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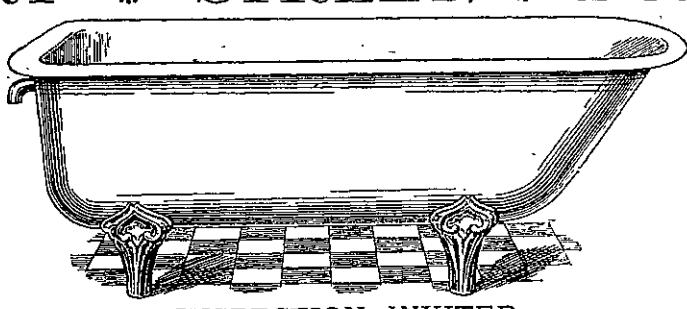
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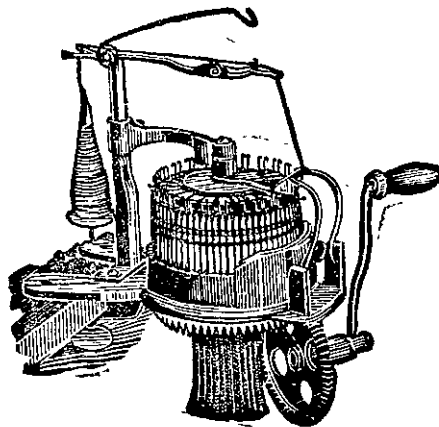
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## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- May 10, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Easter. The Patronage of St. Joseph.  
 „ 11, Monday.—St. Alexander I., Pope and Martyr.  
 „ 12, Tuesday.—SS. Nereus, Achilles, and Companions, Martyrs.  
 „ 13, Wednesday.—St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.  
 „ 14, Thursday.—St. Carthage, Bishop and Confessor.  
 „ 15, Friday.—St. Dymphna, Virgin and Martyr.  
 „ 16, Saturday.—St. Brendan, Abbot.

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Every day hath its burden,  
 By trials and griefs oppressed;  
 But every day hath its promise,  
 For night brings peace and rest.

Every night hath its darkness,  
 Sad thoughts crowd thickly then;  
 But every night hath its promise,  
 For the day will dawn again.

—'Ave Maria.'

Moods and whims are the ugly weeds you must guard against if you want to keep the garden of your heart fair and lovely.

If earth rewards duty with such munificence as it often does, how richly, thank you, will God recompense those who keep His precepts.

No doubt age has many privileges and consolations that are denied to youth; but the difference between the two is that youth is blissfully unconscious of what are its limitations, while age is haunted by the importunate memories of all that it has been compelled to surrender.

Culture means mastery over self, politeness, charity, fairness, good temper, good conduct. Culture is not a thing to make a display of; it is something to use so modestly that people do not discover all at once that you have it.

We were made to radiate the perfume of good cheer and happiness as much as a rose was made to radiate its sweetness to every passer-by.

He who seeks strength will seek the strong. The soul finds itself in the atmosphere of greater souls, in touch with the things and thoughts that are infinite. For spiritual strength there must be touch constantly with spiritual being, the constant nearness in thought and desire to those unseen forces and that life which even the most unthinking must realise at times.

As you slide along past youth into middle age get a good grip on your enthusiasms. Life looks black after they are gone. It is a good thing, too, to renew your own life in an intimate interest in the life of some young friend. Few things are more helpful or more beautiful than friendship between the young and the old. They have everything to give to each other. What is most pitiful in both—youth's uncertainty and need of encouraging sympathy, age's unfulfillments and need of softening tenderness—is soothed and neutralised by a sharing of interests and affections.

# The Storyteller

## THE MAYFLOWER AT THE GULCH

(Continued from last week.)

Bob was moody and silent. The poor fellow was intensely, fiercely jealous. Ruth, too, was very quiet. In her heart, she bitterly resented her betrothed's attitude to these, her beloved friends. She leaned back in her chair, and calmly, dispassionately, compared him with the men sitting opposite—not to his advantage.

Soon she pleaded fatigue, and bade her friends good-night. From behind an acacia tree in the garden, Bob watched her walking up the street, escorted by Thornton Best. He noticed with satisfaction that there was no lingering leave-taking at the door of Bentley's Bow-er. The girl seemed to be cold—a brisk wind was blowing down from the foothills,—and she went in at once, while Best kept on his self-satisfied way to the hotel.

'He talks like a turkey cock!' thought Bob, disgust- edly. 'If it were any one else I should not care; but that tailor's block!'

He lit a cigar and pulled away moodily. In front of Doctor Stewart's office, across the road, a horse was standing, pawing the earth restlessly. 'Doc' was an elderly man, reputed very skilful on those rare occasions when he was sober. People said that he was destroying himself with opiates and drink; but it was a case of Hobson's choice with them, for he was the only physician within ten miles.

The Doctor's door opened suddenly, and a man evidently a Mexican, with a girl in his arms, sprang down the steps, leaped on the horse's back, and was gone up the street like a whirlwind. Bob stared after this apparition.

'Who r'd'th so late through the night wind wild?' he murmured, the quaint old legend of the Erkling recurring to his mind.

'It is really a father and child,' replied Mrs. Luke, who had come out unnoticed and now stood at his elbow. 'That is Prospero Diaz and little Carmela. I wonder what can be the matter?'

She shivered, although a fleecy shawl covered her shoulders. There was an unmistakable air of tragedy in the figure of the reckless rider with his spurs sunk deeply in the horse's flanks, and the child's hair streaming in the wind.

'Let us go in,' said Luke, who was standing beside his wife. 'You had better stay with us for a few days: Bob. You are beginning to look seedy.'

Ruth went about her household tasks the next morn- ing with less than her usual sprightliness. Had Thor- ton Best changed or had she? In New York, one short year ago, he had seemed to her the beau-ideal of every- thing manly and good; now she found herself criticising his every move and speech. It was puzzling, certainly, but his very presence seemed to irritate her.

There was a knock at the door, and Mrs. Luke Dillon walked in quickly.

'My dear,' she began, 'do you know that little Car- mela Diaz has smallpox? Luke was told of it in the store a few minutes ago. After you had left us last night, we saw the father ride away with her from Doctor Stewart's house, like one possessed.'

'But where could she have caught it?' asked Ruth very much startled.

'That is hard to say. It seems that an Indian once died of smallpox in that filthy old abode where they live. But that was a long time ago.'

'Poor little Carmela!' Ruth said with a sigh.

'God help her! The worst of it is, that there is no one to care for her except that half-insane father of hers,' continued Mrs. Luke. 'Old Tia Dolores is on the other side of Las Nivas, attending the mother of a large family who is down with typhoid. Everyone else seems afraid of smallpox.'

'I am going to her,' said Ruth, calmly. 'I never take any disease, and I was vaccinated a year ago.'

'You. Ruth? Nonsense! Your uncle and your brother would never forgive me if anything happened to you during their absence.'

'But nothing is going to happen to me, dear Mrs. Luke; for I shall take proper precautions. I must go and get ready at once.'

She went hurriedly to her bedroom, where she made up a parcel of bed linen, soap, towels, and so forth. Then she took from the pantry some Liebig's extract, condensed milk, and other delicacies.

In the meantime, Mrs. Luke had noticed Thornton Best approaching the house, and half opened the door

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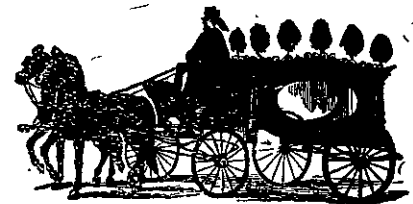
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for him. In some trepidation, she had told him the story of his fiancée's projected jettison of mercy.

'What! go to a plague-stricken hut in order to nurse her favourite pupil through smallpox? I shall soon see about that. Are you coming, Ruth?' he called sharply.

Miss Mason came in, looking in nowise ashamed of her delinquency.

'It is useless to raise any objections, Thornton,' she said composedly. 'The child will die if she is not properly cared for, and I intend to nurse her.'

'I should have thought you had better sense than to risk your health and good looks for the sake of a miserable little Papist,' declared Thornton best angrily, forgetting Mrs. Dillon's presence.

Ruth had plenty of spirit, in spite of her gentleness.

'I should have thought,' was her prompt rejoinder, 'that a man like you, professing to be a Christian, would have more charity than to allow one to die for want of attention.'

Mrs. Luke, kneeling distressed, essayed to pour oil upon the troubled waters; but Mr. Best's authority was not to be ignored in this fashion.

'Very well, then,' said he. 'Since you have so little regard for my wishes, perhaps it would be better for our engagement to end here and now.'

'The sooner the better,' answered the young lady calmly, drawing off the ring which she had worn for the past eighteen months and placing it on the table in front of him.

Mr. Thornton Best left the precincts of the Bower with his dignity sadly ruffled.

'I hate to see you go alone, Ruth,' said Mrs. Luke a few minutes later, as the two women said good-bye to each other at the head of the trail. 'Heaven knows that I should go with you, were it not for Luke and the children.'

'I know dear,' answered the girl. 'Dick and uncle are away, and my pupils on their holidays; so, you see, it seems as if Providence meant me to look after that poor friendless child.'

Ruth had need of all her faith and courage in the next two hours. She found poor Carmela lying on a pile of ragged quilts in a corner of the abode, muttering deliriously in Spanish. Her father sat in a chair, his head bowed in his hands, his attitude one of utter despondency. He looked up as Ruth entered, but did not speak.

'I have come to take care of Carmela,' she said softly.

'Yes,' as if he did not understand.

'I want you to get me some good, clean water, and then there are other things you must help me with,' she said authoritatively, for she thought the man needed rousing.

He rose obediently, and taking the pail, went out. Ruth looked around in despair. The veriest necessities of life seemed lacking. If only she had Dick's camp bed and a few comfortable chairs!

There was a knock at the door.

'Come-in!' she responded, thinking Señor Diaz had returned.

The knock was repeated. She opened the door, and stood face to face with Robert Dillon. He had a large bundle in his arms. Placing it in her arms, he said hurriedly, while his keen eyes took in the poverty of the room:

'Here are some children's garments and bedding that Margaret sent for your patient, Miss Mason.'

Without waiting for a reply, he bounded down the trail, and was gone out of sight before she had time to shut the door.

'Well,' said the girl to herself, 'one would think that a man of his splendid physique would not be afraid of such a thing as smallpox. But they are all alike, if I suppose,—with deep disgust.'

Carmela's father having returned with the water, she got him to build a fire in the cracked stove standing in a dilapidated shed close to the abode; then she prepared some beef tea, which was eagerly drunk by the fevered child. A bath and change of linen seemed further to refresh the little one, and she presently grew quieter under the soothing ministrations of her gentle nurse.

An hour or more passed in this manner, and then there was the sound of wheels outside. Lurching up the trail came the delivery waggon from Dillon's general store. Beside the driver, old Con Reardon—a well-known figure at the Gulch,—sat Robert Dillon. He jumped nimbly to the ground, and with Con's assistance, deposited thereon a couch, a camp bed, some chairs, and various boxes and packages. From the open door Prospero Diaz watched him in wonder. Bob

approached, courteously lifting his hat to the Mexican.

'Will you kindly help me to move these things inside?' he said. 'I am a friend of the senorita, and have come to help you and her take care of the sick child,—if you will permit me, señor.'

'I thank you very much, señor! but that is for the senorita to decide,' Diaz replied with equal politeness.

'No, no Mr. Dillon!' said Ruth, coming forward. 'You must not think of coming in. It was very good of you to bring these things, and I shall never forget your kindness, but Señor Diaz and myself can easily move them inside.'

Dillon's reply was to lift one end of the couch, signalling to Diaz to lift the other. Then, when everything had been carried into the abode, he turned to the girl rather shamefacedly.

'If you will allow me inside, I can stay in the shed; but I cannot go away now, either to Luke's place or the ranch.'

For once in her life, Miss Mason found nothing to say. It was too late to protest, and in her heart she rejoiced that she had been mistaken in her former estimate of the man before her. Unconsciously he had grown to be her hero, and she could not suppress a certain elation of spirit, at the thought that it was for her sake also he was braving contagion and discomfort. True, the primness inherited from a long line of Puritan ancestors caused her to demur a little at the unconventionality of the whole proceeding; but then, her common sense told her that here was a case where less conveniences must yield to grim necessity.

All these thoughts passed through her mind, while Dillon assisted her in moving the little patient onto the camp bed, and setting the room to rights with the deft touch of a ranchman accustomed to do for himself. Prospero Diaz, now that he could see that something was being done for his child, roused himself to help; and it was the two men who prepared supper in the outhouse, while Ruth sat beside her patient.

Thus the night began—the longest night that our heroes had ever spent. She noticed with alarm, that the little sufferer's breathing seemed to grow more difficult every minute, though she was less feverish; and her pitiful cries of 'Mama! mamaita!' had ceased. Once Robert Dillon stood beside the bed and looked down long and earnestly at the flushed face upon the pillow.

'As soon as it is daylight,' he said in a low voice, 'I am going over to Tuscon to fetch Doctor Ybara. He is said to be very clever, and at least he will be sober.'

Ruth nodded without speaking.

Soon after midnight Diaz came to her.

'If the senorita will lie down on the couch for an hour, the Señor Dillon and myself can watch Carmela,' he said.

She shook her head. 'I am not sleepy, believe me, señor,' she replied, and indeed she was too uneasy about her charge to feel any desire for repose just then. A few minutes later Dillon brought her a cup of strong black coffee.

At the first lightening of the eastern sky he left the abode quietly, and walked swiftly down the trail to Copper Gulch, where he had left his mount tethered in his brother's stable. The hours that followed seemed interminable to Ruth. She could not conceal from herself the fact, that her patient was growing weaker, although she faithfully administered both nourishment and stimulants.

Shortly after noon, there was a sound of horse's hoofs outside, and Robert Dillon entered, accompanied by two gentlemen. In one of these Ruth recognised Padre Miguel, the mission priest at Tuscon, who occasionally visited the Gulch to look after the spiritual needs of his flock. She coloured nervously as Dillon introduced the Father. She had never before spoken to a Catholic priest.

Doctor Ybara—a stout fussy little man, with large gold-rimmed glasses, and thick, rumpled hair as white as John Anderson's 'pow,—was bending over Carmela, taking her temperature in a business-like manner. He straightened himself up presently.

'What foolishness to talk of smallpox!' he exclaimed sarcastically. 'The little one has congestion of the lungs, complicated with chicken-pox. She is a very sick child, but she has not smallpox.'

Then, seating himself without ceremony, he lifted a capacious black satchel on his knee and began to prepare some powders. In the meantime he addressed himself to Ruth:

'You are the nurse, senorita? It is well. Your face looks reliable. But you have watched all night, and you must have sleep, else we shall have a second patient here. Is there not some motherly woman who

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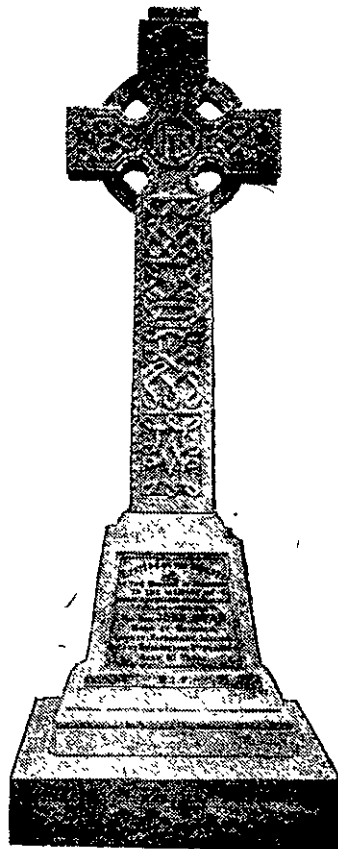
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Then the priest spoke:

'Yes: there is Tia Magdalena at Jose Hiera's. They will let her come, now they know it is not smallpox.' (Ruth noticed how kind were his eyes, how refined his voice). 'I am going there now and shall send her over.'

He was as good as his word, and Tia Magdalena proved to be a most capable woman; so Ruth put on her hat that evening, and prepared to return to the Bower for a good night's rest. Robert Dillon had lingered around the outhouse on various pretexts all the afternoon, and now stood at the door of the abode waiting to escort her down the trail. She took a last look at her charge, who was now sleeping quietly.

'I shall be here early in the morning to relieve you,' she said to the Mexican woman. 'Good-night!' 'Good-night, senorita,' was the soft reply.

As the girl stepped out into the sunset, Prospero Diaz advanced toward her. She held out her hand to him, saying a few encouraging words. He raised it respectfully to his lips.

'I cannot thank you, senorita,' he said brokenly. 'But if I should ever be able to show my gratitude—'

'There is nothing to be grateful for, senor,' she interrupted kindly. 'I love the child, and could not do otherwise. But I am going to ask you to promise me one thing.'

'Anything—anything in my power!' he replied.

'Then, as soon as Carmela recovers, I beg that you will take her back to her mother's people.'

'I promise faithfully, senorita, and I, too, shall begin a new life in my own country.'

Dillon watched the scene with moist eyes. What a girl she was! What a pity she was not a daughter of Peter, a child of Mary!

Very little was said as the two walked down the trail side by side. Ruth, her heart full of womanly pity, was thinking hopefully of the black sheep they had just left, and did not at first notice her companion's silence. When they had covered about half the distance to the Gulch, she remarked facetiously:

'A penny for your thoughts, Senor Dillon.'

'Eh,' exclaimed Bob, startled: His thoughts—what were they? 'Ruth' he said—his earnest nature was stirred to the depths and the words came haltingly,—'you must know what I think of you. I am only a rough fellow, and life in a ranch house is hardly the thing for a dainty child like you. And—becoming miserably conscious that he should not have spoken at all—we are not of the same faith.'

Ruth glanced up at him shyly. What a humble opinion he had of himself, this king among men! His muscular shoulders were stooped forward despondently, his eyes bent moodily upon the ground. Suddenly a small hand was slipped into his, and the softest voice in all the world murmured:

'Thy country shall be my country, and thy God shall be my God. I have learned to love your faith, and I long to profess it.'

The little hand was detained; and slowly they pursued their homeward way, with the golden glory of the sunset all about them.

