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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

### 'An Unholy Alliance'

The Rev. R. S. Gray, of Christchurch, is one of the local standard-bearers of the Prohibition movement. His views on no-license are his own affair. Some of his recent remarks on the local option poll are our affair. In an interview with the representative of a Christchurch daily paper on last Thursday, the good man spoke, at least in part, under the stress of feelings that had been beaten black-and-blue. 'Mr. Gray,' says the interviewer, 'also dwelt upon what he called an unholy alliance between the Liquor Party and the Roman Catholics in the North Ward and elsewhere, a combination of which the righteous sentiment of this Colony would, he believed, without doubt express its strong disapproval.'

In discussion, as well as in cookery, you must first catch your hare. Mr Gray ought to have been sure that he had his facts in hand before he placed the alleged 'unholy alliance' upon the griddle. And he is not to be excused for this grave omission by any plea that his feathers were ruffled as a result of the Local Option poll in Christchurch. As matters stand, he has cruelly maltreated simple truth. The story of the new dual alliance is a piece of fiction—'all carved from the carver's brain'—The manner of its telling, too, indicates sufficiently a slipshod method of thinking, an intemperateness of utterance, and an eagerness in attack upon Catholics for which many of the lay and clerical leaders of the Prohibition party have won an evil notoriety. In the present connection, for instance, an 'alliance' necessarily implies a positive bond, compact, agreement, treaty, or league entered into by 'the Roman Catholics in the North Ward and elsewhere' on the one side and 'the Liquor Party' on the other side. The public are entitled to demand of the Rev. Mr. Gray the essential details of such bond, compact, or agreement—when, where, and by whom was it drawn up? But these are precisely the particulars that the reverend enthusiast cannot furnish, for the simple reason that his whole story has just the same amount of objective truth as the tale of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. Yet he assumes, without so much as a scrap of evidence, the existence of this mythical compact. But he carries the mouldy old fallacy of undue assumption even further than this; for he applies to this imaginary alliance the question-begging epithet, 'unholy'—which, as the

context clearly enough shows, is intended to convey the impression that it was an impious and sinful violation of the moral law. But wherein does this appear? The Rev. Mr. Gray must first catch his hare—that is, he must establish the fact of the alliance before he proceeds to give it, like a dog, a bad time. Let him begin by setting the alliance on its legs and establish beyond reasonable doubt its standing and character as an actuality. A non-existent contract cannot be a crime against the laws of either God or man. When he has fully proven the alleged compact to be a fact and not—as it is—a fiction of his own imagination, and furnished us with the details of its provisions, then, and not till then, will a discussion as to its morality be in order. And, on his own principles as a Protestant, our verdict upon this matter at its worst, will be at least as good as his at its best. And on the whole question, both of fact and of inference—and, generally, on all matters affecting Catholics—his judgment is subject to serious discounts by reason of the prominent part which, we understand, he took in the Stoke affair. A man does not cast his religious or political skin in four-and-twenty hours.

The fact of the matter is this: The sundry disappointments at the Local Option polls that have made the Rev. Mr. Gray get afire all over have been due to a variety of causes that are sufficiently obvious to thoughtful observers. Some of these were contributed by the Legislature, some by 'the trade'—to wit, its better general conduct of business during the past three years, some by the impression which this improvement created in the minds of the large class of voters that are labelled, in reference to the licensing question, Moderates, and some, again, were furnished by the electioneering methods pursued by the Prohibitionists themselves, and particularly by the manner in which many of the clergy in the movement used their pulpits as political 'stumps.' He is a mole-eyed observer and a bankrupt philosopher who must needs fall back upon the phantom of a Catholic-cum-publican 'alliance' to explain the recent Local Option vote. There was no 'alliance' either with 'the trade' or with any political party during the recent electioneering campaign. Catholics voted on the licensing issue, as they voted on the political issue, without dictation from any source, and as their fancy, or personal preference suggested. They were not influenced in their choice, as so many of the Rev. Mr. Gray's co-religionists were, by whoops and entreaties and emotional appeals from political pulpits.

ers. In our issue of November 23—a fortnight before the general elections—we took pains to emphasise in our leading columns the spirit of freedom with which Catholics, at least, should approach the electoral urns. And we quoted the following words of Dr. Barry, spoken in England, as being a true statement of principle and policy for the guidance of his co-religionists in New Zealand: 'What are Catholics to do,' he asks, 'at the general election? "All vote one way and keep in the Tories," says a Conservative. "All vote the other way and turn them out," replies the Liberal. But we know before a vote is cast that neither Whig nor Tory will get his desire. Catholics are agreed in religion, but in nothing else. There is no power on earth to which they would hearken that can counsel them to be of one mind in politics. We must each of us decide for ourselves.' These are words that the Rev. Mr Gray would do well to mark, learn, and inwardly digest when next he goes electioneering.

### The French Tyranny

A brief cable message in last week's daily papers announced that the French Senate had adopted the Bill for the separation of Church and State, as passed by the Chamber of Deputies. This fresh legislation comes into force with the dawn of the New Year. Nominally, a separation takes place between Church and State in France, and the Church is supposed to go on her separate way rejoicing. But this is a mere legal fiction. As a matter of fact, the Church sets out upon her new career plundered of her property, stripped to the bone, hampered in her organisation, loaded with fresh manacles, subject more than ever to the caprice and tyranny of the secular power, and shorn of the services of thousands of religious who have been driven out at the point of the bayonet and compelled to seek homes or graves in foreign lands.

Marina, the desolate wife in Byron's 'Two Foscari,' says—

'The country is the traitress, which thrusts forth  
Her best and bravest from her Tyranny  
Is far the worst of treasons. Dost thou deem  
None rebels except subjects? The prince who  
Neglects or violates his trust is more  
A brigand than the robber-chief'

But there are tyrants a-many besides those—rare nowadays among Caucasian peoples—that wear the regal or imperial diadem. And the so-called Separation Bill represents, in all its circumstances, one of the worst forms of religious tyranny and treason to a sacred trust that have been perpetrated in our generation. Many of its Freemason and Radical supporters frankly acknowledged that it was merely a means towards an end. And the end they had, and have, in view is the destruction, not alone of Catholicism, but of religion and religious ideals in lodge-tidden France. So much is acknowledged by a well-informed Protestant writer in a recent issue of the London 'Church Times' (Anglican). The Jacobin State in France (says he) 'has shown that it regards not "le clericalisme," but "la chretiente" as "l'ennemi." The most politically humble and self-effacing Christian Church, if it maintained unearthly and supernatural claims upon the human conscience, would be intolerable to the Combesist, who cries "écrasez l'infame." When Victor Hugo was buried in the ancient church of St Genevieve, every vestige of Christianity was removed from the building, without and within. That is the spirit which has torn the crucifix from the walls of the law courts, and forbidden the half-masting of ships' flags on Good Friday, which prohibits the President of the Republic from attending public worship, or any official of the State from wearing uniform in church. Indeed, there are few departments in which even small officials can attend Mass without a black mark being affixed to their names.'

### Threatening Rebellion

John Mitchel once said that it is easier to come to a meeting with rotten eggs than with sound arguments. That is just the impression left upon our mind after a perusal of the report of the recent Orange 'national' demonstration held in Melbourne to protest against the petitions of the Commonwealth Parliament to King Edward VII. on behalf of Home Rule for Ireland. What we may call the addled egg fallacy was oppressively obtrusive during the whole proceedings. But the demonstrators were, by long previous custom, inured to the atmosphere. The demonstration (says the 'Tribune') was shorn of its best intended glory 'by the failure of G. H. Reid to heave his corpulent waistcoat in view of the audience. The heavy politician,' adds our Melbourne contemporary, 'was busy earning fees in Sydney Supreme Court, and he let the Empire rip for the time being. . . There wasn't a representative Australian on the platform, which fact is as significant as Wilks' admission that the audience was Orange, or of Orange sympathies.'

'Quel che nasce di gallina,' says an old Italian proverb, 'conviene che razzoli'—he that comes of a hen will naturally scrape. And long experience has taught us what sort of oratorical Catherine-wheels and gutter-bullies we may expect to come as a matter of course of an Orange platform. Nobody was therefore surprised at the exhibition of verbal pyrotechny and glowing religious hate that marked the recent demonstration in Melbourne. It came, too, as a matter of course that those vociferous 'loyalists,' who are ever slaying 'rebels' with their mouths, should receive with marked favor a proposal to resist 'at the point of the bayonet' a broad-minded scheme of legislation that was carried in the House of Commons on the first of September, 1893, by the substantial majority of thirty-four votes. Similar threats were issued in 1886 and 1893 to 'line the ditches' north of the Boyne with bayonets, if the King, Lords, and Commons of the United Kingdom dared to exercise their right and prerogative of granting to the Cinderella nation of the West an instalment of the self-government which is enjoyed by every State of the Australasian group.

Colonel Saunderson (an Ulster Orange Member of Parliament) was one of the militant brethren who threatened to 'put fifty thousand men under arms' the moment Home Rule became really imminent. The menace was, of course, a brutum fulmen—a thunderbolt of goose-down. T. D. Sullivan rallied in the following merry measure the voluble and demonstrative Colonel, his echo and familiar spirit, Colonel Waring, and Mr. William Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, the three parliamentary arc-lights of the lodge in 1893:—

"When Gladstone gets his Home Rule Bill,"  
Says Saunderson to Waring,  
"Then you, and I, and Ballykill,  
Will show our martial daring.  
Without delay, the very day  
That down such gage he pitches,  
We'll fill our flasks from jars and casks,  
And march to 'line the ditches.'  
With skill and might and valor bright  
We'll set the world a-staring"—  
"We surely will," says Ballykill;  
"Of course we will," says Waring.

"If in the fields the rebel rout  
Will not confront our Lodges,  
In street and lane we'll find them out,  
Despite their craven dodges;  
We'll pot the rascals at their doors,  
We'll club their babes and spouses,  
We'll sack their shops and wreck their stores,  
And loot their public houses.  
And then 'twill be a joy to see  
Our boys the plunder sharing;  
The victors' toil deserves the spoil"—  
"Of course it does," says Waring.

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 We'll weep with every volley—  
 But theirs the blame, the sin, the shame,  
 The treason and the folly.  
 In smiting wrong we must be strong,  
 Unpitying, and unsparing"—  
 "'Tis heaven's will," says Ballykill,  
 "The will of heaven," says Waring."

But there was really nothing more dangerous than stage thunder at the back of all this prancing and cavorting of the old war-horses of the lodge. 'Bally-kill' was in private life an estimable man, and personally popular with the Irish Nationalist Members of Parliament. Colonel Waring is hardly the stuff that dangerous rebels are made of. Colonel Saunderson—although he has a blustering air and a tongue as rough as a wood-rasp—was far from being the most violent and obstreperous of his Ulster confreres in 1886 and 1893. His speeches were even at times adorned with flashes of wit—like rubies glinting on a rough-sawn deal board. 'If we reside on our properties,' said he once of the Irish landlords, 'we are liable to be shot, and if we go out of range we are called absentees.' On another occasion (recorded in T. D. Sullivan's 'Recollections') he said: 'England is very fond of drying the tears of Ireland, but she always makes Ireland pay for the pocket-handkerchief.' Whether it is in the mixture of blood or not, we cannot say; but, as a class, Punch-and-Judy rebels of the 'yellow' sort seem to share only to a very small extent the typical Irishman's headlong love of 'a rale purty bit of a fight' where the blades fall and the bullets fly. The records of their history tend to show that they prefer to do their killing at long range, or with long odds in their favor—and best of all with the tongue or with the weapon that Samson used with such effect upon the brain-cases of the Philistines. In 1854, and again in 1857 and 1882, the Irish Nationalist newspapers taunted them with their frequent threats of armed rebellion, and invited them to prove their mettle and their 'loyalty' by sending, not their traditional hundred thousand 'ditch-liners,' but a mere regiment, or even a paltry battalion to fight for the Crown in the Crimea, or in India, or in Egypt. But the 'Fighting Bobs' of the lodge never sent so much as an awkward squad, or even a corporal's secretary. Stage thunder impresses the unaccustomed yokel. In the same way this recurrent vociferation about bayonet-points and 'ditch-lining' may fluster those who know nothing about the Irish phase of the agitations for Emancipation, Reform, Repeal, and Disestablishment. And well they know that all these 'hakas' or war-dances are 'mere sound and fury, signifying nothing.' There is a good deal of the spirit of the Vicar of Bray about the brethren's agitation against Home Rule. They and their co-religionists of the ascendancy party hold a practical monopoly of State pickings—of the political manna and quails. And they mean to stick to it as long as they can.

## THE GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election, which took place on Wednesday of last week, did not excite that keen interest which was very noticeable on previous occasions, owing to the fact that neither of the two principal political parties had any definite policy to place before the country. The Government relied on what they had done in the past to insure a renewal of the electors' confidence, whilst the main planks of the programme of the Opposition were vague generalities regarding the alleged extravagance and maladministration of the party in power. That the bulk of the legislation, placed on the Statute Book by the Government during their tenure of office, had the approval of the majority of electors was amply demonstrated by the disinclination of the leaders of the Opposition to suggest

that any of it would be repealed were they to come into power. There were no burning questions before the electors, and consequently the contests were carried out in the most orderly and decorous manner.

A stranger visiting Dunedin on Wednesday would not know that a general election was taking place were he not informed of the fact, so quiet were the streets until the time for the declaration of the polls had arrived. Owing to the legislation of last session dealing with the conduct of elections, the entrance to the booths was free from zealous partisans, who, in former times, pestered voters with directions how to vote, and in raucous voice proclaimed the virtues and qualifications of their candidate and the shortcomings of 'the other fellow.' What was true of Dunedin was also the case in other electorates. As in the case of all such contests, there were many prognostications beforehand as to the result, and on one point all the prophets were agreed, and that was the Ministerial party would be returned with a working majority, but the most sanguine Liberal was not prepared for the overwhelming disaster that overtook the Opposition forces. The Government did not lose a single seat in the whole Colony, while many of the strongest and best known of their opponents, such as Sir William Russell, Messrs. Duthie, Buchanan, and Herdman, failed to secure re-election. This was a surprise to many, but the greatest of all was the relegation to private life of Mr. Taylor, the leader of the New Liberals. Mr. Taylor's defeat was decisive and emphatic, and was certainly plain evidence that his tactics during the past session did not meet with the approval of many who were his friends at the previous election. The 'mana' of the late Mr. George Fisher helped to get his son in for one of the Wellington seats, so that impetuous young man, the only representative of the New Liberals, who now occupies a somewhat similar position to the sole survivor of the Nancy Brig, will have an opportunity within the next three years of making reparation for his blunders during his brief Parliamentary career. Universal regret was expressed at the defeat of Sir William Russell, who, of all men, could be least spared from Parliament. He was always courteous, fair-minded, and tolerant—a gentleman in the highest sense of the word, and a general favorite.

Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the overwhelming disaster which befell the Opposition, but the most probable is that the people are quite satisfied with the present Administration, and do not see any necessity for change when the Colony is fairly prosperous. Whatever the cause, the fact remains that out of a House of 76 European members the Government have a party of 56, the Opposition 15, with 5 nondescript Liberals, who may be relied on to vote with the majority, as is the manner of rail-sitters generally. Had Mr. Seddon been less experienced and more ambitious, and had he the inclination to be the dictator which his opponents contend he is, such a continuous lease of power as he has had, and such an emphatic evidence of public confidence as he has just experienced might have turned his head and induced him to believe that he could do no wrong, but he is too shrewd an observer of the political barometer not to know that the multitude are fickle, and the hero of to-day may be the victim of the people's wrath on the morrow. Therefore, notwithstanding his great majority and the weakness of the Opposition, it is not likely that he will attempt any alarmist legislation in the future.

The professions and callings of the newly elected members are as follow: Farmers, or persons connected directly or indirectly with agricultural or pastoral pursuits, 22; lawyers, 10; newspaper proprietors, 5; merchants, 5; journalists, 4; storekeepers, 2; general mechanics, 2; mechanical engineers, 2; contractors, 2; bootmakers, 2, and one each of the following—timber merchant, sawmiller, hotel proprietor, native interpreter, insurance canvasser, company promoter, landbroker, clerk, dyer, compositor, mercer, stationer's assistant, carpenter, surveyor, mariner, mining engineer, school teacher, tinsmith, company director, butcher.

As far as we have been able to learn from the imperfect biographical sketches published, about 33 of the members were born in New Zealand, or arrived in the Colony at a very early age, 15 in England, 12 in Scotland, 6 in Ireland, 2 in India, 2 in Victoria, 2 in Tasmania, and one in each of the following countries—Germany, South Australia, Samoa, Wales.

Sixty-three members of the last Parliament secured re-election, whilst of the 13 new members 11 enter Parliament for the first time. The electors of the North Island were evidently more desirous of change in their representatives than those of the South, as they returned 9 new members against 4 by the latter.

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There was not a single representative of the Opposition elected in four provincial districts—Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Nelson and Marlborough, and West Coast; six are from Auckland, 3 from Canterbury, 3 from Otago, 2 from Wellington, and 1 from Southland. The Government have a majority of 18 over all parties in the North Island, and the same in the South Island. A peculiar feature of the election is that the Government have the same number of followers in the North and South Islands—28 in each, whilst the Oppositionists and Independent Liberals together number 10 in each case.

**'THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD'**

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., Christchurch, has received the following letter from his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington:—

Wellington, December 2, 1905.

'My dear Father Le Menant des Chesnais,—

'I have read with the greatest pleasure and interest your new and timely work entitled 'The Church and the World.' I tender to you my sincerest congratulations. It is an excellent work—one which, by the light and grace of God, will be most useful to those of the Old Faith, and a beacon of truth to lead outsiders into the true fold. It is a rich mine of information on the most absorbing questions of the day, being the result of very extensive and accurate reading in many branches of secular and religious knowledge. I should like to see it in every Catholic family throughout New Zealand and Australia, to strengthen its readers in all good, and enable them to give a reason for their faith while enlightening their friends of other creeds in their sincere search after the truth, by the removal of their errors and prepossessions regarding Catholic belief and practice.

"Wishing you many years of health and strength to continue your zealous labors for the glory of God and the benefit of your fellow men,

'I remain, Very Rev. dear Father,

'Yours faithfully,

✠ FRANCIS REDWOOD, S.M.,  
Archbishop of Wellington.'

His Grace the Most Dr. Kelly, Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney, writes as follows to the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais:—

'St. Benedict's, Sydney, Nov. 27, 1905.

'Very Rev. dear Father,—

'In expressing my appreciation of your goodness in presenting me a copy of 'The Church and the World' I feel at a loss for suitable terms of praise. The present and future generations of intelligent and unprejudiced fellow-countrymen will find in this your work excellent instruction and convincing proof upon the mind and action of the Church as 'the light of the world' and 'the salt of the earth.' Her character also as the organ of the Holy Spirit and the mystic bride of the Incarnate God must needs be recognised in your pages by all who do not resist the truth. The selection of chapters is admirably adjusted to the requirements of all our brethren. I hope the circulation will grow year by year.

'Very gratefully your servant in Christ,

✠ M. KELLY,

'Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney.'

The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais has also been the recipient of letters from other members of the Hierarchy, congratulating him on the publication of his book.

We understand the sale of the first edition has been so satisfactory that a second will shortly be put in hands.

The system of education at the Sacred Heart Convent, conducted by the religious of the Sacred Heart at Island Bay, Wellington, embraces a regular and graduated course of studies, including a thorough knowledge of Christian doctrine, all the branches of an English education, French language and literature, elements of Latin, music, needlework, etc. The new convent will be opened for reception of pupils in February next...

**BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.**

**THE NEW SOUTH WALES PLAN DISSECTED.**

Some of the Bible-in-schools advocates in New Zealand favor what is known here as 'the New South Wales plan.' It is simply the method which was adopted in Ireland—and long ago discarded—for weaning the youth of the Green Isle 'from the abuses of Popery.' We have had our say upon the subject many a time; but so much fiction has been spun around the system by its New Zealand advocates, that the following article by Mr. J. P. Kelauger, a public school teacher, in a recent issue of the 'Timaru Herald,' cannot fail to be of interest to our readers. Mr. Kelauger writes:—

The manifesto of the Bible-in-schools League says, *inter alia*, 'New Zealand stands almost alone in excluding the Scriptures from its schools. The Bible is read daily in all Schools in England, Scotland, New South Wales, Western Australia, and Tasmania, and in considerable portions of the United States and Canada, and in most of them distinct religious teaching is given.'

The following facts and figures will prove what value such a statement as the above has: In many parts of United States, Massachusetts, for instance, the results of religious instruction in schools have been such that Catholic school teachers are practically barred from all appointments. 'The Bible is read daily in all schools in England,' says the manifesto. What of the 1062 Roman Catholic elementary schools (open in 1903 in England)? I challenge the authors of the manifesto to verify their statement.

Another statement from the manifesto: 'We repeat, therefore, there is not an elementary school in England in which the Bible is not read.'

On August 31, 1903, there were in England 1062 Roman Catholic elementary schools with 405,535 pupils. Since when have the Catholics started Bible reading in schools? The statement in the manifesto is evidently, a gross misrepresentation of facts.

(The writer is under a misapprehension in assuming that the Bible is not read or taught in the Catholic schools.—Ed. N.Z.T.)

Mr. John Morley, M.P., may surely be taken as an expert authority on English educational matters. These are his words: 'My own view has been, ever since I began to think about public things, that you will never come to a wise settlement until you have removed altogether the hand of the State from religious instruction. Religious instruction is a thing for the parents. It is not a thing for the State; and I for my own part can never be cordial towards any policy, any changes in policy, which do not recognise the principle that the State is concerned with secular things and has no concern with the religious things.'

The manifesto says: 'There is not the slightest sign of public dissatisfaction with this system (i.e., Bible reading in English schools). Does not the above tell a very different tale? Now we come to Australian colonies. I have prepared a few figures, and for all my figures I am prepared to give the best of authority (English and Australian).

Bible reading in schools is carried on in New South Wales, Western Australia, and Tasmania. Now study these figures (percentages are approximately correct)

1903.	No of State Schools.	No. of Pupils on Roll.
N.S. Wales	2793	243,516
Queensland	1006	97,306
S. Australia	715	61,977
Tasmania	336	24,595
Victoria	1922	213,622
W. Australia	262	24,267

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1903.**

	Schools.	Pupils on Roll
New South Wales	841	60,116
Queensland	181	15,721
South Australia	205	10,269
Tasmania	177	8,842
Victoria	787	45,077
Western Australia	92	6,757

These schools are practically all Catholic schools. In Sydney the Church of England has 23 day schools, with a total of 2834 pupils. (A) Percentage of Roman Catholics in State; (B) percentage of school children in State attending private schools.

	A.	B.
	Per cent.	Per cent.
New South Wales	25	20
Queensland	24	14
S. Australia	14	14
Tasmania	17½	26
Victoria	21½	17½
West Australia	21½	22

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It will be seen that the effect of Bible reading in schools is to increase the number of private schools (and for private schools, can be read Roman Catholic schools). In the three States where there is Bible reading in schools, the percentages of pupils in private schools are 20, 22, and 26, while in the other States the percentages are 14, 14, and 17½. This clearly shows that Catholics make greater efforts in Bible reading States to keep their children out of the State schools than they do in the other States. It is easy for the New Zealand Bible-in-schools Party to say that the system works well in those three Australian States. My figures go to show that by far the greater part of the Catholic children of those States do not attend the State schools, but are taught in their own Catholic schools.

I quote the manifesto again: 'If a child hears a portion of the Bible read every day; if the hard words are explained to him; and if the teacher does his duty by seeing that he remembers what was read on the previous day he is at any rate receiving elementary instruction, which will greatly facilitate the task of the Sunday school teacher and the clergyman.'

I wonder how many of the authors of the manifesto have had experience in primary school teaching. There are plenty of subjects in the school syllabus now without adding the above burden to the lot of the public school teacher. To do what is required (according to the manifesto), reading, explanation of hard words, and memorising, would take a teacher in an ordinary school nearly an hour a day. School teachers will be grateful to the party for their thoughtfulness in suggesting a little more work.

Another quotation: 'But it is not true that the clergy have neglected their duty in this respect; we could mention many places where they do teach in the schools, so far as it is possible for them.' It would be most interesting and instructive if the authors of the manifesto would quote figures showing how many Protestant clergyman have been giving religious instruction outside of school hours to children in the public schools of this Colony. Figures would prove their statement. Here are two extracts from the Australian Official Year Book, 1905: 'In South Australia, if the parents desire it, the minister may require the teachers to read to their children a portion of Scripture for a quarter of an hour each morning before the ordinary school work begins, but the reading must be 'without note or comment'. The regulations are silent as to the selection of the passages to be read and as to any conscience clause in favor of the teacher, but this is of little consequence as, virtually, no Scripture reading has been asked

'In Victoria and Queensland no teacher is allowed to give any other than secular instruction in any State school building. This clause was inserted in the Victorian Act on the motion of Mr. Wilberforce Stephens, who declared that it was intended as a protection to the teachers and that, as far as the Government was aware, the general feeling was in favor of such a protection.'

I hope the Bible-in-schools Party will read them carefully. They are worth reading and worth thinking about.

In conclusion, I wish to state that, although I am strongly opposed to Bible reading in schools, I am not one of those 'persons who look upon Christianity as an idle or noxious superstition.'

The following extract is from the Australian Year Book, 1905—Education (West Australia)—'The teaching in the Government schools is strictly secular, but the Bible is read, without comment, half an hour before school begins, to children whose parents express no objection to their attending same.' Will the Bible-in-schools League inform me if Bible reading is part of the West Australian schools' work? How can it be when it takes place 'half an hour before school begins?'

Mother Mary Josephine, Superioress of the Convent of Mercy, Mount Barker, celebrated her silver jubilee in the religious life on November 16. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia, was present at the celebrations.

The annual spiritual retreat for ladies, to be preached by the Rev. Father Kelly, S.J., at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, begins on January 17. Ladies desirous of attending should apply without delay to the Rev. Mother.

Messrs. Simon Brothers, the well-known boot and shoe importers and manufacturers, George St., Dunedin, and Main Road, South Dunedin, ask their friends and patrons to remember that their assortment of new season's goods is exceptionally choice, and that a study of their price list will prove that money can be saved by patronising this firm.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 9.

His Grace the Archbishop will administer Confirmation at Wellington South on Sunday.

The Rev. Father O'Dwyer has been placed in the Pahiatua parish to assist the Rev. Father T. McKenna.

The convent now being erected at Island Bay for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart is rapidly approaching completion, and even now presents an imposing appearance. It is the object of much admiration on the part of the many visitors to this part of the district.

For some days past Catholic Maoris from various parts of New Zealand have been arriving at Otaki to take part in a singularly interesting ceremony. When His Grace the Archbishop last year journeyed to Rome, he was the bearer of a quaintly and picturesquely worded address from the Catholic Maoris to the Holy Father, and bore also with him a number of valuable gifts for presentation to his Holiness. The text of the address was as follows:—

'To the most Holy Father Pius the Tenth.—Greeting to you, O Father, dwelling in the house of mourning of our Holy Father Leo the Thirteenth, who has gone to eternal happiness. We, your children, exclaim from this corner of the Globe, "Go, O Leo, to God, to our Holy Mother Mary and to Saint Peter. Go to the exalted one, the powerful one, the holy one, go the bright star of God."

'With these words we conclude our lament for the Holy Father Leo XIII. O Father, may you live for ever; you who have taken the place of the dead. Our hearts are filled with great joy that you have been elected to fill the seat of the holy ones. In you we see exemplified our proverbial saying, "When a chief falls, another immediately rises in his stead."

'O, Father, we, your children, are assembled here at Whangachu on this the 10th of April, 1904, in the year of Jubilee, for the consecration of our Church, which is called the Church of Our Blessed Lady conceived without sin. Many Catholic natives have come to be present at the gathering on this occasion. From Ngaitapa, Ngawairiki, Ngatituwharetoa, Ngatikauhata, Ngatitangi, Ngatikapu, Ngatitkorehe, and Ngaitahu tribes at this gathering on this day many words of welcome and congratulation were expressed for you in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop. You are our father, and you will lead us to the light which will bring us to the Ark of eternal salvation. We, your children, make application to God for you, and hope in our hearts that you will not forget us, your children. We now conclude, may you live for ever, and may God guard and protect you.'

