

## Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

September 2, Sunday.-Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
3, Monday--SL. Elizabeth, Queen.
4, Tuesday.-St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin.
5, Wednesday.-ist. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop and Confessor.
6, Thursday--Si. Rumold, Martyr.
7, Friday.-St. Eugene III., Pope and Confessor.
8, Saturday.-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop and Confessor.
St. Lawrence Justinian, who was the first Patriarch of Venice, was boin in that eity about the year 1380 . He was General of the Canons Regular of the Congregation of St. George, was appointed Bishop of Venice in 1433, and Patriarch in 1451. He built at Venice ten churches and several momasteries.

## St. Rumold, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Rumold, Bishop of Dublin, returning from a visit to the tomb of the apostles, interrupted his journey at Malines, in Belglum. During his slay he preached with much fruit in that city and its neighborhood, and was quentually assassinated by a man whose notorious crimes he had not hesitated, in the interests of morality, to severely stigmatise.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mayy.
The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Yirgin Mary is celebrated on september 8 . This festival was appointed by Pope Innocent XI., that the faithal may be called upon in a paticular manner to recommend to God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, the necessities of His Chusch, and to return to Him thanks for 1 Iis gracious plotection and numberless mercies. What gave occasion to the institution of this feast was a solemn thanksgiving for the relief of Vienna when it was besieged by Tunls in 1683.

## GRAINS OF GOLD.

## AVE MARIA.

Hall, Mary, full of grace !
The Angel's song
We echo, as thy festival we greet ;
And on,thy Birthday, holy Maid, repeat
Both loud and long,
Hail, Maty, full of grace!
Here in our struggling race
Towatd the goal,
Dear Mothrer, pray 1 hy Son with strength to fill
U's wearied with our striving 'gainst what ill Impedes our soul,
O. Mary, full of grace !

Hail, Mary ! Love and praise To thee we bring,
Whom Gabilel the Achangel praised, and whom
Christ Jesus loved, the Oifspring of thy womb. For ape we sing,
Hail, Mary, full of grace !
-'Ave Maria.'
A little silence often saves much trouble.
Suffering teaches the patient to win many viciories.

Heroes are scarce, but the man who makes his poverty respectable is one of them.

Learn to put yourself in another's place and you will have mastered one of the secrets of good breeding.

In the presence of true greatness mere talent and cleverness are thrown into the shade, as stars pale before the sun.

When we sit in a day-dream, allowing our thoughts to roam where they will, while minutes and hours slip away in mere vacuity practically unmarked, it must not be imagined that this is meditation.

There is an eloquence in the pious resignation, the contented look, the busy lingers of the poor artisan pursuing his honest and industrious life which is not to be 4 und in all the bombast of the religious, hypocrite; and no quietly honest man of this kind can calculate the influence for goodness which he may exercise on so-
ciety.

## The Storyteller

## NAOMI MARIA

## (Concluded from last week.)

The little chapel was filled to overflowing; for Naomi had made many friends, and others weredrawn hither by curiosity regarding her stiange conversion. They waited anxiously, iearing disappointment; but at the appointed hour Naomi followed the priest into the church. Madame Claire's two little daughters, Lisa and inna, dressed in white and bearing lighted tapers, led lier toward the altar, the Sisters foilowing in procession.

The girl was almost fainting with weakness; her face was whiter than the white dress she wore, but in her dark eyes burned the fire of a great resolve; and, wasted as she was with illness, there was in Naomi's face that day a beanty which, perhaps, it had never before possessed-the beauty reflected by the trumph of soul over body-be beauty written bjy suffering nobly borne.

To the questions asked of her in the name of the Catholic Church, Naomi answered with an energy which surprised all who listened; it seemed as if the last fticker of her life's strength was put into that vehement 'I desire Baptasm.'

The onlookers wated breathess, and through the bushed siliness of the chapel lose Father Isidor's vose:

I baptise thee, Naomi Maria, in the name of the Fiather, and of the Son, and oi the Holy Ghost.'

It was done: the cleansing watess had flowed over Hat fail head, and Nami stood there in the hasulbied minocence of infancy, a child of crod, pure and uriariled, fit in that moment to enter even into the presence of low King.

It was a scene to touch all present-a scene to break down even the long-taught self-control which is the duty of the priest, and tears rose to the good Father's eyes. For if men tremble before the hnocence of childhood, what must it be, to those who hnow (rod, to look into the soul of another and 'see thete naught but His image! Many a time in the years of his mimstiy had the piest looked, untouched, upoil hoaly shnels broken with repentance; many a lime had he seen, unmoved, tender women's tears Washnig the feet of the ciuchfied; but the thought of
this child whom he had clolhed in this child whom he had clothed in the spotless robe of innocence stirred his heart to its depths. Who was he that has hand should have been chosen to plant this lily $u$ the garden of the Master?
bed, Ma petite, you ale tired! You must go back to
It was Madame Clare who spoke, her arm round Nammi, in the 100 m where the finends had assembled after the ceremony.
' No, I am not tired-at least I feel nothing. It seems to me as if my body did not belong to me any mole. Come to the whilow, aird let us look out over the mountans.'

They are beautiful to-day. See how the light catches the white peahs aganst the blue!
'Oh, the light, the light! How beautiful it is !' said Naomi. 'It serms to me to-tiay that 1 have been bhold all my life, and that only now I see. My Whole soul seems full of light. It is like passing flom nimht to day. And the joy is so great !

God has been so good to you!' was all that Madame Claire could say.
'So good I can't understand it. It is all too great'. seems to me,' said Madiame Claire, 'that we who have always believed do not know what faith is. I think that if one could lose one's faith without sin, it would be worth while in order to understand a little what faith is.'
'I can't think how I lived without it,' answered Naomi; 'nor how I could have been happy in my foolish thoughts and spcculations. All that I ever thought, felt, leanned, seems to me, in the light of today, such uiter emptiness and folly.'

Poor little Naomi!' answered Madame. 'And all your grand philosophy !

The girl laughed.
'It may have been of some use, after all. It helped me to live up to my ideals. And I suppose when we are faithful to our conscience it opens the door to higher things-though how God could have had such mercy on me I can never understand."

Come, dearie! You must really rest. If you are worse, I shall blame myselt for letuing you get up.'
'What does it matier-what does anything matter after to day? It can be but of small importance whether I find God here-or there.'


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The morning has seemed so long waiting for you, Lisa ! But now-you have come at last.'

Lisa Claire, in the white veil and dress of a First Communicant, knelt by Naomi's bed. She pressed Naomi's thin hand against her own soft. little heek.

It is so hard to talk about, but I am so happy!' - I know, dearie! I have felt it-you remember last Thursday?
I I can never forget Thursday or to-day, Naomi. when you made mother let me come that morning understand then, for the first time, what it really meant, and since I have been aisle to think of nothing but that I was so soon to have the same happiness.

And you have it to-day, darling!' said Naomi, as she drew the child to her and kissed her.

Yes, I am sure I staall never be so happy again. But tell me, Naomi-you are big and understand things
-shall we ever have such lovely days again?
'I don't know, Lisel. I have had, oh, such days in my life, but none of them were like the day my baptism on lasb Thursday.'
You looked so happy that morning, Naomi. Omy God could make anyone look so happy. Everyone was afraid to come near you; it seemed wrong to have talked to 'an angel out of heaven.' have soon have talked to an angel out of heaven.' 'Don't talk nonsense, Lisel? But I was as happy
as if I had been in hearen. I could think of no-
thing in this world-not even of mother.? And the pains-did you forget your.
And, the pains-did you forget your pains too, aomi ?

One cannot feel pains when one has such joy in one's heart; and if one did feel them, one would
want to have pains always, ior the love of Him? want to have pains always, for the love of Him.'

I think I should almost like to have your pains, Naomi, you seem so to know Jesus,

Pain is such a little price to pay for learning to know God better,' replied the sick girl, and a
strange light lit up her beautiful dark eyes. 'Some strange light lit up her beautiful dark eyes. 'Some day you win understand that, Lisa.
short thine, Naomi. I waste you ever so good in a like that. The sisteis and everyone say that you are
like little saint.'

Hush, Lisa ! Don't say that. It's not right. If I am not so bad as I used io bue, it is because my whole nature is somehow changed-'

I am sure that you were always good, interrupted the child. 'No one could have played such The girl smaled.
The girl smiled,
But no, Lisa, I was not gost about my music now, wilful, and how i pained nood. I was proud and in the beginning of my illness: Poor mamma! she would not know me now. Lisa,' she added after a pause, 'I have offered my life for mother. You will pray always that she may find what I have found ? Yes, I shall pray for her always,' the child answered. 'But, Mimmy, don't think it's fair that you should go to heaven and see Jesus, while I must wail perhaps ovor so long.

But you can possess Him without seeing Him. Were you not as happy this morning as if you had been work for God, Lisel.' 'But, Mimnyy, the child went on, and the tears
led up in her biue eyes, 'you mustn't die, you welled up in her blue eyes, 'you mustn't die, you
mustn't go away. We love you too much. you must stay with us always.'

If I lived, Lisel, I should try to be a nun. I couldn't stay in the world any longrer. I could never rest unless I gave myself wholly to God. I don't
know what has come over me, Lisa, but it seems to me sometimes thal I can feel nothing more in my body or in my soul but a great longing after ford.

Naomi's longing was soon to see it's fulfilment.
weaker day by day and those who She krew weaker day by day; and those who watched her were filled with pity, seeing how great her sufferings became. But the girl herself never complained. Through the long sleepless nights she was never heard to murmur ; she even refused the slecping draughts which might have brought some resprite to her pain. 'I would rather suffer a little for God
blefore I die,' was all that she would ber ore I die,' was all that she would ahswer; or,
with her eyes upon the crucifix: "Why should I not with her eyes upon the cru
suffer a little widn Him?

Those who watched her dimly guessed her secret. Father Isidor knew it. It was the secret of the saints the love of Jesus Christ, which had swept from her heart every other love, and burned up in frer the
the work had been periect. Naomi had died to herself, she lived to God. Her heart. was too noble to rest in any other love than that which asks but to suffer for the beloved; and she rejoiced that it was given to her to drink during those last days from the bitter chalice which has ever been the portion of God's" favored ones.

Ard so the end came, just a fortnight after her baptism. Those who watched her were so accustomed to her quiet suffering that they hardly noticed tire approach of deatih. She had been more or less unconscious during the day- Toward evening she raised herself a little, and, clasping her hands together, prayed aloud an 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary.' It was a last effort, and she sank back unconscious. Madame Claire, obscrving the change pass over her face sent at once for liather isidor. The Sister in charge lit Naomi's baptism candle, and held it between her limp fingors, while all knelt down and began the prayers for the dying.

Once Naomi uttered a cry of 'Mother !' Madame Claire clasped the dying girl in her arms. At the same moment INaila, Madame's eldest daughter, oonceived a happy thought. Above the hush of the room rose her rich, clear voice singing Gounod's 'Ave Maria.' How often she had sung it to Naomi's accompaniment! She had begun expressiy at the 'Sancta Maria.' When she reached the words 'nunc et in hora,' Naomi opened her eyes, and her face was illumined as with great joy. An instant later her pure spinit fled to Gud.

Father Isidor entered the room as Maria's voice died away on the words 'mortis nostrae.' Fe had come too late,-Naomi was dead. Perhaps he felt inclined to murmur against God's will; for the child had grown Strangely into his heart,' and he had always hoped to have been there to bless her as she went. But God had willed otherwise. IIe accepted the sacrifice, for her sake; and, kneeling by her side a moment, he prayed for her, allhough he knew ihat she was in
heaven.

So Naomi passed zway; but the memory of her sweet young life, of her strange conversion, and subsequent holiness, lives still in the hearts of many.

They laid her to rest there, where she died, in the sunny South, where the roses might lie deep on her grave. And those who stood by her last resting-place felt inclined to rejoice rather than to weep. In the white robe of her baptism she had gone to God; in her nrst unsullied nnocence she had passed to Him whose love had taken such entire possession of her young
heart.

These are they who follow the Lamb whithersocver Ire goeth. For they are without spot before the throne
of God.- Ave Matia.'

## THE CHEERING OF FATHER LEIGH

Father Leigh threw limself into an armehair for a moment's resl before starting forth again on the work his overciowded mission in Stepney.
Ar August sun was blazing over the dusty streets and ugly houses, revealing every detail of squalor with the heads of the the heads of the luckless toilers in the noonday heat.

Father Leigh was loohing and feeling thoroughly discouraged and disheartened.

It was a rare occurrence wilh him, despite his hard life. He was an optimistuc man, on the whole, with a healthy belicf in human nature, which had suffered nothing so far from daily contact with evil, and all manner of sad experiences with the stunted souls of his mission.

Now, however, he had been seized with a fit of great depression, for all this week had been spent in He had been ens endeavor.
He had been grossly deceived in two particulat instances, and three specially bad 'cases, had become worse than bad; and so to-day Falher Leigh sat down viction that all men are liars, and factory a trite conviction that all men are liars, and factory hands pre-

You may preach forever, and work as long,' he
lonazed gloomily, 'but where are the fruits'? The solilomazed gloomily, 'but where are the fruits'?' The house-bell rang vigorously at this point and gave him o time to answer his own question.
'The priest went down to speak to you, Father.'
The priest went down to the guest parlor with a resigned expression.

A young girl, evidently a factory hand, pale and entrance. with a very sweet expression, rose at his

What can I do for you ?' asked Father Leigh, $n$ his usual courteous tones.

The girl's face was slowly assuming a rapturous look, as of one beholding at last the living embodiment
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Her words, when she spoke, were not, however, exactly transcendent.

Oh, my !' she ejaculated, ' r '解 becn that longing to sec yer this twelve month

Fathcr Leigh wailed-weanly.

ssh hearin' of you preach, you know, so often in suythin sie went on in explanation. 'I've never heard
anyt you was on the mission here, I was set on comin' to see you if $I$ could fiud a minit, fur as well as jest the pleasure of hearin' yer aglis, 1 want to git your help for somethin'.
, I shall be very glad to help you if I possibly can,' answered Father Leigh.

The girl paused to recoliect her thoughts and then launched into a wordy explanation.

There was, it seemid, in her neighborhood a branch of a Letter (ivild, whech had for its object the epistolary correspondence of its cathulic members one with another on philanthropic glourris.

Many sad and lonely lives were brightened by this means of intercourse with sympa thetic, though unknown, friends from, perhapos far away.

This girl, Carrie Greenc, was a zealous member of this Guild, and despite her unicouth speech, had a cer tain happy knack of expressing herself in a bright and amusing way on paper.

She had got into a very intimate correspondence with a girl in London in vely bad health and terribly reduced cr1cumstances-a lady by birth and educa-
tion who had taken a forlor tion, who had taken a fancy to the quaintness and or-
iginality of Carrie's cheery epistles, and had formed iginality of Carrie's cheery epnstles, and had formed
quite a friendship with the factory, jir) she had seen, but whom she seemed to krow so well through the medium of the (athollc let ter Guild which had wrought
them logether, by posi at least. hem logether, by post at least.

The gill, Carric slated, was in a state of complete prostration sesultung from, ovectwork. She was an apprentice in some dressmaking fim, and alliough very
ill and at starvalion point was too proud fo comill and at startalion points was' ao proud fo com-
municale with her relations and let tom municale with her relations and let them hnow her cir-
cunstances, for she had quarrelled with them some years pleviously, ande the hreach hadd never been healed.

She had bein to blame, Carrie gahhered, and not her family. They had attempled many timies to bring alrout, a reconculiation, but she had in whiful pride preferred 10 sink 10 her present condition of poverty and loneluness 1ather than acknowledge herself to be

Her neares 1 relathe was a brother, who was un-
ng in this (fionts to discover her whereabouts and ting ing his (fionts to discover her whereabouts and
and induce her to hive with him again in her own posithon in hife, but so far she had successfully evaded
all hiis culleavors.

A shadow crossed the priest's face as he heard Carric tell her blozy.

It reminuled hurn tather painfully of a dark episode in his own he whin his favonte sister had lept her home in a hit oi mad iolly, aned been lost to those who loved her foi five yeals now, or more.

Fathor 1 ,righ had nesur succected in tracing her, and had now teasem fot bettiveng her to be dead, after a stathe cateer of gleat hatdship and no suc-
cess.
The memory was a bitter one, and he felt keenly for cante Green's poon, foolish filiend, who had behaved in a simikit manner.
'You nant me to see, her and try to do something for hers I suppose, her anded.
do 'Yes, Fatheel, said the giti ceageriy. 'You could do er eaps of good. She's torever rearln' of your sermons, you see, ath seems to think a lot of your
But you But you nust go before she toos to a the seaside. She's, going ior a change o' air The doctor said it was 'er only chance o' gittin' strong agin.'
'an she aftord to, go?' asked Faiher Leigh.
1t's been managed, answefed Carrie vaguely.
But how "' ashed the piest.
Oh, through a pal,' said C'arrie, with a hot color rising in her cheels.

Father Leigh's suspicions were aroused.
'I belicve you are the pal,' he said, but only half believing his own words.

Carrie stood silent, and looked exceedingly uncomfortable.

Do tell me,' he said, with rising hope. 'Are you?' in clarning, seif-cefence. Abermat selt-sacrifice, your your know; so mother and I hought weld give 'er a week or so at the sea, pore thing.'
"But honv can you possibly affiond to ?", asked Father Leigh, with a queer expression in bis eyes. Oh, wed got a bit saved up amainst our trip to Marghte, saird Carrie airily, 'and it, jest came in handy. She wants a change more'n we do, and you said in your sermon as we ought, to put the neods
of others afore our own, you how,


Father Leigh turned away rather abruptly, and walked over to the winduw.
'So you will have no holidiay at all,' he said.
'That don't mater,' reloned carrie, her thin, overworked, stooping frame belying her words, however.
'It don't matur a bit. Wed rather she went, but look, 'ere-don't you let on, Father. She don't know who's doin' it, or she wouldn't go. Don't go and tell her.'

I won't tell her,' said Father Leigh, and his face was yery bright and the sad expression had vanished. 'I whit tell her, my child, and (God Himself will reward your generosily. I will go to your friend at once.'

Lor'! she ain't exactly my friend,' remarked Carrie; stre's, a swell, you see; ard as for gene-rosity-why, it's nothn' at all o' the kind. But you're lookin' as pleased as if l'd given yer a pound, Father: Reg lar cheered up.'

I am,', he answered, as he shook her hand in farewell.

An hour later saw him entering the miserable lodging of Carric's sick plutege.

She lay on a couch uear the window, but when she caught sight of the priest she started violently and turned her face to the shadows.

I have not slartled you, I hope?' asked Father Leigh. 'I heard of your $1 l$ hucss from a friend, and
thought I-

He broke off suldenly, his attention arrested by something unusual in the invalid's manner. Something familiar in her attitude.

With heating heart and a wild fancy surging in his brain he approached neartr to the couch, and looked down on the prostrate form.

Then an exclamation of frantic wonder and delight broke from him.

Marmaret ' It, can't be? Good heavens-yes-yes
His sister sobped silently in reply, and the happiness of Father Leinh ass he kiclt by her side'seemed almost too great to bear.