Whoop-up-Watt and Scotty were walking up the main street of Copper Gulch about an hour later, a little the worse for a prolonged stay at the Dutchman's. As they passed the miniature garden of the Bower, they became aware of two rustic chairs placed in close proximity, and occupied respectively by Miss Ruth Mason and Mr. Robert Dillon.

'Aweel!' said Scotty in a lugubrious tone of voice. 'That looks bad for the tenderfoot that was here.'

'You may bet your last lone peso it does,' assented Mr. Lindsay. 'I thought there was something in the wind when he hit the trail for Chicago last night. Good for old Babe! Let us go back to Dutchy's and drink their health!'

'Aye mon,' rejoined Scotty.

'Ave Maria.'

## A TASTE OF REVENGE

The tears would come. The little cashier at the high desk could neither help nor hide the fact she was crying. The hurt was so deep and had come so suddenly, as a climax to so many other hurts of a painful day, that no amount of hard swallowing would keep the lump down, as she tried to face Mr. McGowan's entirely serious and wholly unsympathetic look and to speak to him.

'Crying won't help it, Miss Branch,' he said. 'Either your cash-slips are correct or they are not, and no amount of weeping is going to alter them. I merely call your attention to them that you may use more care. We can't have carelessness and stupidity here.' He turned away and walked slowly back to his desk. 'Please see that it doesn't occur again—this week, at least,' he added, over his shoulder.

Mr. McGowan was head book-keeper at Swain and Taylor's, where Edith Branch was chief cashier. He was a man intolerant of other people's mistakes and inconsiderate of other people's feelings—at least it seemed so, and had seemed so to Edith ever since she had been given the high desk in the central office of the big store, and had begun to turn in her reports directly to him.

He was not a young man. He did not look young with his wide, pale blue eyes peering near-sightedly through steel-bowed glasses, and with his queer little side-whiskers, that he kept cut short to hide their whiteness. And he was fond of the methods that had existed under his direction for many years in the accounting department, and jealous of his control of them.

'He thinks more of his old systems than of all the solar system besides,' Edith had once told her mother, in describing him at home, 'and he's mean, mean, mean to any one who breaks a single link for a single time!'

There was something about the way Mr. McGowan's lank lower jaw pushed itself out toward an offender and in the way his eyes seemed to mourn over that individual's faults that made one suspect him of being privately not without satisfaction in his opportunity and authority to administer a reprimand.

It was just after closing-time, and as the girl vately not without satisfaction in his opportunity, and let her hurt occupy her mind. Stupidity, indeed! There was not a cashier in the store, nor a clerk nor bookkeeper who did not make mistakes. Edith knew that. She was quite sure that even the impeccable Mr. McGowan himself must have made errors at some time in his calm career, although one of the exasperating features of the case was that he never seemed to make them now; and as she went to the coat-room that night exasperation and humiliation mingled in her heart, and something else that was harder and more bitter than either was growing up out of them.

'I wish—oh, I wish he'd make a mistake some time!' she whispered to herself. 'I wish he'd make a big—a terrible mistake, that would—would lose him his place, and then I'd be—oh, I'd be—'

But she did not finish the sentence. A little prick of compunction stopped her.

'Oh, I just dislike him so!' she repeated to herself, extenuatingly. 'He's so unfair!'

One day resembles another in a place like Swain and Taylor's, but that does not mean that they are not all interesting to a young girl whose health and spirits are of the best. Somehow Edith could not help feeling, as she sat at her desk again the next day, that her anger and depression of the day before had been somewhat greater than the cause warranted. She liked her work. She loved the bustle and hurry and the sure action it required of her had not been shaken by Mr. McGowan's insinuations. She loved the sights and sounds of the big store, too, the throngs of people, the lights and the colors, the buzz of voices, the tap, tap of heels of the hardwood floors of the aisles, and the soft whirring of the big revolving door near by.

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## Current Topics

### 'Catholic Marriages'

As indicated in our last issue, the pamphlet entitled 'Catholic Marriages' was published last week at the office of this paper. It contains the Latin text of the Decree of August 2, 1907, with an English translation; a popular explanation of the Decree; the letters (both sides) of the recent controversy on the subject in the Christchurch 'Press,' with copious notes and comments, both of a historical and general character; and a lengthy exposition (running into 83 large and closely printed pages) of the Catholic teachings and practice in regard to impediments invalidating marriage. The first part of this exposition is devoted to the consideration of certain fallacies; the second, to a statement of the mission and authority of the Catholic Church; the third, to the relations of the Church to the marriage contract; and the fourth, to a historical statement of the invalidating legislation of the Jewish and the Christian Church. Detailed treatment has been given to every error and misconception that arose during the Christchurch controversy. A copious index affords the reader a means of ready reference, and the whole publication forms a book of over 150 pages demy 8vo. The price is one shilling per copy, with a considerable reduction for quantities for distribution. One private person has ordered 500 copies, and numerous orders have been received from the clergy for re-sale or distribution among their flocks.

### Bad Mothers

A few days ago, an esteemed clerical friend of ours, who has had considerable experience as a prison visitor, spoke to us in substance as follows: 'The Church strives hard and successfully to train the child to walk in the way he should go; the Catholic school does splendid work in the same direction. But the best efforts of both are, in too many cases, undone by the evil influences of a bad home. I have met in prison many young men who got a good start, so far as Church and school could give it. In the immense majority of cases, they owed their downfall to bad mothers.'

### Catholic College of Music

The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Haran's idea of a Catholic College of Music has the warm approval of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney, and there is every prospect that it will materialise in the near future. Catholic educationists on this side of the water, and in the other States of the Commonwealth, will watch with interest the development of this striking and apparently very practical proposal of Monsignor O'Haran.

### The Common Lot

The Seddon monument is being proceeded with, quietly and unostentatiously. Perhaps we are a bit ashamed to remind ourselves too bluntly of the shortness of our memory, and of the manner in which we hasten to forget to-day the giant of yester-morn. We believe that Richard John Seddon's time is coming, and that he will bulk very large in the perspective of fifty years hence. But the ant, that has an eye for a millet-seed, fails to grasp with its limited vision, the massive contour of yon hill. 'Th' nearest anny man comes to a conception iv his own death,' says 'Mr. Dooley,' 'is lyin' back in a comfortable coffin, with his ears cocked for th' fatterin' remarks iv th' mourners.' The remarks of the others may not be so 'fatterin.' 'When a man dies,' says Billings, 'the fust thing we talk about iz his welth, the next thing hiz failings, and the last thing his vartues.'

Sic transit! It is the common lot.

### Atheism v. Christianity

'The battle between Atheism and Christianity across the Channel' (in France), says the London 'Saturday Review,' 'is not over. The Church is still in a perilous position; but the thing which has suffered most in the fight has been the conception of the omnipotent State. . . . For Pius

X., with no physical force or diplomatic influence behind him to take up the gauntlet that French Jacobinism had thrown down, seemed to the ordinary man the height of folly. It was an act of the highest heroism. Pius VI. when he flung the civil "constitution of the clergy" in the face of the National Assembly, Pius VII. when he defied Napoleon, did no braver thing. But the brave thing was also the right and the wise thing. It brought home to French Catholics, clergy and laity alike, that French Christianity was at stake. And French Catholicism made a noble response. For the first time in the history of France, the French Church stood solid for the Pope against the rulers of the State. In a moment it was apparent that French Chauvinism had been beaten.'

### Cockneyisms in New Zealand

The sporadic tendency to cockneyisms of speech in New Zealand is still exercising educationists up North. Two weeks ago we made an editorial reference to the subject. And seven years ago, dealing with the same theme, we suggested that the fashion of dialect stories, and the crude vogue of coster songs and other such music-hall 'turns,' may possibly have some effect in producing the growing tendency towards the sort of speech that is heard within sound of Bow Bells. We have (as indicated in a recent note) come across cockneyisms in unexpected places—in districts remote, unfriended, solitary, slow, and in circumstances that it would be almost as difficult to explain as to solve the mystery of the live toad in the heart of the solid rock. Can it be that cockneyisms, like Dogberry's reading and writing, come by nature? Some fifteen years ago Professor Morris, of the Melbourne University, grappled with this puzzle—with only a qualified success. During the newspaper discussion that ensued in the Melbourne 'Argus,' a correspondent told all abay't hay'w (about how), at a dance, a handsome lidy asked one of her guests to tike the kike (take the cake) first and have the gripes (grapes) afterwards. Coming from beautiful lips, such language recalls the 'creepy' fairy-tale about the intolerably lovely maiden from whose mouth, when she opened it, there issued a procession of frogs and toads.

One authority issued some years ago the warning that, unless the educational authorities are watchful, whole districts of New Zealand will become infected with cockneyisms as they are with Californian thistles. 'An Irishman,' says the Wellington 'Times,' 'does not say "gripes" for "grapes," nor a Scot, nor an educated Englishman. The monstrosity is cockney, pure cockney, and, so far as New Zealand is concerned, will be found flourishing either where cockneys predominate, or where the teacher chances to have acquired the "langwidge." Even such ethereal beings as school inspectors have been heard to speak of the West Indiar Islands. But to say that this is colonial is a calumny. It is not any more colonial than the Edinburgh accent is Scotch, or the Yorkshire dialect is English. Gather Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Edinburgh children into one school, and let each read the same passage—or better still, listen to them in the playground, and tell me which speaks Scotch or English. The fact is that in no country do the majority speak in the language as it is written. There is no colonial accent. We are too scattered, too young, and too mixed to have acquired this national feature. We believe it to be a fact that our colonial children speak as good and pure English as you will find anywhere. The cockneyisms are local and accidental—importations; and should be trodden under foot of men.'

### A Harmless Bogy.

A New Zealand contemporary has, so to speak, resurrected the 'buried alive' bogy. Figures are given purporting to represent the proportion of persons that are interred before they are 'fatally dead.' But the figures are fantastic guesses without any solid substratum of truth on which to rest. This sort of scare comes and goes like other epidemic fear. The first that we can recall occurred in the early eighties, when a foolish paper was read before the French Academy of Medicine, the writer expressing his conviction that one person in every five thousand is con-

signed to the dust before the 'vital spark of heavenly flame' has 'quit, oh! quit his mortal frame.' The resulting panic was shown in the number of French wills in which instructions were given to have the testator's heart pierced by a qualified surgeon before the coffin lid was finally screwed down. Curiously enough, this unnecessary fear haunted M. Nobel, the millionaire inventor of dynamite. He, too, had his heart pierced. It was unnecessary, for the ex-dynamite maker was sleeping soundly when the surgeon's steel got beyond the fifth rib.

Various minor scares have occurred since the reading of that paper at the French Academy of Medicine, and the 'buried alive' bogey is still, so to say, over ground. In fact, he is, among some, 'an influential goblin' (as Gilbert would say). And he has led sundry over-timid or eccentric people to form associations for the purpose of making sure that soul and body have dissolved partnership before dust is consigned to dust. One association, founded in New York, had a more practical and commonsense object in view—namely, to secure legislation to make compulsory certain tests to be applied to 'suspected' corpses (as we may term them) before certificates of death are granted or burials are permitted. The ancient Egyptians gave the 'corpse' a chance of walking again among men by making four days the minimum between death and burial. The pagan Roman 'wake' lasted six days; that of the Greeks—like that of our Maoris of rangatira blood—was a festival long drawn out. It lasted eleven days—by which time all reasonable doubts as to the condition of the chief actor in the affair must have been pretty thoroughly set at rest. But, dead or comatose, when we fall into the undertaker's hands, subsequent proceedings, above ground or beneath, will have little interest for us. And over our clay sympathetic friends or neighbours will pass the two trite remarks that (according to 'Mr. Dooley') are the common lot: 'How much did he lave?'—and; 'It's a fine day f'r a walk to th' cimitery.'

In the days of our grandfathers, one of the fears that haunted the dying—and, later on, the 'friends of the corpse'—arose from the operation of the 'resurrection-men' or 'body-snatchers.' For nearly thirty years preceding 1832, this fear was no idle or groundless one. Details of this odious and gruesome occupation are given in Andrews' 'Bygone England' and in Bransby Cooper's 'Life of Sir Astley Cooper.' The occupation of body-snatcher was followed in every part of the British Isles, and for the same purpose—to supply subjects for dissection to the numerous teachers of anatomy that then had the training of budding medicos. Thieves and other such characters were the principals in the business of procuring 'stiffs.' They were aided by the worse class of undertakers, by grave-diggers, and by watchers appointed to guard the bodies. The competition for 'specimens' was very keen, and nine guineas a body was often given to the 'resurrectionist,' besides a 'retainer' of £50 at the beginning of each session of the anatomy school for an exclusive supply. The daring and insolence of the 'profession' knew no bounds, and it was by no means diminished when Sir Astley Cooper and other surgeons exerted themselves to keep convicted 'resurrectionists' out of gaol, or provided funds for the support of them and their families during their imprisonment.

Finally, the exhumers bethought them of an easier plan to secure 'subjects.' A 'dead-drunk' was sold, in a bag, to anatomist Brookes. And finally, in Edinburgh, in 1828, the murders that took place (known as 'Burkings') compelled Parliament to take the matter in hand and to legalise dissection under restrictions regulated by Minister of the Crown. A Select Committee of the House of Commons was appointed to investigate the matter. Sir Astley was examined by it. He gave some answers that tell their own tale. Here are some specimens:—

'Q.—Does the state of the law actually prevent the teachers of anatomy from obtaining the body of any person, which, in consequence of some peculiarity of structure, they may be particularly desirous of procuring?'

'A.—The law does not prevent our obtaining the body of any individual if we think proper; for there is no person, let his situation in life be what it may, whom, if I were disposed to dissect, I could not obtain.'

Another question was then put, and Sir Astley replied as follows: 'The law only enhances the price, and does not prevent the exhumation; nobody is secured by the law—it only adds to the price of the subject.'

The upshot of the Committee's report was the legalisation of dissection, which was permitted only after a proper certificate of death and the cause of death, and only to schools licensed by the Government for the purposes of 'anatomizing.' This law greatly raised the credit of the medical schools and of the medical profession, and it ended what has been aptly called 'a startling chapter in the history of civilisation.'

### That 'Milliard'

In the fifteenth century there lived in Rome a satirical 'ciabattino' or cobbler whose name was Pasquino. Pasquino bit with mordant satire the public men of his time. When he 'passed out,' other satirists wrote their lampoons upon persons and things, signed them 'Pasquino,' and pasted them to the pedestal of a statute that still stands in one of the streets, and is known as Don Pasquino. Collections of the most famous of these lampoons have been published, and among them are many of extraordinary brilliancy and historic fame. Pasquino and his imitators have given to the world the word 'pasquinade' and its foreign equivalents. Some cases in Paris have lately been giving a distant imitation of the compressed and concentrated mordant of the Roman satire. A rumour (said to be inspired) was set afloat to the effect that the French Government was about to seize and plunder the French religious property in Rome, including the beautiful and historic church known as San Luigi dei Francesi.

The news was contradicted by the Government. But (says 'Rome') 'just as the "ballon d'essai" of the further intended confiscation was launched the following notice was pasted all over Paris and in many other places in France:

“Lost, between the Chamber of Deputies and the Palace of Justice, a Milliard (the alleged Milliard or £40,000,000, of the plundered Religious Orders), promised October 28, 1900, by Waldeck-Rousseau, Minister, President of the Council, who declared that the confiscation of the property of the religious would mean a Milliard of francs for a fund for old-age pensions for laborers.

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“So,' adds 'Rome,' 'less than one per cent. of the milliard has been rescued from the "liquidators," and in the meanwhile the poor have been deprived of the many beneficent organisations with which the religious congregations had studded France. Certainly it was not the time for extending the liquidation to Italy.'

The loss on Waipori, Dunedin's electrical power undertaking, for the ten months ended March 31 last, was £4380.

'I am going to have my train through to Auckland at the end of the year' said the Hon. W. Hall-Jones to a 'Dominion' representative the other day. The Minister for Railways had just returned from his first visit of inspection of the Main Trunk Line since his trip to the Old Country. 'There is a great deal of work to be done yet,' he said, but the staff are going ahead solidly; are keenly interested, and quite pleased to be identified with the completion of the line by Christmas.'

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WELLINGTON.

The first colonising expedition, promoted by Captain Edward Gibbon Wakefield, Chairman of the New Zealand Land Company, landed at Port Nicholson from the ship 'Tory,' 400 tons, under command of Colonel William Wakefield, brother of the founder, on September 20, 1839. The site of the projected town and large tracts of the adjacent country were acquired from the Natives by the Company, at what must be considered very advantageous terms, although only after greatly protracted negotiations. The ship 'Cuba' next put in an appearance, conveying a staff of surveyors under Captain Smith. A township was laid off or planned on the Petone Beach, and named Britannia, and here the first settlers landed. A change of locality for a permanent town was after a few months decided upon, the result being the present site and alteration of name to Wellington. The time seems not far distant, however, when Greater Wellington will have so far extended that the historic spot marking the beginning of things will be absorbed in the rising city. The settlement was established under what seemed favorable conditions, and on January 22, 1840, just a week before the arrival of Captain Hobson at the Bay of Islands (as first Governor), the emigrant ship 'Aurora' arrived at Port Nicholson with the first shipment of regular British colonists.

Writing in his diary, Bishop Pompallier thus describes the first occasion upon which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up in this newly-founded settlement:— Accompanied by Father Pesant, who was now able to speak a little of the Maori language, I set sail from Akaroa for Port Nicholson. We arrived there on Christmas Eve, 1840. There is a rising town of about 3500 Europeans, among whom are some hundreds of Irish Catholics, who greatly desired to receive the succors of religion at the hands of a legitimately consecrated minister. There were also at Port Nicholson and in its neighborhood several populous tribes of Natives. The day after my arrival I celebrated Holy Mass in a House which the Catholic magistrate lent me for the purpose. All the Catholics, and a large number of Protestants assisted thereat. I gave them all an instruction in English. Several Natives also came to witness the ceremonies of the Mother Church, of which they knew more by the falsehoods they had heard against her than by the truths—that characterise her legitimacy and her divinity. As the missionary who accompanied me was not sufficiently well versed in either English or Maori, I exercised alone the sacred ministry in my pastoral visits, in which I applied myself to making known the true Church and the principal truths of salvation, and held out the hope of soon being able to send them a resident Catholic priest. We remained ten days at Port Nicholson. There I heard the confessions of the whites belonging to the faith, conferred Baptism on their children, blessed the marriages that had not been celebrated by a Catholic priest, and also gave Confirmation to a certain number of persons whom I had prepared. All the whites belonging to the faith showed much eagerness and zeal in profiting by the aids of salvation. I gathered them together at the end of my visit in a large room, and they opened a subscription for the erection of a church. The representative of the English Society was present; he gave also a handsome subscription and made a gift of a piece of land for the establishment of the Catholic mission. All the best Protestant society in the town showed great civility and kindness to the Catholic Bishop. After having left at Fort Nicholson a pious and well-informed white catechist in the person of Dr. Fitzgerald, I set sail again for Akaroa, which was reached after a rapid and pleasant voyage. Mentioning this first visit of the Bishop to Wellington, Mr. E. J. Wakefield, in his book, 'Adventure in New Zealand,' says: Monsignor Pompallier, the Catholic Bishop of New Zealand, had visited Wellington during my absence, on his return from the French settlement at Akaroa, to his headquarters at the Bay of Islands. The gentlemen of the club and others who had enjoyed his acquaintance, spoke highly of his urbane manners and his philanthropic views with regard to the Natives. "A merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" had been celebrated in old English style. Fat bullocks had been slaughtered and dressed with evergreens, and the new year salu-

ted with ringing of bells, firing of cannon, and hoisting of flags.

