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

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

LEO XIII., Pope.

Current Topics

A Tribute

A Sydney paper publishes the following story regarding the late Mr. Seddon. It is told by a Hokitika resident. 'You know,' says the narrator, 'his history in Kumara as a big storekeeper. When the crowd left there he lost badly, and called his creditors together, but between the issue of the circular and our meeting £2000 had been bequeathed to his wife, which neither his creditors nor he could touch. Well, we met. Mr. and Mrs. Seddon both attended the meeting, and laid the whole amount down on the table! You ask my opinion of him. Can you beat the giving of that money in your wide knowledge of men and women?'

That 'Retort Courteous'

On glancing over the 'Current Topics' after publication of our last issue, we discovered a small but obtrusive literal error in the impromptu versified reproof which appeared under the heading, 'The Retort Courteous.' The lines should read as follows:—

'Then she read o' a Club on the far Taier-ee,
That meets whilks, o' nights, for enoyment, ye see,
An' a Papist, ye ken, men, a member may be,
If he pays his subscription, jist like a "Wee Free."
But ah! when she read
At the Club things were said
That made the puir Papists feel raw,
She scratched her auld head,
And tae hersel' said:
"Dod, that beats a!"'

Many of our readers may have caught the meaning that was obscured through the substitution of the word 'live' for 'like' in the fourth line. For the benefit of the others we reprint the adroit little impromptu, referring them to our last issue for the circumstances which made it so appropriate.

A Napier 'Moralist'

The Napier 'Daily Telegraph' has bitten off a bigger chunk of controversy than it can chew. It said in its haste that all forms of playing for a stake or prize are 'a social scourge,' 'a grave moral evil,' 'a curse and a crime.' It is now repenting at leisure. The 'Telegraph' has out-counselled the Wellington Council of the Churches—after having rejoiced that the 'Tablet' had got in 'a blow from the shoulder under which those who singled out the Roman Catholic Church as the modern exponent of gambling cannot but stagger.' The 'Telegraph' has 'a code of morals,' too, that 'settles'

this question. Incidentally, this 'code' permits misrepresenting an opponent, putting him in the wrong in order to set him right, and recklessly flinging grave charges without the shadow of justification or foundation. The 'code' is 'modern.' It is vastly superior to that of the Bible—which the 'Telegraph' denounces and calumniate in the crude Ingersollian style. But the 'code' is evidently a 'secret wisdom,' intended solely for the Mahatmas, Ahrats, or Adepts of the Napier philosophy. And wild horses will not draw it from the guardian arms of the 'Telegraph.' Well, our Hawke's Bay contemporary probably knows best where its precious 'code' is safer—under lock and key in its holy of holies, or exposed to the nipping frost of criticism in the public press.

We are painfully familiar nowadays with the sciolists who hotly attack the Bible and lecture us from the viewpoint of Christian morals, whose very foundation they reject. Our standard of morals is unchangeable. It is founded in the will and nature of God. Men may and do err in the application of that standard. Such error is, however, not in the standard, but in the imperfect knowledge of, or lack of proper compliance with, the will of God. And that will is made known to us in one or other of the various forms of divine revelation. What is the 'Telegraph's' standard? Though thrice challenged, it saith not. But one thing it has made abundantly clear: it rejects the Biblical revelation and the Christian standard of morals. Its missing and much-desired 'code of morals' is probably of the agnostic or materialistic variety. But what hope is there that the writer of the slipshod articles in our Napier contemporary will succeed where men of vastly bigger and better brains (Herbert Spencer, Harrison, Fitzjames Stephen, Clifford, etc.) so signally failed—namely, in 'setting forth' and 'establishing' any binding 'code of morals' that shall not have for its motive power the fear of the Lord (which is 'the beginning of wisdom') and the love of Him (which is its end)? Judging from the matter and the manner of the 'Telegraph's' glaring misrepresentations of Biblical fact and teaching, its 'philosophy' and its 'code or morals' are those of that shallow plagiarist and adapter of other men's ideas—the late Robert Ingersoll. According to that anti-Christian charlatan, thought is merely a product of digested beefsteak and potatoes, etc., and man but a puppet in the iron grip of an unalterable chain of fate—carried inevitably hither and thither as it wills, just like a bulble on the troubled surface of the Molyneux. Are these the principles that lie back of the

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CARRAGEEN

IRISH MOSS

Napier 'code of morals,' that like Bonnie Prince Charlie, is so lang a-comin'? But no-matter what agnostic or materialistic or atheistic 'moral' standard our northern contemporary may have 'in petto' (or locked and jealously guarded within its bosom), it can have no sanction or binding power beyond what mere brute force can give it.

Johnson put this idea in his own sturdy way when Boswell mentioned to him the name of 'a distinguished friend of ours' who 'had not the least notion of immortality.' Here is how Boswell records the incident:

Johnson: "Sir, if it were not for the notion of immortality, he would cut a throat to fill his pockets." When I quoted this to Beauclerk—who knew much more of the gentleman than we did—he said in his acid manner; "He would cut a throat to fill his pockets, if it were not for fear of being hanged."

The Christian 'code of morals' is based upon an unchanging and absolute standard, and its ultimate motive is the love of an infinitely perfect Being, Who is the Creator of all things. The agnostic 'code of morals' is an unstable, weathercock convention. Its ultimate motive is the fear of the hangman. Are we right in our surmise (it is only a surmise) that the 'Telegraph's' missing 'code of morals' is based upon the shallow Monism of Ingersoll—or, say, of Haeckel? If this be so, our Napier contemporary cannot consistently either commend or condemn any act of ours. For the system that we refer to utterly destroys all distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, truth and falsehood. It makes Jack the Ripper as good a citizen as Father Damien, Nero neither worse nor better than 'Good King Edward,' and places Deeming on as high a moral plane as Howard the Philanthropist. For (according to this hypothesis) all were equally bereft of free-will, all were alike the mere puppets of material forces, blindly and unavoidably believing and doing what it was predetermined they should believe and do. And, in any event, on what standard, or by what right, does the Napier 'Telegraph' presume to dictate a 'code' to fetter the actions and bind the consciences of people who do not recognise its competency as a teacher of morals—or even of plain Queen's English?

'Vain War with Heav'n'

There is no mistaking the diabolical temper and intent of the men who are carrying on the war against religion in France. It is not a 'jehad' or fanatical crusade against Catholicism as such, nor against Protestantism as such. The banded legions of the dark-lantern lodges are

'Insatiate to pursue
Vain war with heaven'

itself and God. In the course of a preface to a recently published work ('Le Satanisme et la Magie') the distinguished author, J. K. Huysmans, gives a hideous anthology of the anti-Christian crusade in France. Here are two quotations in point. The first is from a speech delivered by M. de Lanessan on June 18, 1905. 'The danger,' said this political fire-eater, 'is not clericalism, but God Himself, Who is absolutely infamous.' M. Aristide Briand is another standard-bearer in the war against the Almighty. Said he at Poitiers at the beginning of the present year: "We have driven God (nous avons chasse Dieu) out of the army, the navy, the schools, the hospitals, the mad-houses, the asylums, the law-courts, the wayside; and now we must kick Him out of the State altogether. He is infamous—even more so than Christ.' Yet in a recent issue of an Australian non-Catholic religious publication (the 'Messenger'—not the 'Messenger of the S.H.') a Christian clergyman apparently finds solace in the war against religion in France, as in part a set-off to the rapid expansion of the Catholic Church in Australia!

Italy, America, and Austria also supply the comfort—of bogus 'statistics' and of fables that have time

and again had the searchlight turned upon them in our editorial and news columns. "Rather cold and distant comfort," says the 'Tribune'; 'but it is the best he can afford.' In the United States (continues our Melbourne contemporary) the "Messenger," and other unconvincing preachers of the Roman downfall, try to cheer the spirits of their readers—depressed by the joyous swing of the Catholic advance in the Republic—by representing Catholicism in Australia as practically extinct. And so everywhere. The local progress cannot be denied, and must be offset by more or less imaginary decay in far-off foreign lands. There are in this connection, as a matter of fact, two distinct Popery schools. There are those who hold that 'Romanism' has the death-rattles in its throat and its coffin at the door. And there are those who keep vociferating that it is over-running the earth, that 'the reformed religion is in danger,' and that, to save it from impending ruin, the opponents of 'the Scarlet Woman' must urgently band themselves together in leagues and unions and 'defence' associations. One is generally safe in discounting estimates that are based either on scare or on pooh-pooh. Both sets of extremists mentioned above distort facts—the pooh-pooh party by what oculists term hour-glass distortion, the others by barrel-distortion. Well over a century ago, Doddridge wrote in England: 'The growth of Popery gives a general and just alarm.' Later on, Gibson thought it necessary to write his 'Preservation against Popery.' And when ladies began to wear Capuchin cloaks, was not the fashion (as Lecky shows) denounced because it was supposed to teach men 'to view the cowl not alone with patience, but with complacency'? And what is the cry that we hear on a hundred platforms when the annual access of hysteria seizes the Saffron Sashes in July? The encroachments of 'Rome'! 'Rome's advance seizes the brethren and shakes them till it shivers their timbers. And to what end is the non-Catholic religious press packed with warnings against 'Rome'? And are the myriad forms of anti-papal book and pamphlet and leaflet literature that come tumbling out of the press, printed and distributed merely for 'divarshun'? And why all those expensive 'missions to Romanists,' if the Reformed denominations have only to wait a little for the converts to drop to them of their own accord, like ripened pippins into open mouths? Is not all this effort and expenditure a woful waste, on the supposition that 'Rome' is shrivelling up of her own accord? And what about the cry as to the widespread decline of dogmatic Christianity, and of belief in the Bible as an inspired record, not alone among the laity, but even among the clergy of the Reformed creeds? And why so many sermons and articles and symposiums among them on that fertile theme: 'Why people do not go to church?' With Catholics this is not a live problem. Are not those forebodings of 'Rome's' downfall dictated, in their last analysis, by the feeling that prompted the tailless fox to wish to see all other foxes without tails?

The writer in the 'Messenger' belongs to the pooh-pooh school. Only—he has sense enough not to bang his head against massive facts that are looking right into his eye-balls. He is less cautious in regard to facts that are too far off, to bump against him. A great English statesman gave up his life denouncing the employment of savage Indians against white men in North America. And is it not a strange sort of Christianity that, in effect, welcomes still more savage atheism as an ally in a crusade against the great faith of Christendom? Well, religious envy, like poverty, makes queer bedfellows. It cloaks itself full many a time under the disguise of zeal for religion. But that is the nature of the vice. It is (according to La Rochefoucauld) the most timid and shamefaced of all the passions. Few people dare to avow it. But oftentimes it glowers between the lines—like the face of a Bill Sikes behind his prison-bars.

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THE NAPIER 'DAILY TELEGRAPH'

ITS MISSING 'CODE' ON 'GAMBLING'

The Napier 'Daily Telegraph' of June 19 published our reply, a copy of which appeared in last week's issue of the 'N.Z. Tablet.' To our letter there was appended an editorial footnote which made the following evasive pleas: (1) That we were wrong in saying that the 'Telegraph' recognised 'no distinctions in the immorality and criminality and playing the game for a stake.' (The last six words were misquoted by the 'Telegraph.' They should read: 'playing or gaming for a stake.' With this correction our statement was absolutely true). (2) The 'Telegraph' credits us with attributing to it a statement to the effect that it takes itself to 'constitute the moderns.' (We did no such thing; it merely took itself to be one of 'the moderns' whose 'code of morals' it speaks of, but dares not to place on exhibition). (3) It gives a vague and unproven denial to our specific and proven charge of having mutilated an extract from the 'Tablet.' The charge is repeated hereunder. (4) It declines to accept our challenges to proof of its quoted statements, and its agnostic 'code of morals' is still in the incubator. The following reply was forwarded to it for publication on June 22:—

Sir,—The evasive editorial footnote to my letter in the 'Telegraph' of June 19 makes it necessary for me to state for the third time the fundamental issue between us. That issue is your assertion that 'gambling' is, without qualification, 'a social scourge,' 'a great moral evil,' 'a curse and a crime.' From beginning to end of your two leading articles there is not so much as a sentence, phrase, or word that indicates any distinction, exception, qualification, or limitation in your condemnation of 'gambling.' And 'gambling,' as you know, is defined to be 'playing or gaming for a stake.' You represent me as a sort of 'Satan' because I do recognise a distinction. I have condemned many forms of 'playing for a stake' as immoral, and on grounds which I know, and have stated, and am able to defend. But I hold that certain other forms (and specifically, church art-unions) are in themselves harmless, and are permissible under conditions which were duly set forth by me. You say there is 'a code of morals' above or beside that of the Bible, which settles in your favor the matter in dispute between us. Well, the whole burden of proof is upon you. Why do you shirk it? I have already twice pressed you to 'set forth' and 'establish' the 'moral principles' or 'code of morals' that damn all forms of resort to lot for the ownership of a stake or prize. But you have done neither. The reason is very simple. You cannot do so. I know the sort (or sorts) of 'code of morals' that you contemplate. It could stand the fire of reasoned criticism about as long as a snowball could stand the glow of an electric furnace. You will speedily discover this if you take your 'code' out of its wrappings of cotton-wool, set it in the open in your columns and give me an opportunity of switching the current on to it. When we have done with your missing 'code,' I propose, if you permit me, to take in hand certain other very positive statements of yours to which you apparently attach considerable importance.

Here I should naturally close this letter. But the grievously misleading statements which you have made from the very outset regarding me, have compelled, and still compel, personal explanation and protest. It is high time for a clergyman in a gravely responsible public position to speak out when, 'in all seriousness,' you most unfairly represent him to your readers as a 'Satan leading on' people to 'grave moral evil' and 'crime.' This is precisely what you did in your issue of May 30, when you published an extract which was (presumably through hasty reading or inadvertence) mutilated in the manner specified and quoted in the 'Tablet' of June 7, now in your possession. I twice made the specific misrepresentations arising from this mutilation the subject of three challenges to you and your whole staff. This was the promptest and most effective manner of testing your conviction in the matter, and of setting myself right with your readers. Not one of my challenges has been accepted. Nay, you have even notified me that I must not 'shower' more challenges 'around' you. The smallest schoolboy among your readers knows what all this means. But that does not absolve you from the obligation of according me, in this matter, the honourable amende of an honourable man. Even an inadvertent stab hurts. It may even injure. And I shall, as often as I may deem it necessary, continue to adopt the most effective means of repelling dishonouring accusations, even though (as you intimate) I shall

have to pay advertising rates for the right. For the rest, a perusal of my words and yours should convince you that I have in no instance misrepresented the fair meaning and purport of your utterances.

Why do you persist in compelling these personal protests and challenges? Is this your only way of escape from the difficulties in store for you if you take your 'code of morals' out of its glass case and expose it to public inspection and analysis? Let the light of day at it, and we shall soon see whether it is a Koh-i-noor or a worthless glass bauble.—Yours, etc.,

EDITOR, 'N.Z. TABLET.'

Dunedin, June 22.

