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

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

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

LEO XIII., Pope.

Current Topics

A Warning

We warn our readers against the wiles of sundry itinerant strangers who are endeavoring to dispose of a cheap and tawdry religious object of a 'fancy' kind at a price far in excess of its proper selling value. Those who are wise will show such oily-tongued vendors, without parley, to the door. Others, no doubt, will read our friendly warning and then, like Poor Richard's friends, will act as if our words were never written. In this matter the old proverbial saying, 'Once bitten, twice shy,' seems to have little or no application. People who make sheep of themselves will find plenty to shear them. And it is high time for New Zealand Catholics to cease placing themselves under the blades of every adventurer who sets out to fleece them by wheedling appeals to two of their finest sentiments—love of country and love of faith. As for us, we can only give good advice. We cannot give good sense. But for those that are wise, a word ought to be sufficient.

Posthumous and Living Charity

Lavater, the physiognomist, says in his 'Aphorisms on Man,' that 'the manner of giving shows the character of the giver more than the gift itself.' In the matter of charity, posthumous giving, especially when it is not the continuance or grand finale of living giving, oftentimes reveals a character that is miserly towards God and the poor till the relaxed fingers can grip the hoarded gold no longer. The Lord commended the man who made friends with the shekels while his day of life was still in its noon. Fuller couches the advantages of living over posthumous charity in quaint and happy phrase that looks like a triple-tiered proverb in rhyme:

'Silver from the living
Is gold in the giving,
Gold from the dying
Is but silver a-flying;
Gold and silver from the dead
Turn too often into lead'

Throughout our country there are so many good works that cry for aid—to-day! For such the silver bestowed now 'is gold in the giving.' The bearing of these observations lies in the application.

In France

We have to go back to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries for a penal code of such callous injustice as that which now disgraces the statute-book of a country

whose official sign-board bears the words: 'Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.' Verily, France is in a parlous state.

'O nation miserable!
With an untitled tyrant bloody-scepter'd,
When shalt thou see thy wholesome days again?'

There are prophets a-many who see amidst the gloom of persecution the morning star of the 'wholesome days' that are to come. Cardinal Manning was one of the seers. 'It would,' said he, 'be a good thing for the Catholic Church in France if it had not a centime from the Government.' So may it be! For it seems as if the last grudging centime will soon be paid. But if the plundered Church in France were freed from the shackles of State interference and control, she might enter with a light and happy heart upon her new career.

Charlatans

Some superstitions are like fashions. They have their brief day, die, are buried six feet deep, and in due course are exhumed again. But the fortune-teller we have always with us. The Cumæan Sybil, the Roman augur and haruspex, and the witches, wizards, and necromancers of later date, all have their representatives in the class of usually wandering impostors who nowadays style themselves variously fortune-tellers, futurists, psychomants, astro-mathematicians, and so on. And have we not to-day the same old superstitions, under slightly altered forms—the chiromancy and the cartomancy of the days of Merlin and Nostradamus, the good old crystal sphere of Dr. Doe, and the magic mirrors and magic circles of other times under new shapes, and a faith in dreams, as strong as that of Dr. Dee and Archbishop Laud? Ages of flabby faith and religious indifference have ever been ages of rampant credulity. So, in effect, did Lecky the rationalist write. And so it happens that our materialising age is, perhaps, par excellence, the age of superstition. Its agnosticism is dominated by the tyranny of the mascotte. And for the life of us we cannot see what difference in folly there is between those who long ago sought to wrest the secret of the future from the entrails of cows and the quacking of geese, and those who nowadays seek to read the decrees of the Almighty in the grounds of Balm coffee and the turn of an ace of spades. And on what grounds can a crystal-gazing statesman or coroneted society leader of our day look down upon a Cicero sitting in the midst of the college of augurs, and closely observing—as an index of the future—the manner in which the sacred chickens pecked up the grain that was scattered among them?

Some at least among the law-makers beyond the Tasman Sea have grown weary of the wiles and frauds of the parasitic tribe who fatten upon the cagerness of our kind to pierce the veil that hides the future from our eyes. Judging by a paragraph in an Australian contemporary, there are big possibilities of coming tribulation in Victoria for palmists, fortune-tellers, astro-mathematicians, and the rest of the strangely-named tribe who

'Make fools believe in their foreseeing
Of things before they are in being,
To swallow gudgeons ere they're caught,
And count their chickens ere they're hatched. . .
But still the best for him that gives
The best price for 't, or best believes.'

'A Bill is being introduced,' says our contemporary, 'into the Victorian State Parliament, which provides that the offender shall be liable to a fine of £100, or to twelve months' imprisonment.'

Penalties of such severity would probably defeat their own purpose. But something effective should nevertheless be done to protect the public from this class of fraud, and to deter the secular press from being—as it has long been—the sounding-board of this school of cheats and charlatans. Some of the papers that we wot of publish from time to time articles from sciolist quackheads and callow theorists, denouncing as superstitious the deepest things of true science and faith and philosophy. Some of their theories—which they mistake for the proven findings of science—would cut away the basis of all religion and morality and social order. But side by side with this far-resounding clash of shallow fallacy and German-gilt falsehood, the daily papers print the vulgar and clamorous advertisements of the futurist, the astro-mathematician, and the clairvoyant. They pocket the impostors' fees (generally pre-paid, as a matter of precaution), and help them to fleece a public that is in great part superstitious. Without the aid of the newspaper press, the ranks of the soothsayers would be speedily thinned. The press—the boast of our century—is their chief ally, and the principal means of propagating this form of superstition and chicanery.

The Clothes of Religion

The Bible-in-schools leaders are lightning-change artists—somewhat after the style of the late Fred Maccabe and Charles Duval, but far less entertaining in their antics. Within the past six months they have shed their stage costume several times. Their latest bow to a New Zealand audience was made in 'an emasculated caricature' of the Protestant version of the Bible, to be used as a mere literary text-book, with the erstwhile indispensable 'ethical explanations' carefully docked, and the hacked and mutilated Sacred Text used as a peg on which to hang up instructions in grammar and geography. The good men propose to destroy all reverence for Christianity—by cutting out its most sacred Mysteries and throwing them over the fence; for Religion, by reducing it to a mere empty and sentimental philosophy; for the Bible, by placing it on a par with 'Robinson Crusoe' or the Fifth Reader, or, at best, with profane writings such as the plays of Shakespeare or the poems of Tennyson. They degrade the Bible in the eyes of children by leading them to believe that its chief use and function is to teach geography and grammar, and that it is to be read without any attempt at a real explanation or understanding of its contents, which is impossible without entering upon the domain of religion. So far as their proposals go, they would give the children in the schools, not the nourishing bread of faith, but the hard, dry stone of scepticism, and a creed which would be too meagre and foggy to satisfy even a Tom Paine or a Jean Jacques Rousseau.

Now, religion is no mere sentiment. Its very essence is belief and trust. These, and the foundation

facts and realities which call them forth, form no part of the procession of shifting schemes that are evolved in the brain of the Bible-in-schools League. The essence of religion they throw aside. The fantastic Thing which they set up in its place, they drape with the clothes of religion: they cling to phrases; they prescribe emotions; they even insist upon a ritual formula. But they forget that, without the positive and definitive religious teaching that is back of the formula, it is as unmeaning as Mr Harrison's appeal to the Unknowable. Wilfrid Ward, in one of his writings, gets the rawhide around the shoulders of those Positivists who, like the authors of the latest Bible-in-schools scheme, reject the realities of religion and retain its clothes. 'It would,' said he, 'be more becoming in them to bury it, clothes and all, and give forth a sigh over its grave, as Schopenhauer did, than to keep its clothes as perquisites wherewith to array their own children. The former is, at all events, the ordinary procedure of civilised warfare; the latter is rather suggestive of the hangman.'

Schools: A Contrast

In a work of his on liberty of teaching, published in 1865, Isaac Butt laid down this golden maxim of statecraft: 'Institutions are made for the people, not the people for institutions.' English Conservative newspapers, like Russell Lowell's pious editor, believe in the application of this principle 'ez far away ez Paris is'—in Sweden and Poland and Bulgaria and Macedonia. But they get a fit of the megrims at the thought of getting it into operation in their own little Poland—to wit, in holy Ireland, where the grass grows green. This is particularly the case with the so-called 'National' system of education, which, like its predecessors of more unsavory memory, was originally devised for the purpose of de-nationalising the rising generation, weaning them from the faith of their fathers, and turning them into West Britons with a patois of thickened d's. Here is a hymn that the little budding Irish boys and girls were required to recite day by day, beginning with 1838:—

'I thank the goodness and the grace
That on my birth have smiled,
And made me in these Christian days
A happy English child.'

The little Mauryas and Paudrags of those days were (says Dr. O'Riordan) 'brought up under un-Catholic influences, and were trained to think of Ireland as a western province of England, with no more national individuality than an English shire.' But the system broke down, and in 1858, in the British House of Lords, its creator sorrowfully tar-branded it with the word 'Failure.'

From that day to the present, the miscalled 'National' system of education in Ireland has been one of wooden-headed muddling and scholastic quackery, in which the principle of adaptation to the traditions, needs, and aspirations of the country has had no part. 'I hope,' said the scholarly Rector of the Irish College, Rome, in a recent farewell speech in Ireland, 'we will keep insisting that Ireland is not England, and that the educational virtues which are thought best for England are not for that mere reason to be adapted for Ireland, and that the Irish people will refuse to put on the educational cast-offs which some of our educationalists bring across the Channel. If we are to judge from the action of some of our experts, the best recommendation we can have that a certain educational garment should become us for wear is that it has been measured for the back of Great Britain and proved a misfit.' Ruskin has said somewhere that the man who expresses a good thought in clear and pithy speech deserves better of his kind than he who makes two blades of grass spring up where only one had grown before. Dr. O'Riordan's neat 'sizing-up' of the blundering methods of the Irish Education Department is one of those happy epigrammatic sayings that are likely to endure and work.

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For neatness, cleanliness, excellence of repair, and efficiency of instruction, the Irish convent schools are a healthy and pleasant contrast to the so-called 'National' schools that are vested in the Commissioners. So, in effect, wrote Inspector F. H. Dale, of the English Board of Education, in his Report on Primary Education in Ireland. 'It is noteworthy,' said he, 'that the 292 convent schools paid on the English system by a lump sum from the State, for the proper distribution of which the community conducting the schools is primarily responsible, are at once the least expensive to the State, and among the most efficient and best-managed schools in Ireland. The average cost of maintenance to the State per child in average attendance at these schools was only £1 17s 11½d., as against £2 8s 5d in the ordinary National schools; yet they are far better furnished and provided with a more adequate staff than the ordinary schools. I have already had occasion to comment on the admirable cleanliness and neatness of the premises and the excellence of the equipment; but these are only a few among the many advantages of the careful supervision and management which are the indispensable conditions of the success of our elementary school. I was impressed in every convent school that I visited, by the knowledge and interest shown by the conductors, even when not actually teaching in the school, with regard to all the details of the school-work and organisation, and by their readiness to consider, and, if possible, to adopt any changes in the curriculum or organisation which the Central Office might consider would render their schools more efficient.'

How Orangemen regard their Oaths

Had the following, the report of which we take from the Dublin 'Weekly Freeman' of October 21, occurred in any part of Munster, and had the reproof been addressed to Catholic jurors, the cable-crammer would be sure to have sent it, as a choice tit-bit, to these colonies.—

On Tuesday at Monaghan Quarter Sessions his Honor Judge Craig, K.C., heard a case in which a great amount of interest was evinced, and during which his Honor expressed himself in a strong manner. Robert Wilson, a respectable-looking man, residing at Silverstream, near Monaghan, was charged with having unlawfully wounded one Robert Maychim on the 13th July last.

The jury retired, and after forty minutes' absence, returned, when the foreman announced they could not agree.

His Honor (hotly)—You will have to go back, and if you don't agree then I will discharge you some time later, and then you will all have to come back to-morrow, because I won't stand it. It is a most scandalous proceeding; it is utterly a disgrace to the county. Is it because you are Orangemen of the county that you won't do your duty?

The Foreman—I don't think it is.

His Honor—I think it is a discredit to the Orange Lodge and to the society generally to think that because a brother Orangeman is charged with committing this offence he is to get off scot free. If you respect yourselves and the county in which you live you will go back and find this man guilty.

The foreman—I don't think there is any possibility of an agreement.

His Honor (hotly)—Then you will have to go back and sit there, and I will keep you there as long as I can. I suppose some friends of these parties are among you, and I won't tolerate it. There must be an end to this sort of thing—disagreements in a plain case. If the prisoner is acquitted to-morrow I will send him to the Assizes, and possibly he will get a more severe sentence than I might pronounce.

The jury then retired at five o'clock, and returned to court at ten minutes to six o'clock, when the foreman said they could not agree.

His Honor—Go back again; you will remain there.

The jury again returned to Court, when the foreman announced they could not agree.

His Honor (warmly)—Go back out of that. It is a shame.

The jury were sent for at half-past six, when his Honor asked if they had agreed to their verdict.

The foreman—No, sir; we can't.

His Honor—It is a scandal and an outrage. I will discharge you to-night. All the common jurors summoned for these sessions must come here to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at half-past ten o'clock. I will call the list of names, and any juror not present will be fined £1.

The prisoner was then put back.

On the following day before Judge Craig, K.C., and a new jury, with William M'Adoo foreman, the hearing of the charge against Robert Wilson was resumed. When the court opened the jury panel was called, and five did not answer. His Honor mulcted them in £1 each.