The address and gifts were duly presented by His Grace to the Holy Father, who in return sent a letter and a number of gifts to the Maoris. The letter is as follows:—

'Most Illustrious and Reverend Lord,—His Holiness has received the address sent to him through your Grace from the chiefs of the Maori tribes in New Zealand, expressive of the affectionate and heartfelt sentiments of all their Catholic people. Accordingly, I ask you by direction of the august Pontiff to convey to the knowledge of those good tribes and their chiefs that His Holiness has received with the greatest pleasure their homage paid both to himself and to his predecessor, Leo XIII., of holy memory. The perpetuation of the devotedness which the Maori people of New Zealand profess for the Vicar of Christ is ample proof that they preserve preciously the spirit of faith in regard to the Roman See, and that their life is always actuated by the precepts of Jesus Christ, whoever happens to be the person who continues His preaching to them from the heights of the Vatican. Wherefore, the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius X., embraces with paternal affection all his Catholic children in New Zealand, and while he thanks them for the discharge of their duty, he reciprocates with each of them greetings expressed in their address. And, moreover, as a pledge of his particular benevolence, His Holiness imparts his Apostolic blessing to the chiefs of the aforesaid tribes, and to all the faithful belonging to them, whilst further adding that His Holiness bestows a like favor in a special manner upon your Grace, who devotes the labors of your apostolate to the said people, I remain, with sentiments of the most sincere esteem, your Grace's sincere servant,

✠ MERRY DEL VAL (Cardinal).'

His Grace accordingly visited Otaki for the purpose of making the presentation. The gathering of Maoris was a thoroughly representative one, and was conducted under the auspices of the Catholic Maori Mission. The proceedings began on Wednesday, which was devoted to welcoming the strangers. On Thursday evening a speech was given by his Grace the Archbishop in the mission house, in which his Grace detailed his experiences while away from the Colony, and gave an account of his interview with the Pope. Friday was set apart for the usual feasting. Before dinner the people came into a wide circle and the head men formally handed to his Grace the great collection of food, for which the Archbishop thanked them.

High Mass was celebrated in the chapel by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. The Rev. Father Tymons, of Palmerston North, was deacon, and the Rev. Father Mailard, of Wanganui, was subdeacon. The choir was composed of Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Clune, Moloney, Lacroix, and others. After the Mass, his Grace, assisted by Very Rev. Fathers Lewis and Binsfeld, administered Confirmation to the European and Maori children. During the service two beautiful illuminated windows were unveiled in the chapel. The presents from the Pope consisted of framed photographs of his Holiness signed with his own hand, pictures of the Blessed Virgin mosaic, gold, and silver crosses, and medals. These were handed to the priests of the mission. A procession was then formed which proceeded to the spot where the first mission house on the West Coast of the island was erected.

Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, whose name has been for so many years prominently associated in this Colony with the cause of the sick and distressed, is about to increase her facilities for doing good. This wonderful lady, not content with the work she has done so far in the city, has decided to have large and commodious building erected on her property at Island Bay. Mr. James O'Dea, the architect, is at present calling tenders for the work. The buildings are to be known as 'Our Lady's Home of Compassion,' and will comprise a school for the education of waifs and a large hospital for the reception of incurables. The buildings will be of brick, and, occupying as they will a most prominent site, should form one of the land-marks of the locality. They have been designed on the most modern lines. The sanitary arrangements have been carefully studied, and fire escapes will be provided where required. On the first floor of the school building a chapel has been provided for the use of occupiers generally. When erected the buildings will present a fine appearance, and form yet another of the many monuments of the untiring zeal of Mother Aubert in a work that so thoroughly deserves that aid which the State neglects for some reason to give.

## DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

Mr. John Barrett returned last week from his tour in America and Ireland.

Prior to last Sunday's ceremonies, his Lordship the Bishop had confirmed during his present pastoral visitation 996 candidates.

The new church at Woolston is expected to be completed and ready for divine worship and temporarily for school purposes about the middle of January. The school is to be taken charge of by the Sisters of the Missions.

Sunday was essentially a day for the children at the Cathedral, and the spectacle presented must have been cheering to our beloved Bishop and his devoted clergy, as well as to the hardworking and painstaking religious who saw in realisation the fruits of many weeks of careful training.

On Friday evening, in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Convent of the Sacred Heart was beautifully illuminated. Rows of lighted candles were displayed in each of the numerous windows. In the open, colored fires lit up the grounds and the Cathedral, the whole scheme of illumination presenting a brilliant spectacle.

There was a religious reception into the Order of Our Lady of Missions at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes St., on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when six young ladies were received. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., presided, there being also present the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, the Rev. Fathers Lezar, Mahony, O'Connell, and Peoples.

The results of the Parliamentary elections both in the city and provincial districts are, under existing circumstances, quite satisfactory. The contests in the three city electorates were strenuous ones, and until the numbers went up opinions as to the probable results were almost as numerous as the candidates.

By kind permission, and under the patronage of his Lordship the Bishop, a grand vocal, instrumental, and dramatic matinee is to be given on next Saturday afternoon in the girls' parish school by the pupils of the Convent High School and girls' day school in aid of works of charity. The matinee is under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council, and the programme is to consist of all the principal items of the pupils' 'breaking up' entertainments.

On last Friday evening week the members of the Christchurch Catholic Club repeated their humorous entertainment, described on the programme as a 'Komical Karacter Koncert,' in the Oddfellows' Hall, Lyttelton, to a good audience. Mr. H. Rossiter was musical director, and the various items, including the comedietta, 'The Blind Beggars,' were excellently rendered. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and was in aid of the fund for erecting a hall at the port for the local conference of the Society's mission to Catholic seamen.

At the half-past nine o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, one hundred and thirty children and others received their First Communion. The young people presented a brave appearance; the girls in charge of the Sisters of the Missions were dressed in white, with wreaths and veils, and the boys in charge of the Marist Brothers' wore white sashes and red rosettes. They were addressed in impressive terms by the Bishop both before and after they approached the Holy Table. After Mass the children were entertained at breakfast in the boys' school-room, and were attended by the ladies of the congregation. His Lordship presided. The Very Rev. Vicar-General and Rev. Father Mahony were also present. Some of the Sisters of the Mission and Marist Brothers were in attendance. At three o'clock in the afternoon in the presence of a large congregation his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to over 200 candidates, including upwards of thirty adult converts. His Lordship also administered the temperance pledge to all of the newly confirmed. Prior to Vespers a procession of the clergy, headed by the Bishop, the children, and congregation, was made around the episcopal grounds. About a thousand persons took part, and the Rosary was recited en route. On re-entering the Cathedral the choir sang 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus.' Addressing the congregation, the Bishop referred to the various principles guiding the social and religious well-being of the people, temperance above all else. The virtue of temperance, he maintained, would distinguish every Catholic and every New Zealander. He maintained, as he always did and hoped always would, that whatever vices the young New Zealander may have acquired, that of intemperance was not one of them. Were this not so the foremost positions they held would not be so. Even in the field of athletics had they not the achievements of the New Zealand footballers in the old countries to point to as a sterling proof of their superiority as a race, owing to their temperate habits. If this were not so the successes they had attained would have been impossible. The Bishops of this Colony were safeguarding the young from a vice that had been imported, and one not natural to our young people, by administering the pledge of total abstinence until at least they attained maturity. After the sermon there was a renewal of baptismal vows and acts of consecration to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, read respectively by Miss Katie O'Connor and Master Thomas Dwyer. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Bishop, attended by the Rev. Fathers Mahony and Peoples, the Very Rev. Vicar-General and Rev. Father O'Connell assisting in the sanctuary. Mrs. A. C. Nottingham was sponsor for the girls and Mr. E. O'Connor for the boys for Confirmation.

At the statutory meeting of the Thames Hospital Trustees representing the local bodies, held for the purpose of electing another trustee in accordance with the Act, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. A. Burns) presided. Mr. Burns represented the Borough Council, while the representatives of the Ohinemuri County Council and Thames County Council were Messrs. George Crosby and R. W. Bagnall respectively. It was decided that the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly be elected to the position.

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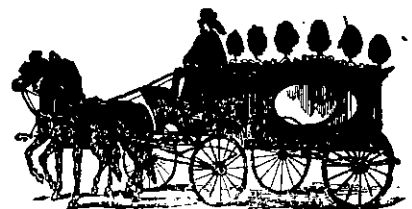
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## Irish News

### ANTRIM—A Prophecy

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., speaking at Belfast towards the end of October, said the landlords' special friends could be out of office in a few months. The new Government would be in their place, and he ventured to warn all concerned that a bonus was not compulsory. A cable message received last week informed us that the Balfour Government had at last resigned, and that the Liberal Party had been asked to form a Ministry.

### Death of a Well-known Cyclist

Mr. Henry J. Shimmins, the well known cyclist, was killed in a collision with an unknown cyclist in Belfast the other day.

### CLARE—A Distinguished Scholar

Professor John P. Molohan, whose appointment to the Chair of Latin in the Queen's College, Cork, was recently announced, is the eldest son of Mr. P. Molohan, of Ballyvaskin, Miltown Malbay, County Clare. He was educated at the Diocesan College at Ennis, whence he proceeded to the Queen's College, Galway. After a distinguished course he entered Trinity College, Dublin, in 1876, where he practically took all the honors possible for an undergraduate in classics and English. He joined the staff of the old Diocesan College, the Crescent, Limerick, early in 1880, and met with much success in furthering the interests of the Senior Grade Intermediate students, who were new to the system at the time. He was afterwards engaged at Mungret College, which he left to found an Intermediate and Civil Service Academy in the city of Limerick. For some three years he continued these classes, and passed many pupils into the professions. In 1881 he was appointed Professor of Classics in St. Edmund's College, Ware, the great Catholic school of the diocese of Westminster, and later was transferred to Downside College, Bath. He is an M.A. and gold medallist of Dublin University.

### CORK—Increasing Licenses

Writing to the press with reference to the Temperance Crusade, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, complains of the action of magistrates in increasing the number of licenses in districts which are already provided with too many.

### DUBLIN—Audience with the Pope

On Monday, October 16, the Holy Father granted a private audience to Mr. Patrick Cahill, of Dublin, optician to his Holiness. Mr. Cahill presented a very beautiful table barometer and a very handsome field glass, with which the Holy Father expressed himself as highly pleased. Rev. Father Burns, of London, acted as interpreter, and the Holy Father imparted to both his Apostolic Benediction.

### Acquitted of a Serious Charge

Thomas O'Shea and Thomas Atkinson, who were charged at Dublin with having published a seditious circular calling on Irishmen to refuse to join the army, navy, or police forces, were found not guilty, and acquitted.

### The Treasury Criticised

At the Protestant Synod held in Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. Peacocke criticised severely the conduct of the Treasury in connection with the primary education question. He said Ireland was not as liberally treated from the Imperial funds as it was fairly entitled to. England and Scotland were treated far better. According to the last census returns, Ireland and Scotland had practically the same number of inhabitants. In these circumstances it would seem reasonable that Ireland should receive as large a grant for primary education as Scotland. The education estimates for the present year showed that Ireland received £381,715 less. 'The educational demands of England and Scotland,' said Dr. Peacocke, 'were met with liberality out of the Imperial funds, and why should this portion of the United Kingdom be dealt with on less liberal terms?' The answer to Dr. Peacocke's pertinent question (says a Dublin correspondent) is that Ireland's ill-treatment in educational as in many other matters is largely due to his co-religionists, the great majority of whom condone every injustice inflicted on this country by England, and glory in doing so.

### GALWAY—Three Objects

The Bishop of Clonfert, in a letter to a political meeting at Loughrea, put three objects before the people—the preservation of national unity, the re-population of the empty grazing ranches, and the protest

against the farce of maintaining a Protestant University College in Galway—Protestant from top to bottom—for the alleged benefit of a Province only four per cent. of whose people are Protestant. The three purposes of the Bishop hang together. If national unity is shattered the bullocks will continue to be the monopolisers of the ranches, or the people will get access only at such a price as will effectively prevent them prospering for the next three-quarters of a century. If the bullock continues to be the master of the agricultural situation in Galway, there will not be much material to build a University College out of. Dr. O'Dea is at one with his people on these points, and his people are happily at one with one another. Loughrea has suffered too severely in the struggle for the emancipation of the soil to throw the fruits away at the eleventh hour.

### KERRY—The Kenmare Estate

At a meeting in Killarney between Lord Kenmare and representatives of his tenants, his Lordship stated that he could not treat with the tenants under the terms they proposed.

### Demise of a Well-known Lady

A respected figure in Tralee circles has passed away in the person of Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of Mr. John Fitzgerald, a prominent local citizen. Deceased was the mother-in-law of Mr. M. J. Flavin, member for North Kerry, and Sister of the Rev. Charles M'Carthy.

### A Venerable Resident Passes Away

Perhaps not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant (says the 'Cork Examiner') was there witnessed such an immense cortege as conveyed the remains of the late Mr. Eugene McGillicuddy, Ballinalane, who died at the patriarchal age of 93 years, to their final resting-place in Churchtown, the family burial ground, under the shadow of the historic Reeks. The immediate and surrounding districts within a radius of fourteen miles were fully represented by every class of the community. The town of Killarney was represented by the great majority of the leading merchants, artisans, and laborers, the members of the Rural District and Urban Councils being present with few exceptions. Several telegrams were received regretting inability to attend, amongst them being one from Dr. Hugh Brosnan, who was unavoidably absent in London. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Murphy, Fries, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell. Amongst those who sent wreaths was his old friend The McGillicuddy of the Reeks, who was present himself, although in a delicate state of health.

### LIMERICK—Clerical Changes

The Rev. Father Griffin, Adm. St. John's, Limerick, has been appointed by his Lordship the Bishop of Limerick to be parish priest of Adare, in the room of the late Dean Flanagan, P.P. Very Rev. Father Murphy, President of St. Munchin's College, has been made Administrator of St. John's, and Father O'Leary, who has been for some time in the College, becomes President.

### A Serious Fire

Damage to the extent of £1000 was done to hay and other property belonging to Mr. S. F. Dowling, J.P., Templemugent, near Limerick, in a fire which occurred there towards the end of October.

### LONGFORD—Purchasing their Holdings

The tenants on the O'Brien estate, in the northern part of the county, have purchased their holdings under these conditions: Twenty years' purchase on first-term rents, and twenty-one and a half years' purchase on second-term rents.

### ROSCOMMON—Death of a Merchant

The death of Mr. Martin M'Donnell, which took place on October 20 in Roscommon, is widely regretted. Deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was an extensive merchant, and built up a successful business at Dunmore, Tuam, Miltown, Cloonfad, Ballyhaunis, and Roscommon. Over 1000 tenants in the latter county and the County Galway always found him a considerate landlord. For many years, and up to the time of its sale, he was owner of the Murphy Bell Foundry, Thomas street, Dublin. The late Mr. M'Donnell was a Justice of the Peace for Roscommon, and is survived by two sons, Mr. James M'Donnell, chairman Tuam Town Commissioners, and Mr. Farrell M'Donnell, Dunmore.