THE LATE MR. SEDDON.

THE INTERMENT.

The funeral of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon took place on Thursday afternoon of last week. The coffin was removed early in the morning from the Ministerial residence to the main lobby of the Parliamentary Buildings, where the hundreds of floral emblems received during the week had been arranged. There the representatives of the Maori race from all parts of the Colony held a tangi.

A Maori Tangi.

Mr. Carroll (Native Minister) spoke a few words in Maori—words of welcome to the representatives of the tribes and of sorrow at their loss—and all the time the weeping wahines kept up an under-current of low and dismal wailing (writes the Wellington correspondent of the 'Otago Daily Times'). 'Their sun had set,' he said. 'The provider had gone. The giant totara tree of the forest had fallen. Here the wailing rose again like a swelling organ note—'Eh; eh; too, oo!' 'He is gone into the darkness,' continued the speaker. 'We work and slave in this world, and for what? Only to be snapped and stopped by death. Who can stay the hand of death?'

The speaker finished, and the wailing and weeping continued and increased in intensity. Some of the 'waiatas' were old chants, the words being slightly changed to meet the altered circumstances. One began thus:

Go father to join the illustrious dead,
Pluck ye the tender shoot from the flax
And hold it aloft in the ranks of the mourners,
Our greatness, our majesty,
Our pride and our boast, are laid low,
Desolate are we left in the Valley of Sorrow.

The reference to 'plucking the tender shoot of the flax' occurs in some of the very old 'waiatas,' and refers to an ancient custom that prevailed before going into battle. The tohunga would endeavor to pull up one of the tender shoots in a flax bush. If the branch broke the death of the chief or some disaster would follow, but if the shoot came away whole it was a good omen—an omen of victory. Another pathetic lament began:

I restless turn upon my bed within my lonely habitation,
Mourning for him, the friend who has departed.

Added to which there was a prayer to shelter the loved ones of him who is lost to sight from the rough and boisterous winds. After half an hour of this, wailing, Mr Carroll read, in English, the address from the Maoris, which, couched as it was in pathetic language and beautifully read by him, made a deep impression upon the few Europeans who were present—

To Mrs. Seddon, in memory of Richard John Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, from the Maori tribes of Aotearoa and Te Waipounamu.

Remain, O mother! with thy children and children's children. Tarry yet awhile in the house of mourning, in the chamber of death. Clasp but the cold form of him who was to thee beloved. He is now from thee parted. Gone into the dark night, into that long, long sleep. God be with you in your hour of trial. Here he lies in the calm majesty of death! Rest, O father! The tribes have assembled to mourn their great loss. Alas! the canoe is cast from its moorings—is energy and guide no more. The red-hued kākakura, the ornament of Aotearoa, the proud boast of Waipounamu, the mighty heart of the land, the moving spirit of the people, fare thee well—a long farewell! Pass on, thou

noble one! across the lone sands of Haumu, beyond the grim barrier of Paerau, going before to join the illustrious dead. Woe unto us that are left desolate in the Valley of Sorrow. In thee thou wert great. Across the wide ocean of Kiwa, beset by the turbulent waves of faction, 'mid the perverse winds of opinion, thou didst essay forth that thy peoples may reap of benefits, that these islands and thy mother race may see and do their duty in the broader spheres of Empire and humanity. Fate relentless, however, seized thee in the mid-ocean effort, and compelled thee into the still waters of death to rest. Sleep, thou, O father, resting on great deeds done, sure that to generations unborn they will be as beacons along the highways of history. Though thou art gone, may thy spirit, which so long moved the heart of things, inspire us to greater, nobler ends. Stay not your lamentations, O ye peoples, for ye have indeed lost a father. Verily our pa of refuge is razed to the ground! The breastwork of defence for great and small is taken. Torn by the roots is the overshadowing forest! As the fall of the towering totara in the deep forest of Tane, so is the tragic death of a mighty man earthquakes to the rending crash. Our shelter gone, who will temper the wind? What of thy Maori hereafter, unless thou canst from that distant bourne help and inspire the age to kindlier impulse and action. So hide ye in your grief, bereaved ones! Though small our tribute, our hearts have spoken, our feet have trod the sacred precincts of the courtyard of death. Our hearts will be his grave. Love will keep his memory green through the long, weary years.

Farewell!

'This,' said Mr. Carroll, addressing Captain Seddon, and handing him the address, which was signed by the Native Minister, the Maori members of the Legislature, and over 100 representative natives, 'is a modest tribute from your father's Maori friends.' Then came another burst of song in that doleful minor key that the Maori so much affects, and the weeping and the wailing commended anew. They were weeping in real earnest now—old men and women, young men and maidens, and even the little picaninnies—as only the Maori can weep. Then old Te Huki, a Wairarapa chief, grey and grizzled, but with a splendid voice yet for all his 70 odd years, led his people in a weird chant. He knows the old waiatas as few of the new generation know them, and this was one of the most effective songs. As these wailing cadences rose and fell, resounding through the long lobby, they set one's nerves a-quiver, and even throughout both song and speech the crying of the women, or the low, dismal wailing smote the ear like the sound of a sobbing sea. The women sitting round the bier sobbed bitterly, and men were not ashamed to wipe away their tears.

Rutana Ngahine (West Coast), Timoti Whena Southern Maori district, Wi Peri (East Coast), Takarangi Miti Kingi (Wanganui), Hone Heke (Northern Maori district), and George Robertson (Canterbury) added their tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead. 'Go, my friend, go,' said one grey-bearded old man, 'with a wreath of green about his shoulders. 'Haere! haere! Go! go the way of all kings and queens and protectors! Go, thou who protected and nourished the Maori; who protected the weak, and were not afraid of the strong.' The speech was interrupted by a fat and smiling woman, who, with rolling eyeballs, quivering, outstretched hands, and grotesque bodily contortions, gave the tune for another wailing song. Miti Kingi, a name famous in New Zealand history, was one of the last to speak, and he led the mourners in a burst of song—a defiance of death—that grew in volume and went rolling through the building, the piercing screams of the women rising above the male voices, and the whole growing fiercer and fiercer till it almost shook the building. 'We defy you! We laugh at you!' they shouted in a mighty chorus, with a rhythmic stamping of feet and a wild brandishing of taiahas, meres, and green branches. It was the final effort—the grand climax of the weird and sad Maori ceremonial for the dead. Then they filed past the coffin, momentarily bowing their heads, and shook hands silently with the three sons. In a little while there was silence once more in the lobby, and as we walked down between the parterres of flowers we trod under foot on the red carpet the withering leaves shaken from the green boughs and garlands of the Maori mourners.

It is stated that during the few hours the remains were in the Parliamentary Buildings fully 30,000 persons filed through the lobby, paying their last respects to the memory of the deceased. The funeral took place in the afternoon, and in addition to the immense concourse of mourners from all over the Colony who took part in the sorrowful procession, many thousands lined the route to the cemetery. Business was suspended during the whole day in Wellington, and signs of

mourning were visible everywhere. Offices, banks, and all business places were also closed for the whole day in all the principal cities and towns of the Colony. From two to four o'clock in the afternoon meetings and memorial services, at which feeling references to the sad event were made, took place in nearly every centre in New Zealand.

A Dunedin Tribute.

In Dunedin a detachment of the Permanent Artillery and Catholic members of the Volunteer force and the St. Joseph's School Cadets marched to St. Joseph's, under command of Lieutenant D. Hickey, D.S.O. Surgeon-Captain O'Neill and Captain Hussey were also in attendance. Arriving at St. Joseph's, the company proceeded to the school ground, where they were drawn up in parade form. Here they were met by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. of St. Joseph's Cathedral, who spoke as follows:—Volunteers.—We meet this afternoon to add our tribute of respect to the memory of that great man—Richard John Seddon—whose mortal remains are now being consigned to the earth in the land he loved so well. On an occasion such as this it ill befits me to occupy your time by entering in detail into the history of his life. That history is lying open as a book before you—he that runs may read. Neither do I consider it my duty to pass judgment on his works. The time for so doing has yet to come; but when it does come I feel confident such mature judgment will uphold the tribute which his countrymen, of every shade of opinion, are now placing as a wreath of roses on his bier. Rather, do I desire to indicate the lessons which you young men may learn from his life. The first lesson is the high ideal which he had conceived of life, and his ambition to attain it. We may speak of him as Sir Humphrey Davy spoke of himself: 'I have neither riches nor power nor birth to recommend me; yet if I live I trust I shall be not of less service to mankind and to my friends than if I had been born with these advantages.' This country, nay, the Empire, to-day recognises the fulfilment of such a conception in the life of him whose loss we now mourn. He was 'an active doer, a noble liver.' As a boy in Australia, as a miner in Westland, as a Minister in Wellington, as Prime Minister of the Colony, as one of the foremost men in the Empire, he has shown his faith in the truth that 'all man's faculties of mind and powers of body, with the mighty impulse of God's Spirit moving his heart, are given that he should work, that he should show men how to live, how to labor, how to conquer.' His life teaches you young men that it should be your ambition to 'better your position' always along the lines of justice and rectitude, believing in the proverb, 'To thine own self be true . . . thou canst not then be false to any man'; or in the one taken from the French, 'It is the man who makes the land.' Do your work well, seek to make perfect whatsoever thou settest thy hand to; create thy opportunities—do not wait for them,—they will never turn up. Life is one grand golden opportunity from the cradle to the grave. Difficulties develop genius. Have a purpose in life and a faith in yourselves, and you shall succeed, but never allow success make you forget the mates of former days—the men who helped you to mount the ladder,—a lesson very pertinently taught by the life of the late Premier. By this indomitable energy and iron will he raised himself to the highest position in the land. He had honors showered upon him by his fellow-countrymen, by his fellow-statesmen in the other colonies, even by his King; yet to his companions of his earlier years he was ever the 'Dick' of the mining days. He was never known to desert an old friend, and when opportunity offered nothing gave him greater pleasure than to seek out and have a talk with an old miner whom he met, not in any spirit of condescension, but as man to man. In one of his last visits to our fair city he gave proof of this grand spirit, which to my mind was one of the secrets of his power over the minds of his countrymen. He then found time to visit the home of the aged poor in Anderson's Bay and the Benevolent Institution, and were you to see the beaming faces of those old people as they grasped his hand, now stilled in death, and thanked him for having passed the Old-age Pensions Act, you would then see the secret of his power. He loved his people, and therefore he was anxious to aid as far as circumstances permitted any work calculated to make their homes happier and their lives brighter without distinction of class or creed. Indeed, religious prejudice seeks in vain for a home in such minds as his. Strong in his own opinions, he was ever tolerant to those who differed from him. Hard things may have been said, but they were not remembered. His heart was good enough and his mind was large enough to allow for difference of opinions. I have not yet touched on what to my mind is the

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brightest jewel in his crown; I refer to his exemplary home life. This is not the time for prying eyes to penetrate the sanctity of the home. Evidences exist on all sides showing what that home life was like in the midst of all the hurry of State and under the plaudits of the people he never forgot that the most sacred spot on earth was his home with his beloved wife, for years the faithful sharer of his trials and triumphs, and with his beloved and loving children. Most of his legislation of recent years was inspired by the desire to make the homes of his people like to his own—sanctuaries of peace and happiness.

We to-day, in company with our fellow-countrymen, mourn his loss, but that loss is not absolute, and hence our sorrow is not of the hopeless kind. The work of good men live after them, and the example which they gave ends not when the cold clay has claimed its own. The spirit which they raised lives on and the world is richer thereby, and we who knew them are proud of the privilege. New Zealand to-day smiles through her tears, because by identifying herself with the life of her late first citizen she feels honored and highly honored in the honor paid to him. You have set before you the lessons taught by the life of the lonely, friendless exile in a new country, by the man full of life and energy and strong of will with high ambition and noble resolve carving his way through trials and difficulties until he wins the respect and homage and confidence of a whole nation, yes, of a mighty Empire. You have the lessons taught by the true husband and father, by the patriot breathing the free air of a free country, sacrificing his life in its service. And while we learn these lessons standing in sorrow beside the patriot's grave, may we pray to the Giver of all good gifts to comfort those dear sorrowing hearts in whose home death has left a void that can never be filled.

A Northern Appreciation.

Referring to the death of Mr. Seddon at St. Mary's Church, Paeroa, on Sunday, June 17 (says the 'Ohinemuri Gazette'), the Very Rev. Dean Hackett said:—The death of our beloved Premier is a great public calamity—not only a loss to New Zealand, but a loss to humanity at large. He was a strong and able leader, a man of heroic mould and nature, who loved liberty for itself and who wished everybody to enjoy it. By his death the cause of Liberalism lost its tried and trusted chieftain, whose public life was one of unwavering devotion and constant effort for the betterment of the toiling masses. The Dean said he did not know what particular denomination claimed the late Premier as a member; his religion was, however, expressed in deeds rather than words. To Richard John Seddon the whole world was his country and mankind his kin. The beneficent laws placed on the Statute Book of the Colony during the thirteen years of his Premiership would be forever associated with his memory, and a grateful posterity would bless his name and recognise what 'A sower of infinite seed was he, a woodman that hewed toward the light.' Pope Leo XIII., in his admirable pronouncement on the 'Conditions of Labor,' advocated the great principle of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes between capitalist and wage-earner. During Mr. Seddon's term of office that principle was embodied in the legislation of this country, and to-day all the troubles and complications of the labor question clamoring for consideration in older lands are settled in our arbitration courts. Dean Hackett referred to a remarkable speech made by the late Premier at the Catholic College, Riverview, Sydney, shortly before his death, and quoted several passages, from which we select the following:—'Through a long political life I have ever made it my aim to side with the weak.' No more appropriate epitaph (said the Dean) could be inscribed on Mr. Seddon's monument. The Catholics of the Colony remember 'Sto'ie,' and the valiant champion that stood by its cause until the Judge declared in court that 'he would not hang a cat on the evidence.' In the same speech (continued the Dean), the great statesman declared that 'a man's first duty, after his duty to God, is patriotism to the country that gave him birth.' Referring to Ireland on the same occasion, Mr. Seddon declared 'if the English people had adopted New Zealand's methods of legislation, trouble with Ireland would never have arisen, and I look forward to the day when England will profit by the example of her daughter, and so restore unity and concord to Ireland.' To-day New Zealand mourns her dead leader. We join in that mourning, and express our sympathy for the bereaved loved ones at Wellington. The thousands of telegrams that have been sent from all parts of the world speak eloquently of the Premier's worth and world-wide fame. The magnificent wreaths laid on his coffin are expressive of the country's gratitude.

In concluding his address the Dean summed up in a few sentences the lessons taught by the Premier in life: 'Love God and the country that gave you birth. Forgive your enemies and never forget old friends. Have a great love for humanity and help your fellow-men, no matter to what creed or country they belong.' These were his principles to the end of his useful life, and death itself will not shut out from us the light of his example.

At the conclusion of the evening devotions the congregation stood during the playing of the 'Dead March.'

H.A.C.B. Society, Christchurch.