About two years after this visit of the Bishop the Rev. J. J. P. O'Reilly arrived at Wellington, and devoted himself with great zeal to the spiritual care of the scattered faithful of the district. There was, stated Sir Charles Clifford, in a speech made in London in 1874, as yet no priest stationed there when he landed there in 1842. The Catholics were very numerous, and they agreed to assemble at my house on Sundays and holidays in order to, as much as possible, sanctify those days.

It is evident, however, that towards the end of the same year, or at the beginning of the year following, Father O'Reilly arrived on the scene. The earliest authentic record connected with Father O'Reilly, that most zealous missionary, who saw the Empire City rise from very small proportions to a large and important town, is contained in a letter written by him to the 'Australasian Chronicle,' of Sydney, in the month of April, 1843, which is republished in the 'History of the Catholic Church in Australasia':—"I came here" (Wellington), Father O'Reilly writes, "in the ship with the Hon. Mr. Petre on the application of the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, to take charge of what Catholics might be here. I was delighted to find some of my poor countrymen here from Erin's most distant shores, and it cheered me to let them see, if I could do nothing else, the solicitude of the Church in their regard. They are, in truth, like the Jews, scattered everywhere; but not like that historical nation to parcel out in fragments, broken and disconnected, the gem of truth, but to offer it whole and without flaw in the vast bosom of the Catholic Church. The poor people have no chapel here as yet, nor have they means of providing one. Up to the present we have been saying Mass in a room adjoining a public house; we are lately removed to an old store on the beach. Might I ask it as a favor of you to announce your willingness to receive the subscriptions of any of our good neighbors of Sydney who might without injury to their local charities confer a mite on us. Having given the temperance pledge to some thousands of my dear countrymen in Ireland, it may be that I am known to some stray member of the flock in Sydney." The letter is dated from Wellington, Port Nicholson, April 2, 1843. Father O'Reilly was a Capuchin and a member of the same religious Order as the famous Father Mathew, and was one of his first and most energetic fellow-laborers in the cause of temperance in Kilkenny, Dublin, and elsewhere.

(To be Continued.)

## How the French Priests Live

A correspondent of a Paris paper has made inquiries as to how many of the priests of France are managing to make ends meet. The results of his investigation are interesting, and the reader will find that the Apostolic zeal of the priests, is only equalled by their devotion to the very important duty which they owe themselves, namely, that of making a living.

It is clear that the priests are not engaged in their trades and professions for the purpose of gathering a fortune; on the contrary, every surplus penny earned beyond the sum necessary for meeting domestic expenditure, goes to the Church Treasury, or, as in many cases, to the assistance of neighbouring parish-priests, who may either not be so enterprising, or lack the opportunity of showing what they can do.

It is a great point in favour of several of the priest-workers that they were engaged in professional pursuits before they felt the call to serve humanity.

Thus Canon Brisacier, of Tours, was an architect, Abbe Shoyez, of Angers, a sculptor, others were printers artists or watchmakers, the last trade a favourite pursuit formerly among the French clergy, even when their incomes amounted to ten times more than what was paid them under the Concordat regime.

Perhaps, the most interesting performance by a priest, in the matter of gaining a livelihood under the new conditions, is that of Abbe Martin who publishes the 'Trait d'Union,' the organ of the Catholic Alliance of France. The Abbe has three linotypes in full running order, operated by seminary students.

Says the Abbe, in speaking of his work:—"Our subscribers number several thousands, and we count them in Canada, in South America, and in the United States, in China, Australia, and India. Our correspondence is dated from every quarter of the globe, and there comes no mail from any important centre which does not bring its quota of subscriptions. Even lay

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editors admit that the whole get-up of the paper is admirable, and it is even said that one of the actual editors was asked by the "Matin" to join its staff.

The Cure of Vaucherès is a mender of watches, clocks, and ploughs. His workmanship is declared to be far above that of the local experts.

The old Cure of Romainvilliers, who is over seventy years of age, makes a prosperous living from the cultivation of his orchard, which contains several bee-hives. Last year's income from both exceeded what the venerable priest would have received under normal civic conditions.

The Abbe Gaboury, parish priest of Mauvages, has chosen the blacksmith trade as a means of making a living. Ploughing at a hired man's wage, by the day or the week, is enabling Father Metais, of Sainte Soline, to furnish his larder and help the needy poor. Vine-growing is keeping Father Lecomte out of poverty; the Abbe Clavel is looked upon as a master watchmaker; the Abbe Cartean is an engraver of merit; a Father Conturand is an artist of publicly-admitted talent. Another is a designer of postcards, another is an altar-builder, others have turned their minds to invention, and have done well in their endeavors to bring the fruits of their ingenuity before the public, the anti-Catholic portion of humanity not being at all above appreciating a good thing when it is shown to them, even by a priest.

On the whole the priests of France are unlikely to fare very badly from a merely material point of consideration. Many there are who are either physically incapacitated, or, owing to previous antecedents, unfitted and inept in manual labor. These very soon drift into literary work, and, it is of interest to note, much of their literary work is finding its way to the French press of the United States and Canada.

## A Tribute to the Catholic Church

Rev. Thomas Barney Thompson, speaking recently in the Plymouth Congregational Church, Chicago, referred to the Catholic Church as 'the most splendid institution the world has ever seen.' 'Governments,' he continued, in a tribute to the Church, 'have arisen and gone to the grave of the nations since her advent. Peoples of every tongue have worshipped at her altars.

'The Catholic Church has stood solid for law and order. When she speaks legislators, statesmen, politicians, and governments stop to listen, often to obey.

'In the realm of worship her ministry has been of the highest. In employing beads, statues, pictures, and music she has made a wise and intelligent use of symbolism. Her use of the best in music and painting has been the greatest single inspiration to those arts, and her cathedrals are the shrines of all pilgrims.

'The love and veneration of the Virgin Mary plays an important part in the ritual of the Church. I find no difficulty in appreciating the attitude of the Catholic worshipper toward the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is the love of God made manifest. But Christ Himself has often been made so austere and so unapproachable that a mediator between Him and man has become an insistent necessity. What is more natural than to worship Him through the gracious influence of the Mother?

'Aside from this, one cannot help but feel that the enthronement of the Virgin Mary has softened the heart of the world toward womanhood; that it has done much to give woman the place of honor she occupies to-day; that it has put the whole Catholic Church behind the sanctity of the home. In the respect given to Mary the Roman Church has paid the world's finest and most delicate compliment to the grace, sweetness, and beauty of motherhood.

'Nor do I discover any difficulty in understanding the basis of the confessional. The confessional appears everywhere in life. The erring child confesses to his mother; the patient confesses to his physician; the accused confesses to his lawyer; the penitent confesses to his priest. It is most natural for the penitent, burdened, doubting soul, to confide in his spiritual leader.

'Protestantism has wasted much of its force in a forced revivalism, which would have been unnecessary had we paid wise attention to religious education. We may rail against the parochial school system as being un-American. But the Roman Church existed centuries before there was a United States, and for many of these centuries she was the great agency of enlightenment, education, and culture. The parochial school is the most serious and successful attempt to

hold people for the religious life.

'Our country has a magnificent system of public schools. She will teach the children history, science, art, languages; but they will not let the world's greatest literature be taught under their guidance, nor will they help to develop the noblest capacity of the human soul, the capacity for God. This task is assigned to the Church. So be it, and let the Church choose that method which in her wisdom seems the best.

'And so we stand in the presence of her history, her majestic worship, her universal ministry, and we confess that God must have moved mightily in all this. We think of her Loyolas, her Xaviers, her Fencelons, and her Marquettes; we look at her hospitals, orphanages, schools, colleges, monasteries, missions, and we see a Church ministering to the body, mind, and soul of humanity. Her weakness is the common lot of every human organisation; her strength is of God.'

## Lecture by Dean Burke

St. Joseph's Hall, Dunedin, was crowded on Friday evening, when the inaugural lecture of the season, under the auspices of St. Joseph's Men's Club was delivered by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, of Invercargill. The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided. The Very Rev. Dean, who returned a few weeks ago from a twelve months' trip to Europe, took for his subject an account of the homeward voyage from Sydney as far as Colombo (Ceylon). In his introductory remarks he said it was almost impossible for a priest in the mission to give the time necessary to the preparation of a lecture owing to the many calls upon his time, some of which were altogether outside his duties. Having referred in a humorous manner to the class of callers who disturbed his literary work, the Dean then proceeded to deal with the events of the voyage and the places called at. Of Sydney and Melbourne little need be said, as many of his hearers had visited those important commercial centres. He had not seen Adelaide for a period of twenty-six years, and during that time a great expansion had taken place. He was greatly pleased with the South Australian capital, which is a very fine city, beautifully situated. The visitor cannot help being struck with the fine shops and their splendid display of goods, the display of fruit of all kinds, especially grapes, being most tempting. The gardens, with their semi-tropical vegetation, were greatly admired. After leaving Adelaide, they encountered the customary rough weather in the Australian Bight, with the result that most of the passengers and even some of the stewards felt so unhappy that they made the usual resolutions to stay on dry land, after that experience, for the remainder of their lives. The next port of call was Fremantle, which is not an attractive place. A visit was made to Perth, which was then suffering from dulness of trade. Some of the residents were of opinion that the State had seen its best days. Now that most of the gold was taken out there was little else to fall back upon. They were reminded that they had a glorious climate, but the pessimists replied that something more substantial than sunshine was necessary for the bringing up of a family. Here the people seemed to reflect their beautiful climate in their courteousness and cordiality, their manners being in direct contrast to those of the people of less favored climes. From Fremantle to Colombo the sea was beautifully smooth, and consequently all on board settled down to the usual methods of passing time on shipboard. The Very Rev. Dean here gave a graphic and humorous description of some of the passengers, their peculiarities and idiosyncracies. There is no place like shipboard for the study of mankind. Among the passengers were some South Australians who were taking their customary holiday trip to Ceylon. He suggested New Zealand as a more enjoyable place, and painted in glowing colors the many attractions of the Dominion. On the ninth day out from Fremantle Adam's Peak, a historic mountain in Ceylon (nearly 8000 feet high) was sighted. This mountain is held in the highest veneration by the Buddhists of the island, who make pilgrimages there, and point out a cleft in the peak as the footprint of Buddha. On approaching the coast the passengers were enabled to get a view of the tropical vegetation for which the island is celebrated. They could see the stately and useful coconut palm, the talipot palm, the bread fruit tree, and many other kinds strange to the eyes of the travellers. In the jungle are to be found wild elephants, cheetahs, jackals, bears, and poisonous snakes abound everywhere, whilst the rivers are infested with alligators. Ceylon is a most interesting country, its inhabitants being made up of many nationalities—Veddahs, Cingalese, Tamils,

Moor men from the coast of India, Malays, Eurasians, bunglers (descendants of the Dutch and Portuguese who formerly owned the island), and British. The population is now about four millions, that of Colombo being 159,000. The Dean here gave an interesting account of the early history of the island and its people, who had attained a high state of civilisation in past ages as was evidenced by the discovery in recent times of the remains of buried cities and immense water tanks, which were apparently used for irrigation purposes. The most celebrated of these tanks was that at Anuradhapura. What strikes one most on reaching Colombo is the purely Oriental character of the people, the variety, quaintness, and brightness of the different costumes. Their modes of conveyance are a mixture of the old and the new—rickshas, bullock hackeries, gharries, and electric trams. Owing to the failure of coffee towards the end of the seventies the European planters went in for tea, which is now the staple product of the colony. The Buddhists are the most numerous religious denomination in the island, numbering 2,141,000, then come the Hindus, 826,000; Christians (mostly Catholics), 349,000; Mahomedans, 246,000. The Catholic hierarchy consists of an Archbishop and four suffragans. In addition to St. Lucia's Cathedral, there are several Catholic churches in Colombo, which has a Catholic population of 50,000. During his stay in Colombo the Dean was the guest of the clergy at St. Philip Neri's Church in the Pettah, the rector of which was a namesake of the Dean's, and a Dublin man. Among the Catholic institutions visited during his stay were the Good Shepherd Convent and St. Joseph's College, an institution as large as the Dunedin Boys' High School. The progress of education in the colony was next touched upon, and the old methods compared with the new. In conclusion the Dean said that at some other time he would be pleased to give further particulars of his travels.

On the motion of Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who paid a well-merited compliment to Dean Burke for his interesting and instructive lecture, and congratulated the members on such an auspicious opening for the current session, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Very Rev. lecturer.

Dean Burke, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, advised the young men to join one or other of the parish societies, for organisation and combination were the great powers of the present, an example of such being seen by him whilst travelling in Germany.

Rev. Father Coffey announced that Dean Burke had consented to deliver another lecture later on in the season, the subject being a visit to Rome, which would be illustrated with lantern views.

The announcement was received with applause. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. Poppelwell and Jos. Swanson.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

May 2.

At the several churches to-morrow the committee of the new Catholic Club will take the names of intending members.

Business at the Dominion Bazaar during the week has been very brisk. Up to Friday night about £1200 had been taken.

Mr. James Bourke, jun., of Kilbirnie, leaves on Thursday next on a business visit to England. Mr. Bourke, who is a popular figure in wool circles, was entertained at a dinner during the week by the leading wool-brokers of the city.

Mr. Denis Fay, who recently returned from a trip abroad, has just entered into business again as a partner in the well-known carrying firm of J. O'Brien and Co. Mr. Fay has the best wishes of a large circle of friends in his new venture.

The foundation stone of the new church being erected by the Redemptorist Order in Hawker street was laid by his Grace the Archbishop on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. His Grace complimented the Fathers on the great progress they had made since coming to New Zealand.

The Catholics of Muritai met on Sunday to receive a report from the rector of the parish, Very Rev. Father Keogh. The report disclosed that the finances of the parish were in a satisfactory position, about

£450 having been raised by a bazaar held some time ago. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. C. Kelly, seconded by Mr. A. R. Bunny, that a social gathering be held at the Bay some time in June. A committee, with Mr. Bert Kelly as secretary, was set up to make the necessary arrangements. The resident Catholic community at the Bay is as yet a small one, and it is hoped that the city Catholics will assist the gathering by their attendance.

At the recent Senior Civil Service examinations the pupils from St. Patrick's College secured second place in Latin and French, sixth place in geometry, trigonometry, and commercial geography, and tenth place in arithmetic and algebra. It is worthy of note that outside of members of the Civil Service the only pupils to complete the Senior Civil Service examination at one sitting were two pupils from the college. The Catholics of the Dominion must surely feel that in the college they have a secondary educational institution equal at least to any other establishment of the kind in the Dominion. The Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh, is deserving of our warmest gratitude for the high standard attained by the college during recent years under the able guidance of himself and staff.

### Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

April 26.

Blenheim was represented at the Conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs, at Auckland, by Messrs. Fama (Te Awamutu) and F. Shaw (managing director of the 'Marlborough Herald'), who succeeded in getting Blenheim selected as the locale of the conference next year.

The Holy Week ceremonies were carried out in a fitting manner at St. Mary's Church. On Holy Thursday Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 8 a.m. by the Very Rev. Father Holley being celebrant, Rev. Father O'Sullivan deacon, and Rev. Father Fay sub-deacon. At 10 o'clock on Good Friday a large congregation was present at the Adoration of the Cross and Mass of the Presanctified. Father Holley spoke a few impressive words on the indifference of some Catholics who treated this most solemn day as a day of pleasure, and entreated his hearers not to leave the church and devote the day to pleasure, but to attend the Stations of the Cross in the afternoon and the holy Rosary and sermon in the evening. On Easter Sunday a large number received Holy Communion at the 7.30 a.m. Mass. At 10.30 a.m. Mass was said, the Rev. Father Holley being celebrant, a fairly strong choir singing Winter's Mass in C. The services throughout were very impressive.

### Westport

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 27.

Notwithstanding the number of counter attractions a fairly large audience was present at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday evening last, when Miss Ruby McDonald, of Sydney, gave a violin recital. The audience were most enthusiastic. The people could not have enough of her playing, and encores were the order of the evening. Her opening numbers were 'Last movement of concerto' (Goddard), 'Souvenir de Sorento' (Pardini), which afforded her ample scope to display her technique. This talented young lady makes the violin a thing of life, and has the gift of making her audience feel the various emotions embodied in the piece. This was specially noticed in her very tasteful rendering of 'Adagio' (Kaliwoda) and 'Yankee Doodle' (Vieuxtemps), each item calling forth hearty applause from all parts of the house. Miss McDonald's other contributions were 'Reverie,' 'Killarney,' 'Patrick's Day,' and as the concluding number of a most enjoyable entertainment she gave 'Brindisi valse' (Allard) and two Scotch dances. Miss Marcelene Boulais, who has a sweet soprano voice, assisted materially in the success of the evening's entertainment, her contributions being 'May morning,' 'The cows are in the corn,' 'Drink to me only with thine eyes' (accompanied by four violins and piano), 'Dear little shamrock,' 'Link divine,' 'Love's old sweet song,' and 'Barney O'Hea.' Miss May Lynch played the accompaniments in a finished manner.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 4.

