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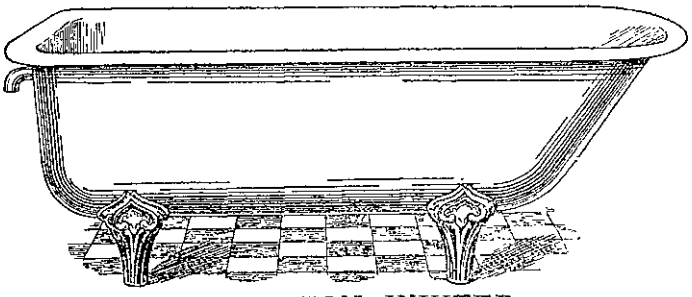
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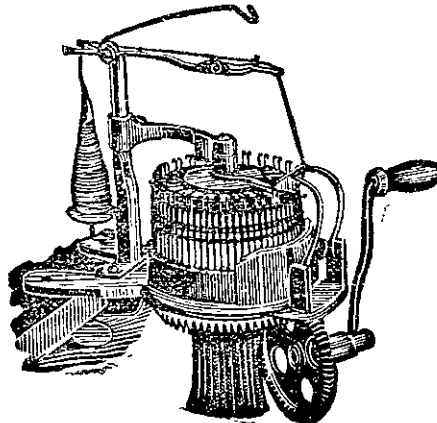
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### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- May 31, Sunday.—Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension.
- June 1, Monday.—St. Eleutherius, Pope and Martyr.
- „ 2, Tuesday.—St. Eugene I., Pope and Confessor.
- „ 3, Wednesday.—St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin.
- „ 4, Thursday.—Octave of the Ascension.
- „ 5, Friday.—St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr.
- „ 6, Saturday.—Vigil of Pentecost. Fast Day.

#### St. Eleutherius, Pope and Martyr.

St. Eleutherius, a native of Greece, became Pope on the death of St. Soter in 177. After a pontificate of fifteen years, St. Eleutherius was martyred in the reign of Commodus.

#### St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Boniface was a native of Devon, in England. Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, he was commissioned by Pope Gregory II. to preach the Gospel to the pagan inhabitants of Germany. He labored with such success that in a short time many episcopal sees were erected in that country, Boniface himself being appointed Archbishop of Mayence. He suffered martyrdom at the hands of the infidels in 755.

#### Octave.

The eight days assigned for the celebration of a feast are called the Octave. During this time is repeated every day a part of the office of the feast, as the hymns, antiphons, or verses, with one or several lessons referring to the subject. On the eighth day, the Octave properly speaking, the office is more solemn than that of the preceding days. Generally the most solemn feasts, like Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, the feast of the patron saint, are accompanied by an Octave.

### GRAINS OF GOLD

#### FRIEND MEMORY.

Pride called me and I followed her  
Where bay and laurel gleaned;  
Mine eyes beheld the treasures fair  
Of which my heart had dreamed.

But as I reached to take the gifts  
Held out by Pride to me,  
I heard a low voice at my side—  
The voice of Memory.

With chastened heart I turned to go,  
My dream was at an end;  
Pride slipped away, while Memory  
Walked with me as my friend.

—'Ave Maria.'

The crucifix and the pictures of the saints in the room are—when contemplated with the eyes of faith and in a truly Catholic spirit—a preservative against sin, and an encouragement to do good—a mediation of holy thoughts and hallowed graces, a consolation in the distresses and afflictions of our earthly lives, a wholesome means of education for lovable youth—and a consecration for the entire Christian household. Therefore—ye fathers and mothers of Catholic families—therefore, banish every picture that is objectionable in the slightest degree, with inexorable firmness, from your homes! Let the home's most beautiful decorations be the crucifix and the pictures of Our Dear Lady and St. Joseph, the special patrons of Christian homes, and do not let other sacred pictures or statues be missing. Believe it, that, if you, in this manner, make God and His saints welcome inmates of your homes, and live in their regard and spirit, real blessings shall never be lacking to you; and your home will become a really Christian Catholic home, a very Nazareth.

Become reconciled in love, become reconciled in filial devotion, become reconciled in the light of the duties and affections of home. This is the insistent call of the Day of Atonement; in the nearer duties and obligations must we be faithful and true; this is the nineteenth of life; let us be mindful hereof before it is too late and the day of reconciliation on this earth is for ever past. Father, mother, sons, daughters, turn your hearts to one another in atoning affection, in reconciling love; thus adjures this solemn hour, with this high word this season is vibrant; may it find lodgment everywhere that peace may dwell in every home and the light of forgiveness shed its blessed influence on every hearth.

## The Storyteller

### THE MOTHER

#### I.

Walking quickly, she retraced her steps through the Champs-Élysées, quite regardless of the passers-by—a small, slender figure, scarcely distinguishable under the drooping boughs of the chestnut trees, white and glistening with frost. On one arm she carried a heavy basket of provisions; the other hand held a bouquet of violets. From time to time her tired eyes, the lids wrinkled with age, rested lovingly on the flowers; at intervals she lifted them; dreamily and contentedly, to the bright blue sky above her, outlining, as it did so beautifully, the contours of the Arc de l'Étoile. And all the while upon her faded countenance, framed in bands of thin, gray hair, there hovered a sweet, soft expression, like the ghost of a happy smile. This half-smile was very pretty, investing the old face with a charm—like a ray of sunshine, after a long winter, finding itself once more in the place it had erstwhile known and loved.

She shivered occasionally on this cold February afternoon, under her serge gown, worn thin by long usage, and the short, scanty cape that covered her narrow shoulders. A scarf of black-lace, knotted under her chin, afforded but slight protection to her small ears, blue with cold.

Despite the poverty of her attire, it was evident that she was not an ordinary working-woman. By her walk and the carriage of her head one could see immediately that she was a provincial of the better class, driven to Paris through reverses of fortune or some family catastrophe; a woman who had been hardly used by life—moral sufferings, and constant solicitude for the morrow.

At length she reached the Arc de l'Étoile. Her feet, on which were very thin and badly worn shoes, slipped on the frosty pavement. In her effort to prevent herself from falling, she dropped her violets. 'My poor flowers!' she murmured—'my poor flowers!' Her numb fingers, in their coarse, black woollen gloves, recovered the violets with difficulty, stained with the dust of the sidewalk. She uttered a little sigh, half of regret, half of satisfaction. Rude contact with the defilement of the highway had not diminished the exquisite perfume of the flowers. Once more the face resumed the gentle, placid smile. When a little joy comes into a gloomy life, the poorest and humblest wish for flowers, the adornment of souls en fête.

And now, in order to make up for lost time, she began her way in and out among the carriages, and soon found herself in a maze of streets with high gray houses on either side. Night began to fall; a glimpse of the departing day still lingered above the mansards, but below it was growing quite dark. One by one dim points of gas, like clouded stars, began to illuminate the fog.

She paused at last, out of breath from her rapid walk, before a door obstructed by the tall, athletic figure of an old concierge. The man stood out of the way to allow her to pass, saying in a jovial tone:

'A bad night to look forward to, Madame Lestrade! Nine degrees above zero at five o'clock in the evening. Brrr! Will Monsieur be late to-night?'

'No, my good Etienne: I expect my son at seven.'

The voice was gay, joyous, almost young.

The concierge followed her with his eyes. 'Oh, what has happened to Madame Lestrade to make her so happy this evening?' he said to himself as she passed up the stairs.

Up, up, she toiled till she reached the fifth storey; then she paused in front of a door at the end of the passage, on which was tacked a white card bearing the name 'Raymond Lestrade, Artist.' She took a key from her pocket, put it in the lock, turned it, and went in.

In the little dining-room a feeble coke fire faintly illumined the old-fashioned provincial furniture—the massive oak sideboard, the inlaid secretary, the round table covered with an Indian shawl of the kind so dear to our grandmothers, the chairs and sofas with their backs carved by some cabinet-maker of the small town where they were made. In this narrow street, removed from the eternal hubbub and confusion of greater Paris, one could almost fancy oneself in one of those little bourgeois salons a hundred leagues distant, whose small green-paned windows overlook some dreary square, its sole attractive feature the elms which overshadow it.

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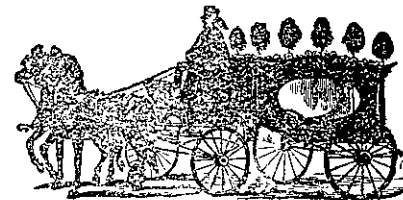
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Only one slight sketch of Raymond's infused a light, youthful note amid the sombre decorations. This sketch, moreover, was of springtime, and Raymond's mother loved the spring. It was a scene among the meadows, when the green things are just bursting into life, before the ardent rays of the sun have yet withered the breath of the blue field-flowers to make room for their successors, the peonies and roses.

The eyes of the old woman lingered on the faded photographs, framed in green silk, that stood on either side of the clock on the narrow mantel.

'Poor dears!' she murmured. 'Why are you not with us to-night to share in our joy?'

A tear fell upon the thin old cheek. In days of sorrow, when one thinks of the dead, it is to say, 'How good God was, although at the time we could not see it! He took them to Himself before this blow, which would have made them so unhappy, could come upon them.' But when the clouds have blown away, when Happiness once more knocks at the portal, it is hard to know that they are no longer here to rejoice with us; that the dear face smiling at us from the picture has disappeared forever; and that our poor human joys, so fleeting, are never again to be shared by those whose participation would have made them doubly dear.

Five o'clock struck from the tower of a neighboring church. Madame Lestrade began to tremble. All the afternoon she had been thinking of the little feast she was preparing for her son. 'Raymond must be so happy to-night!' And how delightful to think of their sitting together, talking of his good fortune, and enjoying their dinner in the warm dining-room!

She came and went in the kitchen, in her blue linen apron, preparing with the most minute care the modest little dinner, entirely composed of the food her son liked best. From time to time she smiled at the huge gray cat that followed her about inquisitively, as though aware that there was something unusual going on. Once she stopped and patted him on the back, saying:

'Yes, my old Prince, you shall have an extra good dinner also. And you will be glad, I am sure, to know that we are so happy.'

Happy! The word had a strange sound in her ears. For fifteen years she had not permitted herself to think of it. She had known nothing else during her childhood, girlhood, and the first years of her marriage. Then misfortunes came suddenly, one fast following the other. Unwise speculations had speedily dissipated her husband's fortune, as well as her own, which she had placed at his disposal that he might recoup his losses. She could never forget that September evening when, in trying to hide from her a letter he had been reading, he had fallen in a fit of apoplexy. She could see, whenever she recalled the dreadful picture, the poor limp head falling against her shoulder as she lifted him from the floor; Raymond calling for help through the open window overlooking the street; M. le Cure arriving in haste; the passing of the soul, the funeral, the grief of the old mother, the numbness of her own heart, the burning pain in her eyes that could not weep. And then the feeling of loneliness, of desolation that ensued, was but another step to the Calvary which she must now climb. Another week, another coffin—the mother had followed her son.

In those days she had almost forgotten Raymond, the idol and pride of his father's heart—Raymond, their only son, who had formed half her world. Suddenly she awoke to a sense of her responsibility in his regard; it was after her first burst of tears. Looking her sorrow in the face with the faith of a true Christian, she besought the God of the widow and the fatherless to forgive her despair, saying to herself: 'Yes, my life is ended; but what does my sorrow matter? I know that I shall see my beloved again. I will bury my grief in the depths of my heart and live for my boy; with him and for him I shall take up life again. I shall not only be brave but cheerful.' And she had kept her word.

After her husband's debts had been paid, there was very little left. And Raymond must finish his education. But how was it possible for him to do so? They soon realised that it was beyond their means. And Raymond had no regrets. He wished to be a painter. One of his professors had often said to him: 'My boy, you have a fortune at the tip of your pencil.'

Yes, Raymond would be a painter; and 'only' in Paris could he attain the desire of his heart. To Paris, then, they went, though all their friends opposed the step. The boy was determined to go; he was eighteen, and what could the poor mother do but follow him? For his sake she renounced her only consolation—that of living close to the graves of all she had loved; for him she bade adieu to the friends of a lifetime; for him she sold the old home with its tender associations; for him she went forth, in her early middle age, from the quiet provincial town where she had thought to spend her declining years, to the great city, the very name of which terrified her timid soul.

But Raymond knew nothing of all this; he did not even suspect it. They are nearly all alike, the poor young people! They do not mean to be egotists; they do not know that they are, their souls are so full of dreams, their hearts so occupied with their youth, their intelligence so keen for the things that seem to them the noblest, the most beautiful—the things to be desired. They are absorbed in what belongs to their age and in one another. How can they take time to study the souls that surround them; above all, the soul of a woman, sad, oppressed, no longer young, without great intellect or great aspirations—a soul bordered by the petty horizon of a house and family) And yet it is among souls like these that the greatest heroism is frequently to be found—those who suffer silently, yet go about their duties cheerfully day after day.

Those ten years in Paris had been long and arduous. There was no doubt that Raymond worked hard, and at first success seemed to smile upon him. He was admitted to the Ecole des Beaux-Arts; his masters esteemed and encouraged him. But soon disappointments began to follow each other in his path. It was the same old story: his pictures refused for the Salon one after another; the anguish of the artist, not a confirmed egotist, who begins to doubt his own talents, to realise that he lacks the most essential requisites to the perfection of his art.

Oh, that sad evening—she remembered it so well!—Raymond, returning from the atelier, which he shared with several others, said to his mother:

'I shall never become a great painter. My talent is quite mediocre, mother. I have style, I have taste, I have color; but I have no originality—not a particle: the gift of expressing what is in me. It is there, but I cannot bring it out.'

She had not believed him, she did not believe it yet. Others had 'arrived' with far less talent than he; others, again, who had prostituted the gift with which God had endowed them—that Raymond would never do. But now it became more than ever necessary to find wherewith to live. The little capital derived from the sale of the house had about slipped through their fingers. The rent of a farm she still owned at Threuil was entirely insufficient for their needs.

Madame Lestrade would not allow her son to relinquish his art. She began to work, straining her poor eyes over fine embroidery and laces, for which she received only a trifle. But, in spite of prodigies of industry and economy, the purse was still very light.

If Raymond could but have known the privations his mother had imposed on herself when he was not there! If he could have suspected that she passed the long hours of the wintry days without fire, that he might see a cheerful blaze when he returned in the evening! If he could have seen her near the draughty window, her head bent over her work, trying to catch a little of the feeble light that struggled through the fog and smoke! If he could have beheld her hastily snatching a morsel of bread and cheese, only to receive him an hour later with an excuse like this: 'Are you not a little late, my poor boy? I was so hungry I could not wait any longer. You know old people have fixed habits; they cannot bear to change their hours. I have already taken my dinner. Eat your soup quickly or the cutlet will be cold.'

Oh, if he could only have comprehended the priceless treasures of devotion that were poured out upon him so prodigally every hour, he would have thrown away his palette and brushes; he would have folded his arms around her, as he used to do in his childhood, in order to say to her, between sobs, between kisses: 'You have worked long enough for me, mother. I will work for you henceforward. Let us go back home, where we used to be so happy, where we shall be happy once more.' But Raymond could not divine these things, and the days rolled by, filled with cares and sadness, regrets for the past, present sacrifices, and anxieties concerning the future.