At a numerously attended meeting of members of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, in the Hibernian Hall, on Monday evening, June 18 (writes a Christchurch correspondent), on the motion of Bro. G. J. Sellers (president), seconded by Bro. J. Nelson (vice-president) the following motion was unanimously agreed to:—That the members of the H.A.C.B. Society of Christchurch desire to add their tribute of regret at the loss sustained by the Colony in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to sincerely sympathise and condole with the widow and family in their time of sorrow. May God watch over them and give them strength to bear up in their bereavement. In the course of his remarks in proposing the resolution the president said that it is admitted on all sides that the late Premier was a most noble man. The dictionary defines the word 'noble' to mean high in excellence or worth, lofty in character, magnanimous, etc., and all these terms apply in their full force to Mr. Seddon. That in order to see what excellent and numerous reforms he had accomplished it was simply necessary to look back during the last fifteen years. Mr. Sellers then enumerated and commented on a few of the measures brought about by the statesman, whose loss they deplored. Among these, he said, are the annuities scheme and the Bill dealing with the employment of girls, who previously were not only confined too much in the work-rooms but also received little or no wages. Then there was also the free-breakfast scheme which long ago had been proposed by Sir George Grey and which would have been carried out by Mr. Seddon had he lived. Mr. Seddon likewise took great interest in friendly societies, and this was done without distinction of creed or nationality. In short, every word he expressed and every idea he entertained were for the people. He was a man of the people and for the people, and in the demise of Richard John Seddon the workers of the Colony had lost their best and ablest friend. The secretary was instructed to embody the resolution in a letter, and forward it to Mrs. Seddon and family.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

June 23.

The United Irish League intends to hold a social evening in St. Patrick's Hall, probably on Wednesday, July 4.

His Grace the Archbishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Sacred Heart Basilica to-morrow afternoon. About sixty candidates are to be presented.

His Grace the Archbishop was absent from Wellington on the receipt of the news of Mr. Seddon's death. He cabled a message of condolence to Mrs. Seddon at Sydney.

The city was filled with visitors during the week, and hotel accommodation was severely taxed. About 300 passengers came from Greymouth and Westport to be present at the funeral of our late Premier. The line of the funeral procession on Thursday presented an ever-memorable spectacle. The arrangements were left in the hands of Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Collins, of the Treasury, and the manner in which order was observed and maintained throughout reflects greatly to his credit. The Hibernian Society was well represented. The display of wreaths was unparalleled. They came from all quarters, and occupied the whole of the main lobby of the House of Representatives. The spot chosen as the burial ground is in the Bolton street Cemetery, near the Observatory. The site is a prominent one, and commands a fine view of the harbour and surrounding country. It also overlooks the Parliament Buildings, where the late Premier labored so long for his country's good. A more fitting spot could not be chosen.

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The Brooklyn social, which was postponed on account of the death of the Premier, will be held on Tuesday evening next.

On Monday evening, at the usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society, an interesting and instructive paper on 'Comets' was contributed by Mr. Gerald Lee. The paper was illustrated by a number of explanatory diagrams. At its next meeting the society will discuss the question of Home Rule.

Mr. M. F. Bourke, of Napier, has just returned from a visit to Great Britain and America, during which he made special inquiries with respect to the market conditions of New Zealand hemp. He speaks in favorable terms of the system of government grading in vogue in the Colony.

The contractors are making good progress with the new presbytery at St. Anne's, Wellington South. Speaking of the work on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., explained that it had been decided by the church committee to ask from each member of the congregation a donation of five pounds, the payment of which was to be extended over a period of six months. In this way, he hoped, with the aid of more considerable contributions from his wealthier parishioners, to raise the necessary funds to liquidate the debt incurred. As a result of the last parish social the sum of £34 was realised to meet the expense of recent alterations to the church.

References to the death of Mr. Seddon were made in the several churches on Sunday last. Speaking at the last Mass, the Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Wellington South, made a brief, but very feeling reference to our late Premier, and at the conclusion of the Mass the 'Dead March' was played, during which the whole congregation remained standing. At St. Joseph's the Rev. Father O'Shea also paid a tribute to the worth and justice of the deceased. At St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, Rev. Father Kimbell spoke of Mr. Seddon's career, and of the great good that he had done during his tenure of office. The Rev. Father Holley spoke at greater length concerning the deceased statesman at the Sacred Heart Basilica. He had been a good friend to the Church, on one occasion, when sectarian bitterness and jealousy displayed itself in the House of Representatives. On that occasion the manliness and courage of the late Premier asserted itself, and he declared that he would be no party to any proposal that would inflict injustice upon any member or section of members of the community. He then took up such a position that he carried by a narrow majority an amendment on a Bill which would have brought about the extinction of our Catholic orphanages. They, therefore, desired to express their deep sense of gratitude to him, their heartfelt sorrow at his death, and sincere sympathy with the widow and children in the great loss which they, in common with the people of the Colony, had sustained. The organist (Miss Putnam) played Chopin's 'Marche Funebre' and the Dead March from 'Saul' before the commencement of the Mass.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 25.

The Rev. Father O'Dwyer arrived from the north last week to assist in the Cathedral parish.

Although the system is still incomplete, the first year's workings of the city electric tramways have resulted in a profit of over £5000, after payment of interest and sinking fund. Over six million passengers have been carried. The second election of a board of management is fixed for this week.

Mr. M. Nolan, of Christchurch, is still using his pen in the interests of the Catholic faith in the Old Land, principally in the columns of the 'Irish Catholic.' In the issue of April 21, just to hand, appears over his name a contribution on the life and labors of Madame de Bonnault d'Houet, foundress of the Order of the Faithful Companions, being the sixteenth chapter; together with an interesting and instructive article descriptive of Maundy Thursday at the Benedictine Monastery at Farnborough, in the South of England.

The triduum in honor of the feast of St. John the Baptist, patronal feast of his Lordship the Bishop and of the diocese, was concluded on Sunday at the Cathedral. Special Masses were celebrated at nine o'clock on Friday and Saturday, and on the evening of these days a sermon was preached by the Rev. Fathers Tymons and Hickson respectively. At the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday the Rev. Father Price preached a panegyric of the saint. He was again preacher at Vespers, and officiated at Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, attended by the Very Rev. Vicar-General and Rev. Father O'Dwyer.

The annual collection for the diocesan seminary fund was made on Sunday.

During the hour fixed for the funeral of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the great bell of the Cathedral was tolled. In connection with the same lamented event, on behalf of the Chatham Islanders, Mr. W. Hoban addressed the following letter to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones:—'The inhabitants of the Chatham Islands have no means of hearing of the sad loss sustained by the recent death of our illustrious and honored Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. I had the pleasure of meeting the right hon. gentleman on his late visit to the islands, and the enthusiasm displayed by all was a token of the esteem in which he was held by them. He was the first Minister of the Colony to visit their shores, and it was marked, and will be long remembered by the Islanders, as a red-letter day in the history of the islands. Having resided there in the past for many years, and knowing their feelings, I feel quite justified in asking you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family an expression of the great grief that will be felt when they hear of the national loss, and of the great sympathy which will be felt by the entire population, Pakeha, Maori, and Miori, and further to assure Mrs. Seddon and family that although the population of the islands is small and far away, in no part of the Colony will the sorrow be more sincere.' The following is a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society—'That the members of St. Patrick's branch, No. 82, of the Hibernian Australian Catholic Benefit Society, Christchurch, desire to add their tribute of regret at the great loss sustained by the Colony through the death of the late Premier, Richard John Seddon, and sincerely sympathise and condole with the widow and children in this their hour of sorrow. May God watch over them, and give them strength to bear up under their sad bereavement.'

At the Cathedral on Sunday evening at Vespers the Rev. Father Price (Hawarden) delivered an instructive discourse on the celibacy of the clergy, giving the Catholic view of the subject. He spoke of the efforts of the late Sovereign Pontiff in his Encyclical to the nations for the reunion of Christendom in one fold under one shepherd, one of the principal obstacles raised being that of the subject under notice. He quoted numerous authorities showing that a celibate priesthood was, besides an absolute moral necessity, reasonable and right and in perfect harmony and in keeping with the Gospel, and in accordance with the teaching of our Blessed Lord and the Apostles. The law of celibacy was purely an ecclesiastical one of discipline which the Church had a right to make. Although a divine institution, it was a human society composed of human beings. Celibacy was a notable ground of Catholic respect for the priesthood, a respect not necessarily for the man but for his sacred office. With no other cares save those of religion and charity, the priests of the Catholic Church were the pioneers in every age of science, learning, and literature. They are found kneeling at the bedside of patients in the hospitals in the midst of raging fever, among the lepers, and among the outcast, in the midst of the vilest surroundings. What could be the feelings of a married man who dare not risk his life on account of those dependent upon him, hampered with family cares, in such emergencies. These were duties clearly not for such. Charity begins at home, and no man has a right to risk his life when it would entail suffering and destitution on those dependent upon him. He gave a harrowing description of the famine in Ireland in 1847, which in three months drove 90,000 persons across the Channel to Liverpool, 25,000 finding no other shelter than cellars, 14,000 of which were being used for such a purpose. The horrors were simply indescribable, and the sacrifice of priests—martyrs to Christian charity who died at their post—totalled ten, from March to December of that year. Here alone was an object-lesson, showing the wisdom of the Church in having a celibate priesthood. To the objections raised by non-Catholics he gave practical answer, together with some useful advice to those of the faith in the way of silencing slander, so frequently spread by the ignorant, thoughtless, and often designing people.

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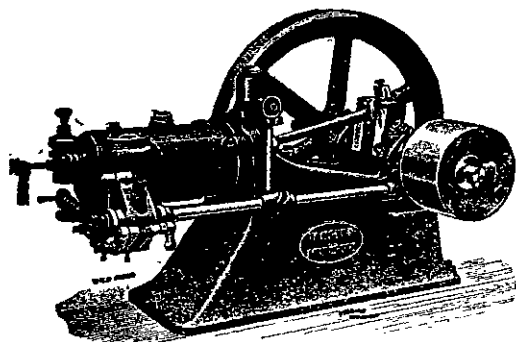


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Irish News

ANTRIM—Serious Fire

The drapery shops of Messrs. H. Carson and R. Milliken, Church street, Ballymena, were recently completely destroyed by fire. The brigade, with great difficulty, prevented the flames' further spread. Eight thousand pounds is the estimated damage.

CORK—Appointed Dean

Official intimation has been received from the Vatican that the Holy Father has been pleased to appoint Canon Michael Shinkwin, P.P., V.G., of St. Patrick's, Cork, to be Dean of the diocese of Cork.

DUBLIN—The San Francisco Disaster

A cablegram has been received at the Gaelic League offices, Dublin, from Dr. Douglas Hyde, stating that he has returned five thousand dollars, collected for the Gaelic League in San Francisco, to Father Yorke, for the relief of the sufferers in that city.

The International Exhibition

At the last meeting of the executive council of the Irish International Exhibition it was reported that the Foreign Office had directed circulars to all the British representatives abroad instructing them to bring the exhibition to the notice of the Governments to which they were accredited, and asking that publicity be given to the undertaking. It was also reported that the Colonial Office had undertaken to convey in the colonial mail bags letters on the subject of the exhibition to all the Governors of the British Colonies and Dependencies.

Memorial to Mangan

Many visitors to the R.H.A. Exhibition (says the Dublin 'Freeman') must have admired the beautiful head in marble by Mr. Oliver Sheppard, R.H.A., which will form part of the memorial to Clarence Mangan, to be erected in Stephen's Green. This head, which has been carved out of a solid block of marble, will be set into a pedestal eight and a half feet high, and on this pedestal will be placed a heroic bust of the poet in bronze. The head, which is intended to symbolise the spirit of poetry, is a fine piece of work, and the Clarence Mangan Memorial promises to be a noteworthy addition to Dublin monuments.

Maynooth College

Their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen, accompanied by the Hon. Nevil Gordon, the Hon. Muriel Herschell, and the Hon. Grace Ridley, and attended by Lord Herschell and Viscount Anson, A.D.C., visited Maynooth College the other day. Their Excellencies were received by the President and Vice-President of the College, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and others. Subsequently their Excellencies were entertained at luncheon, and afterwards visited the college buildings.

The Moore Memorial

The Moore memorial committee has accepted a tender for a Celtic cross to be erected over the poet's grave in Bromham churchyard, subject to the condition that the cross be completed, erected in place, and ready for unveiling not later than September next. The cost of the monument will be £220. It will be eighteen feet high, with a massive die, carved front and sides, moulded and paneled on back, and composed of the best quality of Ballinasloe limestone.

KERRY—Estates Purchased

Mr. Flavin, M.P., has received from Mr. Bryce a list of the estates in the County Kerry which have been purchased by the Congested Districts Board under the Land Act of 1903. Six estates in all have been so purchased, namely, those of W. L. Rae, S. M. Hussey, F. S. Colles Sandes, J. E. Butler, Captain Burns Hartopp, and trustees of R. G. Allanton Winn. The total area of the six estates is 42,110 acres of a yearly valuation of £6599. The yearly rental was £6636, the purchase money £146,348, and the bonus £16,562. In the case of the last three mentioned estates no agreements have been executed, but the terms of purchase have been settled.

LIMERICK—Turned to Better Use

The City Prison at Limerick having been discontinued the building has been handed over to the Corporation by Mr. O'Sullivan, Governor of the County Prison. Alderman Joyce, M.P., the Mayor, accepted the building on behalf of the Corporation. It is to be used as a temporary school by the Christian Brothers, pending the building of their branch educational establishment in Bridge street.

Provincial Exhibition

The Munster-Connaught Exhibition will be held in Limerick on July 9. It will be opened by the Lord Lieutenant, the patron of the Exhibition, who will be accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen. The president is the Earl of Dunraven, and the chairman and vice-president is the Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Joyce. The Bishops of Limerick, Galway, Killaloe, and Ross are amongst the vice-presidents. His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, and the Bishops of Kerry, Clonfert, Waterford, and Cloyne are amongst the general committee. Representative committees have been appointed for the counties of Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, and Waterford; and a ladies' committee is at work, in charge of cottage industries and some of the sections for textile exhibits. The display of Irish manufactures at the exhibition will be large and fully representative of the industries of the West and South. Exhibits are also accepted from the other provinces, so as to secure a fitting display of the productions of the country in general.

TIPPERARY—Sale of an Estate

Negotiations for the sale of Mr. George Langley's estate at Coalbrook, near Thurles, have been completed, the terms of purchase being 21½ years in non-judicial rents. The estate is extensive, containing upwards of 2000 acres and embracing seven townlands.

Words of Encouragement

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly paid his second triennial visit to Tipperary on Sunday, May 6, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 500 children. At last Mass he addressed an exceptionally large congregation, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to come amongst them for the second time. His message to the people of Tipperary would be very brief, but he hoped it would arrest attention. Never in his experience for the past fifty years were the conditions of life in this country so difficult as they were presently. Some thirty years ago they had insecurity of tenure, high rents, and clumsy methods of agriculture, but somehow the people managed to muddle along, to earn a fair livelihood, and settle their families in the country. At the present time they had fixity of tenure, low rents, and improved methods of agriculture, and nevertheless the people were finding themselves unable to make a living in their native land, and were flying away. And yet, in his opinion, a living was still to be made in Ireland, and he would point out how. Exceptional industry would enable the people to face the present black outlook and earn a decent livelihood in their own country, which was the happiest country in the world to live in, and the safest country to die in.