His Honor, addressing the jury, said that if any one of them came into the box that day with apprehension in his mind that the result of this case, whether there was a conviction or not, would affect the Protestant good name of the County Monaghan or the Orange movement in County Monaghan, he appealed to them to dispel that apprehension.

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of wounding, with a strong recommendation to mercy on the ground that there had been a lot of drinking going on on the occasion.

His Honor thanked them for their verdict. Under the circumstances he would go to the extremest limit of consideration, and sentence him to one calendar month with hard labor.

AFTER FORTY YEARS

PARDON FOR A POLITICAL PRISONER

Amongst the Fenian prisoners transported to Western Australia nearly forty years ago was Mr. James Kiely, a soldier in one of the Foot regiments then stationed at Carrick-on-Suir. His sentence was penal servitude for life, but after some ten years he was released on ticket-of-leave. The conditions of the license were somewhat irritating, as it implied continual police supervision. Apart from this, Mr. Kiely desired to see the Old Land again for which he had suffered. On being made aware of Mr. Kiely's circumstances, Mr. H. Mahon, M.P. for Coolgardie, approached the Federal Government with a request that the King should be asked to grant Mr. Kiely a free pardon. Mr. Mahon's efforts have been successful.

In May last Mr. Mahon wrote to the Right Hon. the Premier of the Commonwealth bringing under his notice Mr. Kiely's case, and the circumstances under which he was convicted, and suggesting that as Mr. Kiely is now 77 years, the exercise of the Royal prerogative in his case would be an act of graciousness and justice calculated to give great satisfaction throughout the Empire. After some further correspondence between Mr. Mahon and the Prime Minister, the latter wrote to say that the Governor-General had been requested to intimate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Commonwealth Government would be glad if clemency could be extended to Mr. Kiely.

On November 21 the Prime Minister forwarded to Mr. Mahon the following copy of a despatch received by the Governor-General from the War Office, under date October 11:—With reference to the copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, dated 27th June, last, which has been transmitted to this Department by the Home Office, relative to James Kiely, now residing in Perth, W.A., I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that this man appears to be identical with James Kiely, 53rd Foot, who was sentenced by a general court-martial at Dublin on the 18th June, 1866, to penal servitude for life, and was subsequently released on license in January, 1878. On this assumption, the case has been submitted to the King, and his Majesty has been graciously pleased to remit the remainder of the sentence of penal servitude. A notification of the remission has been sent to the Home Office.

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Solemnities at Hastings

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Hastings, was the scene of a most impressive ceremony on Sunday, November 26, when an ordination was held by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Redwood, Archbishop of Wellington, at which the Revs. J. Barra, B. Gondringer, and P. J. Smyth (nephew of Dean Smyth) were raised to the priesthood, and Revs. R. Quinn and D. Hurley received subdeaconship. Shortly after 10 o'clock a procession left the presbytery for the church in the following order:—crossbearer, acolytes, sanctuary boys, clergy, candidates for ordination, and his Grace the Archbishop, attended by his chaplains for the occasion, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Superior of the Seminary at Meance. Besides the local clergy, there were also present in the sanctuary Very Rev. Father Keogh (St. Patrick's College), Very Rev. Dean Binsfeld (Napier), and Rev. Father Lezer (Meance). As the procession entered the church, the choir intoned the 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus.' In the sanctuary a beautiful throne had been erected. When on the throne his Grace was presented with an address of welcome, which was in album form and beautifully illuminated. His Worship the Mayor of Hastings, Mr. W. Y. Dennett, very feelingly read the address, as follows:—

'May it please your Grace,—We the clergy and parishioners of Hastings, gladly avail ourselves of the present occasion to express our joy and thankfulness at seeing your Grace once again in our midst, and to re-echo the words of wholesome welcome which greeted you in Wellington, on your return from the Eternal City, whither you had gone to give an account of your stewardship to the Vicar of Christ and to receive from our Holy Father's lips words of approbation and encouragement, in the great work entrusted to your paternal care as head of the Catholic Church in New Zealand. At all times your Grace has manifested a fatherly kindness to Hastings, but on this present occasion you have bestowed on us a special favor, not only by coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our children and to speak to them and to us words of advice and holy unction, but by deigning to hold an ordination in this church, of which we are justly proud, thus affording us the great privilege of witnessing so impressive a ceremony. Though we know this favor has been especially granted us, through your regard for our devoted pastor, nevertheless we feel it as done to ourselves, and therefore with one heart and one voice, we unite with him in tendering your Grace our deepest and most sincere thanks. In return for such kindness, we have only to renew our promises of fidelity to Holy Church and of our readiness to assist in all things relating to the glory of God and the advancement of our holy religion. In conclusion, we pray that God may spare your Grace for many years to come, to advise and guide and encourage your flock in the paths of truth and holiness and Christian charity. Asking your Grace's blessing, we beg to remain, your respectful and devoted children in Jesus Christ.'

On account of the length of the ceremony, the Mass was not sung, but at the anointing the choir sang the 'Veni Creator.' After the Gospel his Grace briefly addressed the congregation, thanking them for their beautiful address of welcome and assuring them that it gave him great pleasure to be there that morning to administer the Sacrament of Holy Orders in their beautiful church, and as they rightly remarked, to testify his great regard for their devoted pastor, Dean Smyth, who had for so many years done such grand work in the parish, and who, he hoped, would be long spared to pursue his work of love.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the large congregation came to the altar rails to receive the blessing of the newly ordained priests.

In the evening there were solemn Vespers in presence of the Archbishop, after which his Grace preached a very fine discourse on the priesthood, treating of in simple yet beautiful language, the dignity and powers of the priest, and as a natural conclusion urged upon his hearers to show their respect for the sacred character of the priest, their appreciation of his sacerdotal powers, and their gratitude for his fatherly and zealous care. After the sermon his Grace gave the Papal blessing. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by the Archbishop, assisted by Dean Smyth and the Rev. P. J. Smyth.

Monday was also another bright day in the annals of Hastings parish. At 9.30 a.m. there was a procession of the candidates for Confirmation (127 in number), sanctuary boys, the clergy, the newly ordained priest, Rev. P. J. Smyth, vested for his first Mass, and his

Grace the Archbishop, from the presbytery grounds to the church. During the Mass the children, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, sang some appropriate hymns, and immediately after Mass his Grace addressed the children on the dignity and graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation, and urged them to be faithful to the obligations contracted by them at Confirmation. At the close of the ceremony the children and adults sang 'Faith of Our Fathers,' in a manner which went home to every person, inspiring him with love and reverence for holy faith and thankfulness to God for having bestowed on him the priceless gift of being a member of Holy Church; which alone has the promise of Christ and which alone therefore was yesterday, is to-day, and will be unto the end of ages.

It would be ungrateful on the writer's part to omit to mention that the altar was most beautifully decorated by the devoted Sisters of St. Joseph.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2.

The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., returned during the week from his visit to Rotorua.

The Rev. Father O'Dwyer, who recently arrived from Ireland, is at present acting in the Thorndon parish.

The Fathers of the Redemptorist Order are at present in town. They will be engaged for some time in preaching retreats. One is at present being conducted for the Sisters of the Poor, and one is also to be preached to the Children of Mary.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Hill street, to-morrow before the 10.30 Mass, a magnificent painting, 15ft by 9ft, representing Our Saviour surrounded by adoring angels, will be unveiled. The painting arrived from Italy, and has been fixed in position at the back of the altar. His Grace the Archbishop will at the same time ordain the Rev. Thomas Gilbert and the Rev. Bernard Quinn as deacons, and the Rev. Alfred Herring and Rev. Thomas McCarthy as priests. In the evening his Grace will preach a special sermon on 'The Priesthood.'

On Saturday last Mr. C. Foley, president of the city branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, journeyed to Hawera for the purpose of explaining the objects and advantages of the Society. A meeting was held on Sunday at which it was decided to establish a branch, and the necessary steps are now being taken to have this done. Judging by the opening proceedings, the branch should be a strong one. Father Clune, who has been the moving spirit in the matter, informs me that it is his intention to make an endeavor to promote the formation of other branches in the towns along the West Coast of the North Island.

It has been decided to hold the usual annual Catholic picnic at the Belle Vue Gardens, Lower Hutt, on Boxing Day. Very satisfactory terms have been settled with the manager there, and an enjoyable and successful outing may be anticipated. Special committees have been set up to manage sports for the children and adults. A special feature of the picnic will be the numerous side-shows on the grounds. The tug-of-war between the various parishes, an event in which the winning team gains the right to hold the very fine cup presented two years ago, promises to be more exciting than ever. In addition to teams from Wellington South, Te Aro, and Thorndon, a team will be entered by the parish of Petone. A canvass is now being made for trophies and prize money for the sports events, and so far the efforts in this direction have met with considerable success.

Denniston

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 28.

The general Communion of the members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society took place on Sunday. Immediately after Mass the members, in their regalia, were photographed, and then proceeded to Bro. Callaghan's house, where about thirty members, including visitors, sat down to breakfast. The health of the 'Pope and King' was proposed by Bro. Milligan (president), and responded to by the Rev. Father Molloy, that of the 'clergy' by Bro. Callaghan (vice-president), responded to by the chaplain; the 'H.A.C.B. Society' by Mr. Vinsen, responded to by Bros.

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Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2.

The pupils of St. Bride's Convent are to give a concert in the Town Hall on December 11 for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt on St. Patrick's School.

A meeting of the executive committee of St. Patrick's Day Sports Association took place on Saturday evening, the president (Mr. G. Watson) presiding. It was decided not to hold a concert and social on St. Patrick's night. A committee, consisting of Messrs. M. C. O'Connell, B. J. Dolan, and J. C. McKillop were appointed to try and get a permanent secretary and report at next meeting. General regret was expressed that the present secretary (Mr. P. J. O'Leary) found it impossible to continue in that capacity, owing to pressure of business. The sports committee are to submit a programme of events and prize money for approval at next meeting.

The Rev. Father Kelly, while driving to Eketahuna on Saturday, had a miraculous escape from death. He encountered a severe gale and, together with the horse and trap, was blown off the road and into a gully. As the vehicle turned over, Father Kelly was thrown underneath, and the buggy dashed into a stump, thus saving the occupant. The vehicle and horse rolled about 60 feet down the gully, and Father Kelly was picked up unconscious by a passer-by and conveyed to Eketahuna. The horse escaped without injury and the vehicle was scarcely damaged. Father Kelly is suffering from a number of bruises.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2

The stall-holders and their assistants at the late bazaar were entertained by Dean Grogan at a social gathering in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, November 30. Songs, musical items, parlot games, etc., were indulged in, and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. Dean Grogan took the opportunity of thanking the stall-holders and their assistants for their splendid work in preparing for and carrying out the bazaar. The success of the bazaar was due in the first place to them, and he wished to express his deep gratitude.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1

The tenders for the alterations to the presbytery have now closed, and a meeting is called for Friday evening to discuss the same.

At a public meeting held here recently it was unanimously decided that steps should be taken to raise the necessary funds for providing the borough with an up-to-date hall for concert and theatrical purposes.

The Rev. Father Peoples, formerly of Temuka but now of the Cathedral parish, celebrated Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on Sunday morning last, and preached a fine sermon. In the evening he also preached to a large congregation. Latest news to hand from Auckland regarding the health of the Very Rev. Dean Foley is anything but encouraging.

The annual concert in connection with the Kerrytown school was held on Thursday, November 23, and proved to be one of the most successful of the many good concerts yet held there. When the curtain rose the building was filled with one of the largest audiences yet seen in Kerrytown. Special features of the evening's entertainment were the items by the children, which certainly were above the average of those generally connected with such concerts, and they reflected the greatest credit on their teachers, the Sisters of St. Joseph. The following is a detailed list of the programme:—Overtures, Professor Kearsley; dumb-bell drill, Masters T and W. Fitzgerald, J. and M. Brosnan, Louis Brosnan, Dan Brosnan; song, Miss K. Daley (encored); dialogue, Masters F. Connell and J. Brosnan; song, Rev. Father Rockliff (encored); Spanish dance and drill, Misses Coughlan, K. and L. Brosnan, M. Brosnan, M. and G. Nolan, A. Brosnan; recitation, Mr. B. P. Ginders (encored), skirt dance, Misses Tale, O'Connell, Tozer, Scannell, Wall, Brosnan, N. Brosnan; song, Miss K. Spring; dialogue, 'Women's rights,' Misses M. Scannell, N. Brosnan, J. Connell, N. T. Brosnan, M. Fitzgerald, B. Tozer, N. Brosnan, K. T. Brosnan, K. H. Brosnan; song, Miss Stevenson (encored); Irish jig, Mr. J. L. O'Callaghan (encored); song, Mr. C. Spillane (encored); sketches and recitations, Mr. W. Fitzgerald (encored); horn solo, 'The ash grove' (Nelson test piece), Professor Kearsley. The programme concluded with a laughable comedy, entitled, 'The Hypo-Chondriac,' the following boys taking part: Masters F. O'Connell, T. and M. Brosnan, W. Lynch, J. Brosnan. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Misses Spring and Scannell and Professor Kearsley.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

The Rev. Fathers Lawlor and Kennedy, O.F.M., Waverley, N.S.W., returned from Rotorua a few days ago, and left for the South shortly afterwards en route to Sydney.

The annual entertainment given by the students of the Sacred Heart College is fixed for the 12th inst. and that of St. Patrick's Convent School will take place in the Federal Hall on Friday, December 8.

