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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 Justitiae causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.  
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

LEO XIII., Pope.

## Current Topics

### A 'Humble Petition'

Some 'men and women of New Zealand' are once more going the rounds soliciting signatures for the customary 'humble petition' to Parliament for the inspection of convents 'by officers appointed by the Government.' In Dunedin the petition (a copy of which is before us) is being hawked around by sundry women—of both sexes, and of saffron hue. In due course the roll will be trundled into Parliament, dumped before an unsympathetic or sarcastic House, and then consigned to the corporation tip or the paper-mill. And the world will wag on as merrily and as sadly as before. The saffron pup must bark o' nights once in a way, to scare the Pope from stealing the moon out of the sky. As to the periodical petition: well, it advertises the progress our conventual institutions are making; it affords Catholics and intelligent Protestants an opportunity for some wholesome, diaphragm-shaking laughter; it probably pleases our friends from beyond the Boyne—and their spiritual kinsfolk of New Zealand birth; and (in some cryptic way that benighted 'Papishes' know not) it may even fortify the walls of Derry, and strengthen the Glorious, Pious, and Immortal Memory.

Billings was once daring enough to suggest a little more consistency to a neighbor of his who 'made a business of sarving the Lord.' 'Sarve Him,' said the Philosopher, 'when you measure out my onions as well as when you holler: "Glory, hallelujer!"' We might, in a similar way, suggest to our excitable friends who 'make a bizness' of fighting women with squirts of assafoetida, that they might be a little more consistent in their favorite 'divarshun.' They propose to set aside the good old principle that an Englishman's (or Englishwoman's) house is his (or her) castle. Why not push their scheme to its logical completion, and have the residence of every Anglican nun, Presbyterian deaconess, and Methodist Sister; every parsonage and manse; every private dwelling; every meeting-place of club, class, lodge, or society, inspected 'by officers appointed by the Government'? It might be unpleasant for those who engineered this petition if 'officers appointed by the Government' were to inspect periodically the books and proceedings of the lodges. And 'things' might happen (if detectives were deputed to witness and report upon the branding, 'goat'-riding, 'Jacob's-ladder'-climbing, and the rest of the barbarous tomfooleries, semi-nudities, and coarse horse-play of the

'two-and-a-half-degree,' that have from time to time (as at Motherwell) resulted in the mutilation or death of candidates for initiation. It would be rather awkward, seeing that the brethren have consistently defied courts of law, and even the majesty of Parliament, rather than allow the precious secrets of the lodge-room to be known to 'officers appointed by the Government.' But a plague upon inconvenience! And ho! for consistency 'in excelsis'! Let the petitioners extend their 'humble' prayer to its logical issue. They would then, indeed, be rank obscurantists and promoters of an odious tyranny. But they would at least be consistent—these servants of the Lord would no longer (in this matter at least) lie open to the imputation of having, so to speak (like the hypocritical grocer), one measure when they sell onions, and another when they sing: 'Glory, hallelujer!'

### Another Veteran's Fate

The company in 'A Comedy of Lieutenants' gave a puff of laughter when the veteran Pugsley concisely summed up a grateful country's appreciation of his services in the army: 'Two bullets in my head, one in my neck, three months in Malta hospital, and a penny a day.' But, on the whole, he seems to have fared better than another and later old fighter—an Anglo-Saxon named Martin Fogarty, who answered his last roll-call a few weeks ago in the Roscrea workhouse (Ireland), at the age of seventy-five. Martin was a Crimean and Mutiny veteran, and his passing adds another to the melancholy list of valiant fighters who, after carrying the flag of Empire afar and anear, have been left to die in the sordid neglect and squalor of those graves of decent poverty—the workhouses of Great Britain and Ireland. The London 'Daily News' tells his story thus: 'Serving in a foot regiment, Fogarty performed the truly remarkable feat of fighting throughout the Crimean campaign without being as much as a day on the sick list. Having regard to the hardships undergone by the troops in that campaign, Fogarty must be supposed to have had an iron constitution. He afterwards served through the Indian Mutiny. And now he has died in a workhouse, where, it is said, he had lived for several years. There were prosecutions in Ireland recently for the circulation of pamphlets against recruiting in that country. It may occur to the authorities that one such case as that of Martin Fogarty, the Crimean veteran, dying in the Roscrea workhouse, is a more powerful anti-recruiting argument than any pamphlet could put forward.'

Which is quite true. But it is not prudent to say so at the wrong side of the Irish Sea.

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..... INFLUENZA, BRONCHITIS, Etc.

**CARRAGEEN**

**IRISH MOSS**

'Twas ever thus with the soldier when his fighting days were done, or the need of his strong right arm was no longer pressingly felt. Tommy Atkins and Paddy Atkins and Sandy Atkins are heroes and demigods when the band plays and there's something harder than oxygen in the atmosphere. We 'maffick' over him, and dance and sing around him, and sound the loud timbrel in his praise—when we want him to stop the bullets and serve as cannon-fodder, while we loiter in inglorious safety at home. And when he has served our turn, we toss him aside as a squeezed orange. And the men who tore their voice to ribbons huzzahing him on Mafeking and Kimberley nights, treat him in public restaurants and railway trains as ill-conditioned Americans treat negroes and Chinese. Even in New Zealand, ready-made promises of employment or re-employment were in many cases conveniently forgotten or ignored by Jingoese when peace was made and Johnny came marching home. Ben Battle—a 'boy of the bull-dog breed'—pleaded with 'false and fickle Nelly Gray':—

'The love that loves a scarlet coat  
Should be more uniform!'

He had been through the Peninsula war, and

'At duty's call he left his legs  
In Badajos's breaches.'

When he returned, and his pay was gone, he found that

'Though he'd no feet, some other man  
Was standing in his shoes.'

He was cast off, and died a suicide, in penitential discontent. Tom Hood's punning story has its moral. 'A grateful country' may, in a burst of passing enthusiasm, 'divvate' a successful general to the peerage—and then make haste to forget him. But, taken by and large, it is a 'faithless Nelly Gray' to the worn-out ranker. We are a commercial people. Gratitude is not a very marketable commodity, and our stocks of it are generally light and for the most part weevily. We may occasionally entertain a sort of sentimentality about an old racehorse or greyhound. As to our old soldier: his fate is too often the work'us. And when the final roll is called, we

'Rattle his bones  
Over the stones;  
He's only a pauper whom nobody owns'—

not even the country for which he bled. Alas, poor Yorick—Fogarty!

### The French Profanations

Set a beggar on horseback and he will gallop. And lodge is a greater lout in a palace than in a hut. Who does not know the familiar German story of the duke and the ploughman? It tells how Hans was taken drunk from his furrow, brought to the castle, and put to bed; how, on awakening, he was dressed in the ducal robes, waited upon by liveried servants, and regaled with bumpers of Burgundy and champagne and all the luxuries of the season; and how he gorged and guzzled and swilled and bulled, and made himself an abomination to decent folk, till he fell asleep under the table, was decked again in his old rags, and left in the furrow from which he had been litted on the previous day. Hans the ploughman would—other things being equal—be a mild sort of a pig in a palace compared with some of the specimens of aggressive atheist officials that were lately turned loose, with indeterminate powers of offence and outrage, in the Catholic churches of France. Many of the agents entrusted with the preliminary work of confiscation accomplished their repulsive work with a decent show of respect for the religious sentiments of the people. Others appear to have been coarser than Hans the ploughman, when dressed in a little brief authority. It was, for instance, a needless outrage for a uniformed ruffian in Lyons, to

point to a large crucifix and ask: 'How much is this god worth?' 'Thirty pieces of silver, Judas,' was the ready rejoinder that came from a pious woman who was kneeling close at hand. Tales of horrible profanation and sacrilege by official and non-official barbarians come from La Nouvelle, in the Department of Aude. The details published by 'L'Eclair,' of Montpellier, would scarcely bear reproduction in our columns.

### English Catholic Schools

In England, as in Australasia, Catholics have proved their sincerity in the matter of religious education by the test of personal sacrifice. In 1829, when the Emancipation Act was passed, they had only 60 to 70 schools. They have now 1070, built and furnished at a cost of some three millions sterling, and providing accommodation for 400,000 children. With the exception of Government building grants amounting to £56,579, in favor of 87 schools, the whole of that vast sum of money was raised by the free contributions from the Catholic purse. In its issue of March 15, the 'North-Eastern Daily Gazette' (Middlesborough) paid the following tribute to the position taken up by Catholics on the matter of religious education: 'The Catholic conception of the indissoluble connection between religion and education is a high and noble one. The function of education is not to make man merely a clever animal—an animal that knows the multiplication table or the binomial theorem. It is to give man the power to control his actions consistent with a rightful understanding of his position in the universe, or (to put it in the more common phraseology) consistent with his duty to his fellows and his duty to God. For this reason the atmosphere of a school is of the utmost importance. It makes all the difference in the world if the teacher is a zealous believer in the religious truths he imparts.'

The Middlesborough daily dismisses as being not merely useless, but mischievous, a proposal which is being pushed in New Zealand as the acme of glorified human wisdom in the matter of education. 'We are convinced,' says our English non-Catholic contemporary, 'that in most cases it would, from a religious standpoint, be far better to banish all religious instruction than to put in the hands of teachers a book containing fundamental religious teaching which the teacher dare not explain, and in which he may or may not believe. Of all the books in the world, the Bible is that which needs most to be explained. To put it in the schools without the liberty to explain what it really signifies—to explain whether the religion is or is not a supernatural revelation, whether the facts are real or imaginary—is to set up a fetish to be blindly worshipped or contemptuously treated as the savages do with their gods.'

Most of what our Middlesborough contemporary has said is practically a paraphrase of the weighty pronouncements of our Hierarchy on the Bible-in-schools question. Catholics in England are as little disposed as are Catholics in New Zealand to accept a State-made religion, whether it be 'standard' denominationalism or the dilapidated Unitarianism (or fetish-worship, as our Middlesborough contemporary would style it) of the Bible-in-schools Conference. The English Catholic bishops (says the 'Glasgow Observer') wisely declare that 'Catholics have not the least objection to the other creeds of the country formulating or accepting any scheme of religious teaching which pleases them. If "Birrreligion" savages those who advocate it, let them have it by all means. That is their concern. We are concerned only for ourselves. Our plain position is what has often been declared, that so long as we give Government satisfactory secular results in properly-equipped and efficiently-staffed schools, we are entitled to the money which the State pays for efficient education. To deny us that money because we teach our own religion to our own children at our own cost—over and above—is simply tyranny, and cannot endure.'

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"GOOD as Gold!"—There's no crack-a-jack flummery, no coupons—only sheer value in Cock o' the North Tea.

And so say all of us. Unlike the sectarian plan of our Bible-in-schools League, the principle is good in ethics, sound in policy, fair all round, and applicable to every country from China to Peru.

### French Passive Resisters

There are myriad ways of suggesting blame—from the slightest arching of the eyebrows to the blow of a knobkerry. Some newspapers that are cautious in their editorial matter, are much given to praise or damn in headlines. A number of New Zealand dailies adopted this method of inflicting a journalistic anathema maranatha upon the men and women who opposed a passive resistance to the Government's tyrannical invasion of the churches of Paris—the first step towards their consecration to the State. The Paris correspondent of the New York 'Evening Post,' a well-informed writer who was an eye-witness of the proceedings, puts the matter in a different light. He says in part:—

'The nucleus of the agitation is made up of young men from twenty to forty, of respectable family, regularly university-bred, able, and looking to the future—a new generation. Irresistibly they remind one of Gambetta's young men in the agitating years that closed the Second Empire.

'Marc Sangnier, the leader of the young Catholics and working in unity of views with such older laymen as Brunetie and Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, is a good sample. He is neither aristocrat, royalist, politician, nor Apache: but he was present to protest in his church.

'There is no doubt that the older Catholic laymen are following these younger men. In the churches during the troubles were such of them as Denys Cochin, deputy, disciple of Pasteur, the fourth generation of a family associated with the charitable institutions of Paris for two centuries, and himself universally respected by all parties. One of the arrested was M. Odelin, "Jesuit plenipotentiary," as the London 'Times' calls him (he was president of the civil corporation of one of their colleges), but he is in reality a man of property and municipal position, and brother of the Cardinal-Archbishop's Vicar-General. Francois Coppee perhaps feebly represents the Academy among the Resisters; but there were more than a dozen members of Parliament and of the Municipal Council in the trouble, and some of them incurred arrest. Christian de Tocqueville, third in descent from the author of "Democracy in America," got off with three nights at the Police Depot and a forty days' prison sentence. Before foreigners pronounce, it would be well to know who is on this side, sure to be beaten down for the present, yet bound to surprising Jack-in-the-box resurrections in the future.'

Here is the verdict of the New York 'Daily News' regarding the sham democracy in which the whole electoral machinery is controlled, through removable and obsequious prefects, by the Minister for the Interior:—

'Undoubtedly, if there could be held in France tomorrow a fair and free election, in which the form of the government was to be determined, the people would choose a monarchy. The leaders would not. They would choose what they have at present—a hybrid thing, supported by the gold of the Rothschilds and the trickery of the diplomats. They called it into existence, and have made it their plaything. When they feel like slapping it hard they do so, in the face of mankind.

'It is impossible to exaggerate the scorn of the French Deputies for their Republic. The present moment is critical for France. It looked at one time as if the Kaiser had made up his mind to war over Morocco. The diplomats of Europe were not sleeping nights in their labor and thought to prevent a rupture. Yet this is the moment selected by the Deputies to upset the Ministry, which is done with a laugh. The people observe the proceedings with indifference. The air of the Chamber of Deputies, however, had on that day the strong scent of blood. In defending church property against the vile mob that sought to desecrate it, a Frenchman had been slain. The Catholics were furious, the Radicals more furious still. The scent of blood roused feeling against a feeble Government, and the Ministry perished.

'It is the stimulus of blood which France needs to do away with its present form of Government. Had every parish resisted the imitation Republic in its at-

tack on personal liberty, it would not be a Ministry, but a fake Republic that fell the other day. Had every parish offered up one of its members in the cause of freedom, President Fallieres would be sending for the Commander-in-Chief to defend him, and not for the head of a new Ministry. It is impossible for us to realise the injury done to the cause of liberty, and particularly to the popular form of government called a Republic, by this wretched imitation Government, called the French Republic.'

This is severe. But it closely corresponds with Lecky's studied verdict on the instability, intellectual poverty, tyranny, and corruption of the swiftly-passing series of administrations that have afflicted France since its year of disaster, 1870 ('Democracy and Liberty,' vol. i.).