WEXFORD—The Father Murphy Memorial

Mr. Sheppard, the well-known Dublin sculptor, is engaged upon a monument to be erected in Ennisclorthy to the memory of Father John Murphy, of '98 fame. It is a bronze group of heroic-sized figures, representing a priest, who points the way with outstretched hand to a youth who holds a pike-handle on which a flag is fixed.

GENERAL

Parliamentary Fund

Up to May 4, £5698 16s 6d had been received for the United Irish Parliamentary Fund, 1906.

Band Contest

In a flute and drum band contest for the championship of Ireland at Newry, first prize went to the John Mandeville Band, Belfast; second to the Colonel Leonard Band, Drogheda; and third to the Argle Temperance Band, Belfast.

Emigration

During the first four months of this year nearly 10,000 men and women sailed from Queenstown for America. That there has been a decrease in the number of emigrants of some 2000, as compared with the number for the corresponding period of last year, is a gratifying fact. In view of the depleted population of the country, however, the decrease, although a marked one, is by no means as large as desirable. Moreover, the exodus from Queenstown just now appears to be increasing; it certainly is most painful to witness. As a speaker said recently, it would seem as if Ireland were merely rearing its young for exportation to America.

Increase of Insanity

The Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the care and condition of the feeble-minded held a sitting on May 5, in Dublin, when Mr. Robert Mathe-

son, LL.D., Registrar-General for Ireland, handed in statistics showing an enormous increase of lunacy in the country. The proportion of lunatics in Ireland in 1861 was one in every 411 of the entire population, while in 1901 it was one in every 178. One large factor in the increase was the return of Irish emigrants from America when they had lost both health and reason and were deported home.

General Rates

The total rates—poor rate, municipal rate and water rate—levied in Ireland last year amounted to £2,952,771, a decrease of £40,537 on the previous year. The County Councils reduced their levy by £109,255; while the Municipal and Urban Authorities increased theirs by £68, 718. County cess and Poor rate are lower by nearly half a million than in 1898, the year before the Local Government Act came into operation. Even allowing for the share of the Agricultural Grant payable in relief of County cess, the figure represents a big saving, when it is remembered that out of the rates £35,000 a year is now provided for agricultural and technical instruction, and that the cost of administration was deliberately forced up by the Local Government Board when the Act came into force. The Poor rate levied in the rural districts last year was £65,000 less than in 1903-4. On the other hand, Municipal rates have increased by £250,000 since 1898, or over 30 per cent.

Exodus of Teachers

In view of the exodus of some of the most efficient young teachers in Ireland to other countries, where their prospects are brighter than at home, the Provincial Council of the Clerical Managers of Connaught have passed a resolution demanding that the payment of Irish teachers be raised to the standard of English and Scotch ones.

The Land Sub-Commissioners

During the debate in the House of Commons on the vote for the Irish Land Commission Mr. John Redmond drew attention to the personnel of the Sub-Commissioners. These Sub-Commissioners (said Mr. Redmond) consist, with some exceptions, of broken-down landlords, retired military men, land agents, and political hangers-on of the Tory Party. And it is monstrous, when so much depends upon the proper working of the Land Act and for the successful carrying out of the policy, that its working should be given over to mere partisans. When the Chief Secretary came into office, 27 of these officers were going out of office, and representations were made to the right hon. gentleman almost immediately calling attention to this important matter. We showed that the Commission had been steadily raising rents. We submitted the facts, and we impressed upon the Chief Secretary that the great majority of these men were greatly distrusted by the Irish people, and although we submitted no names, we impressed upon the Chief Secretary the desirability of appointing men whose reputation for impartiality would give satisfaction. I think we had every reason and right to expect that the right hon. gentleman would have taken our advice and would have acted up to the pledge given in the King's Speech of governing Ireland according to Irish ideas. On the contrary, however, the right hon. gentleman rejected our views and disregarded Irish opinion in this matter, and, with the exception of five, all those old Commissioners, who had been the merest tools in the hands of the landlord party, were reappointed. I do not say that he ought to have refused to appoint all of them, but I do say that a large proportion of them were distrusted, and had been put into their position by jobs. The right hon. gentleman refused to reappoint five, and I submit that by that action he has incurred just as much hostility from the landlord classes as if he had taken the courageous course and gone the full length. He has profoundly dissatisfied the people, and he has profoundly stirred the souls of the members for Ulster, who a few weeks ago made the roof of the House of Commons ring in their indignation, because a single one of their men had been removed from his position. I regret that the right hon. gentleman has disregarded Irish opinion on this important matter.

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People We Hear About

The death is announced of Sir Edward Elgar's father, Mr. W. H. Elgar, who was for many years organist at St. George's Catholic Church, Worcester. He died at eighty.

The Victoria Cross was instituted 50 years ago, January 29. Since then only 520 persons have received it—517 of them soldiers or sailors, and three of them civilians, who were acting in a military capacity when they won the cross.

Lord Chief Baron Pales, of Dublin, who was raised to the Bench in 1874 by Mr. Gladstone, is enjoying excellent health still, although far advanced in years. The Master of the Rolls is the only other judge appointed by Mr. Gladstone, and he also is both hale and hearty.

Mr. Patrick J. Meehan, of Jersey City, N.J., editor of the 'Irish-American,' of New York, the oldest Irish newspaper in the United States with the exception of the 'Pilot' of Boston, died on April 20. He had edited the paper since 1858. Mr. Meehan was born in the city of Limerick, Ireland, in 1830.

The late Lord Currie, British Ambassador at Rome, worked his way upward in the diplomatic service from a clerkship in the Foreign Office. He was formerly Sir Philip Wodhouse, and was created Baron seven years ago. He was private secretary to Lord Salisbury when the latter was Foreign Secretary, and was engaged in many diplomatic missions in one capacity or another, the most famous being the Berlin Treaty and the Turkish Convention at the close of the Russian war.

Mr. H. G. Shee, K.C., who took so prominent a part in the great meeting of protest against the Education Bill of the Catholics of London at the Albert Hall on May 5, is the son of Mr. Serjeant Shee, who was Member for Kilkenny in the fifties of the last century, and an enthusiastic ally of Charles Gavan Duffy and Lucas in the League of North and South and in the expulsion from power of Lord John Russell for his insult to the Catholic Church embodied in the notorious Durham letter.

The most sensational event of the Olympic Games at Athens was the victory of H. D. Herring in the Marathon Race (says the 'Freeman's Journal'). The distance was 26 miles, and the victor came in ten minutes ahead of all his competitors. According to the special correspondent of the 'Birmingham Post' in Toronto, Mr. Herring's victory has been greeted there, and all over Canada, with great enthusiasm, and the athlete will be accorded a great reception on his return. It is then added—'He is widely known as a member of St. Patrick's Amateur Athletic Club, and is very popular among Canadian athletes.' O'Connor and Leahy have already been set down as 'British.' Fortunately for Mr. Herring, of St. Patrick's Amateur Athletic Club—a Canadian-Irishman presumably—he is a Canadian. However, the Celts whose motherland is Ireland have held their own at the Olympic Games probably better than the representatives of any other race, taking into consideration the number of them who competed.

The announcement that Lundy Island, in the Bristol Channel, will soon be sold by auction in London, recalls the fact that the place was once picked up as a 'job lot' by a well-known Irishman, Sir Vere Hunt, Bart., the grandfather of the late Aubrey de Vere, the eminent Catholic poet. Sir Vere Hunt, who was a man of droll turns at times, was walking through a London street one day when the sounds of an auction in progress attracted him. He enquired what was being sold, and on being told it was Lundy Island he went in to the auction room. He knew nothing whatever about Lundy Island, but when the auctioneer dilated on its advantages, that it had neither tax nor tithe, owed no allegiance to King or Parliament, and knew no law, civil or ecclesiastical; he was tempted to bid for it, and was declared the purchaser. Nor was it a bad speculation. Sir Vere Hunt repaid himself for the purchase by selling rabbits. He planted a small Irish colony in Lundy, and laid down an elaborate code of laws for their guidance. He sometimes retired there for meditation. Seventy years ago the island passed to the Heaven family, who are now selling the place.

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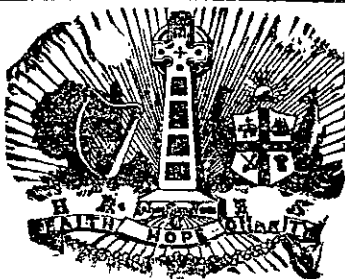
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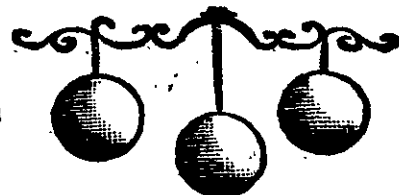
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The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, 23rd June, 1906:—Mutton: The market is not quite so firm as last week, but there is no change in prices to report. Lamb: The market is firm. Prices, 4½d for Canterbury brands; other than Canterbury are quoted at 4½d. The weather lately has been unfavorable for sale. Beef: The market is dull. Prices, 3½d and 2½d for hind and fore-quarters respectively. Butter: The market is firm, as these are only small supplies on hand.—Choicest New Zealand brands are selling at 105s; Danish, 113s; Siberian, 97s per cwt. There is a good demand for white cheese at 65s, and for colored at 62s per cwt.

Invercargill Prices Current.—Wholesale—Butter (farm), 8d; separator, 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 0½d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, 6d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 5s per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10. Oatmeal, £12 10s to £13. Bran, £4. Pollard, £5 10s. Potatoes, £9. Relai—Farm butter, 10d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 2d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lb, 21s; 50lb, 5s 9d; 25lb, 3s. Oatmeal—50lb, 7s 3d; 25lb, 3s 9d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s. Potatoes 11s per cwt.

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

Oats.—The market remains unchanged, quotations being as follows:—Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel.

Wheat.—No change to report, prime samples especially Tuscan, being in most favor. Quotations:—Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; choice Tuscan, to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; medium broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—Owing to outside supplies coming on the market prices are somewhat slacker. Quotations:—Best table sorts, £9 10s to £9 15s; medium to good, £8 10s to £9; best seed (Up-to-Dates, etc.), £11 to £12; medium to good, £10 to £11 per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are more plentiful, but prices show little change. Quotations:—Prime oat sheaf, £4 2s 6d to £4 5s; choice, to £4 7s 6d; good do, £3 15s to £4; inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s; straw chaff, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

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

We held our weekly auctionsale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a lengthy catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. For most of the lines on offer there was good competition, and the bulk of the catalogue was cleared at prices on a level with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—The quantity of good to prime oats coming forward has not been great, and nearly all have found buyers at late values. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 1d to 2s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is practically no change to report, either in value or demand. Prime samples continue to attract most attention, and Tuscan still has a preference over other sorts. We quote: Prime milling, 3s

5d to 3s 6d; choice Tuscan, to 3s 7d; medium to good, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; medium, broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The past week has been one of the quietest of the season. Local stocks have accumulated to some extent, and the continued consignments of Victorian potatoes have had the effect of retarding sales and causing a weaker tone in the market. Prime seed lines of the most favored sorts show little alteration in value, but for other kinds the demand is decidedly slacker. We quote: Best table sorts, £9 10s. to £9 15s; medium to good, £8 10 to £9; best seed (up-to dates, etc.), £11 to £12; medium to good, £10 to £11 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market has been more fully supplied, but most lines of prime bright oat sheaf have been taken at prices little below late values. Medium and inferior quality is more difficult to quit. We quote: Prime oat sheaf, £12s 6d to £4 5s; choice, to £4 7s 6d; good do, £3 15s to £4; inferior to medium, £3 to £3 10s; straw chaff, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton (bag extra).

Turnips.—We sold several trucks of good swedes at 20s per ton, those which may be regarded as top price ruling.

Pressed Straw.—The market is more fully supplied. We quote: Best oat, 40s to 45s; wheaten, 30s to 32s 6d per ton.

WOOL.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, when competition was keen and prices very satisfactory. Small made up to 7½d; summers, to 11d; autumns, to 18½d; winter bucks, to 19½d; winter does, to 22½d; and blacks to 25d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, to a good attendance of buyers, but prices showed a slightly easier tendency, although on the whole we had a very satisfactory sale. Our top price for lambskins was: Halfbreeds, 11s; crossbreeds, 11s 3d; and merino, 16s 3d.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, present quotations being as follow:—Best rendered tallow, 18s to 20s; medium to good, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior tallow, 11s to 16s; best caul fat, 14s to 15s; rough fat, 10s to 13s 6d per cwt.

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Fat Cattle.—The yarding was a small one, only 153 head being penned. Prices at the beginning of the sale for prime beef were more than equal to those ruling last week. Medium quality did not, however, meet with the same attention. Best bullocks, £8 15s to £9 15s; extra prime, up to £11 12s 6d; medium, £7 to £8; best cows and heifers, £6 15s to £7 15s; light, £4 10s to £5 10s.

Sheep.—1521 yarded. As the supply was equal to the requirements, prices barely held their own compared with last week. Best wethers, 21s 6d to 23s; extra heavy, up to 27s; medium, 18s 6d to 20s; light, 15s to 17s; best ewes, 18s 6d to 21s; medium, 16s to 17s; light, 12s 6d to 14s.

Lambs.—There was a fair yarding. Prices for lambs fit for export were quite equal to last week's high rates, but medium sorts did not meet with the same attention. Best lambs, 17s to 18s 6d; extra heavy, 19s; medium, 14s 6d to 15s 3d; light, 11s 6d to 13s.

Pigs.—There was a small yarding of 93, most of these being medium weight porters. Prices for these remained unchanged, but small sorts met with a dull sale. Suckers, 7s to 9s; slips, 11s to 13s 6d; stores, 16s to 22s; porkers, 27s to 35s; light baconers, 39s to 43s; heavy do, 45s to 52s; choppers, up to 70s.

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THE ENGLISH EDUCATION BILL

GREAT CATHOLIC DÉMONSTRATION

The meeting of protest against the Education Bill by the Catholics of London on Saturday evening, May 5, at the Albert Hall, was one of the most remarkable demonstrations seen in the English metropolis for many years. It was an enormous gathering. Eleven thousand people found their way into the enormous hall, while thirty thousand more patiently took up positions outside and were addressed in the form of numerous overflow meetings by several speakers. The doors of the hall were thrown open at seven o'clock, and in less than half an hour every available inch of space was occupied. Close upon one hundred and fifty districts were represented, and the applications for tickets to the hall alone were very many times greater than its accommodative capacity. The character and dimensions of the demonstration showed clearly and emphatically that the hearts of the Catholic people of London are deeply stirred by the proposals in the new Education Bill. Nothing but a motive of supreme moment could have brought together such a wonderful gathering of people, many of whom could but ill afford the trouble and expense—always a matter of very considerable importance to the poorer classes in a city like London—of journeying from remote and distant parts to the place of meeting. The whole proceedings, organised as it had been on a gigantic scale, was a grand success. When the hall was lit up shortly before the proceedings began, the spectacle of the immense auditorium, the tiers of balconies and boxes and galleries crowded with many thousands of people was truly wonderful, but it was not until that vast gathering

Broke Forth in Swelling Chorus

in the hymn to the Holy Ghost, 'Holy Spirit of Light,' and again in 'Hail, Queen of Heaven,' and 'Faith of Our Fathers,' that the real mightiness and grandeur of the occasion became truly manifest. Equally impressive, if indeed not more so, was the spectacle outside the hall as contingent after contingent arrived to swell the number of those gathered there.