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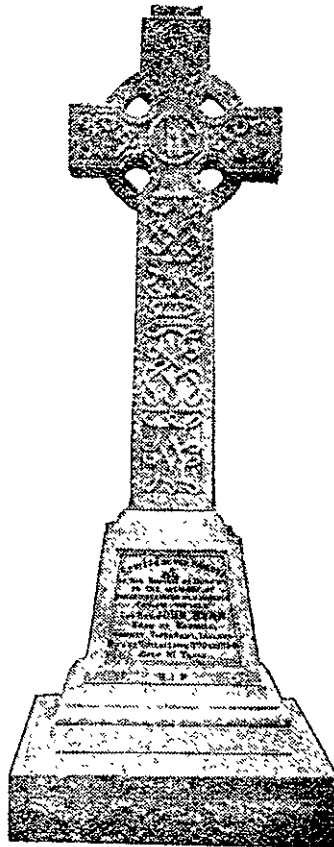
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light sometimes pierces and brightens the night of sorrow. Fortunately, Raymond had attracted the notice and been admitted to the friendship of Emile Lorizier, the famous young painter, who was much interested in the decorative arts, and had contributed by his original and daring talent to the creation of some of the most popular modern styles. Thanks to the advice of Lorizier, Raymond gradually abandoned his larger ideas for a new line of work. He began to take up panels, friezes, and other artistic decoration. He had found his metier, and thenceforward labored with enthusiasm and excellent results. His work had been admired at the exposition of decorative art; he began to receive outside orders; hope was born anew in the breast of mother and son.

That morning, while they were seated at breakfast, Raymond had received from Lorizier a telegram which made his heart beat high.

'It is about M. Martinette, the great tapestry manufacturer, who wishes me to enter his employment as a designer,' Raymond had said. 'I am to meet him this morning at ten o'clock, at Lorizier's. If we can come to terms, I will send you word at noon.'

The word had come, freighted with joy. Eight thousand francs a year, with increase of salary annually, provided his work continued to show variety and originality of design. Ah, it must be a dream! It could hardly be true. And yet why not? He had talent, he was a genius; she had always known it. Now he could renounce the petty economies that had made life so hard, so narrow; now he could dress well, mingle with his equals, have the amusements so natural to his age, of which hitherto he had been deprived. Not a thought of herself—not a single thought!

She started, looking at the clock. This was no time for dreaming, for reminiscences. Raymond might be here any moment now. Later they could talk over everything: the past, the future, the joy that lay before them, the freedom from care, the sweet content—later, as they sat together at their dainty meal, before the little round table decorated with violets.

## II.

Mother and son had finished their dinner. It had been a joyous meal. She had never seen him so gay, so full of life, as he related the particulars of his interview with the manufacturer.

And now, as he had fallen a little into silence, it was the mother's turn to speak.

'When I got your note to-day I felt so happy! Eight thousand francs a year! First, we shall change our apartments. These are too small and inconvenient. Besides, they are too far from your studio. And, now that you can travel, you can make that journey to Rome to which you have always looked forward. We must repair our house at Threuil, so that we may spend the vacation there. O my darling boy, how happy we shall be!'

Raymond did not reply. His countenance, so joyful a few moments before, had suddenly become serious. He got up from the table and went to the fire. His elbow resting on the mantelpiece, he seemed lost in contemplation of the dying coals.

'How grave you look!' his mother said at length, as she paused from time to time to watch him in her work of taking away the dishes and rearranging the table. 'Come, my boy,' she continued, seating herself in her favorite chair—'come, sit beside me, and tell me what you are thinking of.'

The young man buried his face in his hands, as though to collect his thoughts. For some time there was no sound in the room save the ticking of the clock, the purring of the cat, and the falling of the coals on the hearth.

'Mother,' he said at last, in a voice that trembled with emotion—'mother, I do not know how to tell you.'

Madame Lestrade had taken up her knitting; the long needles flew mechanically through her fingers. She replied anxiously:

'Quick, quick, Raymond! What have you to tell me?'

'Mother,' he said, and the words came very slowly, 'you cannot guess, of course, why I am so happy to-night. Security for the future, a little money, the prospect even of being able to make life more comfortable and happy, would not make me as joyful as I am, nor flood my soul with the delightful anticipations that have filled it since morning. I am happy for other reasons. I am happy, mother, because these gratifying prospects, these new circumstances will permit me to realise my dream—to marry the woman I love.'

The clickin of the needles came to an end. Madame Lestrade became pale as death, and pressed her heart silently under the little gray shawl. It seemed to her that it would burst. But her voice was quite even and controlled as she replied:

'You have never spoken of it to me, my son.'

'I made a vow to myself not to speak of it to any one until the proper time came—if it ever did come. Why should I have told you? It would only have made you unhappy to see me unhappy—unable to remove the obstacle to the attainment of my heart's dearest wish. How could I marry a poor girl when I myself was so poor? I had only to wait, patiently as I could. And that you did not even suspect it, mother, is proof that I have been patient; is it not? But it has been a long, long waiting.'

'This young girl? You say she is poor. There was a time when you were wont to say that you would marry a rich wife or not at all.'

'That is true. In those days I thought of furthering my ambition. One may do that who does not love; but when one does—dear mother, one does—'

'But who is it, Raymond? I have heard of all the girls we know at Fontaine-Laroche perhaps, or Louise Lambert.'

'Jeanne Laroche or Louise Lambert, little convent-bred things, timid and cold as mother; I would never look for a girl of Fontaine-Vielle. You do not know—the one I have chosen—though I have known of her. Perhaps she may not please you, the good little girls down there. She is different in manner, appearance, and character. Lorizier's sister-in-law, Mile. Artemise Dubouché.'

'She is not a young girl, Raymond.'

'She is twenty-seven. I am twenty-nine. I am not like those young girls of eighteen who play at marriage as they would with a doll. She has already suffered with the sorrows of life. She has a nature as noble as it is proud. I have said that she had no fortune. For two years she has worked incessantly, aided by the advice of her brother-in-law. Already she is becoming known as a water-colorist. She equals her masters: she will soon surpass them.'

'I would have preferred a different wife for you, my son—one less self-sustaining, more domestic. Those proud, fiery natures are not usually really affectionate. Passion is not love, it is not true affection. Devotion and tenderness are what a man needs in a wife. With great talents a woman is apt to become vain.'

'Mile. Le Clercq has not a bit of vanity in her soul, mother. She is too fine for that. And if you could see her caressing her little nephews, helping her sister, with a smile for everyone, you would understand that she has what you crave for me—a most affectionate heart.'

'Is she pretty?'

'No, she is not what might be called really pretty. Her forehead is too high for beauty, her lips too thin, her chin too pointed. But the fine pallor of her complexion, the fire of her eyes, the opulence of her black hair, her magnificent carriage, her ease of manner, the grace of her every gesture—is that not beauty?'

The needles again resumed their quick, monotonous march. Raymond went on:

'She is intelligent and ambitious,' he said. 'Together we will fight, we two, with all the strength of our being, to achieve fame, to acquire fortune. She is as aggressive as I am. We will join forces. When one loves the battle of life, when one is not dismayed by it, one is bound to conquer. Oh, to have near me always that delightful personality, that supreme charm of hers! Fancy, I have loved her two years—two long years—two centuries!'

'And I,' thought the mother—but she did not speak, for her words would have ended in a sob—'I have loved you for thirty years—even before you came into the world. Alas! a mother's love, what is it? Nothing. It matters naught to their sons, that devotion of theirs. Poor mothers!'

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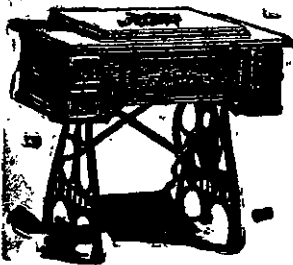
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## Current Topics

### Dirty Bank Notes

In a weird and 'creepy' story entitled 'The Germ-Growers,' an Australian Anglican dignitary imagined, some years ago, a colony of half-demons, half-men, living in the heart of the great lone continent. The chief occupation of these malignant beings was to produce the germs of various deadly diseases and distribute them to the ends of the earth in invisible 'volors,' or balloons. But, as the bacteriologists assure us, there is little need for the germ-plots or the guidable germ-balloons, so long as such things as milk and meat and dust and clothing and bank notes form such excellent vehicles for the propagation and spread of deadly microbes, from those of influenza and lockjaw up to those of typhus and cholera morbus. Most people would, perhaps, be quite willing to accept a barrowful of the uncancelled notes of a solvent bank, and take their chance with whatever microbes had their local habitation therein. But Dr. Purdy (District Health Officer) has been suggesting to the Auckland Chamber of Commerce a means by which the public may, so to speak, pull the teeth of the microbes that infest filthy bank notes. You simply take a file and run it through the note. This does not destroy its face value, but it would probably prevent its re-issue. Some of the bank notes in circulation seem to have passed through a charmin' variety of experiences—per varios casus, per tot discrimina rerum—and to have picked up samples of every sort of grime (and, presumably, of every family of germs) within the limits of the Dominion. They do things better in the Bank of England. An average of about £25,000,000 worth of its notes is constantly in the hands of the public. But no note, once received by the Bank, is re-issued. It is cancelled and destroyed. As many as 300,000 new notes are issued sometimes in one week, and the Bank of England paper thus remains clean and crisp, and its population of enemies of mankind, per square inch, must therefore be vastly less than that which swarms in the disgustingly filthy notes that one sees so often in New Zealand.

### Punishment in School

Once again the question of corporal punishment in the schools has been ventilated in our courts during the past few days. And again, judgment has been given to the effect that the reasonable use of the rod for the preservation of necessary discipline is upheld by the law of the land; but that the teacher must mind his p's and q's in the matter of delegation and in the mode of infliction.

The incentives to study have changed almost as much in the past generation or two as the apparatus of education. For the schoolboy brought up under the old regime, the path of learning was strewn with thorns and nails and broken glass; by comparison the pupil of to-day passes between banks or roses, along a mossy carpet where only incautious feet strike tack or flint. Till a comparatively recent period, some of the traditions of the terrible Dr. Busby hung about our educational methods. 'Hudibras' has it that

'Men as resolute appear  
With too much, as too little, fear;  
And when they're out of hopes of flying,  
Will run away from death by dying,  
Or turn again to stand it out,  
And those they fled, like lions rout.'

Fear was, under the old regime, the chief incentive to work. And in the English public schools, and in the Lichfield and other Free Schools, men like Garrick, Addison, Ashmole, Locke, Dryden, Wollaston, Hooper, and so many others that bulk large in English history, were 'birched into scholarship' on the 'altar of punishment' known as the flogging-horse. The 'too much fear' inspired by the Busby methods seems to have spurred the youths of those times to scared exertions, and made them 'turn again to stand it out' against the difficulties that beset the thorny path of learning in those strenuous days.

Our memory does not go far back, but it goes far enough to remember a school regime that was made a

reign of terror by one who, like Goldsmith's pedagogue, was a man, a man severe and stern to view. Hood, the king of punsters, lamented lightly over the death of his hard-hitting old preceptor. 'He "died of a stroke,"' writes Hood; 'and I wonder none of his pupils have done the same. I have been flogged by many masters; but his rod, like Aaron's, swallowed up all the rest. We often wished that he whipped on the principle of Italian penmanship—upstrokes heavy and downstrokes light; but he did it in English round-hand, and (we used to think) with a very hard pen. Such was his love for flogging that, for some failure in English composition, after being well corrected, I have been ordered to be revised. I have heard of a road to learning, and he did justice to it; we certainly never went a stage in education without being well horsed. The mantle of Dr. Busby descended on his shoulders—and on ours. . . . Pictures, they say, are incentives to learning; and certainly we never got through a page without cuts. For instance, I do not recollect a Latin article without a tail-piece. All the Latin at that school might be comprised in one line: "Arma virumque cano"—an arm, a man, and a cane. In one word, he was disinterestedly cruel, and used to strike as industriously for nothing as other workmen strike for wages. Some of the elder boys, who had read Smollett, christened him Roderick, from his often hitting like Random and being so partial to Strap.'

### A Reform

The 'S. H. Review' tells of a saloon-keeper (publican) in Renovo (Pennsylvania) who has begun a little reform movement on his own account. He advertises as follows in a local newspaper:—

'We wish to notify the wife who has a drunkard for a husband, or a friend who is unfortunately dissipated, to give us notice in writing of such cases as you are interested in, and all such shall be excluded from our place. Let fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters do likewise and their request will be complied with.'

In this country, the real leaders of the Prohibition movement are not those whose names are commonly associated with it in that capacity. The real leaders are those scallywags in 'the trade' who set the human law and the moral law at defiance, and clutch at guilty shekels through the souls of drunken fathers and sons and brothers.

### Up in a Balloon

Says a cable message from London:—

'Messrs Kellow and A. J. Staughton, two Melbourne residents, ascended to a height of 4,800ft in the Hon. Mr. Rolle's balloon, and travelled from Battersea to the shore of the North Sea at the rate of forty miles an hour. Mr. Kellow also made an ascent in Paris on M. Farman's aeroplane.'

The Hon. Mr. Rolle's balloon is one of those enormous gas-bags with propelling mechanism that can drive the big, cigar-shaped contrivance more or less in a given direction through the fields of air, provided the conditions are favourable. But dirigeable balloons are 'kittle cattle,' as experience in England and France with warships of the air, and (a few days ago) American experience in Berkeley (California) when the Morrell airship, which was 450ft long and propelled by five 40 horse-power engines, fell from a height of 300ft on her trial trip, have testified. Maxwell's parody-ballad of the balloon asks:

'Gin a body meet a body  
Flyin' through the air,  
Gin a body hit a body,  
Will it fly? and where?'

And again:—

'Gin a body meet a body  
Altogether free,  
How they travel afterwards  
We do not always see.'

Messrs. Kellow and Staughton may esteem themselves fortunate that their friends were able to tell how the balloonists travelled afterwards, and that their fate was not as that of the two French officers who first went up, and then went down, in the airship 'that never returned.' But, then, we cannot have omelettes without breaking eggs;

and there will probably be many more bones broken and many more lives lost before the world will have its practicable 'valor.' So it has been with the many who (as Joaquin Millar hath it)

'Blazed out new ways for worlds to come,  
And mourned not, but bravely dumb,  
So died, full trusting God and time.'

Of the pioneers of the new locomotion, many may yet pass, but in so far as each may have gone a little further than his predecessors in the path of achievement, the world is the better that they have lived and wrought and dared.

### The One Thing Needful

When Calverley—he of the nonsense verses—went to school, and his companions 'never heard of Mrs. Grundy,' all the theology they knew was that they 'mightn't play on Sunday';

'And all the general truths, that cakes  
Were to be bought at four a penny,  
And that excruciating aches  
Resulted if we ate too many.'

That sort of thing represents about as much of moral truths and principles as a purely secular system of public instruction, left to itself, can well instil into the mind of girl or boy or hobbledohoy. It may impart a passable or sufficient measure of intellectual training. But that is not enough. The multiplication table or quadratic equations will not train the heart or develop the moral faculties or form the character. 'You said well,' said Vice-President Fairbanks (non-Catholic) to the faculty and students of the Jesuit College in Chicago a few weeks ago, 'that the education of the intellectual faculties, and the instilling of morality into the heart is the purpose of the school body. Yes, my friends, education, no matter how grand and how splendid it is, is a dangerous element if there does not go hand in hand with it the cultivation of the moral virtues in us. The permanence of our institutions does not rest alone upon the law; does not rest alone upon the virtue of constitutions and of statutes, no matter how wisely they may have been framed or how well they may be expressed. In the final analysis, the permanence must rest upon the honesty, upon the education and upon the morality of the great body of our countrymen.'

