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February 17, , Sunday.—First Sunday of Lent.
 „ 18, Monday.—St. Raymond, Confessor.
 „ 19, Tuesday.—St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 20, Wednesday.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor. Ember Day.
 „ 21, Thursday.—St. Paul, the First Hermit, Confessor.
 „ 22, Friday.—The Lance and Nails. Ember Day.
 „ 23, Saturday.—St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor. Ember Day.

St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Titus was a Greek by birth, and the son of a Gentile father and a Jewish mother. He accompanied St. Paul to Jerusalem to the Council, and on his various extensive journeys, and was finally established by him Bishop of Crete, about the year 62. He died about 105, at the advanced age of 94 years. St. Paul wrote an Epistle to him, which contains instructions for his disciple.

St. Paul, the First Hermit.

St. Paul, the first hermit and surnamed the 'Father of Hermits,' was born at Thebes, in Upper Egypt, in 228. During the Decian persecution he fled into the desert of the Thebaid, and lived there in a cave to the great age of 113 years, practising austere penance and occupied in prayer and contemplation.

St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Peter was born at Ravenna, in the north of Italy, about 988. After a youth of hardship, he entered a Benedictine monastery at the foot of the Appenines, where for many years he led a life of austerity, prayer, and study. His great piety and learning having brought him under the notice of his ecclesiastical superiors, he was employed by more than one Pope in important affairs, and displayed great zeal and prudence. In 1057 he was created Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia, but five years later he succeeded in obtaining permission to resign his bishopric and return to his monastery. His death occurred in 1072.

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With the holy cross myself I sign,
 From forehead to breast the upright line,
 From shoulder to shoulder the cross's arms,
 My soul and body to save from harms.
 While on my forehead my hand I lay,
 'In the Name of the Father,' is all I say;
 In the Name, for all Three are One,
 And the next I say, 'And of the Son.'
 While on my breast my hand I place,
 Lastly the rest of the cross I trace,
 From shoulder to shoulder, saying then,
 'And of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Let me think it over again,
 With the Name of the Father I sign my brain,
 Seat and Symbol of mind and thought;
 For I believe what God has taught.
 With the Name of the Son my heart I sign,
 Seat and symbol of love divine.
 O heart of Jesus, I give Thee mine.
 While on my shoulders the cross I trace,
 I name the Holy Ghost, whose grace
 Will make the heavy burden light,
 As bravely I bear it in God's sight.

Thus shall the work of each day be done,
 In the Name of the Father and of the Son,
 And Holy Ghost, God, Three in One.

—Rev. Matthew J. Russell, S.J.

Be true to your word, your work, and your friend.
 The artist uses a stone and it is a statue, the mason uses a stone, and it is a doorstep.
 The cross, therefore, is always ready and everywhere waits for thee. Thou canst not escape it wheresoever thou runnest; for wheresoever thou goest thou carriest thyself with thee, and shalt ever find thyself.—Thomas a Kempis.

To the intellectually well-furnished man there is, indeed, no such thing as solitude. His inner world is thronged with life. He gets away from the crowd that he may understand it. This explains partly the love of solitude of the great saints.

The Storyteller

HIS DAUGHTER ELIZABETH

(Concluded from last week.)

'I have told Mrs. Wing and her daughter Laura,' said Father Reade, 'and you can imagine how they are beseeching the intercessions of Heaven.'
 'I am almost as much interested as they,' said Dr. Burton.

'But not more confident,' returned the priest, with a smile.

And again, a week later, they met to exchange ideas and hazard conjectures.

'Mrs. Wing told me that there was a low window-seat in her husband's room, and that he often remarked that it would make a splendid hiding-place for anything of value. Try the suggestion on the fellow, if you get a chance. It may help.'

So spoke Father Reade. Dr. Burton smiled.

'You can well say, "if I get the chance." I have been acting a part this last two weeks, and fancy that Miss Wing is convinced that I have no untoward intentions. Nevertheless—'

Next day fortune favored him. He sent Elizabeth for hot water, and while she was out of the room turned to the old man.

'Can you remember?' he asked eagerly.

The old man shook his head.

'The room that Mr. Wing died in—do you remember the window-seat?'

A sudden gleam shot across the other's face.

'The window-seat—the centre panel—' he began; then he shook his head once more.

'Forgive me, doctor—it is all blurred. I shall never remember.'

But he had given the physician food for thought—and then a plan that almost took his breath away by its daring suggested itself. It necessitated his calling upon the two in whose lives he had become such a factor for good, and when, in his earnest way, he had unfolded his scheme, Mrs. Wing, trembling with excitement rose to the occasion.

'For my child's sake, who has been such a good and tender daughter, I will place myself under your guidance,' she said simply.

Dr. Burton had been a frequent visitor to Miss Wing's, and when, two days later, he called, accompanied by a sweet-faced, elderly woman attired in deep mourning, no one made any objections when he said he would go to Miss Elizabeth's sitting-room and await her return. Three-quarters of an hour later he summoned one of the servants and said that his good friend had suddenly been taken ill, and that he could not wait for the young lady. The pale and agitated countenance of the woman with him bore out his assertion. Later, when Miss Wing did return, she could not understand the motive of the doctor's visit, nor who his companion might be, nor did she know that her years of scheming had been rendered fruitless by their visit. She was too much concerned over John Hempstead's case to allow the thought of Dr. Burton to worry her for any length of time. Try as she might she could not break down the seeming obstinacy of the old man.

But she was not prepared for the letter which reached her early the next morning, informing her that a later will of Benjamin Wing's had been discovered. For a moment her violent temper asserted itself, and her first impulse was to turn on the old man, who, she felt, had betrayed the secret to other ears. She had not removed her outside clothing, and, crumpling the letter in her hand, she left the house immediately. When she came into the room where John Hempstead lay, she found Dr. Burton with him.

'So!' she said with scorn. 'It is truly surprising what an interest the disinterested Dr. Burton finds in an old beggar!'

'He is a dying man, and a Catholic,' said Dr. Burton, with dignity. 'Let that explain my interest.'

'I will request you to leave us at once,' she exclaimed, 'and to cease your attendance upon him.'

'My attendance ceases with this hour,' said Dr. Burton. 'Do not make a scene in the presence of the dead, Miss Wing. And allow me to inform you that I know the whole story.'

She brushed him aside and stared down at the face upon the pillow—no whiter now than her own. She did not hear, nor did she say anything further. The day that Mrs. Wing and her daughter Laura moved back to their lovely home, from which they had

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been so long banished, Elizabeth left America, she declared, forever. No hint of her wrong-doing ever crept out, and when the fair-weather friends of old came flocking about them, the two, who had been, so sorely tried, knew what value to place on their pleasant speeches and effusive apologies.

That was many years ago. Laura has been, for a number of these years, the loving and beloved wife of Dr. Burton. He, as well as her best friend and counselor, Father Reade, can say, as the latter said of old:

'She has the firmest faith I ever saw in a woman.' From Benjamin Wing's daughter, Elizabeth, they never heard again.—Benziger's Magazine.

THE WOMAN WHO NEVER DID WRONG.

The housekeeper announced, 'Miss Tallon, Father!' Father O'Connor set his book-mark in at the eviction scene of 'Luke Delmege,' and with a momentary compression of the lips that meant facing a frequent and not altogether agreeable duty, passed into the parlor.

This was the meeting day of the Society of St. Martha, and Miss Tallon always called on him directly after adjournment. Through several years' experience he knew that these calls always meant complaints—more in sorrow than in anger, to be sure—of the other officers or of certain members; with a contrast hardly conscious of her own fidelity to duty, and the sacrifices she had made for the society and its beneficiaries.

For Miss Tallon was president of the society. She was 'the head of everything among the Catholic women of Brucetown,' as any member of St. Joseph's parish would have explained to a stranger. Indeed, if the Golden Rose or the Laetare Medal were to be given in Brucetown, the people would have deemed it Miss Tallon's inalienable right.

Truly, she had many claims, ancestral and personal, on local Catholic gratitude. Her grandfather had given the site of St. Joseph's, now one of the most valuable properties in the town, together with a generous offering to the building fund. At the dedication of the church, her father's gift was the high altar and two memorial windows; and on her parents' death, Miss Tallon and her brothers and sisters—all married but herself—had given a beautiful marble altar, in keeping with her father's earlier gift, to the Lady Chapel.

In wealth and respectability, the Tallons had long been the foremost Catholics in Brucetown. Miss Tallon, as the eldest and most masterful, held life tenure of the family residence, a few blocks from St. Joseph's, where her aged uncle and two maids growing gray in the service of the house, abode with her.

She was nearing her fortieth year in single blessedness, and ably keeping up the family tradition of generosity to religion; adding thereunto new forms of social service, not only among the familiar poor, but among the oft-times needy foreigners drawn so numerously to Brucetown in recent years by the big wicker furniture manufactory.

Yet, while everyone respected Miss Tallon and acknowledged all her claims, there was hardly one who would not have braced himself for a private interview with her just as Father O'Connor did.

'How are you, Julie?' asked the priest, pleasantly. He had baptized every one of the third generation of the Tallons, and had seen this one grow from infancy to her prime maturity; he himself verged on his vigorous and young-hearted old age.

'Well, considering everything,' sighed the lady, standing respectfully, as the priest settled himself as well as he could in the slippery horse-hair arm chair opposite her.

'I trust there is no trouble in the family,' said Father O'Connor, with kindly solicitude.

'No, indeed, we never have trouble, in the ordinary acceptance of the word,' rejoined Miss Tallon, with a perceptible stiffening of her exceedingly erect person.

All the Tallons were as proper as Miss Tallon herself. The young people were the painful models of the various schools they attended. On their occasional visits to Brucetown, Father O'Connor would have given much to see one of these decorous nephews 'hanging on behind' to a grocer's cart; or one of the nieces with a torn gown or hair disordered in healthful play; just as he wished for an occasional lapse from grammatical accuracy or a hearty laugh from the model aunt herself.

'I thought of possible illness,' said the priest gently. 'This is a sickly season.'

'Our family rarely has illness. All the children have inherited sound constitutions and get the best of care. No, it is a little worry about our St. Martha's Society. To be frank with you, Father O'Connor, it was a mistake to admit Mrs. Thornton to membership.'

'Why, she seems to be a very constant and eligible visitor among the poor.'

'That is not the question, Father. It is her bad influence at the meetings. She is so very frivolous; all for dress and jokes and the notice of men, as if she were a badly brought up girl of eighteen, instead of—There, look at her now!'

The lady in question was passing, evidently happy in the company of the tall man of middle age, who, beaming with good fellowship, had to bend a bit to catch the words of the bright-faced, gaily dressed little widow.

'I suppose it's only a matter of taste,' said the priest, keeping his mind on the spoken criticism, and ignoring Mrs. Thornton's escort. 'A young woman adorning herself always seems to be like a bird sitting on a bough and preening its feathers. It's nature, and so long as it's modest—'

'But Mrs. Thornton is far from young: she is at least as old as I am.'

'And you are still a young girl to me,' he answered.

But Miss Tallon was not to be placated nor diverted from her grievance. Was it zeal undefiled for righteousness, or was it John Hamilton's apparent admiration for the little widow that opened the eyes of a woman who never blundered, to the shortcomings of her frailer sister? The human heart is a labyrinth in which the wanderer is as often surprised by unlooked-for evil as by unlooked-for good. Few knew its tortuous windings better than Father O'Connor.

Miss Tallon's 'might have beens' as to Holy Matrimony had better ground than most of those maiden ladies verging on middle age. Was she not an heiress and good to look at even yet, though a little sharp of feature and angular of figure? Who in Brucetown, or even in the city a hundred miles east of it, where most of her family dwelt, equalled her in delicate refinement of dress—the result, no doubt, of observant sojourns in Paris, with a well-filled purse.

But the advances of all suitors were repelled with gentle but unmistakable coldness; and only one besides herself realised that John Hamilton, the playmate of her childhood, who having acquired a competence, could not be suspected of mercenary motives, might at any time have had that well-controlled heart for the asking. True, he had sacrificed many of his best years to the claims of filial and brotherly duty, but at last he was free. And now, if he paid to any woman attention in which the little world of Brucetown could read the slightest significance, it was to this gaudy, flippant stranger.

This was the thought, albeit vague and unacknowledged, which tortured Miss Tallon during the uncomfortable silence which had fallen between herself and her old friend.

'But, there is nothing so wrong as to be ground for remonstrance,' said the priest at last.

'Only that she is slangy and flippant to the verge of irreverence, brazen in her pursuit of men's attentions, and, having a ready though hardly refined humor, she has cast a sort of spell over all our younger members. But, knowing her brothers and sisters as we do, what could we expect?'

The priest had no answer, for he had himself accounted it a miracle of grace that the youngest of the wild and godless family in question had been brought through her widowhood and the death of her idolized child within the range of his influence, and finally into the Church.

'I had hoped so much for both from a possible friendship between you,' he said regretfully.

'I can't imagine what Mrs. Thornton could have done for me,' said Miss Tallon coldly. But, rising, 'I must go. I have already taken far too much of your valuable time.'

'Don't mention it. My thought was rather of what you might have done for Mrs. Thornton. At least, dear child, knowing all the good God delivered her from in bringing her into the Church, you will make allowance for some little foolishness, not yet outgrown, and pray for her perseverance. We who have always had the faith cannot quite enter into the difficulties of a convert.'

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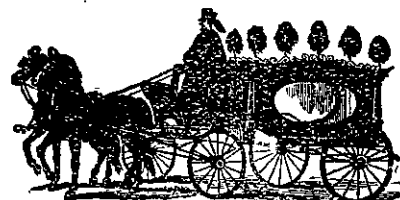
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Now that his attention had been called to it, the good priest had to admit Mrs. Thornton's flippancy, and her ready and thoughtless wit that seldom stopped to note where its sharp arrows pierced. Had he not more than once in his occasional visits to the Society of St. Martha, seen the droll twinkle of the eye with which she received the measured utterances of the stately president? Had he not even caught her in a telling caricature of the president's good manner? The offender received his remonstrances with a penitent sigh, but her lowered eyelids scarcely veiled two mirthful sparkles. There was no doubt, too, that she made the most of her widow's privileges in leading honest John Hamilton on a dance for her amusement.

Yet among the poorest of his flock her name was never mentioned except in benediction; her coming the herald of unfailing relief and gladness. But Miss Tallon also was assiduous in her visits to the poor; generous with material goods, lavish of advice and correction.

As one victim of adverse fortune was wont to put it: "Yes, I know she has given me many a thing, but she makes a body feel like a worm of the earth at the same time. Its 'Why don't you keep yourself clean?' and 'Why don't you mend your clothes?'" as if a body had two pairs of hands and could be goin' all day, after being up all night with a sick baby, to say nothin' of a drunken husband thrown in now and again. But the little woman, God bless her! In she comes, and not a word about the dirt, but she takes up the baby herself, and bathes him as nice as you please, and makes me lie down for a couple of hours while she straightens up things and leaves a bit of dinner ready for us before she's off. And I've known her many a time to go down on her knees and wash poor old Granny Grogan's feet, makin' nothin' but a joke of it; and the other day she was at the Polack's, way down the road where nobody else goes. The poor mother had hardly the clothes to cover her, and didn't that good little creature slip off her old warm woollen skirt, savin' your presence, and put it right onto Mrs. Zamfoxy, or whatever you call her."

Sometimes the priest found a poor sick room made beautiful with the flowers Mrs. Thornton had carried thither. Often he came upon her perfectly at home in some wretched hovel, while she mended the tattered clothing of the children and made them presentable for school. She had not much to give. She had to manage her little income well to keep up appearances, but she gave of her time and labor without stint, and forgot the charities of the day in the girlish pranks of flirtation of the evening.

"After all," mused Father O'Connor, "she has never an ill word of anyone, and if she only had the vocation she would make a grand Sister of Charity." But he smiled in spite of himself at the thought of Mrs. Thornton in a convent; the while he prayed for something to soften the daily increasing bitterness of Miss Tallon's heart toward Mrs. Thornton.

It had been a trying day for Miss Tallon. Mrs. Thornton's absence from the meeting of the Society of St. Martha had not been a relief; for on all sides there were regrets for her.

"She is so handy about making things over, and so ready to show one how," said even Rosa Deering, erstwhile Miss Tallon's shy and silent worshipper.

For once Miss Tallon did not call on Father O'Connor after the meeting. She hastened back to the stately solitude of her own home, where she might be free of bitter thoughts of the woman who was supplanting her, and whose mischievous qualities seemed hidden from all eyes save her own. She would have denied herself even to Mr. Hamilton, who still visited her now and then, but that she met him face to face in the hall before the maid could announce him. Almost on his heels came Father O'Connor.

"I haven't seen Mrs. Thornton for more than a week. What has become of her?" asked the former. His hostess had heard the same words forty times that afternoon. This was the last straw. A bitter word that could never have been recalled sprang to her lips, but the priest's heavier voice drowned it unheard.

"Oh, Mrs. Thornton! Why, the children of those poor Zamofskys, down the road from the hollow, all have malignant diphtheria; the mother is in a bad way herself, and could get no help, so Mrs. Thornton went over last week, and shut herself up with them, 'for better or worse,'" as she says. I found it out only this afternoon. Dr. Stone thinks the children will come through all right—she's a great little nurse—but he fears for her, for all that she makes so light of it."

"She's a brick!" cried John Hamilton, "but she must be relieved. Did you ever hear of anything finer Miss Tallon?"

The priest held his breath; but the demon was exorcised.

"The woman is a saint," said Miss Tallon, "and I am not worthy to loose the shoes from her feet."