The entrance into the hall of the Archbishop of Westminster was heralded by a burst of enthusiastic cheering. After him came the English Bishops in their purple robes, amongst them the venerable Archbishop Bagshawe, and the Bishop of Aberdeen, who had travelled all the night before from the North of Scotland to act as the representative of the Scottish hierarchy. Then came the Catholic peers, headed by the Duke of Norfolk, and next the representatives of the other House, the Catholic Members of Parliament. They were headed by Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader. With him were some forty of his party, Mr. John Dillon and Mr. T. M. Healy among the foremost.

Amongst those present in addition to the prelates, clergy, and the Catholic Members of Parliament, were the Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Denbigh, Earl of Abingdon, Earl of Kenmare, Lord Dorner, Lord Arundell, Lord Brayne, Lord Clifford, Lord Lovat, Lord Killanin, Lord Petre, Lord Walter Kerr, Viscount Campden, Sir George Errington, Sir John Knill, Sir Humphrey de Trafford, Sir George Lambert, Sir Philip Rose, Sir Francis Fleming, Sir Thomas Burke, Sir Westby Perceval, Sir Reginald Barnewall, Sir Charles Cuffe, Sir John Purcell, Hon. Frank Russell, Hon. Charles Russell, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, Lady Arundell, Lady Petre, Lady Dorner, Lady Russell, of Killowen, Lady Mary Howard, Lady Edmund Talbot, Lady Mostyn, Lady Knill, Lady Euan Smith, Hon. Mrs. Codrington, Hon. Mrs. Petre, Mrs. Craigmie, Lady Fleming, Lady Primrose, Lord Norreys, Lady Turner, Hon. Mrs. Beresford, Lady Alice Fitzwilliam.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following:—The Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, his Lordship the Bishop of Galloway, his Lordship the Bishop of Arindela, the Marquis of Ripon, the Earl of Granard, the Earl of Gainsborough, Viscount Gormanston, Viscount Llandaff, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Vaux of Harrowden, Lord North, Lord De Freyne, Lord Gerard, Lord Brampton, Sir John C. Day, Sir Francis C. Burnand, Sir Roper Parkington.

His Grace Archbishop Bourne presided, and delivered the introductory address. The Hon. Charles Russell (son of the late Lord Russell, of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England) then moved the following resolution:—That this meeting condemns the Education Bill as fundamentally unjust, (1) because it places the religious education of children attending the public ele-

mentary schools under the control of secular local authorities; (2) because it does not take adequate account of the conscientious religious convictions of parents; and (3) because it imperils the rights of property. The speaker supported the motion in a speech which was admitted by all to be a triumph of oratorical power. This was the opinion of experienced pressmen. Mr. Russell (said one of these), has the perfectly musical voice that gave such charm to his famous father's eloquence. One could have almost imagined it was the great lawyer and judge who was speaking. The best and truest praise of Mr. Russell's speech is to say that he worthily played the part Lord Russell, of Killowen, would have taken if he were still amongst us. He was followed by Mr. Shee, K.C., Monsignor Brown, Mr. Charles Santley, K.C.S.G. (the famous singer), and others.

The overflow meetings outside the hall were addressed by Mr. Lister Drummond, Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., Hon. C. Russell, etc.

All the papers have had descriptions and articles of the meeting. The 'Daily Telegraph' and other morning journals recognised enthusiastically the great significance of the protest, but perhaps the most notable acknowledgment was the following from the 'Daily News': 'It was a remarkable triumph of organisation that was witnessed at the Albert Hall on Saturday. Wherever one passed in London there seemed to be covered bra'c loads journeying to the great hall, each numbered and each crowded to discomfort. It is said that there were 25,000 people outside the hall in addition to those within. The Roman Catholic Church has nothing to learn when it is a matter of organisation; and I do not remember any demonstration to compare with this in impressiveness.'

LAWRENCE

Mrs. J. J. Woods, who has held the position of organist of St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, for nearly a third of a century, was entertained at a social gathering on Friday evening. There was a very large attendance, and the proceedings throughout were most enjoyable. The chair was occupied by Mr. James Keiliner, who referred to the many services given by Mrs. Woods in the cause of religion, charity, and social matters and added that she had won the affection and esteem of all who had the privilege to enjoy her friendship. The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, in an appreciative speech, presented Mrs. Woods, on behalf of St. Patrick's congregation, with a 'cosy corner,' a very handsome and elaborate piece of furniture, and also, on behalf of Mrs. John Roche (of Blue Spur), with a very artistic piece of Limerick lace work. Monsignor O'Leary testified to the good work done by Mrs. Woods in her position as organist of St. Patrick's Church, and paid a very warm tribute to her musical abilities and many excellent social qualities. Mrs. Roche bore testimony to Mrs. Woods' many social and charitable characteristics, evidenced not only in this Colony, but in other lands. Apropos she gave an instance that occurred in the Cathedral in Limerick. The clever organist, who was the father of a large family, lost his position, which meant ruin to his wife and children. No lady was thought physically capable of performing the duties, as the instrument was a pipe organ, and one of the largest; but when the circumstances were made known to their guest, then quite a young woman, she offered to fill the breach. When pay day came she declined the salary, and begged the Bishop's administrator to grant her a favor, which was to reinstate the former organist and hand over to him the salary offered to her, and this was accordingly done. Mr. J. J. Woods, on behalf of his wife, acknowledged the gifts which had been presented to her, and thanked the donors most cordially for their kindness. To few was it granted to occupy so prominent a position in a choir as had been Mrs. Woods' lot; but while all earthly choirs must end sooner or later, it was to be hoped that they would be reunited in that heavenly choir where there was no more parting. He could not find words to adequately express his wife's feelings of gratitude to Mrs. Roche for her artistic present and kind words. He could only say that the valuable gift and the still more valuable and affectionate words accompanying it could only emanate in the kindly heart of an Irish lady when addressing a sister compatriot.

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

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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 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

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1906

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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journalistic Bayard rises in its place and with portentous solemnity lectures the 'Tablet' on truth and fair-play and honor-bright! Our Nelson contemporary's 'wisdoms' are, apparently, like those of Pudd'nhead Wilson: 'the author did not gather them from practice, but from observation. To be good is noble, but to show others how to be good is nobler, and is no trouble.'

The 'wisdoms' came to us in this way. Some time ago we stated that the recent School Committee elections in Nelson were run 'on a religious issue'; that certain intolerants 'seem to have been at the bottom' of the affair; and that they were 'solidly defeated.' Our Nelson Mentor's answer is: 'You lie!' Or (to quote it textually) it describes us as guilty of 'deliberate untruthfulness'—the cumbrous way of saying 'lie.' Our contemporary's logic and its manners are evidently in as urgent need of overhauling as its code of journalistic ethics. It so happens that our statements are strictly and literally true. Our Nelson critic is evidently trying to escape unwelcome attention to itself by recourse to the familiar resort of the runaway pick-pocket who cries 'Stop thief!'

The Nelson School Committee election was 'run on a religious issue.' We have this on no less an authority than a Press Association message that (we believe) emanated from the office of the Nelson 'Evening Mail.' It 'hinged,' we were told, 'on the determination to compel the Committee and the Education Board to enforce the provisions of the non-exemption certificates of the Act in regard to Catholic schools.' The sentence has the fuzziness of meaning that one expects as a matter of course from the 'Mail.' But the religious issue stands out in sufficient relief—namely, the fixed 'determination' to restrict by certain conditions the right (freely enjoyed elsewhere in New Zealand) of attendance at 'Catholic schools.' Our Nelson critic apparently differs from us as to the direction from which the latest apple of discord was tossed into the arena of local politics. But here its chronic lack of clearness leaves us more or less in a fog. So far, however, as we have been able to gather its meaning from a long special article, it seems, in some way not particularised, to place the original sin at the door of the Catholics. Our excitable contemporary is, however, somewhat fact-shy, and in its philosophy the course of things is often inverted, and they run up-stream. It will therefore be worth while to place the facts of the recent Nelson School Committee election in their proper setting. For several years the Nelson Education Board inspector inspected all the Catholic schools in their district. Some years ago (about 1900, we think) the Board intimated that its inspector could not, owing to pressure of work, undertake the additional arduous duty of examining St. Mary's schools, Nelson, in which three hundred to four hundred children are being taught. 'Application was therefore made to the Government,' says our Nelson correspondent, 'to appoint their own inspector. This was done. The results are public property. They have, as a rule, been extremely satisfactory.' (Our correspondent then gives detailed lists of the successes of the local Catholic schools, concluding thus: 'Of the twenty-one successful candidates at the late pupil-teachers' entrance examinations, four hail from Nelson, and, of these four, three were prepared for examination in the local Catholic schools, which need no puff or gloss of mine to emphasise the efficiency of their training'.)

Matters entered upon a new stage some months ago. 'The Nelson Education Board,' says our correspondent, 'desired that certificates of exemption should be procured for all children attending private schools. These certificates were to be granted to the Manager by the Board, or, individually, to the parents of the children on application to the School Committee. The Manager

of the Catholic schools (Father Clancy) declined to apply to the Board. The only alternative therefore left was for the parents to apply individually to the School Committee for the exemption certificates. This was done in several cases. The result was an eye-opener. No reply came from the Committee to the requests of the parents! Their letters were not answered—not even acknowledged. After some time the Committee declared its intention to prosecute all parents sending children to private schools without certificates of exemption! It was then high time to look to our defence. The result is already known. The Catholic parents quietly went in a body to the Provincial Hall. Four new members of Committee were nominated. They are described by a local paper as "Catholic nominees." As a matter of fact they were every one nominated by non-Catholics. And of the four, only one (Coddell) is a Catholic. The remaining three (Craig, Paul, and Lamb) are non-Catholics. These four were elected, along with some members of the old Committee. The members of the old body to whom greatest objection was taken were relegated to private life. The new Committee has thrown new life into its work. Inquiry was speedily made by them as to why the letters claiming exemption certificates were left unanswered. The members of the old Committee present when this information was demanded (among them the present chairman, the Rev. Mr. Kempthorne) declared that they had not even seen the letters! At the next meeting, the discussion will be continued, and the public may then, perhaps, learn why the applications sent in were not placed before the old Committee and granted at the proper time.'

There is the abundant justification for our statement that the recent School Committee election in Nelson was run on a religious issue; that this was the work, not of the great and sane and fair-minded body of the people of Nelson, but of a few intolerants; and that the attempt was solidly defeated. The whole trouble arose from the 'determination' to 'penalise, in the matter of certificates, pupils attending the Catholic schools.' 'Determination' is the word advisedly used in the Press Association telegram that emanated (presumably) from the office of a newspaper so notoriously hostile to Catholics as is the 'Evening Mail.' And—quite apart from the facts already cited—we may safely assume it to be cognisant of the counsels and intentions that were dissipated by the defensive tactics unexpectedly adopted by the ill-used Catholics and by fair-minded non-Catholics to whom even the semblance of unfair discrimination is odious. The people who raised the religious issue over the Nelson School Committee elections were those who committed an act of war upon the Catholic schools by penalising them in the matter of exemption certificates. The real offenders were not those who defended their rights, but those who made that defence necessary. On these the lash must fall, and not upon the men (Catholic and non-Catholic) who used the machinery of the Act to punish the perpetration of such scandalous and illegal partiality in the past, and to upset the 'determination' to continue on the same lines in the future. On Deuteronomic principles, the blame must rest with those few intolerants who first lit the fire.

Notes

'Tragedy in a Church'

The 'Auckland Weekly News' of June 21 published the following tale from a far off land:

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Did this dispatch ever come from Madrid? We gravely doubt it. There are two contradictory versions of this mysterious 'tragedy in a church.' The 'Auckland Weekly News' gives one of them. According to it, the 'tragedy' occurred on May 5, and the account of it was despatched over the electric wires on the same day. 'Madrid, May 5.—A terrible tragedy took place to-day.' And so on. Now we have before us a copy of the Montreal 'True Witness,' which quotes this very same story as having appeared as a 'despatch' in the 'Gazette,' 'Star,' and 'Herald' in that city 'on Friday, May 4th.' The Auckland version and the Montreal version present only unimportant verbal differences—the latter, for instance, laying the scene of the alleged tragedy at Muria (not Murcia).

But this is by no means the only fishy feature about the 'tragedy.' There is no such place as Muria on any map or gazetteer of Spain. Murcia we know—the city of silk and oranges. The name of every Jesuit in Spain is known to the members of that great organisation. But we have the well-informed authority of the 'Glasgow Observer' and of the Montreal 'True Witness' that there is not in all Spain a Jesuit known as Pedro Morales, much less a 'brilliant' Jesuit 'preacher' of that name. And it would take the cable-demon himself to explain how the Montreal papers contrived to publish a full account of the 'tragedy' the day before it happened?

A Pig-tail Paradise

The Randlords—or nabobs of the Rand—kept their home and foreign skins well out of the reach of shot and shell when the war pursued the uneven tenor of its blundering way in South Africa. They lived riotously in Cape Town and Cairo and London, while cooks' sons, dukes' sons, sons of belted earls, and other white men galore gave blood or life—to increase the nabobs' dividends and to make the Rand a pigtail paradise. According to the Johannesburg correspondent of the 'Otago Daily Times,' 'the main reef continues to give an ever increasing harvest of gold.' Good dividends for the men that made and profited by the war! Yet 'the depression in trade is deeper and more widespread than ever. The Rand,' continues the same writer, 'has been steadily losing, not gaining, in population, and the very life is being knocked out of the place. Big men (many accounted a few years back as worth hundreds of thousands), as well as the little, have gone to the wall, and there is more actual want in the Golden City at the present time than at any previous period of its existence. Here is what the 'Johannesburg Leader' of yesterday has to say in regard to those out of work:— "Once, not so long ago, one could say that the unemployed man in Johannesburg was, in 99 cases out of 100, an undesirable. He either preferred to live and loaf on the casual charity of the unwary or the unwisely kind, or he was an inefficient. Now the number of unemployed on our streets is increasing daily, and, unfortunately, the character of the class is changing. Everyone in this town who has the opportunity of coming in close contact with the workless has noticed, almost within the last few months, a significant and disheartening increase in the men of good character and capacity who cannot find employment even in this young and developing country. Those who can afford it are leaving the town in hundreds; those who cannot—their name is legion, and in many cases their poverty is

blameless—find themselves in an impasse from which apparently there is no escape: What is to be done is a matter that demands the most serious consideration; but it is obvious that something must be done, and the town is indebted to the Mayor of Johannesburg for having grasped the nettle and brought the problem prominently before the Government. Unemployment in an old and crowded State is a curse for which one may find an explanation more easily than a remedy in a new country, just entering on progress, the willing man workless is a spectacle which we cannot afford to see."