## A TERRIBLE DISASTER

### EARTHQUAKE AT SAN FRANCISCO

News was received in this Colony on Thursday that San Francisco had been visited on the previous day by a violent earthquake, which ruined the greater part of the business quarters of the city, this being followed by fires which broke out in various directions, causing immense destruction of property. Owing to the destruction of the cable and telegraph offices only very fragmentary items of information were available at first, and the estimate of the number who perished was given at 1500 persons. In times of panic the losses of life and property are almost invariably exaggerated, and it was thought such was the case on this occasion, but unfortunately it turned out to be the reverse, as later messages set down the loss of human life at 10,000 persons, and the damage is estimated at £60,000,000, a sum sufficient to liquidate the public debt of New Zealand. As the disaster occurred between five and six o'clock in the morning, most of the residents were asleep, and they rushed from their beds into the streets in their night attire. At this time buildings were tottering and crashing, while there were showers of falling chimneys, cornices, and walls, crushing and mangling many people. The terror and excitement are indescribable. It only took three minutes to turn a great part of the city into a mass of debris. The first shock was so severe that tall buildings rocked like poplars in a storm. The gas-works blew up with an awful report, and the escaping gas and the sewage from the broken mains created a fearful stench, which it was feared would cause an epidemic. The escape of gas caused fires to start in various directions, and owing to the bursting of the water mains the authorities were powerless to arrest the progress of the conflagration, with the result that hundreds of buildings that withstood the earthquake shocks succumbed to the fires. The firemen tried to stop the progress of the fires by dynamiting whole blocks of buildings, but, owing to a strong wind and want of water, their efforts were of little avail. The business quarter, with its immense warehouses, hotels, banks and public offices, and the cheap tenement quarter, with its crowded population, were the first to fall a prey to the conflagration, which in a short time had extended over an area of eight square miles.

The following are the latest details:—

The havoc extends everywhere within a radius of 100 miles from San Francisco.

Many of the richest banks and commercial houses in Montgomery street were burned, and hundreds of people were roasted in the debris.

Reuter states that it is impossible to trace individuals in the present confusion, but the Englishmen and foreigners who were staying at the big hotels are doubtless safe. The casualties so far are confined to the poorer tenement section.

General Funston has telegraphed to President Roosevelt stating that 250,000 people are homeless, and that food and tents are scarce. All the Government buildings have been destroyed.

Every building in the business part of the district and nearly half the residential section are destroyed. No large building is left standing. The greatest loss of life occurred in South Market street. Six hundred bodies have been recovered.

The Jesuit Church and College of St. Ignatius, which cost 2,000,000 dollars, were demolished.

The 'Daily Mail' publishes an Oakland despatch stating that 10,000 people have been killed and an equal number injured.

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**T**HE PREMIER TEA in Dunedin is "Cook o' the North." A luxurious Tea for picky people.

The fire insurance risks amount to £50,000,000. The British juices are the hardest hit.

The commander of the San Francisco Fire Brigade stated on Thursday evening that more than two-thirds of the city had been destroyed.

It was decided on Friday to dynamite all the residences on the east side of Van Ness avenue, between Golden Gate and Pacific avenues, a distance of a mile. This is the most fashionable quarter.

Despite the dynamiting of a mile of residences on the east side of Van Ness avenue, the fire spread to the westward, involving the whole of the millionaires' mansions and the suburbs.

Great guns bombarded the millionaires' quarter for hours, and unsparring destruction was wrought. Eventually the progress of the fire was stopped.

The Mayor of San Francisco hopes that one fourth of the city will be saved, chiefly the suburbs, but the best and richest sections have been destroyed.

Arrangements have been made to bake 50,000 loaves daily in the undamaged area, also to deliver daily 10,000,000 gallons of water.

The disaster to the Agnew Asylum is minimised. Eleven officers and attendants were killed, and 120 injured. Fifty-five patients were killed, and 120 injured.

Several New York firms have each subscribed from £2000 to £15,000.

All cities are vying in their contributions, and already 10,000,000 dollars have been raised.

The Hamburg-American line cabled offering a gift of £5000, but President Roosevelt declined the offer with warm thanks, the Cabinet having decided that foreign assistance is not needed in view of the bountiful response made by Americans. The Dominion House of Parliament has voted 100,000dol, and the San Francisco, Carnegie, and Standard Oil Trusts have each donated 100,000dol.

The Right Hon. the Premier has cabled his sympathy to the President, and has offered to forward £5000 to the relief fund, on behalf of the people of New Zealand.

#### Catholic Statistics.

San Francisco is one of the great archdioceses of the United States, and it is noted for the number of its beautiful churches, Catholic colleges, and institutes of charity. As the archdiocese does not cover a large area, comparatively speaking, forming a strip along the coast both north and south of San Francisco, and therefore within the zone of the terrible visitation, it is to be feared that it has suffered a loss which will not be fully repaired for many years. The present archbishop is the Most Rev. Patrick William Riordan, D.D., who was consecrated Coadjutor-Archbishop in 1883, and succeeded the late Dr. Alemany in the following year. The Catholic population of the archdiocese is nearly 250,000 and as the greater part of this was located in the city and the adjoining towns, all of which suffered from the awful catastrophe, it is to be feared that many hundreds of our co-religionists have been swept into eternity with very little warning, whilst numbers who escaped this fate have been rendered homeless, and have lost their all in the terrible conflagration. The clergy of the archdiocese (secular and regular) numbered 280; churches, 160. There are 17,000 pupils in the parochial schools (boys and girls), 96 students in the ecclesiastical seminaries, 1700 children in the orphan asylums, 250 inmates in industrial and reform schools, there being 25,000 children altogether under Catholic care. The other charitable institutions include an infant asylum, protector for boys, deaf-mute asylum, three hospitals, home for aged poor, etc. Among the religious Orders of men in the archdiocese are the Jesuit Fathers, whose fine church and college (St. Ignatius) have been destroyed; Marist Fathers and Marist Brothers, Franciscans, and Dominicans. The Sisters of Mercy have a Magdalen asylum, hospital, home for the aged, and schools in the city; the Sisters of St. Dominic have a convent, conduct an academy, and have schools in the city; the Sisters of St. Joseph are at Oakland, across the harbor. Other religious Orders having houses in the city and suburbs are the Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Notre Dame, Ladies of the Sacred Heart. There were over 300 students in the Jesuit College (St. Ignatius). Of the churches, 35 are situated within the city limit. Nearly one-half of the clergy were attached to the city churches or were connected with the colleges. The staff of the Jesuit College consisted of 25 professors, and the students numbered over 300.

Of the Catholic newspapers published in San Francisco, the 'Monitor' is the best known and the most generally quoted by its contemporaries. As its offices

were situated in Mission street, it is to be feared that it has been overtaken by the general ruin which, it seems, befell everything in that district.

On Friday evening (says the Christchurch 'Press'), though busily occupied in preparations for his visit to Europe, his Lordship Bishop Grimes courteously accorded an interview to a member of the 'Press' staff on the subject of the Church of St. Ignatius in San Francisco, which is reported to be amongst the buildings destroyed.

'When I was in San Francisco in 1898, said the Bishop, 'on my way home after having visited Rome, it happened to be the Patronal Feast of the Church of St. Ignatius. The Jesuit fathers asked me to sing Pontifical Mass in the church, and I did so. The church, which was situated on Hayes street, was a beautiful one. It was not the Cathedral of San Francisco, but it deserved to be from the majestic character of the building. I sang Pontifical Mass on the Feast Day as requested, and one of the staff of the Jesuit College composed some excellent Latin verses in my honor. In these reference was made to New Zealand, and to my labor here. There was a college connected with the church, having a staff of 21 professors, 12 scholastics, and 328 students. After this, I visited San Jose, and one of the professors took me over the Lick Observatory. He made reference to the museum in Christchurch, which he said he had heard was a very fine one. The Marist Fathers have a large parish in San Francisco, with churches, schools, etc. As these were situated in the centre of the city, I am afraid they have all been destroyed. I visited them when in San Francisco, and inspected the various buildings and schools, which were splendidly equipped.'

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

April 21.

The All Nations' Fair has been well patronised during the week. To-night additional attractions in the way of some interesting side-shows are to be provided.

The commission appointed to consider the question of church music in the archdiocese consists of Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Very Rev. Father Power, Rev. Fathers T. Walshe, Ainsworth, Kinnell, and Molloy, and Messrs. R. A. Loughnan, M. C. Rowe, S. Cimino, and A. Bunny. The commission met on Wednesday and Thursday. Their deliberations are not yet public, but I understand that some radical changes are recommended.

The Catholic members of the University party, who went to Christchurch at Easter, speak in glowing terms of the kindness they received at the hands of his Lordship Bishop Grimes and the Rev. Fathers Hickson and O'Connell. In fact they everywhere received a kindly welcome from their fellow-Catholics in Christchurch. They are specially indebted to Mr. Hayward and members of the Catholic Club for their kindly interest, and for the way in which they made their stay so pleasant.

The services of Holy Week were carried out with becoming ceremony in the several parishes. The attendances throughout were very large, the numbers assembling for the veneration of the Cross affording a most edifying spectacle. The Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., who recently returned from Sydney, was master of ceremonies at Buckle street, and also preached an eloquent sermon. At the Sacred Heart Basilica the discourses were delivered by his Grace the Archbishop, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Father O'Reilly, S.M.

On Wednesday last at St. Joseph's, Buckle street, Miss M. Carrigan was married to Mr. T. Madden. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M. Mr. J. Madden acted as best man, and Misses C. Carrigan and M. Madden as bridesmaids. After the ceremony breakfast was partaken of at Godber's Rooms, Cuba street, where a large number of friends joined in wishing prosperity and happiness to the happy couple. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan entertained a large number of friends at their home in Austin St. in honor of the event. A large number of varied and costly presents were received from all parts of the Colony.

The fifth annual conference of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies began in St. Patrick's Hall on Saturday last, and was concluded on Monday. There was a good attendance of delegates, and the several

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matters affecting the societies were very fully and ably discussed. Monday's sitting was devoted to consideration of the 'Catholic Magazine,' and the desirability of its more frequent appearance was affirmed. Steps are to be taken to arrange for a monthly issue next year. On Sunday morning a very edifying sight was presented at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, where large numbers of young men received Holy Communion in a body. A special sermon of much force was preached by the spiritual director, Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. A photograph of the delegates, members of the club, and friends was afterwards taken on the club's tennis court. Breakfast was partaken of at Searl's Rooms, Cuba street, where the Rev. Father O Shea, S.M., presided over a gathering of over seventy young men. The usual toasts were duly honored. On Sunday after the breakfast the delegates and friends were driven out to the Trentham Racecourse, where lunch was provided. On Sunday evening they attended the Church of St. Anne's, Wellington South, and were afterwards entertained by the Rev. Father Ainsworth. On Monday his Grace the Archbishop was present at the conference, and delivered a brief address to the delegates. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; spiritual director, Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M.; president, Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon; vice-president, Mr. E. J. Leydon; secretary and editor, Mr. H. McKeowen; treasurer, Mr. J. McGowan; executive, Messrs. A. H. Casey, J. Coyle, P. J. McGovern. The next conference will be held at Christchurch. The young men are to be congratulated on the success of their fifth council, and it is to be hoped that the movement will receive an impetus that will place our societies more in the forefront of the work of the Church.

**Wanganui**

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 17.

The altar boys of St. Mary's held their picnic (which was organised by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunt) at Long Acre Valley, about seven miles from Wanganui. The usual out-door games and races were provided. The principal winners were C. Morgan, J. Robinson, H. Hunt, and W. Neylon. After partaking of the refreshments, which were looked after by Miss Leydin and Mrs. McMahon, the boys were driven to Mrs. Hunt's residence, where they were hospitably entertained, and thence they adjourned to St. Mary's Hall, where Mr. H. Edsen gave a gramophone entertainment, interspersed with songs by Rev. Father Mahoney, Messrs. S. Stafford and L. Loftus, piano solo by Mrs. Leo Dunfot, violin solo by Mr. Horrie Hunt. Brother Virgilius caused great laughter with his interpretation of the 'Ghost' scene. The convent orphan children and the boarders were also delighted with the evening's entertainment. Very Rev. Dean Grogan and Rev. Father Mahoney, also Brothers Colman, Virgilius, and Siegfried were present at the picnic, and were very energetic in promoting the pleasure of the boys during the day.

**DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

April 23.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions of the Sacred Heart High School were successful; at the recent examinations in music in connection with the Royal Academy:—Higher division, A. Riordan; higher division (singing), M. O'Connor. Lower division, M. Coakley (distinction), Ruby Buchanan and E. Murphy. Elementary, M. Ryan.

There was a meeting of the committee in connection with the proposed carnival to aid the Cathedral fund held on last Wednesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among those present were the Very Rev. Vicar-General the Rev. Fathers Hickson and O'Connell. The time fixed for the carnival is August of next year. An executive committee will be formed at an early date, and the lady stall-holders appointed.

A bazaar, sale of work, and the Madden Art Union in aid of the parochial funds of St. Mary's, Manchester street, were opened on Easter Monday in the Alexandra Hall, and continued until the following Thursday evening, when the art union was drawn. The Madden paintings were on view, and made quite an effective display. Messrs. W. Hayward, jun., and W. Raymond shared the duties of secretary, and the following ladies were in charge of stalls:—Fancy, Mrs. W. Hayward, jun., Mrs. Shanaghan, Misses Dennehy, Shanaghan, Smith, Donag-

hue, and Gough; Produce, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Bradford, and the Misses Sullivan; refreshments, Mrs. Brick, the Misses Knight and Brick. A musical programme was given each evening. The attendance was good, and the business resulting satisfactory. The Rev. Father Hickson and others of the clergy took a keen interest in the proceedings. The principal prize winners in the art union were Mr. A. C. Nottingham, Mrs. G. McGowan, Mr. J. Ormandy, and Miss Barnett, the remaining prizes being fairly widely distributed.

On last Monday evening Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, president of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies, gave an interesting address to members of the Christchurch Catholic Club. Among those present were the Rev. Father O'Connell and the Marist Brothers' teaching staff. The president, Mr. J. R. Hayward, occupied the chair, and during the introductory remarks referred in congratulatory terms to the success of Mr. Fitzgibbon; those successes, he trusted, were but the beginning of a progressive movement among Catholic young men and in connection with Catholic matters which would tend to raise the standard of Catholicism to the plane—socially, educationally, and generally—which it should occupy in this Colony, in short, 'a power in the land' by virtue of the sterling ability undoubtedly possessed by many of our young men, and displayed in an eminent degree by Mr. Fitzgibbon and his confrere Mr. F. P. Kelly.

Mr. Fitzgibbon expressed sincere thanks for the hearty reception given him, and also intended for his friend and comrade Mr. Kelly, whose absence he apologised for as being, in the circumstances, unavoidable. He felt particularly grateful to the president (Mr. Hayward) for the splendid hospitality he had extended not only towards himself, but to all his fellow students during their visit to Christchurch. His (the speaker's) experiences had always proved the loyalty existing among Catholics. It was a pleasure to him to meet the Catholic young men of any centre, and as president of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies, he deemed it a duty and a privilege to meet those of the various clubs and societies. He realised the very great interest manifested by the Catholics of this city in their success, which he felt was a reflex of the same interest felt in them throughout New Zealand. This was a sincere honor to which they were fully alive, and he trusted deeply appreciative. Referring to the recent competitive debate, he said they had met foemen worthy of their steel, some even with previous unbroken records, and as regards Mr. Kelly, he had never spoken so well before. After relating some interesting particulars concerning the university life of Victoria College and giving some side lights on the inner workings, he again took up the theme of Catholic combination and co-operation, especially in our relation to the clergy, who had too much to do, and for whom we did too little. He concluded a stirring address by strongly urging as many as possible to adopt a university career, and to see to it that Catholics enjoyed a fair share of university life. These institutions should not be run by any one special class, sectarian or atheistic, and one of the best means to prevent this is by the inclusion of a fair percentage of Catholic students. The introduction of anything of the kind into Victoria College would be strenuously opposed, and for this reason among others he trusted we would be always well represented.