Mr. F. A. Walker, Inspector of Industrial Schools, conducted the examinations at the Ponsonby and Takapuna schools during the week, and expressed himself highly pleased at the high standard of excellence attained in both schools.

Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., Wellington, arrived in Auckland from the Hot Lakes district last Saturday, and was met and welcomed at the railway station by the Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., and stayed at St. Patrick's Presbytery while here. He celebrated first Mass on Sunday morning at the Cathedral. On Monday the Bishop took Father Lewis for a tour round the city and suburbs on his motor car, and visited the Very Rev. Dean Foley at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. In the afternoon Father Lewis left by the West Coast for Wellington.

His Lordship the Bishop has arranged that on the fourth Sunday of each month the Stations of the Cross and the devotions of the 'Bona Mors' are to be recited instead of Vespers at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and whenever a fifth Sunday occurs in the month the Bishop has requested the choir to render a sacred concert. Last Sunday evening the Bishop from the pulpit gave out the Stations of the Cross, the Rev. Father Edge, accompanied by the altar boys, visiting each station, subsequently reciting the devotions of the 'Bona Mors.'

The electoral contest waxes warm in Auckland, and in both town and country feeling is running very high. A warm political duel is proceeding between the two daily papers. The morning paper, described by the Premier when last here as the 'political Bible of a great portion of the rural population,' fights for the Opposition, the evening paper for the Government. 'Codlin is your friend, not Short' is the motto of each. The notable thing in the contest is the fact that the Opposition shows more vitality and fight this time than it has done for many years past. Nearly every candidate has been sent a string of questions by the Protestant Defence Association, each one bristling with simulated dread of the 'Romish Church.'

Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., will, within the next week or two, arrive here to conduct the annual retreat of the clergy and the religious of the diocese.

It is intended to hold a bazaar in aid of the Sacred Heart Church and Sisters of Mercy's Convent, Ponsonby. The opening ceremony will be performed by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Arthur M. Myers), and the date of opening has been fixed for Friday evening, December 22, at eight o'clock. The bazaar will be continued until Saturday night, December 30. The committee have engaged the Foresters' Hall, Newton, and already the ladies connected with the affair have made great headway so far as collection of goods is concerned. The principal feature of the bazaar will be a magnificent tea kiosk.

A highly successful concert and drama was given by the pupils of the convent schools of Parnell last Tuesday night. The hall was crowded, and the audience testified their appreciation of the excellent vocal items, tableaux, and fancy dancing, by frequent applause. A special feature of the programme was the doll dance and Irish jig, rendered by Miss Knight's pupils, the performers receiving an enthusiastic recall. The chorus work of the pupils was exceedingly good. The second part of the programme consisted of a fine rendition of 'Cinderella,' and special praise is due to the really clever portrayal of the leading part by Miss Phyllis Wirth, and remainder of the characters all acquitted themselves well. Mr. Hiscocks efficiently conducted the orchestra, and Miss Atkins made an excellent accompanist.

A well-arranged bazaar and Christmas tree, promoted by the parishioners of All Souls' Church, Devonport, in aid of the church and convent fund, was opened by the Mayor of Devonport (Mr. E. W. Alison), in St. Leo's Academy on Wednesday afternoon. The Mayor, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, Father Furlong, and Mr. W. J. Napier each delivered short addresses. Fathers Patterson and Holbrook were also present. The hall was decorated with flags and greenery. The stalls contained a splendid variety of useful and ornamental articles. There was a good attendance in the afternoon and evening, and good business was done. The stalls and those in charge were as follows:—Plain stall, Mrs. Boylan, and Miss Fogerty; baby stall, Mrs. Wright, Misses Hayden, and Kenney; curio stall, Mrs. Carson; plainwork stall, Mesdames Amodeo, Harris, Bannon, Crane, Misses Bannon and Coleman; flower stall, Misses G. Ewington, W. Boylan, Hogan, G. Gray, and H. Houghton; refreshment stall, Mesdames Coffey, Hogan, Misses Meehan, Bannon, and Coghlan; Christmas tree, Misses Graham (3), Regan (3), and Mathias (2).

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS

THE TEACHERS' VIEWS

On last Saturday the members of the South Canterbury Education Institute met at Timaru. The most animated discussion at the teachers' meeting (says Monday's 'Timaru Herald') took place over the motions notified for the annual meeting of the Institute, regarding Bible reading and religious instruction.

The Hawke's Bay district Institute moves:—'That the introduction of Religious Instruction and Bible Reading into State Schools is not desirable.'

The Wellington Institute moves:—'That the N.Z. Educational Institute strenuously protests against the proposal that primary school teachers of New Zealand shall be asked to give Bible instruction during school hours on the following grounds:—(a) That such a proposal, embodying as it does, a conscience clause for

teachers, is an indirect menace to the security of our tenure. (b) That the carrying of such a proposal is a retrograde action for the State inasmuch as it will logically lead to the re-establishment of denominational schools.'

Mr. Kalauger moved that the South Canterbury delegates be instructed to oppose these remits.

The president said there was a considerable feeling against denominational teaching; but there could be Bible reading without religious teaching.

Mr. Johnson doubted whether Bible reading could be allowed without allowing grants to Catholic schools. That was the position they had to face; and if the Roman Catholics got grants, other Churches would have an equal right to them, and they would have denominationalism back again. At present no one could have any grievance on conscientious religious grounds, but if the Protestant Bible was introduced, a grievance would be provided.

Mr. Smart understood that the supporters of Bible reading proposed that it should be read without comment. He thought that would be worse than useless.

The chairman said they proposed to give the dictionary meaning of words, and to see that the children remembered the facts read. They recognised that it would be impossible to get denominational teaching into the schools.

Mr. Kalauger: That is what they are trying to get in.

Mr. Valentine (one of the delegates): I don't care what instructions you give me. I am going to support the first remit because it refers to religious instruction. Mr. Smart, another delegate, said he also would support it.

The meeting unanimously agreed to support the remits.

Mr. Johnson said that most of the Parliamentary candidates said that if Bible reading was introduced they must vote for grants for Roman Catholic schools. He had not tabulated their replies, but generally the questions and answers seemed to be: Are you in favor of Bible reading in schools?—No.—If Bible reading is introduced would you give grants to Roman Catholic schools?—Yes.

Mr. Kalauger said that apart from the Bible reading question he favored giving grants to Roman Catholic schools.

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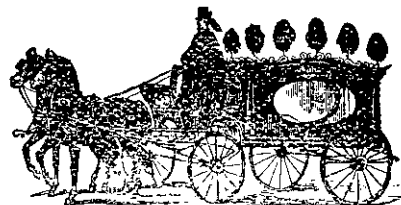
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Irish News

ANTRIM—A Home for Boys

A new home for boys, under the care of the Sisters of Nazareth, was opened recently in Belfast by the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor. The Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, preached on the occasion, and his Eminence Cardinal Logue presided.

CORK—Death of an ex-M.P.

The death is reported of Mr. John Daly, who represented Cork in Parliament for three years in the eighties. He was first elected in 1880, with Mr. Parnell next on the poll beating the then sitting member.

Tribute to the Teaching Orders

While a question as to whether a certain pupil of the Christian Brothers' Schools knew the nature of an oath was under discussion at the Youghal Petty Sessions, Mr. Horne, R.M. (who is a Protestant), remarked—The first thing the Christian Brothers do is to teach the boys their religion, and part of that is to know the nature of an oath. I have such a high respect for these teaching Orders that I sent my own boy to the Presentation Brothers' College, Cork.

Hospital Appointments

The Fermoy Board of Guardians have unanimously elected Sister M. Felicitas, matron; Sister M. Barbata, school mistress; Sister M. Cecilia, day nurse in hospital; and Sister M. John, day nurse in female hospital, in succession to the Sisters of Mercy, who have resigned. The Sisters elected are members of the Little Company of Mary (Nursing Sisters).

Crimelessness of Mallow

The Recorder of Cork warmly congratulated the Mallow Grand Jury on the crimelessness of the district at the opening of the Quarter Sessions. There were, he said, only three trivial bills to go before them.

An Anniversary

In Cork the anniversary of Father Mathew's birth was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The statue of the great Apostle of Temperance in Patrick street was illuminated. The Church of the Franciscan Capuchin Order was brilliantly illuminated also, and so were the Temperance Halls of the city.

Bridging the Lee

The joint committee of the Cork Corporation and Cork Harbor Board have approved the plan for bridging the Lee and connecting the railways at the north and south sides of the river.

DERRY—No Crown Cases

There were no Crown cases to be heard before his Honor Judge Overend, Derry Recorder, at the Quarter Sessions. Alderman Harper, the City High Sheriff, presented his Honor with a pair of white gloves, and said that the fact that there were no criminal cases was very creditable for the state of the city. This was the second time during his year of office as City High Sheriff that he had had the pleasure of presenting his Honor with white gloves.

DUBLIN—Return of Mr. W. Redmond

A reception was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on October 16, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Redmond on the occasion of their return from Australia and America. Addresses were presented to Mr. Redmond from the Irish Parliamentary Party and the National Directory. Mr. Redmond, in the course of his reply, gave the assurance of the practical sympathy of the peoples of Australia and America, and referred to the position of power and influence occupied by the Irish race in these countries.

Dedication of a Church

On Sunday, October 15, the magnificent new Church of St. Columba Drumcondra, was solemnly dedicated by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin. The Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, preached an eloquent sermon. One thousand pounds were subscribed.

Catholic Truth Society

This year's Conference of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland was the largest, most representative, and most enthusiastic yet held. It was supported, too, by many encouraging messages from at home and abroad, including one from the Holy Father. The papers read by the Bishop of Ross on "The Practical Application of Christianity to the Lives of the Irish People of To-day," and by Father Halpin, P.P., on "Temperance in Relation to National Prosperity," were characterised by

sound, practical common-sense, and should be distributed widely. Mr. Charles Dawson read a paper in which he advocated tree-planting as 'One Remedy for Emigration,' and in a paper dealing with the Education Question, Father Finlay maintained that the first requisite in country schools was a thorough training in the case of boys in agriculture, and of girls in domestic economy.

Temperance Demonstration

A great temperance movement was on Sunday, October 15, inaugurated by a procession through the streets of Dublin and a meeting in the Father Mathew Hall, under the auspices of the Capuchin Friars of St. Francis. The demonstration was the first of a concerted series to be held in Dublin and in the country. In a letter from his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin to the Father Provincial of the Capuchins, he declared: 'For some time past we Bishops have been anxiously considering in what way this important and sadly-needed work could be taken in hand with the best promise of success. At our recent meeting, as you are already aware, it was decided to appeal for co-operation to the Fathers of your venerable Order, which, from the days of Father Mathew's memorable apostolate in Ireland down to our own time, has numbered amongst its members so many devoted priests whose zeal for the advancement of the good and holy cause of temperance has been one of the most prominent characteristics of their missionary labors.'

GALWAY—Death of a Soldier

Colonel Walter Nolan, of Claremadden, County Galway, who served in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, 1858-59, died at Bellevue Hotel, Zurich, Switzerland, on September 29, aged 65 years. He was a brother of Colonel Nolan, M.P. for North Galway.

LIMERICK—Death of a Venerable Priest

The Very Rev. Dean Flanagan died on October 16 at the presbytery, Adare, at an advanced age. For some years past he had been in failing health. He had labored for forty years in Adare, and was an intimate friend of the Earl of Dunraven. His early studies were at the College of St. Sulpice, Paris, and his ordination took place in 1852. He joined the Oratorian Order under Cardinal Newman at Birmingham, and accompanied the Cardinal to Dublin in 1851, when the Catholic University was founded. He was afterwards head of the secular mission at Smethwick, in the Birmingham diocese. A year after he became chaplain to the late Earl of Dunraven, and accompanied him to Adare, where he was subsequently appointed administrator and parish priest by the late Bishop Butler. Ten years ago he was raised to the Deanship by Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, with the approval of the Holy See. Deceased was cousin to the late Judge Wolfe Flanagan, and belonged to one of the most respected families in Roscommon. He was a kindly clergyman, and was beloved by all classes.

TIPPERARY—Sad Fate of Emigrants

The 'Campana,' bound for New York, was struck by a heavy sea on October 11, when five stowage passengers were washed overboard. Twenty-five others were seriously injured. The list of lost and injured contained many Irish names. Two of the victims belonged to Corderoy, close to Lisvermane, in the Glen of Aherlow. They were daughters of small, industrious farmers. The sad news of the terrible occurrence reached the pastor of their parish, the Very Rev. Canon P. Ryan, Galbally, by cable from a young Galbally priest in New York, Father Hennessy, and cast a gloom over the historic Glen, where both of the unfortunate girls were well known. One of the girls, Miss Cleary, it is stated, had not attained 25, while her companion was slightly her senior. The latter had previously crossed to America on two occasions, and was now crossing a third time, and a remarkable story is told that one of her parents had this time a presentiment as to the safety of her arrival at the other side.

TYRONE—Denied a Vote at 117

Although he was 117 years of age, the Unionists of Pomeroy Revision objected to William Fletcher on the grounds that he had assigned his farm to his grandson, named Anderson. The old man had been presented with a gold snuffbox by the King a few months ago.

WEXFORD—Refused to Pay the Fine

Mr. Patrick Kehoe, of Riversdale, Enniscorthy, was fined the other day the sum of 1s 6d for having his name printed on one of his carts in Irish, instead of English. He stoutly refused to pay the amount, and in order to realise it a seizure was made on his library. The authorities, being unable to find purchasers for the books, are, it is said, about to make another seizure in order to realise the balance of the fine.