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

At a final meeting of the St. Patrick's Day concert committee on Friday evening, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presiding, the balance sheet was presented and passed. It was reported that the net receipts were £85 odd, this being a record.

Our readers are reminded of the entertainment in aid of the Christian Brothers' school, which takes place in His Majesty's Theatre, to-morrow (Friday) evening. A varied and interesting programme has been prepared, and, apart altogether from the object, those who attend will receive good value for their money.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began in the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, on Friday morning. Rev. Father O'Rilly was celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Father Cleary deacon, and Rev. Father Corcoran subdeacon. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday from last Mass until Vespers, after which there was the customary procession.

On Friday, the feast of the Sacred Heart, about thirty children received their First Communion at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. Later on in the day, accompanied by the Rev. Father Howard, they visited the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-East Valley, for the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, and afterwards visited the Dominican Convent, where they were entertained by the Sisters.

At the meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening the programme consisted of a Parliamentary debate, 'Should ladies have the right to enter Parliament?' Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., acted as Speaker, and the Government was led by Mr. J. A. Scott, Mr. P. Hally being the leader of the Opposition. The affirmative side was supported by Messrs. J. B. Callan, jun., and T. J. Hussey, and the negative by Messrs. J. Sweeney and D. S. Columb. As many others desired to speak on the subject the discussion will be continued at the meeting on Friday, July 6.

The St. Patrick's Literary and Social Club has had so far this season very successful meetings. On Monday evening, June 18, the programme consisted of a debate as to whether members of local bodies should be elected by all entitled to vote for Parliamentary candidates. Messrs. J. A. Scott, Hoare, and Fitzgerald took the affirmative side, and Messrs. Marlow, Carr, and McCurdy the opposite, the question being decided in the negative. On last Monday evening a programme of musical and other items was submitted. Songs were contributed by Misses Fitzpatrick, Heffernan (2), Mahoney, and Messrs. H. and E. Mee, Sutherland, and Mooney, and a recitation was given by Mr. S. Bush. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Misses Kerr and Toner.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held a most successful run from Mornington on Saturday. Starting from the residence of Mr. Plunket, the trail laid by Swanson and Coughlan led down to the Kaiorai Valley, thence up the hill to the right of the Silverstream dam, where many opportunities were afforded to the pack of showing their sprinting powers. The Silverstream water race was struck, and a good run along the bank brought the pack to the reservoir, from which point a course was shaped directly for home. Several new members were out on Saturday, and gave promise of being valuable acquisitions to the club. Mrs. Power and the Misses Purton and Plunket entertained the runners with afternoon tea, this action of the ladies being much appreciated by the members, whose feelings were voiced by Mr. Callan in a very happy speech.

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DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

June 22.

During the hour of Mr. Seddon's funeral the bell of St. Patrick's Cathedral was tolled.

At the last meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, past president Bro. Foley, of the Wellington branch, attended, and was heartily welcomed by the president and members.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening last of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, a number of visiting members of the Onehunga branch gave an excellent entertainment, consisting of vocal items by Bros. Dane, Higgins, O'Sullivan, recitations by Bro. Boland, and portions of a debate in the Irish House of Commons by Grattan and Flood, who were represented by two of the visitors. It was a very fine entertainment, and reflected the greatest credit on the Onehunga members. Miss M. Sheahan played the accompaniments.

On Sunday last at Puhoi his Lordship the Bishop opened the new and exceedingly handsome presbytery there. It has cost £400, and is practically free of debt. This speaks volumes for the zeal and energy of the pastor, and people of Puhoi. Afterwards the Bishop blessed three new altars, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-five candidates. He expressed great pleasure at the progress made in the district by the Church, and the great gratification it was to him to engage in such functions as those in which all took such a good part that day. The Bishop referred in feeling terms to the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon. On the Monday evening following the Bishop was tendered a public reception in the parochial school. There was a large attendance, and the whole proceedings were marked with an evident desire to make his Lordship feel that his presence afforded everyone genuine pleasure.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday morning, June 17, feeling references were made to the late Premier. At the 11 o'clock Mass the Rev. Father Holbrook said he spoke in the name of their good Bishop, who was absent in the country, for the priests and people of the parish, when he conveyed their sincere condolences to Mrs. Seddon and her family in their sorrowful bereavement, and as citizens of this Colony they united with their fellow-citizens in lamenting the death of one who was an irreparable loss to us all. He was a great and good man, and New Zealanders particularly had every reason to cherish his good works and memory in their hearts, because of his life-long labors for 'God's own country.' He fervently hoped that he was enjoying every blessing and happiness in 'God's own country' in heaven. Before the Bishop left (concluded Father Holbrook) he asked that at the conclusion of Mass the organist, Mr. Harry Hiscocks, should play the Dead March from 'Saul,' and the congregation should stand during its performance. This instruction was carried out. The 'Dead March' was again played after Vespers. After the 10 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart Church the orchestra played the Dead March from 'Saul,' the congregation standing.

HOKITIKA

(From our own correspondent.)

June 23.

Another old and respected resident of Hokitika passed away on Saturday, June 9, in the person of Mrs. McCullough, mother of Mr. Peter McCullough, attendant at the Sea View Mental Hospital. Mrs. McCullough and her husband, who predeceased her, arrived in Ross more than 40 years ago. She had all those years resided on the West Coast, first at Ross, then at Greymouth, and finally at Hokitika. She leaves a grown up family of three sons and five daughters, among whom are Mrs. Pedrazzi (Ross), Mrs. W. Garth (Greymouth), and Mr. P. McCullough (Hokitika). The funeral took place at Ross on June 11, and the large number which attended at Mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Aubry, of Hokitika, and afterwards followed the remains to the grave, showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.—R.I.P.

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GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 22.

The St. Columba hockey team journeyed to Kumara last Saturday and defeated the Kumara team by three goals to one. The St. Columba team have now played three matches and won them all, and are leading for the West Coast junior cup.

At St. Patrick's Church last Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Carew paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Seddon. He said that New Zealand could ill afford to lose such an able statesman, whose legislation had proved such a blessing to the people. One of his most worthy acts, the Old Age Pension Act, would ever stand out as in letters of gold to the credit of our late Premier. After the Benediction Miss Eileen Kemple (organist) played the Dead March, the large congregation standing.

Last Friday evening at the invitation of the Trinity Young Men's Institute, the members of St. Columba Club visited Trinity Hall, when both clubs met at a friendly euchre tournament. The St. Columba Club won by forty-eight points. During the interval for refreshments, Mr. L. de Berry welcomed the visitors, and trusted the good feeling which existed between both clubs would always continue. Mr. William Duffy returned thanks on behalf of the St. Columba Club for the very enjoyable evening they had spent, and hoped they would have many more such gatherings in the future.

It is with deep regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Noonan, wife of Mr. James Noonan, of Dobson Town, which sad event took place last Wednesday. The deceased had been a resident of Dobson Town for twenty years, during which time she had been noted for her many charitable and kind acts, and was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. The deceased, who was seventy-two years of age, was a native of Tipperary, and arrived in the colonies in the early sixties. She leaves a husband, three sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended, friends coming from all parts of the Coast to pay their last tribute of respect. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated at St. Patrick's Church, and also at the Greymouth cemetery.—R.I.P.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, on June 20, when Miss Rebecca Dinnan, fifth daughter of Mr. John Dinnan, sen., of Cobden, was married to Mr. Henry Young, of Hawke's Bay. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Carew. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a lovely dress of cream eolienne, handsomely trimmed with oriental lace and insertion, and embroidered with cream satin ribbon. Miss Emily Young was bridesmaid, and Mr. Edward Flaherty best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party and friends proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The presents were numerous, costly, and useful. It is the intention of Mrs. and Mr. Young to reside in Cobden, and their many friends unite in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

The San Francisco Disaster

The saving of the magnificent St. Mary's Cathedral, of San Francisco, in spite of the fire that breathed devastation all around it, is one of the fortunate incidents of the cataclysm. The edifice was saved largely through the heroism of one fireman. The steeple had caught fire and the fireman, observing the flames, scaled the perilous height with a hose attached to his belt and played a stream on the burning section until the blaze was extinguished. Thousands cheered the heroic deed. In front of the Cathedral on the Sunday following the terrible visitation a moving spectacle was witnessed. On the steps which overlook the blackened waste that commenced just across the street, Archbishop Montgomery celebrated Mass at eight o'clock. The service was attended by thousands, covering the church steps and extending well up and down the street in either direction. The Archbishop's words and his reference to the death of Fire Chief Sullivan from injuries received in the earthquake affected the entire assemblage, tears streaming down hundreds of faces upturned to the tiny altar in the open doorway of the vestibule. The Archbishop of San Francisco, the Most Rev. P. J. Riordan, was with his brother, Rev. D. J. Riordan, of Chicago, on his way to attend the Baltimore Cathedral centenary when the disaster occurred. He at once issued an appeal for aid to all the Bishops in the United States, and returned to his stricken city.

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THE ELDEST

There were six of them, the eldest aged eleven years. They were gentlefolks, of ancient lineage, but deadily poor; patched and outgrown clothes bearing full testimony to this sad circumstance, if other proof were needed than the fact that they lived in a tall, narrow house in a poor neighborhood, dirty of doorstep, devoid of knocker and letter-box.

It is true that sometimes, after dark, the eldest would surreptitiously 'rub up' the greenish-colored metal, that too often looked as if it had for days been immersed in the worst of London fogs, when once again the idea of brass was suggested to the beholder, whose eye, ungratefully but involuntarily, would be encouraged to rove over the whole house-front in careless expectancy of something moderately attractive. But the brass was not too often subjected to this feverishly administered massage, for the Eldest was shrewdly aware that perfection of cleanliness in this one small matter, which was all she could contrive, would but render her smeary window-cleaning and that bugbear, the doorstep, the more noticeable by contrast.

It was only when, coming home tired in the evening from his long day in the city, or setting forth somewhat wearily in the morning to resume his endless toil, her father's chance glance rested on the neglected appointments of his front door—and the words 'that looks disgraceful' fell upon the shrinking ears of his sensitive little daughter—leather and paste were brought into requisition once more.

Martha, the one maidservant, to give her her due, 'did' the steps every morning in broad daylight, unblushing and in curl papers; and had the family consisted only of the Eldest, her father and the fond but unpractical little mother, who seldom went out. Martha's daily attack would have kept the steps quite presentable. But between the Eldest and her baby sister were four unruly boys, which cause of mixed joy and embarrassment offers full explanation of many things.

Mrs. Desborough, who had married at seventeen, was not but at an age when more affluent young women enjoy youthful pleasures, and are still designated 'girls.' She was born 'in the lap of luxury,' and on the day that she took Philip Desborough 'for richer, for poorer,' no one among the wedding guests had dreamed how very much 'for poorer,' so far as money was concerned, it was to prove. Within two years of their marriage, Philip Desborough, through no fault of his own, had lost all the worldly goods with which he had endowed his wife. But when poverty came in at the door, love did not so much as glance at the window. Nothing could dispossess their hearts of the love they bore one to the other, nor rob them of the deep happiness they found in their children. Good health, too, had always attended them, so that the wife retained much of the cheerfulness natural to her age and disposition, while the husband, though too often careworn and depressed, being indeed burdened with anxiety, was yet in the main courageous and hopeful.

It was upon the Eldest that poverty sat heaviest—it was her strenuous little nature that it most overtaxed. To her mother a small house meant of necessity a want of cleanliness, an ill-furnished larder, a slatternly maidservant. She openly acknowledged her utter inability to cope with these somewhat squalid conditions, her forte being the ordering of order ready-made, so to say. But the Eldest, albeit the child had known no life other than one of struggle and privation, felt an ever-present sense of shame and dissatisfaction that her father, with the refined features and noble bearing of his race, should fare no better than the obscure clerk and his family opposite.

It was torture to this very much disguised princess to witness occasional meetings between this same clerk and her father, and see the two continue their walk down the street together, even while her nice perception told her that the one looked like a prince, despite his shabbiness, and the other, though perhaps the better dressed of the two, still a clerk.

Then there were the two vulgar, showy daughters of a retired butcher, named Jones—girls of some twelve and fourteen years respectively, who lived in the big house at the corner, and who said 'nursemaid,' in a very loud whisper, when they met the Eldest pushing her baby sister in the perambulator, and giggled on Sundays when the Eldest had on her best hat.

There was one family dwelling in the long gaunt street with whom the Eldest felt deep sympathy, a family not unlike her own, she thought, in number and cir-

cumstances, with nice-looking but seldom-seen parents, the little tribe of children being generally marshalled by a somewhat weary-looking girl of about her own age.

The two children would steal a quick glance at one another in passing, the Eldest bringing all her power of observation—no small amount—to bear, that one brief look. Soon timid smiles were exchanged; then came a day when they spoke.

The first time, the Eldest, with a great effort and a fast-beating heart, merely remarked that it was very cold; to which the other agreed, with a little shy shiver, and strove to pull the sleeves of her out-grown jacket over her red little wrists.

Upon the second occasion the Eldest inquired whether the baby in the perambulator was a girl or a boy, mentioning at the same time that hers was a girl.

At the third encounter she ascertained that between this chance acquaintance and herself there was indeed reason for the mutual liking.

'Are you the eldest?' she had asked.

'Yes,' the other had replied, 'are you?'

And the Eldest nodded.

'What a miserable looking girl that is who passes here so often,' Mrs. Desborough once observed to her daughter. It was of the child's new acquaintance that she spoke.

'I don't think she is unhappy, but she is an Eldest,' the other made answer simply.

'What do you mean, dear?' the mother asked, somewhat absent-mindedly, mildly puzzled.

'She is the eldest of the family,' her daughter amended, and the opening of the door and the beckoning of a grimy finger, belonging to Martha, the maid, saved her from the possible embarrassment of further explanation.

It was a full hard life, being the Eldest; but it had its privileges and compensations. It was a great joy to be capable of helping father and mother, thus saving the serious expense of a second servant, as undoubtedly she did. Then it repaid the Eldest for many an unsuspected little sacrifice and for much really hard work when her sweet young mother kissed her more warmly than was her wont, and said she was a great help. And then her father, her dearly loved father, would sometimes call her a 'little brick'—the heart of the Eldest would glow for days after that.

But when the children were intractable or disobedient and when her mother would reproach her before them for not, as the Eldest, having more authority over them, it was very hard. And when the baker's and butcher's bills were heavy, and her mother's pretty eyes were red after laborious poring over them, the Eldest's little heart would ache with compassion, and she would have given much to be as carelessly happy as the younger ones, who never noticed mother's eyes, and who did not worry about old or untidy clothes. Then again there were the bitter times of grief and humiliation when some untoward circumstance caused the Eldest to reflect upon her own little life and the rights and wrongs of it. Not that she claimed any rights, even to herself, and she certainly would never have entertained so disloyal a thought as that she was wronged in any way.