Rev. Father O'Connell, in expressing pleasure in meeting Mr. Fitzgibbon and listening to his excellent address, said their visitor was evidently one who fully realised the importance of his religion. The remarks they had listened to on university life were to them welcome, and proved the necessity of study, which among our Catholic young men was too much overlooked. He was afraid they did not realise the power within their easy reach. All should make an endeavor to raise themselves in the estimation of their fellow-citizens, and to do this a college career was not an absolute essential. He felt that the club would benefit by the visit of Mr. Fitzgibbon that evening, and that one result would be the acquisition of some of the enthusiasm of their visitor and his coadjutors in Wellington in the interests of club matters. Whilst congratulating Mr. Fitzgibbon on the success attained, he said, although it was the privilege of the few to rise to distinction and eminence, still it was in the power of everyone to advance if only earnestness, zeal, and energy were exercised.

Brother Basil said he had listened to the late debate with pleasure and profit. He likened Mr. Fitzgibbon to Mr. Redmond, the great Irish parliamentarian, when he had first heard the latter. With regard to their guest, he predicted a brilliant future for him.

Mr. Heenan followed with a few witty remarks, after which a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Fitzgibbon, who suitably replied.

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At the Cathedral on Sunday evening his Lordship the Bishop preached for the last time prior to his departure for Rome. During his remarks he gave a retrospective review of the diocese, the subject of his discourse generally being a farewell to his people, and he again referred to the said calamity which had befallen San Francisco. Solemn Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, the Bishop being attended by the Very Rev. Vicar-General and Rev. Father O'Connell. At St. Mary's, Manchester street, feeling reference to the San Francisco disaster was also made by the Rev. Father Hickson, and the organist played the Dead March from 'Saul' in memory of the faithful departed.

Before commencing his address at the opening of the new church at Woolston on Sunday, his Lordship the Bishop said they had received during the week the very sad news of an appalling disaster to a fair city of the United States. Thousands upon thousands had been plunged into an untimely grave. Their hearts felt sorrow, and sympathy had gone out to the victims of this frightful calamity, and our prayers for the dear dead, many of our own kith and kin, who without the slightest warning had, whilst in the enjoyment of health and strength, been hurled into eternity. At 9 o'clock on Tuesday next in the Cathedral there would be a solemn Mass of Requiem for the victims of the awful catastrophe. It was somewhat providential, continued his Lordship, that I was not present in the doomed city at the very moment of its destruction. I had communicated with the ecclesiastical heads of the Church, as is the custom, apprising them of my intention of travelling, via San Francisco, and being there at the time since proved so fateful, from this course, however, I was persuaded by my friends to delay another month. The Bishop also referred to the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius which is reported to be amongst the buildings destroyed.

There was a meeting in the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Friday evening of the St. Patrick's Day celebration committee. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and the Very Rev. Vicar-General was present, together with a fair attendance. The secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor) presented the balance sheet of the national concert given on March 16, which showed total receipts to be £126, and after deducting expenses, a net credit balance of £101 10s. which amount the executive committee were asked to at once hand over to the Rev. Mother of Nazareth House for the benefit of that institution. The ladies' committee, the H.A.C.B. Society, and the Catholic Club were especially thanked for the interest displayed in the disposal of tickets. His Lordship the Bishop said he was deeply gratified at the result of the committee's efforts, and none would rejoice more at the success achieved than the Sisters themselves. Whilst explaining that his absence from the concert was under the circumstances unavoidable, he was present in sentiment, heart, and desire. Mr. W. Hoban (chairman of executive) expressed pleasure at the success shown, and eulogised the excellent committee he had at his back, and especially thanked the ladies for their splendid efforts. On the motion of Mr. G. R. Hart a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the performers for their gratuitous services.

### Woolston

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The fine new building at Woolston, situated on about an acre of land which was lately blessed and dedicated to school purposes, to which it has since been applied was on Sunday morning last solemnly blessed as a church also by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Father Galerne, priest in charge of the district. The building was originally designed for church as well as school purposes, and is now fitted up with all the requirements of the former, a beautifully finished altar being the most recent addition. After the dedication ceremony Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Galerne. His Lordship the Bishop preached a discourse on the following text from the day's Gospel: 'Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them Peace be to you.' These words, he said, were the most applicable with which to address them, on so

auspicious an event. A few weeks ago the present beautiful edifice was blessed as a school and used exclusively, as such up to to-day. A deputation from among them had waited upon him to have the building dedicated as a church, and so well had they pleaded their cause, that he could not resist their appeal. Therefore the fewness of priests and their many duties had to him been the chief obstacle. Although changed from a school to a church, it would still be a school-church. From time to time the Holy Sacrifice would be offered in their midst; they would have the Real Presence, which would be to them a reason to rejoice and be glad. It would be the house of God—their especial house. The Church (he said) was dedicated to St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin, and particularly mentioned the munificent generosity of one who had provided the whole outlay on the church building. Special mention was also due to the Very Rev. Vicar-General and the other priests who had taken so deep an interest in it, and asked all these and the zealous people of Woolston to accept this expression of his heartfelt gratitude. He should not be surprised that in the course of time this would be the centre of a new parish, and they were wise in securing sufficient property for extension when a presbytery, convent, and school would be necessary.

The Rev. Father Galerne expressed sincere gratitude to the Bishop for the great favor he had conferred, and when the Bishop returned from the Eternal City the people would show they were not ungrateful. He felt that a long-felt want had now been supplied; the church in their midst would draw many nearer to God and their religion, and be the means of inducing many to return to the Faith of their forefathers.

### Leeston

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

As the result of an appeal made to the Catholics of the Leeston parochial district by his Lordship the Bishop during a recent visit regarding the raising of funds to pay off the existing liabilities on the Cathedral, the congregations of the districts joined forces on Saturday, Easter Monday, and Tuesday, and inaugurated a grand Easter carnival with the object of raising funds. A bazaar was held in the Leeston Athletic Grounds, and was well attended on all three days. At night the grounds were illuminated by eight arc lamps, installed by Mr. A. E. Brown, of Christchurch. The stall-holders were:—Refreshments, Mesdames T. Holley and F. Holley, and Misses Bohan, Duncan, Greenan, M'Vey, Todd, Cook, and Noonan; fancy work (Southbridge), Mesdames P. F. M'Evedy, M. Twiss, and Riordan; fruit stall (Southbridge), Miss Riordan; fancy stall (Leeston), Mesdames P. O'Boyle and M'Cloy, and Misses L. O'Boyle, M. O'Boyle, L. Fay, J. O'Brien, and N. O'Brien. Besides the stalls there was a weight-guessing competition for a sheep presented by Messrs. Leahy Bros. (Lakeside), a shooting gallery and various side shows.

On Easter Monday his Lordship the Bishop attended and was accompanied by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Fathers Richards, Hickson, Mahony, O'Connell, and Galerne. In the afternoon a programme of sports was got off, under the direction of Messrs. F. J. Holley, F. Lill, J. F. Donald, J. F. O'Brien, and R. Young.

The grounds were kindly lent by Mr. Jas. McCormack for the occasion. The arrangements were very perfect, and included an electric radiator, used as a heating apparatus. The glorious weather prevailing throughout Easter week induced a large attendance, and the excellent business transacted was proved, inasmuch that when the time for closing arrived most of the wares exposed for sale were disposed of.

The handsome convent recently erected for the Sisters of Mercy on the river bank at Koongal, was opened a few Sundays ago by the Bishop of Rockhampton.

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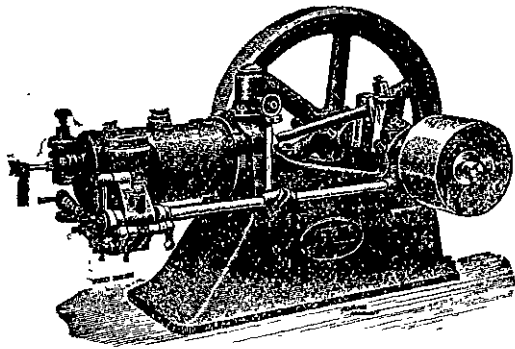


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## Irish News

### ANTRIM—A Mission to Australia

In the course of an address in the National Hall, Belfast, to the Executive of the United Irish League Mr. Devlin said: I have come here to say good-bye to the members of the organisation and to my friends and colleagues in the National movement in this city. It is some time ago since I was invited by Mr. Redmond, as the chairman of the Irish Party and President of the United Irish League, to go to Australia on a mission to the Irish race in that great continent, but owing to the intervention of the general election and other pressing public work in the country, I found myself unable to accede to that request until now. Feeling that this pressure of public work and public engagements would be much less urgent during the ensuing few months, I, with Mr. J. T. Donovan, consented to accept the commission of the National Directory to proceed to Australia for a short period in order to thank our fellow-countrymen in the Southern Hemisphere for all the loyalty which they have shown to the Irish cause in the past and for the ever-consistent generosity and public spirit which they have manifested for Ireland in recent years.

### ARMAGH—Cardinal Logue in Rome

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, was received in private audience by the Holy Father in the early part of March. His Eminence conversed with the Pope in Italian. His Holiness evinced the greatest interest in the Cardinal's impressions of Venice, and inquired in a most affectionate manner about Ireland, saying he was glad to hear such a good report of the religious state of the country.

### DONEGAL—Lenten Pastoral

The Lenten Pastoral of the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, was printed in Irish as well as in English.

### DUBLIN—Death of a Jesuit

The death is reported of a distinguished Irish Jesuit in the person of the Very Rev. Father John Moore, which occurred at San Francisco consequent on a sudden attack of appendicitis. The deceased was a native of Dublin, and was 52 years of age. His early life was spent under the guardianship of an uncle, who for over fifty years was the parish priest of Clondalkin. In 1878 he went to California, subsequently returning to Ireland, being attached to Gardiner street church and doing missionary duty all over the country. He volunteered for India in 1896, for the College of Mangalore, which urgently needed a professor in English customs and language. The effect of the climate on his health was very severe, and he thought to return to Dublin, but was unable to do so. He spent some time in Egypt, but quite recently arrived at San Francisco, where at the community house of St. Joseph's he passed peacefully away.

### A Garrison Institution

A correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal' expresses the hope that Mr. Swift MacNeill may continue his efforts as a Liberal Protestant in exposing the intolerance that is practised towards Catholics in the lower ranks of the army. With regard to the Liberman Military School, he says that 'not a single post of emolument or trust in the whole School, from the office of Commandant down to that of gate-keeper, is held by a "Papist." The following list of billets, which are all tenanted by non-Catholics, will give some idea of how exclusively this Irish school is garrisoned by the superior Briton in the Irish metropolis—Commandant, Quartermaster, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Head Master, Head Schoolmistress, Bandmaster, Sergeant-Major, Master Tailor, Master Carpenter, Master Drummer, Master Shoemaker, Orderly Room Clerk, Lodgekeeper.'

### GALWAY—Death of a Dominican

News has been received in Galway of the death at Rome of Very Rev. Father Costello, O.P., whose long residence in the Eternal City made him known to so many, while his kindness and readiness to oblige endeared him to all. Father Costello came of an old and highly respectable Galway family, members of which have distinguished themselves in various walks of life in France and England, as well as at home. He was born in 1824, and at an early age entered the Dominican Order and went to Italy for his novitiate and studies, taking there his degree in theology. Returning home, he first worked on the mission for some years in Leicester, and afterwards in the Convents of

St. Mary's, Cork, and St. Saviour's, Limerick, until 1865, when, health failing, he was sent to Lisbon and afterwards to San Clementi, Rome, where he died.

### KERRY—Death of a Doctor

Dr. L. S. Griffin, resident medical superintendent of Killarney District Asylum, died under operation in London recently.

### LIMERICK—Irish Manufacture

At Limerick Petty Sessions a summons brought by John Frawley, a member of the Limerick Industrial Association, against an outfitter in Limerick for a breach of the Merchandise Marks Act by selling as Irish manufacture a cap which was English manufacture, was dismissed because action had not been taken within six months of the date of the cause of action.

### A Coming Evil

In opposing an increase in the doctors' salaries in Limerick Union, which was carried by 42 votes to 32, Mr. Patrick Burke said officialism was the coming curse of the country, and if this kind of thing went on it would take the place of landlordism.

### LONGFORD—Papal Honor

His Holiness Pope Pius X. has been pleased to confer the title and dignity of Monsignor upon the Very Rev. Canon O'Farrell, Ardagh, County Longford.

### MONAGHAN—The Lace Industry

Some three years ago the Rev. W. O'Doherty, Em-tris, County Monaghan, established a lace class to give much-needed employment to the girls of the parish, and its success has been wonderful. The net turnover for the first year was £1310, and the turnover for the past year was £3250. In the month of January this year alone the girls earned over £530.

### A Centenarian

On March 2 the remains of a woman named Rachel Garrow, Cormeen, aged 103, were laid to rest at Ballyalban, Monaghan. The deceased, who was all her life a strong and healthy woman, was only complaining a short time prior to her death. She competed at the Monaghan Show in last September in the spinning competition, and succeeded in capturing first prize, as she had done on the previous years of the show. Her performance at the wheel at the show was watched with keen interest by large numbers.

### QUEEN'S COUNTY—Death of a Priest

At Ballinakill, Queen's County, on February 21, the Rev. James Connolly, a highly esteemed priest of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, died at the age of 65. His death was deeply regretted by the people of his native diocese.

### TIPPERARY—The Soldier's Reward

Another of those disagreeable workhouse stories (says the London 'Daily News') comes from Roscrea, in the County Tipperary, where Martin Fogherty, a Crimean soldier, has died at the age of 75. If the story told of Fogherty's career is correct, as no doubt it is, he deserved better of his country than death in the workhouse. Serving in a foot regiment, Fogherty performed the truly remarkable feat of fighting throughout the Crimean campaign without being as much as a day on the sick list. Having regard to the hardships undergone by the troops in that campaign, Fogherty must be supposed to have had an iron constitution. He afterwards served through the Indian Mutiny. And now he has died in a workhouse, where, it is said, he had lived for several years. There were prosecutions in Ireland recently for the circulation of pamphlets against recruiting in that country. It may occur to the authorities that one such case as that of Martin Fogherty, the Crimean veteran, dying in the Roscrea Workhouse, is a more powerful anti-recruiting argument than any pamphlet could put forward.

## GENERAL

### The King and St. Patrick's Day

The King again ordered a supply of shamrocks for Buckingham Palace on St. Patrick's Day from the Violet and Shamrock Farm at Cullinamore, County Sligo.

### Intermediate Education

Whatever criticism the system of Irish Intermediate Education may deserve (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), it cannot be denied the tribute of having attracted the confidence of the Intermediate Schools. This year's entries for the examinations constitute another record. The total is 11,667, an increase of 1379 on the figures for 1905, which themselves represented an increase of 1122 on the figures for 1904.

### The Rector of the Irish College

For the second time since the foundation of its Institute of Higher Philosophy the University of Louvain has conferred an honorary doctorate in this science. The recipient of this so marked distinction is the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College.

### Italy and Ireland

The King of Italy the other day received in private audience Count Salazar, Italian Consul in Dublin. His majesty displayed much interest in Ireland's condition, which the Count described as flourishing. The King also inquired as to the lace and linen which will be sent to Milan Exhibition. Italy will be represented at the International Exhibition in Dublin, 1907.