### Cardinal Logue

We live and learn. The recent cable message about Cardinal Logue's alleged prediction as to the dissolution of the Empire furnishes a fresh evidence of a crying need so often emphasised by us—the need of a live Catholic News Agency. With such an institution in operation, and working in, so far as possible, with the secular news agencies, the full facts of the matter might have been placed before the Australasian public within four-and-twenty hours. Yes; we live and learn. And, where outside views and news of our religion, its persons, and its institutions are concerned, we often learn in a hard school. But we are not in all respects apt scholars. For it seems to take a long, long course of hard knocks to make us realise in a practical way the extent to which the great world-channels of journalistic information are monopolised by agencies that are unfriendly to the Old Faith.

## SCIENTIFIC FACTS AND SCIENTIFIC THEORIES

### CHRISTIAN FAITH V. SHIFTING HYPOTHESES

#### AN ARTICLE THAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ

(Concluded from last week).

Everybody, one may presume, will have heard of the alchemists and of their search for

#### The Philosopher's Stone,

which was supposed to possess the power of transmuting one substance into another; of making, for example, gold out of lead.

This search was based upon the underlying theory that there was a 'materia prima' of which all substances were different manifestations, and the search itself was valuable in that it led to the emergence of the great science of chemistry.

Robert Boyle—'the Father of Chemistry, and the Brother of the Earl of Cork,' as his tombstone describes him—a very distinguished exponent of his science, wrote, in 1681, a work called 'The Skyptical Chemist,' which was the commencement of the movement which displaced the view of the alchemists that there was a 'simple, perfect essence,' and replaced it by the theory that there existed some seventy or eighty elements which were unchangeable and undecomposable. It is fair to say that the view that these elements were unchangeable was always guarded by careful men of science with the proviso that they were unchangeable so far as could be seen. Thus Davy stated in 1811 that 'to inquire whether the metals be capable of being decomposed and composed is a grand object of true philosophy,' and Faraday, in 1815, that 'to decompose the metals, to reform them, and to realise the once absurd notion of transmutation, are the problems now given to chemists for solution.' But in spite of assertions such as this, it is fair to say that all chemical work for more than two hundred years proceeded upon the assumption that the simplicity of the elements was a scientific fact. And yet recent discoveries seem to show that the fact was in reality only a theory, and that theory not an accurate one; nay, more, that the alchemists in their underlying assumption were nearer to the truth than the many generations of chemists which succeeded them. To justify this statement it must be explained in the first place that some twenty-five years ago Sir Norman Lockyer showed, by spectroscopic methods, that a certain element, which he called helium, at that time not known to exist upon the earth, was to be found in abundance in the atmosphere of the sun. Now recent research seems to show that this helium is a disintegration product of radium, and if that is the case, then one form of matter has been caught in the act of transmuting itself into another. Moreover, there is some evidence that radium itself is a disintegration product from some other substance, perhaps the hitherto called element uranium, or, as others hold, of some unknown substance which accompanies uranium. Finally, the element thorium appears to be constantly engaged in generating from itself another solid element which again decays, its end-product being so far unknown. These facts, if they be facts, are the result of but a few years' investigations; for it is but yesterday that M. and Mme. Curie announced their discovery of radium. Yet they have rendered insecure the whole basis upon which chemists have been working for more than two hundred years, and strikingly illustrate the truth of the statement that great hesitation should be exhibited before scientific facts are regarded as being surely and irrefragably established.

But far beyond the points above dealt with is the view which is now being put forward that all matter is one in its last analysis. That the molecules of which any substance is made up are composed of certain factors called atoms has long been a dictum of science, and the atomic theory, so wonderful and so fruitful, is built upon it. But it is now urged that these atoms consist of corpuscles or electrons, and that each of these is made up of a moving unit of negative electricity together with the ether which is bound up with it. A collection of such corpuscles, surrounded and balanced by a sphere of positive electricity, is an atom. Hence in essence there is no difference between the corpuscles of any substances. It is their arrangement in the atom, their positions with regard to one another, perhaps the kinks or vortices which they produce in the ether surrounding them, or which exist in that ether, which produce the differences in the atoms and hence produce the differences in the substances of which they are the constituent parts. If all this be true then it is not too much to expect that some means may yet be found by which the arrangement of the corpuscles in the atom may be artificially altered, and one substance actually transmuted into another. Incidentally I may remark that besides rehabilitating the alchemists, this view, so far as I understand such matters, comes uncommonly close to the scholastic theory of matter and form. What I have said shows, I think I may claim, that even a theory of such respectable antiquity and such apparently unimpeachable validity as that of the chemical elements may turn out to have been inaccurate, and that, if such be the case, it is

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a strong proof of the wisdom which bids one hesitate before rashly forming a judgment as to any hypothesis or its bearing upon any other order of thought.

Turning to the other side of scientific investigation, I must dwell for a few moments on the so-called

#### Darwinian Theory,

and in doing so, it may be well first to clear up the misapprehension under which so many persons labour, that Darwin was the originator of the doctrine of transformation, of the view, that is, that certain living things were derived from other living things, the theory of what we should call Derivative Creation. Darwin, of course, did nothing of the kind, for such a solution of the condition of affairs in the world of living things was proposed centuries before Darwin was born. To take only our own theologians, such a view was in essence put forward by St. Augustine, by St. Thomas Aquinas, by Cornelius à Lapide, and by Suarez, as has been shown by Mivart in a now almost forgotten book, 'The Genesis of Species,' and by Father Wasmann in his splendid treatise, 'Die Moderne Biologie und die Entwicklungstheorie,' so that, whether true or not, the doctrine in one shape or another has a very respectable antiquity. What Darwin did was to suggest a means by which the transformation might have taken place, and his great factor was Natural Selection. The title of his most celebrated work—a title unknown to many who talk and write about the subject, at least, so it would appear—is 'The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life,' and this makes it clear that it was the method, not the fact, of transformation which he desired primarily to expound. Now many hold that Natural Selection does not exist, and Professor T. H. Morgan, a most distinguished American authority in biological matters, says that the discoveries of the Augustinian Abbot Mendel have given that theory its coup de grace. But if Natural Selection exists, it is nothing, and can be nothing, but a sieve by which certain changes, which have in some way or another arisen, are tried and retained or lost. It postulates an internal force of variation following some law, and that again demands the existence of a law and of a law-giver. But let that pass. Darwin called these variations spontaneous, and he insisted particularly that they were individually slight, minute, and insensible. On such an hypothesis most biologists, and at first all, have pursued their work.

But of recent years another school has arisen which declares that these slight, almost unnoticeable changes on which Darwin relied, are utterly powerless to bring about any transformation, and that it is only by the occurrence—the sudden occurrence—of large and considerable changes or 'mutations' that a new species is produced. De Vries, the distinguished Dutch botanist, claims that he has been able to observe the birth of new species in the vegetable kingdom, and he and Bateson and others proclaim that Variation is discontinuous and not continuous; in other words, that the accumulation of small variations which Darwin counted on, and the efficacy of which Mivart doubted, have nothing to do with the process. It is true that others have cast doubt on the reality of these species, so that the matter

#### Must Still be Considered sub judice,

but in any case, if these 'mutations' really occur, we are brought back to the imperative necessity for some internal cause which produces these large spontaneous departures from the normal condition, and to the equally imperative necessity for a law to regulate them and for a law-giver who has established them and set them in motion.

I take this instance because the hypotheses of Natural Selection and of the efficacy of small variations in the production of species really lie at the bottom of the whole of the Darwinian edifice. These theories were supported with all the marvellous skill and with all the industry and research which were the attributes of that truly great man, yet we now find them controverted, and learn that it is possible that they too may have to find their way to the scrap-heap of which I have spoken, a scrap-heap on which will be found also Darwin's beloved 'pangensis' theory, and perhaps some other of his hypotheses.

That these theories should have found their way there in no way detracts from the greatness of the man or

the remarkable power which his work has had in stimulating scientific research. It merely proves that fresh facts, of which he was not cognisant, have come to light, facts which upset or seem to upset his theories. But it affords another proof of the extraordinary caution which we should adopt in dealing with scientific hypotheses, the scepticism with which they should be received, and the importance of constantly keeping before one's mind the fact that the hypothesis, however alluring, is only a working hypothesis, and that it must not be estimated at a higher value than that which it really possesses.

On the whole, then, I hope I have been able to show by the examples which I have chosen, and I might have added many others to them, that

#### A Scientific Hypothesis is by no Means Necessarily a Scientific Truth.

I also wish to emphasise the point that this is a matter which is perfectly well understood by men of science, and that the reason why there is any doubt at all about it in the minds of the public, is that the public relies for its information upon unreliable manuals and articles which, for effect, pick up a theory and flaunt it in the face of that public as if it were a fact as undeniable as sunrise and sunset, and moreover often draw from it deductions which are frequently unwarrantable and almost always absent from the minds, or at least the books, of the real originators of the main hypothesis.

And so, to any one worried by the bearing, or supposed bearing, of any scientific hypothesis upon matters close to his heart, I would say, 'Do not be worried;

Theories come and go, but God remains for ever, and there can be no possible ultimate contradiction or difference between the tenets of His Church and the laws of His creation.'

There is just one other point which I should wish to dwell upon for a moment. The extraordinary results of science during the past fifty years, the remarkable fecundity of observation in all branches, the almost incredible progress which has been made, all tend to show the wonderful complexity of the problems with which we have to do and the truly amazing extent of our ignorance. If there is a science in which it might be supposed that really definite knowledge had been arrived at it is that of physics, yet it is not, perhaps, too much to say that physicists are beginning to come to the conclusion that they know nothing of the underlying physical facts of which ordinary things and phenomena are the symbol and the manifestation. The same is true on the biological side. The greater the improvements in the microscope, the more subtle the methods of microscopic preparation, the more delicate and searching the experiments undertaken, the greater are the mysteries which are found to surround us.

There is nothing on which greater pains and study have been expended than on the

#### Structure and Physiology of the Cell,

and, to us as Catholics, I may add that it is matter of congratulation that some of the most important and fruitful of this work has been done in the University of Louvain.

It is a small thing—the cell. It might have been supposed by the casual observer that no very great amount of labour would be necessary to clear up all that could possibly be known of such a very limited field of investigation. Yet after so many years of work, after the unceasing toil of hundreds of observers in all parts of the world, the leading authority on the subject finds himself compelled to write, 'The recent advance of discovery has not tended to simplify our conceptions of cell-life, but has rather led to an emphasised sense of the diversity and complexity of its problems.'

The sea by the side of which Sir Isaac Newton picked up his pebbles is a much greater one than even he imagined, and the pebbles which remain to be picked up are a million for every one on which a discoverer has as yet laid his hand. How can we then, in the presence of such a confession of ignorance, feel any great confidence in the foundation or longevity of a scientific theory when we know not the day in which some new pebble may not be picked up which will shatter that theory into fragments, as that fine pebble, radium, has shattered so many pre-existing views.

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But till all these have been cleared up it is hard to say that any scientific hypothesis is irrefutably established.

Facts let us have in as great a measure as possible and theories, too, let us have, in any reasonable number: but let us be quite clear as to what are facts and what are theories, and quite definite in our ideas as to the relative value of the two categories.

## THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

### MEMOIRS OF THE EARLY DAYS

(Contributed.)  
WELLINGTON.

(Continued.)

In 1850, Bishop Viard erected a residence in Wellington, wherein the Fathers and Brothers also dwelt, and a convent for the Sisters intended to have charge of the girls' school. After waiting for many years, it was not until 1861 that he succeeded in obtaining from the Superior of the Convent of Mercy at Auckland three Sisters to found a community in Wellington. These arrived on June 14 of the same year. Writing to the mother house in the following month, they stated—'Our little convent is in an elevated position at a short distance from the base of high hills, which form a kind of amphitheatre, extending to the harbor which forms a front view. Attached to it is a Providence for the Native girls, which was built by the Government, who allowed £10 for the support of each Native girl instructed in it. The town principally extends along the beach.'

The convent, which was also to serve as a temporary school for girls, was formally opened and blessed on September 8, 1850. It was attended by children of all denominations, many of whom became converts to the faith. On the same day the good prelate had the consolation of blessing the first stone of the Wellington Cathedral. In a circular, issued by his Grace Archbishop Redwood on the destruction of this historic and beautifully designed edifice, appeared the following:—

'On the 28th of November, 1898, that venerable old landmark, that conspicuous and graceful edifice crowning Golder's Hill, Wellington, St. Mary's Cathedral, was accidentally set on fire by a workman engaged in painting the tower, and totally destroyed, with its fine organ and splendid marble altar, each worth £600. It would be impossible to adequately convey in words the feelings of amazement, of sorrow, of regret, we might say, of bereavement, which overwhelmed the thousands of devoted Catholics, while they saw the fierce and cruel flames devour an edifice which clung to their hearts by the holiest and most touching associations, or while they afterwards contemplated with tearful eyes the charred and unsightly ruins of their beautiful and beloved Cathedral. The citizens of every class and denomination in Wellington keenly shared the grief of Catholics, and gave repeated and emphatic expression of their deep sympathy. But the chief mourners, of course, were the older members of the congregation—persons who, from their earliest childhood, had been associated most affectionately, in all that was impressive, holy, and religious, with that venerated pile, where the very knowledge, substance, and framework of their religious convictions had been formed, fostered, and cherished. There they had been baptised, there confirmed, there admitted to First Communion, there married. They remembered the time when they were conducted again and again to the sacred structure, trotting alongside their parents' knees, and now, when their hair was whitened with years, when they looked back to a lifetime, and they saw that dear Cathedral gone, and gone for ever, could any outsider fully realise the keenness of their sorrow, the depth of their regret, and the anguish of their bereavement?

'Great honor, no doubt, and unqualified praise are due to all those who were associated with the erection of St. Mary's. How many good and worthy men and women, how many saintly pastors, such as Father Petit-Jean and Bishop Viard, had their noble share in

the undertaking! How Dr. Viard, the first Bishop of Wellington, had set his heart on it while he lived, and how he deserved and obtained that his revered ashes should rest in it after his death! He spoke and wrote about it with pride, as well he might, for, in his time, it was a really great achievement. It was an historic building. Begun in 1850, it was to a certain degree completed for use in 1851, and in that year blessed by Bishop Viard. Later on, in 1865, it was enlarged and again blessed most solemnly by Dr. Viard in 1866, and for upwards of thirty-three years stood much in the same condition as when it was destroyed—at least in regard to externals. Internally it had been completed by the present incumbent of the See, Archbishop, then Bishop, Redwood. Over £1200 were spent in its interior decorations and general improvements, irrespective of the altar and organ, which respectively cost £600 more. And for about forty years it was decidedly the finest Catholic Cathedral in all New Zealand. But despite its beautiful style of architecture and graceful elegance, it had become, by the progress of the city, too small for present, not to speak of future requirements, and, compared with cathedrals which had meantime risen in other parts of the Colony, it naturally appeared dwarfed, diminutive, and altogether behind the times. Nevertheless, so hallowed were its memories and associations, that one was afraid to touch it or hint at its removal. Yet, either it had to be removed, or another Cathedral had to be built somewhere else; and it was a very difficult and delicate question to know how to appeal to the Catholics of New Zealand and the Catholics of Wellington in regard to a new Cathedral. That was the position. Suddenly, in that mysterious and inscrutable manner peculiarly its own, Divine Providence stepped in, and, by an accident, that inadequate building disappeared, and, facing the position, it became our duty, as it will be our enduring honor, privilege, and glory, to erect a new Cathedral, up-to-date, and thoroughly in keeping with the requirements of the metropolis of New Zealand.'