### TIPPERARY—Death of a Priest

On October 20, in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, where he had gone to undergo an operation, the Very Rev. L. Hayes, D.D., P.P., Bansha, passed away to his eternal reward at the age of 58. Deceased was ordained in Rome after a brilliant course in the year

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1870. Having taken the degree of Doctor of Divinity, he was appointed Professor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology in Thurles College, where he made his preparatory studies. In 1881 he was appointed President in succession to Canon Scully, and in 1889 he was appointed pastor of Bansha by the Most Rev. Dr. Croke. During the sixteen years that he spent in Bansha he did much for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people. He practically rebuilt the parish church, he built a parochial residence, and out of his own resources built a Town Hall, in which Gaelic concerts and lectures are frequently held. He also did much for the industrial revival, and his loss will be keenly felt by his sorrowing people.

#### WATERFORD—Fatal Accident

A woman named Mrs. Aylward was knocked down by the motor car of Mr. W. G. D. Goff, Glenville, at Ferrybank, Waterford, and received serious injuries, which eventually resulted in her death.

#### WESTMEATH—The Parliamentary Fund

Among the subscribers to the Irish Parliamentary Fund is Sir Walter Nugent, Bart., Donore House, County Westmeath, who has contributed five guineas.

#### WEXFORD—Nuns as Nurses

Nine of the Nursing Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford, have successfully passed their examinations in Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, and in Medical, Surgical, and Fever Nursing, having completed a course of instruction given by an experienced nurse from London, who has had many years' experience in training probationers and nurses in public hospitals.

#### A Memorial

On October 22 at Ramsgrange, in South Wexford, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of a monument to the memory of the late Canon Thomas Doyle, P.P., of that parish, and Chancellor of the diocese of Ferns, took place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Rossiter, M.S.S., Enniscorthy, in the presence of about a thousand people, chiefly the parishioners of Ramsgrange, over whom Canon Doyle ruled for nearly fifty years. Father Rossiter, in the course of an address, said the late Canon's first mission was in New Ross, which he barely reached when famine, fever, and death overspread the land. To the relief of the sufferers he gave all of his mortal possessions but a straw pallet, on which he slept in a mean room. He labored without end, and it was told the preacher only a few days before by an old man in New Ross that one night Father Doyle was called from off his pallet of straw six times. The good priest never complained. As messenger after messenger came he was up and away, his only words being, 'Welcome be the will of God.'

#### GENERAL

##### The Evicted Tenants

A cable message received a few days ago states that Mr. Redmond, in a speech at Dungarvan, said he was confident that one of the first results of the advent of the Liberals would be the restoration of evicted tenants to their holdings.

##### Signs of Progress

The following extract from a letter to Representative Glynn, from a brother who is manager of a bank in the West of Ireland (says the 'Adelaide Southern Cross'), is reassuring as to the improved condition of Ireland:—'They have started an anti-treating league in the diocese, which is showing splendid results in a very short time. The idea is that none of its members accept or give intoxicating drink where it is sold. They may drink alone or give hospitality in their own houses. There was not a drunken man to be seen here during a big three-day fair, which speaks for itself. The new idea of breaking up the grass lands and dividing them into economic holdings is working out splendidly. Men with 10 acres get holdings from 15 to 30 acres, in some cases as many as 60 acres are given to families having help and capital enough to work them. The matter of capital is a big item, as those ten-acre men were practically laborers with only occasional chances of work. In most cases they are only able to stock half and to set the balance, but there is the incentive to save and stock the entire holding, which is a great improvement on the hopeless feeling of former years. Ten years ago land was an asset one didn't consider it safe to lend money on. Now the banks are vying with each other to give advances on newly-purchased farms.'

The Melbourne 'Argus' has just apologised to the Rev. Father Malone, P.P., of Daylesford, for publishing a sectarian letter, attacking his conduct and views.

## People We Hear About

Boston has resolved to erect a splendid memorial of Mayor Patrick A. Collins. The committee formed for the purpose includes leaders of both political parties and representatives of several race-lines and religions. Some served with Mr. Collins on a similar body for the memorial to John Boyle O'Reilly.

Administration was granted the other day in London of the personal estate of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese diplomat, a widower and intestate, reported to have been one of the richest men in China. His estate in the United Kingdom has been valued at fourteen hundred pounds, and administration has been granted to his son.

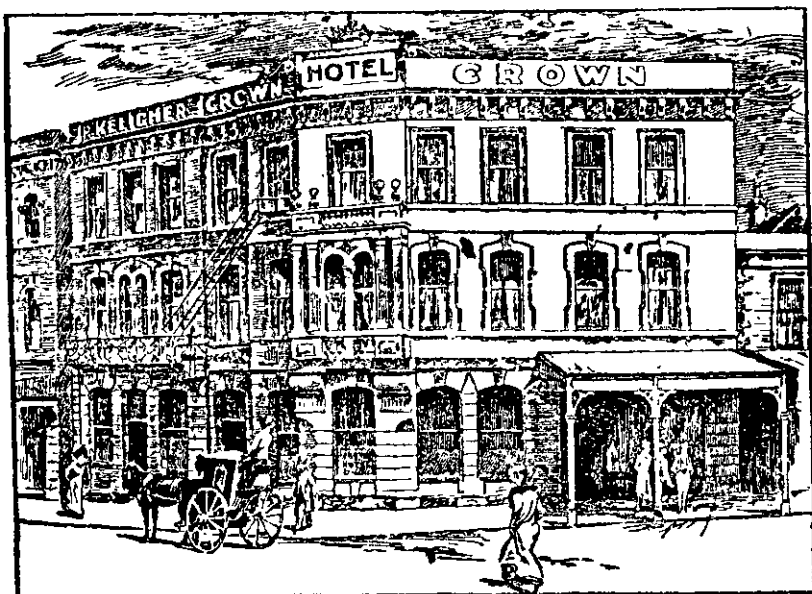
Relative to the elevation of Father Dubig to the Bishopric of Rockhampton, a Brisbane correspondent writes: The name of Dubig, or Duagh, takes us back to the history of St. Colman MacDuagh, the first Bishop of Kilmacduagh, in the barony of Burren, County Clare, who died in October, 623. The name for the most part flourishes in Limerick.

The fact that Lord Londesborough is Hereditary Vice-Admiral of the Yorkshire Coast, may render it of interest to know that other Irish Peers have quaint maritime titles. Thus, the two-year-old Marquis of Donegall is 'Hereditary High Admiral of Lough Neagh'; Lord Talbot of Malahide is 'Hereditary Lord Admiral of Malahide and the Seas Adjoining,' a title conferred on the head of his family—which is one of the most ancient in Ireland—long before the Peerage creation; and the Earl of Gosford, is Vice-Admiral of the Coast of the Province of Ulster.

It is interesting to relate that one play which Sir Henry Irving announced more than a quarter of a century ago, was ready for the stage, and would, at an early date, form a principal item in his programme, has never been produced. On July 26, 1879, Sir Henry Irving, in making a speech before the footlights, at the close of his season at the Lyceum, stated that a play in which the leading incidents in the career of Robert Emmet, the leader of the Irish insurrection of 1803, would be portrayed, had been rehearsed, and would be staged in the following year. The promise was never fulfilled.

Queen Amelie of Portugal, who was born at Twickenham in 1865, is considered one of the prettiest and most fascinating of the sovereign ladies of Europe. Her exceptionally tall and graceful figure is always quietly and simply clad, but her severe tailor-made costumes bear the indefinable stamp of elegance that always characterises the well-dressed Frenchwoman. She has a great antipathy for jewels, and only wears them when obliged to do so on official occasions. Even as a girl the Queen's greatest talent was nursing and medicine, and there is no doubt that had she been born in another rank of life she would have become a lady doctor. After a couple of years' hard study, she succeeded in passing with flying colors the difficult examination which entitles her to practise as a physician within the limits of Portugal. She is the first lady born to the purple to become a full-fledged doctor of medicine.

Two Irishmen (says the 'Freeman's Journal') have been prominently identified with the construction of the new thoroughfares of Aldwych and Kingsway, London, which were opened by King Edward recently. Mr. Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief to the London County Council, is responsible for the plans, and for the last two years the works have been conducted under the supervision of Mr. Pierce F. Purcell, C.E., Engineer to the Works Department of the County Council. Mr. Fitzmaurice comes of an old Kerry family. Mr. Purcell is a son of Captain Purcell, Chief of the Dublin Fire Brigade. He was educated in Castleknock College, and is only 25 years of age. He graduated with distinction in Trinity College, Dublin, of which he is a Senior Moderator and B.A. The following particulars will give some idea of the gigantic nature of the undertaking involved in the construction of these two great thoroughfares—About 28 acres of streets and slums were purchased and demolished, nearly 7000 persons being dispossessed and rehoused in better dwellings. Fifty-one publichouses were abolished at a cost of £180,000, the licences being surrendered. The land and interests purchased cost £5,663,000. The estimated cost of the actual construction of the thoroughfares was £500,000.



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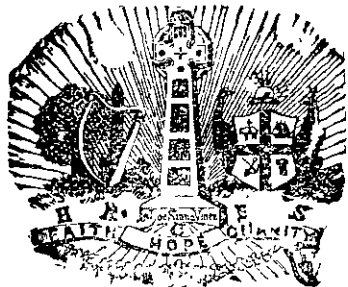
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Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., (Limited), report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. The attendance of buyers was not so large as usual, and as some of the lines on offer were not competed for up to market value, these had to be passed in, and are now for sale privately. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Although values show no quotable change, there are a few inquiries from exporters, and with practically no sales for shipment during the past week, nearly all lines coming forward have gone into local consumption. Sales of oatmeal are on a small scale, and in consequence millers' requirements are much restricted. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d, good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d, medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—Local stocks are small, and are being gradually taken up by local millers, whose present requirements are confined for the most part to prime samples. Medium quality is more saleable, and fowl wheat continues to have fair demand. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d, medium, 3s 3d to 3s 1d, whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d, broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes—Supplies of last season's Derwents are still coming forward in small quantities, but in view of the competition now being experienced, both with late importations and new season's crop, values have suffered a decided decline. We quote: Best Derwents, £10 to £10 10s, others, £9 to £9 15s per ton (sacks m).

Chaff—The market has been more fully supplied this week with prime oaten sheaf. The local demand is still confined almost entirely to this quality, but the supply to hand has gone a long way towards fulfilling immediate requirements, and at the sale competition was not quite so keen. Medium and inferior lines have little attention. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £1 2s 6d to £1 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £1, light and inferior, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw—Oaten is scarce, and has good inquiry at 45s to 50s; wheaten more difficult to quit at 37s 6d to 40s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats—Business passing is small, and prices remain practically the same, viz., prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d, medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat—There is a fair demand for all samples, and prices are as follows: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 1d, whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Chaff—The market is pretty well supplied, and the chief demand is for prime quality. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £1 2s 6d to £1 5s, medium to good, £3 15s to £1; light and inferior, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton.

Potatoes.—The market is pretty well supplied with both old and new season's potatoes, and prices have declined somewhat. Quotations: Best Derwents, £10 to £10 10s; others, £9 to £9 15s.

#### Messrs, Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—The market remains firm at late quotations. millers' purchases are, for the most part, confined to prime samples. Fowl wheat is meeting with a great deal of attention from buyers. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—The bulk of consignments coming forward have been taken over for local consumption. The demand for feed oats is firm. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 1½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Supplies coming forward are heavier than has been the case for some time past, and although values show no marked decline the demand is not quite so brisk. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, from £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—In addition to importations of new season's from Australia and Auckland, the local crop is now coming on to the market and meeting with strong competition. This has had the effect of practically stopping the sale of old potatoes, and values in consequence have fallen considerably. We quote: Derwents, £10 to £10 10s, new crop 2½lb.

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### WOOL.

London, December 7.—At the wool auctions there were brisk sales for all sorts, prices being well maintained.

London, December 10.—The wool sales closed firm. Merinos and fine medium crossbred were well maintained at opening rates; coarse greasy crossbreds were about 5 per cent. below the opening rates. While the trade was cautious, there was greater activity and confidence. A serious drop in the near future is not improbable. The sales totalled 49,500 bales for home consumption, 51,500 for the Continent, 1500 for America, while 1700 were held over. The average price realised for the fleece-portion of the Petane clip was 12½d.

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

Sheepskins—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday to a large attendance of buyers, prices being slightly easier than last week, especially for dead skins. Pelts sold up to 2s 6d and lamb-skins to 2s 8d.

Tallow and Fat—No change to report, all coming forward being readily disposed of at late rates.

### PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, which was unavoidably postponed from the 27th ult., was begun after the 11 o'clock Mass to-day, and will continue until Tuesday morning.

The Rev. Father Alfred Herring, who was ordained last Sunday by his Grace the Archbishop, is at present on a visit to his mother, Mrs F Herring, of Andrew Young street. Father Herring celebrated his first Mass in St Patrick's to-day at 11 o'clock. The choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. P Tombs, sang Farmer's in G for the occasion. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Herring also officiated at Vespers at 7 o'clock, a sermon on the Holy Eucharist being preached by the Rev. Father Bowden. The Rev. Father Quinn was master of ceremonies both morning and evening. The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy will preach on Monday evening.

The pupils of the local convent will give a concert on Friday evening in the Opera House in aid of the local hospital.

I regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. L. Devlin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. McDonald, of Bunnythorpe, which occurred at her residence, Fergusson street, on the 3rd inst. at the early age of 29 years. Great sympathy is felt for her husband, a prominent member of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. The funeral took place on Tuesday last, and was largely attended, the pall-bearers being members of the Hibernian Society, who also sent a beautiful wreath.—R.I.P.

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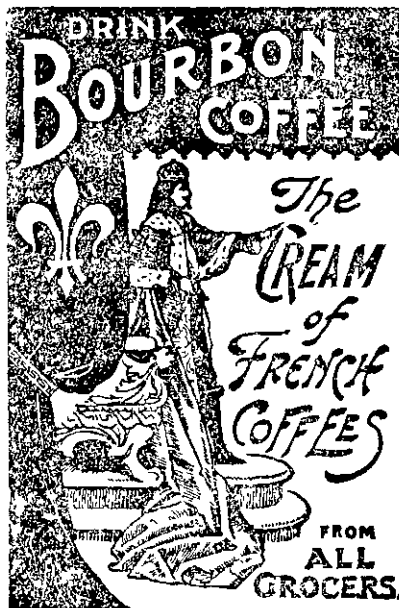
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**Waihi**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 6.