His Lordship the Bishop was at Darfield on Sunday, and goes on from there to Oira. In response to an invitation, his Lordship the Bishop

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op will be present at the ceremony in connection with the Arthur's Pass Tunnel at Otira on Tuesday. During his visit to the district, the Bishop will dedicate and open the new church at Springfield on the Sunday following.

The beautiful chapel of the Blessed Peter Louis Chanel, Proto-Martyr of Oceanica, was inaugurated on last Tuesday morning, when (at 7.30 a.m.) his Lordship the Bishop celebrated Mass. The chastely modelled and sculptured marble altar has been presented by the Marist Fathers of the Dominion to the Cathedral.

The admirable treatise on Catholic marriages, recently issued from the 'Tablet' office, was on sale at the week end, and a good many copies disposed of. On Sunday the clergy at the Cathedral and other city churches spoke eloquently of the comprehensive work, urging a wide circulation and studious reading.

The Rev. Mother Superior and Sisters of Nazareth House desire to express grateful thanks for various acts of kindness extended towards the inmates. On last Thursday Mr. Jacob Levien, with the assistance of some friends, entertained the orphan children at a picnic at Wainoni Park. Professor Bickerton very kindly gave the free use of the extensive and popular pleasure grounds, together with all the amusement facilities. The children spent a most enjoyable day. At Nazareth House the aged inmates were treated to a 'tea party' the men being also provided with a supply of tobacco—an attention which all thoroughly appreciated. On Saturday, at the invitation of Mr. Tom Pollard, the children were present at the matinee performance of 'Bluebell in Fairyland' by the juvenile opera company in the new Theatre Royal. Sincere gratitude is also expressed towards all who assisted in the St. Patrick's Day national concert, especially to the many non-Catholic professional artists, all of whom gave their valued assistance, as on all other occasions, gratuitously.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration committee met at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, on last Thursday evening to finally arrange matters in connection with the recent national concert. His Lordship the Bishop presided, the Rev. Father Price, Adm., being also present. The report and balance sheet, presented by the secretary, (Mr. E. O'Connor), showed receipts from all sources to be £136 9s. 6d; expenditure, £22 1s. 7d, credit balance £114 7s. 11d. On the motion of Mr. G. R. Hart, the audited statement of accounts was accepted. Mr. Hart, in referring to the successful efforts of the committee in the interests of Nazareth House, characterised the institution as the greatest work in the city. In seconding the motion, it was mentioned that the annual event undertaken by the committee, was not only of substantial benefit to the Sisters of Nazareth, but also afforded our people, a very pleasant and suitable social celebration of a national festival, and whatever trouble and expense were thereby entailed were certainly time and money well spent. His Lordship the Bishop said the result was very gratifying, and from the initiative stages the committee's work was nobly and ably carried out. Their efforts directed sympathy towards the devoted Sisters, whose work in our midst, as it became better known, would be better helped and appreciated. In responding to a vote of thanks, the secretary (Mr. E. O'Connor) said he received much valued assistance from the various Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, and especially from the ladies associated therewith, great help being also forthcoming, as on all former occasions, from the Hibernian Society. The chairman (Mr. W. Hoban) wrote resigning his position owing to pressure of duties at the time his services were most needed. He enclosed a cheque towards the fund, and asked to be still considered a member of the committee. The resignation was accepted with regret, and it was unanimously decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation for past valued services. A cheque given by his Lordship the Bishop to the lady who sold the most tickets was awarded to Mrs. W. Dobbs, who at once donated it to the fund.

**Timaru**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 4.

Very Rev. Father Regnault is temporarily taking the place of Rev. Father Kerley, who has been transferred to Christchurch for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Skinner left Timaru last week to commence business in Fairlie. Previous to her departure Mrs. Skinner was entertained at the convent by the ladies of St. Ann's Guild and the Altar Society, and given a memento to remind her of the good

work she had done as a member of both societies. Mrs. Skinner has always been prominent in everything that tended to the advancement of the Church, and her departure from Timaru leaves a gap that will be difficult to fill. She was for many years a prominent member of the choir, and here again it will be hard to replace her.

The Redemptorist mission, given by Fathers Lowham and McDermott, commenced yesterday (Sunday) week, and will be concluded on Sunday next. The Masses are attended by large congregations, and last night, when Father Lowham preached, the church was crowded, and seats had to be provided outside the main entrance. The success of the mission must be most gratifying to the devoted missionaries and the local clergy. The children's mission concluded on Sunday afternoon. It had also served as a preparation for the First Communion of about fifty children, who approached the Holy Table at the nine o'clock Mass yesterday. The church was suitably decorated for the occasion, and after Mass the customary breakfast was provided in the girls' school.

**DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 4.

Rev. Father Farthing is expected to return from Sydney on May 10.

The May devotions commenced on Friday at the Cathedral, and at St. Benedict's. Appropriate sermons were preached on Sunday evening by Rev. Father Murphy and Very Rev. Dean Gillan.

Very Rev. Father Clune opens a mission at Devonport on May 31. He is likely to give missions in other parishes of the diocese.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan leaves for Taumarunui on Tuesday in connection with the erection of a church there.

Rev. Father Tigar leaves for Gisborne on Tuesday, where he will open a mission.

Rev. Father Brennan, who was recently ordained at All Hallows College for the Auckland diocese, is expected to arrive in a short time.

Owing to a sufficient number of Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society being now established here, a Particular Council has been formed with the following officers:—President, Bro. Little; vice-presidents, Bros. J. J. and J. T. O'Brien; treasurer, Bro. P. F. Hiscocks, secretary, Bro. J. Fernandez.

In the Newmarket parish the coupon system is working admirably, the financial returns being satisfactory. These, in conjunction with the proceeds of the bazaar to be held at the end of this year, are expected to furnish a substantial sum towards the erection of a new church.

A complimentary social was tendered last Wednesday evening by Rev. Father Holbrook on behalf of his Lordship the Bishop to the workers and their friends at the late Dominion festival. The function was a great success. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer and adopted. Rev. Father Holbrook returned sincere thanks to all for their indefatigable labors, which resulted in a reduction of the Cathedral debt by £1500. A vote of thanks was accorded Father Holbrook, to whom the credit for the conception and carrying out of the details of the bazaar was mainly due. In acknowledging the vote of thanks Father Holbrook said that without the willing co-operation of the people he could do but little.

**Otahuhu**

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 29.

A bazaar in aid of the funds of the new Convent school buildings was held in the Otahuhu Public Hall last week. The bazaar was opened by the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly in the presence of a large gathering. On the platform, were the Rev. Fathers Buckley, Murphy, Toomey and Furlong and the members of the parochial committee. The stalls were handsomely decorated. Stalls for the sale of furniture, paintings and fancy work were conducted by Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Rogers, (representing England), Mrs. Brooker, (Ireland), Mrs. McManus, (Scotland). The men's stall was conducted by Miss Goodwin, the refreshment stall by Mrs. Madigan, and the children's stall by Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Willstead, while Mrs. Doyle supervised the fishing pond and dips for the children. Besides the above named, there were a large number of assistants, who

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were most energetic in disposing of their wares. The Onehunga Brass Band was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings with a choice selection of music. The bazaar which was a complete success, was closed on Saturday evening. The takings reached a very respectable figure.

## St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, Dunedin

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a large attendance. The committee in their annual report said:—We are glad to be able to report that we have had a successful session. The dressmaking class was much appreciated and did good work, and the committee desire to thank those members who undertook the instruction of the class. The other sewing class also proved a success. Several musical evenings were held during the season for the entertainment of the members and their friends. There was a large attendance at the general Communion of the members, who were afterwards entertained at a breakfast in St. Joseph's Hall. Since the last annual meeting a most useful and highly esteemed member in the person of Miss Johanna Carroll passed away. We would once more suggest that the members should try to increase the membership by inducing their friends and acquaintances to join the club. The committee trust that the members will do all in their power to help on the club and increase its usefulness. In conclusion the committee desire to thank the president (Miss Staunton) for her interest in and great amount of work she has done for the club, and also the clergy for their kind attention during the year.

The balance sheets showed the total receipts, including a sum of £2 1s 6d from last year, to be £13 15s, and the expenditure £10 13s 4d, leaving a balance of £3 1s 1d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Rev. Father Coffey congratulated the members on their successful season, and hoped to see more good and useful work done during the coming year.

The office-bearers for the ensuing year are:—President, Miss Staunton; secretary, Miss Hannagan; committee, Misses O'Reilly, Bryant, Hannan, Brady, and Clancy; representatives on the hall executive, Misses Staunton and Purton.

## Battleship Tests

Those who had hoped for the cessation of armed conflict between nations from the deliberations of the Peace Congress at the Hague have been sadly disappointed at the little progress made towards that end. The Great Powers show what little faith they have in the results therefrom that nearly all of them are increasing their means of defence both by land and sea. The naval Powers especially are leaving nothing undone to perfect their armaments, and nearly every other day we hear of the launching of some great battleship, upon which vast sums have been expended, and on the minutest detail of its construction the highest engineering skill has been used. It is an anxious yet proud moment for the builders and designers of a big battleship when the tests are about to be applied which are to expose its faults, if any, lay bare its secret failings, and bring to the surface the manifold queer whims and caprices to which vessels, like horses, are peculiarly prone. The skill and labor of many months are about to undergo the ordeal of the most searching investigation which science and human foresight can apply, and a big cheque is about to change hands.

Here is a description of the launching of one of these huge leviathans, and an account of the trials and tests it underwent before being handed over to its future owners:—A complete staff of artificers, stokers, and a small crew of smart and seamanlike sailors stood under orders, prepared for any emergency which might arise, and preparations were made for the first trial, slow speed. After a six hours' run at two-thirds speed this test was pronounced satisfactory, and, as a matter of fact, it is the least formidable of the series in the eyes of interested parties. Then steering enthusiasts experimented with the steam-gear which actuates the rudder, performed evolutions at startling angles, and pronounced it excellent.

Next day, after the boilers had been carefully cleaned and overhauled, the engines were put at their top notch for speed and endurance, and no doubt during the run—ten miles—the anxieties of the engine-room authorities were neither few nor frivolous. But in

justice to the engineer it must be admitted that, while not exactly welcoming difficulties, he is seldom happier than when successfully meeting them.

Meanwhile the draught of water was being carefully noted, weights on board being verified, for all deficient armament, stores, etc., have been made up in water-ballast and coal. And talking of coal, the experts want to know to a pound how much of this precious fuel, which, by the way, is specially hand-picked and selected, is being consumed to maintain the steam pressure.

The anchor trials proved very interesting. These colossal masses of iron, several of them weighing nearly six tons apiece, were let go, to try their holding power on the sea-bottom, then drawn up again and stowed inboard, to satisfy the band of critics on deck that everything in this department of the vessel's internal economy was well formed and in perfect working order.

The auxiliary armament, as the smaller guns are termed, was next subjected to examination, and not only the weapons themselves, but their mountings had to pass muster, any defects or suggested alterations being, where possible, effected or remedied by the staff on the spot. Meanwhile the electrical fittings with which every modern war-ship is appointed, from light to telephones, had been overhauled and tested, and presently the torpedo trials were due.

The tubes from which these deadly missiles are discharged had been previously tested during the steaming trials by firing dummies, but now the real thing had to meet the approval of the experts. These tests are too technical for the average landsman to follow, but they are thorough. Truly, the officer who, seated in his steel conning-tower, touches a knob and releases one of these destruction-dealing engines in the direction of an enemy's warship holds terrible responsibilities in his hands. Perhaps one of

### The Most Important Tests

is that applied to the big guns, and the consequences of their discharge, for after the regulation number of rounds have taken place the strength and construction of the vessel were minutely examined, to see that every rivet stood firm and that the decks had sustained no damage or strain from the terrific shock of the firing. Needless to say, during this trial the horizon was carefully scanned with glasses between rounds to obviate the chances of dropping projectiles into passing vessels.

Battleship trials in England are invariably conducted almost solely by the British staff who have been employed on the structure of the mighty fabric, and they work with wonderful enthusiasm and unceasing endeavor to get the very best possible out of that portion of the wonderful organisation under their charge, be it gun or engine. Nearly every article in the ship's equipment is duplicated, so that there shall be no difficulty or hitch in the trials for want of a new part to replace one which has collapsed under the strain.

The trials over, and even the technical expert satisfied, the captain of the new ship, who has followed each test as anxiously as the builders themselves, expresses his satisfaction to the officials concerned in the successful realisation of their plans. Then his subordinates present a list of items missing from the vessel's stores, the stokers and engineers receive a bonus (sometimes) for the herculean labors during the past few weeks, and the well-tried battleship is formally handed over to her purchasers.

Do not judge men by their raiment or by their speech. Flattery is a cheap and belittling thing, and many a shabby man has a noble soul.

A few days ago a two-year-old son of Mr. T. H. Barclay, of Norsewood, swallowed a brass screw from the top of a toy engine. At the Waipukurau Hospital next day the screw was located at the bottom of the windpipe, resting on the left lung, and it was extracted.

Mr. T. E. Donne says that the tourist traffic in New Zealand last season was the best on record. The largest percentage of visitors came from Australia, though a good number came from Home, but there was a decrease in Anglo-Indians, and fewer Americans toured the Dominion than during the previous five or six years. This is due to the stoppage of the 'Frisco service.

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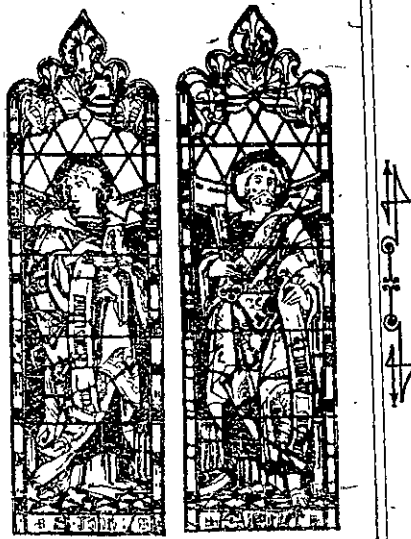
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## Commercial

### PRODUCE

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from London, dated the 2nd

**Mutton.**—The market is weak, and there is less demand except for light weights. Canterbury mutton is in small supply, and is quoted at 11½d. The average price for North Island brands is 3½d, and River Plate 3½d. There is dull sale for heavy carcasses of mutton.

There is good demand for all lamb, and the market firm, although the weather lately has been very unfavourable to its sale. The supply at present meets the demand, but small shipments are expected. Canterbury brands are quoted at 5½d., and other than Canterbury at 5½d. There are complaints of the quality of the New Zealand lamb this season.

**Beef.**—The market is quiet, and there is less demand. Hindquarters are quoted at 3½d., and forees at 3½d.

**Butter.**—The market is very firm, and there is brisk demand on account of the difficulty in obtaining supplies. Choicest New Zealand butter is quoted at 11½s; Australian, 10½s, Danish, 11½s; Siberian, 10½s.

**Cheese.**—The market is quiet, with a tendency in favour of buyers. Buyers are holding back, expecting prices to go lower. Transactions are very limited, at an average of 60s. 6d.

**Hemp.**—The market is quiet, but steady. There is a fair local demand on account of light shipments being expected. Current quotations are: Spot, good to fair grade, £27; fair, £26; fair current Manila, £26; April-June shipments, good to fair, £26; fair, £25 10s; fair current Manila, £25 10.

**Cocksfoot Seed.**—The market is firm, and buyers are not keen to do business. There is no change in the quotations from last week.

**Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter.**—Wholesale net cash price for best factory 1½ lb prints, 1s 2½d. per lb. Cheese, 7d. Butter—Farm, 9d, separator, 11d. Hams, 9d. Eggs, 1s 6d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Cnaff, £4. Flour, £12 to £13. Oatmeal, £13 10s to £14. Bram, £5 5s. Pollard, £6 10s. Potatoes, £3 10s. per ton. Retail.—Farm butter, 11d; separator, 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1s 9d. Oatmeal, 50's 8s., 25's 4s. 3d. Flour—200lbs, 26s; 100, 13s 6d, 50, 7s, 25, 3s. 9d. Potatoes, 5s per cwt.

**Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—**

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a lengthy catalogue of oats, wheat, potatoes, and chaff to a large gathering of the local trade. Bidding was exceedingly brisk, and every lot was cleared at prices fully equal to, and in some cases in advance, of late quotations. Values ruled as under.

**Oats.**—For all good to prime quality, there is strong demand, while special seed lines, such as duns, long tartars etc., are readily placed. Prime milling lots also have more inquiry. We quote: Seed lines, 2s. 6d. to 2s. 8d; prime milling, 2s. 5 to 2s. 5½d; good to best feed, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 4½d; inferior to medium, 2s. 2d, to 2s. 3½d per bushel, sacks extra.

**Wheat.**—There has been some excitement in the market during the week, and all sorts have advanced slightly in value. Millers have strong preference for prime velvet and red chaff, but now give more attention to lines of medium to good Tuscan, which have lately been saleable

only as fowl wheat. In sympathy with milling quality prices for fowl wheat show an advance of about 1d. per bushel. We quote: Prime milling 4s. 7½d. to 4s. 8½d; medium to good, 4s. 7d. to 4s. 7½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 7d, medium, 4s. 4½d. to 4s. 5½d; broken and damaged, 3s. 9d. to 4s. 3d. per bushel, sacks extra.

**Potatoes.**—Fair supplies continue to come forward, but with good demand for export, late values are more than maintained. We offered a considerable quantity at our sale on Monday, all of which realised prices, which show a distinct improvement. Shippers complain that many consignments are unsuitable for their orders, owing to being bagged in inferior sacks, which their buyers will not accept. We quote: Prime derwents, £4 17s. 6d. to £5; prime up-to-dates, and other white sorts, £4 10s. to £4 12s. 6d; choice, £4 15s; medium to good £4 to £4 7s. 6d per ton, bags extra.

**Chaff.**—The market is well supplied, but for all prime oaten sheaf, there is ready sale. The practice of cutting straw with oaten sheaves is in many cases overdone, and it reduces the weight below the grade required for export. Prime, bright heavy chaff has strong demand by local and shipping buyers, but for medium and light quality, they are not so keen. We quote: Prime chaff, £3 17s. 6d. to £4; medium to good, £3 10s. to £3 15; inferior and light, £3 to £3 5s. per ton, bags extra.