(To be continued.)

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

May 23.

His Grace the Archbishop returned yesterday from a pastoral visit to Blenheim and Kaikoura. He leaves again on Tuesday for Reefton.

I understand that a very valuable piece of property near the Basin Reserve, within the city, has been acquired by the Church authorities for educational purposes.

The recent social, held in the Town Hall in aid of the Brooklyn church fund, was as successful as its predecessors. Over £70 were raised by means of this social.

The Rev. Fathers Lowham and Creagh, C.S.S.R., are at present conducting a successful mission in the parish of South Wellington. The mission is to continue for another week.

The Rev. Father Bowden is at present relieving the Very Rev. Dean McKenna at Masterton. The Very Rev. Dean is making good progress at Rotorua, and hopes to be home soon in much better health.

The latest gift of land for Church purposes is one of nearly an acre at Karori. The donor is the Hon. Charles Johnston. Karori is a growing suburb, and the gift in question is a very timely and appropriate one.

The recently elected committee of the new Catholic Club is taking active steps to realise the object of its existence. The committee has decided for the present to devote itself to the task of getting in the several sums promised. As soon as a satisfactory amount is in hand a start with the buildings will be made.

One of the most successful gatherings yet held under the auspices of the Catholic Club took place on Thursday evening in St. Patrick's Hall. The proceedings took the form of a euchre tournament, in which over eighty people were engaged. The gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Hickmott, and the lady's by Miss Davis. During the evening musical items were rendered by Misses Henderson and Davis and by Messrs. Eller and Schmidt. The several accompaniments were played by Miss O'Reilly.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

May 23.

It is with regret that I record the death of one of Wellington's pioneer citizens, Mrs. Charlotte Sievers, widow of the late Mr. August Sievers, who died on May 16 at the advanced age of 82 years. She arrived in Wellington in 1848, and had lived here up to the time of her death. She leaves five daughters, all married—Mrs. Ahearn, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Loomes, Mrs. Raymond, and Mrs. Thos. Shields, besides 41 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Her reminiscences of the history of early Wellington, especially of the stirring times of Maori wars, the great earthquakes, and of the struggles and trials of the pioneer settlers were always most interesting to listen to. She was always of a bright and cheerful disposition. She was a most respected member of the St. Mary of the Angels' Church. The remains were interred in the Mount-street Cemetery, the funeral cortege being followed by a large number of sorrowing friends.—R.I.P.

The Anglo-Welsh football team arrived by the 'Athenic' on Tuesday and were welcomed by the Premier, the Mayor, and officials of the Rugby Football Association. The vice-captain, Mr. P. F. McEvedy, was officially welcomed by Messrs. W. E. Butler and D. Fay as representatives of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association. He was a student at the college from 1895 to 1898, being vice-captain of the football team during the latter year. While in England he acts as vice-captain of the Kent team. He came out to New Zealand with Sievwright's team in 1904. His parents live at Southbridge, Canterbury.

### Kaikoura

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Monday evening, May 11, his Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived by coach from Blenheim, and was met at the Cross Roads by Rev. Father Golden and Mr. W. Smith, who escorted him to the presbytery. His Grace was blessed with charming weather during the remainder of the week. The temperature on Saturday reached 70 degrees of heat, which was very unseasonable. A change of wind during Saturday night brought up a heavy storm of rain from the south-west, and this continued the whole forenoon of Sunday. Yet in spite of wind and driving rain there was a good attendance at the 7.30 Mass celebrated by the Archbishop, and also at the 10 o'clock Mass, whereof the local pastor was celebrant. The candidates for Confirmation and many others received Holy Communion at the early Mass, except the Maoris, who received at the last Mass. The Archbishop delivered an impressive discourse at the close of this Mass, and it was a matter of general regret that the tempestuous weather had kept a large number of the congregation from church. The elements could hardly be more unfavorable, yet many brave and sturdy spirits proved superior to them, and gave edifying proof of the religious fervor that was in them, among the rest a goodly number of Natives.

At the 3 p.m. service, the weather having become much more propitious, there was a large congregation. After the Rosary the Archbishop gave another sermon, dwelling chiefly on the nature and effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation about to be administered, and winding up with an earnest appeal to the whole congregation to be faithful soldiers of Christ Jesus. The holy Sacrament of Baptism had made them members of His household; Penance had forgiven them their actual sins; the Holy Eucharist had nourished their immortal souls; and Confirmation had made them soldiers of the cause of Jesus Christ, impressing on each soul an ineffaceable seal. Altogether there were 31 candidates for Confirmation—19 school children, four converts to the faith, and eight Natives from Mangamanu and South Bay. A month ago Father Melu spent a few weeks in preparing the latter for the Sacrament, and as they know the English language well, the local priest was able to hear their confessions and render them all other necessary assistance. It is worthy of remark that their demeanor at Holy Communion and at Confirmation was very edifying, being the subject of most favorable comment by the whole congregation. His Grace was greatly pleased with them. He also expressed his pleasure at the bright and intelligent examination made by the children in their catechism on Saturday. As for the Natives, all adults, so much could not be expected, and it sufficed that Father Melu had offered them for Confirmation. Their disposition seemed excellent.

It was a most busy and active day for the Sisters of the Mission. They were engaged in attending to the wants of the children and the Natives most of

the day in the school, where breakfast and dinner were prepared for all. The tables were, figuratively speaking, groaning under the weight of the many and excellent things with which they were laden. And the rousing fire was both a comfort and a real necessity, as the garments of many were in a drenched condition. A rumor circulated round that a neighboring lady in her charity and deep commiseration lent her dresses, while the brave Sisters washed and dried and ironed the clothes of the poor Maori women. The whole Dominion may be challenged to equal this touching incident, so replete with charity and compassion of the highest excellence. The Maoris will not soon forget this and other practical proofs of the goodwill shown them on the trying occasion. His Grace visited the dining hall and spoke some kind and fatherly words to the guests, who were highly pleased and honored by the visit.

The Archbishop left by the 'Whakatu' for Christchurch on Monday, May 18, in excellent health and spirits, the weather having completely changed once more into bright and cheering sunshine.

The Premier and party paid Kaikoura an official visit on May 15, and drove round the settlement with an escort of the leading citizens. The worthy member for the district, Mr. A. W. Rutherford, accompanied by the Misses Rutherford (2) and Mr. Laursen, M.P., were among the party. All visited the Church of the Sacred Heart, while the Archbishop described the leading features of the edifice, dwelling especially on the striking beauties of the High Altar, the gift of a generous Catholic, and pronounced by his Grace to be the most beautiful and effective altar in New Zealand. After a brief address to the children in the school by Sir Joseph Ward, Father Golden called for three cheers for the Premier and Lady Ward, three cheers also for the other lady visitors, and three cheers for Mr. Rutherford, who for two terms has served the Amuri electorate with great fidelity and disinterestedness, effecting as much good as his singular zeal, tact, and talent were enabled to compass. At a banquet given to the distinguished visitors in Mr. James Mullane's Club Hotel the Archbishop was assigned a leading place and the privilege of saying grace. Later on in the evening his Grace and Father Golden occupied seats on the platform during the interesting address by the Premier. The occasion was a red-letter day for Kaikoura, and the visitors were delighted with the reception accorded them, the striking beauties of the scenery and the cheering weather to boot. Ah, that weather! how easy it would be here to philosophise on its pranks and caprices, its proverbial uncertainty. At all events, the wild weather of Sunday served to exhibit in fine relief some of the noble traits of human nature. Untoward events, disagreeable in themselves, are often blessings in disguise.

### Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

May 18.

It is with sincere regret I have to report the death of Mr. Owen McHale, who was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of his brother's gun whilst out duck shooting, on Wednesday evening last. He died on Thursday morning, after suffering intense agony. He was conscious to the last, and received all the rites of the Church. Mr. McHale had only been married about eighteen months, and much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing relatives. The Borough Council at its last meeting passed a vote of condolence with Mr. F. McHale, sen., also with the wife of deceased in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

### Westport

(From our own correspondent.)

May 11.

A largely attended meeting of parishioners was held in the Catholic School room on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Father Bergin, who occupied the chair, explained that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of taking steps to raise funds for the enlarging of the school, the attendance at which had increased to such an extent, that in the interests of the health of Sisters and children, an addition to the present building was necessary. On the motion of Mr. P. J. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Doogan, it was decided to ask the adult members of the congregation to contribute 2s 6d per month, and that lady canvassers be appointed to carry out the work. As a further means of raising funds it was also decided to hold several social gatherings at intervals, the first of which will take place on Thursday, May 21.

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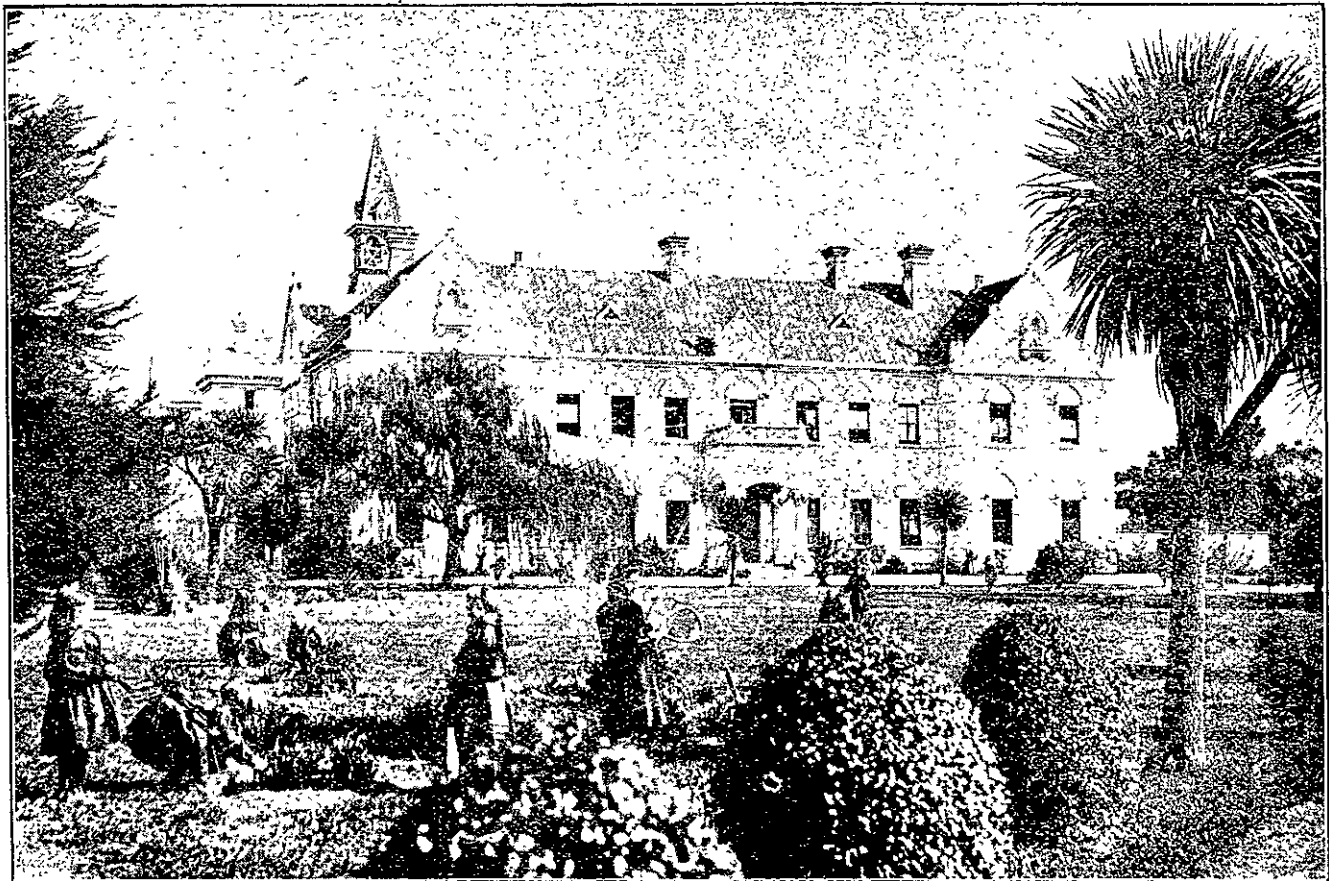
### BEATIFICATION OF THE FOUNDRRESS

#### CELEBRATIONS AT TIMARU

(By telegraph from our Special Reporter.)

On Sunday last the solemn ceremonies in connection with the beatification of the venerable servant of God, Madeleine Sophie Barat, foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, took place at St. Peter's, Rome. The centenary of the Order was celebrated on November 21, 190, by the various houses of the Society scattered throughout the world. The celebration on that occasion was a thanksgiving for the prosperous course of a great institute which at that time numbered 147 houses, with an army of over 6000 members devoted to the sacred cause of forming the minds of youth in learning and piety. But the centenary had a further significance, as it was associated with the pro-

Father de Tournely, Superior of the Fathers of the Faith, felt that pious women working in conjunction with them would help them greatly in their labors of winning souls to the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and God showed him in prayer that his Society was to be the means of organising 'A Society of the Sacred Heart,' a society of religious women to whose hands God meant to entrust not the mere duty of Christian education, although that would be much, but the very center with the sacred fire of His love for men to cast it upon the earth; a Society with a two-fold spirit of prayer and sacrifice, to bear that name, to dwell in that sanctuary, to go forth conquering and to conquer—humble and hidden and lowly, sharing all the hatred that the world heaps on the Society of Jesus, and so strong in the charity of the Sacred Heart that the gates of hell should not prevail against it—a little nothing, a mustard seed, but with a mission that should be a regeneration for thousands of souls. Such was God's idea of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and Father de Tournely's successor, Father Varin, discovered a foundation stone for this Society in Sophie Barat. On November 21, 1800, she and three others pronounced their consecra-



Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru.

cess of beatification of the saintly foundress of the Order, the final stage of which was reached on Sunday last, when the gifted religious, whose broad culture, ripe judgment, and extraordinary piety laid the foundation of the congregation, was numbered among the saints of the Catholic Church.

As was only natural, the event was one of great joy and consolation to the members of the Order throughout the world, and nowhere was it celebrated with greater solemnity and rejoicing than at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, on Tuesday last. Before giving an account of the impressive ceremonies at Timaru we place before our readers a sketch of the life of Mother Barat.

Blessed Madeleine Sophie Barat: A Sketch.