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GENERAL

Resolutions of the Hierarchy

At a meeting of the Irish Hierarchy, held at Maynooth, a series of resolutions were passed dealing with Irish in the National schools, the Treasury, and the Board of National Education, the attendance of Catholics at non-Catholic schools, and emigration and its attendant evils.

The Gaelic League

Some idea of the progress which the Gaelic League is making, even among non-Catholics, may be formed from remarks made by the Protestant Bishop of Clogher at a Church Conference held in Derry. He was not, he said, a member of the Gaelic League, and he did not see his way to become one, but he thought they should be careful in their treatment of the enthusiastic movement that was being made to revive the Irish language. If they could not join the Gaelic League, they might consider whether they could not have a Gaelic League of their own. They might at least take an interest in the Irish language, and let it be known that they were not out of sympathy with the Irish language and Irish history.

The Appeal of the Hierarchy

The Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland have issued the following appeal on behalf of the sufferers from the recent disastrous earthquakes in the South of Italy:—We have lately received from the venerable prelates of the South of Italy many pitiful letters making earnest appeal to the Irish Bishops to come to the aid of their afflicted people in the midst of the terrible calamity which the recent earthquakes have brought upon their dioceses. We believe that the Irish people, many of whom are themselves no strangers to suffering, will not be insensible to this earnest appeal, and we confidently hope that those especially to whom God has given more abundant means will send some effective help to the afflicted people of Southern Italy. It is an act of the highest charity, and the Bishops throughout Ireland will gladly take charge of any subscriptions they may receive for this purpose, and will duly transmit them, through his Eminence Cardinal Logue, to the Holy See.

The Temperance Cause

There are drawbacks and discouragements in the state of Ireland (says the 'Catholic Times'), but there are also signs of vitality and vigor that fill the breast with hope for the future of the country. It would take long to record the benefits conferred on the people by the Catholic Hierarchy, yet we doubt whether they ever took a measure more advantageous to the general interests than when they committed the guidance of the temperance movement to the Capuchin Fathers and directed them to give it a national character. We feel perfectly confident that the good results achieved by Father Mathew will be repeated throughout the land. The Capuchin Fathers are animated by his spirit, and all they needed was scope for their labors and the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities for a national crusade. Now that they have received both they will go as temperance missionaries to every part of Ireland, from Donegal to Kerry, and enrol the masses in a great temperance army. They are, we rejoice to see, commencing with the toilers. If the working population be enlisted in the movement, all others will soon fall into line with them. The gratitude of all lovers of Ireland is due to the Bishops for having brought forward this grand project, and to the Capuchin Fathers for having taken it up with such determination and enthusiasm.

Bacon-curing Industry

Mr. James O'Mara, M.P. for South Kilkenny, has supplied figures which cannot fail to draw attention on the Irish pig trade. Twenty years ago, he says, the pigs killed by the firms of Limerick, Cork, and Waterford ranged from 15,000 to 20,000 per week. Now the killings of these firms have fallen to from 5000 to 10,000 a week. In 1885 the Danes did not kill more than 5000 a week, now they kill from 25,000 to 40,000 per week. There were no killings in Canada 20 years ago, while now they amount to from 25,000 to 35,000 per week. Ninety per cent of the Danish and 80 per cent of the Canadian curings come to the English market. The Canadian can grow his hog for 32s per cwt, and the Dane for 35s per cwt, dead weight, while the Irish breeder says he cannot profitably grow his pig under 10s per cwt. The question of freight also comes in. Mr O'Mara says that from their packing house in Palmerston, Canada, his firm can bring bacon to London for 31s per ton. Without cold storage in the winter months the freight from Canada is 20s per ton. The freight from Limerick to London by any route is 31s 2d per ton. The average freight from Denmark to London is 25s per ton.

People We Hear About

Mr. Richard Thomas Gillow, probably the oldest justice of the peace in the United Kingdom, died at his residence, Leighton Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire, in his 99th year. Deceased was a prominent Catholic.

There is something uncommon about the fact (says an exchange) that the catastrophe in Calabria was predicted by Father Alfani, of the Society of the Pious Schools, one of the staff at the Osservatorio Ximenesiano at Florence. This humble religious foretold the earthquake a month beforehand, and guided the observations and studies of scientists during the outbreak and after.

The Very Rev. John Stanislaus Flanagan, Dean of Limerick, who died recently at his residence, Adare, in his 85th year, was at the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Paris, when the revolution of 1848 broke out, and he had to make his way out of the city in lay disguise. For some years he was a member of the Birmingham Oratory under Dr. Newman, with whom he always remained on terms of the closest friendship, and he assisted Dr. Newman by preparing some of the theological matter for the 'Apologia pro Vita Sua.' The present Bishop of Limerick was the Dean's curate for some years.

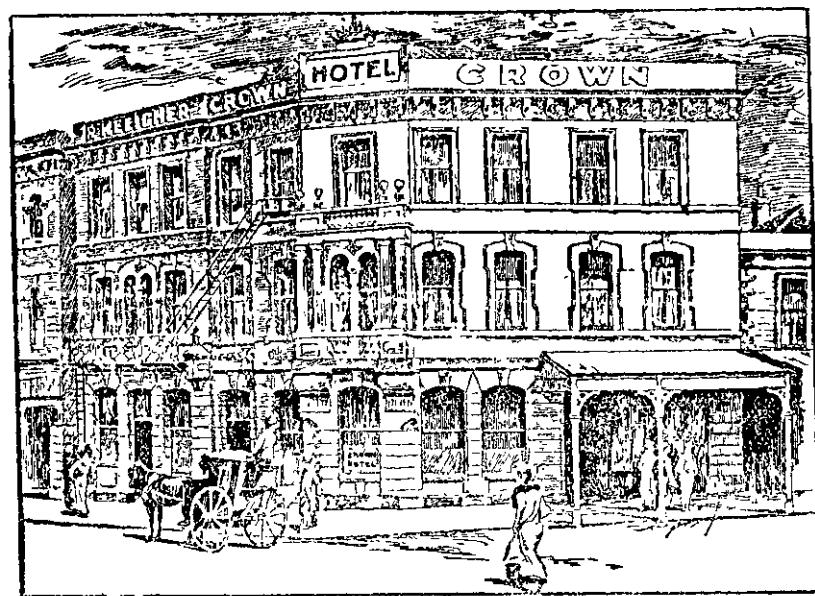
Sir Thomas Esmonde's mother was a daughter of Henry Grattan's eldest son and biographer, who had the same name as his father, and was for more than a generation a member of the House of Commons. Another great-grandfather of Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. John Esmonde, was executed for high treason in 1798.

Viscount Hayashi, who opened the bazaar for Father Berry's Homes at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, the other day, has everywhere won golden opinions for his unflinching tact and urbanity as a member of the politest of nations. His wisdom, keen observation, and shrewdness have become proverbial. He speaks in English and French as well as in Japanese.

Sir Henry Irving was married to a Dublin lady, who survives him. She was the daughter of Surgeon-General O'Callaghan and the niece of a famous Irish man of letters, John Cornelius O'Callaghan. Mr. O'Callaghan had a crabbed and unpleasant style, but his books, 'The Irish Brigade' and 'The Green Book,' are vast storehouses of interesting information, which will, we hope, be made picturesque by some writer of the future. Mr. O'Callaghan, a ballad of whose appeared in 'The Spirit of the Nation,' lived up to a couple of decades ago, and was until shortly before his death a well known figure in the enclosure of Mountjoy Square. All the contributors to the 'Spirit of the Nation' are now dead save the venerable author of 'Who Fears to Speak of '88?'

October, the month of the falling leaves, which has witnessed the death of Sir Henry Irving, witnessed also the death of Lord Tennyson, who died on October 6, 1892, whose dramas Irving arranged for the stage, whose 'Philip' in 'Queen Mary' was one of Irving's principal creations, and in whose 'Becket' Irving appeared, literally within an hour of his death. Quite a number of eminent men have died in October—Swift, Parnell, Palmerston, Derby, Sir William Harcourt, among politicians; Walter Raleigh and Nelson among English popular heroes; Hogarth among painters; William Morris, Edgar Allan Poe, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Tennyson among literary men, and the record of these deaths in October by no means exhausts the lists of men who have occupied the first rank in the shining bands of fame to whom this month has proved fatal.

The 'Westminster Gazette,' commenting on the Pope's countenance to atheism, tells an interesting tale of the late Archbishop Croke and his devotion to physical culture.—Some surprise has naturally been expressed at the Pope's sanctioning and patronising a sports gathering within the precincts of the Vatican, but it should be remembered that he was once an ardent athlete himself, and attained distinction as an Alpine climber. While athletic Popes may be rare, prelates and priests devoted to open-air sports in their leisure hours have been by no means uncommon. The late Archbishop Croke, for instance, took a leading part in the revival of the old Gaelic sports in Ireland. He was a prominent athlete in his prime, and even after he became a prelate he kept up some of his old physical activities. While he was Bishop of Auckland, in New Zealand, he was greatly admired by the Maoris for his jumping feats. There is a picturesque legend that he once converted a whole Maori village by some prodigious jumps over fences, but the story should be carefully verified by the ecclesiastical historian.



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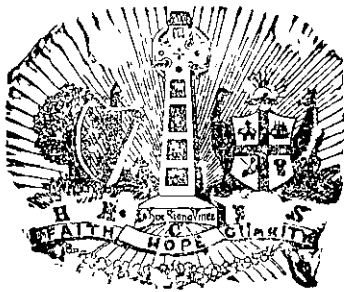
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Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—The few lots of milling wheat offering met with fair demand. Fowl wheat is scarce, and in good demand at a slight advance on last week's quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—The market remains steady. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d, good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d, inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Chaff.—The bulk of consignments coming forward consist for the most part of medium quality, which is not readily quitted. All prime quality lots are in firm request at quotations. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, from £1 to £1 5s, choice to £1 7s 6d, medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £1 per ton.

Potatoes.—New potatoes from local and outside suppliers are coming forward more freely. This has had the effect of reducing the demand for old potatoes considerably. We quote: Prime Derwents, £13 to £13 10s, other sorts, £12 to £13 per ton, new potatoes, 2½d per lb.

Eggs.—We found a really good demand for our to-day's supplies at 9½d per dozen.

Butter.—Market firm. Dairy, 7½d, occasional lot 8d; milled, 9d to 9½d, separator, in prints, 9½d to 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Hens, 2s 9d to 3s 3d, roosters (old), 3s to 3s 9d, (young), 1s 3d to 4s 9d, ducks, 3s 6d to 1s 6d; ducklings, 1s 9d to 5s 3d per pair. Turkeys. Gobblers, 8d to 9d, hens, 5d to 6d per lb, according to weight and condition.

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

Oats.—There is a moderate business passing, and prices are as follows: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d, inferior and medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—Prices, which are as follows, show a slight improvement: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d, whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies of last season's are becoming scarce, and quotations are as follows: Best Derwents, £13 to £13 10s, others, £12 to £13 per ton.

Chaff.—The demand is almost entirely for prime samples, and prices for this quality are well maintained, viz, good to prime oaten sheaf, £1 5s to £1 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £4; inferior, £3 to £3 10s per ton.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., (Limited), report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue, which comprised good to prime feed oats, fowl wheat, potatoes, straw, and a good selection of oaten sheaf chaff, was well competed for by the local trade, prices throughout being about on a level with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Moderate consignments are coming forward to this market, and are being taken up mostly for local consumption. Shippers have fair inquiry, but prices asked at country stations leave them no margin of profit, and in consequence large lines for forward delivery are more difficult to place. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—No sales of any importance have taken place in this market, but, in sympathy with prices at northern stations and ports, values show a slight improvement. Medium quality has more attention, and fowl wheat is becoming scarce, and meets with good inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; broken and damaged and soft, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments of last season's Derwents are almost exhausted, and the few on hand have not the same attention. These are being quitted in small parcels at for: Best Derwents, £13 to £13 10s; others, £12 to £13 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The local demand is entirely confined to prime bright oaten sheaf. There has been a fair supply of this quality coming forward lately, but not too much for local requirements, and in consequence values are well maintained. Inferior and medium sorts are quite out of favor and difficult to place. We quote: Good to prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 5s; choice, to £1 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £4; inferior, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten straw is still in short supply, and has good inquiry. In the absence of supplies, we quote (nominally), 45s to 50s; wheaten arrives occasionally, and meets fair demand at 37s 6d to 40s per ton.

WOOL.

London, November 29.—The wool sales at the opening were animated, and slightly in buyers' favor.

Sydney, November 29. At the wool sales there was spirited competition. Values were firm for all good sorts. Greasy sold to 14½d; scoured, 21½d.

London, November 30.—At the wool sales there is strong competition for all sorts, and prices are fully maintained. The average price realised for the fleece portion of 'Kapai' clip was 7½d.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, values remaining much the same. Quotations: Winter does to 19½d; winters (mixed) to 16½d; springs to 18d; summers to 9½d; autumns to 12d; blacks to 31½d and silver greys to 35d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale, competition being keen, and prices on a par with last week's.