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

**Oats.**—During the past week the market has been very firm, and late quotations have been fully maintained. For all good prime quality there is strong demand, while special seed lines such as Duns, long Tartars, etc., are readily placed. Seed lines, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; prime milling, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; good to best feed, 2s 4d to 2s 4½d; inferior to medium, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Wheat.**—Owing to the rise in the London market there has been a slight advance in values locally. Prime velvet and red chaff are scarcer, and millers are more inclined to buy good Tuscan, which has been selling lately as fowl wheat. Prime milling, 4s 7½d to 4s 8½d; medium to good, 4s 7d to 4s 7½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 6d to 4s 7d; medium, 4s 4½d to 4s 5½d; broken and damaged, 3s 9d to 4s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

**Chaff.**—The market is well supplied with all sorts, but the demand is chiefly for prime heavy oaten sheaf; medium and inferior kinds of chaff are harder of sale. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium to good, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; inferior and light, £2 17s 6d to £3 5s per ton (sacks extra).

**Potatoes.**—The market is fully supplied, but there is still good inquiry by shippers. The consequence is that late prices are fully maintained; medium and inferior sorts are harder of sale. Prime Derwents, £4 15s to £5, prime up-to-dates, £4 10s to £4 12s 6d; medium to good, £4 2s 6d to £4 7s 6d; small and inferior, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton (bags in).

**Pressed Straw.**—The supply has slackened off considerably and prices are slightly firmer. Oaten straw, 37s to 37s 6d, wheaten, 30s to 32s 6d per ton.

### WOOL

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

**Rabbitskins.**—There are a good many coming forward, and we anticipate a good sale on the 11th inst.

**Sheepskins.**—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 12th inst.

**Hides.**—We held our usual fortnightly sale on the 30th ult., when we submitted a medium catalogue. There was a large attendance of buyers, but the demand was not keen, and prices were slightly easier than at the last sale. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, none forward; good heavy do, 3½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 4½d; light weight, 3½d to 3½d; staggy and inferior, 1½d to 3d; best heavy cow hides, 4d to 4½d; medium, 3½d to 4½d; light weight, 2½d to 3½d; inferior, up to 2½d; yearlings, 2½d to 3½d; calveskins, 3d to 5½d.

**Tallow and Fat.**—There has been a little more coming forward during the past week, but prices remain much the same as at last quotations.

### LIVE STOCK

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

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### Late Burnside Stock Report

Sheep.—3456 penned; a heavy yarding. Prices showed a fall of about 2s per head on last week's rates. Best wethers, 18s to 21s; extra, 22s 6d; medium, 15s to 16s 9d; inferior, 13s 6d to 14s 6d; best ewes, 12s to 15s 3d; extra, up to 17s; medium, 10s to 11s 6d; inferior, 7s to 9s.

Lambs.—996 penned; a medium yarding of fair quality, and prices for good sorts were a shade firmer than those ruling last week. Best, 15s to 16s; extra, 17s 3d; medium, 12s 6d to 13s 9d; light, 11s to 12s.

Cattle.—184 forward. Prices firmed considerably, especially for finished animals. Best bullocks, £9 10s to £10 7s 6d; medium, £7 15s to £8 10s; inferior, £6 10s to £7 5s; best cows, £6 to £7 5s; extra, £8 2s 6d. A local firm sold a dairy cow at £9 2s 6d.

Pigs.—110 forward. Prices for small sorts showed no alteration, whilst porkers and baconers were easier. Suckers, 9s to 11s; slips, 13s to 16s; stores, 21s to 25s; porkers, 34s to 42s; light baconers, 44s to 48s; heavy do 53s to 58s; choppers, 63s.

### Why Latin is used by Physicians

The doctor writes his prescription in Latin because it is a more exact and concise language than English, and, being a dead language, does not change, as all living languages do (says a New York chemist).

Then, again, since a very large part of all drugs in use are botanical, they have in the pharmacopoeia the same names that they have in botany—the scientific names. Two-thirds of such drugs haven't any English names, and so could not be written in English.

But suppose a doctor did write a prescription in English for an uneducated patient. The patient reads it, thinks he remembers it, and so tries to get it filled from memory the second time. Suppose, for instance, it calls for iodine of potassium and he gets it confused with cyanide of potassium. He could safely take ten grains of the first, but one grain of the second would kill him as dead as a mackerel. That's an exaggerated case, but it will serve for an illustration. Don't you see how the Latin is a protection and a safeguard to the patient? Prescriptions in Latin he can't read, and consequently doesn't try to remember.

Now for a final reason. Latin is a language that is used by scientific men the world over, and no other language is. You can get Latin prescriptions filled in any country on the face of the earth where there is a drug store. We had a prescription come in here the other day which had been stamped by druggists in London, Paris, Berlin, Constantinople, Cairo, and Calcutta. What good would an English prescription be in St. Petersburg?

The wise man should not delay, now that winter is at hand, in providing himself with clothing suitable for the season. He can get all that is needful—such as rain-coats, driving coats, pyjamas, vests, pants, etc.—from the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Octagon, Dunedin. This firm's goods are noted for their excellence....

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. FLANAGAN, WEST PLAINS.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Bridget Flanagan, wife of Mr. John Flanagan, who passed away at her residence, West Plains, on April 27, at the age of 71 years. The deceased, who was only ill for a few days, died fortified by the rites of the Church. The funeral, which took place on April 29, was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. The Very Rev. Dean Burke, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Malley, officiated at the interment in the Eastern Cemetery.—R.I.P.

#### MRS. SULLIVAN, NASEBY.

There passed away at Naseby on April 28, after a short illness, Mrs. Kate Sullivan, wife of Mr. Bernard Sullivan. The deceased, who was greatly respected by a large circle of friends, he was a staunch Catholic, and was ever foremost in every undertaking connected with the advancement of the Church in the district. She was a native of Ennis, County Clare, where she was born 59 years ago. She leaves a husband, a sister (Mrs. Costello), who resides in Christchurch, and several relatives in other parts of the Dominion to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

#### MISS ANNIE HEALY, GREY VALLEY.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Healy, of Ngahere, Grey Valley (writes a correspondent), will learn with regret of the death of their daughter, Annie, who passed away peacefully on April 3, in her 24th year. About four years ago the deceased contracted a severe cold, which in time developed into consumption. All through her life; and painful illness she displayed the greatest patience and resignation, and was never heard to complain in any way. She had always been a model of piety and gentleness, and during her illness these virtues shone most conspicuously. She had every spiritual assistance, being for a long time under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, Reefton; and in her own home also she was visited frequently by the priest and occasionally by the Sisters. When the end was approaching, she received all the rites of the Church. The funeral was the largest ever seen in Ngahere, sympathisers having come from Greymouth, Reefton, and several places round about. The greatest sympathy was expressed for the bereaved parents and sisters of the deceased, who was taken so early from their happy home.—R.I.P.

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**DEATHS**

**DIAMOND.**—At Crumlin, County Antrim, Ireland, on March 5, 1908, Michael Diamond, father of Rev. E. Diamond, Newcastle, and uncle of Mrs. Kerr, Dacre, Southland; aged 92 years.—R.I.P.

**FLANAGAN.**—At West Plains, on Monday, April 27, 1908, Bridget, the beloved wife of John Flanagan; aged 71 years.—R.I.P.

**HEALY.**—At the residence of her parents, Ngahere, Grey Valley, on April 3, Annie, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Healy; aged 24 years.—R.I.P.

**O'HARA.**—At his residence, St. Bathans, on Sunday, April 12, Patrick O'Hara, late of Tulla, County Clare, Ireland; aged 75 years.—R.I.P.

**SULLIVAN.**—At Naseby, on April 28, 1908, Kate, wife of Bernard Sullivan, pound-keeper, in her 59th year. Native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.—R.I.P.

**MARRIAGES**

**BURKE-FLANNERY.**—On April 27, 1908, at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, by Rev. Father James Goggan, assisted by Rev. Father McDonnell, of Meanee (cousins of bridegroom), James Joseph Leander, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burke, of Greymouth, to Gertrude Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Flannery, of Napier.

**PAYNE-GIU.**—On April 28, 1908, at the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, by the Rev. Father Galerne, William Philip Payne, of Greymouth, son of Mr. P. L. Payne, Stationmaster, Christchurch, to Louisa Giu, granddaughter of Mrs. Cereseto, Reefton.

**EDITOR'S NOTICES.**

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

*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ 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, MAY 7, 1908.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEES**



In his 'Love a la Mode', Macklin describes the law as 'a sort of hocus-pocus science'. 'The glorious uncertainty' of it fogged his fancy; but even that uncertainty lifts at times and enables those who live under the law to see clearly the legal ground on which they stand. Till last Monday we in New Zealand were, for instance, 'all in a fog' as to the relative powers of Education Boards and School Committees in regard to the control of the working hours of our public schools. Last Monday's Appeal Court judgment (in the case of Bruce and others v. the Wanganui Education Board) has served to lift the fog. And now we see clearly how far School Committees shall go, and no further, in the matter over which a legal controversy has been so long wagging its tongue.

A Press Association telegram in last Tuesday's daily papers runs in part as follows:—

'Mr. Justice Williams, in delivering his judgment, stated that the case depended upon section 124 of the Education Act, 1904. That section gave the Education Board the controlling power, and made it paramount. It was necessary for the conformity of education that in such an important matter as the fixing of school hours the Board, and not the school committee, should have control. His Honor agreed with the conclusion of Mr. Justice Cooper in the court below, and held that the appeal should be dismissed. All the members of the Court concurred, and the appeal was dismissed, with costs on the middle scale and as from a distance.'

The decision covers issues of much wider import than that of merely fixing school hours. For the case

was brought forward to test the power of the Committee to set aside, in effect, the secular clauses of the Education Act, and, by a judicious 'rigging' of the working hours, make sectarian instruction practically part and parcel of the public school curriculum. Last Monday's judgment debars the School Committees from so doing. The decision is good, so far as it goes. But it does not remove one of the chief objects in running School Committee elections on sectarian lines; neither does it give full assurance of security to dissenters from a State school creed. For the School Committees elect the Education Boards, and it is still within the power of a well-organised minority, working quietly or in the dark, so to conduct the Committee elections over a School Board area, that they might be able to dominate within its limits the administration of the Education Act. A determined effort in that direction was made in and about Wellington at the recent Committee elections, the Bible-in-schools League interviewing and putting forward candidates, and pledging support only to such as would support the reading of the Protestant version of the Scriptures in the public schools. That effort was solidly defeated. We set very little practical value upon a beggarly half-hour's scriptural instruction in a week, in an atmosphere that is unreal, unreligious, and unsuited to produce the best results from such teaching. But it has at least the negative advantage of being better than nothing. We have the profoundest sympathy for every effort of our separated brethren to give biblical and religious instruction to the children of their various faiths outside the working hours of the public schools. But we think that more attention should be directed to the efforts that are being made—and successfully made in various places—to introduce sectarian instruction into the primary public schools, and even (as we happen to know) to make some of our high schools a medium for disseminating, through alleged manuals of 'history' and otherwise, an extremely objectionable form of anti-Catholic fable and bias and misconception.

## Notes

### Kind Appreciation

Our native modesty prevents us publishing in full the kindly remarks addressed to us this week by an esteemed non-Catholic reader in North Canterbury. 'May I', says he in part, 'as a non-Catholic reader of the "Tablet", express my delight with the paper? It is only for the last month or two that I have been reading it, and it gives me great pleasure. Your quotations are wonderful. . . As a reader who would like to know more, let me thank you for the pleasure your paper has given me; by its wide knowledge and its literary excellence'.

### Misfit Names

The South African war has left us many a 'young idea' that carries its date-label in such names as 'Mafeking', 'Kimberley', 'Baden-Powell', and so on. But there is another phase of child-naming that forces unfortunate units of humanity to carry intolerable burdens throughout life. It takes, for instance, a good deal of trouble to live up to such a name as George Washington. 'God-parents', says the 'Irish Independent', 'in naming children after illustrious persons, unfairly pledge them to a career of greatness before they are of an age to understand the magnitude of the obligation. The result is seen in the extraordinary roll of offenders reported in Marylebone Lane Police Court recently. Oliver Cromwell (drunk and disorderly) was followed by Horatio Nelson (default in education rates); and a line of namesakes recalling Gay the lyric poet, Green the historian of the English people, Liv-

ingstone the explorer, and Gore the Bishop, comes next. Copyright in names is urgently needed. Not merely for persons, but for places, too. While the gold boom was vigorous some years ago, a Dublin builder called his two-storey houses "Klondyke", "Coolgardie", etc. And the misuse to which music halls put great names is typified in the misunderstanding which led an inexperienced London cabman to drive his fare to Marlborough House when he wanted the "Prince of Wales".

### 'Romantic Abduction'

Strange things get smuggled past the Customs officers at times, and stranger things sometimes, by the necessities of the case, elude the vigilance of the editor of a large daily or weekly paper. Last week's Christchurch 'Weekly Press' contained a venomous absurdity that, we believe, would never have marred its columns had it passed under the editorial eye. We refer to a grotesque 'snake-yarn' headed 'Romantic Abduction'. It tells of two 'lovers' who, after many melodramatic absurdities, were successfully united in matrimony. One was 'a beautiful nun' with the amazing name of 'Sister Geneva'. She lived in a convent that was situated Nowhere. The other was a Mr. Dye, who also lived at No Address. Dye was a lover of 'Geneva'. So, we presume, was the inventor of the story. When 'Geneva' decided to bottle herself up (so to speak) in a convent of Nowhere, Dye disguised himself as a workman, entered that extraordinary convent, found his way to the novitiate, and succeeded in 'urging his suit' upon 'Geneva'. Geneva 'listened to his passionate protestations and agreed to fly with him'. But Dye 'was discovered by the Mother Superior and ejected'. And 'Geneva' was corked up once more.

Then Dye 'burglariously entered' the convent of Nowhere. It was midnight; 'a blinding snowstorm was raging'; 'Sister Geneva' 'crept barefooted downstairs and escaped by means of an open window'. But the nuns were ready for them—they charged in a body (also, probably, barefooted) out in the snowstorm. The flying couple were ordered to 'halt' by that military community; there ensued 'a hand to hand struggle'; the nuns captured Dye; Sister (Old Tom) Geneva got away, but the nuns searched for her all night till, finally, they located her at the Kiel Hotel, in the city of Nowhere, and brought her back, by a 'stern command' to the convent of Nowhere. Having bottled her up, they let go Dye, who forthwith trickled out of the convent. Having secured his liberty, he, with the aid of an obliging p'lecceman, 'rescued his sweetheart'; they went off and got married by a Judge at Nowhere. And so the story ended 'in the triumph of love'.

As usual in the anti-convent romance, we have here the energetic 'lover' who scales lofty walls and barks his shins without the 'smallest necessity'; and the 'beautiful nun' to whom it never occurs to go out by the customary way—the open front door. In the present case, however, the clumsy fabricator struck upon an unfortunate, but (in the circumstances) probably very appropriate, name for his heroine. By all the rules of the anti-convent romance, Dye ought to have brought her down from the top storey in his strong, manly arms, by a rope ladder two hundred feet long. But there was probably too much 'Sister Geneva' in him—or Sister Beer-and-Whiskey—to think of that customary detail. He made up for it somewhat, however, in the delirium-tremens fight in 'the snow-covered fields' and in the midnight chase to the 'Kiel Hotel'. There are probably some people even still who believe in these Munchausen 'yarns'. If so, the schoolmaster has not by any means succeeded in expelling all the ignorance that there is about.

**Catholic Marriages**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to hasten to thank you for your very excellent and able pamphlet on Catholic Marriages. The attack of the Rev. Mr. Carrington on the Catholic doctrine of the Sacrament of Matrimony must be considered as a 'felix culpa', a 'happy fault', in as much as it has been the occasion of such an excellent exposition of the Catholic position.

I hope that your pamphlet will find its way into every Catholic home in this city. A perusal of it is sure to increase the knowledge which our people have of this Sacrament; and perhaps it may be the means of preventing some Catholics from going through a ceremony before a non-Catholic clergyman or State official, which for the future can only be considered by Catholics as null and void before the Church and in the sight of God. Again thanking you, I remain, yours sincerely,

JAMES COFFEY, ADM.

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.

**DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN**

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession took place.

The St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held its weekly meeting on Monday evening, when there was a large attendance. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. R. McLean, W. Tonar, W. Borham, and R. Coxon.

The Rev. Father Lynch, of Palmerston South, who is now on his way to Europe, in the course of a letter to a friend in Dunedin, says that he had a splendid voyage from Auckland to Honolulu, with the exception of a hurricane which was encountered at Suva. Among the 500 passengers was his Lordship Bishop Lenihan. They expected to reach Vancouver about April 10.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the St. Joseph's Boys' Club on Monday evening, when the Rev. Brother Brady delivered a lecture on 'Airships.' The lecture, which was most instructive, was listened to very attentively. On the motion of Master J. Dunn a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Brother Brady.

The following are the dates for the Quarant Ore devotions in the diocese of Dunedin:—Riverton, May 17; Obautau, May 24; Orepuke, May 31; Gore, June 7; N.E. Valley, June 28; Cromwell, September 6; Milton, September 27; Cathedral, October 4; South Dunedin, October 11; Oamaru, October 18; Invercargill, October 25; Queenstown, November 1; Arrowtown, November 8; Lawrence, November 15; Winton, November 22; Mosgiel, December 6.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran on Saturday from the Santa Sabina School, North-East Valley, with a muster of 23 members. After the harriers had been photographed, Kilmartin and Quelch laid a splendid trail around the slopes of Pine Hill. The view from the top of the hill was magnificent. The trail also passed through some beautiful native bush. After returning home the runners were generously entertained by the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Temuka**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 5.

It is very encouraging to see the manner in which the young men of Temuka are uniting, so as to make the Catholic Club, a society of which every member should be proud. Though several old members have left the district, others are taking their place, and all are working in earnest. The society intends holding a sports' gathering on May 25, for the purpose of raising money to furnish the Club rooms. Last year a similar gathering was held in aid of the parish, and proved very successful, the sum of £60 being netted. It is expected that this gathering will meet with the same success, and with a billiard table donated to it, the club should be in a sound financial position. On Tuesday evening last, about thirty members of the club, assembled in their rooms for the purpose of mak-

ing presentations to their late spiritual director, Rev. Father Kerley, and their late secretary, Mr. T. Knight, both of whom have left for Timaru. Mr. J. Barry, (vice-president) in the unavoidable absence of the president occupied the chair. The Rev. Father Kerley was unable to be present. During the evening, the chairman said they had assembled to make small presentations to two gentlemen, who had taken an active part in the management of the society since its inception four years ago,—Rev. Father Kerley, and Mr. T. Knight. It was decided to forward the gift to the former, to Christchurch, where he is at present. Mr. Knight was presented with a gold mounted cigarette holder, and an enlarged photograph of the club. Mr. Knight, thanked the members for their presents, and assured them, that if he had done anything for the good of the club, it was because he had its interests at heart. He wished the club every success.