At the time when the Revolution had devastated the Church in France, and when millions believed that the religion of Christ was to be blotted from the earth, a poor girl, Sophie Madeleine Barat, the daughter of an artisan in Burgundy, was led under the guidance of a holy priest to establish the Society of the Sacred Heart. She had been educated by her brother, a priest also, who had given her a thorough religious training and a good knowledge of the classics.

tion to the Sacred Heart in the little chapel of Madame Duval's house in Paris; but it was not until the next year that the first school of the Society was opened at Amiens, which has always been regarded as the cradle of the Society. Sophie was then appointed Superior of the little community. She was only twenty-three, and her whole fortune when she came to Amiens was one crown piece. Dry bread was often their only meal after a day of toil and difficulty, but Sophie found her Paradise on earth in making the Sacred Heart known and loved, in wearing herself out for its glory. Her constant teaching to her companions was complete forgetfulness of self for this end. 'A wise man,' she used to say, 'needs but little, and a saint still less,' and all she seemed to feel the need of was to love Our Lord, and follow after Him in the service of the little ones of whom He said 'of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' The many supernatural favors she received were skilfully concealed; but none could fail to see the spirit of God in her patient humility in the face of every trial, and in the hidden strength which brought the members of her little barque safe and united through the tempests which assailed its launching forth. One of her novices said in recording her first impressions of her: 'I felt I was in the

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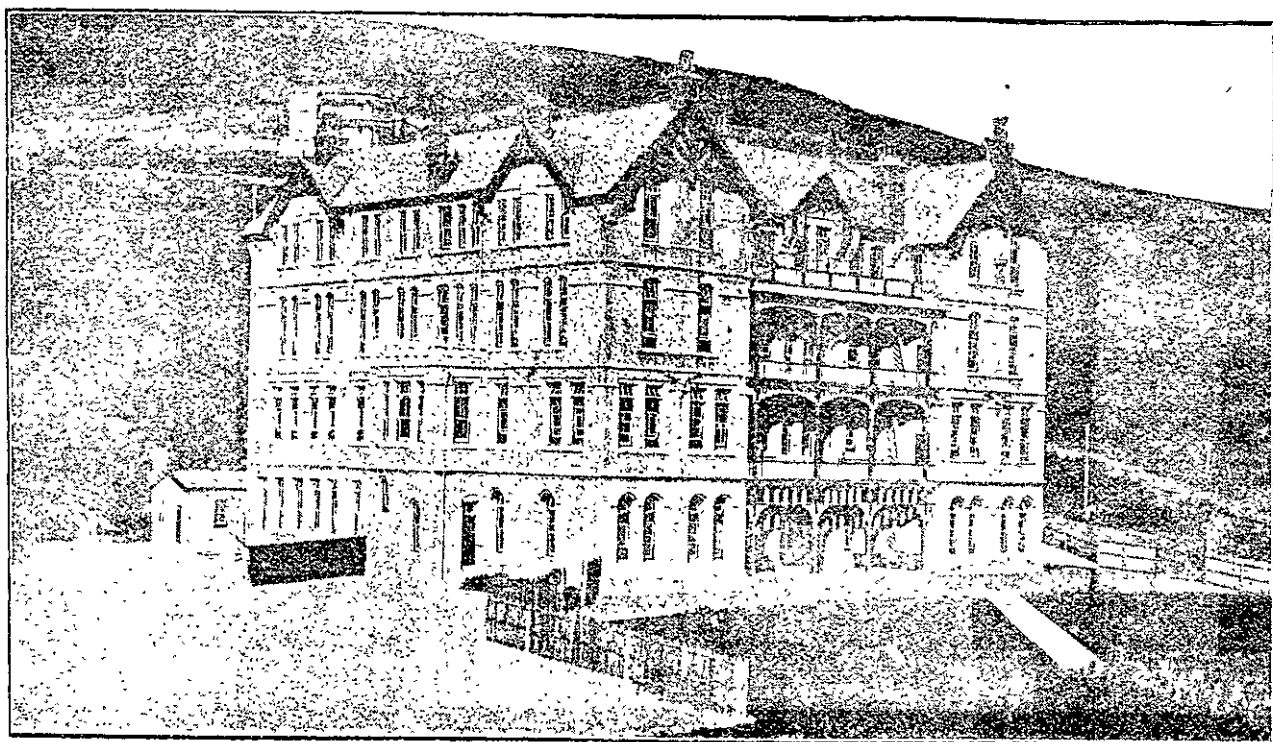
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presence of one who was clothed with the Presence of God Himself.

One of Sophie's greatest desires was to carry the love of the Sacred Heart to pagan lands, and this was always the subject of her conversation when the day's work was over at Amiens, and the community sat round their one candle, doing the needlework which they took in to help towards their support. Her apostolic zeal was to be confined, however, to France, and it was in the person of one of her daughters, Philippine Duchesne, that she made the first foundation out of France. Mother Duchesne was sent to America in 1818, where she carried on the holy enterprise amid incredible privations and poverty; communicating to all her Sisters the spirit of fervor and self-sacrifice the work demanded. Madame Barat was now unable to comply with all the invitations addressed to her to establish houses of the Sacred Heart. Autun, Bordeaux, Chambery, Le Mans, Lyons, Metz, and Turin were fortunate in having their desires complied with. Houses were also founded at Charleville, Marseilles, and later in Austria, Belgium, England and Ireland, Germany, Holland, North and South America, Poland, Spain, Westphalia, and the West Indies. A large orphanage was established at Confans, near Paris, and a novitiate was built which was intended to serve for the whole Society; but the mustard seed has grown so as to spread its branches over all the continents of the world. There are now ten novitiates, and about 6500 religious to celebrate their Mother's beatification. Out of the 46 houses there were in France, 43 have been closed by the Government during



Blessed Madeleine Sophie Barat,  
Foundress of the Order of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.



Convent of the Sacred Heart, Island Bay, Wellington

the last few years, but this has only caused wider expansion and new foundations in other parts of the world, making a total of 137 houses.

Madame Barat died on Ascension Day, May 25, 1865. Her death was as edifying as her life.

TIMARU.

The Convent of the Sacred Heart at Timaru was founded from the magnificent house of the Order at Maryville, near St. Louis, in the United States. On December 12, 1879—when the Society was celebrating the centenary of the birth of the Blessed Mother Barat—six religious of the Sacred Heart left San Francisco on their way to New Zealand. At Wellington they received a most fatherly welcome from his Grace Archbishop Redwood, who accompanied them to their destination in Timaru—then a part of the Wellington diocese. Father Chataignier, S.M., was then in charge of Timaru, and he and his people accorded a hearty welcome to the newly arrived religious. There was no convent at the time, and the little community partitioned off with canvas a portion of the school for their temporary abode. Some weeks later the presbytery was vacated by Fathers Chataignier and Goutenoire, and it was turned into a temporary convent. The greatest kindness was extended to the young

community by the Archbishop and the Marist Fathers. On February 1, 1880, the foundation stone of the magnificent new convent was laid by his Grace in the presence of a great gathering. Among those who took part in the solemn function was the late Bishop Moran, of Dunedin. Fifteen days later the first Superior, Rev. Mother Boudreau, was interred in the convent grounds, amidst the intense grief of the afflicted little community. She was succeeded by Mother Sullivan, who continued in office till her death in 1889. Under the care of the excellent and gifted religious of the Sacred Heart the numbers on the roll of the girls' parish school has steadily mounted up year by year. The community has, from time to time, been strengthened by reinforcements of religious from Europe. A great portion of the fine and beautifully situated new convent—of which we publish a view in this issue—was blessed and opened on October 3, 1880. The Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, the first Bishop of Christchurch, arrived in Canterbury in 1888, and since that time has taken a deep and practical interest in the progress of Catholic education in Timaru as in the rest of his extensive and well-equipped See.

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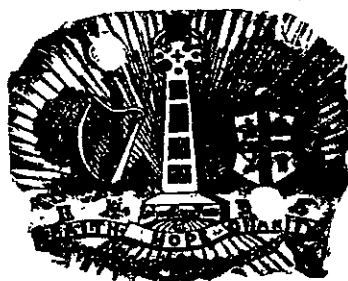
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Wheat.—Owing to the price of flour being reduced £1 per ton the wheat market has quietened down very considerably, and there is very little business being done. Seed, 4s 10d to 5s; prime milling, 4s 8d to 4s 9d; medium, 4s 6½d to 4s 7½d; best whole fowl wheat, 4s 6d to 4s 7d; medium, 4s 3d to 4s 5b; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s 2d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is good demand for all sorts. Prime Derwents, £1 10s to £1 15s; best Up-to-dates, £1 5s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 2s 6d; inferior and old, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—There is good local demand for prime bright oaten sheaf chaff, but the inquiry for export has slackened off and values all round are a shade lower. Prime oaten sheaf, £1 5s to £1 7s 6d; medium to good, £3 15s to £1; light and inferior, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—Oaten, 35s; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton.

Turnips.—The market is over-supplied, and consignments are only cleared at a reduction, it being hard to get 20s per ton for them loose.

### WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on Monday. Bidding was brisk, and all sorts of skins sold at a slight advance on late rates. We quote best winters from 14d to 15½d; medium to good, 13d to 14d; autumns, 10½d to 12d; summers, 7½d to 8½d; small, 4½d to 5½d. Horse hair, to 18d.

Sheepskins.—We held our usual fortnightly sale on Tuesday. Bidding was very brisk, and prices showed a strong advance on late rates. Crossbreds and half-breds showed a rise from ½d to 1d per lb. Best half-bred, 5d to 5½d; medium to good, 4½d to 4¾d; best crossbred, 4½d to 5d; medium to good, 4d to 4½d; best lambskins, from 4½d to 5½d; medium, 3¾d to 4½d; best merino, 4½d to 4¾d; good, 3¾d to 4d.

Tallow and Fat.—Best rendered tallow brings from 20s to 22s 6d; medium to good, 17s 6d to 18s; best rough fat, 16s to 18s; medium to good, 11s to 15s.

### OBITUARY

MRS. ANNIE TUOHY, WESTPORT.

It is with deep regret, that we have to record the death of Mrs. Annie Tuohy, relict of the late Mr. J. J. Tuohy, (so long connected with the N. Z. Police Force), which occurred at the Westport Hospital, on April 5, after a brief illness. The deceased lady was a native of Galway. The late Mrs. Tuohy, who was just sixty-seven years of age, was a most exemplary Catholic, and was always an active supporter of any movement that tended to advance the cause of the Church. She was a valued member of the Altar society, and was also a member of the Sacred Heart Association. She was of a very kindly and amiable disposition, and her death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends throughout the Dominion. The late Mrs. Tuohy arrived at the Bluff in the early sixties from Melbourne, and settled with her husband

in Invercargill. Amongst her most valued friends in those days, was the late Very Rev. Dean Martin. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn their loss, and to whom the sincerest sympathy of the community has been extended in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Tuohy was pre-deceased by her husband by about five years. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe and the Rev. Father Bergin were in attendance prior to her death. The funeral took place on April 7, from St. Canice's Church, the Rev. Father Bergin officiating at the graveside.—  
R.I.P.

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## THE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

(Concluded from page 15.)

WELLINGTON.

The foundation stone of a new convent for the Order at Island Bay, Wellington, was laid on Sunday, May 14, 1905, by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington. After blessing the stone his Grace, addressing those present, referred in appreciative terms to the good work done in the cause of religion and education by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, whose institutions he had seen in various parts of the world, and whose methods of imparting knowledge were marked by thoroughness and solidity. He congratulated the people of Wellington on having in their midst such a splendid institution for the education of young girls. The convent, a view of which appears on page 15, is in the Tudor Gothic style of architecture, and cost about £15,000. The convent was completed and opened early in February, 1906.

Celebrations at Timaru.

The celebrations in honor of the recently beatified foundress of the Sacred Heart Order took place on Tuesday at Timaru, their mother house in New Zealand. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the handsome new convent chapel, the celebrant being the Right Rev. Bishop Grimes, who began by blessing and inaugurating a statue of the beatified religious. The chapel was crowded at each of the religious services by a congregation consisting of present and past pupils. There were also present in the chapel during the day the following clergy:—The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru), Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G. (Wellington), Very Rev. Father Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, V.G. (Christchurch), Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais (Temuka), Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton), Very Rev. Dean Boyers (Geraldine), Rev. Fathers Coffey and Cleary (Dunedin), Rev. Fathers Aubry (Waimate), Tubman (Timaru), Price (Christchurch), Le Petit (Fairlie), and Le Floch (Timaru). At Benediction in the afternoon his Lordship the Bishop preached on the life, virtues, and labors of the Blessed Madeleine Sophie Barat, and the vast services which have been rendered and are being rendered to education and religion by the great Order which she established.

The social side of the celebration consisted of two very taking entertainments—one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. The afternoon performance consisted of a fine series of vocal and instrumental numbers, choruses and hymns, dialogues on the life and virtues and miracles of the beatified nun, and two exquisitely set tableaux—'Christ the example of virtues' and 'Christ the healer.' The evening performance consisted of the cantata, 'David the shepherd boy,' with various piano and violin selections in the intervals. The hall, chapel, and the entire building, inside and outside, were handsomely decorated, as befitted an occasion of such momentous and joyous interest for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

May 11.

A welcome social was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward and family in the library adjoining the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Father Costello, who presided, said that the gathering had been organised on behalf of his parishioners and the members of St. Patrick's choir as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family. He made special reference to Mr. Ward's musical abilities, which he trusted would be available for the various Church functions. Mr. Vernon Dallow, as chairman of St. Patrick's choir,

also extended a hearty welcome to the new arrivals, and referred to Mr. Ward's musical talents, which he well remembered when residing in Dunedin years ago. Mr. Ward, in responding, stated that he would be very pleased to do all that lay in his power to assist St. Patrick's choir and parish generally. He feared, however, that his musical abilities had been much over-rated, still he had had some experience, having acted as conductor of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir, Dunedin, for many years, and he thanked the speakers for the many kind things said of him and for the most enjoyable evening they had just spent.

Musical items and games were the order of the evening, which was concluded with a very enjoyable supper which was provided by the ladies. The following contributed items to the programme: Mesdames Halpin and Broad, Misses McGrath (2), Brophy, Stagpoole, Ward, and Messrs. Tabor, T. Rodgers, Jewett, Hanley, and Devlin, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. Halpin, organist.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the erection of a Catholic school in Derby street, Feilding, in memory of the late Hon. Walter Johnston. The building will have four large class-rooms, separated by a spacious corridor, and will accommodate about 160 children. The design is a very handsome one, and as the building has a frontage of 76 feet it will be a decided improvement to the town. The structure will be carried out in pressed bricks, relieved with cement facings, cornices, enrichments, and gables. The interior fittings, ceilings, etc., will be of picked red pine. The building is to be finished at the end of the year.

## WEDDING BELLS

GARVEY—JOHNSON.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr. Garvey, Awahuri, Palmerston North, on Monday, April 13, by the Rev. Father O'Meara, the contracting parties being Mr. Richard Waddington second son of Mr. J. F. Garvey, and Miss Maria Johnson, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. Johnson, of Dunedin. The bride wore the usual wreath and veil, and white embroidered frock, and was attended by her sister, Miss Winnie Johnson, while Mr. Frank Garvey acted as best man. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After breakfast had been partaken of and the usual toasts honored, the happy pair left for Wanganui and New Plymouth, where the honeymoon was spent.