Last Sunday the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced in St. Joseph's Church. At the half-past seven Mass there was a very large number of communicants, including over 40 members of the Hibernian Society, who wore regalia. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of Thames, was present to assist the Very Rev. Father Brodie in the ceremonies of the day. He preached at the eleven o'clock Mass and again at the evening devotions. In the morning Monsignor O'Reilly congratulated the Hibernians on their progress in Waihi, and recommended all to join them. In the evening he preached a sermon on the Blessed Eucharist, the church being crowded.

Last night the St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society changed its place of meeting from the convent schoolroom (where it has been held since its establishment) to the old church. The opening night of the new meeting room was celebrated by a social gathering. Members of the church choir were present by invitation, and there was a large attendance of members and lady friends. A progressive euchre party was held, and various musical and other items were given during the evening.

**Greymouth**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the St. Columba Club rooms last week, when the members and friends assembled at a progressive euchre party. During the evening refreshments provided by the ladies were handed round. Several songs and musical items were rendered. These parties have become extremely popular. The St. Columba Club billiard tournament was concluded last week, and resulted as follows: Mr. Bert Munson 1, R. C. Heffernan 2, and W. M. McCormack 3. The winner secures the trophy presented by Dr. J. McBreaty, jun., and the second and third receive trophies.

The excellence of the education imparted to the children attending the Catholic schools is exemplified by the results of the recent annual examinations held by the Education Board Inspector (Mr H. Smith). In the Greymouth Convent School the total number of pupils on the roll is 139, of whom 132 presented themselves for examination. Of these all passed successfully, the Sisters of Mercy thus obtaining 100 per cent. of passes. In the Marist Brothers' School, out of 129 pupils on the roll, 120 were presented for examination. The percentage of passes is not yet known, but judging from previous results it is expected to be high. In the Brunner school, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy from Greymouth, out of a total roll number of 51, there were present 53 for examination. The Inspector records but one failure, that of a pupil from another school, who had been but a few weeks under the instruction of the Sisters.

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Church.—

6217	6051	1139	512	1412
692	519	887	779	7215
1401	4762	4385	541	2066
992	1789	4436	1791	8878

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McMANUS.—On December 4, at his residence, Clyde,  
Edward McManus, in his 84th year.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1905.

THE NEW BRITISH CABINET



THE new British Cabinet is (as the French  
would phrase it) a Ministry of all the tal-  
ents. Nearly all its members have made  
their mark in the arena of British or of Im-  
perial politics. Several of them take high  
and honorable rank among the statesmen of  
our day—such as, for instance, the Marquis  
of Ripon (Lord Privy Seal), who was, per-  
haps, the best Governor-General that ever ruled over the  
teeming millions of India. Earl Crewe and Lord Elgin  
also attained viceregal rank. Sir R. Reid (Lord High  
Chancellor) was decorated for the conspicuous services  
which he rendered as a member of the Venezuelan Bound-  
ary Arbitration Commission. Others have won laurels  
on the public platform and in the clash of parliamen-  
tary debate. By sheer force of character and organising  
talent Mr. John Burns (President of the Local Govern-  
ment Board) carved his rugged way from the kerbstone  
to the Cabinet. He is England's first working-man  
Minister, and is, in many respects, the most picturesque  
figure in the newly-formed Liberal Government. Mr.  
Bryce (Secretary for Ireland) has long been in the  
world's eye as an authority of the first rank on matters  
educational. And Mr. John Morley (Secretary for  
India), Mr. Birrell (President of the Board of Educa-  
tion), and Mr. Haldane (Secretary for War) have won  
spurs of gold in divers fields of the broad realm of  
literature.

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The "Times," says a cable despatch, 'says that  
the inclusion of Mr. Bryce and the Earl of Aberdeen  
shows that Home Rule will be a vital factor' in the  
policy of the new Ministry. So may it be. This will  
be about the third time in a hundred and ten years  
that a Viceroy has been sent to Ireland with a message  
of peace and hope and good will. The first was Lord  
Fitzwilliam. He went to Ireland in 1795 with the pro-  
mise of the long-delayed Catholic Emancipation. The  
hopes of Catholics were raised (as Lecky says) 'almost

to certainty.' But they were speedily 'dashed to the ground' by Pitt, the steady object of whose later Irish policy (says the same great authority) 'was to corrupt and to degrade, in order that he ultimately might destroy, the Legislature of the country.' 'Mr. Pitt,' says Sir Jonah Barrington; 'having sent Lord Fitzwilliam to Ireland with unlimited powers to satisfy the nation, permitted him to proceed until he had unavoidably committed himself both to the Catholics and the country, when he suddenly recalled him, leaving it in a state of excitement and dismay. The day Lord Fitzwilliam arrived, peace was proclaimed throughout all Ireland; the day he quitted it, she prepared for insurrection. . . Within three months after Lord Fitzwilliam's dismissal, Lord Clare had got the nation into training for military execution.' 'The people,' he adds, 'were goaded and driven to madness' by military brutalities; 'Pitt's object was now effected, and an insurrection was excited.' Lecky also confirms the verdict of this eye-witness, declaring that 'the rebellion of 1798, with all the accumulated miseries it entailed, was the direct and predicted consequence of his (Pitt's) policy.'

Another viceregal ambassador was sent with an olive-branch to Ireland in 1886. In February of that year Mr. Gladstone had returned to power on the fall of the Salisbury Ministry. A new policy of peace was adopted towards the Cinderella Isle. To carry it out, the Earl of Aberdeen was sent to Ireland as Lord Lieutenant. Mr. John Morley (the new Secretary of State for India) accompanied him as Chief Secretary for Ireland. The Earl of Aberdeen was, perhaps, the most popular of the long line of Irish Viceroy's. Much of the kindly feeling with which he was viewed was (says T. D. Sullivan in his recently published 'Recollections') meant to honor his wife, 'who, during her sojourn in Ireland, had interested herself in many good works, and earned the gratitude of thousands of people to whom she had been a benefactress.' Unhappily, their stay in the Green Isle was, like that of Lord Fitzwilliam, all too brief. Mr. Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill was defeated by a majority of thirty in the House of Commons on June 7, 1886. A general election ensued. The Liberals returned to the House in a minority. The Earl of Aberdeen was superseded in the viceroyalty of Ireland, and he left Dublin on August 3, 1886, amidst such an overwhelming demonstration of popular respect and affection as had never before (says Sullivan) been tendered to a representative of the Sovereign in Ireland.

Lord Aberdeen's departure from Ireland was, in fact, a grand Home Rule demonstration. So, too, will be his return. The sentiment of nationality is undying and irrepresible in the Irish breast. Attempts have been made to drive Home Rule beneath the surface, to convince the world that it was confined, to show it under by misrepresentation and ridicule, to 'kill it with kindness' But it will not down. The reasons for it are practically as cogent to-day as when they were summed up by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain in the following true and forceful words in a speech at Holloway on June 17, 1885—in the days before he turned his political coat and 'rattled' from the Liberal party: 'I do not believe that the great majority of Englishmen have the slightest conception of the system under which this free nation attempts to rule the sister country. It is a system which is founded on the bayonets of 30,000 soldiers encamped permanently as in a hostile country. It is a system as completely centralised and bureaucratic as that with which Russia governs Poland, or as that which prevailed in Venice under the Austrian rule. An Irishman at this moment cannot move a step—he cannot lift a finger in any parochial, municipal, or educational work, without being confronted with, interlarded with, controlled by an English official, appointed by a foreign Government, and without a shade or shadow of

representative authority. I say the time has come to reform altogether this absurd and irritating anachronism which is known as Dublin Castle.'

## Notes

### The New Liberals

This journal does not permit itself to be flown in the tail of any political party kite. But the decencies of parliamentary and public life are no mere party affair. They are above and beyond sectional aims and interests, and are matters of national concern. For this reason we join in the general feeling of non-regret or satisfaction with which political organs of nearly every hue have viewed the practical extinction of the knot of vociferous extremists yeilded the New Liberals. The rejection of their ring-leader was one of the few sensational surprises of a general election that was in the main as tame and quiet and unexciting as the shaking of a door-mat. However, the ragged and be-draggled edges of that part of our parliamentary life have been pretty well trimmed. And the country is all the better for the process.

Garrick was busy writing one day when an excessively uproarious procession, led by a band, passed by his window. 'What's all that?' said he. 'A temperance procession,' was the reply. 'What nonsense!' he exclaimed; 'I don't make such a row when I get sober.' Well, the New Liberals need hardly have raised such ructions when they discovered—or affected to discover—that they stood for clean administration. 'Ven you're a married man, Samivel,' said Old Weller to his son, 'you'll understand a good many things as you don't understand now; but vether its worth while going through so much to learn so little—as the charity boy said ven he got to the end of the alphabet—is a matter o' taste. I rayer think it isn't.' Some of the New Liberals are young and inexperienced and impulsive—skittish young colts that got too early into political clover. When they're older, they, like Samivel Weller, will understand a good many things that they don't understand now—especially in regard to the risks of over-credulity and the laws of decency and decorum which should hedge a legislature round about and prevent its conversion into a bear-pit. A lesson has been taught by the free and independent elector of New Zealand, that does infinite credit to his sense of the cool-headedness and dignity which should pervade the deliberations of our parliamentary institutions. The lesson was a severe one. And it is, so far, a hopeful sign that some of those for whom it was most directly intended received it with a good grace.

### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The retreat for the clergy of the diocese opens on Monday, January 22. It will be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Cune, C.S.S.R. The annual synod takes place on Friday, January 26.

The midsummer holidays began on Wednesday in the Provincial Seminary, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel. His Lordship the Bishop was present at the departure of the students to wish them a pleasant vacation.

We regret to record the death of Mr Edward McManus, which occurred at his residence, Clyde, on December 1. The deceased gentleman arrived in Victoria in 1855. In the early sixties he left that colony for New Zealand, being amongst the first of the arrivals at the memorable rush to the Dunstan in 1862. He had been a member of the Dunstan District Hospital Trust ever since the constitution of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards. He was also a liberal supporter of St. Dunstan's Church, Clyde, contributing largely to its building fund. A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in St. Dunstan's Church on December 6, and the remains were interred in the afternoon of the same day in the Clyde Cemetery.—R.I.P.

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**DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated with due solemnity. At the early Masses large numbers approached the Holy Table.

The Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse, Superior of the Maori Mission, has taken up his headquarters at Rotoua.

The members of St. Ibar's branch of the I.A.C.B. Society (Newton) are to approach the Holy Table at St. Benedict's next Sunday morning at 7.30 o'clock.

His Lordship the Bishop left on Wednesday for Ohaupo and surrounding district, where Rev. Father McGrath has been conducting a mission, assisted by the parish priest, Rev. Father Tormey.

Rev. Father Donovan, of Gundagai, diocese of Goulburn, arrived here last Sunday via the south. He thoroughly enjoyed his sojourn in New Zealand, where he came for the benefit of his health, which is much improved.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place at St. Patrick's last Sunday, commencing after last Mass and continuing until Vespers. Solemn Benediction, preceded by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, took place afterwards.

Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., arrives in Auckland to-day to conduct the retreat of the clergy and religious. This evening he commences the retreat to the Little Sisters of the Poor at their Home in Ponsonby.

The annual meeting of the Children of Mary of St. Patrick's parish was held in the convent school, Hobson street, on Monday evening, Rev. Father Cahill (chaplain) presiding. The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Miss Julia Rist, vice-president, Miss L. Thorne, treasurer, Miss N. Donovan; secretary, Miss B. Rist. The foregoing all filled the offices last year, being re-elected. Father Cahill said a better selection could not have been made.

General Election day passed over very quietly, the new Act being responsible for this. Voters were not haggard when nearing the polling booths. While opposing parties fought strenuously, the utmost good feeling prevailed. The Government locally was thought to be weakening in its hold of the people, but, though the Opposition fought well and consistently, matters turned out otherwise. The Stoke Orphanage inquiry was brought up and endangered the seat of one candidate.

**WANGANUI**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 9

The elections have come and gone and Wanganui has returned to Parliament Mr J. T. Hogan, in place of Mr A. D. Willis, who has represented the town for ten years. Mr Hogan conducted his electoral campaign with conspicuous ability and untiring energy, and his return by a majority of over 900 votes must be recorded as a remarkable achievement for a young man of no previous political experience. The successful candidate is only 31 years of age and a Wanganui boy born and bred. He is the eldest son of the late David Hogan, who came to this district in the early days with his regiment, the 57th Foot. Mr Hogan was a pupil at old St. Mary's School under Mr T. Lloyd, B.A. Leaving school at fifteen years of age, he began life in the capacity of a baker's assistant. At the age of nineteen he entered the Railway Workshops at Eastown, and remained there until he announced his intention of contesting the Wanganui seat.

That the annual entertainment given by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School has become a popular fixture needs no saying, as the Opera House last even-

ing, despite the very unfavorable weather, was almost filled, and the programme for 1905 was equal to, if not better than previous ones. The Brothers of the school must be complimented on the success of their efforts in training the boys, whose performances in dumb-bell and wand drill were excellent, and their acting in the drama 'The Cross of St. John's' was splendid. The programme opened with an overture by O'Hara's orchestra, which during the evening played several selections. The pupils gave two choruses, which received hearty applause, as also did their dumb-bell and wand drills, which were gone through with the regularity of clockwork. Recitations were given by Master J. Welsh (who received an encore), little Miss and Master Kiely, and Master H. Burke, while Masters G. Cronin and C. Jensen scored great successes in songs, and M. Grogan gave 'The jovial auctioneer.' The Irish jig, to the accompaniment of bagpipes, was gracefully danced by Masters O. Hobson, A. Conroy, E. Perrett, and W. Roche, and called for an encore, whilst a humorous quartette was prettily rendered by Masters H. Burke, O. Grogan, S. Smithies, and F. Jefferson. Three pretty tableaux were prettily staged. The drama 'The Cross of St. John's' was excellently staged, the dresses of the pupils being most exquisite and attractive, and the boys, of whom there were sixteen, took their parts splendidly. Last on the programme, but certainly not the least, was a farce entitled 'The Doctor's Holiday,' which caused great amusement. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Lloyd.