Mr. Wm. Barry, who represented the club at the conference of the Federated Catholic Societies at Auckland, returned home during the week. He intends presenting his report at the meeting of the club, to be held on the 12th inst.

**Palmerston North**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 3.

Mr. Ward, our new postmaster, arrived in Palmerston on Tuesday and assumed control on May 1.

Mother Mary Bernard has been recalled to Wellington, and left for there on Wednesday. For the past twelve years she had worked amongst us, and her presence will be greatly missed by the Children of Mary, the Sacred Heart Society (in which she took a deep interest), and also by the children with whom she was a great favorite.

The first of a series of progressive euchre parties for the coming season was held in the Zealandia Hall on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Children of Mary. As a result the parish library will be richer by some 60 volumes, and several pounds in cash. The prizes were won by Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Hill, Master Hurley, and Messrs. Westmoreland and Jackson, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

In the Mayoral election on Wednesday last the progressives gained a decided victory. Mr. A. J. A. Nash beating the late Mayor, Mr. R. Essex, by 286 votes. The polling was the highest on record. Mr. Rodger Mulrooney is a candidate for the vacancy on the Council by the return of Mr. Nash as Mayor.

**WEDDING BELLS**

PAYNE-GIU.

A very pretty wedding (writes our Reefton correspondent) was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, on April 28, by the Rev. Father Galerne, when Mr. William P. Payne, of Greymouth, son of Mr. P. L. Payne, Stationmaster, Christchurch, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Louisa Giu, granddaughter of Mrs. Cereseto, Reefton. The bride, who looked charming, was attired in a grey tweed costume, and wore a white felt hat. She was attended by Miss Mary Egan (of Greymouth), and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Anglo Cereseto. Mr. J. Ginder acted as best man. The bridegroom presented both bride and bridesmaid with gold brooches. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve links. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of Mrs. Cereseto, where the wedding breakfast was held, and the usual toasts duly honored. The presents were numerous and costly, testifying in the most convincing manner to the esteem and respect in which the bride and bridegroom are held by their numerous friends. Later in the afternoon the young couple left by the afternoon train en route for Christchurch and Dunedin, on their honeymoon trip.

**BURKE-FLANNERY**

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church on April 27, (writes our Napier correspondent), by the Rev. Father James Goggan, assisted by the Rev. Father McDonnell, of Meaneet (cousins of the bridegroom), the contracting parties being Miss Gertrude Flannery second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Flannery of Napier, and Mr. J. J. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A.

Burke of Greymouth. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Goggan. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a costume of white tulle, with yoke and sleeves of tulle net, and white silk picture hat trimmed with chiffon and ostrich feathers. The bridesmaids were Miss Cecily Flannery (sister of the bride), and Miss Jean Burke (sister of the bridegroom). The bridegroom was attended by Messrs. P. S. Foley and T. P. Walshe. As the bride and bridegroom were leaving the church, Miss Scott, organist played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The presents received, were numerous and useful. After the ceremony, the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, Clyde-road. The Rev. Father Goggan, who proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, referred to the exemplary character of the young couple, and their practical Catholicity, and wished them every happiness in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Burke left during the afternoon amidst the good wishes of their many friends, en route to Auckland and Rotorua, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

## Interprovincial

Mr. Joseph Petrie, Mayor of Greymouth, died at Wellington on Sunday night.

Several Auckland orchards have returned £100 per acre for the past season, there being a phenomenal crop and high prices.

The North Island contains 28,459,520 acres, of which 14,627,758 acres are occupied. The South Island comprises 37,456,000 acres, and has 22,755,577 acres in occupation. Stewart Island has an area of 423,000 acres, 24,138 acres of which are occupied.

'I have only been in this country about a fortnight,' said Colonel Denny at Wellington the other day, to the marine engineers and their friends. 'Of course that's quite long enough to write a book about it—but not long enough to acquire any great knowledge of the country.'

'I wouldn't go on a farm with my wife, as a married couple, at all,' said a witness before the Conciliation Board at Christchurch. 'If a woman has to work, that is an indication of weakness on the part of her husband. If he can't keep her without her having to help by doing work, he had no right to take her.'

Details of the last Christmas railway traffic, covering the period from December 18 to January 2 inclusive, on all Government lines in the Dominion, show that 294,741 excursionists were carried, in addition to 274,731 ordinary passengers. These figures show an increase of 35,593 over the total for the corresponding period of the previous year.

It is understood, (says a Press Association telegram from Wellington) that the Government will shortly introduce a system of placing in the homes of the people money-boxes, in which pennies and other coins may be saved. When full, the boxes may be taken to the nearest savings bank, and the contents placed to the credit of the owners.

We have received from Mr. W. P. Linehan, Little Collins street, Melbourne, a patriotic Irish song, 'Do you remember?' by the Rev. M. Lane, which is set to music by a Presentation Sister. There is a patriotic ring about the words which will recommend it to lovers of Irish minstrelsy, whilst the music is tuneful and simple, and not beyond the capacity of most performers on the pianoforte.

The Wellington correspondent of the 'Press' telegraphs: A conference of representatives of the different fire and marine insurance companies doing business in the Colony has been sitting here during the past few days, and has now concluded its sittings. The proceedings, of course, were private. I understand, however, that the prediction recently made in certain quarters that fire rates were to be raised has not been fulfilled.

A candidate, who was nominated for the Kaiapoi School Committee, asked to be allowed to withdraw his nomination when later on his wife was proposed as a candidate, his reason for retiring being that one of them must stay at home to mind the children. The householders refused to hear of his withdrawal, and at the poll he was returned, while his wife was not, the voters thus showing that they thought that the husband should attend to the school affairs and the wife stay at home.

An interesting illustration of the unabated power of old-time superstition upon the mind of the present-day Maori is afforded in the death of a young Maori at Whakahi, in the Auckland province. He was a strapping stalwart young fellow, on a visit to Gisborne, having just finished a bush-felling contract. He unwittingly trespassed on a wahi tapu, or sacred ground, which means death to the trespasser. It is stated that in a fortnight, influenced by his own fatalism, and the unconscious hypnotism of his friends, he died, and a tangi was held over him.

The other evening an Oamaru resident, whose poultry prefer the shelter afforded by his macrocarpa trees for roosting purposes to that contained in their properly-constructed habitation, was (says the 'Mail') startled at a late hour by the distressful cries of one of the birds, and on looking into the trees with a lantern to ascertain the cause discovered on one of the topmost branches a weasel on the back of a fowl leisurely sucking the blood from a wound inflicted at the back of the head. The weasel was subsequently caught in a trap.

Questioned in Auckland as to the Government's intentions regarding immigration, the Hon. Jas. M'Gowan said: 'We are going to continue our present policy. Those who object to our policy evidently are not aware of the kind of people that are coming to New Zealand under our present scheme. It can hardly be called immigration; it might rather be called a scheme for enabling residents of the Dominion to bring out their friends from Home at a little cheaper rate than that which would otherwise have to be paid. These new arrivals are adding to the capital of the country, and the amounts which some of them bring with them are very considerable.'

Attention was drawn by Mr. Mackay at the meeting of the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board the other day, to the fact, that no less than six nurses are down with typhoid fever, while another had recently died with it. There must, he submitted, surely be something wrong, otherwise such a state of affairs would not exist, and he urged that they should take some steps with a view to getting at the root of the evil and remedying it. There was no doubt that there would be outbreaks of typhoid in Auckland until a proper drainage system was brought into operation, but he thought that if they could prevent the staff at the Hospital from being affected, it would be a step in the right direction.

The number of solicitors practising in the Dominion on March 20 was 840, as against 801 last year. Of this number, states the annual report of the Wellington District Law Society, 524 were resident in the North Island, and 316 in the South Island. To be more minute, they were distributed as follows: Auckland, 180; Canterbury, 119; Gisborne, 20; Hawke's Bay, 41; Marlborough, 10; Nelson, 15; Otago, 123; Southland, 29; Taranaki, 45; Wellington, 235; and Westland, 20. It is estimated that on the date in question there was one solicitor to every 1163 of the population, compared with one to every 1194 last year. In 1904-5, 51 notices for admission were received, and the profession increased by 49; in 1905-6 the figures were 61 and 46; in 1906-7, 68 and 45; whilst in 1907-8 they were 62 (including 9 by solicitors already practising for admission as barristers) and 39.

Mr. W. H. Field, M.P. for Otaki, has been putting in a good word for the tangi. Speaking at one of these ceremonies the other day, he said a tangi was a time-honored custom of the Maori people, and there was little or no harm about it if it was conducted in a proper way on strict lines of sobriety and with due regard to the health of the children, and was carried out without impoverishing either the hosts or the visitors. He also held that tangi gatherings were productive of good, inasmuch as they afforded opportunities of commune between various tribes, and had a cementing influence. At such gatherings the young generation had an opportunity of listening to their elders, and their beautiful language and interesting customs, chants, and traditions, which every lover of the race desired to see preserved, were thus afforded some hope of perpetuation.

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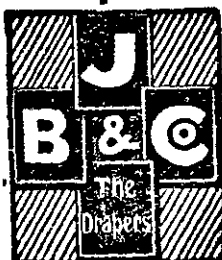
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## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Diocese of Down and Connor

After the interment of the remains of the Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, a meeting of the parish priests of the diocese present was held in St. Malachy's College, under the presidency of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, and the Very Rev. Dr. Laverty, P.P., Ballymacarrett, was appointed Vicar-Capitular, pending the appointment of a successor to the late Bishop.

### ARMAGH—A Fortunate Postman

An old rural postman named James Thompson, who carried the post between Newtownhamilton, Cullyhanna, and Silverbridge for over thirty years, died at his residence, Newtownhamilton, the other day. About ten years ago he became heir to a fortune of £20,000, left to him by an uncle, who had amassed great wealth in America, and consequently he resigned his position as postman, but received his pension, and lived quietly on a small farm. After the Local Government Act came into operation he was elected a district councillor for Cullyhanna.

### CAVAN—The Farnham Estate

After lengthened negotiations, terms have been agreed upon for the purchase by the tenants of a portion of the estate of Lord Farnham at Cavan, comprising the townlands of Ardagh, Drumkilroosk, Aughnacor, Derrylane, Bohoragh, Condry, Drumbullion, Clodrum, Sallaghan, and Portlongfield, under the Act of 1903.

### DERRY—In a Satisfactory State

At the opening of the County Assizes at Derry, Judge Holmes informed the Grand Jury that there were nine cases for investigation, but none were of a very serious nature. He was informed that the county was in a satisfactory state.

### DUBLIN—The Parliamentary Fund

The first list of subscriptions to the Irish Parliamentary Fund for the current year, which was published in the 'Weekly Freeman' of March 21, totalled nearly £1400.

### A Generous Benefactor

At a recent meeting of the Lusk Free Library Committee, Rev. Thomas Byrne presiding, a letter was read from Mr. P. F. Collier, the well-known American publisher, intimating his intention of presenting five hundred volumes to the local Free Library. In his letter, Mr. Collier expressed his pleasure at the growth of the library movement in Ireland, and said he was of opinion that the establishment of libraries would be of great benefit to the people. On the motion of the rev. chairman, seconded by Rev. Danby Jeffares, Rector, a resolution was passed expressing the thanks of the committee to Mr. Collier. The gift is specially appropriate in view of the opening of the Carnegie Free Library.

### The Parnell Monument

An influential committee, with the Lord Mayor of Dublin at its head, has issued an appeal for funds for the erection of the monument to Parnell in Dublin. The bronze statue, of heroic size, is ready to be set on its pedestal at the foot of the great triangular shaft, whose tripod crown will rise more than sixty feet above the ground. The ornamentation for the pedestal and the shaft is completed, and actually cast, where it is of bronze. All this work, costing nearly £6000, has been completed and paid for almost entirely out of money raised by Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and Mr. Daniel Tallon (ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin) in the United States. It is the gift of America to Dublin and to Ireland. It remains only for Ireland to carry out the architectural portion of the work according to the artist's own plan, which has been laid out in every detail. About £3000 has to be raised to pay for the stone selected by Saint Gaudens—red granite from the new quarries at Shantalla and Barna, near Galway—for the cost of erecting the monument and for paying the architect's fees. The contract for the erection of the monument has now been entered into, and the work will be commenced with the least possible delay.

### A Present for the Holy Father

Perhaps the most gorgeous spectacle-case in the world, says the London 'Sphere,' is the one given as a jubilee present to the Pope. It was designed and made by the Papal optician, Patrick K. Cahill, of Dublin, who was optician to the late Pope Leo XIII. for sixteen years, and is also optician and spectacle-maker

to the present Pope Pius X. The casket is surmounted with a perfect facsimile of the Papal arms. The tiara or triple crown, keys and stole are beautifully worked out in the finest gold. On a shield appears in enamel the Pope's crest, and at each side a translation in Gaelic pierced in gold letters of the Pope's name. The base on which the casket rests is composed of slabs of the finest Connemara and Cork marbles.

### KERRY—A Satisfactory Condition

Lord O'Brien, addressing the Grand Jury at the Kerry Assizes, said he was glad to be able to congratulate them on the fact that Kerry, as a whole, was in a fairly satisfactory condition. There were eleven cases to be investigated by them, but none of a serious nature.

### KILDARE—Peaceable and Orderly

Addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of the Kildare Assizes, his Lordship Mr. Justice Madden said there would be eight bills presented for consideration dealing with light cases. Most of these represented cases of offences against property of the most ordinary character. One case was a grave one—a case of offence against the person, but he did not think the facts would give them any difficulty. There was also a case of intimidation by firing shots into a dwelling-house arising out of an agrarian dispute. In the return of specially reported cases he observed some instances of that very serious form of intimidation known as cattle-driving. He observed, however, that all these cases occurred within a restricted area, and also that nine of them were of recent occurrence. He was, therefore, justified in believing that the infection would not spread throughout the country. As regards the remainder of the County Kildare, he was happy to find it in its usual peaceable, orderly, and law-abiding condition.

### LEITRIM—Only one Criminal Case

At the Manorhamilton Quarter Sessions, before County Court Judge Drummond, there was only one criminal case of a trivial nature to go before the Court. His lordship complimented the Grand Jury on this happy condition of things.

### MONAGHAN—A Successful Institution

The Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, at the present time occupies a unique position so far as the educational institutions of Ireland are concerned. Last year it had the proud privilege of being first amongst the girls' schools in Ireland in connection with the Intermediate examinations. Last month it won a challenge shield that was competed for by all Ireland in regard to industrial schools. The shield, which is a most coveted prize, was presented for competition by Mr. John Fagan, H.M. Inspector of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, to show the importance which he attaches to the training of the young girls committed to such schools in all the subjects embraced in the study of domestic science, and with the hope that a healthy rivalry shall stimulate both the teachers to impart and the children to acquire such a knowledge. One of the essentials in connection with the competition for this valuable trophy is a thorough, complete, and simple equipment of the schools and the general attention of the young children to their duties. The shield, which is of Celtic design, set with medallions, in the corners of which are engraved a list of the chief industries of Ireland, is to be presented by Lady Aberdeen. Over fifty schools competed, and so keen must the rivalry have been that Mr. Fagan, accompanied by Inspector Graham, found it necessary to pay a second visit to the Monaghan Convent before giving his final decision.

### SLIGO—Death of the Mayor

Councillor Michael Milmo, Mayor of Sligo, died at his residence, High street, Sligo, on March 14.

### GENERAL

#### Successful Exhibitors of Lace

At the great lace exhibition organised by the 'Daily Mail' and opened on March 9 at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Irish exhibitors made a splendid show. Two of the four gold medals for the best lace of any kind were awarded to the Convent of Poor Clares, Kenmare, and the Presentation Convent, Youghal. The stalls of Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver, the world-famed Belfast firm, and of Mr. J. Kirby, of Limerick, attracted considerable attention from the visitors to the exhibition.

#### National Banquet in London

The St. Patrick's Day banquet, held in the Hotel Cecil, London, was a magnificent function, and was in

every sense of the word a tremendous success. There is no event of the year among the people of any nationality that is so inspiring as the celebration of the Irish National Festival. The grand banqueting hall of the Hotel Cecil, the largest room of its kind in Europe, was not equal to seating the whole of the guests. The scene was one of extraordinary brilliance, and the enthusiasm with which Mr. John Redmond, chairman of the Irish Party, was greeted when he rose to propose the toast of 'Ireland a Nation,' was unbounded. His speech was characterised by his usual great eloquence and lucidity, and his review of the events of the year was followed with intense interest.

### A Pilgrimage to Rome

An Irish national pilgrimage to Rome, in connection with the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of his Holiness Pius X., is being organised with the approbation of his Eminence Cardinal Logue and the Bishops of Ireland. A provisional committee has come together, under the directorship of Very Rev. Canon Fricker, P.P. Though the Catholic Truth Society could not undertake the organisation of the pilgrimage, it is lending the project its patronage. It is at present intended that the pilgrimage should leave Dublin for Rome about the middle of October, travelling by easy stages. The cost of tickets, it is proposed, shall include full maintenance en route, to and fro, and during a full week in Rome. His Eminence the Cardinal, who has been informed of the steps taken, writes:—'I am delighted that steps are being taken to have an Irish pilgrimage on the occasion of the Holy Father's Jubilee. It would be a sad want if Ireland were not represented on the occasion.'