## Late Burnside Stock Report

Cattle.—125 forward. Prices were somewhat firmer than last week. Best bullocks, £9 10s to £10 5s; medium, £7 10s to £8 15s; light, £6 17s 6d to £7 5s; best cows, £7 to £8 7s 6d; medium, £5s to £6; light, £1 to £4 15s.

Sheep.—2187 penned. Prices were slightly firmer. Best wethers, 20s to 22s 9d; extra, up to 26s; medium, 17s 6d to 18s 6d; light, 13s 9d to 15s; best ewes, 14s 6d to 17s 9d; extra, up to 22s 9d; medium, 12s to 13s; inferior, 8s to 11s.

Lambs.—There was a heavy yarding of 1468, and prices were about equal to those of last week. Best lambs, 14s 6d to 16s 6d; extra, up to 18s; medium, 13s to 11s; inferior, 7s to 11s.

Pigs.—153 forward. Prices for small sorts were slightly easier. Porkers and baconers were slightly firmer than last week's rates. Suckers, 9s to 15s; slips, 16s to 18s; stores, 23s to 29s; porkers, 36s to 40s; light baconers, 42s to 46s; heavy do, 50s to 63s.

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FULTON.—On May 5, 1908, at Frederick street, Dunedin, William, the dearly beloved husband of Kate and father of Joseph, Francis, and Aloysius Fulton. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

**MARRIAGE**

FITZGIBBON—GALLAGHER.— On May 6; at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, Wellington, by the Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., assisted by the Very Rev. Fathers Clune, C.S.S.R., and Keogh, S.M., B.A., Edward John, the second son of the late Michael Henry Fitzgibbon, of Goldsbrough (Waimea), Westland; to Eileen Margaret, eldest daughter of John Gallagher, Hopper street, Wellington.

**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 28, 1908.

**MAKING OURSELVES KNOWN**



In his 'Present Position of Catholics in England', the late Cardinal Newman penned some words which apply as forcibly to our co-religionists in Great Britain and in these new countries to-day as they did to the England of the stormy times, over half a century ago, when they were first written. He said:—

'Oblige men to know you; persuade them, impurture them, shame them into knowing you. Make it so clear what you are that they cannot affect not to see you, nor refuse to justify you. . . . Wherever Catholicism is known it is respected, or at least endured, by the people. . . . A religion which comes from God approves itself to the conscience of the people wherever it is really known. I want you to rouse yourselves to understand where you are, to know yourselves. I aim primarily at organisation, edification; cultivation of mind, growth of the reason. It is a moral force, not a material, which will vindicate your profession and will secure your triumph. . . . What I desiderate in Catholics is the gift of bringing out what their religion is.'

The ground of controversy has shifted vastly since Newman penned his great exposition of the Catholic position amidst the 'Sturm und Drang'—the whirlwind of sectarian passion—that produced the Ecclesiastical Titles Act. The sober sense of the British Parliament made haste to repeal that blot upon its statutes when the volcanic fires had burned themselves out. But our times are marked by a phase of sectional propaganda compared with which the stridulous and acutely hysterical polemics of the No-Popery days of the early fifties might almost be described as wholesome. We refer to the growth and spread of rationalistic and anti-Christian socialistic literature—of publications

which (as a recent circular of the Catholic Truth Society well says) 'assail religion in every shape, and advocate in one form or another a social revolution, entailing consequences which no man of sober judgment can contemplate without dismay'. This rationalistic literature, says a writer in the 'Month', is being pumped wholesale over the working classes, and it will have its effects unless we do something to counteract it. We believe that many of those who propagate such literature are by no means aware of the passions which they are unchaining, and the forces of destruction which they are letting loose. But the Church well knows the outcome of such work. It is to be seen to-day in France, with its swelling list of broken marriage bonds, suicides, juvenile crimes, and the rest'.

Much might be done among our people to provide an antidote to the poison by spreading the excellent (and now very cheap) works of Father Gerard, and the admirable publications of the Catholic Truth Society, that expose in a clear and popular way, the un-facts and fallacies of the rationalistic position. This is one effective way of carrying out Newman's idea. The appeal made by the Society for funds for the production and circulation of anti-rationalist literature is one that should appeal with special force to the clergy and to all the members of the laity who are in a position to assist. 'No doubt', says the writer in the 'Month', 'it is a pious and consoling act to bequeath money for the purpose of perpetuating one's memory in a stained-glass window. But just at present we seem to be drifting towards a state of society in which stained-glass windows will be none too safe. It would be well to devote some part of our means to a Society which might do much to stem the rising flood of secularism and lawlessness'.

## Notes

### Anti-Convent Romance

Even a weasel may be caught napping. And the purveyors of anti-convent romance sometimes nod or sleep with both eyes shut. In other words, they forget at times their usual saving precaution, vague and general denunciation, and, in moments of distraction mention names of persons and places. And then trouble almost invariably ensues. On June 1, 1907, an English Socialist paper, 'Justice', published (says the 'Glasgow Observer' of March 7) untrue and libellous statements against the Sisters of Nazareth at Bexhill-on-Sea. 'Scare-heads' told of 'Brutal Treatment to Girls in a Bexhill-on-Sea Convent', 'Girls Strapped and Cold Water Thrown over them', 'Fingers Beaten with a Cane, and other Cruel Punishments'. 'Justice' was promptly brought to book and had publicly to withdraw and apologise. The 'Protestant Alliance Magazine' stored up the slander—and in a moment of somnolence forgot the sequel. It published the slander. And then the band began to play. The result was a complete withdrawal of the story by the 'Alliance Magazine' in its December issue (p. 178), in the following editorial paragraph:—

#### 'NAZARETH HOUSE, BEXHILL-ON-SEA.'

'We much regret that we have, by reproducing a letter which appeared in the columns of our contemporary, "Justice", been the means of spreading a statement against the above institution which cannot be substantiated. WE UNRESERVEDLY WITHDRAW ALL IMPUTATION contained in the letter, and offer our apologies, being in this case (as in all others) desirous of acting fairly towards every individual when once we discover WE HAVE BEEN IN ERROR.'

A few weeks ago another piece of anti-convent fiction met with a somewhat similar fate in St. Louis,

United States. A shameful caricature, reflecting in an outrageous way on Catholic Sisterhoods, had appeared in the 'Squib' of January 25, 1908. The Federation of Catholic Societies of St. Louis took up the matter. The result was an offer of an apology by the publisher. The Federation insisted upon the apology appearing on the first editorial page of the 'Squib'. In its issue of March 14, it appeared in the following terms:—

#### 'AN APOLOGY.'

'St. Louis, March 14, 1908.

'Mr. Anthony Matre, Chairman of Committee on Relations, Federation of Catholic Societies of St. Louis.  
'Dear Sir,—The owners and publishers of "Squib" regret very much that the cartoon which appeared in the issue of January 25th, 1908, entitled "Viewed Behind the Scenes and Sharing the Blood Money of the Poor", was ever published, and we hereby make all proper apologies to the Catholic Sisterhoods and to our Catholic fellow-citizens for permitting the said cartoon to figure on the pages of our publication.

'NORBERT J. VOREL,  
'Publisher of "Squib".'

### Another Romance

Even the worm will turn. From time to time we have shown how the slandered religious in Italy have successfully brought to book sundry lewd fellows of the baser sort—almost invariably the editors of anti-Catholic and anti-Christian newspapers—who were banded together in what was clearly an organised campaign of defamation. The latest case in point is recorded in the Rome correspondence of the Philadelphia 'Catholic Standard' of April 4. It referred to alleged horrifying 'disclosures' published against the religious of S. Francesco della Vigna in Venice. 'These priests', says the 'Standard' correspondent, 'were accused in the "Secolo Nuovo", edited by Giuseppe Abele, a well-known Socialist of that city, and they lost no time in giving that worthy an excellent opportunity of proving in a public court of justice the abominable charges. You can guess the result. The editor was sentenced by the tribunal to suffer imprisonment for two years and to pay, in addition, a fine of two thousand francs. Perhaps the most interesting part of the story is that Abele did not await the conclusion of the trial. Seeing himself about to be unmasked, he fled the city secretly, and has not since been heard of. And thus ends another chapter of the "clerical scandals of Italy" which had been described in certain journals in all the false details that impure imaginations and foul minds could string together.'

It is from the envenomed stories of gentry like the fugitive Giuseppe Abele that a certain notorious purveyor of 'missionary tales' periodically 'exposes' the 'Romish' Church in Italy, to credulous English and Scottish audiences at so much per 'expose'—a silver coin collection' or 'front seats one shilling, back seats sixpence'.

## 'CATHOLIC MARRIAGES'

### FURTHER APPRECIATIONS

From the Archbishop of Wellington.

We have been favored with the following kind communication from his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand in reference to the 'Tablet' book, 'Catholic Marriages':—

Wellington,  
May 22, 1908.

'My dear Father Cleary,

'The priests and the Catholic body generally are much indebted to you for your interesting, very instructive, and most useful book on "Catholic Marriages". I trust it will have a large circulation. Please send me two dozen copies. The composition of the book shows a good deal of most painstaking labor, and its publication is most opportune, containing, as it does, the very information required by

both Catholics and non-Catholics in connection with the late legislation on marriage.—Yours faithfully,

✠ FRANCIS REDWOOD, S.M.,  
Abp. of Wellington.

What a Jewish Rabbi Says.

We have been favored with the following communication from the Rev. A. T. Chodowski, of the Synagogue, Dunedin:—

'Dear Father Cleary,

Through the kindness of a friend I have had the pleasure of reading your book on "Catholic Marriages", and as I lay it aside I can do no less than offer my compliments and thanks for what I must call an able and scholarly exposition of the Catholic teaching in regard to marriage.

Personally, I think it is a great mistake to make attacks upon doctrines which govern the consciences of fellow-men. Your book has, I think, fully vindicated the Church's position, and should put to silence any other critics of the Pope's decree.

I have specially to thank you for your references to the purity and simplicity of Jewish family life.

Believe me, dear Father Cleary,

Yours faithfully,  
A. T. CHODOWSKI.

**DIocese OF DUNEDIN**

On Sunday in connection with the church parade of the Volunteers the Hibernian Cadets, under Captain D. S. Columb and Lieutenant J. B. Callan, mustered fifty strong, and marched from the Garrison Hall to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a special place was reserved for them, and also for the Catholic members of other corps.

The South Dunedin Ladies' Catholic Club held their annual meeting on Thursday, when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Miss Dunford; secretary, Miss Francis; treasurer, Miss McGowan; committee, Misses L. Rogan, M. McBride, H. Sheridan, J. Long, and A. Heffernan. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed a credit of £4 19s.

The St Joseph's Harriers held their run on Saturday from the Wakari School. Hastings and McCormick were the hares, and the attendance was good considering the inclement weather. The trail went along the road and over the surrounding district, which provided splendid barrier country. The following team will represent the club in the Edmond Cup Race:—J. B. Callan, G. McCormick, J. V. Quelch, J. Swanson, P. O'Gorman, C. Hill, W. Stafford, W. C. Hughes, H. Munro, and A. Dunne.

The members of St. Patrick's Young Men's Social and Literary Club, South Dunedin, held their usual weekly meeting on Monday evening, when there was a good attendance. The programme consisted of a debate—'Whether military training should be compulsory in New Zealand.' After a lengthy debate, the negative side, led by Mr. J. Atwill, won by a bare majority. The affirmative side, under Mr. R. McLean, did admirably, and brought forward strong arguments in favor of their side of the question.

Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided over a large attendance of members at the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Friday evening. The programme, a mock banquet, contained a long list of toasts, which were proposed and responded to by the following gentlemen:—Rev. Father Coffey, Messrs. T. Deehan, T. J. Hussey, J. B. Callan, jun., O. Swanson, D. Hartstonge, J. Cowan, D. O'Connell, D. Corcoran, E. W. Spain, J. Swanson, R. Rosbotham, McGuggan, M. Rosbotham, and Dr. Hastings. Musical items were contributed during the evening by Messrs. T. J. Hussey, D. S. Columb, G. Haydon, J. Treston, and T. Deehan. Mr. F. Heley acted as accompanist.

A very successful bazaar, in connection with the Sacred Heart Church, was opened in the Otautau Town Hall on Wednesday evening, May 13. The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy, who complimented the committee on the admirable manner in which they had carried out the whole arrangements, and the stallholders on the fine display of goods. He was pleased at the large attendance, and thanked members of other denominations who had assisted. Business was very brisk on the opening night, and was very satisfactory for the remainder of the week. A good deal of the success of the fair was due to the hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. O'Brien. The following were the stallholders:—Fancy—Misses Cameron, McAfee, Hay, and McIvor; plain work—Mrs. and

Miss De Joux; Miss D. O'Brien; Mrs. Farrelly; stall No. 2—Misses Glen and Joyce; stall No. 3 (bran tub and Christmas tree)—Misses O'Brien and Forde; confectionery—Misses Burgoine and Flynn (2); tea rooms—Misses Prendergast (2), Small, Mesdames Forbes and Powell; produce—Misses Bat, Fahey, and W. Gardiner; shooting gallery—Messrs. McAfee and Cameron. The following ladies also assisted:—Misses Agnew (2), Forbes (2), Sweetman (2), McIntosh, Healy, J. O'Brien, Buttolph, and Forde.

**DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH**

(From our own correspondent.)

May 25.

His Lordship the Bishop has spent several weeks in the Darfield parochial district. On last Sunday week he celebrated Mass at Glentunnel at 9 a.m., and again at a later hour in Darfield. During his stay he has visited all the principal townships in the Malvern district, and as many of the families as time would permit. He returned to the city towards the end of the week.

In the Cathedral on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop referred to the Beatification that day by the Sovereign Pontiff of the Venerable Madame Barat, foundress of the religious Sisterhood of the Sacred Heart, who have a world-wide renown for the religious education and training of young girls. He traced briefly from the French Revolution the spread of the Sacred Heart Order to the chief countries of the world, and referred to the splendid establishments they have erected and conducted, many of which he had visited, and two of which we have happily in this Dominion.

During the recent visit of Sir J. G. Ward to Kaikoura with Lady Ward and party a visit was made to the Church of the Sacred Heart, the visitors being received by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington and the Rev. Father Golden, pastor of the district. The party were much impressed with the beautiful marble and granite altar, stated to be the finest of its kind in the Dominion. The convent school was also visited. The children sang and the Rev. Mother Superior made a presentation to Lady Ward, and one to be conveyed to Miss Eileen Ward. In honor of the event the children were granted a holiday. His Grace the Archbishop, after concluding a visitation of Kaikoura, came on to Christchurch and later returned to Wellington.

The ordinary meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Monday evening. Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy presided, and there were forty members present. Two candidates were initiated, and two proposed for membership. The president reported concerning the canvass for new members. The secretary, Bro. F. J. Doolan, was presented with a cheque subscribed by the officers and members on the occasion of his recent marriage. In making the presentation the president referred in complimentary terms to the many services rendered to the society by Bro. Doolan, and especially to the ability displayed in his secretarial duties. Bros. J. McCormick, J. R. Hayward, J. Power, P. Dennehy, L. Haughey, R. O'Brien, W. P. McNamara, and W. Keiley endorsed the president's remarks, added a tribute of gratitude to members of the secretary's family for valued assistance on many occasions to the branch's undertakings, and wished him a full measure of health, happiness, and prosperity in the future. Bro. Doolan returned thanks in suitable terms.