Hides.—We offered a catalogue of 338 at last Thursday's sale, when there was a good attendance of buyers present. Competition was keen, and we obtained up to 7d per lb for ox hides and to 5½d for cows.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

LIVE STOCK

Having to go to press some hours earlier than usual this week, owing to the General Election, we have been unable to give a report of the stock sale at Burnside.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

There was a rather small entry of horses for last Saturday, composed chiefly of light harness sorts. There was a fair attendance of the public, and a moderate amount of business was transacted during the day. Now that summer has come the inquiry for good hacks and strong light harness horses has improved. Consignments of these sorts are selling readily at full market rates, but inferior and weedy animals are very hard to place. Draughts were poorly represented. Only a few of this class were forward, and these, with one exception, were only of medium quality. For really good young mares and geldings, suitable for heavy town work, and active sorts for farm work, there is a splendid demand, and whenever these are forthcoming they always realise full values. We quote: Superior young draught geldings at from £50 to £55; extra good do (prize horses), £56 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £75; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged, £17 to £30; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28;

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MARRIAGE

SCULLY—ALLAN.—At St. Mary's Church, Invercargill, on Tuesday, November 28, Patrick Joseph, third son of Mr. Michael Scully, Georgetown, to Nelly Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Allan, Clyde.

DEATH

GOLLAR.—On December 1, 1905, at his residence, 84 Albany street, after a long illness, John, the beloved husband of Ann Gollar, in his eighty-third year. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII, to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905.

THE 'POSSIBLE' AND THE 'IMPOSSIBLE'



PRESBYTERIAN writer, who wields a facile pen, has been confiding to the 'Outlook' his impressions of the recent General Assembly in Auckland. Among other things, he stated that his Church was exhausting its strength 'in getting itself and keeping itself unanimous' on the Bible-in-schools question, and that its year's record in this direction had been barren of serious work. Whereupon our esteemed contemporary politely calls the writer to order. 'The year's work,' it declares, 'is exceptionally good; the League has distributed literature all over the Colony, and has raised between £500 and £600 for the payment of its agent, thus bestirring itself in every possible way.'

Our friend the 'Outlook' has been unconsciously imitating the Hamlet in Mr. Vincent Crummies's troupe,

who kept thrusting his sword everywhere through the threadbare curtain except where Polonius's legs were plainly visible. It has placed its pointer upon the literature distributed by the League, and upon the funds raised to feather a cosy nest for the paid political agent of that organisation. But it avoided—after the fashion of Mr. Crummles's barn-storming Prince of Denmark—all mention of the very duty which should be first in the eye of an organisation that professes to interest itself in bringing the truths and duties of religion home to the minds and hearts of the children in the schools. Of this elementary duty of the Christian ministry there is no whisper, not a breath. It forms no part of the 'exceptionally good work' done during the past year by the League. We may well ask, with the Melbourne 'Argus': What is the real end for which the organisation is working? 'Is it not to encourage Biblical studies among school-children? And cannot this be done without resorting to political agitation? Is it absolutely necessary to ask the intervention of the State, which is not a denominational body?' Catholics have not done so, where it is a question of imparting religious knowledge to the children of their faith. Why should Presbyterians, with their rich endowments and their bulging money-bags, plead in forma pauperis to have the neglected spiritual work of their Church done by public officials at the public expense?

The 'Outlook's' estimate of what constitutes an 'exceptionally good' record of Bible-in-schools 'work' resolves itself into mere electioneering. And this it declares to be the only sort of 'work' which it was 'possible' for the League to do. All else is therefore, by necessary inference, pronounced impossible. A similar plea was once pressed upon Mirabeau by his secretary. 'Impossible!' exclaimed the great revolutionary orator, 'ne me dites jamais ce bete de mot!'—'Never name to me that blockhead of a word!' 'It is not a lucky word,' says Carlyle in his 'Chartism,' 'this same "impossible": no good comes of those that have it so often in their mouth. Who is he that says always, There is a lion in the way? Sluggard! thou must slay the lion, then; the way has to be travelled.' If it was 'possible' for the League to 'distribute literature all over the Colony' to the free and independent electors, was it not also 'possible' for them to circulate wholesome religious publications among the little budding men and maids of their various faiths in schools and homes throughout the length and breadth of the land? It was admittedly 'possible' for them to 'raise between £500 and £600' to provide a comfortable position for their salaried electioneering agent. Was it not 'possible' for them to raise a few hundreds—or, for that matter, a few tens of thousands—of minted sovereigns to establish an organisation of paid and volunteer teachers, to carry the influences of religion not only into the schools, but into the homes, wherever the little adherents of their creeds are gathered, from the North Cape to Stewart Island? And in such a scheme, could not the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, with its fat endowments and all the piled-up wealth that lies within its fold, take a leading and honored part? Catholics would greet such a movement with a 'Maecte, i fausto pede'—a right hearty God-speed. Can the Presbyterian Church, with all its broad acres and rich emoluments, devise no method of religious instruction for its children without filching coins from the unwilling pockets of Catholics and other dissidents to meet the expenses of the process? And have the Bible-in-schools leaders no shorter cut to the souls of the school-children than through the evil-smelling quagmire of political agitation? Or will our friend the 'Outlook' maintain that what Catholics—fourteen per cent. of the population—have been doing for the children for the past twenty-eight years, is 'impossible' for the Bible-in-schools League, which claims to represent eighty per cent. of the population?

The whole matter just resolves itself into this: that where there's a will there's a way; where there's zeal there's sacrifice; where there's strong conviction, it will quite naturally blossom into action and bear fruit in works. In this matter of Christian education, our friends and critics of the General Assembly have severed the connection between feeling and action. While we Catholics are up and doing, they are content to play the part of the foolish yokel who sat upon the river-bank and waited for the waters to flow away, so that he might cross to the further side. 'Do the duty which lies nearest thee,' says Carlyle; 'thy second duty will then become clearer to thee.' When the Assembly and Bible-in-schools League have done this, and performed more direct and strenuous work for the souls of the school-children than mere electioneering, then, and not till then, will the country begin to take them seriously. The words of a noted New York Baptist divine apply with special force to New Zealand: 'If Protestant Churches were as interested in the education of their children as the Catholic Church is, there would be no religious problem in our country.'

Notes

Church Parades

A recent church parade in Dunedin has given fresh prominence to a wrong idea that has taken up its quarters in the heads of many of our volunteers. And the sooner it is dislodged the better. Many of our volunteer defenders are under the impression that attendance at church parades is compulsory. For their benefit we once more publish, by request, a reply in point that was given some months ago by Col. Webb, of the Defence Department:—

1. Under existing regulations, any volunteer corps is entitled to an honorary chaplain. He, like other officers is elected by the corps, and may be of any denomination, but one chaplain only is allowed.

2. No chaplain has authority to order a church parade. If a church parade is ordered under the authority of the Officer Commanding the District, or any officer to whom such authority may be delegated, the attendance at such a parade is optional and cannot be enforced.

3. Members of a volunteer corps may attend divine service according to their respective religious denominations, or may absent themselves altogether. There is no restriction or compulsion whatever, neither is preference given to any Church or religious body in New Zealand.

No church parade is, therefore, compulsory. And volunteers of our faith should absent themselves from any such parades, unless they are to the Catholic church. There is no body of our defenders whom Col. Webb's instructions affect so intimately as they do the Catholic volunteers.

The Test of Zeal

'A great capitalist,' says a noted educational writer in the Buffalo (U.S.A.) 'Catholic Union,' is praised for giving ten million dollars to education. The Church (in the United States) has given three hundred million dollars for school buildings, and forty millions more to pay the teachers, in building up the parish school system.' In New Zealand (according to the estimate of one of our Prelates) the Catholic body have expended about a million and a half sterling on religious education, without counting the vast sums that have been filched from them for the instruction of the children of other creeds in the public schools. Here is a test of zeal and earnestness which wild horses would not draw the Bible-in-schools party to imitate. Political campaigning is, for the clergy at least, vastly cheaper and more to their taste.

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

We have received from Mr. M. Condon, Dunedin, £1 1s for the Stoke Orphanage.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by his Lordship Bishop Verdon in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession took place.

Miss Carr, who has been a member of St. Joseph's choir for many years, was presented with a tea set as a token of the members' best wishes on the occasion of her marriage.

The position of president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society having become vacant, owing to the departure of Mrs. Jackson for Greymouth, Mrs. Mouat, of Cumberland street, has been elected to the office.

Miss Jeannie Butel, a pupil of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Arrowtown, passed in the preparatory grade in the musical examination in connection with Trinity College, London.

On Thursday evening the members of St. Patrick's Basilica Choir took the occasion to present one of their members (Mr. James Flynn) with a memento on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. E. Eagar, choirmaster, made the presentation, and Mr. Flynn suitably responded.

The following is a list of successful students from the Dominican Convent, Queenstown, at the recent musical examinations in connection with Trinity College, London—Intermediate—Peal Evans (honors), Christine Bonner. Junior—J. Aldridge, Georgina Constable, Letitia Constable, Florence Layburn, John McChesney, Mary McCarthy, Rita McNeill. Preparatory—Angela Burke, Letitia Constable (violin), Colleen Evans, Nellie O'Connell.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Gohar, one of the oldest residents of Dunedin, who passed away on Friday last at the advanced age of 83 years. The deceased, who was a native of London, came to New Zealand in 1853, and tried his luck at gold digging in Tuapeka. Shortly after he commenced business as a baker in Dunedin, which he continued up to the time of his death. The deceased was a fervent Catholic, and died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the Northern Cemetery, when the burial service was read by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.—R.I.P.

A very pleasant gathering took place on Friday afternoon in the reading-room of St. Joseph's Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, when the active members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul presented the president, Mrs. Jackson, prior to her departure for Greymouth, with an illuminated address and a handsome silver sugar basin and cream jug, bearing the following inscription: 'To Mrs. Jackson, from the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, November, 1905.' The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., made the presentation, and in the course of his remarks paid a well deserved tribute of praise to the good work done by Mrs. Jackson, especially that in connection with the orphanage. It was only those immediately connected with the Society, said he, who had any idea of the extent of her work for the poor, the afflicted, and the orphan. On behalf of his Lordship the Bishop and the clergy he thanked Mrs. Jackson for what she had done, and wished her happiness and prosperity in her new home in Greymouth. The following is a copy of the address, which was signed by Mrs. Callan (vice-president), Miss D. Purton (hon. secretary), and the other active members of the Society:—'Dear Mrs. Jackson,—It is no exaggeration to say

that we, your fellow workers in the Dunedin St. Vincent de Paul Society, are dismayed at the thought that you are leaving us, for we feel that it will be almost impossible to replace you. For some years past you have given all your leisure time to the work of the Society, and no one but God knows all the good that you have done; the books of the Society record the number of cases that are helped, but give no indication of the work that each case entails. Your goodness of heart and generosity of nature make the doing of charitable deeds a labour of love to you, and you have never grudged time or trouble if there were any possibility of doing good. We know that in the life to come God will reward you abundantly, but we most sincerely trust that in this world also you may experience the happiness you deserve.'

A very successful entertainment was given by the pupils of the Convent School, Port Chalmers, in the Foresters' Hall on Friday evening. The programme was as follows:—Instrumental duet (3 pianos and organ), Misses Anderson, Borlase (2), Hart, Drake, Wilson, and Ruddy; chorus, the pupils, assisted by the choir; dialogue, Masters Albertson (2), Flynn (2), Neil, Clark, Fountain, Varney, Moir, Marr, Johnson, and Smith; vocal duet, Misses Anderson, Borlase, Hart, and Salter; dance and tableau, Misses McDermott, McCann, Ruddy (2), Anderson, Drake, Osborn, McAlpine, Simpson, and Johnson; song and chorus, Master Hart and senior boys; vocal solo, Miss Salter; piano solo, Miss Varney. The first part concluded with the cantata, 'The White Garland,' in which the following took part, Misses Hart, Ruddy, Osborn, Anderson, Mackie, Simpson, and O'Halloran, Masters Carey, Mead, and Moir. The second part opened with an instrumental duet (3 pianos and organ) by Misses Osborn, Albertson, Wilson, McDermott, Ruddy, Drake, and Master Albertson; then followed a song, Misses Mackie, O'Halloran, Simpson, Birker, Amalfitano, Varney, Waltrodari, and Percy; song and drill, Masters Docherty, Mackie, Fountain, Carey, Hart, Mead, Flynn (2), Moir, and Varney; vocal duet, Misses Hart and Salter; skipping-rope dance, Misses Anderson Ruddy, and Varney; instrumental duet (3 pianos and organ), Misses Borlase (2), Anderson, Wilson, Ruddy, Hart, and Drake. The final item but one was a farce, in which the characters were sustained by Masters Mead, Hart, Docherty, Varney, Mackie, Carey, and Amalfitano. The entertainment, which was well attended and successful from every point of view, was brought to a close by the singing of 'Zealandia' by the pupils, assisted by the choir.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 4.

On Wednesday afternoon his Lordship the Bishop is to commence a retreat for First Communicants and candidates for Confirmation.

The Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., of the Redemptorist Monastery, Perth, arrived in Christchurch last week, and on Sunday commenced a mission at Lincoln. The Very Rev. Father Cleary, C.S.S.R., left for Wellington last week.

A tennis club has been formed from among members of the Christchurch Catholic Club, and the use of the court at the 'Grange,' the recently acquired property of the Sisters of Nazareth, has been kindly granted to the players. The club's cricket team played their second match last week against St. Matthew's Cricket Club at St. Albans.