### Marconi Entertained

The St. Patrick's night banquet of the Irish Club, London, was held in the Club's handsome premises, Charing Cross Road, the guest of the evening being Signor G. Marconi. The toast of 'Our Guest' was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Games in very felicitous terms. He declared this distinguished son of an Italian father and an Irish mother, the blood of old Rome and old Ireland, would prove himself to be the greatest scientist of the age. Mr. Marconi responded in very modest terms. He thanked the members of the Club for the great honor they had done him in inviting him to be their guest on St. Patrick's Night. His associations with Ireland were many. His mother was Irish, the station in which he performed his long-distance experiments was situated in Connemara, and most of his shareholders were Irish. The geographical position of Ireland had done much to facilitate his operations with America. It was a half-way house. Mr. Marconi further said that he must mention also that his wife was Irish. The first practical application of the science with which he was connected, continued Mr. Marconi, had been conducted some ten years ago from Kingstown. Since he had first conducted those wireless telegraphic messages from Kingstown many developments had taken place. He sincerely thought, however, that there was a great future for wireless telegraphy in spite of the pessimism of the cable companies. The least he could claim for his system was that it was a useful one for ships at sea. Mr. Marconi wound up a short and forceful speech with a graceful tribute to the Irish Club.

### The University Question

In the course of a speech in Manchester on March 15 Mr. John Redmond, M.P., referred to the Irish University Question. He said:—'I believe that this session of Parliament will witness the creation of a National University for Ireland. I don't say a Catholic University. The University that we want will only be Catholic in atmosphere because the Irish nation are Catholics. We don't ask for a sectarian institution, we don't ask for any tests in our University in Ireland, but what we say is this: we want a national University, a cheap, democratic University which will be open to Protestants as well as to Catholics, but which will in practice, no doubt, be Catholic in atmosphere, because the great majority of those who come into it will be Catholics. But I would like to say this to Protestants in this country, and to Nonconformists especially, that we are not seeking for the endowment of a sectarian University, but for a University which by its frame-work would be a Protestant University if the Irish nation was Protestant, but which will be Catholic in atmosphere and reality because the Irish nation is Catholic.'

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## People We Hear About

A sister of Sir Robert Hart, who has retired from the post of Director-General of Chinese Customs, and a sketch of whose work in the East during the last fifty years appeared in a recent issue of this paper, resides in the North Island.

Mr. Justice Williams, of Dunedin, has a record for Australasia as a Judge of the Supreme Court, as he was appointed thirty-three years ago. Other New Zealand judges who served lengthy periods were the late Mr. Justice Richmond, who sat for nearly 33 years, and the late Mr. Justice Johnston, who sat for 29½ years.

Among those on whom the M.A. degree was conferred at the University Commencement in Melbourne was the Rev. Brother James Joseph Fitzgerald, of the Christian Brothers' College, Adelaide. Brother Fitzgerald, who took his B.A. degree two years ago, during his connection with the North Melbourne College, was present at the Commencement ceremonies.

Lord Dunraven, of 'Sweet Adare,' who might be called the originator of 'Devolution,' is in his 67th year. His father, the late Earl, was a convert to the Catholic Church, having been received into the fold about the same time as the late Lord Emsly, Sir Stephen De Vere, and Aubry De Vere. He is a popular landlord, and owns a big slice of the County Limerick. He is one of the few Irish peers who can boast a Celtic origin, and does not owe his title to corrupt purchase at the time of the so-called Union.

Col. Arthur Alfred Lynch, who fought with the Boers, was elected M.P. for Galway, sentenced to death for treason and released, has since been pursuing journalism, combined with his medical studies. News has been received by his brother, Captain Lynch, of Smythesdale (Vic.), that the soldier-journalist has passed his final examination in London as a physician and surgeon. Dr. Arthur Lynch, who is a brother of Drs. Peter and Maurice Lynch, of Melbourne, is also a Master of Arts and Civil Engineer of the Melbourne University. The Lynch family are natives of Smythesdale, and are sons of the late Mr. John Lynch, mining surveyor, who was one of the captains under Peter Lalor in the action with the British soldiers at the Eureka Stockade on December 3, 1854. Dr. Arthur Lynch has been Paris correspondent of the New York 'World,' and has done some brilliant work for other journals.

We opened the other day that Archbishop Colgan, of Madras, is perhaps the oldest Bishop in the British Empire. The 'perhaps' was superfluous (says the 'Tablet'). We thought it possible that Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, was his senior. We now learn from our excellent contemporary, the 'Casket' of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, that the Indian prelate holds the record. Archbishop Colgan was born at Donore, County Westmeath, on April 1, 1824; Bishop Cameron was born at St. Andrew's, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, on February 16, 1827. Archbishop Colgan landed in India in 1844, and Bishop Cameron entered the College of Propaganda, Rome, in the same year. Dr. Colgan exchanged his title of Bishop of Aureliopolis for that of Archbishop of Madras in 1886, the year in which Dr. Cameron exchanged his title of Bishop of Arichat for that of Bishop of Antigonish.

On Low Sunday was commenced the celebration of one of the most notable events in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, when the one-hundredth anniversary of the erection of the diocese of New York was observed. The present Archbishop of New York is the Most Rev. J. M. Farley, who is now in his 67th year. He was ordained in Rome thirty-six years ago. Since then his advancement has been marked. At one time Archbishop Farley was assistant rector of the little church of St. Peter's, on Staten Island. Then he became secretary to Cardinal McCloskey for a period of twelve years. Pope Leo XIII. created him Chamberlain, with the title of Monsignore, Vicar-General of the archdiocese of New York, Domestic Prelate, Prothonotary Apostolic, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, Titular Bishop of Zengma, and—on the death of Archbishop Corrigan in May of 1902—he was first appointed Administrator, then later in the year the fourth Archbishop of New York. He is a kindly man, dignified and courteous, a great friend of the reporters, and a loyal New Yorker. He has never done much writing, though once he answered some 'ungenerous and unjust' remarks of Bishop Potter in the 'Catholic World.'

Many a pointed thing has been written with a blunt pen.

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# BOOK GIFT TEA

AN APPEAL.

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Unless amended, the bill will effect a compulsory reduction of the number of licenses to one for 750 persons in a town, or one for every 400 in country districts, and will result in a suppression of about one-third of the whole. Compensation will be paid, as heretofore, from funds supplied by the trade during the next fourteen years, after which no claim for compensation will lie. The power of local veto with regard to new licenses will be conferred on the parochial electors, and constables not in uniform should have the right of entry into all clubs whether in London or elsewhere.

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# The Catholic World

## ENGLAND—The Benedictines

The history of the great Benedictine houses was (says the 'Standard') for centuries interwoven with the history of England in Church and State. Amongst Benedictine foundations were numbered many cathedral churches—Canterbury, Winchester, Durham, Ely, Gloucester, Peterborough, Rochester, Worcester, Exeter, Chester, Wells, Norwich, and Coventry. Upon and St. Albans have been added to the list in modern times. Abbeys like Westminster, Glastonbury, and Bury St. Edmund's played a leading part in the annals of the nation. Of the special gratitude with which English Churchmen must cherish the memory of Austin—the Benedictine abbot of St. Andrew's, at Rome, who, at Pope Gregory's bidding, brought the Gospel to the English—and of other great Benedictines, such as Cuthbert and Baeda and Dunstan, it would be superfluous to speak.

## HOLLAND—Catholics in Public Life

One reads with a pleasant start of surprise of the prominence of Catholics in the new Ministry just formed in Holland. A century ago the Catholics were a comparatively small and a greatly despised minority in the country, now they form between one-third and two-fifths of the population, and they work in such harmony with the best element of their Protestant neighbors that three of their leaders belong to the new Cabinet. One of them is Mr. Nelissen, the Minister of Justice; another Mr. Kolkman, president of the Association of the Blessed Sacrament, is the Minister of Finance; and Mr. Peysers, Minister of Public Works, is also president of the Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## FRANCE—A Lenten Pastoral

In his first Lenten Pastoral the Archbishop of Paris says that for thirty years the campaign undertaken for the dechristianisation of France has been conducted with sure and persevering method and a success that is all too evident. From the capital, under the form of measures which cloak themselves under the name and the authority of the law, have gone successive blows directed against religion, and there, too, they have made most felt their disastrous effects. Religious education was the first thing aimed at, and the campaign against it still goes on. Every year fresh schools are struck, which it is not possible to replace. A design is even announced for refusing anyone who declares himself for God and the Church the right to instruct the young. Thus the generations of children educated without religion, and often without morality, go on multiplying, a fact which constitutes a menace of increasing gravity for the social order.

## ROME—Solemn Beatification

The solemn Beatification of the Venerable Magdeleine Sophie Barat, founder of the Order of the Sacred Heart, has been fixed for May 24.

## A Rare Coin

On March 18 the Holy Father received the members of the Sacred Collège, who came to present their greetings to his Holiness on the occasion of his name day. In the course of the audience the Pontiff told the Cardinals that he had just received an interesting gold coin from the diocese of Acqui as a jubilee gift, and then proceeded to give a history of the coin, which has a face value of twelve shillings. It was found about ten years ago during the excavations for the foundations of a church at Acqui, and proved to be the only coin in existence of Innocent IX., who reigned two months in the year 1591. The diocese of Acqui was unable to pay the architect of the new church, and therefore gave him the coin, with the condition that if it were sold for over £240 the surplus should go to the diocese. The architect, however, was unable to find a purchaser, the King of Italy alone offering £100. The clergy of the diocese had now collected the necessary money and had presented the coin to the Pontiff. It was the only one lacking in the Vatican collection of coins of all the Popes, and the collection is now complete.

## The Pontificate of Pius X.

His Holiness Pius X. (says the 'Catholic Weekly') is now nearing the completion of the first five years of his Pontificate. These five years will be notable years in the history of the Church; and they have already made it clear that the Pontificate of Pius X. is bound to take a place in history with the greatest

Pontificates in the long and glorious line of St. Peter's successors. As 'Rome' remarks, one may please one's self as to the authenticity or not of the famous prophecy attributed to St. Malachy—it may have been the merest coincidence that Pius IX., who met his cross from the Cross of Savoy, should have been described hundreds of years ago (for at least that is true) as Crux de Cruce, and that Leo XIII. should have been heralded as a Lumen in cœlo (which would have been verified had there been no comet in his arms), but surely Ignis ardens does sum in a very remarkable way the character of these first five years of the Pontificate of Pius X.

## SCOTLAND—A Supporter of Catholic Charities

Sir Robert Glendonwyn Gordon, of Letterfourie, Banffshire, premier baron of Scotland and of Nova Scotia, died at Letterfourie House, on February 26. Sir Robert, who was descended from the second Earl of Huntly and the Princess Jean, daughter of James I. of Scotland, was born in 1824, and succeeded to the title on the death of his brother, Sir William, in 1861. The deceased was a generous supporter of Catholic charities. The 'Westminster Gazette' states that he is succeeded in the estate by his grand-nephew, Mr. Henry Shee, K.C., Recorder of Liverpool.

## A Well Known Catholic Family

There lately departed this life, at the great Benedictine Abbey of Fort Augustus, a scion of a well-known Catholic family—Father Basil Weld, O.S.B. Born in 1874, he became a postulant at Fort Augustus in 1891, and was professed in 1893. In 1901 he was ordained to the priesthood. He was possessed of great learning, and his writings on various theological subjects are widely known. At the time of his early death he was engaged on a life of his father, Sir Frederick Weld, at one time well known in the public life of New Zealand. After a long illness he passed away on February 27, and on March 2 his body was laid to rest in the monastery burying-ground. It was a typical Catholic Highland burying of one who was deservedly honored and beloved, both within and without his monastery. One of Father Weld's sisters is Prioress at St. Scholastica's Convent, Fort Augustus, and a brother and two other sisters are in religion.

## UNITED STATES—The Sisters of Charity

The Sisters of Charity, who are so active in the religious life everywhere, will soon celebrate the centenary of the Order's organisation in the United States. It was established by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Seton, at Emmittsburg, Md., in 1809, and since then has grown in a remarkable manner. At the present time the number of the Order's establishments in the United States is over 350, with a membership of over 5000. In their hospitals and asylums the Sisters care for 10,000 orphans, 2000 insane, and 5000 sick; 25,000 infants have been given homes in their founding asylums.

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## The English Education Bill

Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., addressing a crowded meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on March 15, referred as follows to the English Education Bill: The object on principle to any scheme of contracting-out. What we claim, and have a right to claim for the Catholic schools of this country, is equality of treatment, and the contracting-out means the creation of two classes of schools—a superior class and an inferior class. It puts on our schools—there is no getting away from it—the badge of inferiority, and from the point of view of justice, it seems to me incomprehensible how any man in his senses can say, that it is just to call upon Catholics to pay school rates for the public schools and then pay over again for the maintenance of their own. There has been a great cry within the last few years from certain sections of the population, against what is called 'Rome on the rates.' That is to say, Protestants object to pay for the teaching of the Catholic religion in the Catholic schools. Well, now, I have two things to say about that. First of all, it is no worse to ask them to pay rates for Catholic schools than to ask us Catholics to pay rates for Protestant schools. But I have a better answer even than that. Protestants in England at present do not pay rates for the maintenance of Catholic schools. If the rates paid by Catholics in this country were earmarked and pooled, they would be sufficient to pay for every Catholic school in the country. If the Catholics of this country pay enough to maintain their schools, what is the meaning of talking of making Protestants pay for their schools? They do nothing of the kind. On the second reading of Mr. Birrell's Bill in 1906 I made a suggestion that the Canadian system, the system that is on foot in the Protestant Province of Ontario and the Catholic Province of Quebec, should apply. It is perfectly simple. When a ratepayer in those provinces is called upon to pay school rates, he has to fill up a form, to say whether he wishes it to go to the public school, the Protestant, or the separate school for the Catholic. Then all the money so earmarked for the Catholic schools is pooled together, and handed over for these schools, and if there is not enough, the Catholics have to provide the difference, and so far as the Catholics of this country are concerned, I am perfectly sure, they would be ready to take that risk. At present, as I have said, the Catholic ratepayers pay enough to maintain all the Catholic schools; but if that were not so, and were to change in the future, I believe the Catholics would be contented if the Education rate paid by them were earmarked, pooled, and handed over as I have stated, and then find the difference if need be. But I ought to say I do not see that it is an impracticable suggestion. In 1906 I got an answer in the House of Commons: 'That it is all very well in Canada, but it could not be carried out in England.' I do not see why every Catholic who pays his rates, should not be allowed to declare that he wishes his money to go to the Catholic schools, and if that were done, I do not see any practical difficulty in pooling the money. But I am afraid this scheme of contracting-out will place the Catholic schools in a position of permanent inferiority.

The expense of education has rapidly increased within the last few years, and will inevitably increase in the future. The increase under the scheme of the Government will be met in the case of the Protestant schools by an increase in the school rate; but in the case of the Catholic schools it will have to be met out of the voluntary contributions of the people.

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## Domestic

### RECIPES FOR CEMENTS.

To mend china, mix together equal parts of fine glue, white of egg, and white lead, and with it paint the edges of the article to be mended. Press them together, and when hard and dry scrape off as much of the cement as sticks above the joint.

#### Chinese Cement.

Chinese cement may be used to mend glass, china, fancy ornaments, and similar articles. Dissolve shellac in enough rectified spirits of wine to make a liquid of the consistency of treacle.

#### Cutlers' Cement.

Cutlers' cement is useful in houses where knives and forks are constantly getting broken from their handles. Four ounces of black resin, one ounce beeswax, one ounce well-dried and finely-powdered brickdust. Melt and blend the ingredients and use in a liquid form.

#### Cement for Broken Glass.

Reduce quicklime to a fine powder and make it into a paste with white of egg. Add a little whey, made by mixing milk with vinegar. Use the least possible quantity in bringing the edges of the broken glass together.

#### Japanese Cement or Rice Glue.

Mix the best powdered rice with a little cold water, then gradually add boiling water until a proper thickness is acquired, being particularly careful to keep it well stirred all the time. Boil for about a minute in a perfectly clear saucepan. The glue is beautifully clear and transparent and is well adapted for fancy paper work which may require a strong and yet colorless cement.

#### Mahogany Cement.

Melt four ounces of shellac or beeswax, then add one ounce of Indian red and enough yellow ochre to produce the required tint. This is an excellent composition for filling up holes and cracks in mahogany. The neatness and appearance will depend much upon getting the exact color of the wood.

#### Acetic Cement for China.

One ounce of best isinglass, 80 grains of powdered mastic, two ounces of distilled water, four ounces of glacial acetic acid. Soak the isinglass in the water, and when all has been absorbed add the acid previously mixed with the mastic. Heat gently until a clear solution is formed, and bottle for use.

#### Cement for Cracks in Floors.

Cracks in floors may be neatly and permanently filled by thoroughly soaking some newspapers in paste of half a pound of flour, three quarts of cold water, and half a pound of alum. The mixture must be about as thick as putty. It may be forced into the cracks and crevices with a knife, and it will harden like papier mache.

#### Whey Cement for Glass and China.

Mix one cup of milk with one cup of vinegar, then separate the curd from the whey and mix the whey with the whites of five eggs, beating the whole thoroughly together. When well mixed, sift in a little quicklime and stir until the consistency of a thick paste. With this cement broken china and cracks of all kinds may be mended. It dries quickly and resists the action of water and heat.

#### Plaster of Paris Cement.

Make a thick solution of gum arabic, stir in plaster of Paris until the mixture assumes the consistency of cream; apply with a brush to the broken edges of china, and join together. In a few days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of this cement adds to its value.

#### Acid-proof Cement.

Indiarubber melted by a gentle heat, with 6 to 8 per cent. by weight of tallow; keep well stirred; allow to stand for twenty-four hours, then add dry slack lime until the mixture assumes the consistency of soft paste, then add 20 per cent. of red lead in order to ensure perfect hardening and drying. This cement will be proof against boiling acids.

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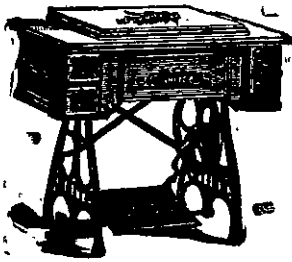
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## Science Siftings

### Not a Modern Invention.

It is a popular fancy that fountain pens are quite a modern invention. As a matter of fact, an old work of reference published in 1795 contains an illustration of a fountain pen, the appearance of which is very much like those sold at the present time. Its construction, however, was somewhat elaborate and clumsy, the pen consisting of various pieces of metal, which had to be screwed and unscrewed before the pen could be used.

### Largest Hanging Bell.

What is perhaps the largest hanging bell in the world is to be seen in Mandalay. This is the Mingun bell, on the right bank of the Irawadi, almost opposite the city of Mandalay. This immense bell measures as follows: Height to crown, 12 feet; diameter at the lip, 16 feet 3 inches; thickness of metal, from 6 to 12 inches. It weighs about 80 tons and is suspended on three massive round beams of teak placed horizontally the one over the other, their ends resting on two pillars of enormous size, composed of masonry and large upright teak posts. This bell was cast at the end of the eighteenth century under the superintendence of the reigning king.