With a view of encouraging increased membership the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society has issued a neatly printed folding circular giving among other information the following explanations:—As the objects and aims of the H.A.C.B. Society, together with the benefits assured by right of membership, are not generally known, it has been decided to issue this circular, in order that those who read may ponder well over the objects and benefits, and be convinced of the advantages to be gained by joining such a society. The society is firmly established in every principal town throughout Australia and New Zealand, and persons on joining a branch become by virtue of their membership members of the society in all those places, and being registered the legal rights of members are protected. It being essentially a Catholic society, having the approval of the Church, any person no matter what his nationality may be admitted to membership; provided he is a practical member of the Catholic Church, and conforms to the rules of the society. The numerical strength of the local branch is 200 members; and the accumulated funds amount to £1504 2s 3d. The medical attendants are Drs. Davenport, O'Brien, and Sandstein, and the branch is connected with the United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, U.F.S. Benevolent Association, and U.F.S. Interchange of Medical Benefits Association.

## Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 18.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes will make a visitation of the parish on next Sunday week, and also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Rev. Father McDermott, C.S.S.R., brought the week's mission at St. Andrews to a close last night. The church was crowded. During the course of the mission nearly every adult in the district approached the Holy Table. Rev. Father Tubman was present at the closing ceremonies.

There passed away on Thursday last Mrs. Egan, relict of the late Mr. Jeremiah Egan, in her 49th year. The deceased lady was a native of Tralee, County Kerry, and came to the Dominion thirty years ago. She lived for some time at St. Andrews, and then with her husband carried on business at Fairlie and later at Timaru. She leaves three daughters to mourn their loss. She died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and the large number of persons who took part in it showed the esteem and respect in which the departed was held. Rev. Father Tubman officiated at the graveside, and was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Regnault.—R.I.P.

The efforts of the Rev. Father Le Floch in establishing the Celtic Club have been crowned with complete success. The membership of the club is about one hundred, and all the members approached the Holy Table on the close of the mission last Sunday week. In the football field they have made astonishing progress, and instead of the one team of a year or so ago, they now compete in all grades except the senior, and probably they will be represented in that division next year. On Thursday last they made a brilliant performance, defeating the Pirates by 22 to nil, Geraldine by 9 to nil, and Timaru by 12 points to nil.

May 25.

On May 14, Miss Cicely Lewis Harney, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Harney, Craigie Avenue, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Thomas Burke, of Wanganui. Rev. Father Tubman performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father, Mr. T. Harney. The Harney family is one of the oldest and most respected in Timaru, and as the bride has also taken a prominent part in all matters connected with the church, quite a large congregation assembled for the Nuptial Mass and to wish the newly married couple every happiness.

During the same week Mr. Joseph M. Dunne was married to Miss Evelyn Smith, Rev. Father Tubman officiating. Mr. Joseph Dunne is the eldest son of Mr. James Dunne, Buchanan street, and both father and son are widely known and highly respected throughout the district. On the eve of his marriage Mr. Dunne got a handsome presentation from his firm (the Canterbury Farmers'). On making the presentation the general manager (Mr. J. P. Newman) eulogised Mr. Dunne as a thorough gentleman and clerk, punctual, trustworthy, and absolutely reliable. He, on behalf of the firm and staff, wished Mr. Dunne every success.

## Waimate

St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Waimate (says the 'Press'), which is now in course of erection, is sufficiently forward to show that it will be a beautiful and commodious church building. Towards the expense of the building £4000 is already in hand, and the balance, about £1000, it is expected will be realised by the proceeds of 'The Grand Imperial Fair' opened on Thursday in the Waimate Volunteer Drill Shed. There was a large assembly of people at the opening. One side of the hall was taken up with five good-sized stalls well filled with pictures, embroidery work of various kinds; and other useful and ornamental articles. The stalls had the emblems and words 'Dominion,' 'Ireland,' 'England,' 'Scotland,' and 'Produce' respectively over them, and each was in charge of a number of ladies. The other side of the hall was occupied by a shooting gallery. In introducing the chairman (Mr. N. Francis), Very Rev. Father Regnault acknowledged with gratitude and pleasure the able help of Fathers Aubry and Tymons. He said he was sorry to leave Waimate after nearly twenty years' residence there, during which time he had many pleasant experiences of the kindness of the people. Sir William Steward, M.P., and Mr. John Manchester also spoke, and the bazaar was then declared open by the chairman. A very pleasing, picturesque, and well organised 'floral dance' by forty girls was carried out in perfect

order, style, and time, to the music of a string band. Good business was done at the stalls, and it is proposed to continue the bazaar until the 30th inst. Among those present at the opening was the Ven. Archbishop Le Menant des Chesnais.

## Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

May 23.

The usual weekly meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Club was held on May 13. The programme for the evening was an essay competition. The judges had a difficult task in coming to a decision, but eventually awarded an equal number of marks to Messrs. Tonar and J. Lennon, for 'Progress in Canterbury' and 'The life of Robert Emmet' respectively. Messrs. W. J. Cunningham and T. O'Carroll officiated as judges.

On Thursday evening last the members of the club invited their lady friends to an 'at home.' During the evening the following contributed musical and other items: Songs, Misses Carnecross, McKennah, McDonnell, Irwin, Messrs. Burgess, Cunningham, Mitchell; pianoforte solos, Misses Nevin and Brankin; recitations, Miss Tonar and Mr. Hanrahan. The accompaniments were played by Miss Brankin and Mr. Mitchell. During the evening refreshments were handed round.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph from our own correspondent.)

May 25.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan left Montreal for Europe last Saturday week.

Rev. Father Farthing has returned from his Australian trip, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly is, I regret to say, an inmate of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

Rev. Father O'Donnell, who has for the last month been staying in Auckland, leaves to-day for Sydney.

Rev. Father Holbrook returned from the Mater Misericordiae Hospital a few days ago, but it will be some time before he will be able to undertake parochial work. He has had a very severe illness.

The Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., who arrived here on Saturday, opened a mission at Devonport on Sunday. Though the weather conditions were unpromising, there were large attendances both morning and evening. The mission continues throughout the week.

St. Benedict's Young Men's Club held a highly successful social in aid of the church building fund last Friday evening, when there was a very large attendance. The club's executive was assisted by the church committee and Children of Mary. During the evening Rev. Fathers Bradley and O'Donnell paid a visit. The proceeds should be a good contribution to the parish funds.

The citizens generally, since last Thursday, have been seriously inconvenienced through the complete cessation of the tram service. Happily a truce has been arranged, and the cars are about to start at time of writing. This is the second tram strike in two years, and the public, who maintain the service, have a right, and should insist, to be considered by both parties.

Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., is making an appeal to the Hibernians of the Dominion to place a stained-glass window, representing St. Patrick, in the Redemptorist Church, Oriental Bay, Wellington. The cost will be about £50, and this is not a large sum, when it is remembered the Redemptorist Fathers have always striven hard to increase the ranks of the Society. Very Rev. Father Clune has approached the District Executive in furtherance of the proposal.

## Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

May 25.

The weekly one shilling collection in aid of the church building fund is steadily increasing, the returns for last quarter running into three figures.

The usual meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday evening, there being a large attendance of members. Five new members were initiated.

The Invercargill Catholic Club rooms were crowded to the doors on last Tuesday evening, when the Very Rev. Dean Burke lectured to the members on his travels.

St. Mary's Tennis Club held a very successful social gathering in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted towards clearing a small debt owing on the present court, putting down another court, and improving the grounds.



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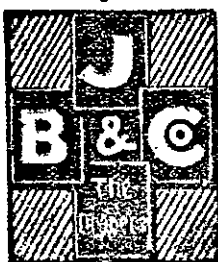
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## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Fatal Accident

A very sad accident, resulting in the death of the Rev. M. Leahy, Saintfield, occurred on Sunday, April 5. Father Leahy, after celebrating Mass at Carrick Mannan, was returning to Saintfield, when the horse which he was driving fell, and the shafts of the vehicle snapped. Father Leahy was thrown violently to the ground, falling on his head. He was immediately removed to his residence, where he passed away some hours later, without having recovered consciousness. The deceased, who was forty-seven years of age, was a native of Donaghadee.

### CAVAN—No Criminal Cases

Judge Drummond, K.C., was presented with white gloves by the Sheriff at Cavan Spring Quarter Sessions, there being no criminal case for hearing.

### CLARE—An Instructive Comparison

At the Kilrush Quarter Sessions, neither the grand jury nor the petty jury were sworn, as there was no criminal business. Judge Bodkin, K.C., County Court Judge for Clare, was then presented by Major Cullinan, Under-Sheriff, with white gloves, as indicating the peaceable state of West Clare. His Honor said he thanked the Sheriff very much for the white gloves. No presentation could have given him greater pleasure, as it showed the crimeless state of the Kilrush district, and he hoped white gloves would be a quarterly tribute. A good deal had been lately said about crime in Ireland, but he would like to know how many pairs of white gloves were presented to judges in England in the County Courts. Such an inquiry and comparison would be an instructive one.

### CORK—A Serious Fire

By a fire which occurred at Fermoy on May 10, the damage done was estimated at £25,000. The premises of Messrs Daniels, Quinlan, Punch, and Mannix were destroyed.

### Consumptive Sanatorium

In connection with the recent inquiry held by the Local Government Board Inspectors into an application by the Cork Joint Hospital Committee for sanction to a loan of £12,000 for the erection of a Consumptive Sanatorium at Streamhill, near Buttevant, a letter has been received from the Board sanctioning the loan, but suggesting alterations in the plan of the building. The site, consisting of over 100 acres, was given free by Mr. Langley Brazier Creagh.

### DUBLIN—Senate of the New University

It is stated that amongst those included in the Senate of the New Dublin University are:—Dr. Douglas Hyde, Professor Coffey, Dr. Cox, Chief Baron Palles, Father Delany, Mr. Butcher (M.P.), Sir C. Nixon, Professor H. MacWeeney, Surgeon McArdle, Stephen Gwynne (M.P.), Mr. Butler, Professor Pye of Galway, Professor Magennis, Professor Windle, Dr. O'Carroll, and two Catholic Bishops.

### GALWAY—After a Lapse of Twenty Years

One of the most remarkable chapters in the history of the famous evictions on the Clanricarde Estate over twenty years ago has been brought to a close. Mr. Patrick McDermott, formerly M.P. for North Kilkenny, and one of the Clanricarde evicted tenants, has been given possession of a farm of over 100 Irish acres on the Pilkington Estate at Carrigeen, about four miles from the city of Kilkenny. This estate contains altogether over 200 acres, and was recently acquired by the Estates Commissioners. Of the remaining portion, the larger part has been given to another evicted tenant, a Mr. Butler; while two workmen on the estate were put into possession of similar allotments.

### KILDARE—The Bishop's Opinion

The Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, on being asked his opinion regarding the Government's proposals with reference to higher education in Ireland, said:—'The financial provision for Dublin College is miserably inadequate. Still, the prospects are hopeful, and the Chief Secretary deserves gratitude for an honourable attempt to redeem his promise.'

### LEITRIM—White Gloves for the Judge

At the Carrick-on-Shannon Spring Quarter Sessions, County Leitrim, his Honor, Judge Drummond, received white gloves as emblematic of the crimeless state of the County.

### LIMERICK—The Late Judge Adams

The death took place in London on April 4 of County Court Judge Adams, of Limerick, at the age of seventy years. He began life as a reporter on the 'Southern Reporter,' in Cork—a journal that was afterwards continued as the 'Cork Herald.' Later he went to Dublin, and he availed himself of the opportunity to study for the Bar. In 1873 he was called to the Bar. His ready eloquence and keen forensic insight quickly brought him to the front, and so he came to appear in the State trials that took place in the early eighties. He was on the Commission that investigated the Belfast Riots of 1886. In 1894 he was appointed County Court Judge of Limerick, and how well he filled the position, with credit to himself and advantage to the people, everybody knows. He was a national favourite, his wit, no less than his sound and merciful judgments, endearing him to a people with whom both qualities of humour and fair play are characteristic. Unconventional at all times, he was a standing protest against the tyrannical methods of most Irish law courts. He never, during his judicial career, forgot the principles of Nationality, early instilled into his heart, and, unlike many Irish judges, he never was known to drop a word from the Bench that could even be construed into a belittling reflection on the National character. The news of his death was received with a general sorrow that was hardly less than the grief of those who knew him best.

### TIPPERARY—The University Bill

The Archbishop of Cashel has expressed himself, with regard to the Irish University measure, in the following terms:—'I think the principles underlying the Government's University proposals will be acceptable to Catholics; but, in my opinion, the financial provisions are inadequate and short of that support which equal treatment demands.'

### WEXFORD—Death of a Priest

The death is reported of the Very Rev. Sylvester Canon Cloney, pastor of Castlebridge, County Wexford, after a protracted illness. Canon Cloney, who was uncle of the Administrator of Wexford (the Rev. T. Cloney), had reached the seventieth year of his age.

### GENERAL

#### An Irish Team to go to Rome

At a recent meeting in Dublin of the Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association, it was decided to send a team of at least fifteen athletes to Rome in September to compete in the sports to be held in connection with the Holy Father's Jubilee.

#### A Tribute to the Late Prime Minister

After Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour had spoken in feeling terms in the House of Commons of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's resignation, Mr. J. Redmond paid the following tribute to the sincerity of the late Prime Minister: 'We have had long experience of the right hon. gentleman, and during the many long years we worked in connection with him in the cause of Ireland we have had again and again convincing proof that he was a sincere friend of Irish liberty and Irish rights. The right hon. gentleman the Chancellor of the Exchequer spoke of this being not only a political loss but a personal one. Those of us on these benches who have been brought into personal contact with the Prime Minister—and I am one of those who have been brought a good deal into personal contact with him during the years that have passed—will certainly echo the sentiment. We all feel that by his disappearance Ireland has suffered a loss second only to that when Mr. Gladstone retired from the Prime Ministership, and I am sure, knowing his sentiments of friendliness to our cause and our country, he will be pleased to hear the expression of our views which I venture to put before the House. We have always regarded him as a consistent, brave, and honourable friend of Ireland and of our cause, and there is no Nationalist living, I believe, in Ireland, or in any part of the world, who will not deplore that he has been taken away from public life. I am glad the House has enabled

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### Peat Gas and Electricity

Before a Select Committee of the House of Commons the other day, interesting details were given of the scheme for establishing in Ireland a new electric supply generated by peat gas, the first of its kind in Great Britain. The Dublin and Central Ireland Electric Power Company is seeking powers to supply electricity to portions of the counties of Dublin, Kildare, Queen's, and King's County, and have arranged to purchase five hundred acres of peat bog in the district. Hitherto one of the chief objections to the use of peat for generating power is that it contains 90 per cent. of moisture, and is too expensive. The promoters proposed to use a process common in Germany, by which it is advantageous to retain 50 per cent. of the moisture in peat, thereby obtaining bye-products, such as sulphate of ammonia, which alone would pay the cost of the peat.

