

legal and medical professions, literary callings, the clergy, the various universities and great colleges, etc. Mr. Gordon Gorman's list, however, rarely goes past the year 1840. A somewhat similar service seems to have been done recently for the United States in a book compiled by Mr. D. J. Scannell-O'Neill and published by Herder, of St. Louis. The roster of notable converts (says the Milwaukee 'Catholic Citizen' of January 11) 'includes about 3,000 names. Of Protestant clergymen, 372 have gone over to Rome in this country, four of whom became prelates and 135 priests. Among army officers, 125 became Catholics; also 126 lawyers, 115 doctors, and 86 occupying prominent official positions. Among authors, journalists, and artists, there were 206 converts.'

The Bomb in the East

In the anarchist sense, the Persians are rising to higher things—and they are marking their new elevation by an effort to 'lift' their Shah to a still higher plane (ad astra) with the favorite weapon of the Western terrorist, a picrine bomb. This latest invasion of 'Western notions' has shaken the streets of sleepy Teheran, pounded into dead meat a number of unoffending people, and (as at Madrid) left scatheless the one of all the others who was sought by the assassin's bomb. Persian rule has long been 'a despotism tempered by assassination'. But even in 'the unchanging East', methods of 'removing' rulers to a worse or better world may change, and the traditional knife, the curved scimitar, and the poison-cup give way to the more potent and promiscuous picrine or dynamite of the modern anarchist. Well, 'the world do move', though at times its movements are the incoordinate jerks and spasms of the epileptic or of the victim of St. Vitus's dance. That bombshell in Teheran brings many a league nearer the once remote possibility, an Eastern Republic. The deep-thinking Oriental has become pretty receptive since the battle of Tsushima. And his star may indeed be destined to rise while that of the decadent, self-suicide white races is setting. And then Father Benson's vivid dream of Armageddon may be something more than the vision of a sleeper.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The foundation stone of the new Church of the Irish Martyrs, Cromwell, will be laid on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Important alterations, improvements and additions are being made to the parochial house at Omakau. The work is proceeding rapidly.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession took place. The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., preached an impressive discourse at Vespers.

Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., concluded a mission in Queenstown on Sunday, and in Arrowtown on the previous Sunday. He is this week engaged in giving a mission in Cardrona. Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., who reached Dunedin on Saturday, left on Monday for Omakau parish, where he has commenced a series of missions. Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., is still in the Cromwell parish, and Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., in Riversdale.

A farewell social was tendered to Mr. O. Feil in St. Joseph's Hall on Monday evening. Mr. Feil, who had for the last seventeen years been connected with St. Joseph's choir, and had been for the last few years conductor, is about to take up his residence in Sydney, and at Monday evening's function the opportunity was taken of presenting him with a purse of sovereigns as a slight token of the appreciation in which his services have been held by the congregation and choir. Rev. Father O'Reilly, in making the presentation, referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Feil's efforts on behalf of the choir, to his kindly and genial manner of dealing with the members and to his unselfishness in devoting so many hours to the task of maintaining the choir's efficiency, and expressed the hope that Mr. Feil would be successful in his new home. Mr. Feil, in responding,

thanked the donors for their present, and the choir for the assistance they had given him during the years he had been conductor, and regretted that the pleasant relations existing should be broken. During the evening, a short musical programme was contributed by Mesdames Power and Flynn, Miss Reid, and Messrs. T. Hughes and H. Poppelwell.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 2.

The recently-issued Pastoral of his Lordship the Bishop was read in the Cathedral on Sunday.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., is to be entertained at a valedictory social in the Catholic Club rooms on Tuesday evening, when it is intended to make him a presentation on behalf of the parishioners.

His Lordship the Bishop intends, should his health permit, to deliver a course of Lenten sermons on the 'Catholic Church in relation to Marriage,' during which he will dwell comprehensively on the recent Encyclical of the Holy Father on the subject.

Additional changes have been effected among clergy of the diocese. The Rev. Father Leen has been transferred to the charge of Darfield from Abaura, and is to be replaced by the Rev. Father Creed, of Kumara. The Rev. Father O'Dwyer, who had temporary charge of Hokitika, is for the present to assume charge of Kumara.

The Rev. Father Mahony, S.M., who for the past two years has been in charge of the parochial district of Leeston, including Southbridge, left last week to undertake his recently appointed duties at Wellington. Prior to his leaving the district he was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the Southbridge congregation, and a handsome silver-mounted umbrella from the Sunday school children. At Leeston the parishioners, also, made a presentation of a purse of sovereigns, and the children of the Convent Schools a memento of his connection with the district.

On last Friday evening his Lordship the Bishop opened at Amberley a bazaar in aid of the Hanmer Church debt liquidation fund. In the course of his address the Bishop said he undertook the duty at some personal inconvenience in deference to the Rev. Father Price, who had labored arduously in the district and, besides diligently carrying out his numerous parochial duties, had succeeded in erecting churches in every centre of population where such did not exist when he first assumed charge of the extensive parish. Among these was the church at Hanmer, which had proved a great boon, not only to the Catholics in the vicinity, but to the numerous visitors from elsewhere. Its existence in the rapidly rising and popular health resort was therefore not of merely local importance, but of distinct advantage to the whole Dominion. The devoted pastor of the district was, after eight years' strenuous labor, leaving to assume other responsibilities in the Cathedral city, and his laudable desire was to leave as few as possible encumbrances to his successor, the Rev. Father Richards, hence the present undertaking, to which he wished every success. He thanked the residents of Amberley for the practical help given by carrying out the bazaar in their own district for the benefit of another, their action being a disinterested one locally, and prompted purely by the bonds of religion, and a laudable endeavor to assist a neighboring centre. The attendance was very satisfactory, and the proceedings were entered into with great enthusiasm.

The Rev. Mother St. Felix, recently appointed Superior of Nazareth House in Christchurch, travelled to Wellington in the 'Arawa' from London, and reached Christchurch on Wednesday morning. Two Sisters to aid in the work of the community have accompanied the Rev. Mother, and a third, who left London with them, disembarked at Cape Town, to join one of the houses of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa. At Cape Town the party met the Rev. Mother De Pazzi, the first superior and founder of the community in Christchurch, who was on her way to England, having been appointed to the charge of one of the numerous Nazareth Houses there. The voyage out proved a most delightful experience. The Rev. Mother St. Felix has within the past year directed the building in red stone of a very large institution of the Order at Glasgow. The institution there at present shelters about 300 inmates, and in conformity with a wise rule of the community, ample arrangements are provided for extension as required. The experience gained in the erection of the Glasgow institution will prove invaluable to the Reverend Mother in the building of the permanent Nazareth House in this city, a work which is to be taken in hand almost immediately, and when completed on the

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