### Church Property Insurance

The following is the fourth annual report of the Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Company:—The directors beg to report that, after payment of reinsurances, the income of the company for the year 1905 was £3879 9s 11d. The payments for fire losses amounted to £206 19s 4d, the general expenditure to £729 12s 4d, and the directors' fees to £250, making a total of £1186 11s 10d, and leaving a surplus of £2692 18s 1d. Out of this surplus the directors have allocated £500 to payment of dividend on the paid-up capital of 5 per cent. for the year. They recommend that the balance of £2192 18s 1d be placed to the credit of reserve, which will then stand at £6186 11s 4d.

### The Emigration Evil

The Irish hierarchy have issued a joint pastoral condemning emigration, and those who do emigrate are cautioned against the dangers of promiscuous acquaintance in travelling. In the course of the pastoral the bishops say: For many years past the saddest aspect of Irish affairs has been reflected in the stream of emigration from every part of the country. Hence, on more than one occasion, we have publicly appealed to our young people not to allow themselves to be allured by the enticements with which letters from America are so frequently filled, to rush into the dangers of life in foreign cities, where too often the measure of success falls far short of the high expectations of the emigrant, and a considerable proportion of those who leave us do not succeed at all. In the earnest advice the best heads of our people on the other side of the Atlantic have not failed to express their complete concurrence. But still the process of national exhaustion continues almost unaltered, and whilst it is not our present purpose to dwell on the pressing need of utilising the land and the other resources of the country so as to employ the people at home, or to insist on the extent to which our Irishmen, charged with responsibility and fitted with means and authority to open up the latent sources of wealth, could find a remedy for this ruinous depletion, in the existing state of things the duty devolves upon us of warning youthful emigrants against certain perils, which, though not inherent in emigration, have been only too frequently associated with it in the past.

### A Local Veto Bill

The text of Mr. William Redmond's Intoxicating Liquors Local Veto (Ireland) Bill has been issued. The measure is backed by Mr. Deane, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Smith, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. Glendinning, and Mr. Russell. It consists of fourteen clauses, and opens with the preamble:—'Whereas the traffic in intoxicating liquors is one of the main causes of poverty, disease, and crime, depresses trade and commerce, increases local taxation, and endangers the safety and welfare of the community; and whereas it is expedient to confer powers upon local government electors in wards, county boroughs, in urban districts, and in rural districts in Ireland to prohibit and control such traffic, be it, therefore, enacted,' etc. The measure proposes to empower one-tenth of the voters in any district to obtain a poll as to whether (1) the sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited, or (2) the number of licenses be reduced, or (3) no additional licenses be granted. The result of the poll would be conclusive, subject to a two-thirds majority.

### Land Sales

By a return issued by the Land Commission it appears that the applications for advances to the end of October numbered 73,981, and the amount applied for to £28,127,220. In addition £589,457 had been applied for for 2431 sales under the old Acts and to the Congested Districts Board. The latter Board had also applied for £540,522 for the purchase of 49 estates, of which eight had been purchased, at a cost of £170,421. The total amount applied for under all the Acts was therefore £29,257,199.

## People We Hear About

There are sixteen Jewish members in the present House of Commons.

Mr. Michael Davitt, who is called the father of the Land League, celebrated his 59th birthday on March 27.

Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli will enter on his 70th year next December.

Mr. Charles Santley, the celebrated singer, who is still popular with English audiences, has entered on his 72nd year.

Mr. William Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame, celebrated his 31st birthday on April 25, and was in his 21st year when he took his invention to England.

Ex-Judge Foster, of New South Wales, treasures in his home the despatch-box which his grandfather used in the old Irish Parliament that sat in Dublin before the Union. His grandfather was Speaker in those days.

When under examination in the witness box by the late Sir Frank Lockwood, Henry Labouchere remarked that he had spent between £40,000 and £50,000 in law costs. 'Then,' said the jocular Sir Frank, 'on behalf of the profession, Mr. Labouchere, I must thank you.'

Madame Adeline Patti celebrated her 63rd birthday on February 19. She made her debut at the Academy of Music, New York, in November, 1859, and, according to a leading English daily, her incomparable voice still retains much of its early power and beauty.

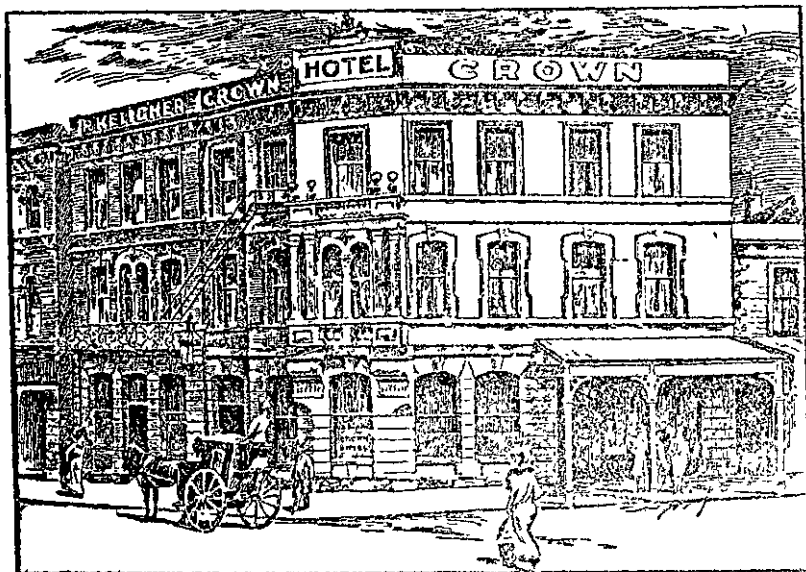
Constable Francis P. Quirk, an officer of Sydney police, who studied in his spare time and won his B.A. degree at Sydney University, is about to leave for Glasgow, to pursue his studies in medicine.

One detail of Princess Ena's trousseau (says the 'Freeman's Journal') has a particular romance about it—the lace which it is understood her mother intends to give her. For this lace belonged to Queen Katharine of Aragon. It was found some years ago, according to an English paper, in a walled-up cupboard in St. James's Palace. Queen Victoria gave it to Princess Beatrice, and thus after some 400 years an English Princess takes back what a Spanish Princess brought.

A phenomenon which I daresay rather startled the young member when he entered the House for the first time (writes 'T.P.') was the warm exchange of greetings between old members who are separated from each other as the Poles by their political convictions. As Colonel Sanderson entered the House he found time to shake hands with Mr. Redmond; Mr. Walter Long, standing at the Bar, exchanged greetings with Mr. John Dillon, and there was some friendly chaff over the tight fight between him and the Nationalists in South Dublin.

His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington entered on his 66th year on the 8th inst., having been born at the Lower Hanyard, Tixall, Staffordshire, on April 8, 1839. He arrived with his parents in New Zealand in November, 1842. The late Mr. H. P. Redwood settled soon after his arrival in the Colony in Nelson, and the future Archbishop studied there for a while under the late Archbishop Garin, S.M., and afterwards in France and Ireland. He was ordained priest at Maynooth College on June 6, 1865, and was consecrated Bishop of Wellington by Cardinal Manning on March 17, 1874. Dr. Redwood was appointed first Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand on May 13, 1887.

The South African papers announce the death of Mr. Moses Cornwall, of Kimberley, one of the most prominent Irishmen in South Africa. Mr. Cornwall went out to the Cape very early in life. He came of a good stock, one of his ancestors on his mother's side having been hanged as a United Irishman. On this side he had a distant connection with the Parnells. Mr. Cornwall was one of the pioneers who created the present city of Kimberley, of which he was three times Mayor. He was a staunch Home Ruler, and was the representative of South Africa at the Irish National Convention held in the Leinster Hall in Dublin in 1896. On that occasion he expressed himself very strongly in favor of Irish National Self-Government, in a speech which was warmly received by the delegates. During his residence in Kimberley Mr. Cornwall was the means of sending £2000 to the Irish National funds.



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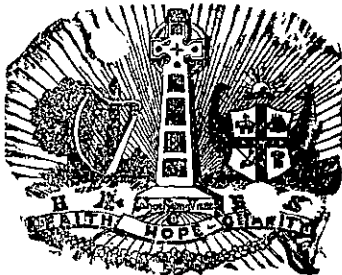
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Wellington, April 23.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, London, dated 21st. The mutton market is quiet. Trade is very disappointing, there being only a hand-to-mouth demand. The average price is: Canterbury mutton, 4½d per lb light weights, and 3¾d heavy weights. The average price for North Island mutton is 3½d. There is a good demand for all classes of lamb but prices are weak, as the stock in hand is heavy, the supply exceeding the demand. The low prices are certainly increasing the output. The average price for Canterbury brands is 4½d, other than Canterbury 4¼d. There is a better demand for beef, and the stocks of New Zealand on hand are light. The average price for New Zealand hind-quarters is 3½d, forequarters 2¾d. There is a better demand prevailing in the butter market for lines of the very best quality. The market is steady for the choicest New Zealand at 100s per cwt. Danish is quoted at 110s, and Siberian at 98s. The cheese market is dull for white makes at 62s per cwt. There is a firm demand for coloured Hawera at 66s. The demand for hemp has considerably fallen off, and the market is consequently dull. The average price for G.F.A.Q., Wellington, on the spot to-day is £32 per ton, and for the April-June shipments £31 is quoted.

Invercargill Prices Current.—Wholesale: Cheese, 6d; butter—farm, 8d; separator, 9d; factory (pats), 1s 0½d; hams, 9d; eggs, 1s 6d per dozen; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £3 5s per ton; flour, £9 10s to £10; oatmeal, £11 to £11 10s; bran, £4; pollard, £5 10s; potatoes, £9 15s. Retail: Butter—farm, 10d; separator, 11d; factory (pats), 1s 2d; cheese, 8d; eggs, 1s 9d per dozen; bacon, 9d; hams, 10d; flour—200lb, 21s; 50lb, 5s 9d; 25lb, 3s; oatmeal—50lb, 6s; 25lb, 3s 3d; pollard, 9s 6d per bag; bran, 5s; chaff, 2s; potatoes, 11s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was a small one, including feed oats, fowl wheat, potatoes, and chaff. There was a good attendance of buyers, and under brisk competition the catalogue, with the exception of a few lots of medium chaff, was cleared at quotations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—Owing to the fact that weather conditions have been far from favorable for threshing, very few new oats have been coming forward. Good to best feed lines have more attention from shippers, but as the local market is almost bare, most consignments are going into consumption here at prices which show a slight improvement on late quotations. Prime milling lines have more attention, and lots suitable for this trade are readily quoted for direct consignment. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime Tuscan is in most favour with millers, but all sorts in good condition have more attention, and are saleable at slightly better prices. Fowl wheat, although in most cases rather beyond shippers' limits, has good sale locally. Quotations: Prime milling Tuscan, 3s 2½d to 3s 4d; other sorts, 3s 2½d to 3s 3½d; medium to good, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market continues to be moderately supplied. All sorts prime and free from blight are in stronger demand, par-

ticular attention being paid to choice lines of Up-to-dates suitable for seed. Quotations: Best white sorts, £9 15s to £10; specially selected, £10 10s to £11; best Derwents, £9 10s to £10; medium, £8 15s to £9 5s; inferior, £7 10s to £8 10s per ton (bags extra).

Chaff.—Last week's wet weather retarded cutting operations, and in consequence the market was not heavily supplied. The demand is entirely confined to prime oaten sheaf, other sorts being at present quite neglected. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 5s to £3 10s; choice old chaff, to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 5s; inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—The market is poorly supplied, and for both oaten and wheaten there is good inquiry at improved prices.

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

Oats.—Supplies of this season's oats are, owing to bad weather, slow of coming to hand, and prices are as follows:—Prime milling, 1s 10½d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 9½d to 1s 10½d; inferior and medium 1s 3d to 1s 9d per bushel.

Wheat.—There is a good demand for prime milling and fowl wheat; the following being this week's quotations:—Prime milling, 3s 2½d to 3s 4d, medium do 3s 1d to 3s 2d, best whole fowl wheat 2s 11d to 3s, broken and damaged 2s 8d to 2s 10d per bushel.

Potatoes.—There is a good demand for prime lots of both Derwents and white sorts. Quotations:—Prime £9 10s to £10 15s (extra to £11), medium do £8 to £9 per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies continue very plentiful, and there is little change either in demand or prices. Quotations:—Prime oaten sheaf (old) £3 10s to £3 12s 6d, do (new) £3 5s to £3 10s; medium £2 15s to £3, light and inferior £2 10s to £2 12s 6d per ton.

**WOOL.**

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Monday's sale, when prices were a little easier than those ruling at the previous sale. We sold: Small, up to 6½d; summers, to 9½d; spring bucks, to 10½d; spring does, to 9d; autumn, to 11d; blacks, to 10d; and horsehair made up to 16½d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a very large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, when there was a full attendance of buyers, and prices were quite up to those ruling at last sale. Lambskins made up to 5s 6d, and pelts to 6s 1d. We can confidently recommend consignments being sent in at present, and are certain returns would give great satisfaction.

Hides.—Our catalogue for last Thursday's sale totalled 130, for which there was good competition, and prices were quite up to those of last. Our top price for ox was 7½d, and for cows 5½d per lb.

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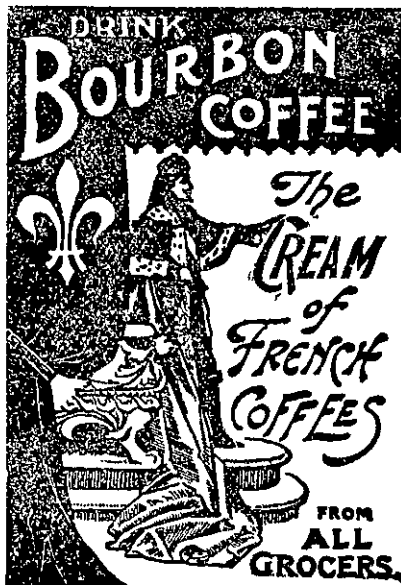
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OBITUARY

MRS. HOLT, CLYDE.

We regret to chronicle the death of the wife of Mr James Holt, and eldest daughter of Mr C. F. Faisandier, of Clyde, who died on the 19th April, aged 36. The respect in which the deceased was held was evinced by the large number who were present at the Requiem Mass on the morning of the funeral, also by the numbers who attended the funeral. Mrs Holt was a member of the Altar Society, and took a very active interest in affairs of the Church. In the course of an address, delivered previous to the funeral, Father Hunt remarked, inter alia, that it was a source of consolation both to her relatives and to himself to know that the end of a good life was a holy and edifying death, and exhorted his hearers to take her as a model.—R.I.P.

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DEATHS

HOLT.—Of your charity pray for the soul of Melanie, wife of James Holt, of Clyde, who died on April 19, 1906; aged 36.—R.I.P.

SMALLMAN.—On April 24, at the Dunedin Hospital, James Smallman, late of County Waterford, Ireland.—R.I.P.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

C.J.G.—Population of Grenada and St. Lucia (West Indies) mostly negroes; religion mixed. The island belong to archdiocese of Port-of-Spain, of which less than half the population is Catholic. There are tens of thousands of Christian marriages in Italy not recognised by the State, because the ceremony is not performed before a Government functionary. Take statements in the secular press regarding Catholic religious matters with a good cellarful of salt.