Father Leigh is no longer disheartened when he thinks of factory hand-but of one of thens-pale, thin-cheeked Canie-he hinks with moistened eye and he speaks with bated beath. And no wonder !- Messenger of the Sacred Heart.'

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## Current Topics

## The Irish Envoys

A well-known Australian Prelate writes informing us that arrangements are now being made for the visit of the Irish envoys (Messrs. Devlin and Donovan) to New Zealand. On or about the 25 th inst. they were 10 have gone from New South Wales to Queensland. They remalia there till October, when they refurn to complete therr tour of the Mother State. This will cally them far into November, and possibly into December. They will then proceed to New Zealand. 'Their mission here', says our Right Reverend correspondent, 'has been taken up most cordially by bishops, clergy, and laity. You will', he atks, ' be intensely pleased with the matter and the forceful eloquence of the envoys' speeches. They have done much good, and have everywhere won hosts of friends to the cause'. We urge friends in every centre of population likely to be visited by the envoys to take time by the forelock and prepare to give them a hearty welcome. Auchland and Wellington are, we understand, already moving in the matter.

## Parliamentary Prolixity

Our law-makers have once more begun to exhibit thenr wind-power in the House, and to address their constituents, as usual, linrough the pages of 'Hansard '. The notorious and mostly vapid garrulity of our Pallament swells inordinately the bulk of 'Hansard', and mahes if as dull, lat, and stale as the pages of a 'Ready Reckoner'-without the 'Ready Jrechones's' soving quality of usefulness. To many of the members, we might say what the Countess of Pembroke addicosed to chaucer of the halting tongue and fluent pen: that their silence pleases infinitely better than therr speech. "This diffuseness and inconlinence of speech', says Lecky, in his 'Democracy and liberty', 'has not been the clabacteristic of the deliberative assembles that have left the greatest mark on the mstory of the world'. Washnngton aurd Benjamm Franklin seldom spoke for ten minutes at a time. The Duke of Wellington, Russell, Palmerston, and Disraeh were usually direct, lerse, and ponted. The British and the New Zealand Parliatients have found it necessary to protect themselves by time-limits from the drealy volubility of members whose clacking and too frequently riclevant gamulity recalls'mackworth Praed's Vicar,

Whose talk was like a strean which runs
With rapid change from locks to roses,
It slipped from politics to puns ;
It passed fiom Mahomet to Moses;
Bermming with the laws which keep
The planets in their radiant courses,
And ending with some precept deep,
for dressing cels or shoeing horses,

But despite time-limits the stream of talk goes on hum-hum-humming like the river that babbles idly to the rocks and strands. There is, however, an element of good in all things that are not in their nature evil. 'Musch talking' says Bagehot, 'prevents much action, and if it does littie to enlighten the subject, it at least greatly checks the progress of hasty and 'revolutionay legislation'. Let us therefore suffer the loquacious and be thankful for the small and uncovenanted mercies of their ball-jointed tongues. Besides, when a member has an insecure hold upon his electorate, or is a nere delegate to Padilament, his lot, like the comic-opera policeman's, is not a happy one. To please, he must be heard. Moreover he must
(to use Billings's phrase) be butiered on both sides(to use Billings's phrase) be buttered on both sidesand then keep away from the fire. Democracy has
many crowning advantages. One of its drawbacks is a tendency to parliamentary prolixity. 'Study to be brief', said an esteemed Australian clerical friend of ours to a candidate for Shire Council honors; 'I listened to that speech of yours bast nigit, and I thought you'd never, never stop'. 'Yer reverence', replied the candidate, 'many an' many's the time I said the same thing about yerself '. 'Chi parla troppo,' says Goldoni in one of his comedies, non puo parlar sempre benc '- -' the man that talks too much cannot always talk well'. The kerncl of the art lof oratory-whether sacred or profane-is to know when to stop.

## Eating the Leek

In the course of a controversy on missionary looting in the Boxer troubles, Mark Twain administered a nasty jab to his opponent, the Rev. Dr. Smith. 'I make the proper allowances, said the great humorist. ' He has not been a journalist, as I have been-a trade wherein a person is blought to book by the rest of his brothers so often for divergences that by and by he gets to be almost morbidly alraid to indulge in them. It is so with me. I always have the disposition to iell what is not so ; I was born with it; we all have it. But I try not to do st now, because I have found out that it is unsafe. But with the Doctor, of course, it is different'.

And so it was with the reverend enthusiast who sent delightiul shocks of horror down the spines of the Brethren in Sydncy last month by his fairy tale about a Presbyterian girl who was (he alleged) employed in the Bathuisi ('atholic Presbytery, and afterwards roblhed, impisoned, and forced to work like a galley-slave by the Good Samaritan nuns at Tempe. The India'ns credit a squaw's tongue with being pitile to run faster than the legs of the wind. The undisciplined tondue of the revelend narnator of this painful yarn went fast enough to outrun both his wit and his discletion. He spolie in his haste. He is now eating humble-pie at his leasure. And he finds the taste thereof as the taste of gall and quassia-chips and rue. The 'Watchman' (the Orange organ of New South Wales) found it desirable to swallow the calumnymoved thereto, perhaps, by the persistent demands of Catholics for a crominal prosecution. Here again the medicine was bitter, and the 'Watchman' swallowed it with a very wry face. lts grief was comically crowned by one small wisp of consolation-the 'happy thought' that the gaol-bird author of the calumny 'is a proxluct of Rome'! As'a common criminal, she may in a loose way be described as a joint product of her own unresisted vicious propensities and of her surroundings. As a fiaudulent and perjured agent of No-Popery, she may in the same way be regarded as a product of the Orange lodge. Without the constant market which it oniers for No-Popery fiction, and the cacouragement that it gives to gaol-bird 'witnesses' against 'Rome', she would have had no object in inventing the story of the Bathurst Presbyterg and of the Magdalen Retreat at Tempe. The Sydrey 'Bulletin' has a bit of sarcasm in this connection which is worth rfuoting: "The parsons who run the "Watchman " kind of literature don'l blush worth a cent when their tale bursts, and their injured heroine proves to be a very ordinary hind of gaol-bird. A spieler or a bottle-oh may objeed to being proved a foolish har, but a certain variety of parson only looks the more virtuous when he is shown up. Anyhow, why was this uninteresting female dragged into publicity? Apparently she was a dreadfully commonplace person with a bad habit of getting into gaol, and why there should be columns of shriek on the "Watchman's" part because she was a renegade Protestant, and then more columns because she wasn't, passes comprohension.'

## A Rabbit Destroyer

Trap-yards, 'drives', poisoned water and pie-melon and apple-jam and chaff and pollard and grain, chokedamp cartridges and blowers, and the rest of the deadly frippery, have all alike failed thus far to exterminate the rabbit in Australia, or even to reduce its depredations to the limits of possible toleration. The rodent still goes marching along to fresh territorial conquests, resisting by its voluminous fecundity every cfiort to move him off the surface of Australian earth. Years ago the chicken-cholera microbe was suggested as a sure rabbit-exterminator. But (if we may judge from a Sydney message in last Monday's daily papers) the Pasteur Institute has discovered a not less deadly and more discriminating microve for the purpose, and clapped the harness upon it. Here is how the cableman describes the experiments of the deputation from the Institute:-

The experiments made by Dr. Danysz have provect that birds, and animals other than rabbits, are not affected by the contagion, but that deliberate inoculation with his microbe for the destruction of ralbbits proved fatal'.

The good rabbit (like the good Injun in some people's view) is the dead one. Anel Dr. Hanys? may yet succeed, by the internal application of his microbe, where external 'remedies' have failed to cope with the pest.

When a fox walls lame, old rablbits jump. So runs a western proverb. And in the mass, Bre'r Rabliit can aford to smile a rodent smile at every effort thus far put forth to shake effective salt upon his collective tail. It has long been recognised that a successful means of tahing him off would be found, if at all, in parasitic enemies attacking lim from within. And the 'remedies' for the rabbit pest that were sent by crude theorists from over-sea were as many, as quaint, and as varied as the 'cures' for toolbache, rheumatism, and tic-douloureux. Flere is a fair average specimen sent by one N. W. Jones, a house-painter in Denver (U.S.A.):-
'To the fovernor of Australia.-Honered Sir,-I heard a few days ago that you had offered a Big reward for any man that would releave Australia of the enormous amount of Rabbits that are so thick as to destroy all the crops that are ralsed in parts of your country Now I can red you of those Rabbits if Prey Burrow in the glound. We have what is called Prairie Dogs here in this part of the United States of America, and I have a Remidy or a medicene that is to much for their helth, for after 1 give them one dose they do not asi for another, and they just stay in the holes in the ground and never come out no more, but die underground. Therfore there is no smell to cause disease to the people living in that Vaccinity. I can prove to you beyond doubt that this is a bonifide statement.'

King Microbe and Bre'r Rabbit are now engagord $n$ a battle-royal in Austratia. And the lesser fighters of the rodent are standing with grounded arms to watch the issue-as the rival armies long ago stood still and watched the issue of the fight berween King Bruce and De Bohun at Bannockburn. If King Microbe wins, some of us may live to see the day when the rabsit shall be as rare in Australia as Mantell's coot or even the moa is in New Zealand.

## Passive Resistance

The storm which has been aroused by the English Education Bill is highly calculated to thave a chastening effect upon its author, Mr. Birrell. The Bill has passed through the gates of tribulation into the hands of a probably hostile House of Lords; and the upshot may possibly be the placing of this new scheme for the endowment of Noneonformity under a glass case and preservingl it merely as a legislative freak. Mr. Birrell's path in the House of Commons,' says' the 'Catholic Times', 'has not been too easy; his Bill has
been a burden to him. It will be a greater burden to him when it goes to the Lords. Lord Lansdowne, discussing the course of Government busiuess, said bluntly that as several of the provisions in Mr. Birrell's Lill had not bean discussed at all in the Commons, they would have to be discussed thoroughly by the Lords when the Bill came before them, and, where mecessary, amended. It seemed inconceivable to him that a Bill with such a Parliamentary history should pass through the Lords entirely without amendment. The House of Lords, he declared, would abdicate its position as a Chamber of Revision if it did not discuss the Bill with the object and the intention of amending it where amendment might prove to be necessary. Evidently the Lords do not propose to be frightened by any talk about dealing with their rights to revise Bills sent up from the Commons. And most probably their amendments to the Blll will be the end of it. Mr. Birrell will protest 10 his Nonconformist friends that he has done his best for them, but that he has failed. The Cabinet will drop the Binl, for they can hardly submit to take the husk once the Lords have extracted the kernel. And we may be sure that the Lords will never cousent to endow and establish Nonconformity as the national religion, which is what the Bill does.'

In the meantime, our English Nonconformist friends have been giving Catholus a lesson in the usefulness of passive resistance as a weapon of political delence agatnsti uncqual and unust treatment. In the last resort, Euglish C'atholies can save themselves. 'We respect the conselences of others', says the London 'Tablet', ' and we demand the same respect for our own. We ask no favor, but an equal justice dealt equally to all. We stand on mpregnable ground when, paying our rates and laxes into the common pool, we demand our rightful share in return'. Judging by the spirit that animates our co-rehgionists in cagland, Nonconformist passive resisters will be as inert and sluggish as dabs of putiy compared with ('a1holics, if these are duven to this last resolt in deftnce of their just rights.

## Prophets of Woe

The early bird eatches the early worm. And the early pophet is about in the hope of catching an early hold on the lobe of the public ear. He periodically put the ratlies in the throat of Leo XIII. for twenty years before death came at last to the tough and wiry old Pope fiom the mountains of Carpineto. The prophet of doom got a coffin ready for Pius $X$. before the rim of the tiple crown was warm upon the newly-made Pontiff's brow. And the raven-croak of imperding dissolution has been heard in a section of the secular press at sholt intervals ever since. Some weeks ago a cabled message appeared in the New Zealaind daily papers to the effect that a 'Mr. Browne of Philadelphia'-a sort of professorial 'Barnes, of New York'-had a private audience with the Pope, and that he found Pius 'suffering from the beginning of nephritis' (kidney disease), which (it was further alleged) ' was brought about by a serious afiection of the liver'. It now appears that no such interview tooh place. Aud Dr. lapponi (the papal physician) wipes 'Mr. Browne, of Philadelphia,' off the slate with the following remariss to a reptesentative of the 'Giornale d'Italia': 'You may deny categorically all the notices which certain journals spread, and which, you may remember, were repeated every year, at the beginning of summer, even during the long pontificate of Leo XIII. The absence of real news opens the pathway to fantastic mformation; but this constant. repetition of the same things does not indeed evidence much richness of imagination in the gentlemen of the press. The Poatifi, I repeat, is very well indeed.'

Another pscudo-prophet has stepped into the field with a crazy interptetation of a dozen honest texts
ripped from the Book of Daniel. Pius X. (acoording to the new Daniel come to judgment) is to be positively the last Fope. The same was said of Pius VII. when the First ivapoleon carried him away a prisoner to Fontainebleau. But Pius VII. stayed long enough in France to see the end of Napoleon's power. The same prediction went out on the four winds of heaven when word lashed over the wires that Pius IX. had shufled of this mortal coil. And those of our readers that hive long enough will hear the forecast restated for other Popes until their ears become deaf to sounds of earth and their eyes drop the shutters till the crack $o$ ' doom. The 'positively last appearance' of the Pope upon the world's stage will come to pass only when mankind vanishes off our planet, and the heavens shall depart as a scroll rolled up. The Pope dies. The papacy lives ondrinking in perpetual youth from the great Fount of living water above. Those toilsome prophecies merely give expression to a hope and wish. They have a happy knack of ever ganging agley, and furnish a fresh illustration of the truth of Twain's saying that this sort of prophecy may be a good line of business, but it is full of risks.

## THE CHURCH AND MORALITY

## (By His Grace tie Archbishop of Wellington.)

## (Concluded from last week.)

II.

Again, the Church is necessary to morality as the support of conscience. How so? By the Sacrament of Penance, by confession. Confession is the indispensable support of conscience. $1 t$ is often assailed to-day. Some altacks against it procecd, as Louis Veuillot used to say, from such putridity that no decent man would even look at them. There is, however, one whioh is more specious. © Moral reform is not difficult for Cahhohes,' say our adversaries, 'they can indulge in all sorts, of profligacy, degradation, and crime; all they have to do is to confess them to a priest, and lo ! they are forgiven, white-washed, re-generated-a most commodious proceeding!'

For the moment we need not examine whether they who make this charge are qualified to do so, whether they themselves do not give a loose rein to many a shameful passion, palming it off as a weakness, a necessity, a natural instinct, and whether they do not absolve themselves far more easily than Catholics who frequent confession. We take up the attack as formulated without attenuation, and repel it. Verily, if confession were what they think and fancy, it would be commodious beyond measure. But confession as practised by Catholics is quite another aflair, and supposes vastly different conditions. What are fhey? First, a serious examination of conscience. That is an act at once profoundy human and profoundly useful; the very heathens used to ascribe perfection to the knowledge of self. And, indeed, the man who never descends into himself, who never reads his soul, who never examines his conscience, is like the senseless spendthrift who would fiing handfuls of gold about, regardless of his expenditure or the state of his fortune. Whatever the extent of his wealth, he would soon be beggared and ruined. Joseph de Maistre used to say, i $I$ know the conscience of only one decent man, and it is frightful.' True, even in the best of souls there is a great fund of baseness and perversity, which escapes inatientive eyes, and shows all its ugliness only in the seruting of examination, like the minute grains of dust which the sunbeam deteets in what is deemed pure air. Thus you readily perceive the support given to conscience by the examination of conscience-the preliminary obligation of confession. Nor is this all. After examination comes confession. Confession is an accusation made to a man, who indeed is the representative of God, but yet a man. It is not a confidential communication made in bravado or profligacy to a friend; it is an accusation, and we know by experience the vast distance separating such a confidential communication from a humble and painful con-fession-so painful that some persons, despite their Catholic faith, cannot bring lhemselves to make it. Who does not see the moral greatness of such a
voluntary accusation, which is alroady a partial reparation, and the beginning of regeneration? We. say partial for it is mot enough to confess, we must also detest our sins; our accusation must come from the heart, not merely from the lips. In that detestation and hearty contrition not only the sin, but the joy, the remembrance, the thought, the desire of the sin must be inctuded. The mere statement of sins to the ear of the priest is not sufficient.

The Church goes further still; she requires reparation, lll-gotten goods must be restored; ; our neighbour's ruincd reputation repaired; injury done to him made good; evil bonds broken, proximate danger of relapse avoided, no matter whal inconvenience or trouble all this may involve.

Such is the work of the Church by confession. Is it not light, therefore, to say that the Church by confession is the suppost of conscience? How many persons allured by passion were on the brink of falling when they were arrested by the idea of confession! How many more wele fallen when raised up again by confession! And how great often is their joy and gladness; for confession has its pleasant as well as its painful sides.

Furthermole, the Church is indispensable to morality as the source of sanctity. Christianity means the initation of Christ, now Christ was holiness itself, perfection infinite. That being so, we proceed to our demonstration. You are doublless aware of the lamentable state of the world at the time when the Church was founded; the neathen world was verily the city of the demon, made to his own image, the abode of all vices, in which he reigned supreme. Well, one day twelve poor men, uncultured, without prestige, portioned out the world and spread themselves throughout the whole Roman Empire, nay, to tho erds of the earth. They announced the advent of a God made man, born in a stable and died on a cross. Therr preaching arrested the decadence of the world, Which scemed beyond remedy, and men began to practise in every land justice, benignity, meekness, equal-
$11 y$ and love. Whence arose this $11 y$, ard love. Whence arose this ohange?
Whence came this marvellous iransformation this conversion? First of all, no doubt, ${ }^{\text {m }}$, this The grace of God; but also fiom the holiness of the heraids, who preached their Master by example and word. They were listened to and followed, because they were unlike other men, because they reproduced the virtues of Jesus, because they could all say with St. Paul 'Be ye imitators of me as I am of Christ.' To that egotistic world they could proach detachment, because they possessed no private property; they could preach meekness, because they invariably rendered good for evil; they could preach humility, because they deemed themselves unworthy instruments of their Master, Jesus; they could preach chastity, because they had left their homes and given up all lawful family joys in order to follow that saviour; they could preach that the body is but a servant to be kept under, that men are on ealth manly to prepare themselves for eternity, that we must at all costs save our souls, and gladly endure imprisonment, torture, scourging, shipwreck, insults, and martyrdom for the salvation' of our biethren and for Gorl's sake.

They taught the world morality, they transformed the world by heir sanctity, they gave such an impulse to goodness that, if this progress was arrested in the course of ages by the malice of men, or the jealousy of demons, these interruptions were but momentary.

Besides, in every age the Church produced other saints, who imparted to mankind a greater moral vigor, and were the leaven to elevate the masses. There, for instance, is a man who has become the Slave of his passions, a confirmed voluptuary; he at length ieels his degradation and misery. He looks at at the life of the saints who have gone before him, those men, those women, those mere boys and girls, and he cries out: 'Why cannot I do what they have done '-' Quod isti et istae, cur non ego?' Encouraged by these examples, he bursts the bonds of sin, he becomes the great St. Augustine. Other examples innumerable could be given, for sanctity begets sanctity.