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### Thousands of Tons of Concrete.

Engineers on the Panama Canal are dealing in vast figures these days, and the 'Canal Record' conveys in a graphic manner an idea of the magnitude of the work to be done upon the locks of the canal. It is stated that the amount of concrete to be used in building these locks would suffice to construct 22,842 eight-room city houses of the generous size of thirty by thirty feet, with two storeys and basement, and with concrete floors and concrete roof. Allowing each of these houses a seventy-five foot lot they would make a continuous street from New York to Philadelphia, with enough houses left over to make a row on one side of the street from Philadelphia to Washington. The houses would furnish suburban homes for 320,000 people, or, according to city standards, would house a population equal to that of Christchurch and Dunedin.

### Ashes as a Fertilizer.

Those who have open grate fireplaces or wood stoves in which a large quantity of wood is burned have in the ashes a valuable product for their gardens. The ashes vary in fertilizing value according to the quality of the fuel from which they are produced, but anyone who knows their importance as a plant food will not allow those from any source to be wasted. Ashes from hard wood contain greater fertilizing constituents than those from the soft varieties. The wood burned in grates is invariably of a hard character, and is, therefore, among the best for making fertilizing ashes. Wood ashes contain a large proportion of potash, and for this reason they make one of the best manures for grains, grasses, vegetables, and fruit trees. Soot from chimneys and coal stoves is also a product worth reserving as a fertilizer. Aside from its value in adding plant food to the soil, it tends to drive away many insect pests, and it also holds some plant diseases in check. Like ashes, soot must not be exposed to the rain before it is distributed upon the soil.

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## Intercolonial

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne left for Europe on Tuesday of last week by the 'Mongolia.'

The death is reported of the Rev. Thomas Cahill, S.J., which occurred on Easter Sunday, at St. Ignatius' presbytery, Richmond. The deceased was in his 81st year, and spent 36 years in Victoria. The late Father Cahill was a native of Carlow.

The Rev. E. W. O'Reilly, of Merriwa (who recently celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee), is leaving, with Rev. Father Roche, of Muswellbrook, on a well-earned holiday in the Old Country. Father H. Ward, of Hamilton, has been appointed to the charge of Merriwa during Father O'Reilly's absence.

The late David Syme, proprietor of the Melbourne 'Age,' was worth nearly one million. He left £50,000 to public charities, £500 to Mr. Schuyler, editor of the 'Age,' £500 to Mr. Benjamin Hoare, his leader-writer, and legacies to other members of his staff. The paper passes into the hands of his sons.

May (says the 'Catholic Press') will be a busy month for his Eminence the Cardinal. Besides attending to the enormous mass of work that usually falls to his lot, he will go to Young to dedicate the new church on May 10. Then on Sunday, May 24, he will be in Brisbane to lay the foundation stone of the new Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

The list of killed in the recent railway disaster at Braybrook Junction, Victoria, included Mr. Thomas McCann, of West Melbourne, who only a few weeks ago was married at St. Patrick's Cathedral to Miss Gorman. He was on a visit to Ballarat with his bride, who, however, did not return with him in the ill-fated train, as she had arranged to stay with her relatives until the end of the week.

In his will the late Father D. J. Byrne, of Dalby, who died in November last, made the following charitable bequests—The priests of the archdiocese of Brisbane for religious purposes, £200; the Magdalen Asylum, £300; Dalby Hospital, £100; a bursary in a Catholic Ecclesiastical College, to be awarded by the Catholic Archbishop, according to his judgment, £1000; the Sisters of Mercy, Dalby, to be expended on their convent, £500; bell for the Catholic church, Dalby, £100. He further directed the residue of his estate to be handed to the Archbishop of Brisbane, to be expended as his Grace might judge most conducive to the good of religion in the diocese.

Mr. Thomas Loughlin, of 'Killarney,' Warrenheip, near Ballarat, is about to pay a visit to Ireland for the purpose of attending the ceremony connected with the opening and dedication of a new Catholic church which he has built in his native parish of Kilkenny at a cost of £30,000. The edifice, which is to be presented by Mr. Loughlin to the Bishop of Kilkenny on behalf of the diocese, in memory of the deceased relatives of the donor, has been constructed under the supervision of an eminent architect. It has been arranged that the opening ceremony will be performed in July, and those present will include a number of Australians who will at the time be on a visit to the home countries. Among those who are expected to join in the proceedings will be the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Bishop of Ballarat, the Archbishop of Hobart, and priests from various dioceses of Australia. A number of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the laity of the diocese of Ballarat will also be present.

In a circular letter just issued his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who is about to leave for Rome, says:—'I have appointed the Very Rev. Dean Phelan Administrator of the diocese for the time being, and permanent Vicar-General, and I feel confident both that his ability, energy, and zeal will enable him to discharge the onerous duties of these offices with marked success, and that his labors will be lessened by the loyal and brotherly co-operation of every priest of the diocese. I have appointed the Rev. John McCarthy, Chancellor of the diocese. It will be his duty to safeguard the financial interests of the diocese—to look after the diocesan accounts, the title deeds of Church property, insurances, the annual parochial balance sheets, the minutes of the meetings of Catholic Trusts' Corporation, the wills of the clergy, and such other matters as appertain to the temporal interests of the diocese. From the proofs he has already given of singular aptitude for the fulfilment of these various duties, we may feel assured that no labor will be spared by him to keep the temporalities of the diocese in perfect order.'

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So anxious, watching, waiting there,  
Hears in those words God's message fair,  
I love you.

When little eyelids close in sleep  
She prays that angels guard and keep  
Her darling safe, while breathing deep  
In dream-land.

O world! O time! what wealth can buy  
The mother's love, the mother's sigh?  
O God! our ruler from on high  
Thrice bless her.

—Rev. P. T. O'Reilly.

## WHILE THERE

'There's father, girls.'

'Yes, and he looks tired.'

'We'll soon get him out of that. Poke up the fire, Marg.'

Hester ran to the door, and it was open before her father began to feel for his latchkey. Margaret had stirred up the coal in the grate, coaxing it into a cheery blaze by the time father was kissed and helped off with his coat and hat.

'Well, well, this is good.' He came in the door rubbing his hands, his face reflecting the brightness of the fire. 'Miss Emily,' he said, turning with a cordial handshake to a young girl who had come in from a neighbor's; 'I sometimes say that four girls are just enough—exactly fitted into my needs; but if you belonged to me, I am sure I should feel that I couldn't get along with less than five. But I shouldn't want to steal you away from your father.'

'There comes Uncle George,' said Janet. She handed father the slippers she had been holding to warm and went to open the door for him.

'Dear me! Dear me! Now, if this isn't home-like! You would realise it, Allen, if you were a desolate old bachelor like me. Always being waited on. Happy man,' he said with a laugh, as a younger girl came carefully carrying a glass of hot water.

'Oh, yes, yes,' father's face beamed as he took it, 'it's all nonsense, you know, the rankest kind of nonsense. But these silly girls and their mother have lately built up a theory about me that I am not quite as strong as I used to be, and need a most ridiculous amount of coddling. Nothing at all in it except that in these years you have been away we have both been getting older, and—with a laugh and a pat on the head of the daughter who chanced to be nearest him—'I must say I rather like it.'

'No wonder. It is better than the cold comfort of a boarding-house,' said the visitor, looking around on the bright room and the bright faces with a half sigh. 'I declare, Allen, I used to feel sorry for you in the old times, when I thought you had such a tug of it with family cares. Bread and butter, shoes and stockings—why, I thought myself a lucky and wise fellow in having steered clear of such burdens. But in late years I seem to have awakened to a sort of a fear that I have made a mistake. You are getting paid up for it now.'

'But,' said father, with a glance of sympathy at his brother, 'it is you who are making the mistake in thinking it ever was a burden. The "paying up," as you call it, has kept along with it all the time.'

'I dare say,' agreed the other.

'Janet,' said Emily, as the two friends were seated together a little later, 'hasn't it been rather a new thing with you, this waiting on your father, petting him up and taking such good care of him? Seems to me you didn't take him so much in earnest until lately.'

'I think you are right, Emily; shame be to us that it is so. Well—after a little hesitation—I might as well tell you a bit of sad experience that came before me and set me to doing some thinking. I was making a visit to Helen Ward, when her father was brought home after an attack of apoplexy.'

'I remember.'

'He was still living, but died soon afterward. I came away at once, but not before seeing and hearing enough to open my eyes to something to which I had been blind before. It took me a good while to get over the misery of those poor girls. "He's been working for us all these years," was their cry. "Thinking and striving for us, and we have taken it as a mere matter of course; never tried to make him happy 'or show how we do love him. Oh, if only we may have a chance yet!" But they never had, poor things! I came home with a heart full of thankfulness that the chance was still left to me.'

'And to me,' said Emily. 'I will take the lesson, too. I don't want to lay up a headache to last all my life with the thought of lost opportunity.'

## A STORY OF DR. STAFFORD

Many stories are being told in the Washington papers of the late Very Rev. Dr. Stafford. One of the best relates the manner in which he came into possession of a cherished edition of Shakespeare.

Several years ago a man visited St. Patrick's rectory, having with him a Boydal edition of Shakespeare.

'I am in great want,' he said, 'and I have come to beg you to buy this book for a hundred dollars.'

The priest looked at the book and answered:—'My friend, do you know that this edition is worth several thousand dollars?'

The man admitted that he knew its value, but that he was in such immediate need that he would be glad to sell it for even half the sum he had asked, if only the doctor would want it.

'Oh, yes, I want it. I want it as a starving man wants food. I have for many years longed for just this Boydal, and I expect to long for it until I die, but I should be a thief to take it at your terms. If I were rich I would buy it, but it is utterly beyond my means.'

The man insisted that he must sell his book that night, no matter who was the purchaser.

'In which case,' the priest said, 'I should be a mean thief indeed to take advantage of your stress of mind.'

Dr. Stafford lent the man money for his immediate wants, and told him to take his book to two friends of his, one a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the other a Senator from the West. Both, he explained, were wealthy men, and each loved the bard well enough to want so rare an edition of his works.

It happened that the man took his book first to the Senator—Cushman K. Davis—and told him of Dr. Stafford's refusal to buy the book at the offered terms.

The Senator considered it a good story, and that night at a large dinner party he repeated it to a group of fellow-Senators and a Justice of the Supreme Court. They, too, considered it a good story, and, as a result, a few nights afterward Dr. Stafford was amazed to receive the book, bearing the names of the Senators and the Justice, all of whom had subscribed and made him a gift of his longed-for "Boydal."

## THE AMATEUR CHAUFFEUR

One of the directors of the American Automobile Association tells the following story:—A friend of mine owns a small car. He has no chauffeur, and every time he goes out a breakdown occurs. No wonder. He said to me the other day: "I took my run about all apart yesterday." "Did you?" said I; and, knowing his impracticability, I added seriously: "Well, when you do that you must always be careful not to lose any of the parts." "Not to lose any of them?" said he. "No fear. Why, when I put that machine together again yesterday I had nearly two dozen pieces left over."

## A HAT CHASE

A man, whose word is generally to be relied on except on his return from an angling expedition, states that he witnessed an amusing little incident in Wellington the other day. One windy afternoon, which is not an unusual occurrence in the Empire City, a neatly dressed young man was walking along Lambton Quay. He seemed to know that he was worth looking at, for he kept glancing at himself in the shop windows and pulling down his cuffs. At the corner, one of those sudden gusts of wind which seem to come from nowhere blew off his hat.

Away it went, careering along the street, through every bit of mud and dirt visible. Of course, he hurried after it. But the hat had a long start. Once he

saw it topple over and lie quietly on the stones for a moment. Then a puff of wind raised it and sent it wheeling along at an increased speed.

At last the hat ran into the curbstone near a corner street lamp, and with a pounce he was upon it. All flushed and breathless, he picked it up, and then leaped against the lamp-post to rest.

A man, also flushed and breathless, came running up and took the hat out of his hands.

'I'm much obliged,' said he.

'For what?'

'This is my hat.'

'Where's mine, then?'

'Hanging behind you at the end of a string.'

Then the well-dressed young man remembered that, for safety, he had put on a hat-guard that afternoon.

### HER TELEGRAM

There is a rather widely diffused belief that women do very amusing things with telegraph blanks and cheque-books. But one young woman, on one occasion at least, displayed in the use of the telegraph a more than masculine brevity, thriftiness, and sang froid.

A Sydney young man, who was deeply in love with this fair lady, who lived in another part of New South Wales, decided that the only thing for him was to offer his hand and heart. So he went to the telegraph office and sent this message:

'Will you marry me?' Twenty-word answer paid for.

An hour later he got his answer:

'You are extravagant. Why pay for nineteen words too many? No.'

### SOME GOOD ADVICE

Don't be egotistical over any unusual talent you may possess, and never call the attention of others to your attainments. Genius is its own standard-bearer, and self-praise dims its lustre. Don't be foolish enough to repeat compliments others have paid you. It is a sure sign of self-vanity and a frivolous mind. Don't be slovenly in your dress. To be well dressed pronounces the lady and the gentleman and is the greatest recommendation to a young person entering society or business.

### ODDS AND ENDS

Caller—'What's your name, little girl?' Little Girl—'Dorothy.' Caller—'But what's your last name?' Little Girl—'I don't know what it will be; I'm not married yet.'

'Volunteers must be fearfully dishonest,' says Mrs. Merriman, 'as it seems to be a nightly occurrence for a sentry to be relieved of his watch.'

'Pa, what is a sage?' 'A sage, my son, is a wise man.' 'And what is a wise man?' 'A man who always agrees with his wife.'

### FAMILY FUN

The Doubled Coins.—Take two sixpences, evenly stuck together, and put them into a person's hand, as if there was but one; then, acting as if you put a sixpence into your left hand, use some strange words, to make it appear that you convey the sixpence from your own hand into the stranger's. Open your left hand, and nothing will be seen; then open the stranger's hand, and rub the sixpences apart (while so doing) with your thumb. He will be surprised to find two sixpences where he thought there was but one.

To Transform a Face by Means of Two Looking-Glasses.—One of the two mirrors place horizontally; stand the other at about right angles. If you look down into the upright glass a little above the line of juncture, you will see your mouth enlarged and your chin raised. By inclining the glass a little towards you, and moving your head up or down, other changes and multiplications will ensue, such as views of two noses and four eyes, three noses and six eyes, and so forth. If you place the edges of the same glasses together perpendicularly to form an angle, you can see a singular reflection of your face duplicated partly, but with an eye between two noses, two mouths, two chins, etc.

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## All Sorts

Over sixty miles of tunnel have been cut out of the rock of Gibraltar.

Jean Francois Millet, painter of 'The Angelus,' was a farm laborer, the son of a small farmer.

Never in the history of the English Parliament have the full number of members been present at one sitting.

William Shakespeare was the son of a glover in a little country town; both his grandfathers were husbandmen.

Gibraltar is the smallest British possession. It measures less than two square miles. Canada is the biggest, with 3,746,000 square miles.

In Russia an extensive domestic industry consists of the manufacture of wooden spoons, of which as many as 30,000,000 are made annually. They are nearly all of birch wood.

It is stated on German authority that the astounding number of two million glass eyes are made every year in Germany and Switzerland, while one French house manufactures three hundred thousand of them annually.

George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive, was the son of a fireman at a colliery, and began life as his father's helper.

No other nation in the world owns so much absolutely useless territory as the British. Banks Land, Prince Albert Land, Victoria and Baffin Land, with hundreds of other Arctic islands and lands, are at present quite useless.

Numbers of experiments have been made to test the speed and destination of corked bottles thrown into the sea at various portions of the world. The most remarkable example ever heard of was that in which a bottle travelled 6000 miles in about two years and a half; roughly, at the rate of 6½ miles a day.

The Japanese House of Representatives consists of 300 members, elected by ballot, each member receiving a salary. Its House of Peers consists of members of the royal family, princes and marquises, counts, viscounts, and barons elected as representatives of the several orders, and persons elected for seven years by and from the fifteen highest taxpayers in each city and prefecture.

'Oh, yes,' she said proudly, 'we can trace our ancestry back to—to—well, I don't know who, but we've been descending for centuries.'

Tommy—'Pa, what is the difference between fame and notoriety?' Tommy's Pa—'Notoriety lasts longer, my son.'

'Mamma, have I got to take a bath to-night?' 'I'm afraid you have, my dear.' 'But I haven't done anything all the week to deserve it.'

It takes, it seems, 4,000,000lb of roses to produce the yearly output of perfumery in the Maritime Alps, and to obtain 1lb of the essence of roses 22,000lb of roses, or nearly 3,000,000 single rose blossoms, are required. About 3d per lb is paid for roses, 5d to 6d per lb for orange blossom. A pound of jasmine costs about four times as much as a pound of roses. Regarding the number of pounds of flowers annually consumed, it is impossible to give exact figures, but it is estimated that there is used every year 3,600,000lb of orange flowers, 4,800,000lb of roses, 280,000lb of violets, about double that amount of jasmine, 14,000 of tuberose, 60,000lb of cassia, and 30,000lb of jonquils.

Commenting on Protestant Church extension in Boston, and the changes in that city's population, the 'Congregationalist,' under the title, 'Ireland has taken Boston,' says:—Of Boston's 595,380 inhabitants, 410,965, considerably more than two-thirds, are of foreign parentage. The Irish alone are 174,770, within less than 10,000 as many as the native-born Americans. 'In eleven of the twenty-five wards the Irish are in the majority. Italians are in the majority in Ward 6, and Russians in Ward 8. Catholics far outnumber Protestants. Jews are numerous and constantly increasing. In the next generation probably the supremacy of the Irish will pass to the Slav and the Greek, with immigrants from other countries of Southern Europe. For Ireland now sends only a small fraction of the newcomers to Massachusetts; while Slavs, Italians, and Greeks are increasing much faster than either Germans or Scandinavians.'

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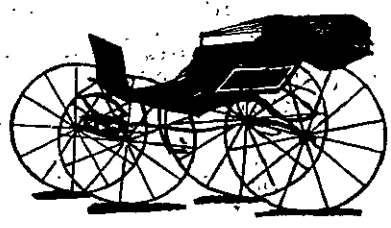
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