's Schoolroom, South Dunedin, by the pupils on Friday evening. The audience was large, and the various items were thoroughly appreciated. The programme consisted of the tragedy, 'Marie Antoinette,' with vocal and musical selections and a dance interspersed between the acts. The proceedings opened with a nicely rendered chorus by the pupils of the school, followed by an excellently played pianoforte trio by Misses Mee, Marlow, Dunford (2), O'Kane, McDowall. Miss Irene Carmody showed a good knowledge of technique in her violin solo, which was played with considerable expression. The piano solo by Misses Cunningham and Carmody was marked by considerable merit. A neatly executed court dance was given by Misses Halloran, Deegan, Brown, Carmody, Marlow, Mulholland, Hanley, and Neylon, a well played pianoforte duet by Misses Deegan, Carmody, Robertson, and Cunningham, an action song by the younger pupils, and a comic song by Masters Dawson and F. Neill. A highly appreciated item was the 'Valette,' in which the following took part. Misses Deegan and I. Carmody (first violins), Misses Carmody and Neylon (second violins), Miss Marlow (mandoline), Miss Robertson (guitar), Miss Cunningham (piano), pupils (chorus). The tragedy was rather an ambitious undertaking for children, and many were doubtful if they would get through the performance successfully. Any fears on this score were dispelled as the play proceeded, as the youthful actors displayed a confidence and an acquaintance with their respective parts that won for them the appreciation of the audience, and showed how carefully they had been taught. The tragedy on the whole was presented in a manner creditable alike to the teachers and pupils. The principal characters were sustained as follows—Louis XVI., Miss Cassie Mulholland, Marie Antoinette, Miss Irene Carmody, Maria Theresa, Miss Marlow, Madame Elizabeth, Miss Deegan, Louis, Miss Agnes Jacques; Madame Royale, Miss Eva Jacques; pages, Masters Leo and Stanislaus Marlow, Philippe Egalite, Miss Carmody Abbe Edgeworth, Miss Hanley; Santerre, Miss Lawless; Marat, Miss Jennings, soldiers, Misses A. Jennings, Cunningham, M. Brown, and Fitzpatrick; attendants, Misses Halloran, Brown, and Alice, Elspeth, Miss Neylon; Tomette, Miss Cunningham. The minor parts were taken by Misses V. Marlow, Dunford (3), McDowall, Buckley, Jones, Hoare, Dawson, Craballe, Gibb, and O'Kane.

REEFTON

(From a correspondent.)

November 16.

The tennis Club is now in active operation. A tournament was started on the opening day.

Good progress is being made in the preparations for the bazaar, which will be held during the Christmas holidays.

The members of the Reefton Amateur Dramatic Club staged 'The Confidential Clerk' at the Princess Theatre on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Catholic bazaar fund. The house was literally packed, and the audience were evidently much pleased with the manner in which the characters were presented. The characters of Mrs. Morgan (Miss Clerkin), Miggie (Miss Primmer), and Edna Morgan (Miss Montgomerie) were effectively represented, while Miss Ida Green who personated little Bessie at once gained the sympathy of the audience by her engaging acting. All the

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