Not lonly do the saints form owher saints," but they kindle in other souls less generous than they, yet noble and good, the same- fire of perfection.
Alongside of heroic sanctity so hard to reach the ordinary holiness, yet still an ideal elevated and highly meritorious which consists in the observance of the commandments, and in the practice of the virtues required by Christianity, juslice, purity, the love of one's neighbor even to the forgiveness of injuries and the love of our enemies, the love of God ready for any sacrifice sooner than to offend Him grievous.
ly. This holiness is found in many a Christian home with which you are acquainted, nay, perhaps, your own sons and daughters afford living specimens of it. These saints of both kinds, heroic and ordinary, will continue to leaven and transform the world, to elevate it, by creating an atmosphere of virtue which perfects human sociely. The saints-heroic or ordinary -are like sweet-sinelling flowers in the garden of the Church which shed their fragrance to all their neighborhood. If, then, the Christian world is incomparably superior to the ancient world, and the moral level of mankind has constantly risen; if the atrocities which defied pagan society have disappeared, or are only passing exceptions; if we behold, to a large degree, even yet, conjugal fidelity, purity, justice, charity flourishing around us, it is owing to the Church, for through her and the Christianity she teaches virtues thrive in the world.

## THE PRIESTS AND PEOPLE OF IRELAND

## SLANDERERS SCORED

## (Concluded from last week.)

We now come to the last ànd most awful injustice. If there was one thing the Irish Catholics particularly hated, it was the new religion. Many had died most cruel deaths rather than embrace it, yet they were taxed to support it. The severity of the landlord was mild conpared to the exactions of the tithe proctor, whose clams were always enforced. For some years $22,000,000$ were annually taken from an impoverished people by one-minth of the population. So great was the strain of paying the tithes that a general strike ensued. The tithe war followed, ard many a tragic encouncer marked its course, numbers of petsons being shot down. Disestablishment followed in IS69, and the Irish Protestant Church received beack somewhat over $£ 10,000,000$ as compensation for invested right. This alone would have erected twice as many churches as were built in Ireland in one hundred years. The Very Rev. lecturer then referred to the lrish Parhament at the end of the eighteenth century and the indusirial progress made during its elghteen years of existence.

A tribute was pald to the memory of Michael Davitt, who inaugurated the Land League and fought and suffered for the principle of the land for the peo-
ple, with the lesult that he lived to see enacted by ple, with the lesult that he lived to see enacted by
the British Government a revolution, which all men then in power had declared to be impossible of real-isation-of peasant proprietors on the land. Mention was also made of the King's sympathy with the then referred to the prominent part taken by the Catholic clergy in setiling the people on the land and helping to start co operative societies and industriesassistance given in spite of legal restrictions placed upon the priests' usefulness in secular afiairs. In England a priest may be elected to the County Council and the Board of Guardians ; in Ireland he is ineligible.

Reference was then made to the charge that nuns are unreproductive in the economic sense. A lady may days in the hunting field, dawiling in sy spend her days in the hunting field, dawding in a drawingroom, or gambling; she may become a mahatma, or a Christian scientist, and no word of reproach is ever uttered against her, but if she exercises her imprescriptible right to lead a life of celibacy, prayer, and mortification, the world sheds crocodile tears on the loss of her liberty. The Very Rev lecturer then went on to show what the nuns were doing in their

## Schools, Industrial Institutions, Reformatories,

and training colleges, of en erected at their own expense. The Grovernment inspector as early as 1884 wrote of the industrial schools of Ireland, under the care of dev oted nuns and Brothers: 'The industrial schools of Ireland need no comment. They are considered by the most distinguished publicists of Europe who have visited them to be models on which a general system of techrical instruction may well be founded.' The nuns have schools of fine needlework, crochet, hosiery, cookery, laundry, dairy, poultry, bees, etc. These schools pive employment to large numbers, and in some cases they have been turned into co-operative societies so that the workers, besides their wages, receive a share of the profits. The village of Foxford was instanced. This place had been placed among the congested districts. The Sisters of Charity started a school there. Then
they erected a woollen factory, bought the farmers'
wool and sold the woollen goods, having from this industry a turnover of between $£ 8000$ and $£ 9000$. Then they started a co-operative creamery, and next a workroom where girls are busy making shawls, stockings, and other woollens. Such is the progress of five years. Are the nuns of the unproductive class, and are the Irish without thifift and industry when the opportunity is offered to them?

Speaking of illiteracy the Dean quoted Stephen Gwynne's 'To-day and To-morrow in Ireland.' 'If to be literate is to possess a knowledge of the language, country-mand and historical traditions of one's own country-and this is 110 very unreasonable application
of the word of the word-then the hish-speaking poastantry had a better claim to the tille than can be shown jy most bodies of men. I have heard the existence of an Irish literature denied by a roomful of prosperous educated genilemen; and within a week I have heard in the same country the classies of that literature recited by an Irish peasant who coutd neither read nor write.' On which party should the stigma of illiteracy
set the uglier brand?

The lery liev. lecturer then referred to the morality of the people, arrd, quoting from Mr. Filsom Young, the 'Edinburgh Review' of April, 1901, and Dr. Leflingwell, proved that Ireland was the most moral country in the world, and that the Catholic counties were mole moral than the non-Catholic. It seems that in Ireland at least,' said he, 'that illegitimate children are in proportion to the Oraage
lodges.' Ref
Referring to the charge that the Irish people are priest-ridden, he said there were 3,301,666 Gatholics looked after by 3542 priests, that is one priest for every 934 . If piests disabled from work by illness or old age be deducted, there remains one to 1000 ; if members of 1 eligious Orders and priests engaged in Why priests are more numerous one for every 1206 Why priests are more numerous in New Zealand in proportion to population, and a few more would be of great service. The following table gives the proportion of clengy to the different denominations:-

| - | Popalation last Census. | Number of Clergy. | Proportion of Ciergy to People. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Catholics ... | 3,301,666 | 3,542 | 1 in 934 |
| Fpiscopalians | 581,089 | 1,600 | 1 in 363 |
| Presbyterians | 443.276 | 800 | 1 in 554 |
| Methodiats ... | 62,000 | 250 | 1 in 248 |

If priests were proportionate to the number of parsons, they ought to be 10,060 instead of 3512. Hence the number of priests cannot be looked upon as a cause of poverty in Ireland.

Dr. Barclay, on behalf of the Protestants and others present, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his instructive and eloquent speech. IIe joined those who deplecated the thrusting under people's noses of books that led to sectarian biterness and hatred. 'When they left the old Land they had The desire for knowledge of tos of religious strife. The desire for knowledge of New Zealand Cathopriesthood did not want their people educated. He referred to the charge laid apainst Sir W. Stewasd and the Government that favoritism was shown had official connections witi service. While he had said that no suspicion could be at the doen made he priesthood of a denominalion be at the door of the get such positions.

Mr. Wells seconded the motion, and Mr. Corrigan, in an amusing speech, supported it, which was carried with much enthusiasm.

In replying to the vote of thanks Dean Regnault expressed his indebtedness for much of his mat+er to the atminable work of the Very Rev. Dr; O'Riordan, 'Catholicity and Progress in Ireland, which he cordially recommended to his hearers.

An orchestra, consisting of Miss Dooley, Messrs. Cheyne, Hamilton, Stephens, and Rev. Father Tymons, played aational aiss efficiently during the evening.

Small boy,-little pool,
Oh joy,-no school,
Felt wet, - bad cold,
Thome get, - mother scold,
Boy sick,-nearly dead,
Cure quick, doctor said,
Don't wait, but secure
WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

## FREEMASONRY

## NON-CATHOLIC VERDICTS ON THE CRAFT

Some ill-instructed Catholics (says the New Yolk 'Freeman's Journal') think the Church too severe in her legislation in reference to secret societies, imagining that she exaggerates the danger incident to them. For the benefit of those weak and ignorant members we will give some quotations fiom a letter of $\mathbf{3}$. B. Corey, a. Protestant gentieman of Pittsburg, with whom we have been for some time back discussing Catholic principles. Ifis letter is published in the 'Irish Pennsylvanian' of June 14, 1906.

Mr. Corey's letter is an account of his talk with a young lawyer who aspued to membership in the Knights Templars, giving his reasons why his young friend should let secret sucielies severely alone:-

The young lawyer said: "Oh, Mr. Corey, you are
 tian order. They got their pininciples from (hist. The very best cinuch members and best citizens aric members of Masony and the Kuigits Teruplar. Gieorge Wastington and all the Peesidents of the United states were Masons, You ate the first man I eter heard say anything against the Masonic Order.

To this Mr. Corey, who seems to have studied the subject pretty thoroughly, said:-

Well, young man, I must say you are not very well posted on the history of your country. If you you
have not alicady been led into the touke, tiley are laying opes to inveigle you into joinnt the toitse. You are the type of yourg men ihey Pay for, They
lead them to torm the habit oi drink. Now let me
lit lead them to form the hatit oi drink. Now let me give you a few historical facis to answer that one
stock of
of argument of the stock of argument of the lodge chamimions that all

 into Masonry when à young man, but in in his mature years it was distasteciul to him to be addressed even as a Masons; and in ieply to a letter from Dr: Syyder, declared that lee haid not been in a loutge but once or iwice in 3y yuars. (Governor Rulner, in
 to relieve

## Goerge Washington

from the stigma of alherence 10 the lodge, proves
from authentic from authentic documents: "First, that in 1768 Nastington ceased to atterd the hodge. Second, that $\operatorname{lin}^{1} 1798$, shortly beiore his death, his opuitions were
the same as 30 years betore when ho was 36 , the same as 30 years belore, when he was 36 ycars old. Third, that he never was a Grand Mastet or Master of any lorlge. Fouth, that by the recolds of King David's Lodge, Newpoi1,'R.I., it appears 11 was not agreeable to cicorge Washingtion to be addressed even as a pivate Mason. Fifth, that all letters said to have been written by washington are spurious." I Think that disposes pretty fully of the Masonic fables regarding Washington's Masonry. Now, let me rearl you the published opmion of the Older'; from ano ther of the Presidents of the Linited States'; and you will see how much truth there is in your statement that all the presidents of the United Slates were Masons. His Excellency John Quincy Adanns was one of the ablest presidents that ever sat in the Presidential chair. It was from hinz that I first learned that the Order of Masonry was not the ofispring of of
Hiram Tyre, or King Solomon: but was organised in Apple Tree Tavern in 1717. I confess to you as I watch the procession marching down Fitth avenue, and called to mind that the hoyal Arcl, and Knights Templar degrees were all American Grafts upon the so-called Scottish three degrees of Masonry, I felt the procession of Knights Templar was a fitting tribute to the Apple Tree organisation.'

Speaking of some Protestant ministers who hold high places in the Masonic Order, Mr. Corey says:© These preachers profess to be unatile to understamd why the men, especially the laboring classes, can no longer be induced to attend church; so that they are compelled to resort to all manner of expedients, such as euchte parties, ice cream and strawberry festivals, to get them to support their churches, In calling the editor of the "United Presbyterian's, attention to the fact that catholic churches were filled as early as $5 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. with men, he said they did not go to worship God. I said what do they go for ? He replied from fear of the priests. I asked him if it would not be a good thing for us Protestants to have our ministers inject a little of the terror of the Gospel into their ministry. I told him that it was such exhibitions of vanity as that

Methodist Sir Knight burlesquing the Gospel that kept intelligent men and wornen away trom their churches! Who would care to sit in a pew and listen to a minister of the Gospel portraying the blessing of the poor in spirit after witnessing him parade down the sireets arrayed in such a head dress as that of the grand prelate? But then it is just such an exhibition of vanity as you migut expeet from weak-minded men capatrle of being towed, blind-folded and led around a darkened room, and lating an oath to have thein

## Throats Cut from Ear to Ear,

their tongues pulled out by the roots should they paltake in initiating their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, madman, or idiots, into a lodge of Free-1 masons. Now I ask you, would any man but a hermaphrodite take such an oalh?

But let me read you what John Quincy Adams says, and as you ale a young lawyer aspiring to make an honorable record in hife, you will have the
opinion of not only an able jurist, but that of a opinion of not only an able jurist, but that of a well follow. Hese is what he says of the entered apprentice's oath. "If I had any right of person or property in a court of justice, with an entered apprentice, of Knights Templar for my adversary, should much disinchene to see any man sworn upon a jury who had been present at the murder, and resuscitation of Hiram Abilf, and sill more any ${ }^{\circ}$ one who should have crawled upon all fours under the livmy arch. In other words, I do holf, as disufaalifred for an impartial juror, at least between a Mason and Anti-Mason, any one who has taken the Masonic oaths, and adheres to them; not excepting the 1200 cectifiers themselves. I have sad to you that the mstitution of fremasonry was vicions in its first step, the initiation oath, oblygation and penalty of the cntered apprentice to sustan this opinion, I assigh you five reasons:-

1st.-Because they were contrary to the laws of the iand.

2nd.-In violation of the positive precepts of Jesus (haist.

3ad.-I pledge to keep seciets the swearer being ignorant of therir nature.

11h.-A pledge 10 the penally of death for a violation of the oath.

5 lh.-A plodge to a mode of death, eruel, unusud, unfit for utterance, from human lips."

Igan President Adams asks:-
Have I proved that the entered apprentice's oath is a breach of law human ard Divine, that its promse is undefined, unlawiul, and nugatory, that its penalty is ,barbaious, inhuman, muiderous in its terms, and in ats least obnosious sense null, and void? If so, my tash is done. The first step in Freemasonly is a false step; the obligation is a crime, and like all crimes should be abolished."

John Quincy Adans, Sixth President of the United Siates: "I amprepared to complete the demonstration before (ioti and Man, that the Masonic oaths, obligations, and penallies, cannot, by any possibility, be reconciled to the laws of morality, of Chisstianty, or of the land."

Daniel Webster, perhaps America's greatesi statesman and juist, said:-
have no hositation in saying that however unobjectionable may have been the original objects of the institution, or however pure may be the motives and purposes of the individual members, and notwithstanding the many gleat arrd good men who have from time to time belonged to the Order, yet, nevertheless, it is an institution which in my judgment is essentially wrong in the prineiple of its formation that from its very nature it is liable to greai abuses; that among the obligations which are found
to be imposed on its members there are such as are to be imposed on its members there are such as are entirely incompatible with the duty of good citizens; and that all secret associations, the members of which take upon themselves extraordinary obligations to one another, and are bound together by secret oaths, are naturally sources of jealousy and just alarm to others; are especially unfavorable to harmony and mutual confidence among men living togethcr under popular institutions, and are dangerous to
the general cause of civil liberty and good government. Under the influence of this conviction it is my opinion that the future administration of all suoh oaths and the formation of all such obligations, should be prohibited by law."-Letier dated Boston, November $20,1835$.
"Abraham Lincoln was not a Freemason. His
well known character speaks eloquently against the

## Despotism and Illegal Obligrations

of such oath-bound secret societies as Freemasonry. He well knew that this nation can no more endure
civil and masonic-than she could 'endure half free and half slave.' Notwithstanding this fact, the Masonic propaganda has seized upon Lincoln's name as one valuable to conjure with.

John Hay writes W. C. Curtis that Abrahram Lincoln was not a Mason.
' General U. S. Grant wrote in his autobiography : dangerous secrel, oath-loound political parties are dangerous to any nation, no matter how pure or patriotic the mo
'Charles Sumner, eminent American statesman, senator and oratox, wrote
'"I fird two powers here in Washington in harmony, and both are antagonistical to our free institutions, and tend to centralisation and anarchy-Freemasonry and Slavery-and they must both be destroyed if our country is to be the home of the free, as our ancestors designed it.'"-Letter to Samuel D. Greene, Chelsea, Mass.

Charles Francis Adams said :-
himself from man who takes a Masonic oath forbids might be murder or any criminal act, unless it cad to mind or treason, that may be communithough such under the seal of fraternal bond, even upon his conscienca and a wiol prove a burden dupon his conscience and a violation of his bounden duty to society and to his God. A more periect agent for the devising and execution of conspiracies against the church and state could scarcely have been conceived.'

Judge Pliny Merrick, Woreester, Mass.--" It is true that a Royal Arch companion (to whioh degree I have been admitted and the highest office of whioh I have sustained) does swear that he will espouse the cause of a companion when engaged in any difficulty so far as to extricate him as such, murder and treason not excepted. I know these most odious clauses are part of the obligation of that degree, for I believe that I received that obligation and know that I have so heard it, and as high-priest of a chapter have so myself admmistered it to others."

Mr. Corey (the 'Freeman's Journal' axpds) states that seventy-five per cent. of the officers of the government are Masons. For this statement, however, he
gives no statistics.

## Diocesan News

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

## (From our own correspondent.)

## August 18.

On Thursday next the parliamentary Libust 18 .
C. Wilson) is 10 deliver a lecture in the club roems on the 'Rumorous side of colonial journalism.'

Mr. R. Hayward, president of the Christchurch Young Men's Club, was in lown on Friday and paid a visit to the local club rooms on Friday evening. He left for Auckland on business ians morning.

A very pleasant 'At home' was given in St . Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening, at which members of the Catholic Young Men's Club and their lady friends were present. Musical items were contriputed by Misses Lawless, Meston, and Koseingrave, and Messrs. Searle, Kane, Finlay, Sullivan, (iamble, and Taylor.

On Tuesday evening, the 'old boys' of St. Patrich's College entertained the present pupils at a social gathering in the college. There were about 170 present. Mr. Casey, on behals of the "old boys, congratulated the Rev. Father Hills (Procurator of the College) on the atlainment of the silver jubilee of his

On Saturday last the Wellington College first fifteck defcalied St. Patrick's by eigrht points to five after a close and interesting strugsile. On Tuesday the fifth-class team from St. Patrick's defeated the Wellington College Gifth-class team by 16 points to nil. It is worthy of note thal St. Patrick's now lead for the thind ard fifith-class championships, the first having lost but one game, and the second having an unbeaten record. The Brothers' School Association team has also won the championship for which it entered.