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LEO. XIII, to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1906

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALAMITY



THE world has got, in the San Francisco calamity, a rude reminder that the crust of solid earth on which we live and move is by no means as rigid and unresponsive as a shell of cast iron. The density and elasticity of its materials vary very widely. The 'quaky' area is, happily, very small. But San Francisco lies within it—on the 'unlucky' fortieth parallel of latitude, and on a coast that slopes down rapidly from the vast mountain-range of the Rockies to the sudden shores and deep waters of the Pacific Ocean. Such a territory (say the geologists) is peculiarly subject to the side-slips and settlements and adjustments of strata that are caused by the cooling and creeping and shrinking of the comparative egg shell of a solid earth-surface which encloses the molten interior of our planet. The ruinous disaster that came so suddenly on San Francisco last week will be classified in history among what Mallet calls 'great earthquakes'—that is, violent efforts of seismic (or earth-shaking) forces, that do damage on a large scale, demolish cities, pile up the dead, or—as in the eruption of Tarawera in 1889—produce marked alterations upon the affected portions of a country's surface. The long-drawn siege of Paris left 'the gayest capital' with two hundred acres of ruins. But far worse havoc than that of shot and shell was wrought by an earthquake in a few seconds upon the fairest and greatest city of the Pacific slope. It set up an earth-wave that shook and tore and crumpled towns and cities a hundred miles away, and left a photographic record of itself upon every seismograph from China to Peru.

A great shock of horror and pity was the first feeling with which we on the outer rim of the earth heard of the red disaster which left the greater part of San Francisco an area of tangled and burning ruins. As further news oozed—at first with exasperating slowness—through the wires, one learned to admire the spirit in which the afflicted people faced the terrible ordeal of wreck and fire and threatened famine. Considering the suddenness and magnitude of the catastrophe, there appears to have been relatively admirable order. A fellow-feeling makes the whole world kin; and a common calamity seems to have mellowed unaccustomed hearts towards each other, and blotted out, for the moment, all artificial social classifications among the huddled refugees in the public parks. And who cannot but admire the splendid pluck, the soaring hopefulness, the

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virile energy and self-reliance (which declined the freely proffered foreign aid, and set to work to rebuild the city in faithful and well-tried steel before the shattered walls had ceased from crashing down, and while the smoke was still rising from its blackened ruins? Rest to the dead who have gone to their account! And may the Comforter of the afflicted dry the tears of those that mourn! And crowns of bay for the men who gave the example of such high hope and courage and resolution in the midst of such sudden and overwhelming devastation!

Happily, in the case of the San Francisco earthquake, the early estimates of the sacrifice of life have been found excessive. Great earthquakes have, however, left their mark deep upon human history. They enter into competition with war as a destroyer of property and life. In Cilicia, for instance, some 60,000 lives were lost through an earthquake in 1268; 40,000 at Naples on December 5, 1156; 30,000 at Lishon in 1531; 70,000 in the Neapolitan territory on July 30, 1626; over 100,000 in Sicily in September, 1693, while 54 villages and towns were wrecked, and Catania and its 18,000 inhabitants were wiped off the face of the earth. Mulhall's table of the most destructive earthquakes of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (in his 'Dictionary of Statistics') opens with a record of 190,000 deaths at Yeddo (Japan) in 1793, and closes with the 2,000 victims of the great 'shake' at Ischia (in the Bay of Naples) in 1883. But the great statistician's list is curiously incomplete. No mention, for instance, is made of the 12,000 souls that were divided from 12,000 bodies when Caracas was destroyed on March 26, 1812; nor of the 10,000 victims of the Manila 'quakes' of July, 1863; nor of the 25,000 lives that were lost, and the £60,000,000 worth of property that was destroyed, on August 13-15, 1868, when five cities and a number of towns and villages in Ecuador and Peru were pulled to pieces by earth-waves and tidal-waves that wrought and raged like regiments of demon Sampsons. Neither is there any record of the great convulsion of Krakatoa (1883), with its 36,500 dead, nor of that of Nippon Island (1891), with its 10,000 victims in round numbers. In reading of the woful destruction wrought by earthquakes, it is some comfort to learn, on the authority of the astronomer Herschel, that they present some compensating advantages. 'Earthquakes,' said he, 'dreadful as they are, as local and temporary visitations, are, in fact, unavoidable—I had almost said necessary—incidents in a vast system of action to which we owe the very ground we stand upon—the very land we inhabit, without which neither man, beast, nor bird would have a place for their existence, and the world would be the habitation of nothing but fishes.' Which may be a comfort—no only a cold comfort—to those who look upon the ruins of their homes in San Francisco.

## Notes

### Assault by a 'Monk'

One or two New Zealand dailies have published in their brimstone columns a story of an odious charge of assault against a foreign 'Franciscan monk' at Woodleigh, England. Two contradictory reports on the subject are before us. The case was still sub judice when the last mails left England. But there was one thing made clear by the latter and more definite report: that the person charged with the assault was neither a 'Franciscan' nor a 'monk.'

### An Object Lesson

Our New Zealand readers do not require to be told that there is in Nelson a small and noisy faction of intolerants who regard Catholics as outlawed from the protection of the Ten Commandments. This interesting menagerie seems to have been at the bottom of the

attempt made to run last Monday's School Committee elections on a religious issue. The idea was to secure the election of a group who would penalise, in the matter of certificates, pupils attending the Catholic schools. The attempt was solidly defeated. But the incident, nevertheless, conveys a moral that Catholics as well as fair-minded Protestants would do well to take to heart. If such things may happen in the green wood, what may not happen in the dry? If the flame of religious passion may be kindled under a system that sets up a pretence of neutrality, what fierce intolerance might we not expect if the public schools of the Colony were (as the Bible-in-schools party propose) turned into annexes of the non-Catholic denominational Sunday schools? Religious tests for teachers and for members of School Committees,' said our Bishops, 'are the natural and inevitable corollary to the scheme that is at present before the country. But that would only be the beginning of the 'jihad' or religious war against recusants from the State creed.

### 'The Worst Worst'

The Rev. C. Doley (is this a printer's error for Dooley?) is a missionary on furlough. He is improving the shining hours of a stay in New Zealand by raising funds for the non-Catholic missions in New Guinea and the Solomons. 'Heathenism and Roman Catholicism' are (according to our enterprising visitor from afar) the chief afflictions of the Protestant missions in those distant eastern islands. But their bitterest woe of all—the worst of all their worst worsts—seems to be the multitude of rival and contradictory Christian creeds that compete in those islands of reef and palm, and make the work of the Reformed evangelists 'intensely difficult.' The natural and radical remedy for such divisions is to mend and end them—to become one fold, under one Shepherd. The remedy proposed by our reverend visitor from afar is of quite a different kind. He does not suggest doing away with the divisions that are a laughing stock to the infidel and a scandal to the pagan. He would (in effect) merely conceal them from the simple-minded islanders by inducing missionaries of different stripes to agree to 'conduct their work in separate parts of the field.' We don't know how such a proposal strikes the average non-Catholic. The Catholic Church (whose mission is to preach to 'all nations') could never acquiesce in such an arrangement. Does it not sound like an effort to score by constructive imposition in the mission-field? Is it not, in effect, a scheme to win Fuzzy-wuzzy to 'the truth as it is in Christ' by concealment of a colossal, if deplorable, fact of Reformed ecclesiasticism—in other words by a false pretence? Is this how Christ would evangelise, if He went to New Guinea?

### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The new convent at Port Chalmers is roofed and rapidly approaching completion.

It is intended in the near future to start a boys' club in the Cathedral parish.

Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., speaking at the annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club, said it was intended to form a men's conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dunedin in a short time, the principal object of which would be to look after the spiritual interests of sailors visiting this port.

At the Mosgiel Railway Station Mr. M'Kearney, who has been transferred to Dunedin, was (says the 'Taieri Advocate') presented with a handsome gentleman's dressing case by his fellow employees. His fellow members of the Mosgiel Catholic Church choir also presented him with a silver-mounted malacca cane, suitably inscribed.

The annual session of St. Joseph's Men's Club will be inaugurated on Friday evening, when the presidential address will be delivered by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., the club's delegate to the meeting of the Federated Catholic Societies in Wellington, will give an account of the business transacted by that body.

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On Tuesday last an anniversary Requiem was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mother M. Gabriel, O.S.D. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. H. W. Cleary; deacon, Rev. J. O'Reilly; subdeacon, Rev. W. Concoran; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Coffey, Adm. Fathers Howard and Geary were also present. The children of the convent schools also attended, and the music of the Mass was rendered by the Dominican nuns. The absolutions were given by his Lordship the Bishop.

Feeling reference was made in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday to the dreadful catastrophe which has befallen San Francisco. His Lordship the Bishop, speaking at the nine o'clock Mass, said that the most profound sympathy of all went out to the afflicted, and they should pray that God's goodness would be speedily manifested on behalf of the sufferers, firstly by softening the hearts of the rich in favor of those needing assistance, and in the second place that He might give them patience to bear their sufferings with resignation. They should also pray for the souls of those who were summoned so suddenly before the judgment seat of God.

The following are the results of the musical examinations held at St. Dominic's Priory by Mr. T. F. Dunhill, examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music:—Teacher's Certificate Examination (L.A.B. Degree), Mary M. Prendergast, 169. Local Centre—Advanced grade, Alda Ralph (pianoforte), honors, 135; Violet Frazer (singing), honors, 130. Intermediate grade, Margaret Gawne, honors, 130; Rita Morison, 117. School Examination—Lower division, Jean Mathieson (violin), honors, 130; Sarah Millar, 127; Olive White, 127; Jean Peat, 124; Lalla Hemus, 110; L. Moloney, 108. Elementary division, Nellie Millar, 127; E. Paton, 125; Imelda Gaffney, 125; I. Sweeney, 125; Rose White, 124; K. O'Donnell, 122; Mary Mackie, 116; M. Hopkins, 117; K. Goyen, 103 (singing).

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a very good attendance. The committee, in their annual report, congratulated the members on the very successful season just passed. The total membership was 65, with one life member. The literary branch was the most successful of its kind held during the Club's existence, the average attendance at the meetings being 29, whilst on two occasions over 50 were present. The special thanks of the members were due to the Rev. Father Murphy, Rev. Bro. Brady, and Mr. A. R. Barclay for addresses. Rev. Bro. Brady had charge of the elocution class, which entailed on him a good deal of hard work. The gymnastic class was the least successful of any in connection with the club. The billiard table proved a good source of revenue. During the year a harriers' club was formed and proved very successful, the weekly runs being very much enjoyed. The thanks of the club were due to the ladies who kindly invited the harriers to start from their residences, and provided them with refreshments on their return. As the financial year of St. Joseph's Club closed on September 22, owing to an executive committee (elected at an extraordinary general meeting) taking over the financial management of the hall, the balance sheet at that time showed a credit of £16 14s 4d, which was paid over to the executive committee. During the year the club sustained a loss by the death of Mr. John Hickey, whose early demise was sincerely regretted. Rev. Father Coffey, in moving the adoption of the report, said that he intended to devote a great deal of his time during the coming year to the welfare of the club, and trusted that with the assistance of the members to make it still more successful. Father Coffey then explained the financial position, and what the executive committee, consisting of three representatives of the men's club, and two from the ladies', with the Administrator of the Cathedral as chairman, had done since taking office. In conclusion he expressed the hope that in future the revenues from the hall would meet all expenses, and that the proceeds from the St. Patrick's night entertainment would be devoted to reducing the liabilities on the building. The motion, which was seconded by Mr. Deehan, was then agreed to. The rules, drawn up by the executive committee, were then considered, and after some slight alterations pas-

sed. Messrs T. Deehan, T. J. Hussey and D. Columb were appointed the club's representatives on the executive committee. The election of officers then took place with the following result:—Patron, his Lordship Bishop Verdon; president, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.; vice-presidents, the clergy of the Cathedral, Messrs Hussey and Deehan; secretary, Mr. W. Rodgers; treasurer, Mr. Gorcegan; committee, Messrs J. A. Scott, J. B. Callan, jun., G. Turner, J. Halley, and D. Columb. Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., was appointed sub-editor of the Catholic Magazine. Six new members were elected.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

April 23.

Very Rev. Father Clune is conducting a mission at Opotiki.

His Lordship the Bishop will administer Confirmation next Sunday in Waihi, and hold a visitation.

The foundation stone of the new convent at St. Benedict's, Auckland, will be laid, on Sunday week.

A general communion of the members of the Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association takes place next Sunday at the Cathedral.

Rev. Father William Murphy, a native of Wexford, recently ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin, arrives in Auckland next Sunday.

Lieutenant Hodgson, before the departure of H.M.S. 'Prometheus' (the crew of which is en route for England), wrote to the clergy of the Cathedral, thanking them and Father Clune for attention and kindness to himself and men whilst here.

There was a large congregation at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, on Sunday morning. The Rev. Father Mahoney celebrated Mass, after which his Lordship Bishop Lenihan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 50 girls, 30 boys, and six adults. At three o'clock in the afternoon his Lordship laid the foundation stone of the new presbytery about to be erected for Rev. Father Mahoney in Albert street. There was a large attendance, including Fathers Edge, Holbrook, and Mahoney. The collection taken up at the conclusion of the ceremony realised a sum of £40. The contract for the presbytery has been let to Messrs. Peacock and Co. at the price of £1125, and Mr. Mahoney, of Auckland, is the architect. The building will be of brick, two storeys high, and will contain thirteen rooms.

The Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., leaves for the south to-day, en route for the Old Country for a holiday. At the Sacred Heart schoolroom, Ponsonby, yesterday morning, before a large gathering of his congregation and other friends, he was presented with a cheque as an appreciation of his sterling work in Auckland during the past 21 years. Mr. P. Bryant made the presentation, and eulogistic speeches were also made by Messrs D. Flynn, Kane, Darby, S. Adams, and J. Fuller. The altar boys presented Dr. Egan with a handsome dressing case, and during the last week he was the recipient of several handsome presents from the children of the Sacred Heart School, Sisters of Mercy, Children of Mary, and Sacred Heart College.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

April 23.

Miss Fitzgerald recently received word from the examiner of the Royal College of Music that she has passed the final section of the L.A.B. degree. She is an ex-pupil of, and one time teacher at, the Convent school.

A photograph appeared in this month's 'Triad' of Miss Maggie Dennehy, who passed the junior pianoforte examination of Trinity College at six years of age, and the intermediate of the same institution last year at eight years of age. She is a pupil of her sister, Miss Eileen Dennehy.

Two most successful socials were held in the Assembly Rooms last week, in aid of different stalls in the bazaar which will be held towards the end of the year to assist the new church fund. The entertainment on Tuesday evening was arranged by the Misses Mahoney (2), Mara (2), and Risnel; and that on Thursday by Mrs. Dennehy and Miss Rose Byrne. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success which attended their zealous labors, the result being about £33.

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In the practical examinations held here on the 7th inst. by Mr. T. F. Dunhill, in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music, some of our Catholic teachers obtained excellent results, about half of their pupils being from the Sacred Heart Convent. The chief results are as follows:—Pianoforte—Advanced, Gwendoline Vavasour and Mina Ward; intermediate, P. King; higher division, Elanche Vavasour and Annie Ward (Miss E. McGuinness). Pianoforte—Lower division, Miriam Homfray (Miss Fitzgerald). Pianoforte—Elementary, Myrtle Hays (Miss Sugrue).

