

'Mr. Campbell abandons the orthodox theory of sin. . . . So do I.

'Mr. Campbell meets me more than half way on the subject of Determinism, and will, I believe, come the other half when he has thoroughly mastered the problem.

'These are bold assertions, and perhaps Mr. Campbell may think them too sweeping; but the proof is easy.

'The best proof is a comparison of "The New Theology" with my "infidel" books.'

Thus far the agnostic editor of the 'Clarion.' Mr. Campbell is evidently out of place in a Christian pulpit.

'A Farrago of Nonsense.'

Dr. Fairbairn, Principal of Mansfield (Protestant) College, Manchester, writes of the 'new' theologian in the 'Manchester Guardian' of April 2:—

'He appears here as one "like the waves of the sea driven with the wind and tossed," and so I cannot think that anything here written is of permanent value. In the only private letter I wrote concerning the "New Theology," I described it as "a farrago of nonsense." What was said in haste may be repeated at leisure and in public. But what more or other thing may be expected from one who thinks his speech rich with truths that can enlighten the world?'

Here is another extract from the same article in the Manchester daily:—

'A dear friend of mine, a large-hearted and influential Presbyterian, used to speak of Thomas Goodwin as "the Prince of the Puritans"; and he advised all students of theology to buy and to study his works for the sake of the thought they expressed and the man they revealed. Now the man is here described simply to say that he who knows his life, his mind, his struggles, his ideals will never invoke his authority to justify an attempt to appeal to the high hand of the law to put down any controversy or end any quest after truth. That is a thing he neither could nor would do. He had faith in truth, but not in oppression. He believed in reason, but not in coercion. He proudly thought, with his friend John Milton, that man ought to be encouraged to utter and to argue freely, for only in free discussion was there any power to sway the will of man. He would have said: "The new may be a bad theology, ill thought out and worse presented, more nearly allied to 'nonsense' than to reason. But the proper answer to it is a better theology and arguments to commend the better to reasonable men." He would not have named the author of the "New Theology" a "theologian," but would have held him too illiterate, ill-informed, and uncharitable to be so called. He would have replied: "With what my successor says about 'the old' or 'the conventional' or 'the collegiate' theology I agree; but then what he says against it may be said with more reason against himself. He may, indeed, be a preacher, a man of letters, a historian of affairs, a philosopher, or anything else in literature; but he is not enough of a scholar or original thinker to be a divine. He is, indeed, too easily provoked to be a genuine lover of truth. The only term that can describe his ignorance is a word he himself freely uses—'audacity.' He may know how to speak, but how to think is an art he has still to acquire.'

WAIMATE

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began in Waimate on Sunday. The sermon on Sunday was preached by the Rev. Father Tubman (Timaru), and on Monday by the Rev. P. O'Neill (Oamaru).

Large and enthusiastic meetings (says the 'Waimate Times') have been held at Waimate, Waihao, and Makikihi for the purpose of considering the best means of making a suitable recognition of the Very Rev. Dean Regnault's services, past and present, and especially for his constant sympathy with his people in their national aspirations, and the very able and lucid manner in which he frequently advocated the claims of the Irish people to rule over the destinies of their own country. At each meeting it was unanimously decided to present the Very Rev. Dean with a purse of sovereigns. Subscription lists have been opened. Needless to say the Dean's popularity is calling forth generous donations from all quarters.

Residents of South Dunedin will be consulting their own interests by having their drapery at M. and M. Quirk's, King Edward street, and also at the firm's branch, Main Road, Caversham...

TEMUKA

(From our own correspondent.)

The weekly meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance of members, and Mr. W. Barry presided. The programme for the evening was 'Impromptu speeches.' This was the first time a meeting of this kind was held by the club, nevertheless the majority of the members acquitted themselves very well.

Arrangements for the Catholic sports meeting on Empire Day are now well forward. An attractive programme has been drawn up, and as the funds are to be given towards a very laudable object—the paying off of the debt on the presbytery—it is to be hoped that the gathering will be a great success.

WEDDING BELLS

LYNCH—McENTYRE.

A wedding which excited considerable interest (says the 'Wakatip Mail') was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Arrowtown, on April 30, the contracting parties being Mr. James Lynch, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, and Miss Nora McEntyre, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas McEntyre, Pleasant View, Arrowtown. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the young lady friends of the bride. The Rev. Father O'Donnell performed the ceremony, which included a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of creme nun's veiling, with trimmings of Valenciennes lace and insertion. A wreath of orange blossoms and an exquisitely hand-embroidered veil, the work and gift of the Dominican nuns, completed a simple and graceful toilet. The bridesmaids were Miss Waterston (Invercargill) and Miss McEntyre (sister of the bride). Mr. J. McEntyre was best man. The gifts of the bridegroom to the bride were a gold watch and a muff chain, and to the bridesmaids pretty spray brooches. After the ceremony the Wedding March was played by one of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The wedding party subsequently adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast was partaken of. The customary toasts were proposed and honored, and in many felicitous speeches good wishes for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom were expressed. During the afternoon the young couple left for Queenstown en route for Invercargill and Christchurch, where the honeymoon is to be spent. There was a number of useful presents, including several cheques.

BUCKLEY—HICKEY. ORMANDY—HICKEY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Wednesday, April 24, five couples were united in wedlock at the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch. The church was tastefully decorated, and was crowded with friends of the happy couples. Among the brides were Miss Nora Hickey and Miss Margaret Hickey, two sisters, and daughters of the late Mr. Cornelius Hickey, of Addington. The former was married to Mr. Daniel Buckley, of 'Highbank,' Ashburton, and the latter to Mr. William Ormandy, of St. Albans, Christchurch. The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, of Ashburton, celebrated the Nuptials of Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, and the Rev. Father Peoples those of Mr. and Mrs. Ormandy. The Rev. Father Peoples, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The two brides were given away by their brother, Mr. Luke Hickey, and the best man for Mr. Buckley was Mr. J. Buckley (brother), and for Mr. Ormandy, Mr. John Ryan. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Hickey, Miss Mary Buckley, Miss Cecilia Buckley, Miss Margaret Buckley, and the two flower children were Miss Daisy Cairns and Master Cairns. Miss Nora Hickey was attired in a rich cream satin Empire gown. The yoke was of hand-made lace. Miss Margaret Hickey appeared in a cream (ninnon de soie) dress of very fine texture, beautifully trimmed with Valenciennes. Both brides carried bouquets, and wore veils worked by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Mount Magdala. The ceremony over, the wedding party drove to 'Te Whare,' in Hereford street, where took place the marriage breakfast which was attended by a large number of guests. The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell proposed the health of the newly-married couples, which toast and others were duly honored. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ormandy left for Sumner, and Mr. and Mrs. Buckley for Wanganui, where the latter will spend their honeymoon. The wedding presents in both instances were numerous, valuable, and useful.

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