The first ordination in the Christchurch Cathedral took place on Sunday last, when the Rev. Richard Hoare, a native of Temuka, was raised to the dignity of the priesthood by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, in the presence of a large number of the clergy and a crowded congregation. The ceremonies commenced at a quarter to eleven with an imposing procession from the episcopal residence, followed by Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., assistant priest, the Very Rev. Dean Giaty and Father Marnane deacons at the throne, the Rev. Fathers Mahony and Kerley deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, and Rev. Father O'Connell master of ceremonies. There were also present in the sanctuary Rev. Father Lezer (professor at Meance Seminary), assistant to the newly ordained, the Rev. Father Hickson, and the Revs. Geary and Venning, ecclesiastical students of the Seminary at Meance. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, his Lordship the Bishop preached a very fine discourse on the priesthood, after which the newly ordained priest imparted his blessing to the congregation. Gounod's No. 3 Mass was sung by the choir. Miss Katie Young was organist, and Mr H. H. Loughnan conducted.

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The Rev. Father Hoare celebrated his first Mass in the Cathedral this (Monday) morning.

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WEDDING BELLS

SCULLY—ALLAN.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) took place at St. Mary's Church, Invercargill, on Tuesday, November 28, the contracting parties being Mr. Patrick Joseph Scully, third son of Mr. Michael Scully, Georgetown, Invercargill, and Miss Nelly Jane Allan, eldest daughter of Mr. William Allan, Clyde. As the wedding party entered the church the 'Bridal March' was played by Miss Hishon. The bridesmaid was Miss Allan, sister of the bride, while Mr. Martin Scully, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, at which a very large number of relatives and friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Scully left by the afternoon express for Dunedin. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Scully's future home will be Georgetown, Invercargill.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

Potatoes were sold at from 20s to 25s a sack in Ashburton on Saturday. The supply was limited.

Friday last was the anniversary of the opening, in 1863, of the first railway in New Zealand, the Ferry-mead branch of the Christchurch-Lyttelton line.

'Some foremen in big quarries,' said Mr. J. A. Valentine, at a meeting of the Teachers' Institute in Timaru on Saturday, 'receive higher pay than any primary school teacher in South Canterbury.'

It is not often a lady is appointed a judge of horses at an agricultural show, but at Courtney Show, in Canterbury, the other day, Miss Button had the honor of being one of the horse judges.

On August 1 there were half a million dairy cows in New Zealand, and 1200 dairy establishments of all descriptions. Of the latter 84 were cheese factories, 214 butter factories, 448 skimming stations, 403 private butter factories, 70 private cheese factories, and 195 packing houses.

A disastrous fire occurred on Friday night in the Woolston tannery, near Christchurch, owned by Messrs. Bowron Brothers. Out of all the buildings, covering six acres, the only portion not absolutely gutted was the carriers' shed, which was itself badly damaged by fire. A great stock of leather and hides and most of the machinery were destroyed, and Messrs. Bowron Brothers state that the insurances, which are close on £30,000, will certainly not cover the losses. Fully 150 men were employed at the tannery, and as the busy season was just commencing, the loss to the wage-earners will be serious. The fire is supposed to have started in the vicinity of the boiler-house, but the cause of the outbreak is a mystery. The chemical engine and steamer and the railway steamer were soon on the spot, but all chance of saving the building was hopeless from the start.

The egg grading by the Government Expert (Mr. Burke) at the Taieri and Peninsula Milk Depot has this season been prolonged far beyond the anticipated time—viz., the end of October—and promises to continue for a fortnight or so yet (says the 'Otago Daily Times'). Against 15,210 dozen eggs stored last year there are already in the cool stores this season over 1000 cases of 25 dozen each—i.e., more than 300,000 eggs—every one of which, not to speak of those found for various reasons unsuitable for storage, has passed through Mr. Burke's own hands. In addition to the above, the grader has graded a large number of eggs for purchasers willing to pay 1d per dozen extra for graded eggs for immediate consumption or for preserving in waterglass, lime, etc. This last-mentioned practice, which is growing without municipal or Government regulations, points the readiness with which people are prepared to avail themselves of any means whereby guarantee of purity may be secured. Before long consumers, in addition to the stamp mark of the abattoirs upon meat and the grader's certificate with eggs, may come to look for similar guarantees as regards poultry, rabbits, and fish.

The Maoris in many parts of the North Island are in a bad way as regards food owing to the failure of the potato crop. The Rev. Father Maillard, Jerusalem, writes as follows to the Wanganui 'Herald,' regarding the condition of the natives in that district: 'As the New Zealand people seem very charitably disposed towards the Japs., I wonder if the Maoris could not share their generosity? All along the river the natives are on one meal a day, even the little children of 9 and 10, and judging by the present state of affairs they will soon be reduced to less, for the early potatoes are blighted and they have no seed left to try a late crop. So without going to Japan, we have urgent need in our own midst, and we should not forget that 'charity begins at home,' and surely the Maoris have more right to our charitable aid than the Japs. So I would suggest that a liberal supply of potato seeds should be sent to the natives, to let them try a late crop and brighten their future.' Mr. Hatrick, writing to the same paper, bears out Father Maillard's statement as to the serious straits to which many of the natives are reduced, and in conclusion says:—'Any food, such as tea, flour, sugar, potatoes, rice, cabin bread, etc., etc., sent to me I will forward free of cost to the schoolmaster at Pipiriki, and to Father Maillard, at Jerusalem. Mr. Gibson, schoolmaster at Pipiriki, assured me that many children were attending school without food, save such as I have mentioned, and Father Maillard writes you that little children are practically foodless. I hope, sir, you will bring this matter promptly and prominently before the public.'

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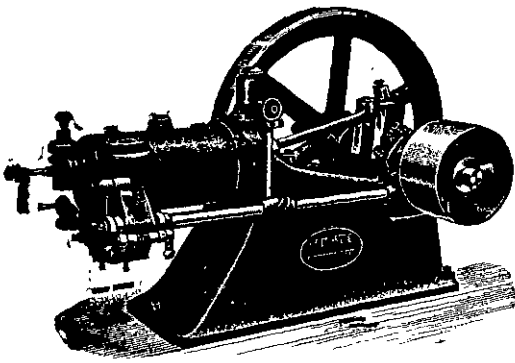
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'I am dying!' he repeated. 'Hilda, will you ask Bernard—'

'Ask Bernard what?' she said, abandoning her well-meant but futile, foolish attempt to deceive him as to his condition.

'Of his charity, to pray for my soul,' gasped Anthony.

He spoke no more, a little while, and he had been called to render an account of his stewardship.

There had been some delay in sending for Mrs. Pendrel; and when she arrived, all was over.

To the inmates of the manor, indeed, the death seemed to have happened quite a long time ago. Mrs. Pendrel found the young widow and her mother occupied with milliners and dressmakers; Mrs. Denison trying to settle the vital question whether the children's mourning should be all black, or whether, considering their youth, a little white might not be introduced by way of 'relief'; whilst the mother submitted to the poisoning of a series of crape and lisse bonnets on her fair hair, finding a difficulty in selecting one that really did become her. Locked in a room upstairs, the dead man lay alone; and the world—his little world where he had been supreme master—went smoothly on without him.

'Did Anthony mention me?' Mrs. Pendrel inquired, in a pause of the voluble modiste's discourse.

'Oh, yes!' said Hilda sweetly. 'And Bernard too.'

'What did he say about Bernard?'

'Say? Oh, that we were to ask Bernard to pray for his soul! So unlike poor Anthony, wasn't it?'

'A sick fancy. He was wandering in his mind, poor man!' observed Mrs. Denison, apologetically for Anthony.

'Was the rector with him?' Mrs. Pendrel asked Hilda.

'N-no. Anthony didn't ask for him. We hadn't time to send for him. It was all so sudden, we never thought—' she had recourse to her handkerchief.

'Don't distress the poor child with questions, dear Mrs. Pendrel!' said Mrs. Denison. 'Have you ordered your mourning yet? It is quite a mercy that we must attend to those melancholy duties, isn't it? They prevent us from giving ourselves up to useless grief, don't they? So unchristian to fret, too, I think.'

Mrs. Pendrel sought the nurse, who had not yet left the manor.

'You were with Sir Anthony when he died, I believe?' she said. 'Possibly you heard him mention his nephew Bernard. If so, what were his exact words?'

The nurse repeated them. They were ringing in Mrs. Pendrel's ears as she gazed on the rigid face of the dead. How less than nothing were the things of earth to him now! How little anything mattered but to have sought first the kingdom of God and His justice!

In a mean street of a populous city was a humble church with the presbytery beside it. Day and night there were noise and clamor about it—the clang of hammers in foundry and workshop, the roar of furnaces, the shrill cries of children, the scolding of wrangling housewives, the hoarse laughter of men in the glittering drink shop at the corner. Smoke and soot and dust contended for supremacy; odors of fish and hot grease issued from the tall, dingy 'model' lodging-house towering above the grime.

The church doors were open, and the poor congregation were streaming in—poorly-clad, toil-tired men and women, ragged children, 'the wandering beggar weary-foot', all sorts and conditions but the well-to-do and richly clothed, with one exception.

This was a lady who entered with the crowd, in the hesitating manner of one to whom all the surroundings were strange. She took refuge behind a pillar, whence, however, she could see the altar, on which many candles were burning. The service began, but she was like a person who has not learned to read looking at a printed book. She did not understand; she knew not what meant that caking down and raising up of the gleaming monstrance, whilst the whole people bent in awe and devotion. But near her was a picture of the Mater Dolorosa, and that she did understand, knowing that it represented a Mother who had loved her Son as never other mother did, who had given Him up to death for the life of the world.

Then a voice that she knew and that thrilled her to her heart rang through the church in the divine praises: 'Blessed be God! Blessed be His holy Name!'

Gradually the congregation melted away, and the edifice was almost deserted. The priest reappeared, no longer in his vestments, but wearing a worn and faded cassock. He came down the aisle to the confessional; and the unseen watcher distinctly saw the refined, beautiful face, the sensitive mouth, the touches of grey in the clustering hair, the slight droop of the shoulders telling of fatigue.

He was intercepted first by a woman with a shawl over her head, and a 'Could ye spare a minute, yer reverence, plaze?' then by a crippled lad; to whom succeeded a sullen-looking man with two dirty children, who was at length swept aside by a fussy elderly maiden. To each tale of woe or want or grievance the priest listened with unchanging patience and interest; comforting, counselling, warning. He retired then to the confessional, round which a few penitents were waiting.

So, to dwell in a stifling slum, surrounded by sin and sorrow, poverty and care, at the beck and call of the lame, the halt, and the blind, the uncouth and uncultured, he had given up wealth and ease and leisure, social pleasures, 'sweet sights and sounds, soft speech, and willing service'! What religion but that truly of God could enable a man so far to conquer human nature, to make and to persevere in such a sacrifice?

The last penitent departed; and the priest emerged, turning out the lights as he advanced, until none were left but one that glimmered redly before the Tabernacle. There he knelt with arms extended in the form of a cross, the rays of the sanctuary lamp falling on his face, 'which then was as an angel's.'

At the sacristy door the strange lady awaited him.

'Bernard!'

'Mother!'

He drew her into the little room, and they wept in each other's arms.

'Bless me, though I would not bless you!' she sobbed. 'Bless and forgive! For now I know God's will, and I come to you, His priest, to learn how I may save my soul.'

'My own dearest mother!' he murmured, in his heart a very rapture of thanksgiving for this answer to his daily prayer for her.

'Anthony is dead,' she told him at length; and his last words were: "Ask Bernard of his charity to pray for my soul."'

'God Grant him eternal rest!' exclaimed the priest, deeply moved—'Ave Maria.'

WORTH WHILE

It was only a Cinderella dance, not a brilliant gathering like that for which an invitation lay on Helen Langton's table, only a homely party of some twenty couples of boys and girls, who would dance and be happy under the mild chaperonage of Mrs. Lane. Had it been the big ball for which Helen had sent an uncompromising refusal, instead of to this homely entertainment that she was bound, she could not have been more particular over her toilette; yet at last even she herself could think of no further improvements, and Bridget pronounced her perfect.

Her dress was snowy white, so simply made as to be almost severe, and her hair, parted and drawn softly back from her face, made her look more like an Italian maiden of olden times than an American girl of to-day. Yet there was no lack of animation in her face—it was aglow with life; and in her eye was the dawning of a great happiness. To-night it was but the dawning, to-morrow the fulfilment might be there, if—and therein lay the secret of her acceptance of Mrs. Lane's invitation rather than that of the Van Buren's.

To-night there would be at Mrs. Lane's a guest who had yet to win for himself entrée to such houses as the Van Buren's. Some day he would be an honored guest at such receptions, but now he had his name to make, and, although he was rising rapidly in his profession, he was still too young to take a place amongst the foremost doctors of the city—a place which in the future would most surely be his.

Mr. Langton knew and approved of the friendship that had sprung up between the young doctor and his motherless daughter. Things had gone happily with them from the first, and Helen guessed with unerring instinct that the words just wanting to complete her happiness would be spoken to-night.

She was ready half an hour too soon, waiting with ill-concealed impatience for the carriage, when Bridget brought her a note, so soiled and crumpled that for a

moment she hesitated to touch it. But, checking her first impulse of disgust, she took and opened it; and as she read, the scene around her seemed to change.

She was no longer in her own luxurious room, but in a cold, bare attic; the rose-tinted electric light faded away, and a single guttering candle burned in its place; her own bed, draped in white, with pink ribbons here and there, became a low, dingy pallet, on which a woman, old before her time, tossed restlessly to and fro.