"Oh, Miss Tallon, you would have done as much if you knew." There was no mistaking the sincerity of the man's voice and eyes.

"No matter about me. The question is of relieving her," said Miss Tallon, hurrying to the telephone, as she spoke. She was a woman who always had her wits about her in an emergency.

But the relief came too late. The Zamofsky children would recover, but their brave little nurse was poisoned through and through with the malignant disease.

"I suspected it," Mrs. Thornton said calmly, when Father O'Connor told her, and bade her prepare for her last hour. She was in Miss Tallon's best chamber, with an experienced nurse in attendance. Realising her change of abode, she smiled faintly.

"Well, Father, in this case it will be as blessed to receive as to give. She is a good woman, with a Puritan streak in her, and I have been her torment."

"I meant no harm. . . . I never cared a pin for John Hamilton. . . . nor he for me. . . . but I was full of . . . levity, you call it . . . and her seriousness drew out all my mischief. . . . You never knew; but there's insanity in our family. . . . and I was fearing it, fighting it all the time. . . . my own happy hours were when I was in church or with the poor. . . . Then I forgot. . . . The rest of the time I just had to keep fooling. . . . Tell her, and tell her, too, I'm glad to die her debtor. . . . God was so good to give me that chance with the Zamofskys."

"It will count—won't it, Father?"

"Count, my child! Haven't you laid down your life for those poor strangers? You know what our Lord has promised for even a cup of cold water given in His name; and you have given your all."

The tears were on the old priest's cheeks as he gave the last Sacraments to the dying woman, and stood by her through her agony, terrible, but mercifully short.

After Mrs. Thornton's death, Brucetown folk noticed a great change in Miss Tallon. The poor people down in the hollow said she was like their little favorite come back—only without the fun. Instead, were winning gentleness and humanity which they could not quite express, but which they came to like as well. But no one found the change sweeter than John Hamilton, and when, by and by, he and Miss Tallon decided to spend the rest of their days together, their little world was sure that this was one of the marriages made in Heaven—"Monitor."

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Current Topics

Basil and Julian

Bad example in the home, and evil associations outside the home, sometimes taint and poison the good that is instilled into the souls of little men and maids in the Catholic school. The fault lies not with the teachers, the system, or the school. The parents are here chiefly responsible for the failure. 'Basil and Julian,' says Cardinal Newman, 'were fellow-students at the schools of Athens, and one became the Saint and Doctor of the Church, the other her scoffing and relentless foe.' Many lesser Basils and some minor Julians have passed through our schools. The Basils had the foundations of their goodness well and truly laid in home and school; the defection of the Julians can easily be traced to causes that lie outside and beyond the Catholic school.

Habitual Drunkards

Bacchus (according to an old Spanish proverb) has drowned more than Neptune—strong drink more than salt water. Last year the New Zealand Parliament rendered what we hope will be an important service to the cause of temperance by an effort to raise a few of Bacchus's 'submerged tenth' and restore them to a wholesome mode of living. This was done by the Act 'to make better provision for the care and detention of habitual drunkards.' 'Under this Act,' says last Friday's 'Otago Daily Times,' 'a magistrate is empowered, upon the conviction for drunkenness of any person who, having been thrice convicted for the same offence within the preceding nine months, has become an habitual drunkard in the eyes of the law, to commit him to any recognised institution willing to receive him and make provision for his proper care and detention. Further, the Governor-in-Council is empowered to authorise any institution, by gazette warrant, to receive and detain habitual drunkards, and it is prescribed that regulations may be issued by Order-in-Council to ensure that the objects which the legislation has in view may be efficiently carried out.' A recent 'Gazette' contains a copy of the regulations which are to 'apply to every institution that is authorised under the Act to receive and detain habitual drunkards in terms of the law.' Inspectors are to be appointed by the Minister of Justice to see that the regulations are properly carried out, and idleness, disobedience, insubordination, profanity, assaults, indecency, obstruction of officers, misbehavior at religious services, etc., will be visited upon the offender in one or other of the three following ways (we quote from our local morning contemporary):—

'He may have to submit to a withdrawal of tobacco or other indulgences comprehensively described in the regulations as "extras," or he may be sentenced to confinement to a room or cell for a limited period, or he may be placed upon a special scale of diet inferior to that in general use. In the case of the occurrence of an offence of a graver order, such as that of offering personal violence to any officer or inmate, or of aggravated or repeated assault, or of wilfully destroying the property of the institution, or of any act of gross misconduct or insubordination, the regulations contemplate that the offender shall be brought before a magistrate in court and, upon summary conviction, sentenced to a term of imprisonment, at the expiry of which he shall be returned to the institution to complete his term of detention.'

A previous, and not well considered, State experiment in the reclamation of the habitual drunkard ended in failure. But it was not all a failure; for the warning danger-notice on precipice or hill serves its purpose as well as the finger-post that points out the true road.

To climb steep hills,
Requires slow pace at first.

And in a problem of such enormous difficulty as the reformation of the habitual drunkard, the mount of vision—success—is not scaled at the first venture. The present effort of the Government to grapple with the problem is an earnest, well-intended, and thorough-going one, and will be watched with sympathetic hope and interest by every friend of temperance. And there will not, we ween, be any lack of institutions for the reclamation of the unhappy ones who have 'put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains'.

Thirsty Law-makers

There is a certain amount of human nature even among legislators. The later private history of most parliamentary institutions in English-speaking countries records (though, we are glad to say, very exceptionally) a few law-makers who, like Artemus Ward, never allowed public business to interfere with their drinking habits. A recent scandal in the House of Lords—when two members appeared in the gilded chamber obstreperously 'under the affluence of the intoxicating bole'—serves, however, to point a moral and adorn a tale that is not without its pleasant side. In the first place, Home Journalism was sufficiently restrained and self-respecting to avoid making the 'scene in the Lords' the occasion of a first-class sensation of the 'yellow' order. Which is something to be thankful for. And in the second place, the incident (which was obviously no reflection upon the corporate honor of the upper House) serves to illustrate the vast distance that law-makers in the Mother of Parliaments have travelled on the road of temperance since the days of the Restoration, and even since the time of Pitt and his contemporaries.

In the days between the Restoration and the Revolution, what were called the 'upper' classes were mighty swillers of 'mum' (very heady wheat-beer), spirit of clary, usquebaugh, sack, brandy, spiced ale, wines, hypocras, and other specimens of the potent liquids of the time. They had, perhaps, nothing quite so deadly as some of the special 'liquid fire and distilled damnation' (as Robert Hall calls it) of our time, that would eat the sulphur out of a vulcanised tyre. But what they had 'got there' by a pretty short cut. Deep potations, and frequent, were (says Sydney in his 'Social Life' of the period) 'almost imposed by the social code of the age, were most marked among all statesmen, and were countenanced to a very extreme degree by the king himself. . . . Hard drinking was quite the fashion. Even members of Parliament found it difficult to keep sober'. Good, garrulous old Samuel Pepys delivered his great speech of 1688 to a House that was in great part half intoxicated. Those were the 'days' of Rochester and Sedley, of Bully Dawson and Fighting Fitzgerald. They were succeeded by the deep toying, the bravado, and the easy-going devilry of the days of Queen Anne and the campaigns in Flanders. These were the palmy days of the St. James's Coffee House, of Steele and his reveling cronies, and of the bibulous joviality of the 'three-bottle men' at the October Club. And fustian foregathered with frills and ruffles to celebrate in heavy-headed revelry the Great Duke's rushing victories of Malplaquet and Ramilies. They knew how to 'Maffick' in the days of Anne. Both as Secretary of War and as Secretary of State, Lord Boingbroke spent whole nights fuddling his fine brains with fiery fluids. And did not Robert Hatley, first Earl of Oxford, when Premier and Lord Treasurer, sometimes present himself before Queen Anne—in his cups? Yet, for his time, this devotee of the wine when it was red, was looked upon as a man among men.

In a later day, it so befell that Pitt and Henry Dundas (Lord of the Admiralty in Pitt's second Ministry) were in so 'illivated' a condition that they could not be 'got ready' to meet an attack in the House of Commons. One of the wits of the day celebrated the event in the following rhymed dialogue:—

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'Pitt: "I cannot see the Speaker, Hal, can you?"
'Dundas: "Not see the Speaker! Hang it, I see two!"'

The extreme prevalence of drinking among 'the classes' at the close of the eighteenth century in Great Britain and Ireland is testified to in a sufficiently emphatic way in 'Courts and Cabinets of George III.' (vol. iii., p. 189). In time, that deep-swilling period is close at hand to us—only a little beyond the reach of 'the oldest inhabitant'. Our drinking habits still sorely need mending. Yet, thank God, we have in one short century moved worlds away from the state of heavy toping and leaden fuddledom that characterised the days from the Restoration to the reign of the fourth George. And in few departments of life is the change more marked than in the vastly higher state of general sobriety that marks the various parliamentary institutions throughout the Empire, as compared with the conditions that prevailed in the Mother of Parliaments for nearly one hundred and twenty years of its history. Herein the progress has been indeed great and gratifying.

France: Some Compensations

The numerical losses sustained by the Church during the great religious revolution of the sixteenth century found their compensation in the spread of the ancient faith in the East, and still more in the new world that the genius of Columbus opened up to missionary enterprise in the New World beyond the Atlantic. And now the war of plunder, confiscation, and proscription that is being carried on by the Christ-hunters in France is destined to serve the cause of God; perhaps by the triumph of religion over the lodge in the Third Republic, certainly by an enormous accession of skilled and devoted workers to the foreign mission field. From time to time our news and editorial columns have borne evidence to the signal manner in which the expulsion of religious from France has aided in the spread of the faith and the cause of charity all over the American continent, in the Pacific islands, and in the near and distant East. England, too, has benefited by the persecution beyond the Straits of Dover. According to the English 'Catholic Directory' there was in 1906 an increase of seventy-nine religious in Great Britain—an unusually large addition to the ranks of workers in education and charity that is accounted for in great part by the banishment of nuns from France. The number of clergy in Great Britain was, at about the close of the past year, 4024—an increase of eighty-five on the figures of the previous year. 'Closings', says the London 'Tablet' of December 29, 'may be the order of the day in France, but here in England there has been a busy time of openings, for there are sixty-three more churches and chapels than there were at this time last year.'

The chemist knows how to make a healing balm from the root of the deadly aconite. And God is wont to bring good out of seeming evil, as Samson drew out of the eater meat, and out of the lion's mouth honey. All such trials as those through which the Church in France is passing have their compensations. Persecution passes nations, as suffering passes individuals, through the crucible; and the shortest cut to our Thabor is over our Hill of Calvary. It is an incident; if a physically unpleasant incident, of progress, as is the training and 'hardening up' of the athlete. With Catholics there never can arise the cry: 'The Church in danger!' With the illumined eye of faith we see whereon we believe. And with our bodily eye we can behold how 'what came to us as seed goes to the next generation as blossom, and what came to us as blossom goes to them as fruit'. And so with only a halt here or there for repairs, replacements, or the casting-off of useless or injurious burdens—the forward march of God's Church goes grandly on.

St Patrick's Day Concerts

We are nearing the season when the monkey-faced scarecrow known as the stage Irishman reappears with a war-whoop, and proceeds to travesty in a gross way the modes of thought, the moral conduct, and the speech of a faithful and much-tried Catholic people. Shakespeare's Captain Macmorris (the Welsh Fluellen's friend) was a fast and faithful friend and a brave and determined, if hot-headed, soldier. England's greatest dramatist knew nothing of the wild, coarse, apish, fuddled, whooping, red-headed idiot who in a later day posed as a type of the humanity that inhabits the Green Isle. The modern conception of the 'stage Irishman' seems to have grown out of the literary decadence that followed the destruction of Ireland's separate political life in 1800. He was, so to speak, swathed in vulgar, though sometimes smart, street ballads by young Trinity 'bloods'. Then, in an evil hour, came Samuel Lover—a graduate of Trinity in its Orange days—with his blundering 'Handy Andy' and more or less fixed the type.

Will Carleton was even a worse offender. He was an idle, worthless wight, without a sense of honor or of shame. He sponged on friends and acquaintances till he was a weariness of the flesh to them, and they cast him off with a collective boot-toe. We next hear of him in a debtors' prison. Then, like another Mick McQuaid, he appears as a pervert from the faith of his fathers. His 'Life' (published by Downey and Co. in 1896) tells the simple story of his 'conversion'. He came across the Rev. Caesar Otway, a leader in an organisation that was endeavoring to rescue Ireland from 'Popery' by vitriolic tracts and newspapers, and by inducing the poor of the slums and the hunger-driven peasants to

'Sell their souls
'For penny rowls,
'For soup and hairy bacon.'

In furtherance of the first part of the 'soup' propaganda, Otway had started the 'Christian Examiner'. He hired Carleton to write stories that would convey to the reader a lurid idea of the 'superstition' and savagery of Irish 'Papists'. These stories would, said Caesar, 'serve the cause if properly prepared'. 'Paddy-Go-Easy' was the grossest and most vulgar of those 'properly prepared' libels on Irish Catholics. But even Otway could not stomach Carleton very long. In the height of his financial success this joint creator of the modern 'stage Irishman' went into the Insolvent Court. He remained a sponger, a toady, and a nuisance to the last. And to the end of his days his venal pen was at the service of any party or any creed that was willing to hire him.

Dion Boucicault did not make his characters speak the impossible Jabberwocky that passes for Irish dialect in Cockney music-halls and on some of our stages on St. Patrick's nights. But in the 'Shaughraun' he at first staged a wake-scene of so disgusting a nature that he was hissed and greeted with ostentatiously ancient eggs until he modified it. We believe we have killed off the 'stage Irishman' in many parts of New Zealand. But we have reason to think that there are some people in the Colony who are content to sit still and applaud the monstrosity. The awakened sense of race pride and race dignity has already sternly rebuked this form of insult in Great Britain, Canada, Australia, and the United States. And we hope that his reappearance upon any stage in New Zealand, at least at Catholic concerts, will be greeted with such emphatic marks of disapproval as will lead to his early and permanent retirement. Strict previous supervision of programmes—and especially of the alleged 'comic' element in the programmes—is a precaution that organisers of such concerts would do well to take. It is high time that a halt should be cried on such caricatures of a highly moral and comparatively crimeless Catholic people.

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The Irish Delegates

A FAREWELL LETTER

To the Editor 'New Zealand Tablet.'

Dear Sir,—Departing from New Zealand, we desire to record an expression of our profound gratitude to the people of all creeds and classes in this progressive Colony who contributed to the flattering success of our mission. Nothing could exceed the wonderful enthusiasm and generosity of the friends and sympathisers of Ireland in New Zealand, who rallied to the practical support of our cause. We succeeded here far beyond our keenest anticipations. Apart from the financial tribute of well over £5000 given towards the Exchequer of Ireland's fighting army in the cause of freedom, the permanent moral effect of our efforts in illuminating the issues involved in the Home Rule problem is to us the most encouraging feature of our tour through these beautiful islands. We not only succeeded in effectually demolishing the bogey arguments brought forward against the inalienable right of the Irish People to a full measure of national autonomy, but we have rallied all that is honest and fair-minded in the public life of New Zealand. The people of this Colony now realise that Ireland's right means no man's wrong, and no aggression on the prerogatives of other States or nations. We believe, with the potent social influences in all parts of the British-speaking world now operating in our favor, the dawn of Ireland's national regeneration cannot be much further delayed.

We desire to thank especially the Archbishop, Bishops, and priests of New Zealand, not only for all their generosity and support to our cause, but for their great personal kindness. To the public-spirited press in all the centres we visited for their powerful assistance our thanks go forth. To you, Mr. Editor, for your able and consistent championship of Ireland's rights, we are under a deep debt of gratitude.

We carry away with us many pleasant recollections of our visit to New Zealand; its people, its scenery, its institutions, and generally, the character of the Colony have impressed us deeply. May every success and prosperity attend the people of New Zealand, and may the future of the Colony continue great and progressive.—Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH DEVLIN.

JOHN T. DONOVAN.

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE

VITAL POINTS IN LATER HISTORY

(Concluded from last week.)

The Bishop, however, did not come to Rome. On the contrary, he forwarded a letter (1), in which, without any reference to the summons of the Holy Office, or his communication of its contents to the Government, he announced his intention of paying his ordinary visit ad limina in October. He fixed upon this time because he wished to bring with him the Peter's-Pence offering, and its collection would not be completed before October. The Secretary of State replied (2), that according to a decree of the Holy Office, approved by the Pope himself, he (Cardinal Merry del Val) was instructed to inform the Bishop, that unless he appeared in person to answer the charges against him within fifteen days, he should incur ipso facto suspension from Orders and Jurisdiction. The Bishop communicated this letter to the Government, and wrote (3), to inform the Secretary that although he asked permission to set out for Rome, the permission was refused, and requested the Cardinal Secretary to communicate with the French Government, expressing himself, at the same time, willing to carry out whatever agreement might be arrived at by the two Powers. The Secretary wrote (4) immediately requesting the Bishop to appear in Rome before the 20th June under pain of censure.

(1) 24th June, 1904. (2) 2nd July, 1904. (3) 6th July, 1904.
(4) 10th July.