But there were periods when she could not help wistfully wishing that the others might take it in turn to be the eldest, so that she could occasionally go to school to learn something; that she might not live in perpetual fear of her ignorance being discovered, as it once was, by a terrible but well-meaning old gentleman, who called upon her mother, and who, after admiring the children, began to play a horrible sort of game—the hearing of a spelling class—in which the Eldest, as the eldest, was given the more difficult words and was put to shame before the younger ones. That night the child had cried herself to sleep; and since then many a leisure moment had been devoted to learning spelling from any odd book or newspaper she could find.

And it was a newspaper that ended it all, ended this uncongenial, unnatural life, unlifting for all concerned, from the aristocratic young father down to the beautiful baby girl.

One dark morning, in the depth of winter, at about seven o'clock, the Eldest entered the kitchen to find Martha somewhat distracted, and very eager to avail herself of the child's proffered aid.

'I've overslept myself,' the handmaid hurriedly announced, 'an' if you'd see to the dining-room fire an' lay the cloth, you'd help me fine, and breakfast won't be so late after all. Dó, there's a love.'

The Eldest considered a moment.

'If the wood is dry I d'ersay. I can manage it, while the water for the children is heating in here,' she said. 'But I must go back to them as soon as it is hot. You see, first I have to wash the three separately, and then I have to give Cyril and Claude my opinion on the way they have washed.'

'Give the baby to your ma to dress, else you'll never get done,' said the sympathetic Martha, bustling about with an enormous smut upon her nose.

'I would not think of it,' the Eldest returned warmly. 'Mother was tired out last night. I shall take her breakfast up.'

The child then proceeded to collect paper, wood, and coal, and making her way briskly to the dining-room set about her task. The wood was damp, and her stiffened fingers seemed to have lost their deftness. In despair she seized the morning newspaper, and, kneeling down, held the large sheet across the fireplace in the vain endeavor to create a draught.

While thus employed, she fell to studying the advertisements, while she breathed upon the numb digits of her disengaged hand. Then suddenly her attention was arrested, her little crouching form became tense, rigid, her very breathing seemed suspended! Presently she shook herself, rubbed her eyes, and looked round the poor room in a dazed fashion. She was about to search, with incredulous eyes and trembling fingers, for the paragraph from which, in the first moment of amazement they had strayed, when a tongue of flame licked her hands and she was fain to crush the sheets of paper and stuff them under the grate.

Mechanically she prepared the breakfast table with the neatness natural to her, and then, returning to the kitchen, provided herself with hot water and made her way to the nursery. All through the washing and dressing of the children the Eldest was in a state of bewildered excitement. But one thought at least was definite—she must somehow obtain another newspaper. It was Saturday, she remembered, and her father, beyond a casual glance at matters of public interest, often left the more thorough perusal of the day's intelligence to the long hours of Sunday. He might not even ask for the paper this morning.

It was as she hoped. The absence of the paper was not noted by Mr. Desborough, whose thoughts were distracted by interests much nearer home than any its printed sheets could contain. He left the house immediately after the morning meal, and presently the Eldest, on the pretext of going marketing, set forth in feverish haste for the nearest news agent's.

She bought the paper and began her breathless search in a quiet by-street. She would have liked to avail herself of the counter in the shop, for the large sheets were difficult to manage in the wind, but there were other customers, and here, at least, she was alone.

And—yes, her eyes had not deceived her! There it was again!

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The Eldest folded her paper and drew a deep breath. Her mind began busily to speculate. Perhaps that hard old Aunt Lavinia had died in a softened mood and left all her money to Philip d'Arcy Desborough, his wife, and such children as they possessed. The Eldest considered that such must be the wording of the will, as Aunt Lavinia knew too little of the nephew toward whom she had thus suddenly become tender and solicitous to be aware of the exact number of his family, or, indeed, whether he had any family at all.

The child quickly decided upon the course to pursue. Her father must not be allowed to incur the risk of bitter disappointment; he was not very strong, he took things very much to heart, his daughter argued. She would go to Chancery Lane; she would learn the truth, and if—if it was all a mistake, all unfounded, she could tell him so, quietly and soothingly. If, on the other hand—her little heart beat wildly, her breath came short, she glanced about her. Which way ought she to set forth? Chancery Lane might be very far: London was so vast, so wide. She inquired of a passing tradesman. At first, he stared as if in much amazement—the Eldest thought it a bad sign—then he said if she was really wanting to get there she could not do better than take the dark green bus at the corner of — street.

Thanking him in her courteous little way, the child walked rapidly to the street mentioned, and decided that she could not go astray if she followed the direction of the dark green omnibuses—she would not be so extravagant as to ride in one! Already she had spent a penny of the marketing money on a second newspaper, and if this exciting advertisement proved to mean nothing, the disappointment would be enhanced for all of them if money had been expended upon this, her vain pursuit of wealth.

Evidently Chancery Lane was a busy place and thickly populated; for it rarely chanced, when her eye could no longer follow one omnibus, that she had to wait long for another such rumbling, top-heavy looking guide. On she sped, excitement lending wings to her feet. She took no heed of the gathering clouds nor of the rain

that presently fell in heavy, smoke-discolored drops. But it must have been nigh upon two hours later when a bedraggled little figure, spent and weary, wet through, presented itself in the outer office of No. 315 Chancery Lane.

'I should like to see Messrs. Marsham and Reeves, Solicitors,' she announced, addressing a young man who came forward to receive her.

She made a somewhat pathetic little picture as she stood there, clutching the sopping newspaper in her hand, her beautiful little face pale with emotion and fatigue—her shabby but picturesque clothes, obviously all too thin and worn for protection against the cold and wet—the long curls of dark chestnut hair heavy with rain. The clerk stared, as naturally he might.

'What is your business?' he asked at length, politely enough.

'It is rather private,' the Eldest returned, with easy confidence. 'I should prefer to see the solicitors,' she added, with quiet dignity, 'if—if they are alone.'

'I don't think you can see them,' began the puzzled young man, glancing toward the half-open door of an inner room.

The child's face grew paler. 'Oh, I must see them, I must!' she cried, the clear, cultured little voice unconsciously raised in her distress. 'I must see them. It is so important, and I have come so far.'

'Show her in,' said a voice from the inner chamber. The young man strode to the door. 'It's only a poor child, sir,' he remarked, deferentially, with, however, a lack of assurance in his undertone.

'Show her in,' the voice repeated.

The young man signed to the child, who entered quickly, and the door was closed behind her. She found herself in a large, handsomely furnished apartment, with more of the private library than office about it. She bowed slightly to its only occupant, a middle-aged man with iron gray hair and shrewd, kind eyes; then advanced swiftly with outstretched hand.

'It is very good of you to see me,' she began; 'are you Mr. Marsham or Mr. Reeves?'

'My name is James Marsham,' he returned, politely, taking the proffered hand and striving to conceal any amusement or surprise that he might feel. 'May I ask why you wanted to see me?'

'I have come to communicate with you about Philip d'Arcy Desborough. I want to learn about the something to his advantage,' the Eldest explained, keeping strictly to the text of the advertisement, as being likely to prove most ready to the comprehension of a solicitor. 'See,' she added, placing before him the soaked newspaper, and pointing with shivering finger to the words.

Mr. Marsham's amazement and interest in his small client grew momentarily deeper.

'Then who are you, my—little lady?' he asked, regarding the child more observantly, noting the small, shapely hands, the refined beauty of the delicate features, and—the very, very shabby clothes.

'I am his eldest daughter,' she made answer, with modest pride. 'I am Pauline d'Arcy Desborough.'

There was a pause.

'Your father is to be congratulated,' Mr. Marsham returned, 'if, indeed, he proves to be the right man of that name—it is a very handsome fortune. But may I ask why he allowed a little girl like you—what is the matter, my dear?' He broke off abruptly and sprang to his feet.

The Eldest had suddenly seated herself and turned very white. For a few moments the room grew dark, so dark that even the kind face that was bent over her faded away as she gazed at it. Then she dimly heard the clink of glass against glass, and was vaguely aware that the kindly solicitor was holding wine to her lips.

'Drink it, my dear,' he was saying; 'the excitement has been too much for you, and—bless me, what is this? The child is soaked through.'

As she roused herself to take the wine Mr. Marsham slipped the cloak from her shoulders and gently removed her hat. These he placed before the fire to dry, and proceeding to furnish with numerous cushions the easiest chair that the room afforded, bade the child rest herself. Then sounding a little bell that stood upon his writing table, he told the clerk who answered the summons to send for some sandwiches. The food was quickly brought, and the Eldest fell to with avidity.

'I was rather tired and hungry,' she explained presently. 'The walk was a long one, five or six miles, I should think; and I don't believe I had any breakfast.'

'Why not?' Mr. Marsham asked, somewhat bluntly.

'I don't think I wanted any,' she rejoined simply.

'I was thinking too much of the something to his advantage, you know. Besides, Claude's egg was musty, and I gave him mine,' she added, with sudden recollection. 'He and Cyril go to school; they must have a good meal.'

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'Tell me,' he said gently, after a pause, 'why did not your father write, or call himself, concerning this business?'

'He does not know about it,' the Eldest explained eagerly. 'I—I thought I would find out the truth so as to save him from being terribly disappointed if—if it somehow came to nothing.'

And she related at length how it chanced that she saw the advertisement, and the subsequent accident to the newspaper; and how she had followed the dark green omnibuses till she had at last arrived at the office of Messrs. Marsham and Reeves, Solicitors.

'And do you know,' she ended with a little sigh of comfort and satisfaction, 'you are not a bit what I thought a solicitor would be. I don't know Mr. Reeves, of course, but you are not a bit like one. I have always had a dread of solicitors as a class,' she amended, quickly, fearing to have hurt Mr. Marsham's feelings.

The solicitor in question looked much amused, despite his concern for the brave little girl.

'But your brothers,' he pursued. 'Could not one of them have saved you this—'

'Oh, I am the Eldest,' she interposed, hastening to vindicate the absent. 'Besides, I don't go to school,' she added, with another and sadder little sigh. 'But about the fortune,' she continued, 'it must have been either Aunt Lavinia or Uncle Hubert. I could judge better which of them it was who left it to father if you could tell me the amount of it—by the year, you know.'

'Let me ask one question before answering you,' he said. 'Where do, or did, these relations live?'

'Shropshire,' the Eldest made answer without an instant's hesitation. 'There are two great country seats belonging to the d'Arcy Desboroughs in Shropshire—seats are extra big houses, as I daresay you know—and Aunt Lavinia lives in one and Uncle Hubert in the other, and they hate each other. Do you know which has died?' she asked anxiously.

'Aunt Lavinia,' said Mr. Marsham. The Eldest was about to speak, when the clock upon the mantelpiece struck twelve. She sprang up in dismay.

'I must go,' she said, beginning to wrap the still damp cloak about her. 'It takes two hours—the walk—and I have not done the marketing yet! Oh, dear, what will mother think?'

Mr. Marsham rose also. 'You must not put on that damp cloak,' he said decidedly. 'One of my clerks shall take you home in a cab—and this will serve to keep you warm.'

He took from a curtained niche in the wall a man's overcoat.

'It is a spare one,' he added, in answer to her remonstrance.

'Do you mean you have another?' she asked suspiciously. 'Or do the two hanging there belong to Mr. Reeves?'

'One is his, but I keep two here,' explained Mr. Marsham, turning away and pulling at his moustache. Then he rang the bell. 'Call a cab,' he said to the young man who attended.

'I am sorry not to have seen Mr. Reeves,' the Eldest remarked politely, fastening on her hat. 'I suppose he is interviewing some one else. Did you say a clerk was to go with me?' she asked wistfully. 'I should so much, much rather you came yourself!' and she slipped a persuasive little hand into his.

Mr. Marsham glanced at the table, with its pile of interrupted correspondence, then at the child's upturned face.

'Very well,' he said. 'Since you wish it, I will accompany you.'

The cab was announced, and the Eldest, enveloped in the great coat, trailed through the outer office, followed by the solicitor bearing the little damp cloak upon his arm, to the profound astonishment of the clerk.

It seemed a long way, even by cab, and the Eldest, sat still, lost in silent enjoyment. Presently they entered the neighborhood of the shops, and she was reminded of her neglected marketing.

'Will you tell the man to stop a moment at the next greengrocer's?' she begged of her companion; 'the rest of the things can wait, but I must just go there.'

She struggled out of her coat, and made her way into the shop, presently to emerge with an enormous cabbage in her arms. 'It will go nicely on the seat between us,' she announced, cheerfully, in answer to the

disconcerted expression of the solicitor, 'and if it bothers you I can take it on my lap.'

A few minutes later there arrived at No. 65—street, to the no small amazement of Martha, the maid, a cab, from which the Eldest sedately alighted, wearing cloakwise a garment the shoulders of which reached nearly to her elbows, bearing a cabbage, and accompanied by a strange gentleman.

'Only half-a-crown, sir?' the driver murmured. 'Give him another,' pleaded the Eldest, compassionately, with a queenly gesture of the hand. 'I have one in my money-box upstairs, if you don't mind all-pennies and halfpennies.'

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The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Death of a Venerable Priest

The death has taken place at the Oratory, South Kensington, of the Rev. Charles Henry Bowden, in his seventieth year. Father Bowden was one of the founders of the Oratory in King William street, Strand, which was afterwards removed to Brompton.

Serious Fire in a Church

By a fire which occurred in the Catholic church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Hastings, the magnificent high altar, valued at £10,000, was much damaged.

The Dominicans

At the Provincial Chapter of the English Province of Dominicans, held on May 8 in London, the Very Rev. Laurence Shapcote, Lector in Theology, was re-elected Provincial for a term of four years.

Papal Honor

Canon Singleton, of St. Joseph's, Seacombe, Cheshire, has been raised to the rank of a Domestic Prelate to the Holy Father, with the title of Monsignor.

Foreign Missionary Society

His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster presided on Thursday, May 3, at a council meeting of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society, held at Archbishop's House. There was a good attendance. The secretary presented a long and able report on the work of the various missions, and explained the aims of the eight priests of the Society who recently went to the Philippines. The report, which was described as a record of progress, was adopted. There was a general agreement that there is a pressing need of funds to meet the requirements entailed by the Society's progressive work.

ITALY—Church and State

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Milan was among the illustrious visitors to the King and Queen of Italy on their arrival at Milan. In addressing the Sovereign at the laying of the foundation-stone for the railway station his Eminence was very happy. With Manzoni, he, at the outset, described the religion of 'the dear Italian fatherland' as 'beautiful, immortal, beneficent, ever accustomed to triumph.' This set the Catholic and local note in his eloquent speech, which was all praise of religion, Milan, and the good in life. Towards the close he said: 'The Prince of the Apostles briefly traced the life of honesty and virtue in the words "Omnes honorantes, fratres diligite, Deum time, Regem honorate."' This quotation and the tone of the Cardinal's address could not escape notice as evidencing the pleasanter times which have come for Church and State in Italy.