On Sunday morning an ordinary church parade was held, starting from the Drill Shed at 10.30 o'clock, and marching down Stafford street and up Church streets as far as its junction with Sophia street. There the battalions separated for their various places of worship. The Catholic portion, some thirty strong, under Sergeant Collins, attended the 11 o'clock Mass.

By his tenacity and untiring constancy, Councillor Harney has at length got the Borough Council to put £100 on the estimates for the coming financial year, to improve the wilderness familiarly known as the 'Gaul Paddock.' As it is largely used by the parochial school boys as an extra play-ground, the contemplated changes to its present unsightly condition will be a great boon to them.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The census is to be taken on next Sunday.

The Mangawhere Estate, of 5600 acres, adjoining Matamata, and the Mangapouri Estate, of 2500 acres, near Tirau, Waikato, will probably be ready for the ballot in August. A Government surveyor is at present subdividing Mangapouri into farms of from 200 to 400 acres.

The following pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, were successful at the recent practical examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, held on April 3:—Advanced grade—Pianoforte, Vera de la Cour (honors), Mabel Thomas, Kathleen Molloy. Higher school—Violin, Cyril White.

Last week, (says the 'Oamaru Mail') there were some large sales of wheat locally—the highest for a long time—at full current rates for prime milling. Of the grain sold a fair proportion was Tuscan. The price is pretty steady at 3s now, and whether it keeps up will depend principally on the Home and Australian markets.

The Superintendent of the Tourist Department received information on Saturday that there are over 3000 visitors at Rotorua at the present time—an unusual number at such a late period of the season. As a consequence there is a great demand for accommodation, every hotel and boarding-house being full.

Government servants throughout the colony have received notice from the departments in which they are employed that they are not to engage in music teaching. The action of the department (says the Southland Times) is presumably due to the receipt of information that Government servants have been supplementing their incomes in the way indicated.

The indications at the petroleum bore at Moturoa (says a Press Association telegram) are very encouraging, and the manager has been pumping the bore clear of sand and oil, he having recently completed the sinking of a six-inch casing to the depth of two thousand three hundred feet. The water, which has been the principal difficulty in the past, is now effectively shut off, and it is expected that soon the bore will be completely cleaned out, and marketable oil will be flowing. A considerable quantity of gas is escaping in great quantities, and is being utilised to fire the boiler used for driving the pumps. The manager is sanguinely confident of success.

The postal authorities (says the 'Otago Daily Times') have been advised by the department in Wellington that, owing to uncertainty about the mails getting prompt despatch from San Francisco, it is at present intended to send all mails for the United Kingdom and Continent of Europe, etc., by the Gothic, leaving Wellington on Thursday next, the 26th inst. The chief postmaster is also advised that the sailing of steamers from San Francisco has been temporarily suspended, and that the acting-secretary of the Postal Department has succeeded in diverting the mails which should have left San Francisco on Thursday last, the 19th inst., by way of Vancouver. Advice was received on Monday from Mr. Lindsay, the mail agent and Mr. Housell, his assistant, that they were safe, and were returning to the colony with the mails by way of Vancouver.

The farming community seem to take little interest in technical education in this district (says the 'Timaru Herald'). Last year wool classing, though an excellent subject for a young farmer to have knowledge of, and though taught by one of the best men in the district, was the worst attended class at the Temuka technical school, and now, in response to a request for a class in practical blacksmithing, pupils were this year advertised for at Temuka, with the result that one pupil applied.

A break has occurred in the Eastern Extension Company's cable, three hundred and thirty nine miles from Wakapuaka, which will probably take three weeks to repair. It is surmised that the interruption has been caused by a submarine disturbance. The occurrence (says the 'Southland Daily News') emphasises the value of the Pacific Cable, the establishment of which was largely due to the advocacy of Sir Joseph Ward. To be cut off from communication with the outer world for three weeks would be a serious matter to the business community of New Zealand, to say nothing of the annoyance of having to wait for the Australian mail to obtain news of the world's happenings. Incidentally it may be mentioned that business on the Pacific line is increasing at a gratifying rate.

Many people in different parts of New Zealand (writes a Wellington correspondent) will learn with regret of the unexpected death of Mrs. P. McGregor (nee Helen Moran), which took place at her residence, Hunterville, on Wednesday, 11th inst., from heart failure. Mrs. McGregor never fully recovered from the shock of the death of her sister, Miss Florence Moran, which occurred a few months ago, after a very short illness. She was a daughter of Mrs. James Moran, of Austin street, and sister of Miss Julia Moran, the well known violinist, Mrs. P. J. Nolan (now of Sydney), Mrs. Geo. Craig, Messrs. P. J. and S. J. Moran, of Wellington. The remains were brought to Wellington and buried from her mother's residence. The Rev. Father O'Shea officiated at the funeral service in Buckle street church, and Rev. Father Moloney at the grave.—R.I.P.

St. Mary's Catholic Club (writes a Wanganui correspondent) will hold their opening night, which takes the form of a smoke concert, in the Assembly Rooms on Tuesday evening, April 24. The president and executive have issued nearly 150 invitations, and fully 100 have already responded. The men of the parish have taken up this club very enthusiastically, and the Very Rev. Dean Grogan is giving it his fullest support and sympathy. The spiritual director is canvassing the district for support, and one and all are doing their best to make this badly needed society a great success. The ladies, under the presidency of Mrs. Hunt, are generously providing the refreshments at the smoke concert. The club has engaged a room in the Victoria Avenue for a term of six months, and it has obtained from some well-wishers tables, curtains, cards, games, lamp, periodicals, and Dickens' and Scott's works for the new club rooms. Mr. E. de Rungs has been appointed custodian of the club, and Mr. Maurice J. Loftus librarian.

## Railroads of the World

According to recent German statistics the length of the railroads of the world is 537,105 miles, of which 270,386 are in America, 187,776 in Europe, 40,592 in Asia, 15,645 in Africa, 16,709 in Australia. Of the mileage of European railroads, Germany stands first. The total value of the railroads of the world is estimated at over 8,000,000,000 dollars.

## Wonders of the Deep

One of the most interesting discoveries recently made in the Indian Ocean was that floating life was exceedingly abundant at all depths down to about one thousand two hundred fathoms in seas two thousand five hundred fathoms deep. By floating life, we mean animals which form the food of whales and deep ocean fish, and which, up to the present, have been believed to live on or very close to the surface. A variety of enormous squids were fished out, as well as jelly fish and gigantic prawns fully six inches long. Some of these latter were blind, while others had huge eyes, but nearly all of them had phosphorescent organs which would naturally be due to the fact that they live at a depth where almost total darkness prevails. The blind varieties had enormous feelers or antennae, some of them extending to twice the length of their bodies. Some forms, such as the water-flea, which is only about the size of a pin's head in surface water, were discovered six or ten times that size in 600 or 700 fathoms.

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# The Storyteller

## 'A SUCCESSFUL MAN'

'Garth hath not anything to show more fair' than Rostrevor on a summer eve, when the sun, 'trailing clouds of glory' as he goes, transforms the shining waters of the lough to floods of living gold or glowing ruby, each tiny sail thereon catching the hues of splendor; Cloughmore rising from its wooded base a grey, lonely peak against the radiant sky. In this romantic spot Herbert Grey and his fair young bride had elected to spend their honeymoon.

At present Grey was bulking rather largely in the public eye as one of the leading men of a new colony, where, by a clever stroke of commercial enterprise, he had achieved an enormous fortune. He had come back to Britain to be lionised, feted, and flattered in a style that made him look back with a curious thrill to days when he had not always had enough to eat, and had wandered a friendless lad through Glasgow's streets in search of employment. Under the searchlight of critical investigation, he revealed not a scrap of side or arrogance; he was found to be straightforward and unassuming, with the frank geniality of the colonial embroidered, so to speak, on the sturdy self-reliance of the Scot; and the one made an admirable background for the other.

Fashionable and 'society' journals had been provided with abundance of 'copy' by his marriage with Madge Moncrieff, whose family, though poor, was very old and proud. Those persons who always sneer at the successful man opined that Grey would be posing as an aristocrat himself, and going in for a peerage; and they related tales of his early struggles with an air of implying, that it would have been more to his credit had he remained in poverty-stricken obscurity. They were also in a position to state that his marriage had been made by Miss Moncrieff's scheming mother, who had simply sold her daughter to the highest bidder, a proceeding from which only misery could result.

They might, perhaps, have thought that that prediction was being fulfilled if they had been able, at this moment, to see into the room where Madge was sitting in pensive solitude. She was realising that it is a solemn, strange, and perilous thing for a woman to become a wife. More intimate knowledge of Mr. Grey's qualities and characteristics might produce liking and esteem, but the splendid dreams of young romance were over. She was married to a man of whom she knew very little, for whom she felt rather fear than love. Her consolation was in the belief that marriage is a scarement, and that God would give her grace to do her duty.

There was an interruption—swift and rather heavy steps, and a smothering embrace, from which she extricated herself to gaze upon a lady with close-cropped hair, a sunburned face crowned by a hard felt hat and surmounting a 'mannish' collar and tie; and she recognised Flora Winthorpe, a former schoolmate, who lived apart from her husband, and had made herself somewhat notorious of recent years by the liberty, not to say license, she permitted her tongue and pen. From press and platform she advocated 'Woman's Rights,' the chief of them being, in her view, the right to dissolve the marriage tie for any reason whatsoever. She was an old friend, however; and Madge's heart was casting itself upon the past for comfort.

'My dear girl, what a tiny place the world is!' cried Flora. 'Fancy us both selecting Rostrevor for our summer sport! Congratulations! And please show me your very own husband.'

'Mr. Grey is out,' said Madge.

And Flora shrieked:

'Don't you know him well enough to call him by his Christian name, you little silly?' As Madge colored and looked down with brimming eyes, she added assuagingly: 'Dearest, what is the matter? Aren't you happy? Is he a brute? For love of Auld Lang Syne trust me, and I'll soon straighten the tangled threads.'

At times silence is a prison from which we long to escape; Madge, moreover, was touched by Flora's solicitude.

'I have nothing to complain of but my own ridiculous fancies,' she said. 'No doubt I ask too much from life, more than it has to give, and I should be well content with being the object of a sensible man's care and courtesy.'

'Is courtesy a non-de-plume for indifference? One doesn't associate the former with a self-made man, you know. But isn't yours the ideal love-match you ever vowed to make?'

'Circumstances are stronger than schoolgirl vows, Flora. Mine was a "marriage arranged." On the one hand, mamma with so many daughters and debts and so little money; on the other, Mr. Grey with his vast fortune and his ambition for social success. I dared not interpose my personal feelings between their plans. Now—well, now I wonder how I could marry a man who was content to take a wife for such reasons and on such terms.'

'At least you can spend his money, and that's always a pleasant pastime. I want you both to dine with me on Friday. Your aborigine can eat with his knife, put his feet on the table, or have a bone on the mat, just as he prefers. My house is Liberty Hall. I promise you a feast fit for emperors.'

'Not on Friday surely!' smiled Madge. 'Hadn't you better choose another day?'

'What's the matter with Friday? Good gracious, child, you don't mean to say that you cling to those silly old superstitions yet? You are far behind the times. It is many a day since I ceased to believe in God and the fables they told us at school.'

Madge winced and shuddered.

'What would you say of a person who bared an arm hideous with sores and ulcers, and thrust it under your eyes?' she asked.

'I should say the person did a disgusting and offensive thing,' declared Flora trenchantly. 'Why?'

'You have just done it to me,' said Madge; and the other woman colored, paused, shrugged her shoulders and rejoined:

'I grasp your meaning. Well, I won't exhibit my spiritual ulcers to you again, and you shall fast on Friday to your heart's content. But on Thursday I'll hope to see you and your new acquisition.'

Shortly after her departure Herbert Grey came in, —a tall and sinewy man, with a shapely dark head, deep blue eyes, and well-cut bronzed features. The contraction of his fine black brows was a new development, and to Madge's timid perceptions indicated temper. What had roused his wrath, she wondered.

'Mrs. Winthorpe called,' she said. 'I don't know whether you have heard of her or not—'

'Most people have, it strikes me,' he interjected dryly; and Madge reddened at his tone, adding rather nervously:

'She has invited us to dine with her on Thursday.'

'Which gives you the trouble of declining, of course.'

'No, indeed: I accepted. She is an old friend,' said Madge; at which her husband looked at her, with darkening eyes and set, stern lips.

'Nevertheless, I distinctly forbid you to go to her house. Whatever she may have been, she is not now a person with whom I can permit my wife to associate. Your aborigine is not wholly devoid of self-respect.'

Madge stared at him until understanding came to her with a touch of scorn.

'So, like Dickens' Marchioness, you take limited views of society through the keyholes of doors?' she said.

'I paid listener's toll, I grant,' he answered. 'Neither of you heard me come in, and at first I did not realise that your conversation was private. I got away as quickly as I could, but not before I had heard enough to be pleased that my ears, and not a servant's, were regaled with your confidences.'

Herbert's tone and manner suddenly changed, the coldness and hardness of both melting away.

'Look here, Madge! I did not, and do not, care a brass button for social success. What I sought was love, sympathy; someone to protect and cherish, to share all I had and make it worth the having; my whole heart went out to you at our first meeting. You did not lead me on I grant: you were proud and cold, and held yourself aloof from me. But your mother knew that I loved you; knew, too, that I would not consciously marry a girl that despised me. She led me to believe that you liked me, but were too shy to show your feelings; and she warned me against being too demonstrative. Ah—well, the thing is done! But I think your side has the best of the bargain. They have got all they asked. I wanted love, and have not even received liking.'

Madge rested her head on her hand, pressing down her eye-lids with cold fingers, lest the tears should escape.

Grey suspended his uneasy promenade of the room, and looked at her more mildly, saying:

'I am sorry if I spoke harshly. It is true you dealt me a blow, but I should not have hit back so roughly. Perhaps the term Mrs Winthorpe applied to me is appropriate enough.'

'You are wrong in supposing that I despised you,' Madge faltered. 'I have misunderstood you. I did not know you cared for me.'

'All the same I shall not force my society upon you,' he said hastily. 'There's a lot of me, but it isn't all brute, and I shall not inflict myself on you unduly. Of course I can't and don't withdraw my objection to your intimacy with Mrs Winthorpe.'

Consequently Madge sent a polite note to that lady, expressing conventional regrets that, owing to other arrangements, the invitation could not be accepted.

The summer days went by, with new constraint on either side. It might be that Grey regretted having laid bare his heart. Fits of abstraction and unrest grew upon him, until Madge began to suspect that at the back of his mind was some trouble not connected with herself—some secret anxiety that was gradually stealing the healthy color from the strong, resolute face. Should she ever be bold enough to invite his confidence.

Flora was not so easily shaken off as Madge had expected, but presented herself on a second occasion in a distinctly less amiable mood. She had recognised Madge's excuse to be a polite fiction, she said; but all should be forgiven if another evening were appointed for the visit. And, thus, driven to bay, Madge was forced to state that there never would be a time when she and her husband could accept Mrs. Winthorpe's hospitality.

Flora set her teeth and breathed hard.