The case of Monsignor Nordez was somewhat similar. Charges of a serious nature, in no way connected with politics, were made against him. His diocese was in a state of rebellion, and the crisis came, when in February, 1904, the students of his Seminary refused to receive Holy Orders at his hands. The ordinations were adjourned, and the Cardinal Secretary requested (5) the Nuncio to inform the Bishop of Dijon not to proceed with the conferring of Orders for the present. The Nuncio carried (6) out these instructions; and the Bishop replied (7) that he entirely agreed with the suggestion that had been made. Meanwhile the letter of the Papal Nuncio to the Bishop of Dijon had been communicated to the Government, and the Charge d'Affaires at Rome was instructed to inform the Secretary of State (8) that such a letter was contrary to the regulations of the Concordat, as the Nuncio at Paris had no right to communicate directly with the Bishops of France. Such a contention had never been admitted by the Holy See, and had never been sustained in practice even by the French Government. But it was necessary to do something with regard to the extraordinary state of affairs existing in the diocese of Dijon. Monsignor Nordez was requested by the Secretary of State (9) to present himself in Rome to answer the serious charges that were made against him. He replied (10) that he would be at the disposition of the Holy Father by the middle of June. The month of June came and went, the Bishop remained beyond the Alps; and nothing remained for the Cardinal Secretary except to inform (11) the Bishop that if he did not appear within fifteen days he should consider himself suspended from Orders and Jurisdiction. The Bishop wrote (12) to say that he had communicated the letter to the French Government, and protested that nowhere in the world had the Pope a more obedient or more devoted subject than himself. The Secretary in response to this document made a strong personal appeal (13) to the Bishop to spare the Holy Father the agony his conduct was causing him, and to come to Rome.

The French Government instructed its Charge d'Affaires to protest (14) against the unwarrantable liberty which the Nuncio had taken in communicating directly with French Bishops; and at the same time to demand that the Secretary of State should recall the letters to the Bishops of Laval and Dijon in which they had been threatened with suspension unless they came to Rome. Such letters, it was contended, were a violation of the Concordat. Why this should be so, it is not easy to see. No doubt, following the analogy of the method of appointment—for there is nothing in the Concordat expressly dealing with the deposition—the consent of the two signatory Powers should be required before a French Bishop could be deposed; but, here, there was no question of deposition. There was only a summons to come to Rome, to the non-compliance with which a censure was attached, just as it is attached to many other regulations binding even French Bishops; and if in case of these general laws the threat of censure does not violate the Concordat, it is not easy to see why it should do so in any particular case. If the trial went against the two bishops in Rome, it was well understood that the Pope would have put himself into communication with the Government to bring about their deposition, if they still persisted in refusing to resign.

The Secretary of State replied in a courteous but firmly worded note (15). He pointed out, that the Concordat in no way prevented the Pope from advising a Bishop to resign, or from calling him to Rome to answer for his conduct; that the Bishops of France are not independent of the Holy See, but bound by their sacred oaths of office 'to humbly receive and to diligently execute the apostolic commands'; and that they, too, like the rest of the hierarchy, are obliged under pain of censure to visit Rome at fixed times to give an account of their stewardship. He added, however, that to show his wish for conciliation, the Holy Father was willing to give the Bishops yet another month for their appearance in Rome, provided they promised to come in that time, and provided also that the French Government, in case they refused, or were unable to justify themselves, agreed to enter into communications with the Holy See to provide for the due administration of their dioceses. Four days later, the Charge d'Affaires presented a note (16) from his Government announce-

(5) 10th March, 1904. (6) 11th March, 1904. (7) 13th March, 1904.
(8) 15th July, 1904; Doc XXXVIII. (9) 24th April, 1904. (10) 3rd May, 1904. (11) 6th July, 1904. (12) 19th July, 1904. (13) 22nd July, 1904.
(14) 23rd July; Doc XLIV, XLV and X.
(15) 26th July, 1904; Doc XLVI.
(16) 30th July; Doc XLVII.

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ing that it had been decided to break off diplomatic relations between the Republic of France and the Pope; and on the same day M. Delcasse communicated this information to the Nuncio in Paris, and requested him to consider that his mission as Apostolic Nuncio to France had ceased. Thus, on these two questions, the right of the Nuncio to communicate directly with French Bishops, and the right of the Holy See to summon Bishops to Rome under pain of censure, the rupture, upon which French statesmen had set their hearts, was effected; and the way was prepared for the Separation of Church and State.

It is too early to speculate as to how the fortunes of the Church in France may be affected by the Bill of Separation, but about its effects upon the State there can hardly be any doubt. The position of France, as the recognised leader of the Catholic nations and the special defender of the Holy See, won for it a respect and an influence in its relations with other countries to which it could otherwise never have attained; and, besides, its being recognised as the acknowledged protector of the Christian missions of the East, gave it opportunities which it was not slow to utilise, for the development of French commerce and French influence. At home, relying upon the rights guaranteed by the Concordat, the State was able to control all the forces of the Church, and to use them in promoting its own interests. It had the right of nominating the candidates for the vacant Bishops, and in this way care could be taken, and care was taken, that no man likely to prove dangerous to the Government was appointed Bishop; it could prevent them from taking part in public discussions, and from exercising their rights as freemen to criticise the actions of the Legislature or Executive; while, as a last resource, it could appeal to the Holy Father, as it did appeal, requesting him to use his influence to allay the opposition of clergy and people.

But by its rupture with the Vatican, France has sacrificed all claim to the sympathy and support of the Catholic world; it has lost its right to be regarded as the protector of the Eastern Mission, and its place will be usurped to a large extent by Italy and Germany. At home, it has abandoned its powers of controlling the influence of the Church; it has no longer any voice in the appointment of Bishops, or in the promotion of priests; nor has it any claim to invoke the assistance of the Papacy in the difficulties which are sure to arise. The time, too, that should have been spent on useful and necessary legislation has been given up entirely to this mad campaign against the Church, which has resulted in stirring up the most dangerous feelings throughout the country and set the children of the same nation at each other's throats, at a crisis, too, when unless we are mistaken, France has good reason to oppose a united front to the foe.

CHRISTIANITY IN FRANCE

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF THE SITUATION

As the wires flash across the Channel the daily alarms and excursions incidental to the war against Christianity now inaugurated in the land of St. Louis, Englishmen (says the 'Saturday Review') begin to realise the meaning of the gigantic act of plunder and sacrilege recently perpetrated by the French Republic. The truth is that the pigmy Jacobins to whom French folly has entrusted the destinies of a great nation have torn up the religious settlement which the administrative genius of Napoleon devised and which for a century had given to France some measure of religious peace. The reasons that have urged these pigmy Robespierres and Dantons to this colossal crime are notorious outside England.

To do these atheists justice, they have for thirty years shouted their beliefs in the market place. From Gambetta's 'Le clericalisme voila l'enfermi' to M. Briand's 'Il faut en finir avec l'idée chretienne,' they have marched steadily on to their goal, which is the transformation of their countrymen into not only a non-Christian but an anti-Christian nation. Every word in this connection that the Jacobin politicians say, every act that they do, proves them to be not only the enemies of Catholicism, but also of Christianity. The Catholicism which they attack is allowed by learned French Protestants to be the only form of Christianity that practically counts in France. The contemptuous toleration that the Republic extends to pow-

erless Calvinistic sects in no way interferes with its general purpose, and serves to blind the eyes of Protestant England to its ultimate designs. While

The Faith of Christ

is assailed on the opposite side of the Channel, the tone even of those English journals that are presumed to appeal to the religious section of the community is pitiful and contemptible. That the organs of the dissidence of dissent should be willing to see Christianity injured, so long as the Papist suffers thereby, will surprise no one. It is more surprising to find Conservative journals seeking to cloud the issue in a fog of anti-German and No-Popery bigotry. Such an attitude on the part of a press that opposes the Education Bill and dreads Germany argues fatuity or bad faith. If the Pope is to be blamed for his resistance to the attempt to de-Christianise France, on what logical principle can the Education Bill be resisted? If Englishmen ought to sympathise with the eradication of Christian ideas from French soil, the able and eloquent pleas of a newspaper like the 'Standard' for doctrinal teaching in English schools become ridiculous and dishonest. Nay, grant even that it is right to sacrifice religious to worldly interests, such an attitude is none the less fatuous. If the German Emperor be indeed the remorseless enemy to England that certain Conservative writers proclaim him to be, could a worse service be done to the interests of this country than to link his name with the cause of faith against atheism, and to hold him up alike to the believing and unbelieving world, even in Morocco, as the new Charlemagne who has come to the rescue of Christianity in its hour of need?

In our comments on the betrayal of the French Christianity by the newspapers that find their way into English parsonages, we have given to those responsible the credit of good faith. The belief, however, is widespread that in their comments on French ecclesiastical matters they are tuned by the Jewish financial rings on the Continent. It is an unpleasant fact that their representatives in Paris are generally Jews; at any rate very seldom Christians. The 'Times,' for one, is represented in Paris by a Semitic gentleman. Newspapers which exist mainly by the support of Churchmen and Roman Catholics permit their readers to observe this attack on the faith of Christ only through Jewish spectacles. While the attitude of

Our Press is Contemptible, the silence of the Anglican Church is regrettable. Our Primate a short time ago made a right protest against a Jewish massacre in a foreign country; but he and his colleagues are willing to leave to the Roman Catholic hierarchy of this country the honor of being the sole English protesters against this outrage to the household of the Faith. Their silence is enough to make us sigh for an hour of the Georgian episcopate. The English bishops who extended the hand of sympathy to the oppressed Gallican Church of the days of the First Revolution adorned not themselves with mitres or pectoral crosses. They did not even call themselves Catholics. To be frank, they fell sadly short of Christian perfection. However, in a great crisis of religion they showed a zeal for the common heritage and the common good of Christendom that their successors to-day in a like crisis do not display.

Perhaps the most offensive feature in this press campaign is the attempt made to represent the Pope as the assailant of the laws and liberties of Frenchmen, and to drape this Jacobin anti-Christianity in the honored mantle of Gallicanism. The truth is that throughout the struggle the Republic and not the Pope has been the lawbreaker. The very pretext for the Separation Law was the Pope's interference to abate a grave ecclesiastical scandal which no Church in Christendom could tolerate. The dissolution of the Concordat without notice to the Holy See was in the circumstances a discourteous violation of the diplomatic usages of civilised nations. The Separation Law violated the spirit of the Concordat in a most dishonorable manner. The paltry salaries paid to the French clergy under that treaty represented the nation's shabby compensation of the great wealth with which the piety or penitence of the pre-revolutionary ages had endowed the Gallican Church, and of which the Revolution robbed her. If the Concordat was to be dissolved,

Justice and Logic Required

that from a pecuniary point of view the Church should be placed again in the same position in which she stood in 1789. Practically no doubt this would have been impossible, still in view of past guarantees it was the duty of the State to make compensation not only to the individual clerics but also to the Church as a corporate body on a generous scale. Practically the

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Republic offered no compensation whatever to the Church, but allowed the ecclesiastical fabrics to be leased to associations cultuelles who were to be responsible for public worship, and whose orthodoxy was to be vouched not by the bishop of the diocese but by a council of state nominated by the Jacobin government of France. It ill becomes Anglicans, who recall the Welsh Disestablishment Debate and remember the indignation aroused even among Liberal Churchmen at Mr. Asquith's proposal to place the Welsh cathedrals under the control of commissioners, while safeguarding their exclusive use for Church services, to blame the Pope for his refusal to acquiesce in a far more cruel injustice to French Catholics. As, however, it is repeatedly stated in the press that but for the Pope the French episcopate would have accepted the dishonorable proposal, let the British public know that they were absolutely unanimous in rejecting it. The only basis in fact for the absurd statement to the contrary is that certain bishops did consider whether it was possible to form associations under the Separation Law on a canonical basis and that they gave up the attempt as hopeless. This week also the absurd fiction has been revived that the Pope has in Germany accepted the principle of associations cultuelles. This argument has been invented almost entirely for English consumption. In France they know better than to use it. The fact is that German Church councils are perfectly canonical, for, like English churchwardens, they are merely administrators of Church property, not organisers or controllers of Church worship.

But why, say our Erastian journalists, did the Pope and the bishops refuse to fall in with M. Briand's kind offer and not legalise Church worship under the law of public meetings? The answer is that to have done so would have compromised the whole position of the Pope and the Church, and at the best have saved the churches from desecration only for a year. It may further be added that M. Briand's proposal that a single notice should hold good for a year was in itself a counsel of lawlessness, and that the Pope has left it to the Jacobin Ministry to violate alike the Statute Law and the Rights of Man. It is a relief to turn from these hypocritical sophistries to contemplate

The Stand of French Catholics.

Their attitude is historically remarkable, for never before in the struggle between the State and the Vatican in France has French Catholicism so unanimously ranged itself on the side of the Papacy. When Louis XIV. raised the standard of Gallicanism against Innocent XI. he could count on the aid of Bossuet and the flower of the French episcopate. Even Pius VI.'s condemnation of the civil constitution did not prevent four bishops and a large section of the French clergy from giving their adherence to the religious establishment inaugurated by the National Assembly. In the stern contest between Pius VII. and Napoleon a large section of the French clergy were Imperialists. Why, if there is a grain of truth in the allegations of the English supporters of the regime of persecution, is no such aid forthcoming to M. Clemenceau and his merry men to-day? True, the French Church may be more Papal in sentiment to-day than it was of yore; but certain recent controversies, for instance those on Anglican orders and Biblical criticism, have revealed the important fact that a considerable section of the French priesthood is not in sympathy with extreme Ultramontanism. Such facts render the solid unity in the Catholic Church of France and the united resolution of its members to suffer undeserved loss and shameful persecution the more impressive. Only an issue of the first moment could have united so great a body, hampered as it is by Erastian traditions, in so magnificent a protest. In its courage lies the best hope for French religion. For the time the clouds are black and there seems little hope of a popular reaction against Jacobinism in the land of St. Louis. From the greater part of Christendom, to its shame be it said, there comes but scant sympathy with the persecuted Church. History, happily, may be trusted to set the wrong right, and to do a generous if tardy justice to the brave men who are fighting the battle of religious liberty for the world and are reserving for France the faith of Christ.

The publication 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 American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient....

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 9.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the archdiocese closed on Friday.

The Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., who was ordained a few months ago, is to proceed to Hastings.

The Rev. Father Fay, of Blenheim, is to accompany his brother on a twelve months' trip to Europe.

The Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., is leaving New Zealand, much to our regret. He is to be attached to the Redemptorist House at Warratah.

Quite a number of our folk are preparing to visit the Old World. Among them are Mr. Martin Kennedy and family, Mrs. Sullivan and family, and Mr. Owen McArdle and family.

His Grace the Archbishop left this morning for Otaaki, where he is to bless and unveil to-morrow a statue of St. Peter. An unusually large number of Maoris will assemble for the occasion, among them being visitors from several parts of the Colony.

In addition to the laurels won by the pupils of St. Patrick's College in the field of matriculation and Civil Service examinations, a further honor has been conferred on Thomas Boyce, who secured a credit pass in the University Junior Scholarship examination. He is to get a Senior Queen's Scholarship, which provides for a three years' course at a University College. The boys who came from St. Patrick's to Victoria College last year did well, and those that are to follow bid fair to do even better.

The parish of South Wellington has grown so rapidly as to need the services of another priest. The parishioners there will be delighted to learn that they are to have the ministrations of the Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., Father Herbert was formerly stationed at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, where he identified himself very closely with the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society. For some time latterly he was located at Greymouth, whence, owing to ill health, he returned to Sydney for a time. Rev. Father Herbert will receive a special welcome from the young men of the parish, whose numbers now certainly warrant the establishment of a Catholic club—a work in which the parish priest, Rev. Father Ainsworth, is keenly interested.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

February 7.

Mr. W. Foley, one of the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club, was married to Miss Annie Murphy, of Napier, at St. Mary's Church, by Very Rev. Dean Grogan, on February 6. Mr. Foley was presented with a handsome teapot and cruet stand by his fellow-employees at the 'Herald' office. The happy couple left en route for Palmerston North on their honeymoon. The members of the club wish Mr. and Mrs. Foley all happiness and prosperity in their future career.

A meeting of the parishioners was held on Sunday evening after Vespers to consider the best way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Very Rev. Dean Grogan presided. It was decided that on the evening of Monday, March 18, an entertainment be held, the first part to consist of musical items, and the second of a comedy to be given by the members of the dramatic branch of St. Mary's Catholic Club. All present formed themselves into a committee, with Rev. Father Mahony as hon. secretary, to carry out the necessary arrangements. It was also arranged that a picnic be given to the children on Thursday, March 21.

Last Sunday morning the body of the late Mr. Charles Wixey, who lost his life by drowning the previous Sunday, was found on the beach at Castle-cliff by Constable Snow. The funeral of the deceased took place on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and was attended by a very large number. The procession was headed by the Marist Brothers and the senior school boys. Then came the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Club (numbering about 120), led by Messrs. McBrearty and Markham. Among the other bodies represented at the funeral were the Trinity Young Men's Improvement Club, and Wanganui Orchestral Society.—R.I.P.

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Masterton

(From our own correspondent.)

February 8.

It is proposed to form a glee class in connection with St. Bride's Convent. The convent has an excellent reputation for its musical tuition, and doubtless the new class will prove a popular one. The Mother Superior requests that intending pupils make immediate application.

The Very Rev. Dean McKenna, who is attending the annual retreat of the clergy in Wellington will return to Masterton to-morrow in time for the opening of the mission by the Redemptorist Fathers. Rev. Father Kelly is going to take charge of the Pahiatua parish, in the absence of the Rev. Father McKenna, who is to have a well earned holiday.