SCOTLAND—Death of a Catholic Lady

The funeral took place recently at Lochnell, Argyshire, of Mrs. Annie Constance Campbell, of Lochnell, who died at Taynuilt, on the shores of Loch Etive, after a long illness. The deceased lady was extremely popular in the West of Scotland, and was born in Ireland about 64 years ago, her father, Dr. John Francis Fitzgerald, of Carrick, claiming kinship with the old Earls of Desmond. Mrs. Campbell's first husband, Dr. Richard M'Clymont, died in China, and in 1877 she married secondly Archibald Argyll Lochnell Campbell, who in 1882 succeeded his uncle as thirteenth Lochnell, and died a few years ago.

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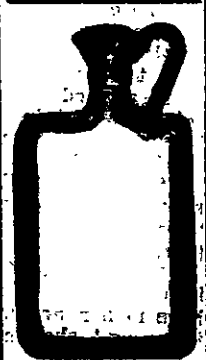
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A Substitute for Leather.

The general increase in the price of boots in England has had the effect of bringing forward many substitutes for leather (says a London paper). The high rates ruling for hides and skins in the English, American, and Continental markets have led a number of ingenious people to experiment with various kinds of substitutes for leather, but as yet no satisfactory substitute has been seen on the open market. The most prominent of these substitutes for making the boot uppers takes the form of a finely-woven fabric, considerably finer than any of the canvas materials at present used for seaside shoes, but it lacks the surface finish and appearance of leather. The waterproofing difficulty can be got over, and it may in time be so far improved as to enter into regular consumption for cheap goods.

Novel Water-pipe Protector.

Water-pipes are usually protected from freezing by the use of such non-conducting materials as straw, cork and oakum. In a new French method, a layer of straw, sawdust or tan-bark is first placed around the pipe, and pieces of unslaked lime as large as the fist are then packed around this coating and enveloped in a layer of non-conducting material, the whole being held together by a wrapping of coarse linen. The inside layer serves simply to protect the pipe from corrosion by the fresh lime. The outer covering admits only a small amount of air, and the moisture in this acts on the lime, which becomes warm and is so slowly slaked that the heat may be kept up during an entire winter. Frozen pipes may be thawed by using somewhat more lime and slaking rapidly by pouring water over it.

About Looking Glasses.

The earliest looking glasses, or mirrors, were of either metal, highly polished, or of black painted mica. It is noted in Jewish history that the laver was made of brass of the looking glasses of the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and some commentators conjecture that these women gave up their bronze or copper hand-mirrors to supply the material of the laver. Egyptian women always carried their mirrors to the temples, and the Hebrew women probably did likewise, as do the Arabian and Turkish women today. Glass mirrors are of comparatively recent date. Mirrors of silver and gold were commonly used in mediaeval times. In 1360 Venice became the seat of the manufacture of glass mirrors, which have since superseded all other varieties; the improvements in the manufacture of plate glass enabling mirrors to be made of great size.

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The Home

By 'Maureen'

How to Grow Old Gracefully.

The great scientist, Dr. Metchnikoff, thinks we ought to live ten times as long as the period we take to develop. That is from 230 to 250 years. Though at present we fail to attain this ripe old age, there is no reason why we should not remain youthful till we pass 70 or even 80. Some people accomplish it, and it is possible for a great number. With attention to food, air, exercise, and the hygiene of the mind most people might be ten or twenty years younger than they really are. The two greatest factors conducive to a green old age are work and cheerfulness. Dr. Osler, a famous physician, says that 'the secret of life as he has seen it played, and tried to play it himself, is work.' This prescription, he declares, 'will make the stupid man bright, the bright man brilliant, and the brilliant student steady. It is the measure of success in every-day life. The secret of successful working lies in the systematic arrangement of what you have to do, and in the methodical performance of it.' Having selected your work and reduced it to a system, you are advised not to get too deeply absorbed to the exclusion of all outside interests. 'No matter what your work, have an outside hobby.' The doctor is very emphatic in denying that work—legitimate work—kills. It is the foul fiend, 'Worry,' that is responsible. The best way to conquer this fiend is to cultivate a cheerful habit of mind.

While work and cheerfulness are advocated as the best means towards attaining a long and happy life, over-eating and drinking are singled out as the most fatal to it. 'More people are killed by over-eating and drinking than by the sword.' Adults eat far too much; the physicians are beginning to recognise that early degeneration, which was formerly attributed to alcohol, is due in large part to too much food.

The following rules may be of some help to those who desire to grow old gracefully:—

Do not eat heavy suppers; drink little or no alcohol; avoid rich meats and pastry; do not grow fat by eating too much; fat people seldom reach a good old age; the youthful old man or woman is lean; lessen your food continually as you grow older; over-eating produces all the diseases that make one old; under-feeding shortens life; just enough and a trifle over is the ideal.

New Zealand Greenstone.

Jade, or New Zealand greenstone, has (says the 'Weekly Scotsman') been lifted out of the oblivion into which it had fallen, and is now being adapted to every conceivable kind of jewellery ware. The Queen herself set the fashion, when she appeared many times on public occasions wearing a long chain wherefrom a collection of curious jade charms dangled, and a further filip was given to the growing craze when Lord Rothschild had a 'lucky Maori god' carved from jade and sent to him by a well-wisher before St. Amant won the Derby. Jade, says a prominent jeweller, has quite taken the place of the once fashionable turquoise. Its special qualities are its iron hardness, and its surface, which, while admitting any polish, will absolutely not scratch. It is not only in ladies' jewellery that jade has taken the lead, but also in articles for men. There are jade dress waistcoat buttons, jade scarf pins, studs, and sleeve-links, and even cigarette-cases of jade, framed in gold.

Fruit at Breakfast-time.

It is a mistaken idea that no fruit should be eaten at breakfast; indeed, it would be far better if people would eat less bacon at breakfast and more fruit. The apple is one of the best fruits. Baked or stewed apples will generally agree with the most delicate digestion, and are an excellent medicine in many cases of indisposition. Green or half-ripe apples stewed and sweetened are pleasant to the taste, cooling, and nourishing. Raw apples are better than liver pills. Oranges are very acceptable to most people; but the orange juice alone should be taken, and the pulp be rejected.

Maureen

The recently-appointed Chief Justice of Canada, Mr. Fitzpatrick, is a Catholic. He was a member of the Laurier Ministry.

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America's First Negro Bishop

A Latin American newspaper (says the 'Boston Transcript') brings an interesting account of Monsignor Gomez Pimenta, Bishop of Marianna, Brazil, who has recently died. Previous to his death he had the distinction of being the first bishop of the colored race in the New World.

Silveria Gomez Pimenta was the son of slave parents. Born in extreme poverty, he knew what it was to be destitute and hungry. When a child he attended school half-naked and bare-footed, but he was from the first remarkable for his application and his good conduct. He was, in fact, so excellent a schoolboy that his case came to the attention of the Archbishop of Balua, who took a liking to the exceptional young negro and placed him, after some time, in the seminary of his See city. Here Pimenta, now a young man, pursued his studies for the priesthood. While still young he was raised to the episcopal dignity as Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese of Balua. In this he still won favor, and when the late Pope Leo XIII. restored the diocese of Marianna, Amazon, whose area was 300,000 square kilometres and whose population was two millions, he designated as its prelate the negro Bishop.

This new office was by no means a sinecure. For years the Bishop's territory had been more or less neglected, and the state of religion was far from ideal. He was almost alone and without resources, in his vast diocese. Added to this, it had been the scene of an anti-Catholic propaganda which rendered the new Bishop's task particularly difficult. But this son of slave parents, who had overcome so many obstacles in his life, was not discouraged by the situation, no matter how

hopeless it seemed. He bent every effort to the work in hand--to the building and maintaining of churches, schools, seminaries, houses of charity, etc., and gave so little thought to himself and his own dignity as a Bishop or even to his own comfort as a man, that he often went almost as poorly clad, and certainly with feet as destitute of covering, as when he attended school years before in Balua. But he succeeded before his death in rehabilitating the diocese which he had found in ruins, and in elevating the tone of its religious and social life.

The merit of this negro Bishop was not confined to his own diocese or to Brazil; nor did his life or labor prevent him from continuing these studies in which he showed himself so brilliant at school. He was a man of vast learning and had a high reputation among Orientalists for his knowledge of the Semitic languages.

A large number of the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church, Collingwood (Vic.), and a representative gathering of all sections of the community, tendered a complimentary social recently to the Rev. Father Carroll, who, after some years' ministry, has been transferred to Northcote. Mr. E. Wilkins, M.L.A., on behalf of the subscribers, handed Father Carroll an illuminated address, testifying to the respect, esteem, and affection in which he is held.

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INTERCOLONIAL

The silver jubilee of the deservedly popular pastor of Young, the Rev. Father Jerome Hennessy, was celebrated on Sunday, June 10.

The Bishop of Lismore, Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, has created a new parish on the Tweed, and the Rev. Father J. J. Durkin, of Lismore, has been appointed priest in charge. The parish comprises Burringbar, Stott's Creek, Chinerah, and Tweed Heads.

The Catholic population of Tasmania on December 31, 1905, was 32,063, or 17.93 per cent. of the total, thus indicating an increase since the 1901 census was taken of 1749 numerically, and of 0.85 centesimally—the figures for 1901 being 30,314, or 17.08 per cent.

Monsignor O'Donovan, who was honored by the Mudgee people of all creeds and classes on his temporary severance from the parish, is the second oldest priest in New South Wales, coming next to Archpriest Sheehy. His ship was wrecked in Bass Straits when he came out in 1861, and the captain ran it ashore at Flinders Island, where the convicts' huts still stood. The Monsignor has been 38 years at Mudgee, and has earned a great reputation as a bushman and horseman.

To mark the silver jubilee of his connection with St. Mary's Cathedral as conductor of the choir and organist, the members of the choir entertained Mr. J. A. Delany at a social evening in the Cardinal's Hall on June 6, when he was presented with an oak-framed address and a gold cigarette case, which bore a suitable inscription. The proceedings were graced by the presence of his Eminence the Cardinal, who thus showed his appreciation of the devoted services of Mr. Delany by making the presentation.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran despatched the following cablegram to Lord Plunket, Governor of New Zealand:—'The Cardinal and the Catholics of Sydney convey sincerest sympathy and condolence to the Government and people of New Zealand in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their great Premier.' To Cardinal Moran Lord Plunket sent the following cablegram:—'On behalf of the Government of New Zealand I beg to thank your Eminence and your people for your sympathetic message.'

Speaking at Belmore on Sunday, June 10, his Eminence Cardinal Moran referred to the unemployed question. He said it was the duty of the Government to provide employment for such men in a country like Australia, where they had a vast area of land, and so many resources to fall back upon. The Government said it had already tried such plans and had failed. That was because they had not carried them on as they should have been carried on. He did not say it was the Government itself which should enter upon such work, but they saw plenty of farming lands, and thousands of men were willing to work. It sufficed that such farms should be set aside, and plenty of employment would then await those willing to work.

News has been received in Sydney that a young Australian, Mr. A. Farthing, son of Mr. Alex. Farthing, of Wynyard Square, was ordained priest at the Cathedral, Manila, last month. The Papal Delegate occupied a seat in the sanctuary during the ordination. Father Farthing is a native of Newcastle, and became a convert about ten years ago. He displayed a great vocation for the priesthood, and entered the Sacred Heart Monastery at Kensington, where he studied for four years. He made wonderful progress with his studies, and was extremely popular amongst his fellow-students. Twelve months ago he went to Manila, and entered the University of St. Thomas, where he finished his studies and perfected himself in the Spanish language.

The Irish envoys, Messrs. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, visited St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, the other day at the invitation of the students. Great enthusiasm was manifested by the boys, and Mr. Devlin confessed that in his ten weeks' tour in Australia no incident had so touched him. An address was presented to the delegates, together with a purse of 28 sovereigns, which represented the pocket money saved by the boys for weeks in order that they might be able to do something for the Irish cause. The contribution was a voluntary one. The visitors were received by Brother Quinn (principal), and his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, presided at the reception, and in his speech impressed the necessity of patriotism upon the boys. Mr. Devlin delivered an eloquent address, in which he highly eulogised the Christian Brothers, their work, their influence for good on their pupils, and their progress.

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 1, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Precious Blood.
 „ 2, Monday.—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 3, Tuesday.—St. Paul I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 4, Wednesday.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 5, Thursday.—St. Antony Zaccaria, Confessor.
 „ Friday.—Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.
 „ 7, Saturday.—St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

Feast of the Most Precious Blood.

This feast commemorates the intense love which led the Son of God to shed His Blood for the salvation of men.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This festival was instituted in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin's visit to her cousin, St. Elizabeth. It was established by St. Bonaventura, in 1263, for the Order of St. Francis, and was extended to the Universal Church by Urban VI. in 1379.

St. Paul I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Paul I. was Pope from 757 to 767. He was a Roman by birth, and successor to Stephen II. He had to defend the Christians of the East against the persecutions of Emperor Constantine Copronymus.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Irenaeus was born between 130-140 in Smyrna, in Asia Minor, and had the happiness, from his earliest youth, of being instructed by St. Polycarp and other apostolic men. His deep attachment to the Christian doctrine did not prevent him from studying the Greek poets and philosophers, especially Homer and Plato. With a view to missionary work he journeyed to Gaul, where he was ordained priest by Phontinus, Bishop of Lyons, who suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius (178). Irenaeus was nominated to succeed him as bishop by Pope Eleutherius, to whom he had been sent on an ecclesiastical mission. In this office he showed untiring zeal and energy for the good of the Churches in Gaul. Moreover, by means of his writings in defence of the unity and purity of the faith, which was endangered by the Gnostics, he made his influence felt far beyond the limits of Gaul. Finally he effected a happy compromise between the East and the West in the dispute concerning Easter, which had gone so far as to cause an open rupture between the two sections of the Church. In the great persecution under Septimus Severus the shepherd suffered martyrdom with many of his flock (June 28, 202).

St. Antony Zaccaria, Confessor.

St. Antony was born in 1500, at Cremona, in the north of Italy. After having labored for some time in his native city as a secular priest, he founded, in conjunction with two Milanese nobles, a congregation of monks, called Barnabites, from the Church of St. Barnabas, where they came together, like the early Christians, to live a life in common and to devote themselves to the office of instructing the young.

St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

St. Benedict XI. was an Italian by birth, and occupied the Papal throne for about a year. He annulled the Bulls of Boniface VIII. against Philip the Fair of France.

Mr. John Byrne, the Goodna (Q.) centenarian, was 108 years of age on Sunday, June 10, he having been born on June 10, 1798, in the Loughs of the Seven Churches, County Wicklow, Ireland, and there is not the slightest doubt but that he is a marvel, says a writer in the 'Queensland Times.' He has been a resident of the Redbank and Goodna districts for over 53 years.

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