**SOUTHBRIDGE**

St. Joseph's Church, Southbridge (says the 'Ellesmere Guardian,' December 2) was crowded in all parts on Sunday evening, when his Lordship Bishop Grimes occupied the pulpit. The occasion was the blessing and erecting of the Stations of the Cross. In his address his Lordship said the last time he addressed a gathering in that sacred edifice was when the building had been enlarged, due to the efforts of their devoted pastor (Rev. Father Goggan). He (the speaker) had then congratulated them on the addition to God's House, and now he would further congratulate them on the consummation of the impressive ceremony which was about to take place. His Lordship then briefly reviewed the Way of the Cross, and having done this, explained the ceremony which was about to take place.

The impressive ceremony being completed, his Lordship made an appeal to the congregation regarding funds for paying off the existing debt on the Christchurch Cathedral. £32,000 had already been liquidated, and another £20,000 remained. This seemed a large amount on the face of it, but they should remember that it was a debt of the whole diocese, and if each church contributed its quota, the liability would soon be worked off. His idea was that each parish should hold a concert or bazaar, the proceeds to be devoted towards this deserving object. He would like to see the debt wiped off before he died. The Cathedral would be a lasting monument to Catholicity long after he was dead. A meeting of ladies had been held at Leeston that morning, and about 100 had attended. These had decided to have a bazaar. He trusted that the Southbridge parishioners would also do something in that way. With Leeston and Southbridge holding this bazaar, the other parishes would very likely follow suit and a considerable nucleus would be formed towards paying off the existing debt.

Rev. Father Goggan also made an earnest appeal. At present his Lordship was paying £20 per week as interest. This was like throwing money away. He (the speaker) had never yet made a similar appeal to those Catholics in that district, but that it had been spontaneously responded to, and he could assure his Lordship that this occasion would be no exception to the rule. He reminded the parishioners of the worry this debt was to their Bishop, and of his recent trip to the West Coast, where he underwent severe hardships, on a quest similar to the present one.

His Lordship thanked the Rev. Father Goggan for his appeal, and he had no doubt in his mind that as a result of this, a substantial sum would be forthcoming.

**TIMARU**

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes is expected here tomorrow (Tuesday), in connection with the annual break-up function of the Sacred Heart Convent.

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Some thirteen children received First Communion in St. Andrews Church on Sunday, December 3. Rev. Father Le Floch had been instructing them for some months past, and finished their preparation by a three days' retreat. The church looked its best on Sunday morning, green and red hangings in graceful loops falling to the walls on either side, and the altar and sanctuary tastefully decorated with a wealth of late spring flowers. The children received at the nine o'clock Mass, and renewed their baptismal vows at the second one. Rev. Father Le Floch celebrated both, and gave short discourses suitable to the occasion.

After the sermon yesterday evening three postulants were received into the Children of Mary, and a large number of aspirants made their consecration.

A most successful bazaar was held in the St. Andrews Public Hall last week, the proceeds going to the funds of the local church. The fair was opened on Tuesday night by Mr. G. Lyall, J.P., and as the weather was particularly violent, heavy rains and strong wind, the attendance was but small. However, on the three following nights the elements were kinder, and the attendance and business done more than satisfied the zealous stallholders, Mrs. O'Callaghan and Miss O'Loughlin, as well as our local clergy. Although it was election week and there were many attractions in town, a party of ladies and gentlemen drove out from Timaru each evening to provide concert programmes. Among the vocalists were the Misses McGuinness and Walsh, Rev. Father Finnerty, Messrs. Jordan, McDonald, and Healey, and Master McDonald. Messrs. McCarthy and Ryan gave a step-dance, and some school children also lent their efforts to entertain. The Misses E. McGuinness, E. Dennehy, and W. Egan presided at the piano in their usual able manner, and Mr. A. Wilson very satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of secretary. The drawing of the art union took place on Friday.

St. John's Tennis Club held its official opening on Wednesday last, and the day being a holiday and the weather fine there was a large attendance of members, the fair sex being in the majority. Rev. Father Tubman, president of the club, in his inaugural remarks, congratulated the members on the assiduity with which they attended morning and evening for practice, and expressed his pleasure at being able to help them towards the laying down of the second court, which would do away with long waits for a game. He duly declared the courts open, and set a good example by starting in a game of mixed doubles. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies of the club.

### LYTTELTON

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Friday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the children of the convent school, Lyttelton, as usual invited their devoted pastor, Rev. Father Cooney, to the schoolroom, where they had prepared a very entertaining concert to celebrate the anniversary of his ordination. This year the parishioners joined heartily and generously with the young people in making a suitable presentation, as a slight recognition of his zealous and untiring efforts for their spiritual and temporal welfare. The gifts presented were a handsome silver tea set, a set of carvers, and a pretty Japanese afternoon service, with some other smaller useful presents. The Rev. Father thanked the parishioners and children for their beautiful and valuable gifts, all of which gave him a great surprise. In alluding to his work amongst them he said that he had many difficulties to face on coming to Lyttelton, but he certainly had the co-operation of the people, and only for their help he could not wipe off a debt of £800 in four short years. He had (he continued) celebrated that day the eighth anniversary of his ordination. Five years of this time were now almost spent in Lyttelton, where he felt quite happy and satisfied to remain and work as long as Almighty God and his Bishop willed it. The parishioners then wished Father Cooney many happy returns of the day.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Letters and other communications for our issue of December 28 should reach this office, if possible, on Friday, December 22, as only brief items can be accepted on the morning of our publishing day (Wednesday).

We have received from the New Zealand Clothing Factory six puzzles, which they are distributing gratis during this month. The puzzles are all extremely interesting and novel, and will afford amusement to those who are able to secure them. These puzzles are another example of this firm's smart advertising, for which they are so thoroughly well noted, in addition to their local manufactures under the 'H.B.' brand.

### Hibernian Society, Dunedin

The quarterly summoned meeting of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society was largely attended. The items on the business paper were numerous and interesting, no less than four notices of motion having been disposed of. It was unanimously resolved to pay a friendly visit to the Milton branch and attend Mass there in regalia. The secretary's salary was increased, as was also the treasurer's. Considering the numerical strength of the branch entailing a large amount of work, it was thought that those officers were underpaid for some time. A vigilance committee was appointed to look after members getting into arrears with the view of influencing them to retain their connection with the Society. During the evening two presentations were made. Bro. D. O'Mahoney, who had been treasurer of the branch for seventeen years and had been forced to retire through ill-health, was presented with a solid gold Celtic cross suitably inscribed. The president, Bro. T. McDermott, in making the presentation referred to the many services rendered by Bro. O'Mahoney to the branch during his long term of office. Bro. O'Mahoney feelingly replied and thanked the members for remembering him, and said that he did not at all consider himself deserving of such kindness on their part and expressed the hope that he would yet be of some service to the branch. He congratulated the members on securing such an able officer as Bro. J. Hally as his successor. Speaking generally, he said that during the first part of his treasurership the branch was not as flourishing as it should be, but thanks to able administration it gradually improved until now it was the premier one of New Zealand. Bro. J. M. Casey was also presented with a P.P. certificate suitably framed and glazed, as a token of the able manner in which he conducted and presided over the meetings during his term of office as president. Bro. Casey, in thanking the members, said he never expected such recognition, and at the first intimation of this presentation he was most agreeably surprised. He assured the members that his interest in the branch would not cease with this presentation, but he would continue his present activity and if possible take a keener interest in its welfare in the future. It was also decided to present Bro. W. Carr with a testimonial in recognition of his past services to the branch. It is most gratifying to find such good feeling existing amongst the members, especially such a large membership, because when members agree amongst themselves and conduct the business harmoniously there is more time and encouragement for other good works.

The Rev. Father Coffey, branch chaplain, said he hoped to see every member living in the district present at Communion on Sunday, December 24, when the members, in regalia, would approach the altar rails in a body. Those who had not regalia could fall in with the rest, as he was anxious to see a large attendance, and thus show their strength and faith as worthy members of a Catholic society. One candidate was elected and two proposed.

The following officers were elected without opposition: President, Bro. T. McDermott (re-elected); vice-president, Bro. T. McQuillan (re-elected); secretary, Bro. J. O'Connor (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Hally; warden, Bro. W. Butler (re-elected); guardian, Bro. W. J. Menton, sick visitors, Bros. J. Saunders and T. McQuillan (re-elected); auditors, Bros. T. Hussey and D. Columb (re-elected); judicial committee, Bros. Jacques, Flynn, Casey, Hoare, Saunders, Hussey, Colgan, Boyle, and Ford.

### New Publications

The 'Advocate' Press (Melbourne) has reprinted in pamphlet form in full the 'Hansard' report of the recent great debate in the Federal Parliament on Home Rule for Ireland. This timely pamphlet consists of 111 pages of closely-printed matter, and is the handiest publication dealing with both sides of the question that we are acquainted with. It is illustrated with portraits of the members who voted in favor of the Home Rule motion, and, at the modest price at which it has been published (sixpence), should command a ready sale among 'the sea-divided Gael,' and among all who take an interest in this burning question of our time.

A private telegram received in Dunedin on Tuesday conveyed the intelligence that the Very Rev. Dean Foley had a turn for the worse on that day. The patient is still in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Auckland. His many friends throughout New Zealand will anxiously await better news regarding him.

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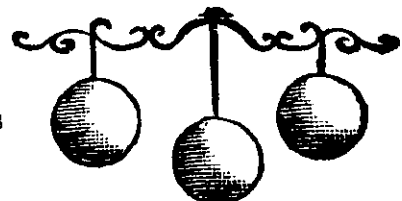
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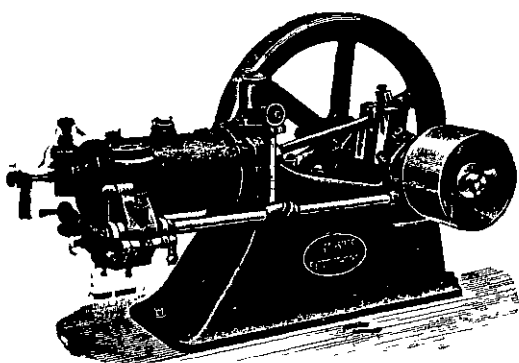
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## THE LITTLE MAIDEN BY THE SEA

'Just one speck upon the ocean and one white speck upon the shore!' soliloquised the literary man who had come down to Little Morley for his Easter holiday. 'Old Betton was correct in describing this place as "phenomenally quiet." It is grand! simply grand, having all this stretch of sky and sea and sand all to myself. For the first time in my life I feel that I have left humanity behind, and my soul is alone with its Creator. How happy I ought to be! How happy, indeed, I am! And yet, in this vast solitude, one somehow longs more than ever for a kindred soul to share the beauty of it all and sympathise.'

He looked again at the two white specks which had at first attracted his attention. The distant sail upon the sea quite failed to interest him, but instinctively he turned his steps towards that other note of white upon the shore.

The little wearer of that snowy Tam o' Shanter had some days ago awakened his interest and fired his imagination. Ever since the morning of his arrival at Little Morley, when he found her alone—the only living thing upon that long stretch of sand and pebbles by the sea—his thoughts, unbidden, had been weaving fancies round her. His ignorance as to her name, age, rank, and occupation only added to the enchantment of a lovely face, a girlish figure, a resolute bearing, and her evident love of solitude.

As soon as he arrived at what he judged to be a suitable distance, he sat down upon the stones, leaned his back against a breakwater, and gave his imagination a long rein.

Her back turned towards him, she was entirely unconscious of his presence, and he was obliged to content himself with a general impression. So he began by studying her outward garb.

She wore a white woollen Tam o' Shanter over her short dark curls, a warm black cloak with a fur collar (the early April winds being still occasionally very cold), a blue serge skirt and neat brown shoes and stockings.

With an artistic eye he noted how the coloring of her clothes harmonized with her surroundings, and he wondered if she chose them herself, or if her mother dressed her. He found himself wondering all sorts of things, but it was her age which puzzled him most of all, and until he could decide whether she were nearer twelve years old or thirty, he could not place her satisfactorily in his thoughts.

Her short hair, her very youthful face, and the lightness of her step suggested the child; but there was a certain repose of manner and dignity of carriage which baffled him. The long, free stride, the poise of the head, the resolution—almost, he fancied, the courage of her bearing, bespoke the woman who had faced difficulties and troubles, and had faced them nobly. She might be thirty with a past, or she might be thirteen with a future. Yet it was unnatural for a child—and he inclined to the supposition that she could be little more than a child—to come down alone to the sea day after day, and he so still for hours watching the waves and sky. Morning and evening she came, as though she were performing a task, and he read firmness, decision, heroism into her even steps. She always chose the same part of the beach, and settled herself down under shelter of a great black breakwater, crowned with dripping, golden seaweed.

Three boys were building a sand castle perilously near the in-coming tide, and he wished that she would essay to do some childish thing that he might assist her. But she never came armed with a bucket or a spade. She carried two books and something glistening—exactly what he was not able to discern—twisted around the fingers of the other hand.

'She ought to have some one to play with, or some one to look after her. Where is her mother or her elder sister?' demanded the literary man aloud, but the thud and ripple of the waves as they broke upon the shore was the only answer he received.

'It is not good for one to be so much alone,' he thought. His own solitary condition was due to the fact that the friend who had told him about the place succumbed to an attack of influenza at the last minute and was unable to accompany him; and having once arranged his plans it had seemed better to him to get to the sea alone than not to get there at all. Moreover, he wanted a little quiet time in which to work out a story which for years had been simmering in his brain; a simple story, treating of healthy English Catholic life, with a heroine, who amidst many difficul-

ties and trials, humbly submitted her way unto the Lord; accepting the little things of life and living nobly amongst them; such a heroine as he had never been privileged to meet, though he believed that there must be many such girls trained in our convent schools—Children of Mary—who even in the struggling, go-ahead twentieth century, follow meekly and wisely in the footsteps of Our Lady.

As he was meditating upon the character of his heroine, with his eyes upon the little girl by the sea, a distant clock struck five. She rose, collected her possessions, and set forth homewards, leaving him lost in admiration at the beautiful way she held herself.

He sat on, thinking and wondering, until the setting sun and the chill evening air practically recalled him to an everyday world. Then he went for an hour's brisk walk along the beach, taking a short cut back across fields yellow and white with new spring blossoms to his dinner of fried ham and eggs at the Red Lion Inn, where he was putting up.

'Are you going to the Good Friday concert on the pier at Longer Morley to-morrow evening?' inquired his landlady, who, pitying his loneliness, indulged him with the local news whilst she cleared away his meals. 'They say the singing will be something beautiful. I hope you'll go, sir. It will be a nice change for you.'