On Friday evening Mr. John Coyle, who leaves on Monday morning for Pohangina to enter on his duties as Clerk to the Pohangina County Council, was entertained by the members of the Catholic Club and presented with a silver-mounted umbrella as a token of the esteem in which he is held. The toast of the guest of the evening was proposed by Messrs. Casey and Fitzgitbon, both of whom spoke of the good work dore for the cause by Mr. Coyle, and of his sterling
gualities as a young man. They wished him on be half of the members a prosperous future. A very find lowing programme was arranged, to which the folSearle, Lawless, Mckeowen, Casey, Messis. Marshall, and Hayward. Irior to his Casey, Nickovern, Delaney, and Hayward. Frior to his leaving the service of the Post adad Telegraph Department Mr. Coyle was preSented with a goid sovereign case, suitably inscribed. ferred to Mr. Coyle's honorabic associatrons with the ferred to Mr. Coyle's honorabic associatrons with the

The sixteenth hali-yearly general meeting of the Catholic Xoung Men's Club was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday evelung. The President (Rev. Father O'shea, S.M., occupled the chair. There was a particularly good attendance oi members, and the meeting was most enthusiastic. 't he rev. chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and bulance sheet, referred in appreciative terms to the work of the club during the past term, and unged nembers to avail themselves of the advantages-intellectual, moral and social-conferred through membership of, and active association With, the club. He especially desired that they should participate in the benefits of the Literary Society, which he was pleased to see making such progress under the guidance of the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M. It was their duty to fit themselves for the life that lay before them, and this they could do $3 y$ y theing woithy and active members of their club. The report made reference to the series of social evenngss and lectures arranged by the clua during the winter months. These functions had in every instance proved most successiul. The balance sheet showed that the finances of the club were in a sound condition. In spite of considerable expenditure there was a credıt balance of about 87 . The motion for the adopion of the repolt and balance sheet was seconded by Mr. R. H. Willams, and carried after an interesting discussion. On the motion of Mr. © Gamble, it was decided to reduce the annual subseription of members under 20 years of age from 10 s to 5 s . This change has been inade to enable a largo number of the youth to join the club, and it is expected that the roll will be increascid to the number of about forty new members. Lileven new members were elected at the meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows --Patron, his Grace Archbishop Redwoot, S.M., bu.; president, Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., vicc-presidents, Ven. Arehdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial), very Res. Father Lewis, Hev. Fathers Moloney, Vemming, and Maodonald, Messis. M. Kennedy, $C_{0}$. $P$. Skerrett, J. J. Devine, M. O'Connor, and O. MeArdle; spmitual director, Rev. Father Kimipel, S.M. ; bon. secictaly, Mr, J. Meciowan; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Mckeawen; executive, Messrs; A. H. Casey, J. J. Callaghan, J. Davis, J. Fitz gerald, W. Hamilton, M. Kanc, R. H. Williams, J. E. J. Fitzgib乃on and F. P. Kelly, A hearty vote of thanks to the rev. chairman brought to close a very enthusiastic meeting.

## Wanganui

## (From our own correspondent.)

## August 21.

Great interest is being evinced in the fortheoming match on september i between st. Mary's Catholic Clutd land the Sacred Heart Colloge Odx Boys, Auckand. The local leam are training assiduously.

In addition to the names of successitul candidates in recent musical exammation sent you last Morday, senior division of Trinity College, London, passed the senior division of Trimity Colleg
honors marks for his violin solo.

On Tuesday morning a painful accident happened to one of the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, Mr. Wm. hiely, eldest son of Inspector Kiely, a heavy piece of iron striking him on the crown of the head and disadrling him so that, in the opinion of his medical attendant, he
work for a fortnight.

It is with regret that the St. Mary's Catholic Club have to accept the resignation of its Catholic (Mr. P. F. Thorpy), who has acted in that position to see that his employers have recognisod his pleased to see that his employers have recognisod his worth gill branch.

The boys of the Marist Brothers' School here have reason to be proud of their performances on the forthave by playing a heady and hard game, defeated several heavier teams. Their passing bouts and forward rushes are quite an object-lesson to much older players.

With a weak team on last Thursday they defeated Queen's Park School by nine points to three. Tries were secured by Masters Croty, Boyle, and Cronin. The euchre and cribbage malch between the Jrish Tatigel's Rooms on Thursday, the 23rd, and resulted in a win for the club by 26 games to 13 . Before commencing, Lieut. Ilolderness, in the absence of Caplain Swan, weicomed the menbers of the clul, and hoped that this meeting would be the outcome of friendly relations between the two bodies. After the match musical and other items were contributed by Messrs.
Goode (2), Davis, Campbell, G. McCulloch, McLean Goode (2), Davis, Campbell, G. McCulloch, by MeLean, Wixcey, Lomax, Gaffaney, Nicholls, and O'Brien. The 'Sweet bells are chiming".' The president the chorus, (Mr. J. R. Hunt) thanked the insh Rifles for their kindness in inviting themed to partake of their hospikindiess in inviting them to partake of their hospiforerumer of many more. He also hoped that the Rifles would be recruited from the Catholic Club whenever any vacancies in the ranks occurred. He mentioned that it was the intention of the club to invite them to their rooms next month. Ife thanked them on behalf of the club for the pleasant evening the mem-
bers had spent.

## New Plymouth

## (From an occasional correspondent.)

## August 22.

At the theory examination, held in connection with the Assoclated Board of the Royal Academy of Music
and the Royal College of Music in June last, the foland the Royal College of Music in June last, the following pupils of lhe sisters of the Mission, Taragrade), Pansy Nhition (-Local centre (intermediale ments of music, Ninnie Evans and Laura Reader (Stiatford (onvent). School examinations Reader division, honols), Olive Brennen (Opunahe Convent) pass, Ethei coldwell (ivew Plynouth Convent). At the practical exammation, held in connection with the Tranity College of Music, London, on August 13, 14, Th, the follon ing puphls of the Sisters of the Mission, Aararbai, were successiul:-Senior grade (hondrs), Agnes Blair; mass, Mildicd Brake and Greta Fearen (Strationd Convent), Maude Middleton (Opunake Convent). Insermedtate'giade (honors), Dolothy Bayly pass, Malgatet Theobald and Matgaret Corbill (Stratford ('onvent), Ila IInderson and Katie King : (New Convent). Junior pass, Hester Ridull (New Plymouth Convent). Junior pass, Hester Riddell (New Plymouth ('onvent). Preparatory grade, Rita Mayo, Violet Miscall, and Kathleen Sexton (Sitrationd Convent), Dora

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

## August 27.

The monthly social evening in conncetion with the Chtholic chuseh and schools at Addington was held in the local hall on last Friday evening, arrd proved most successful and enjoyable, the attendance proved unusually large. Prizes in the euchre tounament were puesented by the Rev. Father Peoples. Refreshments and a musical entertanment, the accompanmems leing supplied by Miss Wilson and Mr. B.. McKeown, conclu-
ded the progranme. Mrs. Maude, prom
successful juvenile bazaar in organiser of the recent Consumptive Camps, writes as follows Nurse Maude's papers :-' May I again trespass on your space to say £5 which was recived lo-day the return of the cheque for £5 which was given as second prize for the school competitian at the recent Juvenile Bakrar, and which was awarded to the Convent School (Sisters of
Merey), Colombo street. In the letter I received from Father Hickson he says: "In the letter I received from to follow the excellent lead "he children here want prize winners, and, therefore, have ren then by the first This is the second instance, of the highes the cheque." ing shown by the children, and I think it should finally do away with any feeling which may have fine school competitions.'

Mr. Arthur, Mead
sent on a holiday visit to Eurs. Mead is at present on a holiday visit to Europe), writing from expericnces and impressions of lravel some interesting writes, 'a grand trip throughout, so far as weather, , ined. At Monte Video we had eight hours ${ }^{\prime}$ stay ,ned. At Monte Video we had eight hours' stay

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## Commercial

## PRODUCE.

Wellington, August 27.-The Department of Industres and Commerce has recelved the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, dated London, Augusi 21 :-Frozen meat: The mutton market is very dull. Canterbuly brands are quoted at 3 多d to $3 \frac{1}{2} d$; North Island brands ate selling a.t $3 \frac{1}{8} d$ to 3id. lu the lamb mankel the demand still continues not quite brisk, owng to the arrivals being heavy. cantegbuny hiands are quoted at 4id ; other 1Nan Canterbury, $4{ }^{3} d$. The beci market is sleady at proes cabled last weck. The butter market is film, and prices contmue to advance; Danish is quoted at j2es per cwt; small supples of New Lealand are comme forward and selling at 112 s per ewt on a stiong market. Chese: Canadian makes are selling at 6 is per cewt. The hemp market is quiet; if fa' Hellingion, on spot, is worth $£ 3.4$ per ton fol distant delseries, £33 10s to $£ 3 \mathrm{t}$ is asked for October and Decemier shipments. Manila: Falr cuisont on spot is quoted at $\pm 12$ per ton. The cocksfoot makket is flat. Huyers are holdng back, and no busmess is doing. New Zealand long-berried wheat on spot, ex granary, yel fi96tb, is quoted at 31s; short-beriled, 3us $6 d$; these piles are nominal.

Messrs. Donald liold and (Co. (Ltd.) report:-
We held our we ${ }^{\text {b }}$ ly auction sale of frain and produce at our stores on Monday. We had a full catalogue to ofier, and as most of the lines submsted were sutable for lucal lequiements a clearance was efiected at pilces about on a par with late quolawons. Values ruled as under-

Oats-Reports from both northern and southern marhets indicate a meagre expori demand. This marhed is having a simmar eaperience, the past week having been one of the guretest of the season. Sales have been confined for the most part to local requatements, and the supply of sced orders, which are now coming n more fiecily. Mhing and export lines are practically neglected. Quotations: Pime milling, $2 s 312 d$ to 2 s 4 d ; good to best feed, 2 s 2 d to 2 s $3 d$; medrum, $2 s$ to 2 s 1 d ; seed lines, 2 s 5 d to 2 s sa pel bushel (sachs cxtra).

Wheat. -The tone of the malket is quiet, with no appreciable change 10 value. The fow sales passing in milling quality are chefly small lots in prime to choice condition. Medrum miling has little atten-
ion. Fowl wheat conturues to have fair sale at late lion. Fowl wheat contmues to have fair sale at late values. Quotations: I'mme milling, 3 s 5 d to 3 s 6 d ; Tuscan, to 3 s 7 I ; medrum to good, 3 s 3 d to 3 s $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$; whole fowl wheat, 3 s 1 a to 3 s 2 d ; broken and damaged, is 8 d to 3 s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.-The market is fairly supplied with medium table sorts, which are not in strong demaird. Prime Derwents and other household kinds are, however, readily saleable at late rates. Best seed sorts are strongly inquired for, all freshly-picked lines of shapely tubers finding ready sale at quotations. Quotations: Seed lines, $£ 12$ to $£ 13$; best table sorts, Lo to $£ 12$; medium, $£ 9$ to $£ 1010 \mathrm{~s}$; inferior, $£ \sqrt{\prime}$ to $£ 810 \mathrm{~s}$ per ton (sachs included). Small Derwents are at present uisaleable.

C'kaff.-Moderate supplies of prime bright oaten sheaf continue to arrive, arrl in most cases are reartily quitted at $£ 4$ to $£ 45 \mathrm{~s}$. Medium to good is not so leadily dealt with at $\pm 3$ ios to $£ 3$ 15s, while inferior quality has no at lention, and is difficult to quit in small , quantities at $£ 3$ to $£ 35 \mathrm{~s}$ per ton (brags extra).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report :-
Oats.-The market continues quiet, business passing being very limated. Quotations: Prime milling, 2 s $3 \frac{1}{d}$ to 2 s 4 d ; good to best feed, $2 \mathrm{~s} 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$ to 2 s 3 d ; ; infenior, 2s to 2 s 1d; seed lines, 2 s 5 d to 2 s 9 d per usher.
Wheat.-The market shows no change, and the following are present quotations: Prime milling, 3 s 5 5 to 3 s 6d, prime Tuscan, $10 \mathrm{3s} 7 \mathrm{~d}$, medium milling, 3 s 3 d to $3 \mathrm{~s} 4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$; best whole fow' wheat, 3 s hid to

Potatoes.-The market has been fairly well sup plied during the week, but values are muoh the same as last week’s, viz., seed lines, £11 10 s to $£ 1210 \mathrm{~s}$ extra choice picked, $10 £ 13$; puime table sorts, $£ 11$ to6£12; medium lable soris, $\approx 10$ to $£ 1015 \mathrm{~s}$; inferiol and small, $£ 5$ toy, $£ 910 \mathrm{~s}$ per ton.

## WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:-
Rabititskins.-We offered a large catalogue at Mon day's sale, prices being practically the same as those ruling the previous week. Sunmers made up to 10 ad autumns to 17 d , second winters to $17 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{~d}$, winter brucks to $18 \frac{3}{4} d$, winter does to $21 \frac{1}{2} d$, fawns 10 wh 14 , and blacks Sheepshins. $-\Lambda 1$ muesday up to $19 \frac{1}{4} d$ per it ,
Sheepshins.- $\Lambda 1$ Tuesday's sale we offered a large catalogue, when prices were about the same as last week's. Merinos made up to 8 s Sd, crossbred to 8 s 10d, hallbreds to $8 \mathrm{~s} \overline{\mathrm{~d}}$, fine crossbred to 8 s 2 xl , and lambskins to 6 s 9 d per skin.

Hides.-We subnitted a calalogue of 399 at our sale on Thursday last, competition all round being very keen, and prices for light and medium weights show a rise of $\frac{1}{4} d$ to sid per lb , whule hravy weights quite held their own. our top price for ox was $6, \mathrm{~d}$, and for cow 6 d per lb .

## LIVE STOCK

## DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:

There was a fanly good entiy of horses for our sale last Saturday, and included in the number were a few useful sotis. The attendaner from both town and country was all that could be desired, and as There were a iew buyens in the yard on the lookout
for horses suitable fur for horses suitable fur meir sequirements a good sale resulted. Amongst the draughts were several fairly decent sorts, and for such competition was keen, and most of them found new owners at late market quotations. Old ard stale horses, on the other hand,
were not wanted, and they were most were not wanted, and they were most difficult to place, consequently, business in this class was immted. First-class young draught mares and geldings suitable for either town or counlry work are badly dors of such to send and we would recommend vendors of such to send them to our weekly sales.

## Late Burriside Stock Report

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Fat fattle,-160 hearl forward, these consisting mosily of modum weght bullocks and light cows and helfers. The yalding was barely large enough for regurements, and prices were about 10 s ner head firmer. सest bullochs, $\pm 10$ to 211 ijs 6d; medium, £8 to
$£ 915 \mathrm{~s}$; hght, $\pm 5$ 10s to 575 s . medium £9 15s; light, $\pm 510 \mathrm{~s}$ to $£ 75 \mathrm{~s}$; medium cows and heifers, $£ 7$. to $£ 810 \mathrm{~s} ; \mathrm{l}^{2} \mathrm{ght}$, $\mathfrak{f} 5$ to $£ 610 \mathrm{~s}$.

Sheep--There was a small yarding of 1580 , these being mostly madum to prime wethers. There were very few ewes forward, Prices all round showed an atdvance of is $6 d$ prer head over last week's rates. Prime heavy wethers, $26 s$ to 28 s ; untium to good, 22 s 6d to 25 s 6 d ; light, 19 s to 21 s bid; ewes, 20 s to 22 s 9 d .

Pigs.-57 yarded. Prices were firm for all sorts. Suckers, 9 s to 13 s ; slips, 14 s 6 d to 17 s ; stores, 19 s 1021 s ; porkers, 30 s to 39 s ; light baconers, 43 s to 49 s ; heavy do, 52 s to 58 s ; choppers, up to 64 s .

Anotice with reference to tenders for inland mail contract appears on page 26 .

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## GREYMOUTH

## (From our own correspondent.)

August 24.
An unusually large number approached the IIoly Table on the feast of the Assumption

At the mecting of the St. Columba Club, held a most interesting D. Byrne, of Cimistchurch, gave a most interesting lecture on his experiences during the South Arrican war. The lecturer was listened to attentively througholit, and at the conclusion he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The two diplomas conferred for meritorious work, done in connection with the local club, by the ex ccutive of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies, were balloted for, and were unamimously awarded to Mr. B. J. 1'allips (hon. treasurer) and R. C. Heffernan (hom secretaly).

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Cricket Club was held last week. The report and balance sheet showed the finances of ine club were in a sound condition. The election of offcers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:-Captain, Miss Annie Heter nan; vice-caplain, Miss Florice Shanahan; secretary, ss Emily Roche; treasurer, Miss Julia Greaney.
The contractor for the tower and spire of St Patrick's Chureh removed the scaflobding last week The tower stands out prominently, presents a very pleasing appearance, and can be seen from any part of the town. The church is now complete, and is a credit to the Catholic communily of this town and most energetically for its completion who has worked

At the meoting of ilfe Hibernian
week Bro. E. A. Burke (who has Society held last office of secretaiy after having held retired from the upwards of iwenty years) was presenteat position to retary's collar as a sight token of the esteem in which he is held by his brother members. Bro Burke, in thanking the members for thers generous gift, said he trusted the Society would still prosper.

The St. Columba (lub is very much alive. On last Monday the junior oratorical competition evoked night previousty night previously. A very latge crowd assembled to give the younger members some encotaragement, ami the greatest enthusiastm prevailed. A medal had been offered by Rev. Father 'taylor for compention, and this drew out the talents of several who, through gage in tebates. All the of ation, do not usually engage in debates. All the speakers were well up to senior honors, and two or inree quite carried away the house. R. C'. Ileffernan, who spoke tirst, took for his subject 'Daniel O'Connell.' P. C. Heaphy treated in a clever manner the hife of the elder Pitt; T. Heffernan chose as has theme the carcer of our late Premier. He seceived a great ovation from Edison climbed J. Condon showed how the gieat Edison climbed the ladder of fame. Wm.Ifassall told us some interesting things about the Australian poet Adam Lindsay Gordon, and was followed by T. J Barry, who gave a warm appreciation of Lord Ten nyson. Arthur Fraser was the last to speak, and to him the judges awarded the medal after much discussion. The winner spohe on Ambrose O'Higgins, and several times warmed up to real eloquence. His manner, style, and delivery wre ploasing, animated and convincing. Ile promises to become the champion orator of the club. All agreed that this was one of the most entertaining evenings ever spent at the rooms. The thanks of the club are due to the Rev. Father Taylor, for the great inferest taken in the members, never failing to attend the meetings and often at great personal inconvenience.

## OBITUARY

## MR. JOHN FAHEY, TUAPEKA

We regret to have to record the death of Mr John Fahey, who passed away at the residence of This sister, Mrs. A. Harris, Waimate, 'on August 17 The deceased had been a resident of the district for tended by the Very Kev. Dean Regnault, and Rev Father Tymons. He was a practical Catholic and died a most edifying death. The remains were taken to Lawrence for interment. The funeral, which was the largest seen in the district for a considerable time, took place on Sunday, August 19 and Very Rev. special reference to the exemplary life of the deceased. The late Mr. Fahey was a native of County
Galway.-R.I.P.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

## SILVER JUBILEE OF FATHER HILLS, S.M.

## (From an occasional correspondent.)

On Tuesday of last week the Rev. Father Hills S.M., Vice-rector of St. Patrick's CoHege, celebrated heors. silver jubilee of his ordination to the priest hoort. In l 881 Father Hills was ordained in St. Mary's, Dundalk, by Archbishop MeGettigan.

After morning school on Tuesday, Master
Francis O'Contrar, as senior monitor, in a few well-chosen words, wished Father Hills ruany happy returns of his ordination day, and expressed the hope that he would live many years to continue, within the walls of St. Patrick's, the good work he was at present do ing. On behalf of the students he then presented Fabher Hills with a handsome souvenir of the occa-
sion. sion.

Father Hills said that he had been quite taken by surprise, and thanked the boys for their valuable pre sent. For the last 1hirty years he had been among boys-in France, in Ireland, and in New Zealand, and the boys of the last-mentioned country were as good in evely way as throse of the older lands. He wished the boys every happiness and prayed that God's bless ing would he with them in their various walks' of life Cheers for Father Hhils brought the gathering to a close.