A recent addition to the grounds of St. Bride's Convent is a very compact and well finished kiosk, which has been erected right in front of the convent on the bank of the creek running through the grounds. It is octagonal in shape, and is an ornament to the already beautiful surroundings. The labor for the buildings was gratuitously supplied by the following:—Messrs. F. Haughey, P. Wilkins, G. Ross, J. J. Powell, Green, J., and E. Bockmann, R. E. Jones, and S. O'Regan. The kiosk was completed on Saturday—the centenary of the Brigidine Order,—and the nuns propose to have a scroll affixed over the entrance, inscribed 1807-1907. To commemorate the occasion a pleasant little function was held on Friday evening at the convent, when the Sisters entertained at dinner persons who so generously assisted in the erection of the kiosk, the Mother Superior and Sisters being very grateful for what had been done on their behalf.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 11.

The Catholic members of the No. 3 Battalion, Wellington Cadets, now encamped in the Exhibition grounds, were marched to the Cathedral for the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday.

A brass band invasion of Christchurch has set in preparatory to this week's contests. About thirty bands are to take part, and will be the greatest event of its kind ever held in Australasia. Altogether upwards of 1000 bandmen will be engaged.

Tickets for the national concert in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, and in aid of the funds of Nazareth House, have been widely circulated, and there is every indication that the event will prove as successful as previous ones for the same deserving object.

With extraordinary perversity many of our Catholic people persistently term the Cathedral the 'Pro-Cathedral,' especially when having announcements inserted in public papers. In the past 'Pro,' as a prefix, was appropriate, but now with absolutely the finest Cathedral in the Colony, ignorance in the direction indicated is inexcusable, and to many most annoying. Those outside our denomination apparently know better, and one never hears them using any other than the proper term. It is to be hoped we have now heard the last of this misnomer.

The meeting held last week to organise a suitable reception to his Lordship the Bishop on his return to the diocese was very enthusiastic. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Rev. Father O'Connell, Mr. P. Burke (hon. treasurer), and Mr. E. O'Connor (hon. secretary) to arrange details. As a tangible proof of the esteem in which his Lordship is held, it is intended to present him with a purse of sovereigns, which will be accompanied by an address on behalf of the clergy and laity, delivered by the Very Rev. Vicar-General. It is also intended to illuminate the Cathedral, the convent, and the grounds with electric light on the evening of the Bishop's arrival, and to admit the public to the grounds of the episcopal residence.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

February 11.

Mr. James Dunne, one of the most highly respected residents of this parish, sustained the loss of his eldest daughter, Catherine Theresa, last month. The deceased was for many years a teacher in the parochial school. About a year ago she entered the Sis-

tërs of the Sacred Heart Order, and she passed away on January 13 at Wellington, where the funeral took place. Sincere sympathy has been extended to the bereaved family.—R.I.P.

A most important meeting of the Hibernian Society was held in St. John's Hall last Monday week, the chief business being the consideration of the Order Paper for the approaching triennial meeting. The matter was brought up according to rule at a specially summoned meeting held a fortnight before, and it was referred to a committee to report on it at a following meeting. The chief interest centred round the motion re the changing of the location of the district office, and when it was brought forward, on the motion of Mr. Dunne seconded by Mr. E. Venning, it was decided to instruct the delegates to support the change. It may be mentioned that the president, secretary, and assistant accepted the motion, although they did not approve of and combated same; therefore it must have been legal, as the rule provides a penalty for receiving an illegal motion. The voting resulted in eleven votes to ten, the total legal voting strength of the branch being 142. Mr. Conlan, before the close of the meeting, asked the chair if the delegates were bound to lend their influence as well as their vote to further the wishes of the meeting, and the vice-president answered in the affirmative.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 7.

The ceremony of reception took place at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, on Saturday morning, February 2, when five young ladies were received into the Order of the Sisters of Mercy. The chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the convent choir rendered the appropriate music. His Lordship Dr. Lenihan presided and preached an eloquent sermon. There were also present Rev. Fathers Buckley, Hills, Holbrook, Cahill, Molloy, and Williams. The names of the Sisters received are—Miss E. Kelleher (Ireland), in religion Sister M. Antonia; Miss Lizzie Delahunty (Australia), Sister M. de Ricci; Miss Bridget Rist (Auckland), Sister M. Anselm; Miss Mary Halloran (Wrey's Bush), Sister M. Kostka; Miss Annie Creegan (Wrey's Bush), Sister M. Claud.

The re-opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral is fixed for April 21, the third Sunday after Easter, and the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. In the meantime extensive structural alterations are being made, and great improvements are being effected at a cost of about £6000. On Sunday last a beautiful new stained glass window was unveiled to the memory of Mr. Thomas Egan Payne and Mr. William Egan Payne, and erected by their mother. It is the work of the well known artist, Alex. Booker, of Brussels, and represents St. William of York and St. Thomas of Aquin. The unveiling ceremony was performed at the nine o'clock Mass. In the evening a mural tablet of maroon marble was unveiled to the memory of the late Mr. Michael Davitt. The inscription, which is in gold letters, runs thus: 'Of your charity pray for the soul of Michael Davitt; born at Straide, County Mayo, 25th March, 1846; died at Dublin, 30th May, 1906. "To all my friends I leave kind thoughts; to my enemies the fullest possible forgiveness." God's blessing be with his soul.' In addition to these two memorials the Rev. Father Holbrook, assisted by Rev. Fathers Murphy and Farthing, unveiled a new Station of the Cross. The group represents the VIII. Station, and was erected by Bishop Lenihan to the memory of the late Mrs. Sarah McDonnell, of Thames, one of the benefactresses of the diocese.

Thames

For nineteen years (says the 'Thames Star' of February 5) the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly has held the office of chairman of the Thames Hospital Trustees, having been unanimously appointed each year. This is a speaking testimony to the ability of the reverend gentleman as chairman.

Mr. Paul, in proposing the election of Monsignor O'Reilly as chairman for the ensuing twelve months, testified to the satisfactory and creditable manner in which the rev. gentleman had performed his duties. Mr. Burns also paid a tribute to the chairman's zeal and endeavors to promote the interests of the institution, and to the happy relations that always existed.

Monsignor O'Reilly thanked the members for their renewed confidence in him, as evidenced by his unani-

mous election to the chairmanship for another twelve months. He thanked them for their cordial co-operation in all matters appertaining to the interests and welfare of the hospital, and he assured them that he would in the future as in the past do his utmost to assist it to maintain the high reputation it had so deservedly gained. Monsignor O'Reilly congratulated Messrs. Foy and Court on their re-election to the office of trustees at the recent annual meeting, and eulogised their efforts in the past.

Mr. Foy referred to the harmonious relations that existed between the chairman and the trustees; they had all worked together for the benefit of the institution without any friction.

THE IRISH ENVOYS IN AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

Last Tuesday afternoon, February 5, Messrs. J. Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, accompanied by his Lordship the Bishop, visited St. Benedict's Hall and addressed the children of our schools, who filled the big hall to the doors. There were on the platform Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Cahill, Sheridan, and several members of the committee. Mr. Devlin expressed his delight at seeing so many of them to welcome the envoys from Ireland. When he returned to Ireland he would tell the children there about the vast crowd of girls and boys he saw in Auckland under the fostering care of the Sisters and Brothers. He himself was a Christian Brothers' pupil, and to that Order he was indebted for his education. He exhorted them to be good and obedient children, and when they grew up they would be good Catholics and citizens of this bright and happy land. He asked them to always remember with pride the dear old land of their fathers, where so much had been done and so much suffering endured to give to them to-day that grand faith of theirs. Mr. Donovan followed in a like manner, and at the conclusion of his speech the children gave three hearty cheers for the envoys. His Lordship the Bishop thanked the envoys for their eloquent and inspiring addresses, and at the request of Mr. Devlin granted all a whole holiday next day.

In the evening the envoys visited Onehunga, accompanied by Bishop Lenihan, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Cahill, and Williams, and a number of ladies and gentlemen from Auckland. The object of the visit was to open the Young Men's Club-room. Rev. Father Mahoney occupied the chair, and in a felicitous speech welcomed the distinguished visitors. Mr. Devlin, who was loudly cheered, delivered a most instructive and eloquent speech to the young men, in which he extolled the many and great benefits to be obtained from young men's societies. To the Sexton Debating Club in Belfast, of which at the age of fifteen he was chairman, he was indebted for his early training as a speaker. He urged them to band together and improve themselves, and fit themselves to take their place in the front rank of citizenship in defence of all that tended to improve and make happy this beautiful land. He then referred to Ireland and the long and unceasing struggle which she waged, rightly struggling to be free. He epitomised the history of the struggle, and concluded by impressing upon the young men to study the history of Ireland. Mr. Donovan followed and reiterated the opinions expressed so eloquently by the chosen of West Belfast. He well remembered Mr. Devlin's activity amongst the young men of Belfast, and how he forged ahead, mainly through the means afforded him by the Sexton Debating Society. The speaker referred to his Australasian experiences, and dwelt particularly upon his observation and the opinions he formed of the young men of Irish extraction in whom he was much interested.

The Rev. Father Mahoney then presented Mr. Devlin from the members of the club and the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society with a pair of gold sleeve links, and to Mr. Donovan a greenstone ornament in the form of a shamrock. Both gentlemen returned hearty thanks.

The visitors then visited the club rooms, and the Bishop declared them open. All present expressed their pleasure at the enjoyable evening spent.

On Wednesday the Bishop entertained at dinner at the palace the envoys, and a number of the priests. At 9 o'clock in the evening the 'Sonoma' was signalled. This told us that the envoys were soon to leave. A cable message from his Eminence Cardinal Moran to Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran conveyed the news that the latter was on the 'Sonoma.' The Bishop, the envoys, and Rev. Father Holbrook went to the steam-

er, where they welcomed Monsignor O'Haran, who had with him Fathers Walsh and Phelan. Monsignor O'Haran conveyed many kind messages and good wishes from his Eminence to the Irish envoys. At midnight the envoys returned to the 'Sonoma.' Mr. F. Moore (hon. treasurer), Mr. M. J. Sheahan (hon. sec.), Mr. W. E. Hackett, and Mr. James Gleeson, of Napier, stayed with the two distinguished Irishmen on board until the steamer left the wharf early on Thursday morning. As she moved out hearty cheers were given for the envoys, who in return gave three cheers for New Zealand. Good-byes were shouted across the water from wharf to steamer and vice versa; and thus came to an end the twelve months' triumphant tour in Australia and New Zealand of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and Mr. J. T. Donovan.

Proportionately New Zealand has contributed more towards the Irish envoys' mission than any of the States of the Commonwealth. This is on the authority of Mr. Devlin himself.

Of all the places visited by the envoys not in any one of them did they feel so much at home as in Auckland, which they said they left with the deepest regret. This was due in a great measure to his Lordship the Bishop, who devoted to them while here the whole of his busy time in order to make them feel at home. Mr. Devlin twice publicly thanked the Bishop for his kindness, and in return asked his fellow countrymen to rally round the Bishop at all times, and show him how they appreciated the manner in which he, the Bishop, had treated the envoys from Ireland.

So far the gross proceeds of Mr. Devlin's mission to Auckland City amount to £560. Mr. James Gleeson, of Napier, accompanied Mr. Devlin all round the North Island, and the latter said it helped to lighten his labors considerably. Of the speech made by Mr. Gleeson, in seconding the motion of thanks at Napier, Mr. Devlin speaks in high praise.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

In the recent matriculations examination the following students were successful:—John Rodmond Taylor, Claude Simmons, and Brendan Lavery.

In the list of Junior Civil Service passes the following names of pupils of the college appear: Claude Simmons, Charles Carroll, Edward Buckley, John Taylor, Brendan Lavery, George Turnbull, George Eail, William White, Walter Webb, and Alfred Hayes. These results are exceedingly satisfactory, as they denote a steady progress since the inception of the College three and a half years ago, the highest number of marks previously secured in any one year being 2 in matriculation and 7 in Junior Civil Service. A thoroughly up-to-date system has now been evolved for the working of the college, and the Catholics of Auckland look forward to even more striking results of the zeal and ability of the members of the teaching staff.

Brother Paul has recently been appointed Director of the college. He has had wide experience in various parts of the British Empire. For some years previous to his departure for Europe he was Director of St. Mary's High School, in the Cathedral parish, Sydney. Thanks to the energy and thoroughness with which he laid the foundations for the future in this school, St. Mary's has for years occupied a leading place among the secondary schools of Australasia. After spending some time in the Marist Brothers' College in France, Brother Paul taught in London, and was then transferred to St. Joseph's Commercial College, Dumfries, well known in the British Isles as a consistently successful institution. After inspecting the educational systems in Ireland, Brother Paul went to South Africa, and at the outbreak of the Boer War was in charge of the Brothers' school in Johannesburg, which numbered 700 pupils. After further experience in South Africa as Director of the Brothers' school in Capetown, Brother Paul arrived in New Zealand, where he is already well known and highly appreciated. The Sacred Heart College is fortunate in securing for its Director a man who has had such varied experience in teaching and in directing schools.

The college re-opened on Monday, February 4, and judging by the number of new boys on the rolls, there is a prosperous year in store for it.

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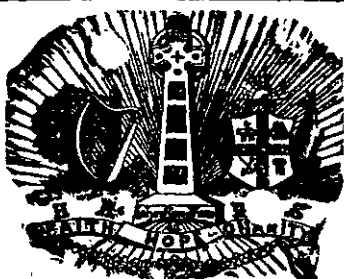
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Commercial

PRODUCE

Wellington, February 11.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, dated London, February 9:—The mutton market is dull, and there is a limited demand for all qualities. Very few really prime carcasses of mutton have been marketed lately. There is no change to report in prices. The lamb market is quiet and very unsettled on account of the conflicting cablegrams regarding the dry season now prevailing. Australian lamb is in large supply, and of good quality. This season's New Zealand lamb is quoted at 6½d per lb for Canterbury brands, and at 5½d for other than Canterbury brands. There is a better demand for beef. There is a large supply of chilled beef on hand of irregular quality. The average price of New Zealand beef is 3½d and 2½d per lb for hind and forequarters respectively. The butter market is overstocked, and depressed. Some holders of butter are forcing sales, while buyers are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. Retailers are catering for the shilling trade, which affects the market. The average price of choicest New Zealand butter to-day is 103s per cwt; Australian, 98s; Danish, 114s; Argentine, 101s. The cheese market is very firm, and the stock is moderate. There is a general and active demand. New Zealand brands are quoted at 65s per cwt. The hemp market is quiet, but firm. The price of New Zealand hemp, good fair Wellington grade, on spot, is £39 10s. per ton. Manila, fair current grade, on spot, £42 per ton.

Invercargill Prices (Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 7d; separator, 9d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 1½d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £4 per ton. Flour, £9 to £9 10s. Oatmeal, £11 10s to £12. Bran, £4 5s. Pollard, £5 to £5 10s. Potatoes, £5. Retail—Farm butter, 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s ¼d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Bacon, 10d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lb, 20s; 25lb, 5s 3d; 25lb, 2s 9d. Oatmeal—50lb, 6s 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s 6d. Potatoes, 7s per cwt.

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

Oats.—Supplies are short, and the market is firmer. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; medium and inferior, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel.

Wheat.—The market remains about the same as last week, and quotations are as follows: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 1d to 3s 2d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Supplies are more plentiful, and in consequence prices are rather easier this week. Quotations: Prime table sorts, £7 10s to £7 15s; medium to good, £6 10s to £7; small and inferior, £5 to £6 per ton.

Chaff.—The market is fully supplied, but there is a good enquiry for prime oaten sheaf (old). Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £5 to £5 5s; medium and inferior, £4 5s to £4 15s per ton.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue comprised good to prime feed oats, fowl wheat, feed barley, potatoes, and chaff, for all of which there was fair competition at about late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Consignments arriving are barely sufficient for local consumption. No new oats have so far been offering on this market, and consequently all offering meet with ready sale at late values. Quotations: Prime milling and feed, 2s 5½d to 2s 6½d; medium to good, 2s 4d to 2s 5d; inferior, 2s 2d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—During the past week the first of the new season's wheat has been offering from local districts. This is turning out in a very satisfactory condition, nearly every lot threshed to date being prime milling quality. Tuscan and velvet has most attention from millers, and best lots of these kinds have been readily placed at prices fully equal to values of northern-grown wheat. Fowl wheat is scarce, and commands almost equal value with milling quality. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 4d to 3s 5d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; damaged and broken, 3s 1d to 3s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market has been more heavily supplied during the week, and prices have eased somewhat. Sales of stale and unripe samples are difficult to make, but prime lines meet with good inquiry at prices about 5s per ton below quotations. Quotations: Prime, £7 5s to £7 15s; medium to good, £6 to £7, small sorts and stale, £5 to £5 15s per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market has been more fully supplied. Nearly all consignments arriving are of good to prime quality, and although all sorts are more plentiful the demand is good and prices are fairly maintained. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £5 to £5 5s; medium to good, £4 10s to £4 17s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—The market is bare, and any coming forward meets with ready sale on arrival at—for wheat—£2 per ton, and for oaten 47s 6d to 50s per ton, pressed.

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins and Sheepskins.—No sales this week.

Hides.—At our sale on Thursday last we offered a catalogue totalling 687 to an average attendance of buyers. Our top price for cow hides was 6½d and for ox 7½d.

Tallow and Fat.—This market continues without alteration; all coming forward meet with a ready sale at late rates.