His smile was not entirely devoid of sarcasm. After being accustomed to the best of everything in London he fully expected that the music provided by the local talent of Longer Morley would be a change for him! Yet, all the same, he said that very likely he might go, and delighted the good hostess of the Red Lion Inn by purchasing from her an eighteen-penny reserved stall on the spot.

His little girl was not upon the beach next day, and he hoped that she was perhaps reserving herself for the evening concert. It would give him great pleasure to recognise her, differently dressed, sitting among the audience. He wanted to picture her under the influence of some other environment. But no! when he arrived upon the pier, and took an eager survey of the inmates of the concert-room, he saw in an instant that she was not among them.

The room, as yet, was but a quarter full. He stood near the door anxiously watching the passers-by until the concert was about to begin; then, with a sense of extraordinary disappointment, for which he found it unreasonable to account, he took his place in the one row of red plush seats and devoted his attention to the decoration of the room. The effect of color was distinctly pleasing—the crimson curtain on either side the stage, the many windows disclosing views of the sea, the painting of the wood-work in two delicate shades of blue. And his seat was comfortable. If the music was not more than ordinarily commonplace he thought he might as well remain for an hour or so.

It did not seem probable that there would be any name he knew upon the programme. The piano solo and the baritone song were not calculated to distract his thoughts from the subject which engrossed them; but then—No. 3, Miss Rosamond Athelstane, 'Ave Maria,' by Joseph Lynde, filled him with totally unexpected joy and surprise.

It was impossible not to recognise the slight graceful figure, although she looked considerably taller in her long white gown, and although her curls were lost under a large black picture hat, which made an exquisite setting for the sweet child face below. His little maiden of the sea! and yet how wonderfully transformed. He had never imagined that she sang. Oh! how divinely! with what ease! the quality of her voice, the repose of manner, the sympathetic rendering of the song! Here was the true note of sympathy for which he had so often listened in vain.

'Undoubtedly,' he thought, 'she must be a Catholic.' He could not otherwise account for her singing with such touching reverence.

His heart went out towards her amidst that uproar of applause. She bowed, returned and bowed again, and finally was persuaded to repeat her song.

From the magnificently evident delight of the old lady sitting next him, the literary man concluded that she must be his little maiden's mother. The programme quivered in her slender fingers during the singing, and when the song was done she tore off her gloves and rings and clapped as he had never guessed an elderly lady was capable of clapping. He contrasted her nervousness and excitement with her daughter's appearance of angelic calm.

'Miss Athelstane is by a long way too self-possessed,' remarked some one behind him, as soon as she had left the platform; 'no one gets on nowadays who isn't nervous.'

'Good quality, but lacks finish,' said some one else. And the literary man glared round angrily at the people who dared to give their unbiassed opinion of her voice.

'Hush! Hush!' remonstrated he, and the old lady next him smiled gratefully.

In the second half of the programme Miss Athelstane was down to sing again. He longed for her re-appearance, that beautiful, calm, oval face, with its long, dark lashes and the sweet, trustful smile.

At length she came; but although 'The green hill far away' moved many to tears, a feeling of awe at the recollection of that scene on Calvary restrained the audience from applause.

'Sir Edward Douglas tells me that she is the cleverest pupil they ever had at the college,' whispered one who was sitting within earshot of the literary man.

'Clever does not seem to me exactly the word to describe her,' replied some one else. 'I should rather call her exquisitely good. She suggests an atmosphere of exalted purity.'

'And Dan Gilbertson has just offered her £500 a year to take Nell Solly's part in 'The Unthinking Girl.'

'You don't say so. Surely some one will prevent her from doing that.'

'Her guardian angel, very likely. They are the only people I know of nowadays who can afford to be unmercenary.'

The literary man could hear no more. At the end of the next 'cello solo he got up and left the hall. The walk home by the sea in the starlight brought a certain amount of alleviation to his agonising thoughts; yet the idea of his little singing maiden being drawn away and swallowed up in the gulf of comic opera haunted his sleep, and he dreamed of Dan Gilbertson in the form of a fiery dragon, slain by himself in the guise of St. George, just as the lady of his heart was about to be devoured.

Next morning she was sitting again in her usual place upon the shore, and he found it difficult to persuade himself that this solitary child was identical with the sweet singer of yesterday.

He ensconced himself a little nearer than he had ventured hitherto and watched her with a tender wondering pity and anxiety. After that overheard conversation in the concert room he longed more than ever to know something about her history and her circumstances. Had she no one to shield her from the temptations of the world? No one to fight her battles or give her good advice?

He doubled up his arm and felt a well-developed biceps with a smile of satisfaction. If it had only been a matter of personal strength that was required nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to have entered the lists on the spur of the moment as her champion knight; but as things really were he failed to see how mere brute force was going to avail his heroine. There was only one other force of which he had experienced the quality—the force of prayer.

'Benediction at half-past four,' his landlady had told him. Perhaps Miss Athelstane would be going too, and he might march some paces in the rear, acting as her invisible escort by the way. He studied her carefully to see if she were about to move, but at ten minutes past the hour she still lay motionless, evidently, asleep, and he rose quietly and left her, to plead her cause before the throne of God.

The pretty custom of blessed flowers was new to him, and he treasured his tiny bouquet in the hope of being able to find some means of conveying it to her.

She was still asleep when he returned to the beach, and the fast approaching waves seemed to have nearly reached her feet. He felt concerned for her bodily safety, and resolved, with the help of a great inclination, that it was his obvious duty to awaken her. He laid his offering of the holy flowers at her right hand, seeing the glistening pearls of her rosary twined round her fingers. The Office of Our Blessed Lady and the Fioretti of St Francis were beside her. All the secrets of her inner life appeared in that moment to have been revealed. He understood now the heavenly quality of her voice and her beautiful repose of manner: they were an answer to her fervent prayers, she came down to this silent place to commune with her Creator.

He withdrew a little distance, leaving it to her angel guardian to awaken her. The sea was not so perilously near as in his first impulsiveness he had imagined.

At the sound of the Angelus she rose to her knees, and after making the sign of the Cross the little bouquet caught her eye. She raised it to her lips: 'Dear Lady, you have sent me the flowers and a blessing! How good God is!'

Yes, she was a Catholic, and with the knowledge of it his interest in her increased enormously.

At the altar rails on Easter morning he and she knelt side by side. He, conscious of the close proximity, was offering his Communion for her earth-

ly welfare; she, unconscious of everything except her union with her Saviour, was murmuring softly, 'A hundred thousand welcomes, dearest Lord.'

When his thanksgiving was finished he noticed that she was kneeling in advance of him, a little to the right, but she had not yet raised her head, and he could not watch her here.

There was a lady whom he knew just leaving the church. He followed her, entering into conversation just beyond the porch. They were still talking when his little sea-maiden passed by: 'Rosa, dear!' exclaimed the lady, greeting her with a caress. She knew her intimately. The introduction was soon accomplished. 'You both go the same way,' she added, 'Sir Herbert Donnington is staying at the Red Lion Inn.'

So they walked back together. How natural it was! and yet the literary man felt as though the most wonderful thing in the world had happened.

They spoke of the concert. It was the first time she had sung since a serious illness, she told him. She was so thankful that he thought her voice had sounded well. The air of Little Morley had undoubtedly done her good.

'I see you sitting by the sea,' he said.

'Do you?' Her surprise was entirely genuine.

'I have never seen you!'

'That was because you never looked my way.'

She laughed. 'I always look straight out before me—it is so beautiful, so wonderful.'

'The varying clouds in that immense expanse of sky, touching the blue sealine of the horizon; and then the line of silver white, and then sand, wet sand, dry sand, and sand with sky reflections; and the countless shades of grey and yellow pebbles on the beach, with, for white, occasionally a seagull or a sail, and for the darkest note the rich lines of the breakwaters.'

'So its artistic loveliness appeals to you?' said he, 'I used to wonder what you thought about.'

'Oh, I just feel that, I don't think—at least, I try not to do so, because I promised my doctor that I wouldn't. He told me to sit by the sea and let my mind float out on the ocean of God's love and trust His providence for the future.'

The literary man found her sensitive and charming as she gradually unveiled the subject of her own troubles. During that short walk home he discovered all that he had been so anxious to understand. She was twenty-two years of age, and her mother was sixty. They lived upon a small annuity which would die with her mother, and the mother had been given less than a year, at the most, to live. This was a secret which the family doctor had confided to Rosa just before she came away, saying it would be wiser for the old lady to remain unaware of her own critical condition. Rosa's health had temporarily broken down under the combined strain of study at the Royal College of Music and sick-nursing at home, and it was on her account that they came to Little Morley for rest and change of air. It was now definitely decided that she could not afford to study any more, and she feared it would be almost impossible to obtain a sufficient number of lucrative engagements to sing at concerts at 'at homes'. The only good offer that had been made to her came from a quarter which—she hesitated.

'I know,' replied the literary man.

He called upon her mother after this, discovering her to be the widow of his first editor, and the recollection of a boyish gratitude easily expanded into a debt which he felt it would be an honor now to be allowed to pay.

Mrs. Athelstane found him a good-looking, distinguished, sympathetic companion, with many mutual friends, amongst whom was the very 'old Betton,' who had recommended him to the place. In the course of a day or two when Mr. Betton arrived the quartet was complete.

'Headaches, weak pulses, low temperature, and want of sleep' had been—her mother told the literary man—what ailed her child, but now that Rose was so very much better their doctor wrote advising her to take long rambles in the country.

'Perhaps you will allow me to accompany her,' suggested Sir Herbert, endeavoring not to express by the eagerness of his manner how very much pleasure those country walks would give to him. Mrs. Athelstane seized upon his offer.

There are so many cows about and one never knows when they will turn out to be bulls and 'toss you.'

Her vagueness raised his smile, but the supposition was such a distinct advancing of his cause that he let it pass.



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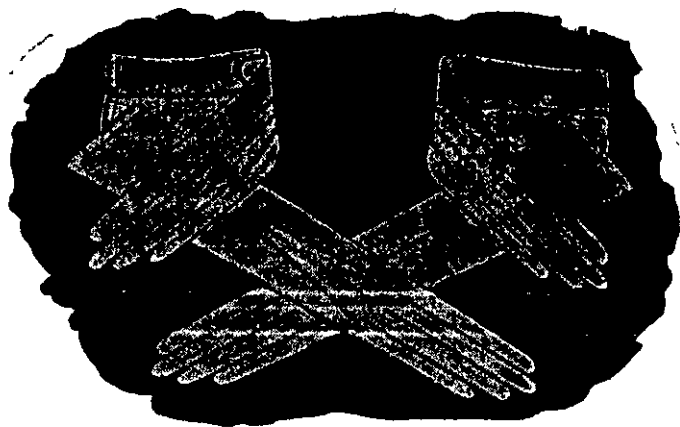
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'Such beautiful things happen sometimes,' she said in her confiding childlike way, telling him the story of the blessed flowers on Holy Saturday. 'There were narcissus, white stock, forget-me-nots, scented geranium leaf, and our Lady's laces.'

He had not observed of what the little bouquet was composed, but he thought that her voice suggested the fragrance of flowers as she named them.

I was sorry to have fallen asleep and missed Benediction,' she continued, 'and I took the flowers as a sign that I was being watched over and cared for.'

'Undoubtedly,' he replied heartily, but he did not add, 'by me.'

'I have pressed those holy blossoms in my "Garden of the Soul," and my confidence increases when I look at them, they seem to say, "God loves you, and you need not trouble about the future."'

'The future' soon formed the habitual topic of their conversation. Rosa experienced great relief in pouring out her fears and doubts and difficulties to his sympathetic ear. About Dan Gilbertson's offer they were at one. The literary man felt as convinced that she must not accept it 'as though £500 a year were growing on every blackberry bush,' as old Betton laughingly remarked.

'Yours is one of those sad cases, dear child,' said Sir Herbert gravely, 'in which one has no light but that which comes from prayer.'

Thus emboldened, she proffered a request which had been hovering on her lips ever since the morning of their introduction. Would he join her in a novena to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in the fisherman's chapel at Norton Harbor? Did he know the story of the picture? How it was painted by a lay Brother who had been a sailor, and who always believed that he saw the Blessed Virgin beckoning him from the evening star. 'Serve me,' he thought he heard her calling to him, and when at length he followed his vocation, he was allowed to paint the vision of his stormy days for the fisherman's chapel, where the boatmen come to make their novenas for a safe voyage before putting out to sea.

The literary man followed her train of thought.

'And you would make your novena there before putting out upon life's ocean for your unknown voyage?'

'You and I and mother and Mr. Betton,' she answered shyly.

So it was arranged for nine mornings to hear Mass at Norton for this particular intention; Rosa and Sir Herbert walking by the field way, whilst their elders hired a carriage and drove round by the road.

On the ninth morning she knelt longer than usual before the star-picture after Mass was over, and the beautiful calm of her expression, and the intense confidence with which she offered up her Memorare struck her companion as being something nearer to the angels than he had ever hoped to come on this side of the grave.

Here was a gentle, naturally retiring child, who had been tenderly brought up, about to lose her remaining parent, and to be left alone and penniless in a world of which she dimly realised the temptations and dangers; and yet what countenance had he ever beheld so absolutely serene and trustful? Was not this the conclusion of his life-time's search—had he not found at last his ideal woman—the kindred soul with whom alone he knew that he could better serve his Creator?

When she rose from her knees her eyes met his—and they both knew that the answer to their novena was that he should be her pilot.—'The English Messenger.'

## The Catholic World

### ENGLAND—Death of a Catholic Journalist

The funeral of Mr. Philip Mennell, one of the best known Colonial journalists in London, took place on October 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green. The health of Mr. Mennell—who for many years was editor and chief proprietor of the 'British Australasian' newspaper—broke down some eighteen months ago, but his illness was of comparatively short duration, and he passed away in his sleep at the age of 51. He was the author of several works, notably the 'Dictionary of Australian Biography,' published in 1892.

### FRANCE—Trials of the Church

There has been much speculation (says the 'Catholic Times') as to the action likely to be taken by the Holy See in regard to the French Church, when the Separation Bill becomes law. That speculation may still

continue, for the Pope has written to Cardinal Richard that he will manifest his thought in the right time and place, and give the clergy and faithful of France the instructions called for by a sad situation which is not his work, and for which, as all honest and intelligent minds know, he is in no way responsible. But the Holy Father does not lose heart. He knows that God disposes events according to His will, and he trusts in Divine Providence to bring good out of evil. Meanwhile, he asks the faithful to redouble their prayers for the Church in France, and to have no dread of the future; the battle is God's, as well as theirs. These consoling words of the Holy Father will go far to fill French Catholics with hope and confidence, and help to nerve them for the sacrifices which the future is sure to bring with it.