During the day all the clergy of the city and sulburbs assembled in the college to wish every good thing to their jubrlarran confrere. In the afternown at the Wellington Coliege ground, St. Patrick's College scond team met and defeated Wellington College in a match for the fifth-class championship. The St. Pat rick's boys, who showed good combined play, gave a fone exhidftion and rather easily defoated their oppo nents by 16 points to nil. Tries were scoved by Cul len (3), Camprof, and rquinlan, Jas. Ryan and Campion converting one each.

In the evening the 'old boys' of the college en the colined the present students at a social gathering at the collowe. About 50 'old boys' were present, and very enfoyable evening was sipent.

At half-past eight a musical programme was commenced in the Study Hall and past and present joined in the evening's amusement. Songs and other musia) items were contribuicd by Father Hills, Messrs. S Hickson, Sullivan, Wahsh, and Kelly, and Mr. W. E. Butler amused all present with his humorous anecdotes. Nr. J. Finlay contributed some very clever recitalions which were much apprecialed. The present students were repiesented on the programme by Masters Miller, 13. Ryan, Geaney, and Siymour, while the college orchestra contributed several well played and very pleasing items. The 'old boys' were fortunate in havhig the services of Mr. Wathins, Mus. Bach., as accompanist all through the concert.

At the conclusion of the programme the Rector addressed tho gathering, and said that the re-union had been transferred from a former date, in order that the old boys' could join the present boys in doing honor to Father Inills on the occasion of his silver jubhlee. Ic told of his long acquaintance with Father Hills, datitg back to their college days, and of many reminiscences of bygone times. $\Lambda \mathrm{s}$ this was the halfyearly meeting of the Old Boys' Association he was happy to congralulate them on the large increase of active members since last general meeting, and on the extremely satisfactory state of their finances-a condition of affains which augured well for their future development

Mr. A. H. Casey, on behalf of the Old Boys' Association, congratulated Father Hills on the anniversary which they were celebrating on that evening. He said what many there present had been under Father Hills in their college days, and one and all spoke highly of the sterling qualities which had endeared him to each. In conclusion he wished Father Kills many years of nealth and happiness to do good work in the vineyand of the Lord.

Father Hills in reply thanked the "old boys" for the kind, things they had said about him, and wished them every success in life.

Games were then indulged in by young and old and, after supper had been served and done justice to, cheers for the Rector, the staff, the 'old boys', and the present boys, brought a most enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

Throughout the day Father Hills received many telegrams and messages of congratulation from all parts of the Colony.
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## DEATHS

CURTIN.-AL his residence, Wrey's Bush, on July 25, 1906 , Michael, beloved husband of Catherine Curtin,
in his 50th year. -R.I.P. in his 50th year.-R.I.P

FAHEY.-At the residence of his sister, Mrs. A. Harris, Waimate, on August 17, 1906, after a long and painful illness; fortified by the rites of Holy Church; John, third son of John Fahey, County Gaiway, Ire-
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## MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Fustitia causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900 .
LEO XIII., ${ }^{P}, M$.
TRANSLAIION,--Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Fustice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.
LEO XIII., Pope.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1906.

## ARBITRATION OR WAR?



HE camp is any day (according to Brownson) a better school than the countinghouse or the court-house. During the sioge of Metz, a General-a war-worn veteratiobserved a battalion of young German soldiers displaying the recruits' customary lack of steadiness under fire. He shrugged his shoulders and remarked to the English war-correspondent, Alchibald Forbes: 'Dey vant to be a littie shooted; dey vill do better next time'. And your average military man will tell you that nations as well as linesmen are the better of being 'a little shooted', and that blood-letting is the best remedy for turning society that has degenerated morally and physically into a robust, vigorous, and righteous people. War is not in itsclf moraily wrong. It has had the approval and even the command of God in the Old Law. And in the New Dispensation, was not-Cornelius the centurion (a military oflicer) commended as 'a religious man, fearing God'? Declared by competent authority, for a just cause, and carried on with right methords and right intentions, war may be engaged in with a safe conscience. It is, however, a violent remedy, suitable only for desperate diseases. It involves such שrave evils that it is to be avolded wherever it is possible without sacrificing the public weal. And good men of every age have prayed for the coming of the day when swords should be turned into sickles and the reign of the Prince of Peace should begin upon the earth.

The Church has blessed the soldier's sword to fight for the right that is invaded by tyrant might, and is to be guaded or won back in no other way. But down the course of the centuries she-through her Popeshas sought in various ways to keep nations from oach others' throats and to mitigate as far as she could 'the calamities of the wars that she has been unable to prevent. For tages the Popes were to a tleneficial extent looked upon as the Chief Justices of Christendom. Pope Boniface VIII, settled. a serious dispute between. Pope Le Bel of France and the First Edward of England in 1298. Alexander VI. was chosen to arbitrate" between Portugal and Spain regarding their respective rights over the newly-discovered lands of the Western world. And his famous 'line' was, in all human probadility, the means of preventing those two great rival natibns
bleeding each other white in a long and deadiy struggle. In our own day, we can readily recall how, in 1886, the dispute bretween Sipain and Cermany over the Caroline Islands was ailjusted by the late Pope Leo XIII. He also efiected an amicable settlement of difficulties that might easily have led to much powder-blazing between IIayti and San Domingo, and between Chile and Argentina, and some of the other peppery Republics of South America. The sacred mantle of the peacemaker fell from the shoulders of Leo XIII, to those of Pius X. ' By a treaty of peace made in the autumn of last year,' says the Rome correspondent of ant English contemporary, 'Colombia and Peru engaged to submit all questions to Ponitical arbitration. The first case of the sort to come up has been that of the Putamayo territory, over which the public of the two countries was greaty agitated. Pending its decision of the queslion, the Holy see has got both the contestanis, to sign an agreement to withrdraw their respective troops.' The Pope-a sovereign without fears, without territoriah cares or interests-would be the ideal sole arbiter. And the noted non-Catholic writer, Mr. Hall Caine, said a few yeals ago that the geographical position of Rome, 'her religious and historical interest, her artistic charm, and above all the mystery of eternal life which altaches to her, seem to me to point to Rome as the seat of the greal court of appeal in the congress of humanity which (as surely as the sun will rise to-morrow) the future, will see established '.

## Notes

## - Preparing' for Earthquakes

Mr. Clemeni Wragge (also known as Inclement Wragge) has been unburdening his prophetic soul to the cableman on the other side of the Tasman Sea. He has warned New Zealanders to 'prepare for earthquakes' in the near future. The nature of the preparations is not indicated. But among them we might, perhaps, venture to suggest taking down or bracing our chimneys, practising camping-out, keeping an easy mind and a clear conscicnce, and, being thus prepared for the worst, hope for the best. The lion and the leopard of heraldry and sigmboards are much more terrible-looking than the same animals are in nature. And Mr. Wragge's prophecies often have a much more terrible sound than subsequent events justify. The fearfully and wonderfully named cyclomic and anti-cyclonic disturbances whose coming he used to anmounce in Australia, frequently passed over the country as mildily and inoffensively as

## 'The balmiest sigh

Which vernal zephyr breathes in evening's ear.'
And his threatened earthquakes may also turn out to be as heraldry animals. Judging by the opinions expressed by some experis, in the Auckland "Herald,' there seems no urgent reason for losing our slecp, just yet, over Mr. Wragge's predictions, even though seismic shocks are always a possibility to be counted with ill our qualiy and bubbly country.

## Reformatory Girls

A striking testimony to the need and benefit of religious influences in the education of the child is furnished in tile annual report of the New South Wales State Children's Relief Board. The report says in part:- The law provides for the commitment of girls guilty of serious misconduct to a reformatory; but while secular reformatories for vicious boys are often successiul in reforming them, the same success does not, in my opinion, attend the treatment of girls in similar institutions. It is not because the girls are not reformable, but that the methods of a
secular reformatory are not effectual. Reformation of the girls can be accomplished only by their being brought under the influence of religion. It is imma. terial what the denomination may be, as I believe that all may be equally successful if the work is carried out by patient, devoted, self-sacrificing women, who are prepared to do good for its own sake, and not for hire.'

The descriptive terms-' patient, devoted, and selfsacrificing,' doing good 'for its own sake and not for hire '-are so close a fit for our religious Sisterhoods that it seems clear they are specially intended to apply 10 them. The Sisters are happy to do good for Christ's dear sale, and would 'blush to find it fame.'

## Groping Towards Unity

'For some years past,' says the 'Glasgow Observer,' 'a movement of a very notable character has been quietly proceeding; and this year it has culminated in a circular letter sent to the representatives of the vatious Protestant denominations. It is signed by the most infuential names, such as the (Anglican) Archbishop of Canterbury and York, by the Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, by the President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, by the Fresident of the Baptist Union, by the Moderators of the two great General Assemblies of the Preshyterian Church of Scotland, by the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and others. It called upon all these bodies to pray earnestly on whit Sunday for the reunion of Christendom, and lays down eertain principles which all Christians can make their own, viz. :-
'" That our Lord meant us to be one in visible fellowship ;
'"That our existing divisions hinder or even paralyse His work;
""That we all deserve chastisement, and need penitence for the various ways in which we have contributed to produce or promote division;
" "That we all need open and candld minds to receive light and yet more light, so that, in ways we perhaps as yet hardly imagine, we may be led back towards unity."

A more striking implied tribute was never paid to the Catholic position than that which is quoted above from the circular letter of those evidently earnest men who are groping their way towards the unity which was broken at the great religious revo lution of the sixteenith century.

Oh, shame to men! Devil with Devil damned
Firm concold hotds.
But man has chosen to tear the seamless robe of Christ. Catholhes will heartily wish God-speod to a movement so that auspiciously begun for urdoing some of the worst work of the Reformation.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

A cable message has been received by Mr. James Lynch, Hokitika, that his brother, Fev. Father Lynch, C.SS.R., formerly of the diocese of Dunedin, has left by the 'Orontes' for Australia.

The dildren of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, enjoyed a treat on Friday afternoon, when his Lordship the Bishop visited the institution, and gave several selections with his gramophone. On Monday afternoon Mr. Val Vousden entertained the inmates in his inimitable way.

The St. Clair Comedy Company will produce the threeact farce,' Jane' in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday dvening. The farce abounds in very humorous situations, and is highly productive of much amusement, 'especially when presented by such a capable combination wis the St . Clair Comedy Company, whose reputation as highly successful amateur actors is well known.

A new church will shortly be erected at Thorn-
bury in the Riverion parish bury in the Riverton parish.

Considerable improvements (writes our travelling correspondent) have been effected in the Catholic church at Wyndham wilhin the last few weeks. A vestry and sanctuary have been added to the building. About a
month ago an organ was purchased, and the proposal to month ago an organ was purchased, and the proposal to
establish a choir is being taken up with great enthusiasm.

The meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening took the form of a mock banquet. Toasts were proposed by Rev. Fathers Coffey, Corcoran, Messrs.
Corcoran, T. Deehan, II. Niles, D. O'Connell, D. S. Corcoran, T. Deehan, H. Miles, D. O'Connell, D. S.
Colum'b) and J. A. Hally, and replied to by Rev. Brother Brady, Messrs. E. Spain, W. Bevis, D. Beard, and A. Cameron (Nokomai). Songs were contributed by Messrs.a W. Clarke, H. Miles, D. S. Columb, and J. Haydon, Mr. F. Heley acting as accompanist. Mr. R. Burke also contributed a recitation. The speeches were very good, those of the younger: members, who made their maiden efiorts, being very creditable. Altogether a mosi enjoyable evening was spent.

## InvercargiII

## (From our own correspondent.)

The usual weekiy meeting of the Invercargill
 Freehold $v$. Leasehold.' Among the speakers most prominent were the Very Rev. Dean Burke, Rev. Father O'Malley, and Messrs. M. Gilfedder, J. Mulvey, T. P. Gilfedder, J. Collins, T. Kane, and H. Grace. The meeting decided in favor of leasehold.

The first social held urder the auspices of this club took place in Ashley's Hall, on Thursday August 16, and was well patronised. The proceeds are devoted to the working funts of the club.

The St. Many's (Ladies') (lub hold their second euchre party and social on tho 30 th inst., with a view to raising funds for the formation of a tennis-
court. The work of fencing, etc., is now in progress. The court is being laid of on the ground arlforming the convent. The Mother Prioress has kindly given the ladies the use of thas ground for a term of five years.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

> (From our own correspondent.)

August 21.
The local branch of the II.A.C.B Sociely celebrates its annivensary in the Ibimenian liall on Monday, September 3 .

In last night's 'star' a very good letter on the 'Concordat' appeared, signed hy 'W.H.M.' Onehunga.
The editor added a lenginy footnote composed alThe editor added a lengligy tootnote composed al-
most entirely of extracts from two lectures delivered before the Royal Institution, London, by Mr. J. E. C. Bodley.

Work by the contractors has been begun at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and, with the noar approac
the fine weather, good progress should be made.

At St. Benedicis last Sunday the devotion of the Forty Ilours' Actoration was commenced. There was High Mass at 11 o'clock, at which the Very Rev. Father Gillain preached. In the evening at Vespers the Bishop preached on the 'Concordat and the trouble in France.' On Monday evening the Rev. Father Exge, (Fonsonby), preached. The devotions throughout were well attended.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, at the request of his Eminence Cardinal Moran, has written to the Hon. J. A. Tole, of this city, asking him as to The prospects for a visit by the Irish envoys, Messrs. Devlin, M.P., and Donovan ; how long shoukd be devoted to going through the Colony; how many
centres should ie visited, etc. Monsignor O'Haran centres should be visited, etc. Monsignor O'Haran
said the delegates were quite willing to visit New Zealand. Mr. Tole has replied giving all the information sought, and strongly advising that the delegates should come across to our Colony.
M. Lebeau, of the Paris University, is at present in Auckland. It appears what each year the University places an amount of money at the tisposal of one of its professors, who may take up any subone of he wishes, and report thereon to the University. Last year, one of the members chose the 'Social and Domestic Legislation of New Zealand.' M. Lebeau has chosen the 'Social and Political Progress of the Irish Race.' With this object, he spent
some months in Ireland, thence he went to the Univ-
ed States, the Islands of the Pacific and north of New Zealand. Here he has been mosi diligenthuntto position, visiting all classes of the people in their homes, questioning them closely, collecting statistics, and keenly observing all round him. Upon two mat ters he is most keen and anxious. Firstly, he ques tions those who were born in Ireland, when they left, and how they have faved since leaving. In conversation with M . Lebeau he told me that lie invariably found that the
Irishman in Ireland was bituterly hostile to the EngYrishman in Ireland was biterly hostile to the English Government, but when he resided some years in
a self-governed British colony he was muoh less bitter. With the descendants of Irishmen born in the Colony M. Lebeau is decply interested. Have they inherited an affection for the land of their forefathers? His views on this point will prove of interest. After spending a little more time in the
North Islamd he goes to inustralia, where North Island he goes to mustralia, where he spends
two months. He bears a letter oí intro two months. He bears a letker oî introduction from the late Michael Davitt. lie knew the great pat riot intimately, spent some time with him in Dub-
lin, and gained a gleat amount of information from him concerning the Irish race throughout the world. When his labors are completed they should
form interesting reading.

## (From an occasional correspondent.)

The Sacred Heart Coilege football team carricd off the honors in the secondary schools' competition this season for the fist time. They won all
matches, except the second against the Grammar School, no score bengy obtained by either team in this match. Durng the saason in bammer matches the college team scorrd 36 points against 3 ,-their line being ciossed only once. The win was most popular, elerybrody being glad to see the youngest of the colleges coming so rapidly to the front in athleucs as well as scholastically, Brendan Lavery, captained the victors in all malches, except the first in which D'Arey Smith (vice-caplain) led the
team to victory. The playens who deserve special mention for vigorous and enective work are :-The two front-row men, T. McLoughin and Walter Wekt, who handly ever failed to hook the ball in the scrum ; Lavery (captain), gieat in the line-out; W.
White, the best and most untiring baci in White, the best and most untirng back in the colthe season, and briliant five-eighen game all brough and dashing centie threriquarter. both these backs were great also in delelce as in atitack.1. Keeney developed rapidiy, and showed great form in the second round, whist J. helly was a safe player and
F. Quinlivan made a good and speedy wing F. Quinlivan made a good and speedy wing, threc-
quarter. Mr. George coached the team, and took a nreat interest in all the matches. The credit of the victory is in no small measure due to him. The following colleges took part in the competition :-SAcred Heart College (Premiers 1906), the Auchland Grammar School, St. John's College, King's College, and Frince thbert College. These colleges, as well as the University Col-
lege and the United Soutioern Colieures part in the Secondary Soutioern Colleges' Union, took petition. Here, too, sacred Ileart took the lead, and won cvery mateh, and are therefore ntitied to the banner. Thus the Sacred Hearl College boys made a double win. They are an delighted, not merely that they have won, but that they brought credit to their Alma Mater. The ercellent espuit de corps of both teams made their strengih in bativ. Mr. George Tyler coached Sacred Heart Uld Boys' also. Their best players were: W. and E. Dervan, $P$. Sheahan,
$J$. Mahoney (captain), J. yhornton, and

Whaney (captain), $J$, he two banners are handed over to the C . college they, with the silver cup won in the cricket competition, will mahe a fine group of trophies for the youngest of New Zealand's coneges to show as procf of prowess in athletics. The college scholasvic record also for the year is equatly creditable to its youth and efficiency. In the junior civil service seven passed; in senior civil service, two; in matriculation two, and in solicitors' general knowledge two qualified.

Rev. Father JIugh Devlin, a well known preacher in Dublin, has arrived at South Melbourne, where he is to stay.

