

DEATH

HAYES.—On January 4, at Ballybrood, County Limerick, Ireland, the beloved wife of John Hayes.—R.I.P. Inserted by the family.

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae 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 27, 1908.

FOOD AND DRUGS



GOWPER blistered with hot comment the conscienceless wight who

'Stamps God's name upon a lie just made, To turn a penny in the way of trade'.

The author of 'The Task' would probably have raised the temperature of his metrical invective had he been acquainted with the wiles and ways of the adulterating manufacturer of our day. This lineal descendant of the old professional poisoner walks abroad in our day with his head high among his fellows; he secures knighthoods and peerages from time to time; and, although he probably slays a hundred where the seventeenth century 'practitioner' slew one, he would, no doubt, take dire offence at being classed with such lewd criminals of the deadly cup as a Viscount Rochester, a Glaser, a La Spara, or a Lavoisin. Our Sale of Food and Drugs Act represents a serious effort to cope with the arts of those who, in order 'to turn a penny in the way of trade', fraudulently adulterate almost every article that is destined for human sustenance, and for the relief of the many ills that flesh is heir to. The regulations just framed under the Act should, if carried out, provide ample protection against the arts of the modern representatives of Dame Toffania. Definitions are provided for the various foods and drugs, and standards of purity are detailed in each case with commendable stringency and minuteness. No room for controversy is thus left open, the quantity of ash being, for instance, fixed in the case of bread, and the use of alum therein, and of any preservative substance but sugar in (say) preserved fruits, being absolutely prohibited. The standards of purity have also been raised in connection with various foods. The percentage of milk-fat in milk has, for instance, been increased from 3 to 3.25 per cent., while the cheaper and commoner grades of tea will no longer be able to get past the barrier of the Dominion Customs. A commendable, and we hope successful, stand is thus being made by the Dominion to cope with one of the most dangerous forms of the wholesale fraud which permeates so much of the commercial life of our day.

HELD OVER

In consequence of the demands upon our space; sundry reports, correspondence, editorial paragraphs, etc., are unavoidably held over for our next issue.

Notes

Another Malaprop Report

We are familiar with the reporter who described a Catholic bishop as 'wearing a baldacchino'; with the other who spoke of 'several thurifers suspended from the ceiling'; and with the Edinburgh paper which, in its remarks upon a high Mass, stated that 'the thurifer was swung gently to and fro in front of the altar'. The 'S.H. Review' adds to the gaiety of the nations with the following extract from a Boston paper, taken from a report of a fire in a Catholic Church: 'The flames destroyed all the sacraments and the other ornaments of the altar'.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

We understand that the Very Rev. Dean Burke is expected to arrive in the Bluff on next Monday.

The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, of Carlton, Victoria, who had been on a visit to New Zealand, left by the 'Maheno' for Melbourne on Sunday.

The series of missions, conducted by the Rev. Fathers Hunt and Campbell, C.S.S.R., in the Lawrence parish, were brought to a close on Sunday evening in St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, when Rev. Father Hunt delivered the closing sermon to a crowded congregation, which included many non-Catholics. At the close of the ceremonies Monsignor O'Leary thanked the Redemptorist Fathers for the splendid work they had done in the parish. Rev. Fathers Hunt and Campbell have returned to Ballarat. Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., is at present giving a mission in the Riversdale parish, and Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., in Cromwell.

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

Whilst the laws 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 refection 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 21 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.

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Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, 2nd February, 1908.

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