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

There was a rather small entry of horses forward for last Saturday's sale, and, with two or three exceptions, all were past their prime. The attendance of the public was only fair, the principal reasons no doubt being that nothing special was advertised, and also that farmers cannot afford at the present time to leave the harvest fields to attend horse sales. Quotations: Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £55 to £60; superior young draught mares, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £13 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

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West's Pictures and the Brescians

West's Pictures and the Brescians inaugurated a season at His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday night, when a very fine programme was presented, included in which were sights and scenes from the International Exhibition. This unique series of pictures were specially cinematographed by Mr. T. J. West by express permission of the Government, and will, no doubt, prove a source of great attraction to those who have not had the opportunity of seeing this splendid display of arts and industries. The Brescians will also delight their patrons with a new programme of delightful music, consisting of new songs, new concerted music, and new comedy sketches. On the whole, the entertainment, provided by this talented combination gives the opportunity of spending a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Marie Narelle

As an interpreter of Irish songs Miss Narelle stands unrivalled, and therefore it was not to be wondered at that her brief farewell season in Dunedin, which commenced on Monday night, was most successful. Those who had heard the 'Queen of Irish Song' on her first visit were determined to renew the pleasant impressions then created, whilst many who had not had that pleasure, took the opportunity of hearing her on this occasion. That the reception accorded to her was flattering in the highest degree may be inferred from the fact, that every item, on the programme for which she was responsible was enthusiastically encored. It is difficult to say in what particular kind of ballad she excels, for she seems equally at home in the simple love song, the pathetic melody, and the patriotic war song. Added to a well cultivated voice the gifted singer is the possessor of rare dramatic talent, which she uses to the highest possible advantage. In 'Father O'Flynn' we saw her in a humorous mood, with the quaint drollery of the Irish peasant, whilst in the war song of the clans of Tyrconnell, we were, as it were, transported to a far-off time, and heard the clang and clamor of martial strife. In these typical instances we had convincing evidence of her versatility as a singer and an actress. Miss Narelle was ably assisted by Mr. Chester Pentress, the talented tenor of the company, who was also recalled several times, his finished rendering of such items as 'The wind that shakes the barley' and 'Cruiskeen Lawn' being specially appreciated. Miss Brandon-Usher, the pianist of the company, contributed the piano solos, 'Wedding Day' and 'Caprice Espagnol' in a highly artistic manner. On Tuesday evening the final concert of the season was given, when an enthusiastic reception was again accorded Miss Narelle and her talented company.

One of the most interesting of school annuals received at this office is 'The Xaverian', from Xavier College, Kew, Melbourne. The greater part of the issue before us is devoted to records of the work of the college during the year. The original articles in prose and verse will be perused with interest even by those who have no connection with the college. There is a four-page supplement, consisting of a school song set to music which adds to the value of the magazine. A feature which will increase its popularity among former students of the college is an old boys' column, which gives a brief account of the careers of those who were students during the period 1885-7. The magazine is copiously illustrated, there being a dozen full-page pictures. It is carefully compiled, nicely printed, and altogether very creditable to all concerned in its production.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

February 10.

The mission conducted by Rev. Father Francis during the past fortnight was brought to a close to-night. The Zealandia Hall was filled by a very large congregation. Father Francis in his final sermon chose as his subject the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the Mount. The ceremonies closed with renewal of the Baptismal vows and the imparting of the Papal blessing.

St. Patrick's Church was again crowded at all the Masses this morning, the whole of the sodalities approaching the Holy Table.

Rev. Father Francis proceeds to Ashhurst on Monday to preach a short mission, returning to Palmerston on Thursday, when he will bless the large mission cross, which will be placed in suitable position in the church. It may not be generally known, save to a few of the older parishioners, that this cross was presented to St. Patrick's Church by the young men of the congregation some ten years ago.

OBITUARY

MRS. BROSNAHAN, WASHDYKE.

(From our Timaru correspondent.)

There passed away at her residence, Washdyke, on Wednesday, February 6, a true type of Catholic womanhood in the person of Mrs. Eliza Brosnahan, wife of Mr. Timothy H. Brosnahan. The deceased, who was a native of Ballygolt, Kerry, arrived in the Colony in 1864, and during her long and useful life was a staunch supporter of the Church and the cause of Catholic education. She leaves a husband and a family of six children—two boys and four girls—to mourn their loss. One of her daughters is a religious in the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin. She was attended during her long illness by Rev. Father Finerty, and her death was a most happy one. The funeral, which took place on Friday at the Temuka Cemetery, was a very large one, Rev. Father Hoare officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

The number of brick, stone, and concrete dwelling-houses in the Colony increased between the last two censuses from 7517 to 8359, a rate of 11 per cent. Houses built of wood and iron increased from 153,945 to 178,551, the rate, 16 per cent., being somewhat higher than that which obtained for brick and stone dwellings. These figures do not include huts.

The cultivation of ramie fibre, which is now much spoken of as a competitor with flax, has been going on at the Momohaki Experimental Farm since 1897. The manager of the farm in a letter to the 'Wanganui Herald,' states that several thousands of plants have been distributed all over the Colony. So far, he is not aware of anyone having followed up its cultivation to any extent. This, he considered, was due to the amount of attention required for its cultivation, and to the absence of local demand for the fibre. The need of a fair amount of attention was no reason why ramie growing should not be given a fair trial on a commercial scale.

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"Reminiscences of the Cathedral of Baltimore," by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons; "The Island Priest," by Marion Ames Taggart; "The Blessed Virgin in Legend," by Rev. M. M. Sheedy; "In the Niche at the Left," by Jerome Harte; "A Breath of Fresh Air," by P. O. Smith; "The Blessing of St. Michael's," by Grace Keen; "What Catholics have done for the World," by Mary T. Waggaman; "The Suffering Souls in Purgatory," by Rev. W. H. Kent, O.S.O.; "In the Dwelling of the Witch," by Anna T. Sadlier; "Sketch of the Life of the Blessed Julie Billiart," "A Hole in His Pocket," by Maad Regan; "Some Notable Events of the Year 1905-1906," "Stemming the Tide," by Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy.

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DEATH

BROSNAHAN.—At Washdyke, on February 6th, Eliza, the beloved wife of Timothy H. Brosnahan; aged 58 years.—R.I.P.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

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

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

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

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1907.

A WAR ON WOMEN



EARLY twelve months ago the London 'Telegraph', a secular daily paper, wrote editorially as follows of the Catholic Church:—

"It is one of the strangest characteristics of the Church of Rome that she alone among the denominations has discovered the secret of grappling to herself with hooks of steel men and women from every rank of society and every grade of culture. Whatever their worldly position, whatever their degree of intellectual development, her power over them is a real and binding one. It is only those with some personal knowledge of her adherents who have any idea of the diversity of individual conviction which attains repose under the apparently rigid and unbending system by which her authority is exercised."

Many of her converts (said the same journal) are from the affluent and highly educated classes, and not a few of the most cultured sceptics turn to her at last in their despair and become her zealous supporters."

Another and beautiful outstanding feature of the Church of Christ is her wealth of charitable activity. It is as wide as the great field of human suffering and woe. Its energising zeal is ever blossoming into new ways and means of alleviating suffering and reclaiming the fallen, and to these great works of mercy the Church has also 'grappled with hooks of steel men and women from every rank of society and every grade of culture'. Envy, like death, loves a shining mark. And it is in the nature of things that the Church should be from time to time assailed in her works of charity. In France it produced the coarsest calumnies from the enemies of all religion, bent upon finding a plausible pretext for the spoliation and proscription that has in part run its course. It was fitting that the highest and most exacting charity—that of reclaiming fallen women—should be made the target of the vilest slander. It was so in France. It is so in Australia, where for several years past an organised campaign of Orange calumny has been directed against the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, whose work for the wayward of their sex, as in New Zealand, leaves the tongue of panegyric stammering for lack of words. In France the campaign of vilification was carried on by the lineal descendants of those who placed a brazen member of the demi-monde upon the

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high altar of Notre Dame, and worshipped her as the Goddess of Reason. And, with unintended appropriateness, those who in Melbourne and Sydney have joined hands with the French atheists in the warfare against holy and devoted women, are the members of an organisation who in 1902 took to their hearts an unreformed and unrepentant Delilah (Margaret Shepherd), placed her on a pedestal of honor, and went dancing and singing around their new goddess of the Cyprian sisterhood. Envy

'Hates that excellence it cannot reach'.

From such a source as that just mentioned above, one does not expect much or any appreciation of 'Sweet Saint Charity' that goes 'in profundis'—into the depths and sees, like the Good Shepherd Himself, to save that which was lost. The braided captains of this chivalrous campaign against women are worthy of their cause. They are sundry preachers of small back-street conventicles in Victoria and New South Wales to whom self-advertisement is bread and butter, or more butter to their bread, and whose advertising methods are those of the fair-green contortionist and the mountebank.

From time to time our news and editorial columns have detailed the overwhelming official and other exposures that have persistently dogged the anti-convent stories concocted by the screeching brotherhood beyond the water. Yet, undeterred by repeated humiliation and failure, the 'yellow' brigade returns to the charge. Their stories are like the branches of Virgil's inexhaustible tree—pluck away one in the morning; another is in its place before evening:—

'Uno avulso, non deficit alter
Aureus, et simili frondescit virga metallo'.

The latest calumny was the oft-refuted one of sweating at the Abbotsford Magdalen Home. It is scarcely necessary to say that the accusation was flung by a clergyman—one, too, whom previous official exposures ought to have taught lessons of prudence in speech. In the present instance, Mr. F. Short (a non-Catholic), Inspector of Charities, was deputed by the Premier to pay a surprise visit to the Home and report upon the charges levelled against it. The report was brief and pointed: there was nothing to sustain the charges. But as the official hand plucks off one calumny, another begins to sprout. The tongues of interested and organised calumniators know no holiday. And, like the termagant in Sheridan's play, they have a free tongue and a bold invention.

Notes

Scapegoats

The Carthaginians of old strangled their unsuccessful generals. The Romans (more prudent in their day) commended their beaten leaders so long as they did their best and 'did not despair of the Republic.' Modern beaten nations usually cast about for a scapegoat. Admiral Byng was shot at Portsmouth for having, without any fault of his own, failed in an expedition to relieve Malta. He was merely offered as a victim to popular clamor. Count de Lally—a valiant Hiberno-French commander—was executed for having failed to defeat the British forces at Pondicherry, although (as was afterwards proved) he had done everything that was possible in the circumstances to achieve success. France also immolated Marshal Bazaine, more in response to popular fury than on purely military grounds. And now Russia has taken a hand in the game. Ex-Admiral Nebogatoff and his captains—at first sentenced to death—afe now to be interned in a fortress for ten years. Various other sentences have also been passed in connection with the battle of Tsushima. First-class military or naval disasters usually have

this ending. Some strange kink in national feeling makes people more ready, as a rule, to accuse their defenders of cowardice and treason, on the lightest grounds, than to admit honorable defeat by a foreign foe, however skilful, numerous, valiant, and well prepared.

A Millionaire's Gifts

The cableman has just been to the trouble of sending to this outer rim of the earth an account of the recent benefactions of an American multi-millionaire who piled high his bursting money-bags by creating or joining in great trusts and picking the pockets of the poor. Well, there is such a thing as stealing a hog and giving the feet for alms. For the rest, your ostentatious Croesus still remains, after all his gifts, a multi-millionaire, retaining of his trust-made shekels 'a fine sum' (as Lord Erskine once said of a dead British nabob) 'to begin the other world with.' In pre-Reformation days there prevailed the old and more Christian idea that property was held in stewardship. The new social principles then adopted had as their underlying idea the notion that property is held in absolute ownership. Modern pauperism was the result—the sharp distinction which made the 'classes' more haughty, prosperous, and unfeeling than ever before in Christian history, and (in the words of an old writer) turned the 'masses' into 'mere stark beggars.' There are perhaps some of our readers who can remember the storm of indignation that was raised among landed proprietors in Ireland when (on May 22, 1838) Chief Secretary Thomas Drummond wrote to the magistrates of Tipperary that 'property has its duties as well as its rights.' The Irish landed magnates of 1838 merely represented a feeling that was too prevalent in their time. The trust and the multi-millionaire of our day represent a fresh outcome of the abandonment of the old-time Catholic feeling in regard to property and its duties.

In Germany

The long and bitter persecution known as the Kulturkampf had one result that neither Falk nor Bismarck ever anticipated. It created the Centre or Catholic Party that is now the best-knit, the most numerous section in the German Imperial Parliament. Last week's cable-messages go to show that they have been returned with added strength at the recent elections—105 in 1907 as against 100 in 1903, 103, in 1898, and 96 in 1893. At last week's elections the Centre Party stood for the following principles: (1) The right of the Imperial Parliament to assert its independence of the military authorities; (2) the necessity of contending against Caesarism and absolutism; (3) the duty of carefully watching the colonial policy, so that the nation may not be landed in bankruptcy by extravagant and unremunerative colonial expenditure.

During the electoral campaign in the Fatherland, a Hohenlohe story was, for political purposes, sent on the rounds against the Catholic Party, and was even echoed in the New Zealand press. It was an alleged assertion of the late Prince Hohenlohe that in 1893 he had advised that a present of half a million francs (£20,000) should be offered to the Pope (Leo XIII.), but not actually paid until the military proposals of the Government had been passed by the Imperial Parliament—of course with the aid of the Centre or Catholic Party. The idea was, of course, that their votes were to be secured for that purpose by the influence of the Pope. Here is how the 'Catholic Times' of December 28 deals with the story: 'A considerable number of the German papers, unmindful of Parliamentary history, have taken it for granted that the Centre was thus acted on; but fortunately there are records which prove the contrary and dis-

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pose of the insinuation. Twice in 1893 the members of the Centre voted against the Government's proposals, refusing to accept them even in a modified form. As a matter of fact, then, the little plan to gain support for Count Caprivi's military scheme miscarried. Neither Leo XIII. nor the Centre leaders in 1893 were men who would compromise their independence, and from the profound respect which the German Emperor always displayed towards the Pontiff it is clear that he knew him to be guided in his public policy as well as in his private life by the highest and purest motives.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Dr. Kavanagh from the Diocese of Maitland arrived in Dunedin last week to take up professorial duties in Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

The Very Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., who conducted the retreat of the clergy at Holy Cross College, left for the north on Friday.

The name of Miss Aileen O'Donnell, Maheno, pupil of Rosary Convent, Oamaru, appeared on the credit list of the recent Junior Civil Service examinations.

The Right Rev. Dr. Reville, Bishop of Sandhurst, arrived in Dunedin from the north on Friday evening. During his stay in Dunedin his Lordship was the guest of the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon. Bishop Reville preached in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, and left for Melbourne via the Bluff by the first express on Monday.

The Catholic schools picnic took place on Tuesday, when between 1100 and 1200 children and adults were conveyed to Waihola by a special train consisting of 16 carriages. His Lordship the Bishop was present during the day, as were also Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Rev. Fathers Howard, Delany, Ahern, Corcoran, and Liston. The day was beautifully fine, and everything passed off successfully until about three o'clock, when a sad drowning fatality occurred, which cast a gloom over the assemblage.

A meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the usual St. Patrick's Day entertainment. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a representative attendance. All present formed themselves into a general committee, with the Rev. Father Coffey as hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. P. Rodgers as hon. secretary, to forward the necessary arrangements. It was decided to hold the entertainment on Monday, March 18. A sub-committee was appointed to draw up a programme, and secure the services of those willing to contribute items on the occasion.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

WELLINGTON

The following are the Regulations for Lent, which we make in virtue of special faculties received from the Holy See:—

1st.—We grant permission for the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on all Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and also on all Saturdays except one; that is the second Saturday during Lent, and Monday in Holy Week.

2nd.—Lard and dripping may be used after the manner of butter, at dinner, on days of Fast and Abstinence during Lent, and also throughout the year, with the exception of the first and last Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday.

3rd.—White meats—such as butter, milk, cheese—are allowed on all days at dinner and collation, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Milk is not allowed in tea, coffee, or other beverage on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eggs are allowed on all days, at dinner, except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4th.—For those who, though not bound to fast, are bound to abstain, the kinds of food which are allowed at their chief meal to those who are bound to fast, are allowed at all times to those who are not so bound.

5th.—Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal during Lent.

There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sunday in Lent.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has caused St. Patrick's Day to be no longer a fast day in Australasia, or a day of abstinence, unless it happens to fall on a Friday or during the Quatuor Tense.

All who have completed their 21st year are bound to fast and abstain—unless excused by the state of their health or the nature of their employment—according to the regulations stated above; and all who have arrived at the use of reason, though not bound to fast before the completion of their 21st year, are nevertheless bound to abstain from the use of flesh meats on the days appointed—unless exempted for a legitimate cause, of which the respective pastors are the judges.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which, in this diocese, commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of Saints Peter and Paul.

The collection for the Holy Father will take place on Good Friday.

The collection for the Seminary Fund will be held on Whit Sunday, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for St. Mary's Orphanage, Stoke, and for the Holy Places in Palestine ($\frac{1}{2}$ of collection for the former object and $\frac{1}{4}$ for the latter) will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The clergy are requested to read these Regulations from the several altars as soon as possible, and to cause a copy of them to be placed in a conspicuous place in their respective churches and chapels.

✠ FRANCIS,

Archbishop of Wellington.

Wellington, February 3, 1907.

DUNEDIN

Whilst the law of the Lenten Fast remains in full vigor, the following regulations are made in virtue of powers received from the Apostolic See and by special indulgent granted to all the Bishops of New Zealand on the 15th March, 1898, for ten years:—

1. Flesh meat is allowed at dinner on all days in Lent, except Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday in Ember Week, and the Monday in Holy Week.

2. On fasting days a little refectio is allowed in the morning and a collation in the evening, at which (except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) butter, cheese, and milk in moderation may be used.

