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For a Church to be dedicated to the Immaculate Mother of God and the Irish Martyrs at Cromwell, Central Otago.

To the Irish Catholics of New Zealand

The Catholics of Cromwell appeal to you, their fellow-countrymen in New Zealand, to assist them to erect a suitable church in honor of the Immaculate Mother of God and the Irish Martyrs, those illustrious sons and daughters of Erin who, during three hundred years of the most bitter persecution the world has ever seen, fought the good fight and laid down their lives for their faith. It is especially fitting that such a church should be first erected here, since we are in a manner challenged to undertake the work by the evil name which the place unhappily bears. This is a matter which concerns not only the Catholics of Cromwell, but also every true-hearted Irishman in New Zealand. Are we not called upon to take part in so glorious a work by the most evident principles of honor and gratitude? The true glory of a nation is not its material prosperity or power—'for after all these things the heathens seek'—but the virtues of its people. The Irish Martyrs poured out their blood in torrents amidst sufferings untold to hand to their children entire the priceless heritage of the faith which St. Patrick preached. Who can measure, therefore, the debt of gratitude which we owe to these great and noble men and women, God's own army of saints and martyrs? Were not these the purest of all patriots, the truest of the true, and the bravest of the brave? Will you Irishmen of New Zealand allow the name of the most bitter enemy of your country and religion to be perpetuated in the name of this place, while you suffer the memory of your own most illustrious dead to perish, or to remain without some tangible monument of your love and gratitude? We do not believe that such a thing is possible, and we have the greatest confidence that our appeal will be generously responded to. So far the matter has only been mentioned to a very few, and some very generous donations have already been promised. We ask, therefore, help of all Irishmen for the love of God and His Most Blessed Mother, St. Patrick, and all the glorious Saints and Martyrs of the Irish race.

All subscriptions will be acknowledged in full in the 'New Zealand Tablet.' All donations to be sent to the Rev. G. M. Hunt, Cromwell.

(Signed) G. M. HUNT
(On behalf of the Cromwell Catholics).

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

DEATH OF SEDDON.—Much obliged for communication. For many years past we have been obliged, owing to our restricted space, to forego poetry except by way of quotation, etc.

INQUIRER.—I thank you for pamphlet. Will deal with it next issue, and return it to you. For information as to converts, see 'Rome's Recruits,' by W. Gordon Gorman, reprinted from the 'Whitehall Review,' and prefaced by a letter from the late Mr. Gladstone. It gives a name-list, extending to 97 large and closely printed pages, of the most distinguished converts to the Catholic Church in Great Britain and America, etc. The list deals only with those that were specially eminent by birth, position, learning, etc. It was reprinted by Hobbs, Richmond (Melbourne), under the title 'Converts to Rome during the Nineteenth Century,' and is obtainable through Catholic booksellers. It contains names and particulars of several Presbyterian clergymen. Of late years the most notable Presbyterian clerical converts were the Rev. J. M. M. Charleson and a confrere of his—both Scotsmen. They are now priests. Their conversion excited widespread interest and was recorded in sufficient detail in the 'Tablet' at the time (just over three years ago).

DEATH

WHITE.—On June 16, at Tiger Hill, John, the dearly beloved husband of Bridget White; aged 69 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

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A 'VARCHOUS' NELSON CRITIC



NELSON is a beautiful bit of amber in a setting of turquoise sea and emerald land. But the amber has a fly within it. And the fly is the newspaper which, during the Stoke man-hunt, made itself the sounding-board of saffron-sashed fanatics who, in effect, regard Catholics as outside the protection of the Ten Commandments. The journal in question outraged elementary fair-play and the canons of journalistic decency by publishing comments or insinuations concerning pending cases. And no thanks are due to it that—the venue having been changed—decent legal administration had a fair field, that the judicial issues of the Stoke cases were not clouded with political and religious passion, and that trial by sectarian clamor was not substituted for what is deemed to be the palladium of British liberty—trial by jury. And that was the paper that raved and raged and tore its hair because of a suspicion that ex-Captain Dreyfus was not getting a fair trial in far-off France. But it matters a good deal whose ox is gored. Well, sectarian rancor, like envy, is a shamefaced vice that is seldom avowed. 'If,' says 'Mr. Dooley,' 'ye'd turn on th' gas in the darkest heart, ye'd find it had a good raison for th' worst things it done—a good, varchous raison, like needin' th' money, or punishin' th' wicked, or teachin' people a lesson to be more careful, or protectin' th' liberties iv mankind.' Well, we have heard those 'good, varchous raisens'—heard them till their Pecksniffianism became nauseating. And now the Nelson

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