The pubifation of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal." So says an esteemed and wide-awake Amert-

## THE FRENCH CONCORDAT

## BISHOP LENIHAN SPEAKS

On Sunday evening, August 19, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan (says the Auckland' Star ') preached at St. Benedict s to a large congregation on the religious troubles in France anrd the Pope's action in connection therewith. His Londship gave the history of the concordat or treaty between the Holy See and France, touchang the conservation and promotion of the interests of religion in that country. This was agreed upon in 1801, the regulations being sixteen in number. But Napoleon in 1802, with the highhandedness of might and power, and in bad faith, added 'les Articles Organiques,' which have never been accepted by the Holy see. These were to introduce restrictions that he had failed to obtain in the Concordat, but happily the medin principles of the Concordat have endured, while until recently the organic articles fell into desuetude. Objectionable as they were, they depended upon the lemper of the political authorities for the time being. After the Dreyfus episode, the real interest of which was to tamper with the army and navy, accusalions were made against the Jesuits and othen religious teaching communities of having clericalised these servicos. No poof could be arduced, but the Socialists, Repullicans, and members of the Grand Orient readily seized on the Dreyfus case as an instrument to reslone the armys and drive from their posts those soldiels and ollicers whose adhesion to religion was consideled a menace to the State. The Government, under the Premmer, Waldeck-Rousseau, set itself to draft fresh laws against the Chureh. No offcel could expect prontotion if he were seen going to churoh, or if his wife and chikhen attiended even charity fetes. The Sisters engaged in nursing at the hospitals were removed. Then

## The Law of Associations

came into force in 1901. Religious communities were advised that they might obtanm the protection of the State by obtaining authornsalion. This was under the old code, but many new sochelies had tjeen formed, and all these unauthorised bodies were imformed that they would ite dissolved and their pioperty confiscated unless within three months they presented an application for authorisalson. They vere assured that a ludicial and individual consideration would be given to their clams, which wouid only be rejected on grounds of public utifity. Many accepted, others demurred. No sooner was this law passed and the lists of members and possessions collectcd than Rousseau retired in favor of C'ombes, and thas uew l'emier refused all these societies on bloc, and they ceased to exist. This Combes, who had been picked, so lo speak, off the streets by the (hurch and educated at her expense, and had forsaken those who had nousihed him, held out hopes of a billion of francs to betefit the state from those sequestrated propertes, so that old-aise pensions might benefit the people. Ite determaned upon a more decisive blow against the (huoch. In 1901 the Pope summoned to Rome the Bishops of Dijon and Laval, who had proved unruly, 10 explain ans defend hheir conduct. These Bishops appealed to the Government, and Combes touk up the quarrel, vehemently denouncing the Pope in the Chamber of Deputies. Added to this was Rome's protest amainst the visic of President Louliget to Rome on a visit to the King of Italy. Combes declared that in these matters France had been insulted, and demanded the abrogation of the concordat and the Latw of Separation of Chunch and State. This was formally promulgated in December, 1905. It was to leave the entire church with all its possessions at

The Mercy of the Government.
In February, 1906, the Pope declared: 'You have seen the sanctity and the inviolability of Christian marriage outraged by legislative Acts, schools and hospituals laicised, clerics torn from their studies and from ecelesiastioal discipline to he subjected to military service, religious congregations dispersed and despoiled, and reduced to the lasti stale of destitution, the law ondaining public prayers at the bpegioning of each Parliamentary session, and at the assifes, abolished, signs of mourning observed on board ships on Good Friday suppressed, the religious character effaced from judicial oaths, and all emblems serving to recall the idea of religion banished from courts, schools, the navy and army, and pubitic institutions.' No wonder he grieves over the stale of the Chutch ancl France, and must think what credit can be placed in men who after having promised in despatches to the IIoly See that they would consider a general authorisation to teach as sufficient without special authorisa lion for each establishment, with shameful disloyalty procecded to close 10,000 schools. This Law of Separation assigns the administration and supervision of public worship not to the bishops or
clergy, but to an association of laymen, restricting it by such penal codes that it extinguishes all freedom of worship. If thes Church accepted the offer of the Government, it would mean servitude; if it refuses it means absolute confiscation. We do not, and cannot, understand the French character or the social, religious or political condition of the country, but at heart France is Cpatholic, and the spirit of a St, Louis, St. Vin cent de Paul, a Jeanme d'Are, a C'ure d'Ars is still there, and I feel that if the (hunch refuses the conditions of the Government, and I hope it will, that while penury and suffering will attend the hody of the clergy, the spirit of faith will be enlivened in the majority of the French people, and the church will rise again glorious and triumphant in France. May God defend the riglt and specd the hour of victory !

Note-Operations concerning tho Caisse d'Epargno (Government
Deposits
Francs.
Withdrawals
4,560,889
-- Journal Offleial' of April 11, 1003.
Want of confldence in the Government, which now exists in Franec amongst the industrious and intelligent poor

## The Financial Statement

In the House of Hepresemtatives on Tuesday evening, the Hon. Sir J. G. Wali, Colomal Treasurer, de-
invered his financial siatemenal. The following ase the nvered his financial siatemenal. Ide following ase the more important features of the lirst Budget of the new Inistiation :-
The ordinary and teritolial revenue for the year amounted to $£ 7,5 b 1, s j!\}$, and, compared with the : relenue of the previuus year, showed an increase of £ 301,489 . The penmanent charges and annual appropri-
 500,000 was paid oves to the Fublic Works Fund.
The estimated expender

The estumated expendstute for $1906-7$ is $£ 7,575,972$ -an increase of $£ 15.2,032$. The estmated revenue is £ ${ }^{2}, 867,000$.

The gross puble debt on the 3ist March last was £ $62,191,040-$ an merease of $\pm 2,279,010$ for the year.

Authoilty will be ashed 10 raise a loan $£ 1,000,000$ for public works purposes, the money to be obtained locally.

It has been decided, while not interfesing with the $\frac{1}{2}$ d rate for book pachets and other altucles not over $200 z$ in weight and for newspapers, to aboifish all other distinctions, and to in a unform rate of postrage or inland lettels of ld for cach $40 z$.

The success of the system of sixperny telegrams, introduced in 1696 , has been so marked that a reduc-
tion is announced as foom november 1 next, of the late charged after the fist $1: 3$ words. It is proposed to reduce this fiom $1 d$ to id, maning a unform iate of $\frac{1}{2} d$ per wold, whih a manimum charge of $6 d$.

Authority will be ashed for a special tote of 825 , (fu0 for the provision of telecases where the construction of telephone lines in the ordinary way is not warranted, the material will be suppled free to those wilhng lo umplet tahe the work Arrangements will also be made for all places connected by telephone to be wathn communtcation of a medical man, both by day and night, all the year round,
It is poposed to puit the whole of the Govern ment departments under the dudit Department. For this purpose all officens employed as auditors in any department will be flaced uuder the control of the Audit Office.

All the oldmaiy Crown latis now unsald ofi unleased are to be set aside, with the intention that the proceeds derived from them shall form part of an endowment fund, to be avalable solely for the purposes of eduoation, old-age pensions, and the maintenance of hospitals and charitable institutions.

## The Late Mr. Michael Curtin, Wrey's Bush

Sincere regret was felt in the Wrey's Bush district (writes a correspondent) when it became known that Mr. Michacl Curtin had passed away on July 25, at the age of 50 years. Nr. Culn was born near Ennistymon, County clare, and came out to New;Zealand about 30 years ago. After successfully farming in Otago and Southland he settled at Wrey's Bush, where he was highly respected by all his neighbors, and his many iriends will deplore his rather unexpected demise. During his illness he was attended by the Very Rev. Father Waish, wio administered the last rites of the Church. The funeral was one of the largest seen at the Wrey's Bush cemetery. 'The very Rev. Father Waish, assisted by the Rev. Father Kecnan, officiated at the graveside.-R.I.P.

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2. Abbotsford, Brighton, Kuxi Bush, Taieri Mouth, and Taieri Beach, thrice
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3. Albert Town and Maungawara, twice weekly. (Alternative to No. 25.)
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6. Balclutha Post Office and Railway Station, as required.
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8. Bannockburn and Nevis, twice from 1st October to 3lst May, and weekly from 1st June to 30th Sep tember.
9. Beck's and Lauder, thrice weekly 10.* Chatto Creek Railway Station, Chatto 11. Clinton and Popotunos, weekly. 12.* Clyde and Springvale, daily.
13. Cromwell and Bannockburn, daily.

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Tary 5.§ Cromwell, Lowburn Fer Luggate Hawes Ferry, Queensberry and Pembroke, thrice weekly.
16. Dunback and Stoneburn, twice weekly
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18. Dunedin and Mount Cargill, twice weekly. 19. Dunodin, North-East Harbour, Broad Bay, and Portobello, daily.
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21. Dunedin, Highcliff, Pukehiki, The Camp, and Sandymount, thrico weekly. (Alternative to No. 20.)
22. Edievale, Dunrobin, and Parkhill, thrice weekly. (Alternative to No. 28.)
3. Evangdale and Beaconsfield, thrice weekly.

## 24. Goodwood and Flo No. 39.

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28. Hindon Post Office and Railway Station 30. Kaitwice weekiy.
29. Kaitangata and Stirling, daily.
30. Kyeburn Koko Wantaloa thrice weekly way Station, daily.
31. Lawronce Post Office and Railway Station as required.
32. Lawrence, Tuapeka West, Kononi, Tua peka Mouth, and Greenfield, thrice
35.* Lawrence, Evan'g Flat, Beaumont, Rae's Jurction, Island Block, Forseshoe Bend, Miller"s Flat Ettrick, Dumbarton, and Roxburgh, daily.
33. Lawrence and Waipori, thrice weekly. rence, Weatherstone, and Blue Spur,
daily.
34. Macraess Flat, Moonlight, and Hyde, thrice weekly. (Alternative to No.
35. Merton, Beaconsfield, and Evansdale, thrice weekly. (Alternative to Nos.
36. Merton, ${ }^{23}$, and
daily. Beaconsfeld, and Evansdale,
(Alternative to
Nos. 23, 39, 41. Miller' 89.
37. Miltom Flat Post Office and coach, daily.
38. as required.
39. Milton, Akstore, and Glenledi, twice weekly.
40. Milton and Moneymore, thrice weekly.
41. Milton and Table Hill, twice weekly.
42. Mosgiel and East Taieri, daily.
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43. Naseby and Kyeburn Diggings, weekly. (Alternative to No. 49.) weekly. (Alternative to Niggings, twico
44. Naseby,- Eweburn, and Ranfurly, daily
45. Omakau. Matakanui, and Drybread, thrice weekly. (Alternative to No. 52.)
46. Omakau, Matakanui, and Drybread, daily. (Alternative to No. 51.)
47. Ophir Post Office and Omakau Railway Station, twice daily.
(Alternative to No. 55.)
48. Ophir, Poolburn, and Mon weekly. Alternative to Noek, thrice 68.)
49. Outram, Lree Stream, and Clark's, twice
50. Outram, Woodside, and Maungatua,
51. Owaka Post Office and Railway Station, 59. $O$ as required.
52. Owaka and Pounawea, thrice weekly Purehirehi. Valley, Tahatika, and
53. Palmerston, Shag Valley,

62 Valley, and Morrison's, thrice weelkly. Valey, and Morrison's, thrice weekly. rae's Flat. and Moonlight, thrice weekly. (Alternative to No. 38 .)
63.* Papatowai, Tarara, and Ratanui, weekly. 64. Patearoa and Waipiata, thrice weekly. 65. Patearoa and Paerau, weekly.
66.§ Pembroke, Cardrona, and Arrowtown, weekly.
67. Pembroke and Makarora, weekly.
68. Poolburn and Moo Creek, thrice weekly. 69. Port Chalmers Post Office, Railway Sta70. Portobello and Otakou, thaice wed.
71. Puerma, Romahapa, and Port weeky.
72.t Puketeraki Post Office and Railway Station, thrice weekly, 1 st October to 31st March; twice weekly, 1st April to 30th September.
73. Purakanui Post Office and Railway Station, darly.
74. Ratanui Post Office and Catlin's River Railway Station, daily
75.* Ratanui and Houipapa, $t$ wice weekly.
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70. kopa, weekly. (Alternative to No. 78.) tanui, Tarara, Papatowai, and Tahakopa, weekiy. (Alternative to No. 79.)
79.* Ratanui, Tarara, Papatowai and Tahakopa, twice weekly. (Alternative to
. Rough
80. Rough Ridge, Blackstone Hill, and St. Bathans, daily. (Alternative to No.
81. Rough ens, and Cambrian, Hill, St. Bath-
82.§ Roxburgh, Coal Creek Find 84.)
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85. Stirling and Inchclutha, thrice weekly
86. Tapanui Post Office and Railway Station, 87. Waikoikoi daily.

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## Irish News

## ARMAGH-Necessity of Religious Instruction

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, who presided the other day at the distribution of prizes in the Sacred Heart Botarding School, Armagh, said in the course of his address that the crown and perfect finish of their work was the splendid religious training given in that, as in the other convents of the Sacred Heart Order. Never was it more neediful than now to send forth a generation well armed with the woapons of Christian doctrine; the future mothers of the Irish race should be trained not merely in head, but in heart and conscience, jf they were to be properly equipped for their grand mission.

## DOWN-American Capital

It is reported Mr. Zimmernan, an American mil. lionaire, is interesting himself in the Newry and Tynan Railway Scheme.

## DUBLIN-Peaceable State of the County

At the opening of the County Sessions in Kilmainham Courthouse, the Hon. the Recorder congratulated the Grand Jury on the very peaceable state of the county, there being only two trifing criminal cases to go before them.

## A Priest Passes away

One of the most extensive parishes in Dublin has lost a devoted pastor in the person of the Very Rev. Canon Conolly, of Sit. Kevin's, Harrington street, who passed away on fuly 9.

## The President of University College

The Very Rev. Wm. Delany, S.J., D.D., President of the University College, Dublin, has just completed his golden jubilee in the Jesuit Order, and it has been decided to commemorate the event by a fitting testimomial as a mark of Dr. Delany's, services to education. The Lord Chief Baron presided, at at meeting held for the purpose, and the resolution decirding on the testimonial was proposed by Sir Francis Cruise, and seconded by Mr. D. F. Browne, K.C. Sir John Ross, of Bladensburg, Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Police; Sir Christopher Nixon, Bart., Dr. Cox, and many well-known and highly esteemed citizens took part in the proccedings.

## Irish Chauffeurs

The commitee of the Irish Automobile Club visited recently the Technical Schools at Pembroke to consult as to the new scheme for instruction in the manageagement and repair of motor cars. Sir Horace Plunkett said this was the first attempt to found in Ireland a school which would ensure that the Irish chauffeur would be as good as any on the road.

## The Freedom of the City

At a special meeting of the Dublin Corporation it was unanimously resolved to confer the freedom of the City of Dublin upon Dr. Douglas Hyde for his services in connection with the Gaelic League and the promotion of lish manufactures.

## University Scholarships

Very Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., has sent a letter to the press in which he announces that, for the purpose of providing University Scholarships in Ireland remembrance of a life-long conuection with the service, has most generously placed $£ 5000$ in the hands of three trustecs-Messrs. J. C. Alcorn, B.L., Charitable Bequests Office; J. O'Donnell, Church Property Department, Land, Commission ; and L. A. Teeling, B.L., Accountant-General, Four Courts. Subscriptions to augment the funds are invited from civil servants. In the awarding of scholarships the sons of subscribers will get a preference.

## GALWAY-Fatal Accident

On July 5 the Rev. James O'Flynn, C.C., Ballinasloe, was cycling from the residence of Father Nohilly, P.P., Lusmagh, to Banagher, and when about a quarter of a mile outside the latter place he was thrown from his bicyele. His neck was dislocated by the fall, and he died -almost instantly. The deceased was one of the most popular clergymen of the diocese of Clonfert. He was about 38 years of age, and 13 years on the mission.

## KERRY—Death of a Priest

The death ${ }^{-}$is announced of the Rev. James Crowley, which occurred at the presbytery, Ardfert, on July
4. The deceased priest, who was a native of Castlegregory, had two brothers in ine sacred ministry, Rev. T. Crowley (deceased) and Rev. E. Crowley,
Beanfort.

## LIMERICK-The Munster-Connacht Exhibition

Lord and Lady Abevdeen, who had been the guests of Lord and Lady Dunraven at Adare Manor, motored on July 9 as far as Ballinacurra, a mile outside Limerick, and were thense escorted in semi-state to the city. The visit was in connection with the opening of the Munsier-Connacht Exhibition, and the function was discharged with much eclat.

## White Gloves for the Judge

Mr. Justice Johnson was presented with white gloves at the opening of the Limerick Assizes on July 5 . In making the piesentation, the City High Sheriff (Mr. E. J. Long, T.C.), reterring to the peaceful condition of the city, said it was a usual thing to present the County Court Judge with white gloves, and his predecessor, Sir Thomas Cieeve, had, while High Sheriff, presented white gloves to the judges of Assize on three occasions. The most peaceful conditions prevailed in Limerick amorgst all creeds and classes, and the relations between employers and employed were most harmonious. His Lordship, in congratulating Limerick upon its peaceiul condition, said he was very much struck by reading in the 'Freeman' was haps he should say in some of the daily papers-recently a statement made at a meeting of Limerick merchanks that Sir Thomas Clecve paind upwards of $£ 50,000$ in wages. A city where they found that occurring should get on. In times past the City of Limerick was celebrated for exploits in warfare, and in modern times for a warfare of a milder kind-in litigation. While glad that hostile warfare had ceased, he was sorry to say that the pcaceful spirit had invaded the private life of the pcople.

## QUEEN'S COUNTY_Death of Dr. MacDonnelI

Dr. Mark Antony MacDonnell, ex-M.P. for the Leix Division of Queen's C'ounty, who had been ill for a consider able time, passed away at Brignton early in July. The deccased was a brother of the Under-Secretary for Ireland.

## ROSCOMMON_-The Late O'Conor Don

At the Solemn Requiem Mass which was celebrated in Castlerea for the repose of the soul of the late O'Conor Don, his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam preached the panegyrsc, in the course of which he said deceased had told him that Home Rule would never be granted until the lard question was settled, a saying which every wise man knew to be true. The O'Conor Don had also told him that Irishmen would get the largest measure of Home Rule which they showed themselves qualified to administer for the benefit of Ireland without injury to the Empire. It had been said that The O'Conor Don was behind his time; but it appeared to him (the Archbishop) that he was before his time, and that the day would come when these views of The O'Conor Don would be the views of all thinking men in Ireland.

## TYRONE-Panic in a Church

During the closing services of a retreat conducted by the Redemptorisi Fathers at Mullanhoe, County Tyrone, on Sunday evening, July 8 , the congregation, numbering some 3000 , were thrown into a state of alarm by a cry that the rallery was giving way, and hastily left the church, which is a very old one. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

## WESTMEATH-Death of a Countess

The Countess of Westmeath died in London early in July. Mer ladyship was born Miss Blake, of County Galway, in 1861. She was married in 1883 .

## WICKLOW-Death of a Well-known Resident

General regret is felt in Dublin, Wicklow, and Kildare at the dealh of Captain Henry Harrington, which took place at his residence, Maurville, County Wioklow. Deceased was the third son of Dr. John Harrington; J.P., Canny Court, County Kildare, and Idrone Terrace, Blackrock, Dublin. He was in his 34 th year, and was a splendid specimen of athletic manhood. His demise has occasioned not only the greatest grief to his young wife and family, his numerous iriends and acquaintances, but the utmost surprise to many of them. It appears, however, that he was affected with, heart trouble, and that as a boy he had a severe attack of rheumatic fever, which came against him in after life, and eventually caused his death.

## Castle Methods

The question of the delay in carrying out the Arklow Harbor improvement works, for which a sum
of $£ 14,000$ has been allocated, was considered at the meeting of the Arklow Harbor Commissioners recent1y, and the opinion was expressed that the officials of the Durblin Castle boards were delaying the works by persistent obstruction. Sir Thomas Esmonde said he woutd again warn the people that they had to deal with a lot of secret enemies on the Castle boards, who were opposed to the granting of any money for the improvement of the fisheries of the East coast of Ireland. However, in a short time the people would have increased powers by local administration, and the next grant for the Harbor would be given by an Irish authority, and not by an English one, fot the settlement of these questions would be left in Irish hands. The delay caused was outrageous. He felt quite mad sometimes, particularly at the answers to questions in the House of Commons. There was no prevarication of the truth that those people would stop at. 'However,' said Sir Thomas Esmonde, in conclusion, 'we must only have patience. In another two years we will have the arrangement of these things in our own hands, and then we will make these gentlemen sit up.' Mr. R. Kearon, J.P. (a Conserva-tive)-I hope what, you say is true, at the way things are going on.

## GENERAL

## Local Industries

The development of lace and woollen industries in Ireland is one of the objects of an Yrish tour projected by Irish-Americans at the instance of the 'New World, of Chicago.