### GERMANY—Catholics in Berlin

In 1812 the city of Berlin, Germany, had a population of 193,700, of whom 6157 were Catholics. In 1900 the population was 1,888,748, of whom 182,846 were Catholics. The proportion of Catholics has increased from a little over three per cent. to almost ten per cent. There are nine parish churches in Berlin and fifteen chapels of ease, served by forty-two secular and ten Dominican priests.

### ITALY—Blessing a Warship

For the first time in 35 years a Cardinal Archbishop has been invited to bless an Italian warship (writes a Rome correspondent). His Grace of Naples performed the ceremony. The Duke of Aosta was present to represent the King. A brother of Victor Emmanuel stood for the House of Savoy. Evidently his Majesty wants his battleships launched under proper auspices. This incident is worth remembering, as it is the first time that a Catholic prelate has been pressed into such a service since the unification of Italy.

### ROME—Monument to Pius X.

A monument to Pope Pius X., subscribed for by Catholics all over the world, was unveiled on October 22 at Riese, the little village in the Venetian provinces where the Pope was born. His Holiness is represented in the act of giving his blessing. National flags were conspicuous everywhere, while the walls were covered with inscriptions, one of which read: 'Long Live Pope Pius X., the First Citizen of the World.' The eldest sister of the Pope and other relatives were the recipients of much attention. Many telegrams were sent to his Holiness.

### SCOTLAND—Created a Justice of the Peace

The Very Rev. Canon Butti, of St. Patrick's Church, Dundee, has been created by the chief civic authority of Dundee a Justice of the Peace for that city.

### The Eyre Memorial Schools

The opening of the new Catholic Industrial Schools at Kenmure, Bishopriggs (writes a Glasgow correspondent), was the occasion of an elaborate ceremony. The building is situated on the Kenmure estate, which is one of the prettiest spots in the neighbourhood of Glasgow. The Catholics in this city have chosen the new Industrial Schools as a memorial to the late Archbishop Eyre. Shortly after his death several thousand pounds were subscribed by the Catholics of the archdiocese, for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial. The committee who had charge of the arrangements decided not to erect a memorial of the usual kind, but one that would be really useful for one of the good works in which the late prelate had been so largely interested, and one of the educational works which lay nearest the late Archbishop's heart was the Industrial Schools. Therefore it was deemed best to erect such schools outside the city, and have them fitted up in the best and most approved style. His Grace Archbishop Maguire presided at the opening ceremony and was accompanied by a very large number of the city and district clergy, as well as by many influential laymen.

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## A Remote Danger,

According to the great astronomer, Sir Robert Ball, of London, the sun is shrinking at the rate of sixteen inches daily. But as according to the calculations of the same eminent authority, the source of earth's light and heat is warranted to last 24,000,000 years longer, there is no need of immediate concern about the shrinkage.

## How Hunger is Caused.

Hunger, as recently defined by M. I. Knapp, is the sensation due to the contraction of the muscles of the pylorus, or possibly of the entire stomach, or of the duodenum, or of all these structures. Hunger is painful or slight, according to the intensity of contraction. It is a lesser degree of pain and, being due to muscular contraction, it passes off from tiring or relaxing of the muscles even if no food is taken. Inability to contract, relaxation and distension result in anorexia, the opposite of appetite, produced by non-irritating gases.

## A New Use for the Phonograph.

In teaching a parrot to talk, the usual plan is to hide behind a screen, or to cover the cage, and repeat over and over the words to be said. The average bird takes a week to learn a single sentence. The task of teaching, therefore, is very tedious, and the happy thought of the wife of a leading bird fancier promises to become a great labor-saving idea. It occurred to her to put the task upon the phonograph. The first experiment, upon eight birds, has proved highly successful, and they are rated as the finest talkers in the world, with a high value.

## Cause of Headaches.

A physician finds that headaches are due to three main causes. The first is a disordered nervous system, and often results from the worry and stress of life, never from properly-called work. Belonging to this class also is the headache of anaemia, so common among young girls of ill-nourished nervous systems and impoverished blood. The second great cause is eye-strain, which does not depend upon defective vision, but on a faulty shape of the eye that overtaxes the muscle of accommodation and is to be corrected by proper glasses. Headaches from this cause, unlike others, are often severe at night and absent in the morning. The third kind of headache is due to poisons in the blood, and its throbbings give evidence of too high blood pressure resulting from disorders of digestion due to over-eating of rich food, imperfect mastication, or lack of exercise.

## Balloon Trips.

Airship travel seems to be already popular. W. de Fonvielle estimates that 700 or 800 balloon voyages are now made annually, and states that the members of the French Aero Club alone made more than 200 last year. The forms and colors of the clouds, the brightness, and the new views of the earth give a wonderful charm to sky automobiling. This is increased at night, and Camille Flammarion, whose wedding trip was made in a balloon, has expressed his surprise at the splendor of the lights of a great city—in this case Paris—as well as at the brilliancy of the constellations. The number of the stars is unbelievable, the dog-star becomes as bright as Venus, while some of the nebulae appear like gas-jets. The shooting stars are terrifying. Their explosions seem to be heard, and this may be really true, as the balloon acts like a gigantic ear-trumpet, and catches such earthly sounds as the whistling of locomotives and barking of dogs. Hygienically, the complete renewal of the air in the lungs is a delightful sensation.

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# The Home

By 'Maureen'

## Mince-meat.

Chop 2lb suet very finely. Stone and chop 2½lb raisins, clean 1½lb currants, peel and finely chop 2lb apples and ¼lb lemon peel. Put all these ingredients into a basin, add four cloves, ½oz mace or mixed spice, the rind and juice of 3 lemons, and 1½oz chopped almonds. Mix all well together, pour over quarter of a pint brandy and quarter of a pint port or home-made wine, and tie closely down in jars till required.

## Rich Plum Cake.

Well line a cake-tin with buttered paper. Cream together ½lb butter and ½lb castor sugar. Well whisk 5 eggs and add them gradually to the sugar and butter. Sieve together ¾lb flour, 1 teaspoonful baking-powder, and ½ teaspoonful salt. Add to the butter and eggs. Now stir in ½lb sultanas, ½lb glace cherries, ¼lb finely chopped almonds, the grated rind of 2 lemons, ½oz powdered cloves, spice, and cinnamon mixed, and either 1 gill of brandy or a gill of milk. Put into the tin. Place the tin on a baking-sheet on a layer of sand, and bake for two and a half hours in a moderate oven.

## Christmas Pudding.

Chop 1lb suet very finely, mixing with it ½lb flour. Make ½lb breadcrumbs. Clean 1lb currants and 1lb sultanas, stone and chop 1lb raisins, chop ½lb lemon peel, and 3oz sweet almonds and 1oz bitter. Skin them first. Put all these ingredients into a basin with 1lb brown sugar, add the grated rind of a lemon, one grated nutmeg, and a pinch of salt, and mix well. Well beat 8 eggs, add to them quarter of a pint milk and quarter of a pint brandy or home-made wine, pour this into the flour, etc., and stir thoroughly. Put into well-greased basins or moulds, tie well-floured cloths securely over, place in fast boiling water, and boil for not less than eight hours. After they are cold remove the cloths and tie down again with clean ones, and hang in a dry place till needed.

## The Proper Feeding of Babies.

The wastage of infant life is one of the evils of our modern civilisation which calls for prevention, and the question has been taken up with much earnestness in many parts of England, especially at Huddersfield, where the Mayor has taken practical steps to educate mothers as to the best methods of feeding babies. But it is not in England alone that great infant mortality, arising mainly through ignorance and carelessness on the part of mothers, exists, for it is recognised by medical men that the lives of many infants are sacrificed every year in this Colony owing to the ignorance of those responsible for their welfare. The question of the proper feeding of infants has been taken up in Dunedin by Dr. Truby King, Medical Superintendent of Seaclyff Asylum, who is assisted in this humane crusade by Dr. Alexander. It is intended to form classes for the better study of the subject, where mothers and others in charge of young children will be instructed as to the best foods for children and what to avoid. It may be mentioned that Dr. King lays special emphasis on the fact that nothing is as good for children and their mothers as the natural nursing of infants, and that any substitutes, however good, are only to be resorted to when mothers are unable to nurse their offspring. It is proposed to hold a public meeting shortly for the purpose of bringing the subject of the proper care of infants into general notice.

*Maureen*

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INTERCOLONIAL

It is proposed to erect a monument in St. Kilda Cemetery to the memory of the late Sir Bryan O'Loughlen. His Lordship the Bishop of Sale has given a subscription of £5 5s for this object.

A few days ago, at Townsville, Christopher O'Connell French, the only surviving grandson of Daniel O'Connell, Ireland's Liberator, passed to his reward. Mr. O'Connell was proud of his ancestry, and he cherished many proud reminiscences of Kerry's greatest son, the immortal O'Connell.

The Very Rev. Father A. Boylan (Provincial of the Irish House of the Redemptorists), in company with the Very Rev. Father Thos. O'Farrell (Superior of the Order in Australia), leaves for the Philippines early next week. Their mission is one of inspection with a view to the future establishment of a community of the Redemptorists in Manila.

A few weeks ago there died at Gracemere, Queensland, Miss Elizabeth Kelly. The deceased lady, according to local papers, 'was the first white female child born in Central Queensland'—being born in the year 1857. The Kelly family are the pioneers of Catholicity in the district, and the greatest sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement. Fathers Shiel and Plormel performed the last sacred rites over the grave in Archer's private cemetery.

The Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin completed his 53rd year on November 25 (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross'). Mr. O'Loughlin for years sat for the Northern District in the Legislative Council, and he was Chief Secretary in the Kingston administration for the major part of its existence. During that time he conducted the Government business in the Council in a most efficient manner. Mr. O'Loughlin is believed to have ambitions in the direction of the Federal Legislature, and he would make an excellent Senator.

The Rev. Father Gerald Doyle, of St. Arnaud, Victoria, has just celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The event was marked at a meeting of gentlemen at the St. Arnaud Presbytery on the occasion of the recent visit of the Bishop of Ballarat. His Lordship Dr. Higgins presided, and warmly congratulated Father Doyle on the success that had attended his ministrations, and expressed the hope that he would be long spared to continue the good work. Father Doyle suitably responded, expressing his warmest thanks for the hearty support he had invariably received everywhere.

The Month's Mind for the late Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart, K.C., was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 29. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne presided, and his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat was also present. In the course of a short address the Archbishop said that the public life of the deceased statesman had a value which would remain for generations. His life had a principle, a purity, and a nobility which would stand as an example for the rising generation. His hands were absolutely pure all through his public life, and of him it could be truthfully said that he had always worn the white flower of a blameless life.

The following cable was sent from Melbourne to the editor of the 'British Australasian,' London:—'General feeling community here against misrepresentation of discredited Federal Opposition minority as cabled from anti-Home Rule meeting held Melbourne Monday. Meeting not public. Admission by ticket only, and engineered by Redite reactionaries, who are attempting to raise sectarian issue, all other Tory election cries being exhausted. Anti-white Australian and anti-industrial legislation speeches also made at meeting. The majority of members of Commonwealth Parliament included in, and strongly resent charges of disloyalty made by self-same speakers, who were responsible for recent disgraceful stonewall on Trades Marks Bill.'

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- December 17, Sunday.—Third Sunday in Advent.
- „ 18, Monday.—Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- „ 19, Tuesday.—St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor.
- „ 20, Wednesday.—St. Josaphat of Poland, Bishop and Martyr. Ember Day.
- „ 21, Thursday.—St. Thomas, Apostle.
- „ 22, Friday.—St. Deusdedit, Pope and Confessor. Ember Day.
- „ 23, Saturday.—St. Columbanus, Abbot. Ember Day.

Expectation of the Nativity.

This feast has been instituted by the Church to commemorate the longing desires and fervent aspirations with which the Immaculate Virgin greeted the near approach of that happy day when she was to bring into the world the long-expected Messiah, Whose coming to redeem mankind had been the continual object of her sighs and prayers.

St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor.

Urban V. was Pope from 1362 to 1370. Being a pattern of every virtue, he strove to make the Papal Court a model of Christian life. He was a great patron of learned men and most generous to the poor. One of his first cares was to carry on the expedition for the recovery of the Holy Land, begun by his predecessor, Innocent VI. Convinced that the residence of the Popes at Avignon was injurious to the interests of the Church, he returned to Rome in 1367, and was received amid great rejoicings. The factious and turbulent spirit of the Italians induced him to transfer the Papal residence to Avignon in 1370.

St. Thomas, Apostle.

St. Thomas, also called Didymus, was one of the twelve Apostles. He was a fisherman on the Lake of Galilee when Our Lord called him to be His Apostle. There are only three incidents related of him in the Gospels, but these are enough to make his character more familiar to us than that of any other, except SS. Peter and Paul.

St. Columbanus, Abbot.

The famous Irish monk, St. Columbanus, was born in the year 545 in the province of Leinster. He died in 615. Well educated in literary pursuits, he wished to fly the temptations of the world and retired into the great monastery of Bangor, then famous through the zeal of its monks. An inner voice moved him to leave his country. Accompanied by twelve companions, he went to Gaul, preaching on his route the Christian virtues. In Bourgogne King Gontran induced him to settle in his country. He gave him the old Roman castle of Annegray, and here Columbanus passed some years in the practice of austere penance. The number of his disciples increased continually. Gontran offered to him the ancient castle of Luxeuil, at the foot of the Vosges, which became the centre of his Order. Afterwards he established a third community at Fontaines. Labor alternated with prayer in these pious asylums which the strong hand of Columbanus directed. Twenty years he spent thus with his religious. His reputation and influence became very great. However, he had disagreements with the Gaulish episcopate, especially in regard to the feast of Easter, which he always wished to celebrate according to the Irish custom—the fourteenth day of the moon—even when the feast came on Sunday, instead of the custom of the Latin Church, which celebrated it the Sunday after the fourteenth day. After the death of Gontran, he was banished from the country. He was led to Nantes and put on board a boat bound for Ireland. But landing on the shores of the Rhine, he preached the Gospel to the Alemanni in the neighborhood of the Lake of Zurich, and together with his companion Gall, converted many idolaters. Gall remained in Helvetia to continue his apostolate, while Columbanus went to Lombardy, where he founded the famous monastery of Bobbio.

In the New South Wales Legislative Council the other day, twelve months' leave of absence was granted to the Hon. John Meagher, to enable him to visit Ireland and Rome.

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