

Society and the Y.M.S. Later on he came out to Australia. Fourteen years ago he returned to Edinburgh, and became in a quiet and unassuming way identified with the parochial life of St. Columba's mission, Newington.

UNITED STATES—Appointed Bishop

A New Orleans despatch says news has reached Catholic circles in that city that the Very Rev. Patrick McHale, C.M., Rector of St. John's College, Brooklyn, has been appointed Bishop of Porto Rico, to succeed Archbishop Bleck, who held that office until he was recently elevated to the Archbishopric of New Orleans.

GENERAL

An Unauthorised Congregation

The English papers are never tired of denouncing the Belgian authorities because they do not allow Protestant missionaries to establish new missions and stations in their territory, but they have not a word to say about the action of the French. Bishop Augouard writes in the 'Missions Catholiques Francaises' that the English Protestant missionaries crossed the Ubanghi into French territory and wished to establish at Larouga a station. The French authorities promptly expelled them and sent them back across the river on the ground that they were an 'unauthorised congregation.'

California's Ruined City

Mr. D. Dwyer, of Oakland, California, (writes our Christchurch correspondent), in a letter to his brother Mr. Sub-Inspector Dwyer of this city, speaks hopefully of Oamaru stone being largely used in the rebuilding of the wrecked city of San Francisco, and also in the repairing and building operations generally on the Pacific coast of the U.S.A. In fact, should the stone prove suitable (says Mr. Dwyer) the quantity required will be practically unlimited, at any rate for the next twenty years. Mr. Dwyer, who is head of extensive marble and granite works in Oakland, has had samples of our New Zealand stone submitted, and is hoping to be successful in having a reduction in the tariff effected. Referring to the recent earthquake, Mr. Dwyer continues: 'To put it mildly, it was frightful. I have experienced a good many shakes for the last 31 years in California: I thought this one would be the last. To imagine that this morsel here of our globe could remain intact is something beyond my mathematical comprehension. Take any other body or mass of inanimate matter and strain a portion of it with a force in proportion to this shock, and the result must be dissolution. There must be a greater power than the power of cohesion to keep it together. Anyway, it left a trail of destruction in its path. We, in Oakland, have suffered, but not in comparison to our noble sister city, San Francisco. No one can realise anything like a fair picture of the horrifying disaster, and to behold it at this date (May 24) is sickening in the extreme. The great fire did the work, and any further description of the ruin to life and property by me, I consider futile, only to add that the citizens of the most generous city to-day in the world are taking assistance, and need it, from all quarters. Yes; never was there a call of any kind, by suffering humanity in any part of the world, that the citizens of San Francisco were not the first to respond, and these people are to-day, in the face of that double calamity, standing over their ruined homes with smiles on their faces, displaying the grit of the stubborn pioneers.' In concluding a most interesting letter Mr. Dwyer predicts that Oakland may be the coming city of the Coast, with its population of 225,000 to date, railroad terminus, and fine water facilities. There is no limit to territory, and San Franciscans are realising the fact, and securing factory sites. His Lordship Bishop Grimes, accompanied by a French Father, called upon Mr. Dwyer and family whilst passing through California.

Humility means being keenly conscious of our misery. It therefore also means using little means 'of grace with avidity.

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Domestic

By 'Maureen'

How to Clean China Ornaments.

The dusting of fancy vases is a duty which the wise housekeeper never delegates to a servant, for careful handling of cherished bric-a-brac is essential. To cleanse the exterior of a vase on which figures or flowers appear in sharp relief a cloth should never be employed. Camel-hair brushes should be used for removing accumulations of dust, a heavy one for ordinarily raised figures and a finer brush in case of flowers. The petals of roses, for instance, would suffer considerably if one attempted to cleanse them with an ordinary duster. A brush does the work far more efficaciously and without damage to the delicate china or porcelain leaves.

Choosing a Toothbrush.

The choice of a toothbrush is a far more important point than many people consider. To brush the teeth violently with a hard brush is certain to be the means of wearing away the enamel, and a medium brush should be chosen in preference, and soaked for some time in water preparatory to use. Many people, too, grasp a toothbrush with the whole hand, and consequently bring all their strength to the task. It should be held lightly between the thumb and the first and second fingers, and what is lost in vigor can be made up by devoting a little more time to the task. The inner side of the teeth should have every whit as much attention as the outer, and the mouth should be well rinsed afterwards. Any extreme of heat and cold is exceedingly bad for sensitive teeth, and the practice of eating hot soup and an ice at the same meal can hardly be too severely condemned in the case of those whose teeth are subject to decay. Minerals containing iron should always be taken through a straw, and too great indulgence in tea and coffee should be avoided.

Chilblains.

At this time of year many people suffer great inconvenience through chilblains, and if they are not attended to in the early stages, there is danger of the skin breaking and the possibility of blood poisoning. More often than not chilblains are primarily due to a run-down and generally poor physical condition, in which circulation is sluggish. This makes itself felt in an external condition of spots on the feet or hands that sting and itch, sometimes even forming into ulcers that are extremely painful. The first two requisites, after one has begun to take a tonic and to try in other ways to improve the general condition, are that the parts affected shall be kept warm and dry. There should be always plenty of exercise to stimulate circulation. Wetting of one's feet when there are chilblains will make them smart and itch to the point of torture, and therefore, if there is any moisture on the ground, goloshes should always be worn. Thick, soft stockings are essential, and circulation should be unimpeded. Persons with chilblains on their feet should never wear garters. If it is the hands that are affected, some kind of skin gloves should be worn. Woolen or any knitted gloves, no matter how warm, are bad when there is a tendency to chilblains, for the skin can chap too easily while wearing them. With the first suspicion of either redness or itching the toes or fingers should be rubbed with warm spirits of rosemary to which a few drops of turpentine are added. Care should be taken not to subject the members to extreme heat or cold, any change of condition being brought about gradually. A bath that will be found to relieve the itching is made with a powder composed of one ounce of alum, two ounces of rock salt, and two ounces of borax. Two teaspoonfuls may be dissolved in a foot-tub of tepid water and the feet soaked for fifteen minutes or more. Camphor, by the way, is very soothing in cases of chilblains, and should always be kept in the house. It is simply rubbed on.

Maureen

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