

League of Universal Service, whose emblem is the cross, whose motto is the union of all who love in the service of all who suffer. It reads, in effect, like a plea for the extension of the spirit and methods of our Catholic charitable Orders among the Reformed denominations. He has another remedy for the hapless clergy who are driven out of their pastorates 'for no other reason than that they, for righteousness' sake, put themselves into opposition against the rich men of their churches'. 'The individual minister', says he, 'is not strong enough to fight the battle alone. Therefore we must help him. I propose to re-establish the Inquisition. . . The Inquisition was an excellent thing, if it had only been properly conducted. My Inquisition will be conducted on strictly modern principles. I can get on quite well without tortures and burnings; publicity will serve my purpose.'

The Catholic Suicide Bureau

'The Salvation Army,' says 'Extension,' 'has of late been widely advertising the fact that it has established anti-suicide bureaus in all the large cities. The results so far attained seem to be eminently satisfactory. These bureaus are not a new thing in Christianity. The Catholic Church, in fact, has had a bureau of this kind in every church in the world, and their institution dates back to apostolic days. Every confessional is, in a certain sense, an anti-suicide bureau. There the priest listens to the troubles of his penitents and many a grief has been assuaged, all unknown to the world. It has not received all the advertising it deserves, as priests as a class are poor advertisers of their spiritual wares. The last confessional has been sadly missed among our Protestant brethren. The attempt of the Salvation Army to reintroduce it is only another evidence of the fact that time vindicates every Catholic principle.'

A tribute to the personal, domestic, and social advantages of confession was lately given by the well known temperance worker, Frances E. Willard: 'I am a Protestant, but there is no blinding this fact: The Catholics are, in this country and in Ireland, ahead of us in social purity. You can take a Protestant family into a London slum and put them into a dirty room on the right-hand top of the stairs, and then put a Catholic family on the other side of the stairs, and you will find after two, three, or four years half of the girls of the Protestant family have gone to the bad, and every member of the Catholic family have retained their virtue. I was astonished when I went to Ireland by the contrast between that country and our own. I heard from Protestant and Catholic, Unionist and Home Ruler alike, that, although they may be packed together, you will find that they are the most virtuous peasantry in the world. How is that? I tell you it is because the priests have preached sedulously and inculcated in the confessional and in families the duties of parents to children, and the duty of young people to each other. In this matter the result is, I say frankly, a moral miracle before which we Protestants have reason to bow our heads in shame.'

St. Patrick's College Scholarships

The scholarships at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, for which examinations were held last December, were gained by the following:—Harold Jones, Convent School, Otaki; James C. McGinley, Marist Brothers' School, Greymouth; Albert Edward Boswick, Marist Prothers' School, Wellington; Gerald J. Mahoney, Marist Brothers' School, Wanganui.

Madame Patti was always heavily insured for singing, and her voice was permanently insured for £8000 against total loss by accident, cold, or disease, in the same way as Paderewski's fingers are underwritten from year to year for £50,000 cash.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The parish schools in Dunedin and suburbs will reopen on Monday next.

The Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., who is conducting a mission in Allanton this week, opens a mission in Mosgiel on Sunday. Rev. Father Hunt, C.S.S.R., will bring the mission at Ranfurly to a close on Sunday next. The Rev. Fathers Creagh and McDermott, C.S.S.R., open a mission in Wrey's Bush on Sunday. Missions in the Milton and Lawrence parochial districts will follow.

His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., officiated at the ceremonies of profession and reception at St. Dominic's Priory on Tuesday. There were also present in the sanctuary Rev. Fathers McInerney, S.J., Liston, and Morkane. The young ladies professed were Miss R. Oakley, Palmerton North (in religion Sister M. Hyacinth); Miss A. Mullin, Tuapeka (in religion Sister M. Finbar). The young lady received was Miss Mary Staunton, Clifton (in religion Sister M. Monica).

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 25.

The Rev. Father Moloney is at present on a visit to Waimate.

His Grace the Archbishop left this morning for Hunterville, where he will officiate to-morrow in connection with the alterations recently made to the local church.

The contract for the erection of the new church for the Redemptorist Fathers has been let to Messrs. Campbell and Bourke at £5000. Mr. J. R. Swan is the architect.

I regret to record the death on Sunday last of the wife of Mr. W. Nidd, of Wellington. The deceased lady was only in her 27th year. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the body being interred in the Catholic cemetery, Mount street.—R.I.P.

On Sunday the Rev. Father O'Sullivan preached both morning and evening in St. Joseph's Church. The subject of his remarks was mission work in West Africa and Egypt. Speaking of the growth of Catholicism in Western Africa, the Rev. Father stated that there were now 30,000 Catholic natives, three Bishops, 200 priests, 100 Sisters, and over 50 churches—a success which had cost the lives of hundreds of devoted men and women.

The recent fire at the Parliamentary Buildings destroyed some of the examination papers of the Wellington students. These latter must therefore needs await the results of the second examination in many instances. The results of the first examination, as based on the papers that escaped the flames, show that seven students from St. Patrick's College were successful. The list will no doubt be increased when the results of the second examination are known.

The Concert Chamber of the Town Hall was crowded on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Father O'Sullivan lectured on 'Egypt' in aid of the African missions. His Worship the Mayor presided. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of lantern views of Egyptian scenery and objects of interest. The rev. gentleman is a lecturer of great ability, and the large numbers present were accorded a rare treat. As very many people could not secure admission on Tuesday, he has consented to lecture again on Thursday next.

An event that caused much grief and regret was the death on Friday of Master James Boyce, second son of Mrs. Boyce, of Tonks Grove. The deceased, who was only in his 18th year, was a lad of considerable promise, and one held in high esteem by his fellows. He had only been ailing for about ten days. The funeral took place to-day, a large number of young men following the body to the graveside. The burial service at St. Joseph's Church was conducted by the Rev. Father Venning, assisted by Very Rev. Father Keogh, and that at the graveside by Very Rev. Father Keogh. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved family in the loss of so promising a member.—R.I.P.

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