3. Eggs may be used at dinner on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

4. Lard and dripping may be used as a condiment instead of butter on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

5. Fish and flesh meat cannot be used at the same meal during Lent.

6. Persons who are not bound to fast may take at all meals the kinds of food that are allowed at the chief meal.

7. There is neither fast nor abstinence on St. Patrick's Day (17th March).

8. We hereby authorise confessors, and priests having care of souls, to grant to the faithful such further dispensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each case.

9. Persons not twenty-one years old, as well as those advanced in old age, and all persons who are unable to fast on account of sickness or hard labor, etc., are exempted from the general obligation of fasting.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Holy Communion within Easter time, which in this diocese commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

A collection for the Seminary Fund will be made on the second Sunday in Lent in every church where a priest officiates, and in all other churches on some Sunday during Lent. The faithful are earnestly solicited to contribute generously to this fund.

The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next, and for the Aborigines and Holy Places on some convenient day.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,

Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, February 2, 1907.

Sad Drowning Accident

A most distressing drowning fatality occurred at Waihōia on Tuesday afternoon, resulting in the death of two boys—Ernest Mullaney and Thomas Curran—who were attending the Catholic Schools' picnic. It appears that three small boys, the lad Curran being one of them, were bathing in some shallow water close inshore on the lake, when a flat-bottomed dingey came floating by. The dingey was floating bottom upwards, and the boys got on to it, and amused themselves in this way for some time, unconscious of the fact that the dingey was drifting into deep water. The three boys, it appears, eventually realised the position, and jumped or slid off the bottom of the dingey, and found themselves in 7ft of water. The boy Curran, who was about 12 years of age, and who resided at Kensington, on getting into deep water became frightened and lost confidence, and one of the other boys went to his assistance, but owing to the depth of the water and the struggles of Curran had to let him go and swim to the shore to save himself from drowning.

Ernest Mullaney (a son of Sergeant Mullaney, of Port Chalmers), who was bathing by the shore, saw the danger, and promptly went out to the distressed boy's assistance. For this purpose he swam out, and succeeded in reaching Curran, but was unable to bring him ashore, and both boys sank together and were drowned. Mullaney, who was a strong swimmer, was 14 years of age, Tuesday being his birthday.

When the news of the accident became known, all the available boats on the lake were immediately put in requisition, and the place where the accident occurred was dragged with fishing nets and other appliances, and at about 5 o'clock both bodies were recovered, when it was found that Curran had his arms firmly clasped round Mullaney's neck.

The sad occurrence, as was to be naturally expected, cast a gloom over the people present, and the deepest sympathy was expressed on all sides for the parents and relatives of the boys drowned.—R.I.P.

ASHBURTON

(From our own correspondent.)

February 12.

The new Catholic presbytery is well nigh completed.

Owing to the departure of Mr. A. J. Muller from this district, Mr. M. J. Burgess has taken over the conductorship of the choir, which is doing exceptionally well under his able guidance.

Mr. H. P. Madden has been appointed to represent the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society at the triennial movable meeting to be held at Auckland in March.

The weather for some time past has been exceptionally dry, and business in connection with the sheep market is practically at a standstill. Many grass fires have occurred of late, one farmer having the whole of his crop burnt.

The Catholic Literary Society held their annual meeting a short time ago, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. S. Madden; vice-president, Mr. W. Moriarty; treasurer, Rev. Father McDonnell; secretary, Mr. L. Madden; librarian, Mr. Jos. Moison; council, Messrs. M. J. Burgess, T. O'Carroll, D. McDonnell, M. Fitzgerald, and E. Hanrahan; auditors, Messrs. F. Brophy and Jas. Murphy.

On Thursday, February 7, the Literary Society gave an 'at home' to which they invited their friends. There was a large attendance, and Mr. S. Madden (president) occupied the chair. The programme consisted of games, music, and recitations. Those who assisted were:—Songs, Misses Brankin, Hamill, C. Madden, A. McDonnell, and E. McKenna, and Messrs. Jas. Hanrahan, T. and J. Healy, and T. Brophy; pianoforte solos, Mrs. Scrent, Misses Brankin and Cartwright (Oamaru), and Mr. Fernandez; recitation, Mr. F. K. Cooper. During the evening opportunity was taken to present three diplomas of merit from the Executive of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Societies to Messrs. F. K. Cooper, M. J. Burgess, and D. McDonnell for distinguished services to the society. Mr. Burgess was also presented with a diploma as first prize in the local club's oratorical competition. Mr. Madden in making the presentation made a few complimentary remarks, especially congratulating Mr. Burgess on his speech. The recipients suitably responded.

Interprovincial

The new convent at Akaroa for the Sisters of Mercy will be blessed and opened on Sunday by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G.

Miss Mary O'Rorke, Convent High School, New Plymouth, passed the Civil Service examination. She was the only pupil presented.

Owing to a blasting accident at Milburn on Saturday, two men were killed, and three injured. Mr. William Casserly, who was killed, was the son of Mr. W. Casserly, of Fairfax, Milton, and was 22 years of age. His brother, Mr. P. Casserly, was seriously injured.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the 'High School Annual' of the Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rockhampton. The annual devotes most of its space to accounts of the various events which took place during the scholastic year. There are some creditable original contributions in prose and verse, and a number of illustrations, all of which make up a very readable magazine.

A sad accident occurred at Waimate on Thursday evening. Dr. Barclay was driving a motor car, in which were his son and his groom, a youth named James O'Connor, about 18 years of age. Coming down the Mile road the car ran into a trap coming in the opposite direction, and threw the three occupants out. The shaft of the trap struck O'Connor on the breast, and he died a few minutes later. Dr. Barclay and his son were not injured. The men in the trap were not thrown out, and the only damage to the vehicle was the breaking of one end of the shaft.

A very pleasant gathering (says the Christchurch 'Press') took place at the office at the Lyttelton Gaol on Thursday evening, January 31, for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr. John Joyce, who, after 17 years' service in the gaol, and who during the last few years has acted as clerk, has resigned in order to take up farming in the North Loburn district. There was a large number of the gaol officials present, on behalf of whom, Mr. M. Cleary, governor of the gaol, presented Mr. Joyce with a purse of sovereigns and a handsomely illuminated address. In making the presentation Mr. Cleary referred to Mr. Joyce in terms of the highest appreciation, and voiced the great regret felt by all the gaol officials at the departure of so popular an officer after many years of service. On behalf of the staff Mr. Cleary wished Mr. Joyce every happiness and prosperity in his future life. Mr. Joyce feelingly responded and heartily thanked Mr. Cleary and his brother officials for their valuable gifts and kind wishes. Mr. Joyce was also the recipient of an address from the visiting justices, who expressed their high appreciation of the qualities of tact and courtesy he had always displayed in the discharge of his duties.

In the course of an interview in Sydney Sir J. G. Ward said:—'We have never had anything approaching the record for the nine months of the present year. Our revenue is more than £600,000 higher than it was for the corresponding nine months of last year. And there is nothing abnormal in it, but, on the contrary, a steady growth of business, and the development of the interior and of the towns and cities, to account for this increase. Our revenue has grown in every department of the public service excepting in territorial revenue—and in respect of this it may be explained that the cause of the decrease is found in the fact that we have not been disposing of anything like the same quantity of land as in previous years. In our railways, stamps, Customs, post and telegraphs, and marine, there has been this increase; in fact, every branch of the public service gives a reflex of what is going on in the country generally. But in no sense can one say there is a boom. Our revenue has been increasing steadily for some years; and I predicted, when speaking in Wellington the night before leaving, that at the end of the present quarter, when the financial year will end, our country will have had a record year for revenue—exceeding, I think, £8,276,000, or £700,000 better than in last year.'

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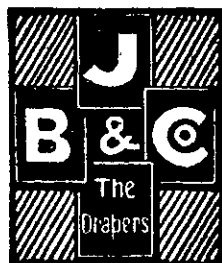
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Irish News

CLARE—Temperance Crusade

The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, and the priests of his diocese, have taken steps to forward in a practical way the temperance propaganda. A total Abstinence Society and the Anti-Treating Society have been established in each parish and rules for their guidance laid down.

CORK—An Octogenarian

The Rev. John Walsh, P.P., of Belgooly, County Cork, has just died at the age of eighty years. The venerable pastor was a familiar figure in clerical circles in the South of Ireland, and his loss is much deplored. Ordained in 1853 at St. Marie's of the Isle by the late Most Rev. Dr. Delaney, Bishop of Cork, he held curacies at Tracton, Carrigaline, Dunmahway, and Kinsale, and was appointed parish priest of the united parishes of Clonstead and Ballymartle in March, 1873.

The Church in France

A special meeting of the Cork City Council was held in the City Hall on December 20, when Alderman O'Connor proposed:—That we, the Corporation of Cork, hereby desire to tender to our Holy Father the Pope our sincere sympathy with him at the brutal attack that is being made upon the Catholic Church in France, and that we condemn in the strongest manner possible the attitude of the French Government in persecuting Catholics of the French nation. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Daniel Horgan, supported by Councillors Callanan, Curtis, Cronin, Alderman, Horgan, Sir Edward Fitzgerald, Alderman J. J. Kelleher, and the Lord Mayor, and unanimously adopted. At the conclusion of the meeting a telegram was sent to his Holiness acquainting him of the action taken by the Corporation.

DOWN—A Burns' Relic

The question of the ownership of the manuscript of Burns' poem, 'To Mary in heaven,' came before Mr. Justice Kenny at Ulster winter assizes in Belfast the other day, when John Savage, farmer, of Downpatrick, sued Susan Murphy, a schoolmistress, for money received in respect of its sale by the defendant as agent for the plaintiff. Mr. Savage was for many years in the service of a clergyman, Mr. Fallon, who made him his residuary legatee. Mr. Fallon was a man of literary taste and a collector of Burns relics. Mr. Savage, in going over Mr. Fallon's papers, discovered two documents in an envelope, one of which was the original Burns' manuscript of 'To Mary in heaven.' This document was shown in July of last year to a Mr. Murphy, who, with his wife and daughter, the defendant, then visited Mr. Savage at his residence in Belfast. The manuscript formed the subject of a general conversation, and the defendant remarked that she might be able to dispose of it for a good sum, seeing that she herself resided in a Burns' country. The manuscript was handed over to the defendant, and in March of the present year Mr. Savage saw a newspaper account of its sale in London to Mr. Sabin for £150. The defence was that the manuscript was given to Miss Murphy unconditionally. After a consultation between the parties and a reference to the Judge, it was agreed to accept his Lordship's suggestion to divide the net amount obtained for the manuscript, £133, equally between the parties.

DUBLIN—A New Irish Society

On December 19 a new Irish Society was established at a meeting in Dublin under the title of 'The Companions of St. Patrick,' with a view of promoting social intercourse and benevolence between Irishmen of all classes and creeds at home and abroad.

A Former Student of Blackrock College

The committee of the Blackrock College Union, desirous of marking their appreciation of the appointment of one of its past presidents—Mr. James MacMahon—to be accountant in the Post Office in Ireland, entertained him at a dinner in the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin. A presentation was made, which consisted of a silver salver, and a gold bracelet for Mrs. MacMahon.

Irish Language Philosophy

In the course of an address to the Blackrock branch of the Gaelic League, the Hon. W. Gibson said the accusation had often been brought against those pushing forward and reviving their national tongue, that they were engaged in a reactionary movement, that they were try-

ing to shut out from the Irish people the advantages of modern civilisation, and keeping them in a state of obscurity. He was prepared to demonstrate to them absolutely, convincingly, and, he should almost say, mathematically, that this proposition of the so-called progressives was false; that those forwarding the language movement were the real progressives. Small nationalities, which had permitted themselves to be absorbed in language, etc., by large communities, were doomed in the end to disappear. Language was not a question of popular politics, which might vanish at any time, but it was a great and solemn question, which had not been proposed to them by agitators or by men who, struck by a brilliant idea, wished to make the most of it. It had been proposed by the progress of civilisation and human evolution, which had been borne in upon them. The nation that lost its language denied its birthright.

Assisting the Poor

Over 1000 poor, but deserving, families, were afforded relief by the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society of Dublin during the four days preceding the Feast of the Nativity.

Drapers' Strike

Dublin had lately a strike of drapers' assistants, and feeling ran so high that the matter became one of public interest, if not excitement. Some persuasive attempts of the strikers and their friends were construed into intimidation, and prosecution followed. The cases came up for trial before the Lord Chief Baron and a jury in the Dublin Courts. The prisoners were acquitted. Truth to tell, the prosecutors were very half-hearted about their work. Sergeant Dodd hinted that he would be content to have the accused bound over. The charge was the old fly-blown coercion formula—'unlawfully endeavoring to prevent drapers' assistants doing what they had a legal right to do.' The jury made short work of the first case, finding the prisoner not guilty. On this Sergeant Dodd abandoned the other cases.

MONAGHAN—Death of a Priest

The news of the death of Very Rev. Thomas Canon Murphy, P.P., of Kilmore and Drumsnatt, was received with feelings of the deepest regret all over the diocese of Clogher. The sad event, which took place in Monaghan, was all the more to be regretted in view of its suddenness. The deceased had been in failing health for some months past, and he passed away strengthened and consoled by the last rites of our Holy Church. The cause of death was apoplexy.

TIPPERARY—Demise of a Priest

The death took place on December 21 of the Rev. Father Meagher, P.P., Drom and Inch, at the age of 77 years, to the great regret of his parishioners and friends. He had been ailing for a considerable time, and his death was not unexpected. Deceased was ordained at Maynooth College in 1860, and was appointed curate of Annacathry, after which he was transferred to Tipperary, Templemore, Drangan, Drom, then to Fethard, and in 1881 he was created parish priest of the joint parishes of Drom and Inch. During his 25 years as parish priest he did a great deal to advance the sacred cause of religion and education. A few years ago he gave a gift of two beautiful stained-glass windows and a valuable oil painting to the church at Drom. He was also instrumental in getting a teachers' residence built. He was brother of the Rev. Thomas Meagher, late P.P. of Newport.

The Late Mgr. White

The late Right Rev. Monsignor White, Dean of Killaloe and parish priest of Nenagh (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), was of a singularly fervent and enthusiastic temperament. He threw himself with all the ardor of his fervent nature into the Irish National movement, and hailed with delight Mr. Gladstone's first Home Rule proposal in 1886. He went over to London at the time of the introduction of the Home Rule Bill in April, 1886, and being unable, not having applied to his friends in time, to obtain a seat in the gallery of the House of Commons to hear Mr. Gladstone's speech, he determined that he would wish him God-speed on his way to the House of Commons. He accordingly waited in palace yard till Mr. Gladstone, accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone, drove to the House of Commons, and as they alighted, the Dean took off his hat and expressed his good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were much touched by the incident, shook hands with Dean White very warmly, and Mr. Gladstone, in a few words, conveyed his high appreciation of Dean White's devotion to the Irish cause.

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Fighting Consumption

At a recent meeting of the Clonmel Rural Council, a communication was read from Dr. Brown, L.G.B.M.I., urging the necessity for taking action with other councils in Waterford and Tipperary for the purpose of establishing a sanatorium for both those counties. He pointed out that a loan could be got for the buildings and a penny rate levied for the maintenance of the institution. A resolution was adopted asking the Tipperary, Waterford, and Kilkenny rural and urban councils to join in the establishment of a sanatorium.

TYRONE—A Priest Honored

Rev. W. T. O'Doherty, P.P., Omagh, has had conferred upon him by his Holiness Pope Pius X. the title of Monsignor. The news was received throughout Ulster, but more particularly in the parishes where he previously ministered, with the greatest satisfaction. Most Rev. Dr. John Keys O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, who was accompanied on his visit to Rome by Very Rev. W. T. O'Doherty, P.P., V.F., and Very Rev. Dr. McHugh, P.P., Strabane, had a private audience with the Pope on December 1, and at the conclusion he introduced both to his Holiness, from whom they received a warm welcome to the Eternal City. In the course of their audience the two dignitaries received the honors of Prelates in the Papal Household, with the titles of Monsignor. Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty thanked the Holy Father for the privilege he had so generously paid Derry diocese and its clergy.

WATERFORD—An Editor passes away

The death is reported of Mr. James Harnett M'Grath, editor of the 'Waterford Citizen.' Mr. M'Grath was one of the best known journalists in the South-east of Ireland, and had edited the 'Citizen' very capably for many years.

WESTMEATH—Sale of an Estate

Negotiations for the sale of the estate of Colonel Ellis, at Gilliardstown, County Westmeath, have ended in agreement to the following terms: First term tenants, 6s in the £ (2½ years' purchase); three second term tenants to purchase on same basis; all arrears wiped out; sporting rights to vest in tenants, and interest at 3½ per cent to be payable till vesting order is issued. Rev. Father O'Farrell acted for the tenants during the negotiations, and Mr. Chatterton (agent) for the landlord.

WEXFORD—A Friend of the Poor

General regret is felt in South Wexford at the death of Rev. J. Wall, Ballykelly. He was on the mission for over thirty years, and was held in much esteem by all classes, especially by the poor.

GENERAL

A Good Citizen

Our American exchanges report the death at Tonopah, Nevada, of Mr. John Cosgrove, brother of Mrs. M. Small, Winton. The deceased (says the 'Anaconda Standard') came to this city when it first started in 1892, and made his home here until three years ago, when he went to Nevada. He was a contractor and builder, and did all the masonry work on the first smelters ever constructed at Anaconda. There are few men who have passed through life in the West who have done so with cleaner or better reputations; as he was ever considered an honorable and upright citizen. The deceased, who was about 58 years of age, went from Ireland to the United States in 1867. 'The Inter-Mountain' paid the following tribute to his sterling worth:—'He was a man of decided character, and in his business he had the full confidence of such men as James G. Fair, John W. Mackay, and Marcus Daly—in fact of everybody with whom he was acquainted. He was a kindly, generous, gentle man, true as steel, a man who had the absolute trust of everyone who knew him.' The deceased left a widow, two brothers in the United States, one in Ireland, and a sister in this Colony.