## Deaths from Consnmption

In 1904, the latest year for which returns are available, the number of deaths in Ireland from consumption was at the rate of 2.9 per 1000 , while in England it was only 1.23 , much less than one-half. Out of 79,513 people who died in Ireland in that year, 12,694 wele the vietims of tuberculosis, the majority of them being at the time of decease in the prime of life. When it is remembered (says the 'Free man's Journal ') hat for one who dies, there are about ten suflerng from the scourge, and who thus have their wagetarning capactty mole or less largely decreased, it may wall be said that this preventable malady is, next to empration, one of the greatest of this country's evils. And it is intimately connected with emigration, for it is the healthy who go, and the unhealthy who leman. In view of this terrible State of affairs, we are glad to see that the Local Government Board has issued instructions to the Rural and Urban Disitict Councils of Ireland as to the means to be taken to cure and to prevent the spread of consumption.

## Training Teachers for Great Britain

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Mr. Bryce said that the number of teachers traned in Irish Elementary Training Colleges who have left Ireland for Great Britann from the beginning of 1900 to the end of 1905 is 242 . The records, however, do not purport to account for all cases, particularly as some leachers who were trained in lreland, and who went to Great Biitain directly after their training, have not yet furnished returns of their destinations, and in such cases no information is available. The C'ommissioners have not sufficient data to enable fhem to assign a definte cause for the departure of those teachers. The total amount expended on the training of the teachers ieferred to was about $£ 20,000$, including diploma bonuses. It is not possitole to say to what extent the sum so expended is lost to ele mentary education in Ireland, for not only have most of these teachers given service after their training and6before leaving for Great Britain in Irish National Schools, 'vut many Irish trained teachers, after spending some time in Great Britain, have returned to Ireland and resumed service as National Teachers. During the year 1905 , 22 such teachers, $u$ ho had gone to schools in Great Britain, returned to Ireland, and are again teaching in National Schools.

Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C.., vice-president of the Executive Council, has returned from his seven months' trip abroad. Mrs. Hughes accompanied drer husband, and they visited Rome, Florence, Milan, Paris, and London.

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# People We Hear About 

Although ' Rolfe Boldrewood' (Mr. T. A. Browne) was eighty years old on $\Lambda$ ugust 8 , his well-known novel, 'Robljery Under Arms,' was only published 18 years ago.

Mardame Culie, who is a pious and practical Catholic lady, has been appointed Professor of General Plysics at the Uiniversily of Sorbonne, in succession to her husband, who, with her, was co-discoverer of
radium. radium.

Although he lost his right arm in a mill accidents in his boyhood, the late Michael Davitt was able to turn out an enormous amount of neatly-written manuscript with bis left hand. Not only did he write leng thy letters 10 Irisis-American and Irish-Australian
journals, but he jublished aboui a dozen bulky journals, but he published about a dozen bulky books.

It is understood that Mr. A. Wilson, the talented and highly respected lector ai the Dunedin Boys' High stitution at the end of the present year for the ine inpose of taking, up the position of editor of the 'New
porent Zealand Times.'

Gne of the best-read men of the British Labor Party is Mr. James O'Grady, the member for East
Leeds, who is an Ir'ishman and a C'atholic, and who has Leeds, who is an Ir'ishman and a C'atholic, and who has already made his mark in the Iouse of Commons. Fie is in his fortieth year, and a furnitule malier by occupalion.

The names of the following (atholics appeared in the recent Birthday Honors' List -G.C.B., Preskient Diaz, of Mexico, and General Sir William Butler, Luke O'Connor, Surgeon-General Keogh, ('B., Major-Generai Luke $O^{\prime}$ Connor, V.('., and Sis Christopher Nixon,
Bart.

A telegram fiom Sofia states that the funeral of the wife of Mr. Picice O'Mahony, tirangecon, Ire-
founder of St. Patrick's Orphanage, Sofa, for Macedonian onpans, where she had lesided for the pasi two and a balf yeats, was attended by Macedonalan socicties, and the people of Sofia. Telograms of condolence were received from Prince Feidinand and from
many others in all palts of Bulgaria.

There were over ten thousand spectators at Stamford Bradge eally in July, when the Amatour Athletic championships were decided. The high jump was by C. Leany, Dublin (holder), 6it. lin.; and the
long jump by P. O'Connor, Waterioid (holder), 23 ft . long jump by $P$. O'Connor, Wateriond (holder), $23 f i$.
$5 \frac{1}{2} i n . ~ T h e ~ p u t i n g ~ t h e ~ w e i g h t ~ c h a m p i o n s h i p ~ w h i c h ~$ Horgan, now in America, won in 1905, was not defended.

A good story of Mrs. Burns is told by the 'Newcastle Daly C'hloncie': 'Lady H-N recently wrote to the wife of the President of the Local Government Board segretting that, as Grosvenor Square was so far from Battersea, she could not call on Mrs. Burns, bui hoped Mrs. Burns would come to her party on the --... Mis. Burns replied, declining, as Baltersea was just as fal from Grosvenor Square as Grosvenul Square was from Battersea,'

In connection with the address from the Scottish priests educated in Spain to King Alfonso, it is pointed out that Senor Legido O'Felan, who is the Chancellor to the Spanish Consulate in Glasgow, has expressed great satisfaction thereat. Senor O'Felan is not an Irishman, but his mother is Irish, and in Spain the custom is to use the name of the father ard of the mother, the mother's name coming last. The Marquis de Villalobar, who is Chancellor to the Spanish Embassy in London, does not carry out this custom, becatise, no doubt, of bis title. But he is proud of the fact that his mother is an O'Neill which shows to what an extent Irish and Spanish families are associated.

The Red River Rebellion of the carly seventies, which brought Colonel (now Viscount) Wolseley and Caplain (now General Sir William) Butler into prominence is rocalled by the deatl of Mrs. Riel, recorded in the Canadian papers. She was the mother of Louis Riel, the leader of the rebel halforeeds, and had attained the age of 86 . Riel escaped across the border into the United States on that occasion, but in 1885 he headed a second rebellion in North Western Canada, was captured, and cxccuted, By a coincidence Gabriel Dumount, who was Riel's chicf lietutenant, died almost simultaneously with Mrs.

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## The Catholic World

## ENGLAND-For Catholic Charities

Canon Thomas Duchett, for 45 years pastor of the Church of SS. Joseph and Etheldred's, Rugeley, 'has left about $£ 10,000$ to (atholic charities.

## The Late Senor Garcia

Senor Manuel Garcia was laid to rest in a private burying-ground aitached to the Catholic chapel of $5 t$ Edward's, at sutton Place, near Woking. According to his wishes, only the nealust relatives were present.

## A Benefactress

Mrs. Ada Mary Augustus Stephenson, a grandniece of Lord Byron, has presented Archbishop Bourne with the money to build a church for the 'ralbury Dock dis
trict of London.

## The Late Father Coghlan

If not actualiy a native of Queenstown, the Rev Thomas Lloyd Coghlan, who passed away recently at Folkestone (writes a correspondent of a Home exchange), spent his early days there, and in its old parisil chapel celebrated his first Mass and proached his first sermon. Father Coghlan's father was one time Protes tant curate of Cove, but having gone for a time to Torquay, he came under the influence of the Oxford movement, and was one of the very few Irish Protestant clergymen who were led by it to join the Catholic Church. Returning to Queenstown, Dr. Coghlan school at spy Ifill, next to the Scols' Church bearding school at Spy Ifill, next to the Scots' Church; and amongst his pupils, most of whom were Protes~ tants, was Sir Eyre Massey Shawe, of London Fire Brigade iame. Dr. Coghlan was also for a time on the teaching stafi of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and late in life, after his wife's death, was himself ordained priest, beng then considerably over
70 years of age. 70 years of age

## Good Advice

A correspondent sends the ' Catholic Times' a cojy of a Farnborough paper containing an attack on the Caunt of Church by Mr. Aified Porcolli, and an account of the retaliatory measures it provoked from Anglicans and Cathoiics. Our correspondent (says the 'Catholic Times'), familiar as he is with the selfsacrificing lives of our pilests and nuns, feels strongly inclined to lesent the ourrageous conduct of Mr. Porcelli and his abetter, a local Protestant clergyman named Rawlings, in carlying on this campaign of calumny. We admit that patience is difficult when the foodgates of falsehood ate thus openeri, and we hold that allowance is to be made for local Anglicans and Catholics who compelled Mr. Porcelli and Mr. Rawlings to secure police protection and one of whom was fined for dainaging a window, but we would beg them to remember that they are giving these two gentlemen an advertisement which they seek, but do not deserve. It is only necessary to leave them absolulely alone. Their un-thristian methods are sufficient which they appear as representatives. Mr. Porcelli for years aired all his anti-Catholic virulence in the columns of the 'Rock,' with what effect? All we can say is that the 'Rock' died.

## Stonyhurst

The Stonyhuist Association, whose annual dinner took, place in London a few weeks ago, are the 'old boys of the famous Jesuit College, near Clitheroe, in Lancashire, which has been called 'the Catholic Eton.' Stonyhurst is the leading college of its kind in England, and it is particularly celebrated for its observatory, some of the Jesuit Fathers being noted astronomers. Stonyhurst Collere is an excellent example of some of the ironies of history. It is really the continuation on English soil of the historic College of St. Omer, which was founded in 1592 by Father Parsons, the famous Jesuit, who was so sharp a thorn in the side of England in Elizabethan days. In the very year Father Parsons-blitter in heart against Eng-
land-was settling down ai St. Omer, the mansion land-was settling down ai St. Omer, the mansion later, when the Jesuit Fathers of the original foundation of St. Omer were driven from Liege by the French Revolution, it was in the old Elizabethan mansion of The Condition found a home.

The Duchess of Norfolk laid the foundation stone recently at Johnstone street, London, of a Working man's clulb, which Father Bernard Vaughan is having built in connection with the Church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Commercial Road. The building is
to be known as St. Mary's Hall. After the 'Duchess of Norfolk had laid the fourdation stone, the Archbishop of Westminster blessed it. Father Bernard Vaughan, in thanking the Duchess, said he considered that nowadays some such club-house as they were electing was as necessary in a parish as a school or a church. They had to take human nature as they found it, and in the environment in which circunt stances had pitched it; and in the East-End it was practically homeless, with the streets for the children o play in, and the drink shops for the men to lounge in, and the doorways for women to gossip in. That state of things bred larrikins and hooligans, loafers, and neter-do-wells, fiom which was recruited that formidable army called the unemployed. The state of things in the Easr-End was a disgrace to the worse off than the poor in Naples. But were no worse off than the foor in Naples. But England could not be compared with Ilaly, where, with a lay oi sunshine and a slice of melon, a man magit get on well enough; for in England the poor had neihomes,' say the people, ' and are turned out of our homes,' say the pcople, ', and asked to emigrate to make room for the alien.' If only their legislators would live for a few days among the East-Euders, they would return to the House of Commons with tue, practical, and stavesmanlike views about such problems as the Aliens Bill and Ilousing and Samla tion Bills

## FRANCE-Sanitation at Lourdes

The well known French writer Jean de Bonnefon nas just drawn a urited protest from the doctors at Lourdes. He described this fanious resorit of the faithful as a hotbed of infection. In an affirmation which they have signed they declare that the sanitary condition of Lourdes is excellent, that the rate of mortality there is Iower than in other towns of the same size, and that the presente of the plgrims causes no danger of an epidemic. is a matiter of fact the pil grims who visit Lourdes do not as a rule go thither suffering from contasious distases. Hany of them are blind, deaf, paralysed, and the victims of other incurable maladies, but the cases in witich contagion is possible are rare. When they do occur the invalitls are kept apart from other people, bathed in water which is reserved for them, and the water is contiatually renewed In a word, the utmost possible care is taken to prevent the communication of disease. In Franen sick pilgrims are conveyerl to Lourdes in special trains which are under medical supervision, whilst sick persons travelling to ondinay healih-ienorts often max with general passengers.

## ITALY-An Act of Folly

An amusing incident occurned some thme ago in Rome, when the Freetbinhers of - that city ericted a monument to Nichola Spedalsen, berse urder the impression that he was a 'vielin of fapal crubly' and a Freethinker of the fissi water. There was not much diffeulty in proving, however, that far from being a Freethinker, or a 'victim' of the Papacy, Sperdalieri was in reality nothing nore or less than an agent of the Holy See, from which he recelvad a fixed salary. This discovery, after the statue had been erected, led to an amusing result. Spedalieif's rame was erased from the pedestal, and no other placed in its stead, so that to this day the majuiluy of the Romans are ignorant as to whom the statue represents. The taxcollector, however, is well aware why cerlain taxes have been so inordinately inczeased-simply to enable the Freethinkexs and Freemasons to indulge their mana for erecting statues for the puryose of making themselves unpleasant to their ('atholic fellow'citizens.

## ROME-The Pope as Arbitrator

The American Republics of Columbia and Peru having agreed to refer all questions arising between them to the arbitration of the Sovereign Pontin, the monts make a arranged that the contending Governments make a provisional accord by each withdrawing their troops from the disputed grount at Butumayo until the question is decided by arbibration.

## COTI_AND-A Distinguished Visitor

Amongst the distinguished cilizens of the States Grace the Archbishop of New to Edinhurgh was his Grace the Archbishop of New York. The Arcibbishop was accompanied by his sccretaries, Father M'Mackan and Father Lewis.
Scottish Priests and King Alfonso
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## UNITED STATES-A Race with Death

Rev. Father Purcell had a grim but victorious race
d'Alene,
eath dith death
of
on
the day (says the Philadelphia 'Catholic Standard and Times'). Arthur Mc(quillain was run over and fatally injured on the Micah Creek logging railroad. Knowing that he wa's about to die, Micquillan asked for a priest. The dying man was placed upon a special train and hurried to the lakeside, then transferred to a steam launch and started in the direction of Coeur d'Alene City. In the meantime Father Purcoll bad been telephoned to, and he also rushed to the
water front boarded Water front, boarded a launcls and started up the lake to meet he incoming buat. The two launches met in the middile of the lake. The dying logger was transierred to the boat of the priest, who adminisistered to him the last offices of the Church. As the priest spoke the words of the closing prayer McQuillan died.

## GENERAL

## Death of a Missionary

The death is announced of the Rev. James 0 'Haire, who had been engaged for many years on
the Arrican mission feld the African mission field.

## Catholics in Two Republics

Whilst the Catholics jusily complain of persecution in France, the Catholics of the United States of America acknowledge that the laws and the authorities of the country are entiiely fair towards them. The Hierarchy of the States, in the letter they have addressed to the Freach Bishops (says the © Catholic Times'), express their confidence that under the guidance and instruction of the Holy Father, and of their Bishops, they will profess their faith as well in the political arena as in private life, and will thus soon recover the liberties of which they have been robbed. A French correspondent whose letter we published last Week wrote : 'There are thirty-eight millions of us French Catholics.' If even half of the thirty-cighth millions felt concern for the faith they profess, could they not make it impossible for the Government to rontinue the infamous persscuation they are carrying
on? The thing is done in outher countries; why canl on? The thing is done in other countries; why can-
not it be done in France. At one time the Know. Nothings organised a fincree persecutiou ine the Knowthey were defeated, though the Catholics were then in much fewer numbers than they are now. In Ger-
many the Catholics liave successiull def many the Catholics have successiully defended themall attacks.

## The Malta Incident

Some of the Scottish papers (says the 'Catholic Times') have been indulging in ticrec diatribes against The Archbishop of Malta, and there has been sent to us a copy of a little magazine called , The Mesas ' the remarkable recrudescence, of Roluan Catholic
intolerance in the British intolerance in the British , Empire, O On sign of the
'remarkable recrudescence, is the fact that we remarkable recrudescence, is the fact that we are
endeavoring to prevent cating our schools. To this port of the clarge ${ }^{\text {ponfis- }}$ we
have to have to prove guilty, and we do it with an easy con-
science. Another sign of the recrudescence is the de mand made by the Archhislop of Malta for the suspension of a Protestant mission which was being theld
by the Rev. writer in the Message should have secured aceurate information before resorting to denunciation. We have had before us the iull information given by the Archatre is not a theatre in the sense in which the author of the article in the 'Message, understands the word. 'It is a building raised and supported by the have authority over it as representing the people. The granting of the town hall for a Catholic mission in the most Protestant town in England would be a case somewhat similat. The Governor's courduct in come Plying with the Archbishop's request proves that he
eilt it would not be just to give the use of hild relt it would not be just to give the use of a buidd-
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## Domestic

## By "Maureen ${ }^{\text {P }}$

## Lemon Marmalade.

Take any number of lemons, slice finely and re move seeds. To each pound of fruit add three pints of cold water, let stand for 24 hours, then boil till tender. Weigh it, and to every pound of pulp, add $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{t}$ sugar. Boil together till it jellies.

## Orange Marmalade.

Take twelve oranges and three lemons, slice finely remove seeds. Cover seeds with hot water. To each pound of fruit add three pinis of cold water.- Let liguor from seeds, and add to Next day strain off altogether till skins ale tender. Weigh it, Bit. Boil every it of fruit and liquor add $1 \frac{1}{2}$ th of sugar, or lits of sugar to each orange. Boil ${ }^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}}$ till sugar, or it starts to boil.

Healthy Hair.
Dandruff arises from an unhealthy condition of the
ap. The best. reatment is by Scalp. The best- treatment is by friction. morning. There is a lotion, composed night and of borax dissolved in one pint of rosemary water, which is said to be Jeneficial, applied three times each week and thoroughly rubbed into the scalp. rriction or massage is usually recommended as the best treatment. Wash the head once every two weeks, and when doing so massage the soalp vigorously ther means of stimulatuploying a rotary motion. Anscalp is to separate the bair when shampooing, and scrub the scalp thoroughly with a finger-brush. This with the massage by the fingers, will effectually prevent the condition termed scalp-lound, and tend to eradicate dandruff. This treatment shourd be continued. rudbled in at the roots of the hair with vaseline lips will have a good effect. Health and Diet.
There are few things mole desirable or important than health, yet it is astonishing to find how very said that over-eating is or altogether well. It is health, and that more people suffer source of illwhis cause thran from hunger or starvation. The World is beginning to realise that starvation. The
dote for this is the antidote for this evil, and the secret of well-being. By dieular thing, which the claze for this or that parto time and results in pioducing faddists from time selection and consumption of such food stuffis the while they repair the daily wasle and give the greatest amount of nutrition, make the least demands on organc exertiont Too much meal and too much ful sources of ill-health. from day to day, and week people consume these the fact that an endless variety weck, quite ignoring from simple foods, which is infinitely more obtained ing.

The reason given for taking too much meat is that it is more satisfying than anythimg meat is else,
but the real reason is that it is a matter of halyit. In a hook, 'rood in relation to matter of written with the object of trying to convince working people that by eating simple foods both they and their children will be healthier and sironger and bave meat is by no means on comforts, it is shown that meat is by no means reparded as the most nourish'so simple and strength-giving, except nuts, as hrors, and cheese. A Altb of cheese contains more than double the nourishment of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of beef steak at about
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## The World's Cables.

There are at the present time about 225,000 miles of electric cables lying on the biottom of the sea. About $6,000,000$ messages are transmitted by cable every year. The wolling speed averages up to 100 words per minute. The average useful life of a submarine cable, urder present conditions, may be anywhere from thiriy to forty years.