'That is his doing, of course!' she said angrily. 'He is a pretty censor of any one's manners or morals, I'm sure! Has he ever told you he has been in prison? The true reason of his not permitting you to visit me is that he is afraid that I may enlighten you as to his past career. I have friends in the colony who told me all about him. You deserved a better fate than to be married to an ex-jail-bird.'

'I think you must not call on me again,' said Madge quietly, though her heart was throbbing and her brain swimming; and Flora departed with an air of shaking unworthy dust forever from her shoes.

'Something is worrying you,' Grey remarked, later in the day, as he and his young wife walked along the road that winds through sun and shadow to Killowen. 'You may as well tell me what it is, for neither of us will be at peace till you do.'

Disclaiming belief in Mrs. Winthorpe's accusation, she repeated it to him, and with quickening pulse saw a glow of color climb to his temples.

'I didn't expect to have that brought against me,' he said with a strange laugh. 'Well, all the talk in the world can't alter fact, or make me other than I am; and if I give you the truth of the tale, it is because you have a right to know it now—not because the malice of spiteful tongues disturbs me, nor in order to pose before you as anything better than I am. I have a newspaper account of the proceedings somewhere. I am going to Belfast to-morrow on special business, and you can read the account of my—er—villiany at your leisure. Then surely it may rest in peace.'

How eagerly Madge scanned the columns of the Umbuwayo Gazette which Herbert had unearthed from his writing-desk ere he departed on his mysterious business! From the flimsy, faded pages she learned that Mr. Grey, after having been remanded on a charge of assaulting a leading citizen, was brought up for the hearing of further evidence. He had not only pleaded guilty, but had cheerfully expressed his intention of acting in the same way under similar circumstances anywhere; the said circumstances being that the said citizen had brutally ill-treated a sickly blind child. The prisoner had been dismissed with an admonition against taking the law into his own hands, and was then escorted home by an enthusiastic crowd, which sang "Scots whae hae wi' Wallace bled!" around his dwelling.

The warm glow which passed through the girl's veins as she read the tale ended in tears, half of pain, half of pride. What had he found to like in her,—he who had taken up the harp of life and struck from its chords the strain heroic?

She counted the hours which must elapse before his return, and watched the arrival of each car with

eager, hungry eyes. When at length he did appear, he looked so haggard and careworn, so mournfully subdued, that she was frightened. What evil had befallen him? Her trembling lips could scarcely frame the question:

'Herbert, what has happened?'

'How am I to tell you?' He sat down wearily, his arms outflung on the table before him. 'The result of the South African crisis is that I am a ruined man.'

'I am very sorry!' How impotent, how inadequate the words, yet she could find no others!

'Yes, it is hard on you Madge. I feel that I have wronged you; but, as I live here, and hope to live hereafter, I had no forewarning of this. It has been as sudden as lightning and as disastrous. I went to Belfast to meet my agent in the hope of hearing that the crash could be averted, or that some spar might be saved from the wreck. No use, no use! It is all gone!'

She looked at his dejected profile turned to the fading light. The lake glittered silvery calm and still; the trees cast black shadows on the broad white road; sounds of music and of voices outside had ceased. They two seemed alone in the world.

'I would have expected such a man as you are to take a thing like this in a different spirit,' she murmured, unsteadily, nervously.

'I want to take it in the right spirit,' he answered, 'May God's holy will be done!'

'Amen! You are young, Herbert, strong, sound in mind and body. If life or brain were failing, courage well might give way, though never faith and hope. But you have what wealth cannot buy. You said once that it is the man who goes on trying who is the hero, who is your ideal.'

'Well, I mean to go on trying,' he said, waving that issue aside. 'I don't care a straw about myself, but for you it is entirely different. It is the thought of you that brings me near heartbreak.'

'But why, Herbert,—why?' she said.

His lip quivered; he bent his head upon his hands, but gave no other answer. She resumed more pleadingly, more persuasively:

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Startled, flushed with amazement, waves of doubt, of hope, of bewildering joy chasing each other in quick succession through his heart, he looked upon her, not trusting himself to speak.

'So little is lost when the best remains,' she whispered. 'O Herbert, all I want on earth is you!' She was kneeling beside him, her head upon his breast; and he held her hand against his lips, which trembled more and more.

'My beloved wife!' he breathed.

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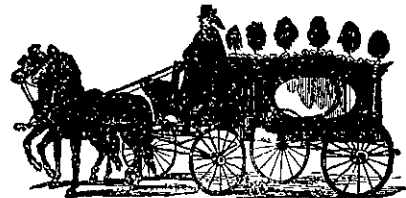
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# The Catholic World

## CHINA—Reported Massacre of Marist Brothers

A Rome correspondent, writing under date March 1, says: 'The Superior of the Marist Brothers here, has received a telegram from Shanghai stating—'five of our brethren have been murdered—three aged 20, two aged 27. The whole community have been destroyed and have joined the army of martyrs.'

## ENGLAND—Death of a Priest

The death has occurred at Widnes, Lancashire, of the Very Rev. Dean Finegan, at the age of sixty-five. The deceased gentleman was born in County Meath, and was educated at Navan Seminary and Lisbon. He was made Dean in 1877, and in 1900 he celebrated his silver jubilee as priest. On that occasion he was presented with an address and monstration.

## A Franciscan Foundation

The Franciscan Capuchin Fathers of Olton, near Birmingham, have bought St. Kenelm's College, in the parish of Temple Couley, Oxford. Temple Couley has not been the seat of a religious house since 1274, when the Knights Templars, who had a preceptory there, transferred it to the neighboring parish of Sandford. The Franciscan Friars will take possession as soon as the buildings can be put in order for their reception.

## The School Question

Four thousand Catholic people of Manchester, Salford, and district, assembled in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Monday night, March 5, passed strongly-worded resolutions on the subject of the proposed changes in the Education Act, so far as they may affect religious instruction in Catholic schools. Right Rev. Dr. Casartelli, Bishop of Salford, who presided, said the meeting represented a thoroughly popular movement. It was not the Bishops and clergy who had had to drive the people on; to tell the truth, they had almost had to hold the people back. Personally he had felt himself to be in the position of a man driving a team of mettlesome steeds and holding them in with all his might lest they should go too suddenly and too far. The movement was the outcome of the deep impression on their minds that they were standing at a moment of grave crisis, perhaps the gravest crisis before which the Catholic Church in England had stood for the greater part of a century. The Labor Party seemed committed to an absolutely secular and irreligious education, and in face of that Catholics would have to consider how long they should co-operate with the Labor Party in Parliament. Catholics held true to their faith handed down to them unbroken across the centuries, and which they were bound to hand on unchanged and undiminished to the generations that were to follow.

## Catholic Successes

A Classical Fellowship at Jesus College, Cambridge (which was founded by a Catholic Bishop of Ely more than four centuries ago), has just been awarded to Mr. Wilfrid Jerome Farrell, B.A., who graduated with the highest possible honors in classics in 1904. He had previously held an open Scholarship at the same College. Mr. Farrell, who is an alumnus of Ushaw, where his father was before him, is the first Catholic who has been elected in modern times to a Fellowship at Cambridge, though there are several at Oxford. An open Mathematical Scholarship, worth £80 per annum, has just been won at Brasenose College, Oxford, by Mr. Valentine O'Connell Miley, a pupil of the Jesuits at Beaumont College, Old Windsor.

## FRANCE—The Future

In his address at the Consistory (says the 'Catholic Times') the Holy Father summarily explained the difficulties of the religious situation in France which the Encyclical described in detail. The Government have displayed the keenest ingenuity in crippling the Church. Everything possible has been done to nullify the authority of the Holy See, and to make the Bishops powerless. In the new law the Roman Pontiff and the Bishops are not mentioned. The whole of the public administration of worship is vested in associations of the citizens, and these are the only religious organisations officially recognised. If any differences arise amongst them, they are to be settled, not by the Bishops or the Holy Father, but by the Council of State. In denouncing the law his Holiness declared that it favors schism, and it is evident that, owing to the action of the State, he fears dissensions in the future.

Still, with the courage of a true Apostle, he urges French Catholics to be of stout heart. Amidst the difficulties of the moment the consoling thought presents itself that if the opponents of the Church in France are wily and determined, the faithful are staunch and true—devoted with their whole hearts to religion and the Holy See.

## ROME—The General of the Jesuits

A cable message received on Friday reports the death of Very Rev. Father Luis Martin, General of the Society of Jesus. About a year ago Father Martin was obliged to have his left arm amputated on account of a malignant tumor which developed there. Father Martin, who was a native of Spain, was born in 1846; he entered the Jesuit Order in 1864; was professed in 1881, and made General in 1892.

## The Golden Jubilee of the Pope

The Catholic Young Men's Society of Italy has taken up the plan for securing a worthy celebration at Rome and throughout the world of the Pontifical Jubilee of 1908, and has invited the co-operation of kindred societies at home and abroad. It proposes, besides a Roman pilgrimage and Congress, a movement on behalf of youth and poor churches—something like this, very near to the heart of Pius X.

## The Irish Martyrs

Cardinal Logue, during his stay here (writes a Rome correspondent), is devoting his attention to the work connected with the canonisation of the Venerable Oliver Plunkett. The case has now reached the stage called 'the introduction of Apostolic process' before the Congregation of Rites for further inquiry. This Congregation has already appointed Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli to report on the case. Monsignor Murphy, the late Rector of the Irish College, had been nominated Postulator or supporter of the Beatification, but his death delayed the work. His place will now be taken by another Postulator, who is likely to be the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, the present Rector of the Irish College, who is unfortunately detained at the Home of the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary through an internal complaint.

## SCOTLAND—Religion in Schools

Referring to the question of teaching religion in the schools, Dr. Turner, the Catholic Bishop of Galloway, says in his Lenten Pastoral: 'Our schools are not mere workrooms for training slaves and fitting machines for the service of this world; they are primarily and essentially nurseries of citizens for Heaven. Rather than abandon the mission school, we are prepared to sacrifice presbytery, church, chapel, and everything else. If our resources are too slender to maintain both a priest and a Catholic teacher in the same mission, the priest must go, that the teacher may remain and the children be instructed.'

## SOUTH AFRICA—Church Progress

An occasional correspondent in Cape Colony writes as follows to the London 'Tablet':—'Few persons have an adequate idea of the manner in which the Church has progressed in Southern Africa. It was planted in an uncongenial soil, where the prevailing religion was Calvinistic, whose adherents do not really hate Catholicism but a creature of their imagination styled 'Romanism'; where the Blessed Virgin is said to be exalted above our Saviour and idolatry believed and practised. Now there are seven Bishops (Vicars-Apostolic) and one Prefect-Apostolic. In the eastern vicariate of Cape Colony alone there are 55 priests and more than 400 religious. Great successful Jesuit missions exist in Rhodesia, the Oblates possessing flourishing stations in Basutoland, and the Trappists in Natal, Zululand, and Transvaal, are performing a wonderful work. The gospel of work is effectively taught, natives are not taken out of their sphere, and their natural besetting sin of self-concern fanned into a flame which is now, unfortunately, beginning to threaten the white man's rule. 'Africa for the African' is now the teaching of the Ethiopian Church, and the whirlwind following upon the wind of erroneous philosophical and theological teaching makes numbers of men now declare that in enumerating the plagues of South Africa we must add that of 'missionaries.' The organs of Catholicism in South Africa are 'The Catholic Magazine,' published in 'Cape Town under the able editorial direction of Dr. Kolbe, himself a convert; a magazine in Durban, Natal, and the Jesuit Missionary 'Zambesi Record.' In the Parliament of Cape Colony we have only two members, but we have no reason whatever to complain of the Protestant press, and there is a spirit of religious fair-play in existence which renders South Africa comparatively a fair field for Catholics.'

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# Science Siftings

By 'Volt'

## Tarred Roads.

For preventing dust, the authorities of an English village last season distributed a thin layer of hot liquid tar over the road surface, and on this scattered a mixture of sand and lime. The result has been highly favorable, the road being still drier and cleaner than others in the vicinity.

## An Artificial Granite.

An artificial granite reported from Freiburg, Baden, is made from chips of granite or marble, or both. These are made into a consistent putty with a suitable proportion of cement, water, coloring matter, and any other desired ingredients, and the mixture is shaped in molds and allowed to set. The blocks are then immersed in water to acquire a certain amount of moisture. On removal, they are dried and hardened in a warm and shady place, after which they are polished.

## Hay Fever.

A single grain of pollen is found by Prof. F. W. Dunbar, of Hamburg, to contain enough toxin to cause intense irritation in a sensitive hay-fever patient, and in the flowering time of the grasses the air may deposit as many as four million grains on a square metre in twenty-four hours. This statement is made in answer to the objection that there cannot be pollen enough to account for hay-fever. Pollantine, the anti-toxin, is now prepared on a large scale from the serum of horses treated with pollen toxin, and a drop in eye or nostril gives prompt relief. Of 505 patients, about 60 per cent. were kept free from attacks of hay fever during the entire season, while only 12.5 per cent. used the anti-toxin without any success.

## The Secret of the Earth's Interior.

The earth, whose interior still remains one of the greatest of mysteries, is believed by Mr. Beresford Ingram, an English physicist, to embrace three concentric spheres. The solid nucleus he supposes to be between 3000 and 7000 miles in diameter, and this is surrounded by a liquid substratum, outside of which is the crust, variously estimated at 70 to 2000 miles in thickness. More than two centuries ago, a similar theory, including the slow rotation of the inner solid sphere on a different axis from that of the entire globe, was held by Dr. Edmund Halley to account for the changes in the earth's magnetism. The axis of the nucleus was thought to have been originally that of the entire globe. The earth's internal heat, it is now pointed out, may be accounted for by the friction of the differently rotating bodies. As the entire globe is about 5½ times as heavy as water, while the rocks at the surface average only about 2½, it is assumed that such heavy substances as gold and platinum should be at the centre, while mercury or molten lava may constitute the substratum.

## Wonders of the Body.

The skin contains more than 2,000,000 openings, which are the outlets of an equal number of sweat glands. The human skeleton consists of more than 200 distinct bones.

An amount of blood equal to the whole quantity in the body passes through the heart once every minute. The full capacity of the lungs is about 320 cubic inches. About two-thirds of a pint of air is inhaled and exhaled at each breath in ordinary respiration.

There are more than 200 separate muscles in the body, with an equal number of nerves and blood vessels. The weight of the heart is from eight to twelve ounces.

The average man takes 5½ lb of food and drink each day, which amounts to one ton of solid and liquid nourishment annually. A man breathes eighteen times in a minute, and 3000 cubic feet of air every hour of his existence.

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Quickly make you ill;  
Drive you to a legal man  
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# The Home

By 'Maureen'

## How to Cook a Ham.

A salt ham should be soaked in cold water for twelve hours before being cooked, put in fresh cold water, bring quickly to the boil, skim well, let boil for ten minutes, then put back where it will keep simmering till done. Allow a quarter of an hour for every pound of ham and one quarter over.

## Water-drinking.

Water is one of the greatest agents for supplying minerals to our bodies, and it is a recognised fact that on the whole we drink too little water. Dr. Willoughby, at the London Institute of Hygiene, made the statement that 'for every person who drinks too much alcohol, there are ten who drink too little water, and suffer in consequence from headache, languor, and many other ills.'