The letter that had conjured up this picture contained a message from a woman who had once been in Helen's service, and whom she had lately befriended. Margaret Cammell had been her nurse, and had only left her to be married. Often during the first years of her new life she had come back to see her nursing; then she had drifted away from Boston, and only a few months ago she had returned, a widow with two children, broken in health and penniless. Helen had helped her, paying for the boy's schooling, and finding work for the mother and the little girl, a child of twelve and the writer of the letter.

'Mother is ill,' it ran, 'and calling all the time for Miss Helen. She won't eat or speak to us, only always calling. Honored Miss, you are our only friend, and you told us to send for you.—Maggie.'

Ill-written so as to be almost illegible, it was a cry of entreaty straight from the childish heart.

'O Bridget,' cried Helen, 'look what little Maggie writes!'

She handed the note to the maid, who had been with her for years, and who was the confidante of many of her charitable schemes and the companion of her charitable expeditions.

'What shall I do? I am afraid poor Margaret must be very bad. But what could I do if I went to her to-night? The child herself says that she would not know me.' She cast a troubled glance at her white dress, at her long gloves, and at the white slippers in which she was shod. 'If I could do her any good, I—she paused, and then went on, with an effort. 'Yes, then it would be worth while, and I would go.' She looked entreatingly at Bridget, the color coming and going in her cheeks, torn with conflicting feelings, and anxious that someone should agree with her, that such a sacrifice as this visit would be to-night was not expected of her.

'No,'—Bridget spoke slowly, considering her words; for she knew the whole state of the case. 'I guess you couldn't do much for the creature. No one could expect you to go to-night; yet it's hard to refuse a friendless, maybe dying woman what she asks.'

It was hard, very hard, to refuse, but harder still to accede to this request. The young girl had looked forward for days to this dance. Dr. Bruce expected her to be there, and, though she was too certain of his love to fear that her absence would make any lasting difference between them, still she could not bear that he should think even for one night that she was careless of his feelings, or indifferent to meeting him.

There was a pause, but Bridget could read, as plainly as if her young mistress had spoken, the struggle that was going on within her.

'Don't you worry, Miss Helen,' she said. 'Go to your ball and enjoy yourself; and if you have any message for Margaret, I'll take it there myself. I can see to the children, even if the poor mother does not know me.'

'O Bridget, will you?'

For the moment Helen was satisfied. After all, what good could she do to a delirious woman? And to the child Bridget would probably be of more use. Her poor friends need not be neglected, and she could go to the dance in the carriage, which was now at the door.

Quickly she arranged that, after leaving her at Mrs. Lane's, Bridget should be driven to the far-away street where the sick woman lived, and the maid left the room to don her outdoor clothes. She was not five minutes gone, but, returning, she found a change awaiting her. She had left Helen standing in her long white cloak, a soft lace scarf about her head; she found her now clad in a dark fur coat, her white slippers replaced by a pair of rubber boots, a fur cap hiding the jewels in her hair.

'I couldn't, Bridget,' she said in answer to the maid's exclamation of amazement. 'I couldn't go off to amuse myself. Margaret would have been in my mind all the time; and even if I can do nothing for her, I shall not have refused what may be her last request.'

'But Mrs. Lane and those who are expecting you?' said Bridget.

The color flew to Helen's cheeks, but she answered steadily.

'If there is time, I will go in later; if not, my explanations must wait until to-morrow.'

She had not arrived at this decision without a hard struggle with herself; but now that the sacrifice was made, she would not allow herself to regret it.

Driving through the long, dark streets, she could not keep her thoughts from the dance in which she had made so sure of taking part that night; but when she reached her destination all was forgotten in the misery of the scene before her. The room was desolate, just as she had pictured it, but the face upon the tossed and crumpled pillow was changed almost beyond recognition; and the voice that fell upon her ears, even before the door was open, was agonised in its entreaty, as it called her name.

'Margaret!'—the girl bent over the bed, laying one cool hand upon the burning forehead. 'Don't you know me, dear? You were asking for Miss Helen, and she has come to you.' She stretched out her other hand to little Maggie, who, overcome by her vain attempts at nursing, clung to her, crying now from very weariness.

'Miss Helen, for God's sake!—Miss Helen!' moaned the sick woman.

'I am Miss Helen,' repeated the girl, clearly and with gentle insistence.

Margaret did not, could not, understand; yet the cool touch, the strong, soft voice seemed to quiet her, and she held weakly to the hand that was now laid firmly on her own.

Neither priest nor doctor had been sent for—so much did Helen extract from the worn-out child; and Bridget, after some demur at leaving her young mistress, went off to seek them, and to supply the most indispensable wants of the invalid. The carriage had gone, taking to Mrs. Lane a pencil line of apology from Helen; and Bridget, having to do her errands on foot, was gone a long time. The moments passed slowly in the attic. Little Maggie, freed from the burden of responsibility, had fallen asleep from pure exhaustion, with her head in Helen's lap, whilst the mother, quiet so long as her hands were held in that soothing clasp, grew calmer, less fevered, till at last she too fell asleep. The fire crumbled away to ashes on the hearth, but the one watcher dared not rise to put fresh fuel to it. Fearful of waking the woman who for the moment was free from pain, or the child who in sleep had forgotten her anxieties, she dared not stir. Time passed, and she too grew tired, chilled by the growing coldness of the room, cramped until her limbs began to ache.

It seemed to Helen as though half the night had passed before steps paused outside the room, and a hand was laid upon the lock. In reality, it was scarcely two hours since Bridget had left her, and now, though it was she that Helen expected, another figure stood in the doorway—a figure which had been so much in her mind all the evening that, unexpected as it was here, she was not conscious of any feeling of surprise at seeing it.

'Oh, hush!' she whispered, as Dr. Bruce stepped toward her. 'They are asleep so quietly now, poor things!'

But he, smiling down upon her, lifted the child gently from her lap and laid her, still sleeping, on the heap of straw that since her mother's illness had been her resting-place.

Crossing again to the bedside, his experience of sick people enabled him to do what Helen in her ignorance had not dared. Margaret, like little Maggie, was not disturbed at his touch; and then the weary watcher was free to move. But for a moment her cramped limbs refused to hold her, and alone she could not have risen.

Then, as Dr. Bruce put his arm about her and drew her what had brought him to her here. That was easily her to her feet, it struck her for the first time to wonder. He had been attending a case with the district doctor, and had been at his house when Bridget had called. Learning from her of Helen's whereabouts, he had offered to relieve his confrere of the case, instead of going on to Mrs. Lane's dance, which now had no attraction for him.

Nature's own restorer, sleep, was doing more for mother and child than any doctor's skill could do, and in the darkening room those two, so strangely out of place, spoke together in breathless whispers—he speaking first, she listening; and both were happy. Then she too spoke, telling of her struggle, of her victory over inclination.

'I thought truly that I could do nothing further,' she said; 'but I was wrong. Even for this hour's sleep, it was worth while.'

'Worth while?' he repeated. 'I should think it was worth while.' Why, this hour's sleep that your presence has won may be the turning-point with the woman, without which recovery would have been impossible. Besides,' he added, speaking very low, 'it has proved me in the right. I always thought that you were perfect. Now I am sure!'—'Ave Maria.'

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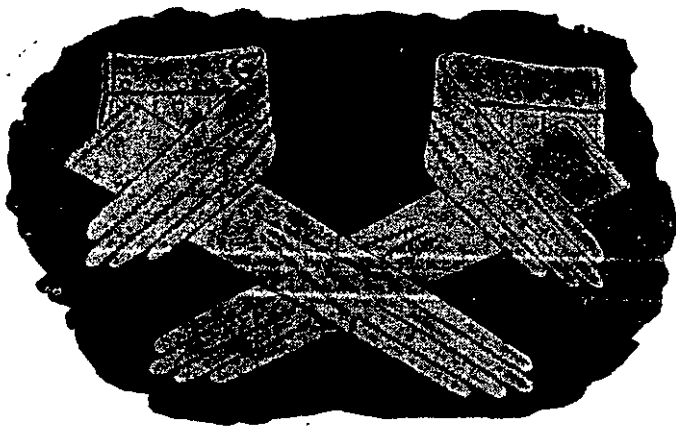
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AFRICA—Murder of Missionaries

The Press Association sends a long account of the escape of the Universities (Church of England) Missionaries, whose station at Masasi, in German East Africa, was sacked by natives in August last. The black rebels burned down their stations and killed the Europeans. Canon Porter in the course of a letter says: 'A remarkable experience befell the Benedictine Mission. Almost before they realised what had happened, a Brother had been killed and a Father and Brother wounded. In their terrible plight they all solemnly knelt while Father Leo gave absolution. On seeing the Sign of the Cross the raiders fled.' All the Fathers were seriously wounded. One of the Sisters is missing (which means dead), and the Bishop and four of his companions have been killed.

ENGLAND—Appointment of a Bishop

The news from Rome to the effect (says the 'Catholic Times') that Monsignor Canon Cowgill has been promoted from the position of secretary to that of Coadjutor to the Bishop of Leeds will be received with sincere satisfaction throughout the diocese. Monsignor Cowgill is not less the choice of the Holy Father and the Bishop than of the clergy and laity, with whose work and wishes the duties of his position have long made him familiar. His fitness for his new post is so well known that when it was reported that a Coadjutor was about to be selected by the Holy See, his name at once occurred to the Catholic public as that of a priest eminently qualified to fill the responsible office. Under Dr. Gordon's administration, steady and constant progress has been achieved by sturdy, unremitting energy. The diocese has been equipped with first-rate ecclesiastical buildings and educational institutions, and everything possible has been done to meet the requirements of the missions. That wise policy will be continued, and as Monsignor Cowgill is popular with all classes, it may be safely assumed that there will be no slackening of co-operation with the episcopal efforts.

FRANCE—Cures at Lourdes

The Rev. Father Brady, Newport-on-Tay, who recently returned from a visit to Lourdes, described to the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Lochce, the miracles which he witnessed at the shrine. He said they were wrought during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Among the infirm persons was a girl, who had been brought to Lourdes dying of consumption. When the Bishop touched her with the monstrance she jumped up and cried out in French, 'I am cured.' She was at once taken back to the hospital and examined by the doctors, who found that she had been completely cured, and that both her lungs were sound. In the same way a woman, suffering from cancer and a paralysed girl were restored.

ROME—An Ecumenical Council

Of much importance to the whole Church is the news given by the Abbe Odelin to a representative of the 'Gaulois' on his return to France from Rome, where he has been as a member of the 'Workingmen's Pilgrimage.' The Abbe, who had a special audience with the Pope, states that as soon as the Separation Bill has been passed by the French Senate the Bishops will hold a general meeting, and with the approval of the Holy See will adopt resolutions to meet the new situation. His Holiness, the Abbe added, intends to convoke an Ecumenical Council so soon as circumstances will permit. It will sit at Rome, and will be a continuation of the Vatican Council, which was interrupted in 1870. There is certainly an ample programme of work for a Council to undertake. There are the social and educational questions, and numerous administrative matters which might well receive attention. The reunion of the Churches, a subject to which Leo XIII. devoted so much thought, the bearing of modern discoveries on Biblical criticism, and the position created for the religious Orders will also, it may be assumed, receive consideration from the Council.

British Pilgrims

Writing of the reception by the Holy Father of the pilgrims of the English Catholic Association, a Rome correspondent says:—The audience was attended by more than the usual pomp. The Pope, in white, attended by the Archbishop of Westminster, the Bishop of Salisbury, and the Bishop of Liverpool, passed down the hall, and expressed kind words as he went from one to another. Afterwards a book containing the address signed by 6500 British Catholics, including Lord Denbigh, expressing loyalty to the Holy See, was presented. Father

J. P. Bannin then presented an offering of over £100. The Pope thanked the pilgrims and gave the Apostolic blessing. In the evening the pilgrims dined together, covers being laid for 200. Complimentary speeches were delivered, and Archbishop Bourne congratulated the Catholic Association on the success of its pilgrimage. After dinner he held a reception.

Sports at the Vatican

The closing function in connection with the sports at the Vatican (writes a Rome correspondent) was extremely impressive. At eleven o'clock punctually his Holiness, preceded by the Swiss and Noble Guards, and accompanied by Monsignor Cogiano de Azevedo, Major-domo, and Monsignor Bisleti, Master of the Chamber, and by two Chamberlains, Monsignors Misciatelli and Sanz de Samper, entered the Sala Regia, where all the athletes, numbering over 600, were assembled, lining three sides of the vast hall. His Holiness was dressed all in white and wore a satin band round his waist embroidered in gold, red shoes, and a handsome pectoral cross. He looked about him smiling with satisfaction at the fine display of young men. All the athletes knelt down and kissed in turn the Holy Father's hand as he passed through their ranks, caressing the youngest and exchanging a few words almost with each. Then, smiling pleasantly, he ascended the throne, while tremendous applause and cries of 'Long live his Holiness!' burst forth from all the lads present. Commendatore Pericoli read an address. The Holy Father then rose, and in a clear voice delivered a discourse, saying it was indeed a sweet consolation to him to find himself among them, who represented the age of generous inspirations and of brilliant and powerful victories. 'Our Lord Jesus Christ,' said he, 'used to meet with His best friends amongst the young, and I, looking at you now, can tell you that I love you. More than a father, I am a brother and a friend to you, and as such I admire, praise, and bless you with all my heart, all your noble sports and matches, as all bodily exercises tend to prevent anything bad from finding a place in your hearts and to keep you from sloth, which is the father of all vices. Be good, have faith, piety, and religion, and you will be strong to overcome human prejudices, and never feel ashamed that you are Catholic Christians. Your actions will bear fruit, and even your adversaries will be obliged to bow before your virtues. I bless you all here present, also your families at home, your friends, your clubs, and your sports. I bless you all, my dear children, with a father's love!' The Holy Father's speech was greeted with great applause and enthusiastic shouts of 'Long live the Pope!' His Holiness was visibly affected and expressed his high satisfaction at the great success of the sports. In the afternoon all the athletes assembled in the Court of San Damaso for the distribution of prizes, but owing to the uncertain weather only the three grand prizes were handed personally by the Pope to the winners.