Trade Marks

The registration of the Irish trade mark was completed on December 1. This is the first case of a country being enabled to obtain a registered trade mark applicable to every article of manufacture or produce. It is the most remarkable outcome of the Trade Marks Act of 1905, and it is to Ireland's credit that she was the first portion of the United Kingdom to recognise what a great measure of protection from fraud could be secured by the general use of a national trade mark. The design consists of the reproduction of an old Irish ornament, together with an Irish motto signifying 'Made in Ireland.'

People We Hear About

A cable message has been received by Sir Gerald Strickland, Governor of Tasmania, announcing the death of his mother in England. Sir Gerald, who is a Catholic, is the son of Captain Walter Strickland, R.N., and Louisa Benici, heiress of Sir Nicholas Sieberras, Bologna, and bears the title of Count della Catena, in the island of Malta, through his mother.

His Grace Archbishop Murphy visited Beaconsfield on Saturday, January 19, and on the following Sunday administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children and adults (says the Tasmanian 'Monitor'). In the afternoon the superintendent of the Tasmania Mine, Mr. C. F. Heathcote, took his Grace for a drive to Beauty Point in his motor car. Motor-ing and working still at 91—a wonderful old man!

The pressmen in the United States have been eliciting from Monsignor J. S. Vaughan the opinion of the American people he has formed during his visit. At kalamazoo he told a pressman that he found them to be kind, and the press representative returns the compliment by saying of the Monsignor: 'He has that quality of "making one feel at home" which he so courteously attributes to Americans and his hand clasp is cordial.'

Mr. Bryce, who has been appointed British Ambassador at Washington, is, like Mr. Morley, a literary man first and a politician next, but an ornament to both professions. He has been in the House for 25 years, and held office in the last two Liberal Administrations. His published works, which have gained for him a great reputation, include 'The Holy Roman Empire,' 'The American Constitution,' 'Studies in History and Jurisprudence,' and 'Studies in Contemporary Biography.'

Of Signor Tosti the following story is told in 'P.T.O.'—A lady called on him and told him she intended to sing two of his songs at a concert. 'I thought I would just look round and try them over with you,' Tosti replied that he did not give lessons in that way; whereupon the lady said: 'Very well, I will not sing your songs, then.' Advancing towards her with outstretched hands, his face beaming with smiles, Tosti said: 'I thank you very much indeed for that favor.'

Mr. Justin M'Carthy tells a good story about a policeman. Mr. M'Carthy met this policeman late one night at the House, while he was waiting on the silent terrace for a division bell. He had a long talk with the man, and found that he was most intelligent. So Mr. M'Carthy thought that he would present him with one of his own books. 'Do you like reminiscences?' he said, tentatively. The policeman looked anxiously round, then said, with regret in his voice: 'Well, sir, I do; but the pubs ain't open yet!'

Mrs. Cashel Hoey, who is mentioned in a London daily paper as the lady who has longest practised conspicuous journalism, was born in Dublin and wrote her first article for an Irish newspaper in 1853. She still regularly contributes to papers in England, America, Canada, and Australia. In the intervals of her journalistic work Mrs. Cashel Hoey, who is a convert to the Church, has produced a number of successful novels. Her late husband, Mr. John Cashel Hoey, C.M.G., was a distinguished public servant, and the able sub-editor of 'The Dublin Review' during a portion of Dr. Ward's editorship. He was a personal friend of the late Sir Charles Gort, whose appointment of him to a post in the Agent-General's office was the cause of a political crisis in Victoria.

An incident occurred at Albany the other day which has attracted unusual attention (says the Philadelphia 'Catholic Standard and Times') because of its rarity. Mr. Michael Delehanty, once prominent in the political world—he was Superintendent of Public Buildings under Governor Flower—died recently, and a few days ago his will was admitted to probate. The main portion of the estate is bequeathed to Mr. Delehanty's daughters, his sons joining in the request for such disposition. As the Associated Press despatch naively says, 'the following clause of the will is somewhat out of the ordinary': 'Such disposition of my estate is made at the earnest request of the remainder of my children, who, through their great unselfishness and love for their unmarried sisters, desire to have them provided for as well as my means will permit, against any future contingency which may arise in their lives. For this spirit of magnanimity, may God bless them and theirs.'

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The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Catholic Interests

The Archbishop of Westminster has recently been taking active steps to secure representation and defence of Catholic interests at municipal elections, and has formed a federation committee with this object. Dr. Bourne has also invited the formation in every borough of London, north of the Thames, of a Catholic Association for the same purpose, the representatives of which, with the federation committee, will form the council of the new non-political organisation under the Archbishop's presidency.

A Good Example

The Anglican Bishops of London and Southwark have issued an appeal for £50,000, to save the Church of England schools in London now threatened with closure. In the course of it they say:—'It was a noble claim that the Duke of Norfolk was able to make in the House of Lords, that in 36 years not a Roman Catholic school had been lost. Churchmen will be inspired by a generous rivalry to make that claim their own.'

FRANCE—The Archbishop of Bordeaux.

Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, in quitting his palace, was received by a large body of sympathisers, who took the horses from his carriage and dragged it to the Cathedral, where his Eminence delivered an address before going to his new residence.

A New Form of Oath

The divorce between State and Church will soon take a further step toward completion. The Minister of Justice has drafted a law modifying the judicial procedure. The present law makes every jurymen, whether he is a Freethinker or not, swear: 'Before God and man I swear to examine,' while the foreman announces the verdict with hand on his heart by saying: 'On my honor and conscience, before God and man, the verdict is.' These references to the Deity the Minister now intends to abolish, as has been done with the crucifix, which was formerly in every law court.

The Lay Associations

Quite a flutter of excitement (says the 'Catholic Times') has been caused by the action of certain laymen in France who, in spite of the Papal prohibition, have notified the magistrates of their intention to carry on public worship in the parish churches here and there. The Government were delighted, accepted the notification as compliance with the law, and in its joy actually published the names of these worthy men who disregarded the Papal prohibition. But people began to ask who were these men; and at one church, that of St. Pierre de Montrouge, Paris, one of the declarers was M. Charles Limousin, editor of the 'Acacia,' a Masonic review! When that fact became known, the meaning of the trick was clear. Not the Catholics, but enemies of Catholicism were engaged in the congerial task of making declarations for the continuance of divine worship in accordance with the terms of the Separation Law. At once the Government ceased publishing the names of lay declarers, and it can no longer pretend that the Holy See is willing to accept escape from impending trouble by any loophole that offers. The Vatican stands where it stood, and declarations, by whomsoever made, of formation of Worship Associations, or of intention to carry on worship, are in direct contravention of Papal orders.

A Protest

The following is the text of the protest of the foreign pupils, English, Scottish, and American, of St. Sulpice, Paris, read to the Commissioner of Police before their expulsion from the Seminary:—'M. le Commissaire as Scotsmen and Englishmen, subjects of King Edward VII., King of Great Britain and Ireland, and Americans we protest against the execution of a decree which deprives us of a home and turns us without shelter into the street. In former times, our fathers founded ecclesiastic educational establishments in France. These have been confiscated by international agreement, and a promise was made that a certain number of theological students should be provided each year with the funds necessary to enable them to pursue their studies in France. For many years our Bishops have sent us to the Fathers of St. Sulpice, and the Government has faithfully paid the cost of our

studies, but this year we have received nothing. Moreover we are driven from the establishment where we prosecuted our studies, and we learn that other Seminaries in France have met the same fate. We ask you, therefore, where we can retire to continue our studies, and we declare that we cannot leave until justice has been done to our legitimate demand. M. le Commissaire, in face of the situation forced upon us of having to leave this Seminary, we, the undersigned students from Great Britain and the United States of America protest against the injustice done to us. We had expected to find in France, a country which among us enjoys a great reputation for hospitality, a safe asylum, and at the Seminary of St. Sulpice, the most favorable institution in which to carry on our studies, and now, contrary to all our hopes, we are driven away. We consider that in expelling us from here, the French Government is causing veritable injury. Further, the too brief respite granted us in which to seek shelter elsewhere seems to us insufficient, for we are here far from our country and our kindred. We ask them in the name of the entente cordiale and in the virtue of agreements between France, Great Britain and America, for the protection of their subjects that a longer period of grace may be granted to us.'

A Touching Incident

In the beginning of December (writes a Paris correspondent) a touching manifestation of Catholic feeling took place here. In consequence of the Law of Separation, the Archbishop's residence was declared to be confiscated, and an officer of police announced the fact to his Eminence Cardinal Richard. But scarcely had the venerable prelate, on leaving his house, seated himself in his very modest carriage, than the horse was detached by a group of gentlemen—formerly Pontifical Zouaves—Catholic and French to the heart, such as General de Charette, some of whom drew the carriage, whilst others surrounded it as a guard of honor. An immense crowd of people bore witness by their presence and attitude to their veneration for their chief pastor, and their attachment to Holy Church. This procession advanced slowly and in perfect order, alternating the singing of hymns with cries of 'Long live our Cardinal,' 'Long live the Church.' In these times when sectarianism would suppress external worship and tear the Faith from all hearts, the people unite in processions like this, making aloud the profession of their faith—an eloquent protest from the true France which is so Catholic. It was an imposing spectacle. The Cardinal took refuge in the Rue de Babylone, in apartments carefully prepared by the family of M. Denis Cochin, who was happy to give up his house till a new residence could be prepared for the Archbishop. From the vestibule the venerable prelate blessed the people, who were deeply moved.

INDIA—A Nun Honored

The Kaiser-i-Hind Medal of the second class for public service in India has been conferred on Sister Norrie, Mother Superior, St. Joseph's Convent, Mandalay.

ROME—An English Newspaper

With the beginning of 1907 (writes a Rome correspondent) a weekly newspaper in English will be printed in Rome. Its object will be to let the clergy and the cultured laity throughout that part of the world which speaks English know the movement of Catholic thought, and the mind of Rome about it. The paper is therefore destined to be read more outside of Rome than in Rome itself, and it should prove very interesting to all who wish to keep thoroughly informed about the doings of the Holy See—and of its enemies. It is meant also to supply an antidote to the immense quantity of false or inaccurate information which is sent from Rome to America, England, Australia, etc. Ten years ago a similar venture was made, but did not last for more than two years owing to certain difficulties with which the coming newspaper will not have to contend. Strangely enough there are already in Rome two newspapers in English, one of which is openly Protestant, and the other a more or less anti-papal organ.

UNITED STATES—A Catholic Hero

Unique honor was recently paid at Spokane, Washington Territory, to the memory of Ensign John Robert Monaghan, who was killed in action at Apia, Samoa, on April 1, 1899, when a monument to him was unveiled in the presence of United States army and navy officers, a representative of President Roosevelt, the Governor of the Territory, civil and military organisations, the clergy, the school children, and thou-

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An Appeal to the President

In a toast—'The President'—at the annual banquet of the Alumni Association of St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati, Rev. Father Thomas V. Tobin, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, made an impassioned appeal that President Roosevelt do something definite before the end of his term to help settle the race question in the South, and stop rioting and bloodshed, which he declared had become a menace in recent years.

Catholic Halls and State Universities

It appears that there are about five thousand Catholic students in the non-Catholic Universities of the United States. A number of Archbishops and Bishops have taken steps to erect Catholic Halls near the State Universities and to nominate priests for the special function of watching over the spiritual interests of Catholic students.

The Alpaca

It was in a blinding storm on the desolate tablelands of the Peruvian Andes (writes a traveller) that I first saw a ludicrously ungainly beast pop up from behind a rock, as the stumbling feet of my mule sent some loose stones noisily down a precipice. The brute surveyed me for an instant, then shook his hairy head, gave a loud snort, and vanished. The echoes of the lonely pass bore to my ears a singular noise, as if an army of barefooted men were flying down the mountain. I had startled a herd of grazing alpacas, and their sentry had warned them of my approach. The noise was the beating of their huge cartilage padded feet on the rocky ground. The alpaca, which many people confuse with the llama, possibly because it is very closely allied to it in form and characteristics, is the gold mine of the Indians of the Andes, especially those of Peru, Bolivia, and Chili. It is an extraordinary brute in more senses than one. Its appearance with full coat of wool is supremely ridiculous. It is as large as a big sheep, with a neck like a small giraffe, a mere bundle of hair carried round on four legs, terminating in feet resembling those of an ostrich. Its legs are powerful and inappropriately graceful in comparison with the body they support and the feet in which they terminate. If the alpaca is absurdly ugly with its hair on, it is a burlesque after it has been fully sheared. It is sheared like a sheep, only its head is left covered. It is sometimes sheared once a year, yielding a six to eight inch fleece, but the more provident alpaca farmers shear only once in two years, when they get wool from fifteen to thirty inches long. The wool is found ranging from white, through grey, yellow, and brown, to black. The animal looks black, however, as the fleece exudes in oil and mats with the dust of the mountain pastures in which it roams at large. The fleece is very fine in texture, metallic in lustre when clean, and the fibre is very strong.

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When brass furnishings are allowed to get tarnished they spoil the appearance of the article they were intended to ornament. The following is a most satisfactory method to brighten brass. First clean the brass in the ordinary way, either with a ready-made polish or with paraffin and finely powdered bathbrick, mixed to a rather soft consistency. Polish with dry, finely-powdered bathbrick, then rub quickly over with a little petrol, and afterwards polish with dry whiten- ing and a leather, using a brush for any parts into which the leather will not go. Be sure that all stains are removed before polishing. Stains of long standing will always yield to a vigorous treatment with bathbrick and paraffin.

Symptoms of Illness in Children.

It frequently happens that what are considered outbursts of naughtiness in children are really indications of weakness, or of coming illness, and should be considered and treated as such. When a child shows any sudden outbursts of specially bad temper or naughtiness the fact should not be forgotten that this may be entirely due to some physical disturbance which foreruns illness. Peevish temper is often an indication of weak nerves, and shows that the child needs more sleep, more fresh air, and probably more exercise, or, perhaps, less and better nourishment. When a child loses weight it is always a sign that something is wrong. The safest thing under the circumstances is to consult a doctor. When a child's appetite falls off the cause should be at once carefully investigated. A child with a persistent cough should not go to school, but should be seen by a doctor, whose advice should be carefully followed. Headaches in children should never be neglected, but the cause carefully sought for and removed.

A Ripe Old Age.

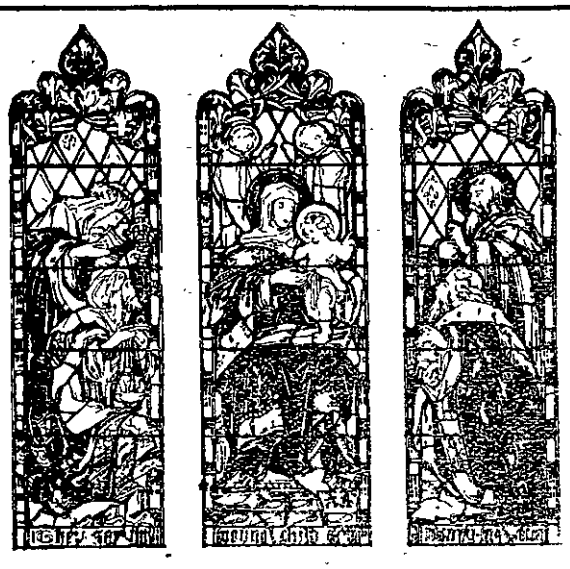
According to Sir Lauder Brunton, there are three common things to be avoided if we wish to attain a ripe old age—dust, chills, and improper mastication of food. He says:—'At the time when I used my consulting room as a library, I found very frequently that if I had occasion to consult a book from the top shelves I was apt to get a cold in my head. This recurred with such regularity that at last I took to sponging the top of the book with a solution of carbolic acid before using it.'

'Chills, and particularly local chills, are to be guarded against. Wind which comes fairly in one's face is little to be dreaded, but if wind catches one at the back of the neck, behind the ear, or even at the side of the head, it is much more dangerous. Largely open windows are comparatively safe, but a chink through which the air blows with force is carefully to be avoided. One reason of this is that wind blowing through a chink causes a more rapid current of air, and thus chills the part of the body against which it impinges much more rapidly than air moving slowly, and still more than air which is not moving at all.'

'Improper mastication of food is also to be guarded against, as it is a fruitful cause of organic disease in middle life. The practice of gobbling may to a certain extent at least be responsible for the larger proportion of cancer of the stomach which occurs in more men than women at the age of 55 years, the numbers being 3244 and 2867, while at 65 years the numbers are nearly equal, being 2985 and 2917, and at higher ages they are reversed.'

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Spiders' Sight.

Experiments have been made to decide how far spiders can see, and it has been determined that they have a range of vision of at least a foot. It is not always possible to tell, however, whether the lower animals perceive by sight or hearing or by the action of air in motion has upon their bodies. Experiments tend to show that mice are sensitive to motions of the air which to human ears create no sound whatever.

A Peculiar Fish.