## The Open-air Cure.

The open-air cure now lands its votaries 'on the roof.' This is the cry in America for all invalids owing to the publicity given by a hospital authority to the cures of pneumonia and other complaints effected by treatment in a tent on a lawn or on a roof under an awning. Provided their bodies, especially their feet, are kept warm, even the most delicate babies will not catch cold, and are said to be making marvellous recoveries. At a hospital in New York children have been treated on the roof throughout the winter, and the only death recorded is that of a six-months-old child, suffering from complications which made life almost impossible under any circumstances.

## Scientific Bread-making.

A prize of 50 dollars was offered by the Educational and Industrial Union of Boston for the best household labour-saving device, and it was won by a woman. Mrs. Lydia Coale Sharpless was the inventor whose device led all others in the competition for the prize. She had turned her attention to one of the most common and most laborious tasks of the housekeeper, as well as one of the most essential, the making of bread. A leading physician had previously said to her: 'The reason dyspeptics cannot eat bread is because of the uncooked starch which it contains. Now if a process for making bread could be invented whereby all the starch cells could be cooked, dyspeptics could eat it. Can't you find a way to make such bread?' This set Mrs. Sharpless thinking, and it was the scientific rather than the labour-saving side of the matter which first appealed to her. But in solving one side of the problem she solved the other also, for she found that in order that each starch cell should be moistened and have room to expand under heat, the flour should be mixed with the other ingredients without pressure, and this result could not be obtained by the ordinary process of kneading. After long investigation and experimentation the final results were achieved. Mrs. Sharpless discovered by means of a microscope that in bread made by the ordinary process there were nine grains of cooked or burst starch cells, to seventeen uncooked or unburst cells. Knowing that uncooked cells were indigestible, she began to realise why bread could only be assimilated by strong stomachs, and why there was a demand for scientifically made bread. She invented a machine that so mixed the bread that it became an aerated instead of a solid mass, thus accomplishing the end for which she had striven. The bread baked from this 'sponge' contained eleven grains of burst starch to three unburst. The bread produced was not only many times more wholesome and digestible, but the old process of kneading was done away with, and by turning a handle which worked as steadily as that of a coffee mill, the mixing of each step of the process could be done in three minutes, and the bread did not leave the machine from the time the separate ingredients were placed in it, until it came out ready to be placed in the pans for baking. Those who know how much labor and time are expended on bread-making will realise the labour-saving advantages of this invention.

*Maureen*

## THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

### THE FAMILY HISTORY

The following particulars from a Home periodical regarding the Prime Minister will be of interest at the present time:

Despite the fact that, by virtue of one of the minor offices that usually go with the Premiership, the holder of the latter is in receipt of a handsome official salary, it is generally understood that the man who leads the Government must necessarily be a rich man, in order that he may meet with comfort the great expenses of his position. The fact does not seem to be appreciated that Sir, Henry Campbell-Bannerman is really a very wealthy man.

His father was one of the original partners of the great warehousing firm of Messrs J. and W. Campbell, and Sir, Henry has drawn the bulk of his fortune from that firm, the story of the beginning and progress of which is a very interesting one. James and William Campbell constituted the firm, ter, while William was his uncle. About the middle of last century, or a little earlier, William was nothing more than a shopman in a draper's shop in Glasgow.

It was a common thing in Glasgow at that time to have two prices for the goods that were sold in the shops; that is to say, an article might be ticketed at 7s 6d, but a would-be purchaser might go into the shop and bargain for it until he got it for 6s. Dr. Chalmers then went to Glasgow, and delivered a series of lectures to business men there which he entitled 'Business Morality,' and in the course of these lectures he strongly condemned this particular system, which, he said, savored very strongly of corruption.

William Campbell listened to these lectures, and he went back to his master's business very much impressed. The first thing he did was to urge his employer to put up a notice in his window announcing 'No second prices in this establishment.' The master, however, ridiculed the idea, and said that any business conducted on those lines would be a comparative failure. William Campbell, however, continued strongly to advocate the idea, until at last the employer said, 'I say finally that I will not start such a business, but if you wish to do so I will lend you five hundred pounds with which to make the experiment.'

The assistant accepted the offer, and he at once went to the suppliers in England, from whom he got several hundreds of pounds' credit, and thereupon he opened his shop on the new principle, putting his brother James, the father of the Prime Minister, into it as his partner. The business was a success from the beginning, so much so, in fact, that when the disruption of the Church of Scotland was brought about, Dr. Chalmers being at the head of the movement, William Campbell assisted the Free Church people with a cheque for £10,000. The business which had such a venturesome and curious beginning has now grown to an enormous size, with two large warehouses in Glasgow, a branch establishment in Leeds, and agents all over the world.

In course of time James Campbell became Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, and subsequently Sir James Campbell. Great honors were also offered to William, but he was a man of humble disposition. Curiously enough, although they were both keen politicians, they favored rival parties, and it is a coincidence that at the present time Sir, Henry has a brother—Dr. J. A. Campbell—who is opposed to him politically, and who sat on the Conservative side during the whole of the last Parliament. Sir, Henry came by the supplementary surname of Bannerman on account of a large bequest that he received from a relative, who made the addition of name a condition of his acceptance of the fortune.

Ladies are requested to note that 180,000 bottles of the Military Pickles were sold in London last year, and to try a sample....

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## Peculiarities of Public Men

Sir, Henry Campbell-Bannerman (says an English periodical) indulges very sparingly in gestures when speaking, but he has one little distinguishing trick—that of fanning himself with any available slip of paper, as if to cool his rising ardor; while he punctuates his oratory by occasional thumps on the table, to drive a point home, or by a clutch at the lapels of his coat.

Mr. John Burns has learnt his oratory in the open-air school, which demands a loud voice, plenty of fire and vehemence, and accentuated action. He throws back his broad shoulders, rolls out his long sentences and rhetorical phrases in a Hyde Park voice, and as he finished each slip of his notes he crushes it in his right hand and thrusts it into a side pocket of his pea-jacket.

Mr. John Morley is a speaker of quite a different stamp from the member for Battersea. He is normally quiet and unemotional; stands by the chairman's table with his left hand playing nervously with his waistcoat buttons, while he points the index finger of his right hand at the audience.

Mr. Asquith has a fine clear voice, an excellent delivery, and an attractive presence. His speeches are delightful to listen to in their smooth, easy, sonorous flow. He is very sparing of gestures, but the nervous movements of his hands betray his state of tension.

Sir, Henry Fowler is a speaker of the old school of Gladstone and Bright, with plenty of fire and action, while Sir, Edward Grey is placid almost to the verge of indifference, and Mr. Sydney Buxton's oratory is aptly described as 'rapid, but bloodless, with plenty of thought and matter, but devoid of any light or shade or much animation.'

Mr. James Bryce is a man of prodigious learning and ability, but by no means a stimulating speaker. His speeches are really lectures, brimful of instruction, but delivered with a solemnity and immobility which make them not a little tedious. Mr. Haldane is another Minister of immense cleverness and wisdom who is not an alluring speaker. He eschews oratory and gesture, and with arms folded across his huge chest reels out his speeches in a voice which seems ridiculously small for his big body.

Mr. A. J. Balfour is one of many legislators whose speeches read 'better than they sound'; he is not naturally fluent, and often has apparent difficulty in finding the exact word he wants, while his voice and manner are not in his favor.

Mr. J. Chamberlain, on the contrary, is always alert and full of energy, and movement on the platform. Brain and body alike are electrically charged and full of vigor and life. He has a wonderfully clear, penetrating voice, and a remarkable gift of lucid exposition and flow of language. Each telling phrase of his speech is accompanied by an appropriate action; when developing an argument he leans forward with raised finger and emphasises his conclusions by bringing his clenched fist sharply down on the palm of his left hand. He has, too, a trick of toying with his eyeglass, placing it in his eye, dropping it again, and then replacing it.

Mr. Wyndham is eminently a graceful speaker—graceful in his easy, fluent diction, in attitude, and varied gesture; Mr. Brodrick has been described as the 'automaton,' from the mechanical flow of his speech and quality of his gestures, which are limited to a jerk of the arm and a thump of the table; Mr. Chaplin, when he is not busily engaged in searching for and adjusting his elusive eyeglass, pounds the table with alarming vigor and frequency; and Sir Edward Clarke stimulates his oratory by stroking, or rather tugging, at his Dundreary whiskers.

The strength of hair has been found by a German experimenter to vary greatly with color. A single black hair supported 4oz; one of very dark brown, 3½oz; brown, 3oz; but yellow scarcely held up 2oz without breaking.

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And every ache and pain.

INTERCOLONIAL

On March 31 the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Donovan completed his 38th...year on the Mudgee Hospital Committee. The only other committee-man left from that old time is Mr. Eugene Daly, sen, the balance having retired or passed away.

Brother T. H. Hughes, of the Christian Brothers, who left Australia two years ago on a collecting tour in North and South America, in aid of the new training college in Dublin, has returned to Ireland after a very successful mission. He is expected to return to Australia shortly.

Mr. Peter Tighe, who arrived in Sydney in 1842, died the other day after 59 years' residence on the Darling Downs. Having been born in the reign of George IV., he lived under the rule of four British sovereigns. Of his family of thirteen children, eight—three sons and five daughters—survive him, his wife, who came out with him from Ireland, having pre-deceased him by about six years.

Father Jas. H. O'Gorman, of Cooma, N.S.W., died on April 4 in St. Vincent's Hospital. He was a native of Scariff, County Clare, Ireland, where he was born 37 years ago. He was educated at All Hallows College, and was ordained in 1881, and came to Australia ten years later. Father O'Gorman, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, is a brother, and Fathers Michael, John, and Edward Roban and P. Sheedy relatives.

His Grace Archbishop O'Reily, of Adelaide, put in a word of sympathy lately for the starving Japanese. In sending £5 to the 'Register's' fund, his Grace wrote:—'There is famine in Japan; and the famine comes when the country is exhausted by the stress and strain of a terrific war. The sense of human brotherhood will assert itself. Christian charity is equal to the calls made upon it. Humane and Christian in supreme degree will it be to help the sufferers of Japan in their hour of extreme need.'

The Hon. H. B. Higgins, at the Dr. Rentoul farewell, emphasised his opinions on the Boer war. Dr. Rentoul, he said, had stood for the cause of all humanity in the Boer war question—and he stood for that test well. In that he had nothing to gain and much to lose. In that he kept aloft the flag of justice to the end. Dr. Rentoul recognised that to say, 'My country, right or wrong,' was an infamy. The attitude of Dr. Rentoul in regard to that unjust war gave them a glimpse of his fine characteristics.

At the final meeting in Sydney in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration it was reported that the receipts from all sources were £925 7s 2d (which included £540 17s 9d for entrance to the ground, which is a record for St. Patrick's Day). The expenses amounted to £338 7s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £586 19s 7d. The committee decided to donate £70 each to the eight Catholic orphanages, and to carry forward £26 19s 7d for next year. The orphanages which will be benefited are as follow:—Waitara, Gore Hill, Baulkham Hills, Liverpool, Westmead, Manly, Kincumber, and Ryde.

A new and most important development in connection with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was recorded on Sunday, March 25, when, in accordance with the wish of the Bishop of Ballarat (Right Rev. Dr. Higgins), a Conference was founded in that Cathedral city by the President of the Superior Council of Australasia, who had journeyed thither for that special purpose, accompanied by the President of the Particular Council of Melbourne and one of its members. Hitherto there were no Conferences in Victoria outside of Melbourne, but steps are now being taken to organise a Central Council, as in N.S.W., for the special purpose of extending the Society as widely as possible throughout the whole of the Victorian Province.

The new Mercy Convent at Midland Junction was blessed and opened by his Lordship the Bishop on Sunday, March 25, in the presence of a large congregation (says the 'W.A. Record'). The collection, amounting to £650 odd, is the largest sum yet taken on any similar occasion in the history of the State. The convent, as an architectural structure, is considered to be the neatest and most complete building among the many institutions in the diocese, and it therefore reflects the highest credit on the architect, and on the Rev. Father Morris, who had the work carried out in a most efficient manner. The amount of money taken on Sunday added to Father Morris's gatherings during the year for the convent debt, totalled the grand sum of £1400.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- April 29, Sunday.—Second Sunday after Easter. St. Peter, Martyr.
- „ 30, Monday.—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin.
- May 1, Tuesday.—SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
- „ 2, Wednesday.—St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor. ...
- „ 3, Thursday.—The Finding of the Holy Cross.
- „ 4, Friday.—St. Monica, Widow.
- „ 5, Saturday.—St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.

... SS. Philip and James, Apostles.  
 St. Philip was a native of Bethsaida. After the descent of the Holy Ghost he preached in Scythia and Phrygia. He lived to an advanced age and received the crown of martyrdom in Phrygia. St. James the Less was a brother of the Apostle St. Jude. He was called to the Apostolate in the second year of Our Lord's public ministry. He was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, and took a prominent part in the Councils of the Apostles held in that city in 51. He was stoned to death in 62.

St. Athanasius.

St. Athanasius, surnamed the Great, the greatest luminary among the Oriental Doctors, was the defender of the Church against the Arian heresy. He was born at Alexandria about the year 296, ordained deacon in 319, and was chosen by Alexander, his Bishop, to accompany him to the Council of Nice. To his acuteness, learning, and eloquence in that Council was principally owing the condemnation of Arianism. On the death of Alexander in 328 Athanasius became Patriarch of Alexandria, and during 45 years he withstood, often almost alone, the whole brunt of the Arian assault. He stood unmoved against four Roman emperors, was banished five times, was the butt of every wrong and calumny the Arians could devise, and lived in constant peril of death. Firm and unbending in defence of the Catholic faith, he merited the honorable title of 'Father of Orthodoxy.' He closed his stormy life in peace in 373.

Finding of the Holy Cross.

St. Helena, having gone to Jerusalem, ordered the destruction of a temple of Venus, built over the tomb of Christ. Then, upon excavating to a great depth, the Holy Sepulchre, and near it three crosses, also the nails which had pierced Our Saviour's body, and the title which had been affixed to his cross, were found. The true cross was recognised by the miracles which it wrought. St. Helena sent a part of the cross to Constantinople and left the other part at Jerusalem, where it was encased in a silver box and preserved in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which had been erected on the spot of the discovery. The Church has consecrated this event by the institution of the feast of the 'Finding of the Holy Cross,' which is celebrated on May 3. Chosroes, King of Persia, having taken Jerusalem, carried off the relic (614), which was recaptured 14 years later under Sirces, his son and successor, by the Emperor Heraclius. Both the Greek and Latin Churches still celebrate this victory on September 11 by the feast of the 'Exaltation of the Cross.'

St. Monica, Widow.

St. Monica was a native of Africa, and brought about the conversion of her husband, who was a pagan. Her son, the great St. Augustine, having been led in his youth to embrace the errors of the Manichean heretics, owed his subsequent conversion to her prayers. She died in Ostia, Italy, in 387. ...

St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.

On the death of Pius IV. in 1565, Cardinal Ghisleri, a native of Northern Italy, and a member of the Order of St. Dominic, became Pope under the name of Pius V. His pontificate was signalised by the brilliant victory gained by the Christians over the Turks at Lepanto. The expedition was organised mainly through the efforts of St. Pius, and its success is attributed to the prayers which he caused to be offered up throughout Christendom, no less than to the valor of the Christian soldiers. As Pope, St. Pius lived the same simple and frugal life which he had adopted when embracing the religious state. He died in 1572, in the 69th year of his age.

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