## Concerning laghtning.

The Etruscans of old beleved that there were three kinds of lightning-one nucapable of doing any injury; another mole mischievous in its character, and consequentiy only to be rssued with the consent of a quorum of twelve gods, and a third carrying mischief in its tram, and for which a regular decree was required from the highest divinities in the Etruscan skies. Curiously enourh, modern scientific men agree with the view that there are three kinds of lightning, but their varieties differ from the Etruscans. The first is known as forked lightning, and runs in rigzag lines; the second as sheet lightning, because it is seen in a body; and the third as globe lightning, as it sometimes runs in the shape of a ball. The latter vartety is rather slow in moving.

## Money in Seawced.

On the south-west coast of Norway a profitable industry is found in the burning of seaweed. The weed grows in veritable forests-not merely of small plants, but trees 5 ft or 6 ft in height. The crop is harvested every year, and then stacked in bundles for burning, so that during the scason thousands of bonfires bkurn like beacons along the coast. The ashes ale then collected and shipped abroad (mainly to Great Britain), where their valuable chemical properties amongst which iodme is the nost important-are utilised in mantifactures. So profitable is the industry that the agricultural population have been made prosperous by it, and ale able to improve their farms and practise scientific cullivation, so that the seaweed crop provided by Neptune has been of double benefit to them.

## The Czar's Remarkable Watch.

There is in the possession of the Czar a remarkable watch which had a curious origin. It was made by a Polish mechanic named Jules Curzon. The late Czar had heard some wonderful tales about the inventive ability of this man. Wishing to test his skill, he sent him a parcel containing a few copper nails, some wood chippings, a piece of broken glass, an old cracked china cup, some wire, and a few cribluageboard pegs. Accompanying this was a command to make them into a timepicee. Within a remarkably short time the Czar received them back in the shape of a watch. The case was made of china, and the works of the other odds and ends. Several distinctions and a pension formed the reward of the ingenious mechanic.

## Modern War.

Im Homeric days (says the "Scientific American') a battle was a conflict of armed mobs. The nearer you gelt to your assailant, the better was your chaluce of killing or being killed. The bigger the man the better were his chances in the strife. In these piping times of mechanical warfare the situation is reversed. Battles are lought at rangtes of a mile or so. The smaller a man the less are his chances of being hit. An ingenious mathematician has figured out that perhaps the casualties on the Japanese side must have breen considerabdy less than those of the Russian in the recent war, if it be assumed that the marksmanship of each was equally good. The arlvantage of the Japanese was inversely as the cubes of their height and brefadth. The average targets offered by each to the enemy are as the cubes of 1585 and 1642 , or as 106 to 118, an advantage in favor of the Japanese of about 12 per cent.

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Mother Mary Raymond Lundberry, Prioress of St. Dominic's Priory, North Adelaide, celebrated her golden jubilee on August 28.

The Rev. Father D. F. O'Callaghan, Rector of Heidelberg (Vic.), is leaving on a holiday of some months; duration. He has been associated with the district for close on a quarter of a century.

Rev. Father Mulcreevy has been transferred from Tatura to Numurkah, Father Lawless, from Shepparton, being his successor al 'ratura. These parishes are in the dioceses of Sandhurst.

The Convents of Mercy at Coolgardie and Menzies (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross') took about 83 per cent. of the lotal musical results in the recent examinations held in W.A. in connection with the Royal Academy of Music.

Sister M. Fstelie, one of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died in the convent, Zeehan recently. She was a rasmanian, of a very highly-respected family. The deceased was beloved by all who knew her, her gentleness and piets winning her many friends.

During the illness of the late Anglican Bishop of Bendigo, Dr. A. H. Langley, his Loidship the Right Rev. Dr. Reville (Bishop of Sandhurst) and his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Fifgins (Bishop of Ballarat) made personal calls at his residence.

Brother Victor, who was formerly Director at St. Benedich's School (says the Syaney 'Catholic Press'), is now Provincial of the Masist Brothers in Australia and New Zealand. He succeeds Brother Stanislaus, who has been appointed head of the novitiate, which will shortly be transierred to Mittagong.

Mr. Cecil Healy, of Sydney, the Irish-Australian swimmer, won the lou metres championship of France al. "Harenton, in the record time of 68 seconds. He also put up a record in the 200 metres handicap at the same place, the time being 2 min 31 sec . The handicap, however, was too much for him, as he got but second place.

At a mecting of the executive of the United Irish League of Victoria, heid on August 6 , it, was decided to remit a draft for $£ 3000$ to Mr. John Redmond. This amount constitutes the first instalment of the collections tahen up in Victoria in connection with the visit of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan. When the final returns came in it is expected that another $£ 1500$ will be available.

The estate of the late Mr. John Lalor, of Yarrawonga, has been realised, ancl the following amounts are now avaliable:-Sisters of Mercy, Yarrawonga, ${ }^{2} 2847 \mathrm{~s} 9 \mathrm{~d}$; Lithe Sisters of the Poor, Northeote, $£ 568 \mathrm{15s} 5 \mathrm{~d}$; St. Vincent's Ifospital, Melbourne, £94 15 s 11 s ; Sisters of St. Joseph, Surrey Hills, £568 15 s 5 d ; Foundling Hospital, Lroadmeadows, £189 11s 10d; Nuns of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford, £189 11 s 10 d .

Sister Mary Clement, of St. Mary's Good Samaritan Convent, Wollongong, died suddenly on August 11. She appeared to be in her usual health in the morning, and had been preparing some of the pupils for a concert, which it was intended to give in the afternoon. While passing through the chapel she suddenly collapsed, and immedialely expired, death being due to heart failure. Sister M. Clement, whose name in the world was Miss Mary C. Donovan, was a native of County Cork, Ireland, was 52 years of age, and had been professed for 25 years.

The following clevical changes in the diocese of Sandhurst are amnounced: Rev. Faiher Ryan has been appointed to the parish of Beechworth, with Rev. Father Ellis, of Chiltern, as curate Rev. Father Rooney, who was officiating at Beechworth pending Father Pyan's appointment, has been transferred to the parish of Numulkah. Father Rooney was made the recipient of a handsome travelling rug by the members of the H.A.C.B Sociely prior to his departure. Rev. Father Tobin will replace Kev. Father Ryan at Wodonga.

The Catholics of the parish of Oberon gave practical expression to their esteem and goodwill for their pastor, Rev. Father Doran, the other day, when they presented him with a beautifully illuminated address, accompanied by a substantial purse of sovereigns. The presentation took place at the residence of Mrs. M. Mahoney, who entertained the assembled company. The testimonial was intended as a surprise for Father Doran, and that purpose was attained. The committce pushed matters along during Father Doran's absence an a short vacation.

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If you've anything to love, As a blessing from above, Love it.
If you've any debt to pay, Rest you neither night nor day, Pay it.
If you've anything to give, That another's joy may live, Give it.
If you know what torch to light, Guiding others through the night,

Light it.

## DICK WHITTINGTON

Most boys and girls have heard, in song or story, play or pantomime, of the famous Dick Whittington, thrice London's Lord Mayor, and of his equally famdus cat. The most commonly known version of his story is that he came to London friendless and alone, save for a cat, to which he was very much attached. He sought vainly for employment for a considerable time, but at length found work as a scullion in the household of one of the merchant-lords that were so common in London during the reigns of the Lancastrian kings.

It seems that his master was in the habit of trading with the natives of Africa; and it was customary for each person in his employment to send, with the skippers of his vessels, some article which might be exchanged for gold dust, ivory, or the like. Poor Dick was urged by some of his fellow-servants to serd his cat; but, geiting up early one morning, he escaped from the house with the intention of shaking the dust of the capital fiom his feet.

In Oheapside he sal down to rest; and as he sat the bells of the church of Saint Mary-le-Bow rang out. To Dick they seemed to say :

Turn round, Whittington-turn around,
Thise Lord Mayor of London town.
Dick returned to his work, and consigned his cat to the skipper of the next vessel of his master that sailed for Africa. In the port to which the vessel came there was a plague of rats and mice. Cats there were none, so that the skipper netted a considerable amount of valuables by hiring out the cat of the scullion. Some accounts say the cat was sold for commodities so taluable that Dick was shortly taken into partnership by his master, and later married his daughter.

Such is the legendary story of Whittington. Sober history tells us that such a personage really existed; that he was thrice chosen chief magistrate of London; that during his third mayonalty he entertained with great magnificence King fenry $V$. and his consort, Catherine of France. He also established sev. eral charitable foundations, one of which was a 'God's House 'for thirteen poor men.

In the manuscript constitutions of the Mercers' Company of London, it is laid down that all the inmates of this almshouse 'shall say each morning a 'Pater Noster' and an 'Ave Maria' to God and Maiden Mary.' Such prayers were to be offered to God for the happy repose ol the souls of Sir Richard Whittington and his wife Alice; and the orisons were to conclude with the words: 'God have, mercy on our fourders' souls and on all Christians !

The 'cat' that popular legends connect with Whittington is thought really ?o have been a ship which bore that name, and by trading with which he acquired an immense fortune. He was knighted by Henry V., and died -in 1423.- Ave Maria.'

## MÓDERN PHILOSOPHY

A wond to the wise is resented.
Where there's a will there's a lawsuit.
Fols rush in and win-where angels fear to tread.

Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate.

Love is romantic. Matrimony is dccidediy a matter of fact.

When we hear of other people's troubles it reconciles us to our own.

We never know how good we are going to be until the opporiunity has passed.

If you bestow a favor forget it, but if you receive one it is wise to remember.

Happiness is the greatest of tonics, 'the best of cosmetics, and the envy of dyspeptics.

## OBEYED INSTRUCTIONS

A shoemaker in- the city of Dublin, getting on well in the way of business, bocame proud. One day there were a lot of customers in the shop, when the shopboy came in to say that the mistress bid him say, dinner was ready.
'What's for dinner?' asked the shoemaker.
' Herrings, sir,' answered the boy.
'All right,' sald the shoemaker, but when he went up to dinner he reprimanded the boy for not mentioning something decent and big, telling the boy in future always to mention a good feed when there were in people in the shop.

A few days after the boy came to say that dinner was ready.
'What's for dinner?' asked the shoemaker.
' Fish, sir,' answered the boy.
'What sor't of fish?' asked the shoemaker.
'A whale, sir,' answered the boy.

## KEEPING YOUNG

How to keep young is one of the questions of perennial interest to the feminine mind. Amelie Rives, the noted author, who is said to look like a girl in her teens, recently told of her reply to a physician who wrote her to send him the secret of what he called her perpetual youlh. 'I wrole back that the must consider the cost,' she said. 'It is a cost that few of his fashionable patients would make, for I rise early, ride or walk in the country roads, live close to my books, see few people, and retire at 10 . What fashionable women could endure my life? I remember thinking about it one winter morning, when I was walking alone, the crisp, cracking snow under my feet, the of bush and of a gossamer frost revealing every twig of bush and tree, and I was so invigorated and happy I could have whistled like a boy with delight. But if I had been a woman of fashion I couldi't have endured the silence, the cmpty distances, the quiet; why, a woman of fashion would die in my place, and I am quite sure that $I$ should in hers.'

## PRIEST AND PICKPOCKET

Father Groach, a London priest, repeats this story, told him ly the late Falher haye, prison chaplain :of Father Kaye's "children," a well known pickpocket, gave his reverince surh instructions as to the methods of the fraternily as to secure him from ever being a victim.

- Some years afterwards Father Kaye met his former instructor, who inquired if he remenbered and observed the methods of precaution imparted to him. The good Father replied that he did, and that though he had often been hustled, he had always managed to hold his own.
'Arrived at the Houses of Parliament-they were crossing Westminster Bridge-the now reformed but still skilful pickpocket offered the Father his watch, saying: "Here you are, Father; I "pinched, it as we were talking of olden times in the middle of the bridge." :When Father Kaye recovered from his astonishment his friend had gone, but the watch was safe.'


## MISTAKES OF WOMEN

One of the mistakes of women is not knowing how to eat. . If a man is not to be fed when, she is, she thinks a cup of tea or anything handy is good enough. If she needs to save money, she does it at the butcher's cost. If she is busy, she will not waste time in eating. If she is unhappy, she goes without food. A man eats if the sheriff is at the door, if his work drives, if the undertaker interrupts ; and he is. right. Another of her mislakes. is in not knowing when to rest. If she is tired, she may sit down, but she will darn stockings, crochet shawls, embroider doilies.

Doesn't she know that hard work tires? If she is exhausted she will write letters or make up her accounts. She would laugh at you if you hinted that reading or writing would fail to rest her.

## ODDS AND ENDS

## Nobody wants to be a nobody, Which sounds ravier queer. But why? <br> Because it's a rational statement Which aobody will deny

Pat: 'What be yer charge for a funeral notice in yer paper?

Editor: 'IIalf a-crown an inch.'
Pat: ' Good heavans ! An'me poor brother was 6 ft high.'

It is not always the clever boy at school who succeeds later in life, the late is more often with the plodder. Sir Walter Scolt was a dunce at scheol; Hume's mother spoke of him as 'uncommon weak-minded ' Chatterton, as a child, was described by his mother as 'Inttle better than an absolute fool'; Cardinal Wisenan, as a hoy, was 'dull and stupid'; Goldsmith was so 'thick-headed' that his teachers despaired of doing anything with hmm; and Wellington was by common consent the 'dunce of the family.'

The elite of the township were recently gathered in the local schoolioom to enjoy some tableaux vivants by local performers. The curtain had just fallen an a really creditable pricture of the death of Nelson, shown to slow music, when one who was known to be a friend of the gentleman representing the greatest naval hero rose aurd lived to make his way towards the stage.

Keep your scats, please,' said the stage manager. 'We're much obliged for your hind applause, ladies ard gentlemen, and were going to give you the death of Nelson over again.
'Oh, are yer?' came from the hero's friend. 'Then if you'tl tell Nelson 'is litchen chimley's afire, p'ihaps 'e won't die so blesised lingerin'.

## FAMILY FUN

Having shown hali-a-dozen pieces of paper, about the size of a shilmon, mysteriously place three of them on the back of the right hernd, and on blowing them they will naturally fly off. Make a remark that even paper contanns latent magnetic forces, which render it obedient to one's will, so that 'however hard you blow upon your liand with the three other papers on it, the one desired by the company to remain on it, spite of the aity current, will so stay.' When one has been designated, merely lay your lett forefinger on it, and, on blowing, the other two pieces will fly away. Such an impurlent feat whll occasion great applause and bilarity. When amounced wikh due mystery and carried out with sufficieni audacity this 'sell' is a great success.

Here is a new guessing contest that ought to please the younger readers of this department and make the older ones put on their thinbing caps. At the top of siips of paper write 'The Islands we risit,' and give the foliowing list of questions, withholding the answeis until after the contest:

What island is six-sided? Cuba.
What island is a pine tree? Cypress.
What island is always veldant? Greenland.
What island is always wrathiul? Yreland.
What island is rough and unrefined? Corsica.
What island has the greatest length? Long island.
What islands take the form of small birds? Canary

What island was recentiy discovered? Newfoumdland.
What island offirs pienty of frozen refreshments? Iceland.

What island is a bright English coin? New Guinea

What island should contain plenty small fish? Sardinia.

What island should maiden Iadies visit? The Isle of Man,

What island las many thoroughfares? Isle of Rhodes.

What islands are always to be had at pienies and quick lunch counters? Sandwich Islands.

What island offers a very poor beverage in place of the cup that cheers, but does not inebriate? Hayti.

What island has in its name a very inhospitable greeting for ships that come into its ports? Ceylon.
(Sailon) (Sailon).

## All Sorts

Switzerland, with a population of only $3,500,000$, can put 500,000 men into the field. Her army costs her only a million a year.

Twelve persons own one quarter of Scotland ; one fourth of the acreage of England and Wales is in the hands of 710 individuals.

The greatest depth to which a submarine boat is known to have descended under full control, and without inquiry, is 138 ft .

At Manheim, on the Rhine, a firm of rope manufacturers makes steel-wire towing-ropes, 5 ixin. in circumierence, in one continuous lergith of nearly nineteen miles, and weighing over 210 tons.

The British soldier carries a helmet which weighs $1 \frac{1}{4}$; the helmet of the Prussian infantryman weighs only a trifle over 14oz, while the Italian is still better of with a kepi which turns the scale at between 110z. and 120z.

A Ilome paper states that the first game of lawn tennis was played in 1874 , by Major Wingfield, its reputed inventor, the late Clement Scott, and two others. It was at least two years lader before the game assumed anything like its present form and began to attract any attention.

Prince Henry of Prussia is insured for $£ 180,000$; the Czarina for $£ 250,000$, her daughter, the Grand Duchess Olga, for $£ 500,000$; and the Cyar himself for £800,000. Probably the largest insurance policy of any description is that of $£ 10,000,000$ taken out by the British Admiralty to cover the risks attendant on the naval manocuvies.

A hawk can spy a lark upon a piece of earth almost exactly the same color at twenty times the distance it is perceptible to a man or dog. A kite soaring out of human sight can still distingulish and pounce upon lizards and fieid-mice ont the ground, and the distance at which vuluucs and eagles can spy their prey is almost incredible. Iecent discoveries have inclined naturalists to the belief that birds of prey have not the acute scnse of smeli with which they were once accredited. Their acute sirht seems better to account for their actions, and they appear to be gulded by sight alone, as they tever snif at anything, but gaze straight at the ovjects of their desire.

There are fourteen bones in the nose. The sense of smell is probably more acute in the dog than in any animal. Some physiologists assert that the olfactory nerves are destilute of the power of sensation otherwise than to detect odours. 'Nosology', is not, as some might suppose, the science of noses. The term comes from two Gircek words and signifies the scientific classification of diseases. In the finny tribe there is no communication beineen the nasal cavities and the mouth. Fish do not use their noses in breathing, but breathe through theif gills, so no communication is necessary. The lobsters which we are now trying (ai Portobello, Olago) to introduce into New Zealand, can smell as well as animals that live upon the land. A piece of decayed meat suspended in the water in a locality where lobsters are abundant will soon be completely surrounded by a greedy, fighting crowd. The swordfish uses his nose as a weapon of offence and defence. This member is often several feet loner and armed on each side with strong horns.

At the Central Criminal c'ourt in Lrondon there were recently (says the 'Weekly Freeman ') an exceptional number of clarges of making and uttering counterfeit coin. At the conciusion of one of the eases the foreman of the jury asked the authorities if they would take a sugrestion from twelve business men who during the year had to deal with considerable sums in silver coin. There was a most simple lest tor the detection of base coin. It was to sharply cut the milled edge ol a good coin against the milled edge of the suspected coin. If the suspected coin were a spurious one the metal would almost immerliately begin to shave off. It was, he added, a test that could be carried out anywhere, on the top of a 'bus or in a shop, and the public ought to be acquainted with it. After making a personal lest, the common Serjeant said he quite agreed with the suggestion of the jury as to the usefulness of the test, and said it ought to be made known. The foreman athded that he had written to three Chancellors of the Fxchequer, pointing out that they ought not to deprive the public of this simple test by issuing crown pieces and threepenny pieces without milled
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