There is a species of fish in the Indian ocean which has a remarkable peculiarity. It is provided with a short snout, which it uses very much as a sportsman uses a gun. Swimming close beneath the surface of the water it watches the flies flitting about directly overhead, and having selected one to its fancy suddenly thrusts its head out of the water and with unerring marksmanship discharges several drops of water at its victim. Confused, and with its wings drenched and rendered temporarily useless by the watery projectiles, the insect drops to the surface of the water, where it is immediately gobbled up by its voracious enemy. These fish are said to be able to bring down a fly in this manner from the height of two or three feet.

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Sunshine and Health.

Sunshine consists of a metallic shower which bathes us with elementary iron, sodium, magnesium, calcium, copper, zinc, nickel and hydrogen, the whole surface of the sun being an unbroken ocean of fiery fluid matter, containing a flame atmosphere of vaporised metal and gasses such as oxygen and hydrogen. The sun contains the chemical elements upon which all life depends. The life essentials of the grain, the fruit, the vegetable, of all foods, is the sunshine. No life can be sustained without its influence, direct or indirect, because it contains everything that life feeds on. We little realise how dependent we are upon this great ball of fire. Our coal, our oil, our wood, our clothing, our food, the life essential in the air we breathe, all are dependent upon it. A great many people live only a partial life because they do not get enough sunshine. They live in houses, rooms, or apartments which the sunshine seldom, if ever, enters. We do not wonder such people do not enjoy the thrill of health, when we remember that there is poison in the air devoid of sunshine. If it were not for the flood of sunlight during the day, the night air would be too poisonous to sustain life.

At the opening of the new convent at Corrimall on Sunday, January 27, by his Eminence Cardinal Moran, a sum of £220 was subscribed, included in which was a cheque for £130 sent by a generous donor anonymously.

Intercolonial

Brother Philip, of the Marist Order at St. Mary's, after some ten years' teaching in Sydney, has been transferred to the Marist School at Newcastle.

A private cable announces the death in Kilkenny City, on New Year's Day, of Mrs. C. Shearman, mother of the Rev. Thomas Shearman, C.S.S.R., of Ballarat.

The celebration of the centenary of the Brigidine Nuns and the golden jubilee of the Mother Provincial in Australia, Mother M. John Synan, took place at Mount St. Brigid, Randwick, on February 1.

The 'W.A. Record' states that his Lordship the Abbot of New Norcia (the Right Rev. Dr. Torres) intends paying a short visit to Rome, and expects to be back in time to bless and open the new church at Goomalling.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, Father P. J. Walshe (P.P. Wollongong), and Father T. Phelan (P.P. Lewis-ham) have left Sydney for a few weeks' holiday in New Zealand (says the 'Freeman's Journal'). During his holiday Monsignor O'Haran will visit the hot springs and other places of interest.

The Rev. Father Anselm McCormack, O.S.B., died at New Norcia on January 3, after a long and painful illness. He was born in Derby, England, of Irish parents, and was in his 61st year. He labored on mission work in Burmah and India and afterwards in New Zealand and Armidale, N.S.W. He went to New Norcia in 1903, and took the Benedictine habit in 1904.

On his return to his diocese, the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor was to be presented with a purse of sovereigns (the gift of the people), and a handsome carriage costing £200 (the gift of the clergy). It will be remembered that it was proposed to present the Bishop with a purse of sovereigns prior to his departure for Rome some fourteen months ago but his Lordship refused the proffered gift.

There was a very pleasant and enthusiastic gathering of members of the United Irish League and friends in the Southern Cross Hotel, Adelaide, the other day, when a presentation was made to the president (Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin) to mark the occasion of his marriage. The presentation consisted of a very handsome tea and coffee service and silver-mounted tray, inscribed as follows:—Presented to the Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin, on the occasion of his marriage, by the United Irish League of South Australia, in recognition of his services to the cause of Irish freedom.

Speaking at Corrimall on Sunday, January 27, his Eminence Cardinal Moran dwelt on the position of the Church in France, and said that the party hostile to Holy Church were expelling the religious teachers from the schools, expelling them even from the country, and in a certain way declaring them to be enemies of their country. A leading Protestant in France had said that the true aim of those hostile to the Catholic Church in France was to shut out the light of heaven from France, and the leaders of those making the attack made no secret that it was not the priests nor the bishops, but Almighty God Himself that they assailed. They trampled on the crucifix and banished the name of God from all public documents. It would be a great triumph for Holy Church when their religious schools had been shut to find that the Catholic children would not frequent the hostile schools.

Speaking at Lewisham a few Sundays ago, his Eminence Cardinal Moran made a passing allusion to a slander on the Hibernian Society by a Melbourne bigot. His Eminence said that if we should select in any special way the object of our charity, it should certainly be those who offered hostility to us, and who waged war against Holy Church. Then they should offer nothing but the hand of peace and friendship. Every day they saw calumnies against Catholic institutions, and only the other day a foul attack had been made against the Order of Hibernians, which was carrying on such a grand mission; but nothing could be more unsound than the calumny uttered against them. The only way to avoid this was to show charity to those who calumniated us. Man was always looking out for his own interests; his selfishness was pushing him on to pursue the welfare of his own concerns. Genuine patriotism aided the country in which one lived, and it was their duty to uphold Australia, and promote its interests with peace and happiness. This, he said, was the doctrine of Holy Church, and in building their Catholic schools they were promoting that doctrine.

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I saw him tumble on his nose,
And waited for a groan—
But how he laughed! Do you suppose
He struck his funny-bone?

There's sunshine in each word he speaks,
His laugh is something grand;
Its ripples overrun his cheeks
Like waves on snowy sand.

He smiles the moment he awakes,
And till the day is done;
The schoolroom for a joke he takes—
His lessons are but fun.

No matter how the day may go,
You cannot make him cry;
He's worth a dozen boys I know,
Who pout and mope and sigh.

A MILITARY DOG

A pretty story of a bright little dog is told by Captain Carruth in his reminiscences of the Civil War:

'Styx' was a fox-terrier in the days when fox-terriers were not so common as now, and he made his appearance in the battery one morning just as we were "hitching up" at daylight to resume the march interrupted by a night's rest in the vicinity of a small town in Louisiana. He attracted my attention by running up and placing at my feet a small stick and then backing off a little way with every muscle of his body on the stretch, asking me as pleadingly as if he spoke to throw it that he might have the exquisite pleasure of catching it to be brought back again and thrown.

The captain of a battery has at such a time something else to do than throw sticks for dogs to fetch, and when Styx saw me mount my horse he abandoned me and started off to a sergeant, who treated him with even greater contempt. Nothing abashed, he picked up the stick and started with the column, which was now moving along the road and into which the battery hauled from the roadside, with the accompaniments of clanking trace-chains and rumbling wheels.

'Styx' maintained his position somewhere between our gun carriages all day, refusing to be allured by the dashing cavalry or the sober infantry, as now and then changes occurred in the column, and late in the afternoon, when we halted for the night, he reported himself at my particular fire as if he were on duty as an orderly. He asked not for food or caresses, but, putting down a stick at my feet, declared in his fox-terrier language that if I would please throw that for him just once he would consider all obligations discharged in full, and I threw it. He brought it back before it had fairly touched ground, and worried me for more of it.

The next day we were in action. The enemy had made a gallant stand in their retreat at a narrow pass, where it was most difficult for us to advance; and here the genius of Styx came into great play. The "No. 5" man, as he is called, runs between the limber and the gun when the battery is in action, carrying the missile or cartridge from the ammunition chest to the "No. 2" man, who places it in the gun, when the "No. 1" sends it home with the rammer. Styx had joined one of the gun detachments, and was acting as a "No. 5" man. Receiving the cartridge from "No. 6," who took it from the chest, he rushed like lightning to the gun and delivered his burden to the expectant artilleryman. He was in his element now. The thunder of the guns could hardly drown his shrieks of joy as he rushed back from having delivered one charge to get another—this was something like! Why hadn't we played that game before? Now he saw what a battery was for.

That day gave Styx a reputation through our whole corps. The commanding general heard of him and requested me to bring him up to headquarters. An admiring circle of officers sat about him one evening and discussed whether or no dogs could be generally used in the artillery.

Three days after came the catastrophe. We were drawn up in line of battle to await developments, and for a long time nothing developed. Finally a distant

battery began to give us its attention. Now and then a shell exploded in our front or over our heads. Styx was sitting with eager eyes in the midst of his favorite detachment. Suddenly an almost spent six-pound solid shot from the enemy struck in front of us, and rolled, as it seemed, slowly into the battery. "More fun!" said Styx to himself, and jumped for it. For the first time he had miscalculated. But then his experience with artillery had been of the briefest. The moving mass of iron, which seemed as harmless as a rubber ball, crushed the life out of the active little volunteer.

We all mourned him, and the general said, when I told him about it, "Well, you know, war can't be carried on without some loss."

AN EVERYDAY GARMENT

Common courtesy is a phrase we often hear, but what does it convey to us? What obligations does it suggest as between ourselves and our most intimate associates? Of course common courtesy is not expected to be anything more than elementary, even rudimentary. One who has no more than that would not be expected to display the manners of a trained and finished courtier. Far below the high grade of politeness would he be. And yet, despite the easy phrase we use, the gentleness, the consideration, the grateful expression, which ordinary intelligence and proper feeling would suggest to anyone, are seldom seen. As proof of this, observe the strong commendation, expressed in approving glances, if not in words, when in public places and among entire strangers there is seen a specimen of what might be called common courtesy. Yes, common courtesy is very uncommon or else a bit of it would pass unnoticed when it comes out into the open.

DEPARTMENTAL STYLE

In one of the lesser Indian cities the clerk in charge of the official documents is a Hindu, with a peculiar knowledge of English.

As rats did much damage to his papers he obtained permission to keep two cats, the larger of them receiving rather better rations. A few weeks later the head office at Calcutta received this dispatch:—

'I have the honor to inform you that the senior cat is absent without leave. What shall I do?'

To this telegram there was vouchsafed no answer. After waiting a few days the Hindu sent off a proposal:—

'In re absentee cat, I propose to promote the junior cat, and in the meantime to take into government service a probationer cat on full rations.'

SHE IS A WISE WOMAN

Who keeps in mind that a little credit is a dangerous thing.

Who is able to mend both her husband's clothes and his ways.

Who has learned the paradox that to have joy one must give it.

Who can tell the difference between her first child and a genius.

Who most admires those eyes which belong to a man who understands her.

Who acknowledges the allowance made by her husband by making allowances for him.

Who appreciates that the largest space in any house is that left for self-improvement.

Who manages to keep not only her house and her temper, but her servants and her figure as well.

Who realises that two husbands of twenty-five years each are not necessarily as good as one of fifty.

Who can distinguish between the laugh of amusement and the one meant to show off a dimple.

TURKISH SAYINGS

He that speaks the truth must have one foot in the stirrup.

The nest of a blind bird is made by God.

Every fish that escapes appears larger than it is.

It is like digging a well with a needle.

The sword is not to be used against him who asks forgiveness.

He that eats does not know how much is consumed, but he that carves knows very well.

Few desires, happy life.

He who asks has one shame, but he who refuses has two.

God is the enemy of the proud.

Before the rich man makes up his mind to give, the poor man dies.

It is better to lose an eye than to lose one's reputation.

The insolent are never without a wound.

LANGUAGE OF UMBRELLAS

There is a language of umbrellas as of flowers. For instance, place your umbrella in a rack, and it will often indicate that it will change owners.

To open it quickly in the street means that somebody's eye is going to be in danger.

To shut it quickly signifies that a hat or two will probably be knocked off.

An umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship.

When a man has the umbrella, and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage.

To swing your umbrella over your shoulder signifies, 'I am making a nuisance of myself.'

To put an alpaca umbrella by the side of a silk one signifies, 'Exchange is no robbery.'

To lend an umbrella indicates, 'I am a fool.'

To return an umbrella means—well, never mind what it means; nobody ever does that.

SCHOOLBOY ANSWERS

The 'University Correspondent' of December 15 contains some rather good schoolboy answers. Here are one or two:—Tolstoy was the leader of the Passive Resisters; he had his goods sold rather than be vaccinated. 'Charon was a man who fried soles over the sticks.' 'The Duke of Marlborough was a great gentleman, who always fought with a fixed determination to win or lose.' 'The Tories objected to the passing of the Reform Bill because they thought that the House of Commons would soon be filled with Republicans and sinners.' 'The Transvaal is situated on a plateau four thousand miles high, and produces large crops of serials.' 'The heart is over the ribs in the midst of the borax.' 'A thermometer is an instrument for measuring temperance.' 'To keep milk from turning sour you should keep it in a cow.' Finally, here is the description of a penny—One side is the King's head, and on the other a woman riding a bicycle, and they call her Ruby Tanner.

ODDS AND ENDS

Be cheerful, be thoughtful,
Be happy, be kind,
Be busy of body, be earnest of mind,
Be truthful, be faithful,
Be firm and be true,
Be brave against evil whatever you do.
Be gentle, be careful,
Be bright and be sweet,
Be honest, be hopeful,
Be quick and be neat.

FAMILY FUN

Here is another way of telling a number thought of.—Multiply the number thought of, say 5, by 3—15; add 1—16; multiply by 3—48; add the number thought of, 5, plus 48—53. Ask the result, which must end with 3, which you strike off mentally, and declare the number to have been the other figure, in this case 5.

Musical Figures Resulting from Sound. Cover the mouth of a wine-glass with a thin skin and a layer of fine sand. The vibrations excited in the air by the sound of a musical instrument, held within a few inches of the membrane, will form the sand on its surface in regular lines and figures with astonishing celerity which vary with the sound produced.

In like manner, if a fiddle-bow be drawn against the edge of a glass goblet, two parts filled with colored water, the surface will show a pleasing figure, composed of half a dozen fans, or more, if the vessel is large enough, but also affected by the pitch of the note produced.

To Tell the Distance of Thunder.—Allow a little more than five seconds for a mile in reckoning how many seconds elapse between when you see the lightning and hear the thunder. If you have no timepiece, you can tell by the pulse-beats, giving five thousand felt to six beats.

All Sorts

Automobiles are to be used in Berlin for mail service to the suburbs of the city, in place of horses.

In London they are using suction cleaners for the purpose of cleaning railway passenger cars.

South Staffordshire, England, makes the best heavy chains, such as are used for anchors and ships' cables.

Dogs in France have a commercial value, being used for pulling small carts in delivering goods, the average price per head being £10.

The Chinese tea trade is on the decline, as competition from other countries, especially India, in cheaper grades, is drawing the trade from the Chinese market.

Building material for the reconstruction of Valparaiso is, in all probability, to be exempt from import duty.

Four leading English concerns have recently established factories in the United States, through a conviction that they could hold their American trade better by having their goods manufactured in the United States.

Fireworks originated in the thirteenth century, along with the evolution of powder and cannon. They were first employed by the Florentines, and later the use of fireworks became popular in Rome at the creation of the Popes. The first fireworks, which resemble those which we see nowadays, were manufactured by Torre, an Italian artist, and displayed in Paris in 1764.

Miss Sentimental: 'Charles, did you ever allow your mind to pierce the secrets of the universe, to reason that this dull, cold earth is but the sepulchre of ages past, that man in all his glory is but the soil we tread, which every breeze wafts in an ever-shifting maze, to be found and lost in an infinity of particles—the dust of centuries, reunited and dissolved as long as time shall endure?'

Charles: 'No-o, I dunno as I did. You see, I've had to earn my livin'.'

Mr. Balfour was once travelling down from the north of Scotland, and at a junction some little way from Aberdeen got out to walk up and down while awaiting the connection of the trains. The weather was bright and very cold, and, stamping his feet and rubbing his hands to get warm, Mr. Balfour called out to a friend a little way off, 'Isn't this invigorating?' 'Na, sir,' said the railway porter, who was passing and heard the remark; 'it's Inveramsay.'

A woman entered a bar-room and advanced quietly to her husband, who was drinking with three other men. She placed a covered dish on the table and said—'Thinking ye'd be too busy to come home to supper, Jack, I've fetched it to you here.' And she departed. The man laughed awkwardly. He invited his friends to share the meal with him. Then he removed the cover from the dish. The dish was empty. It contained only a slip of paper that said 'I hope you will enjoy your supper. It is the same your wife and children have at home.'

The Cheap Jack was exerting all his delicate subtleties in the science of drawing a crowd, and he wound up by offering a bright new shilling for sale by auction. 'Now, gentlemen,' he cried, 'here is the chance of a lifetime. What will you bid for this shilling? Don't waste time now. This is only one of the bargains I've got for you to-night.' Pretty soon bids came thick and fast, till at last the childish treble of a small boy's voice was heard. 'Elevenpence for it,' he cried. And no one seemed inclined to go any higher. 'Very well,' said the Cheap Jack, 'it's yours, my little lad. Where's your elevenpence?' 'Take it out of the shilling and hand us over the change,' piped the little lad, who was not taking any chances.

Mr. J. E. Harting, the writer of a recently published book entitled 'Recreations of a Naturalist,' offers some interesting remarks on the ancient opinion that large birds often carry small ones on their backs when migrating. Some years ago a Swedish naturalist, Hedenborg, advanced some remarkable statements on the subject. During the arrival of the flights of storks at Rhodes from overseas, Hedenborg related that he frequently heard the voices of singing birds without being able to see them. At last, after careful observation, when a flight of storks had just alighted, he saw that they had small birds perched on their backs. Most ornithologists probably regard the idea as a myth, but Mr. Harting's remarks seem to admit a possibility that there may be some truth in it.

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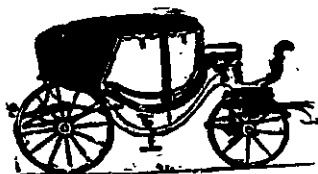
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