SCOTLAND—A Record

At the next ordination ceremony in Glasgow archdiocese no fewer than twelve students of St. Peter's Seminary will receive Holy Orders. This number marks a record in the history of the College, the highest previous number being eight.

Death of a Highland Priest

General feeling of regret was felt in all parts of Scotland at the news of the death of the Rev. Allan Macdonald, which took place at Eriskay, South Uist, after an acute attack of influenza. Born at Fort William in 1859, he entered Blairs College in 1871, Valladolid in 1876, and was ordained at Glasgow in St. Andrew's Cathedral by the late Archbishop Eyre in 1882. His funeral was attended by a number of priests from the mainland and different parts of Scotland. Amongst the chief mourners were Mrs. McInnes (sister), Glasgow; Mrs. McHardy (sister), Helensburgh; and Mr. Macdonald (brother), Inverness, for all of whom the deepest and sincerest sympathy is felt and expressed.

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Insanity in Canada.

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Using up Sawdust.

An interesting new material for using up sawdust is wood-stone. It is a mixture of sawdust and calcined magnesia reduced to powder, the moistened ingredients being thoroughly mingled, pounded, ground, and submitted to moderate pressure for a number of hours. The finished products are further compressed in a hydraulic press. The material is incombustible, impermeable to water, and takes a high polish, being adapted for pavements, linings, coverings, and ornamental purposes.

A Cosmopolitan City.

The most cosmopolitan city in the United States seems to be Chicago. Here is the census of its speakers of languages other than English:—German, 500,000; Polish, 125,000; Swedish, 100,000; Bohemian, 90,000; Norwegian, 50,000; Yiddish, 50,000; Dutch, 30,000; Italian, 25,000; Danish, 20,000; French, 15,000; Croatian and Servian, 10,000; Slovakian, 10,000; Lithuanian, 10,000; Hungarian, 5000; Greek, 4000; Frisian, Roumanian, Slavonian, and Flemish, 1000 to 2000; Chinese and Spanish, 1000; Finnish, Scotch Gaelic and Irish Gaelic, 500; Russian, 7000; Arabic, 250; Armenian, Manx, Icelandic, Albanian, 100; less than 100, Basque, Breton, Esthonian, Gipsy, Japanese, Portuguese, Turkish.

Spectacles.

It is hard to realise what our ancestors did without the help of spectacles. The first mention of them seems to be toward the end of the thirteenth century, when convex spectacles were invented, it is supposed, by Roger Bacon. Concave glasses were introduced soon afterward, but the Spectacle Makers' Company of London was not incorporated until 1630. It seems that the ancients knew nothing of these aids of vision, and it is more than likely that Homer and even Milton might have been spared their blindness had they understood the use of a powerful lens. Eyeglasses came in much later, when the spectacles were considered too cumbersome for fashionable wear, and lorgnettes came even later when the great ladies wished an ornamental case for their eyeglasses. The eyeglasses of to-day fit on the nose with a spring; formerly they were held in place with the hand.

Path of Ocean Cables.

There seems to be no logical reason why cables cannot be laid across any section of the oceans of the world, no matter how great the depth. Some portions of the Atlantic cables are three miles below the surface, and this is not necessarily the extreme depth, for the cable may and probably does pass from the top of one submarine hill to another without drooping materially into the deep valleys between (says 'Lippincott's Magazine'). The greatest known depth of the sea is 40,036 feet, or 7 3-5 miles, found in the South Atlantic midway between the island of Tristan d'Acugna and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. Soundings have been made to the depth of 27,180 feet in the north Atlantic south of Newfoundland, and about 31,000 feet, or nearly 6 1/2 miles, is reported south of the Bermudas. Even such enormous depths as these need not hinder cable-laying so far as the theory is concerned, but in practice, for reasons of economy in maintenance and otherwise, it is found best to take advantage of favoring conditions in the ocean's bed. To illustrate, all of the cables between the United States and Europe run up along our coast until they reach the neighborhood of Newfoundland before starting across to their destination in Ireland or France. The reason for this is found in the range of submarine tablelands, which lies between the three last-named countries.

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Baking Potatoes on Range.

Place an asbestos mat on the range, and on it lay the potatoes, previously washed clean and dried; cover with a deep tin or pan. In one hour the potatoes will be bursting with mealiness.

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Put some borax into boiling water, and when dissolved soak the silver in it for a few minutes, then dry with a towel and polish with a chamois leather. Another method is to soak the silver in sour milk, wash in hot water, dry, and polish with chamois leather.

Lemonette.

Three pounds of loaf sugar put to a quart of water; boil gently for about 10 minutes; pour into a basin, and stand till cold; then add 2oz of citric acid and 10 drops of essence of lemon; stir well, and pour into bottles. A little lemon peel boiled with the sugar and water improves it.

Castle Puddings.

Take 3 eggs, the weight of 2 in butter, sifted loaf sugar, and fine flour. Beat the butter to a cream, add the eggs well beaten, next the sugar, and the flour last, beating all the time. Butter small cups, fill three parts full, bake half an hour in a moderate oven. Turn out; serve with lemon or brandy sauce. Less sugar can be used if not liked so sweet. Half a teaspoonful of baking powder should be mixed in the flour.

Christmas Mince Meat.

Ingredients—1 lb suet, 1 1/2 lb raisins, 3/4 lb currants, 1 lb apples, 1 lb sugar, 2oz candied peel, 1 1/2 lemons, 1oz almonds, 1/2 oz allspice, 2 glasses brandy, and a few cloves. Method—Chop suet finely, stone raisins and clean currants, blanch almonds, peel and chop apples small, cut candied peel coarsely, mix well all dry ingredients and add lemon juice and brandy last. Tie down closely in jars. When required line patty pans with good pastry, put in the mince meat and cover with pastry. Strew with sugar when sending to table.

Gooseberry Fool.

Ingredients—1 quart gooseberries (green), 1/4 lb moist sugar, 1 strip lemon peel, 1/2 pint cream, 1/2 pint milk. Method—Top and tail the gooseberries, wash them, place in an enamelled stewpan over the fire with a few spoonfuls of water, the sugar and lemon peel; stew gently till tender, rub through a sieve to remove the skins, when quite cold stir in the milk and cream; the latter should be stiffly whipped. The yolks of 2 eggs may be substituted for the cream, but will not be so nice. Serve the fool in a large glass dish, or in small custard glasses.

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The consecration of the new Bishop of Rockhampton (the Right Rev. Dr. Duhig) has been fixed to take place next Sunday in the Cathedral, Rockhampton. Owing to the multiplicity of his engagements in Sydney, covering almost every day up to Christmas, it is scarcely likely that his Eminence the Cardinal will be able to go to Rockhampton.

All the witnesses in the Coal-lumpers' case before Sydney Arbitration Court were foreigners. One day, after hearing many Olesens and Hansens, the name of Bernard Jackson was called. "An Englishman at last," said counsel. But he was mistaken. Witness was a Norwegian, and probably his real name had been Jacobsen.

The venerable Bishop of Maitland (Dr. Murray) is still confined to his bed at St. Mary's Presbytery, Newcastle. It is about six weeks since Dr. Murray had to take to his bed, and a correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal' regrets to have to state that the venerable Bishop has not made the least headway towards improvement, and has not since been able to celebrate Mass.

The Rev. Father M. A. Flemming, the popular private secretary to his Grace the Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney, who spent several weeks in Lewisham Hospital, where he underwent a serious operation, has returned to St. Benedict's. He has been granted a few months' leave of absence by his Eminence the Cardinal, as he has been advised by his medical attendants to take a rest and change to recuperate his exhausted strength and vigor.

The Rev. Father Thomas Gray, who has been parish priest at Narrandera for the past eleven years, celebrated on Tuesday, November 14th, the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. He was presented by Mr. J. J. Quirk, on behalf of the parishioners, with an illuminated address and purse of sovereigns; also with a travelling bag and illuminated address from the Sisters and children of St. Joseph's Convent school.

The New Chum Railway mine, Bendigo, achieved the distinction of being the first mine in Australia to sink its shaft 4000ft. As previously stated, there are workings below that depth on the field, but in these cases the depth has been made up by winzes. The New Chum Railway has a centre-country winze down 4226ft., and that of the Victorian Quartz is over 4100ft deep. In the case of the New Chum Railway, however, there is now a straight shaft from the surface to the bottom at 4005ft.

Immediately after the conference of the clergy at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the other day a presentation of a fine work of art in the shape of a marble bust of himself was made to his Eminence the Cardinal. It was originally intended that the work would be the gift of the clergy on the occasion of his Eminence's golden jubilee, when the address was presented to him. Since then, however, the work has been executed in the best Carrara (Italian) marble by the famous Sydney sculptor, Mr. Nelson Illingworth, who has produced a most perfect likeness of his Eminence. The Right Rev. Mgr. Carroll, V.G., representing the clergy, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation to his Eminence, who suitably replied.

On Friday November 17, a meeting was held in the Town Hall, South Melbourne, to express sympathy with the Home Rule movement, and to co-operate with the United Irish League in Victoria in its efforts to augment the Irish Parliamentary Fund. Dr. N. M. O'Donnell presided, and there were also present on the platform the Rev. J. B. Ronald, M.H.R., Senator Givens, J. Nicholson, J.P., Cr. Murphy, and other well-known citizens. Members of the local branches of the H.A.C.B. Society and of the Irish National Foresters were also on the platform, whilst the excellent band of the latter body enlivened the proceedings during the evening with selections of Irish national airs, which were greatly appreciated by the audience. The meeting was addressed by Dr. O'Connell, Senator Givens, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Russell, Cr. Murphy, and other gentlemen.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- December 10, Sunday.—Second Sunday in Advent. St. Francis Xavier, Confessor.
- „ 11, Monday.—St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor.
- „ 12, Tuesday.—St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.
- „ 13, Wednesday.—St. Lucia, Virgin and Martyr.
- „ 14, Thursday.—The Holy House of Loreto.
- „ 15, Friday.—Octave of the Immaculate Conception.
- „ 16, Saturday.—St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Francis Xavier, Confessor.

St. Francis Xavier is the patron saint of Australasia. He was the Apostle of India and Japan, was born of a noble family of Navarre in 1506. He was one of the first associates of St. Ignatius when founding his Order. At the instance of King John III., of Portugal, Pope Paul III. appointed him apostolic missionary and nuncio for India. Francis landed in Goa, the capital of the Portuguese Indies. After working some time in that city where his preaching wrought a great change, he visited the tribe of the Parawians on the fishery coast. His preaching, supported by miracles, produced wonderful effects. He founded 45 churches along the coast. After a year's residence among the Parawians, Francis passed into other neighboring countries. In all of them he effected prodigious numbers of conversions. In the year 1518 he had converted more than 200,000 pagans of India. Xavier's next mission was Japan. He landed at Kangoxima, in 1549. His preaching again was attended with marvellous results. He converted several princes to Christianity and left the Church of Japan established on a firm footing. In 1552 St. Francis set out for China. But his apostolic course was run; he expired on the island of Sancian in 1552, in the 46th year of his age. He was canonised by Urban VIII. in 1623, with the glorious title of 'Apostle of India and Japan.'

St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor.

St. Damasus was Pope from 366 to 384. He appears as the principal defender of Catholic orthodoxy against Arius and other heretics. He condemned the Macedonian and Apollinarian heresies, and confirmed the decrees of the General Council of Constantinople. He was very solicitous for the preservation of the Catacombs and adorned the sepulchres of many martyrs with epitaphs in verse, which he himself composed. For his secretary he chose St. Jerome, his faithful friend, and induced him to publish a corrected version of the Bible, known as the Latin Vulgate.

St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.

St. Melchiades, who was Pope from 311 to 314, was born in Africa. He presided over the Council of Rome (313) and condemned the Donatists.

St. Lucia, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Lucia, virgin and martyr, was born at Syracuse, Sicily. She was of a noble and Christian family. She made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Agatha at Catania, obtained the healing of her mother Eutychia, consecrating her virginity to the Lord, and, being accused of being a Christian, she was beheaded in 303.

St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Eusebius, who was born in 315 and died in 370, was a native of Sardinia. Whilst Bishop of Vercelli, he zealously combated the heresy of Arius.

The late Mrs. Mary A. Evans, of Bendigo (Vic.), widow, who died on October 10, possessed of an estate valued at £1438, left by will dated June 7, 1904, her property to her children and relatives, subject to the following bequests:—£300 to the Catholic Bishop of Sandhurst for a memorial window, £100 to the Rev. Father Rooney, and £25 to the Redemptorist Fathers at Ballarat, £50 to the Colac Convent, £35 to the Convent of Mercy (Ballarat), and £10 each to St. Vincent's de Paul Society (Bendigo), Ballarat Gold District Hospital, Little Sisters of the Poor, (Northcote), and the Abbotsford Convent.

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