### Pandering to Prejudices

Michael McCarthy, who has gained some notoriety as a maligner of the Irish clergy, wrote to the 'Times' expressing disapproval of the University measure. This drew forth a letter from Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., in the course of which Mr. Gwynn, who is a Protestant and a Trinity man, says: 'Mr. McCarthy describes himself as author of "Priests and People in Ireland." A near relative of my own, now a Protestant clergyman, bought that book, and, having read it, burnt it. His action expresses accurately the estimate which all candid Irishmen of my acquaintance (which includes as many Protestants as Catholics) set upon the work of this gentleman, who has achieved a lucrative notoriety by pandering to the prejudices of the least enlightened Protestantism.'

### What he Admired in the Catholic Church

'Things I like about the Catholic Church' was the title of an interesting sermon preached in the First Congregational Church, La Crosse, Wis., by its pastor, Rev. Henry Faville. 'Happily for our Christianity,' said the preacher, 'intolerance is no longer considered loyalty to truth in our land.'

'I like the Catholic Church,' he continued, because of the sanctity it puts upon the marriage tie. In Christian countries the home begins with marriage. In most instances, divorce ends the true home. In this nation we need the check which the Catholic Church puts upon divorce. Whether we regard marriage as a sacrament or only as a civil contract, we should be grateful to an institution which makes of it a binding contract, a contract for life, a contract for better or worse. I consider the position of the Catholic Church in this respect one of the bulwarks of society.'

'I like its reverence for its houses of worship. It carries out that request which we make upon our greeting, which reads: Whosoever thou art that enterest this church, remember it is the house of God; be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful, and leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for those who minister and those who worship here.'

'Then in its worship the Catholic Church makes no distinctions as to race, caste or conditions. The rich and the poor meet together. The color question and the slavery question has not divided the Catholic Church, as it has some others. I like this. It is the essence of Christianity. It recognises the second of the great truths which Christ has given to the world. The first is God's fatherhood. The second is the brotherhood of man. All Christian Churches recognise this, it is true, but in its worship the Catholic Church has been able to apply it practically.'

'Then I like its charities. It builds hospitals and orphan asylums. It has an army of nurses in its sisterhoods. It commands a great body of men and women who minister to the sick and the needy and the destitute and the unfortunate, not for wages, but for the sake of Christ and the Church.'

'Then I like the missionary spirit of this Church. In common with other churches, it proposes to make Christianity the religion of the world.'

## People We Hear About

His Lordship, Dr. Reville, Bishop of Sandhurst, has just entered on his sixty-fifth year.

Kubelik, the celebrated violinist, who will shortly visit New Zealand, will be accompanied by his wife, who before her marriage was Countess Czaky-Szell, a member of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in the Bohemian nobility.

A former Austrian Consul of Sydney, Baron Hoenning-O'Carroll, one of the descendants of that famous Irish family, who was lately Consul-General of Austria and Hungary in Sydney, but now holds the same position in New York, has received from his aged sovereign the cross of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold.

Archbishop Bourne completed his forty-seventh year on March 24. Born in Clapham in 1861, he became Bishop of his native diocese of Southwark in 1897, and succeeded Cardinal Vaughan as Archbishop of Westminster in 1903. It is rarely so young a man is raised to the episcopate. Bishop O'Donnell, of Raphoe, is a notable instance. He became a Bishop when he was thirty-three.

The dean of the French clergy, Canon Gadanne, priest at Radez, was 102 years old in April, when he intended to celebrate his centenary, having decided to wait until his hundred years were safely passed before celebrating them. He is in excellent health, and still carries out his duties in his church, which is one of three he has built. His 156 nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces were to attend the fete to be given by his parishioners.

The death of Judge Adams, who had been County Court Judge of Limerick since 1894, has thrown a profound gloom over the National Liberal Club, of which the learned judge was one of the most popular members (writes a London correspondent). His sparkling wit and unsurpassed powers as a raconteur delighted the circle of friends and admirers who were wont to gather around him in the smoking room. Judge Adams was, however, by no means a mere humorist. He was a brilliant advocate when at the Bar, and on the bench a painstaking and successful judge. He was a man of powerfully retentive memory, and an encyclopaedia of information on historical and constitutional questions.

When he started ranching in his early days, President Roosevelt was looked down upon with some contempt by his hired cowboys, owing to the fact that he was a college graduate and also wore glasses. One bullying fellow, named 'Long Ike,' used to be fond of entering drinking bars and taking up the glass of any man he thought he could frighten. He played this trick on Roosevelt, and was so certain that he was a typical 'tenderfoot' that he did not even make his customary bluff first with the revolver. Before 'Long Ike' quite knew what had happened he found himself on the floor; then he was picked up, rushed out of the saloon, and flung down again on the ground outside. He was unable to get up for five minutes; and then he quietly sneaked out of the camp.

The recent visit of the ex-Empress Eugenie to Ceylon at the invitation of Sir Thomas Lipton calls to mind the great success which has attended Sir Thomas in his business undertakings. He started with a little grocer's shop in Stobcross street, Glasgow. He had only a few pounds capital, so was compelled to be his own salesman and errand boy, for he could not afford to pay for assistance. All the capital he could spare he spent on advertising. His first advertisement cost him seven-and-six. Then he issued a number of notes (like Scotch pound notes) that took the form of advertisements, and they created so much talk that his business began to increase rapidly. His one motto was to keep out of debt at all hazards, and once he resorted to a peculiar expedient to do so. He had an agent in Ireland to buy Irish butter for him, and he always sent this agent prompt cash in exchange for the goods. But one day he found that the agent had bought more butter than he could pay for, and that he wanted thirty shillings more to pay for it. So Lipton went out and pawned his watch for thirty shillings, sent off the cash, and redeemed the watch when the butter was sold.

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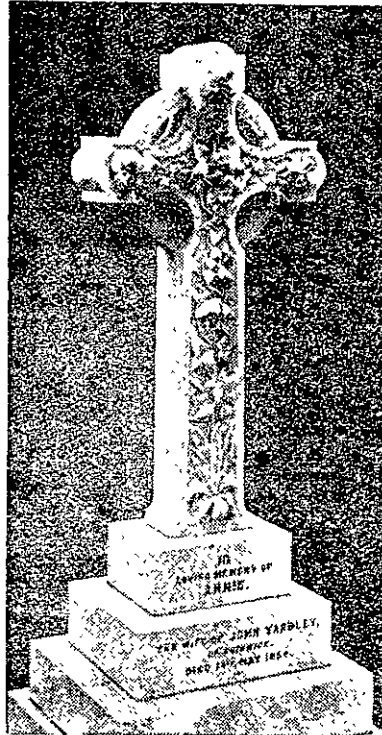
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## Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

May 17.

A meeting of the men of the parish was held last Sunday night in reference to the paying off of the balance of the cost, over and above the amount already in hand, for the rebuilding of the Marist Brothers' School. Collectors were appointed for the various districts of the town. The foundation stone of the new school was laid yesterday morning, the members of the building committee being present. Rev. Father Goggan performed the ceremony of blessing the stone, under which were placed coins of the realm, and copies of the daily papers and 'N.Z. Tablet.' Mr. P. Gleeson placed a cheque for £50 on the stone for the building fund. The building is to be out of the contractors' hands by July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Rourke, prior to leaving Napier for their new home in Pahiatua, were entertained at a social gathering by their numerous friends. Rev. Father O'Connor spoke of the great assistance Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke had given to the Catholic Church during their residence here, and the regret felt at their departure. Rev. Father O'Connor, on behalf of those present, handed Mr. O'Rourke a handsome travelling rug, and Mrs. O'Rourke a silver cake basket and butter dish. Mr. O'Rourke thanked all for their great kindness. Mr. O'Rourke was also the recipient of a solid silver tea service from the members of the legal profession. Mr. F. Logan (President of the Hawke's Bay Law Society), in making the presentation, referred to the regret felt by the Bar at the departure of Mr. O'Rourke from Napier, but was pleased at his promotion to the position of Clerk of the Court at Pahiatua. The presentation was inscribed: 'Presented to D. O'Rourke, Esq. by the legal profession on his leaving Napier, May 13, 1908.'

In a detailed account of a successful meeting of Glasgow Nationalists, pleasing reference is made by a Belfast newspaper to a speech by Mr. James Gleeson, son of Mr. P. Gleeson, of this town, and late secretary of the Catholic Club, and who left Napier last year as financial manager of the New Zealand Professional Football Team to tour England. Mr. Gleeson was introduced to the Glasgow audience of 3000 by Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. The newspaper, after referring to the reception accorded the New Zealander, goes on to say:—The reason was pleasant and creditable to that bond of nationality which prompted the audience to accord the splendid type of manhood before them a reception of which any man might well feel proud. They welcomed Mr. Gleeson as a son of an exile of Erin, and they received him as a living proof of the pathos of the story which tells of the millions who have to fly to all corners of the earth from the cradleland of the race. Mr. Gleeson proved himself to be very much more than a visitor, for in a few minutes he had the ear of his audience and disclosed himself to be a ready platform speaker with a singularly pleasing style. To a delighted gathering the New Zealander told of the love for the Old Land in his antipodean country, and declared in passionate tones that, large as had been the response to the mission of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, it would be extended should the necessity arise. In years to come Mr. Gleeson will make a big name for himself, but in the dizzy heights of that success he may well look back with pride and pleasure to the reception given him at that meeting on March 17, 1908. Writing on March 27, a London correspondent says:—Mr. Gleeson has been approached by several leading members of the Irish Party to stand for a seat in the House of Commons at the next election, or earlier if circumstances would permit. Mr. Gleeson will return to New Zealand in about two months, but will return to England in 1909.'

## Reefton

(From our own correspondent.)

May 14.

Sir Joseph and Lady Ward arrived in Reefton on Saturday afternoon, May 9, and were met at the railway station by the reception committee and warmly welcomed.

On April 24 there was a very large attendance at the Convent School concert in the Theatre Royal. The concert opened with a well-played duet by Misses M. and R. McKittrick. The following item was a cantata entitled 'Scot and the Fairies,' in which the characters were taken by Misses M. Scarlett and S. Kirwin, Masters W. Dunphy, L. Horton, J. Muldoon, L. Dew, R. Kirwin, and J. Kirwin. The remainder of the pro-

gramme was as follows:—Song, the infant class; march and song, the junior boys; ring drill by the junior girls; vocal duet, Masters Knowsley and J. Minihan; 'The jesters' frolic,' boys; dance, junior girls; vocal duet, Misses Rivers and Malloy; descriptive song, girls; recitation, Master Leigh Dew; chorus, senior girls; pianoforte solo, Miss Malloy; vocal duet, Misses M. Osborne and D. Sunderland; violin solo, Miss Dorothy Sunderland; dance, 'Gavotte,' Misses Scarlett, Muldoon, Rodgers, Rivers, McMahon, Osborne, and Rodden. The concert closed with the farce, 'A Musical Surprise,' which was taken part in by Masters Dunphy, Horton, Knowsley, and Misses M. Malloy and G. Duncan. During the evening the Rev. Father Galerne thanked the audience for their patronage. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

## Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

May 16.

The Academy of Music was crowded last night with an audience delighted with the choice programme submitted by the Convent School pupils.

Each part of the programme was opened by pianoforte duets played with good expression and taste by Misses Garvey and McAnulty, while Misses Anderson and Olsen, junior pupils, gave the items 'Pax in terra' and 'Gathering flowers.' The girls sang the very tuneful chorus songs, 'Come o'er the moonlit sea' and 'Mill May' with great correctness and sweetness of tone, and in the action songs, 'The orange grove' and 'Japanese tea house,' the graceful movements and pretty costumes had a very picturesque effect. In the dances the girls were very successful. The boys contributed a chorus song with vigor and earnestness, while in the dumbbell exercises the boys went through the various movements with unity and precision. The programme concluded with the cantata 'The White Garland,' a very appropriate and instructive work. The melodies of the cantata were very tuneful and were well sung by about 40 children taking part. The concert was in every measure a great success, and the children are to be complimented on their performance, while the Sisters have reason to be pleased with such an exhibition as the result of their careful preparation and training.

At the conclusion the Very Rev. Father Brodie thanked the children and Sisters for their efforts to assist the work of St. Joseph's Church and school, and also thanked the audience for the generous patronage they had extended, and announced that the financial results of the concert were estimated to surpass all previous records.

## Death of a Marist Brother

By the last mail from Europe, news has come of the death of the Rev. Brother Climaque, third Assistant to the Superior-General of the Marist Brothers. His death took place towards the end of March, at Giugliasco, Italy, the present headquarters of the Brothers. Though he was ailing for some time, his illness was not deemed serious, and nobody anticipated that a career marked by strenuous labors, great ability, and dutiful devotedness, would end as soon and as suddenly as it did. Before the suppression of the Order in France, the Province of the North was committed to his charge. It numbered about 1000 Brothers, to whom he devoted himself without stint, and by whom he was greatly beloved in return. Their dispersion by the French Government tried him sorely and afflicted him much. In order to find a new field for them to labor in, he turned his eyes to distant lands, and found that Southern Brazil needed teaching Brothers. An opportune invitation from the ecclesiastical authorities there came to hand, which was gladly accepted, and within a short time over 100 members of his Province were imparting a Christian education to over 2000 children in that hitherto somewhat neglected region. At the beginning of last year he was delegated by the General of the Brothers to visit the newly-formed district. It proved a laborious task. In going from one establishment to another, he was forced to travel long distances on horseback over rough and roadless country, exposed to the tropical heat by day, and to the want of proper accommodation by night. Though a man of herculean build, his health suffered considerably from the hardships he endured, and when he returned to Italy he became seriously indisposed by an illness from which he never quite recovered, and from which he died, leaving in the ranks of the Brothers a void not easy to fill.

# The Catholic World

## CANADA—A Progressive Diocese

The Right Rev. Dr. Pascal, Bishop of Prince Albert, was recently received in audience by the Pope. His province of Saskatchewan in 1901 had only a population of 10,000; the same province has now a population of 257,000, and those figures will be greatly increased before the end of the present year. The diocese of Prince Albert is one of the largest in Canada, and the Bishop expects that in the near future a new diocese will be formed at Regina. At the present time Mgr. Pascal has fifteen parishes, served by French-Canadian priests, and there are seven or eight thousand German Catholics, occupying about fifteen parishes, and having twenty-two churches or chapels which they have built for themselves, their religious direction being confided to priests of the Benedictine Order.

## CHINA—Catholic Statistics

According to the Shanghai Calendrier-Annuaire, 1907, there are now in the Chinese Empire 950,658 Catholics, with 410,907 catechumens now under instruction in the forty-three vicariates and prefectures in which the Celestial Empire is ecclesiastically divided.

## DENMARK—Progress of the Church

Attention to the progress of the Church in Denmark is specially attracted now that Dr. Maurice Francis Egan represents the United States at Copenhagen. During the past few years there has been a steady advance. The Church enjoys the greatest liberty and freedom, and the Catholic schools are generously helped by the State. The King's brother, Prince Waldemar, is married to a Catholic French Princess of the House of Orleans. The United States legation adjoins their residence.

## ENGLAND—The Eucharistic Congress

The 'Catholic Weekly' learns that up to the beginning of April more than 2,400 membership tickets for the Eucharistic Congress have been sold in English-speaking countries alone, and that there has been a good demand for tickets from France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Italy. The Horticultural Hall, the Caxton Hall, and the Westminster Cathedral Hall have already been secured for the sectional meetings. The arrangements for papers are not yet complete, but an excellent list of subjects and readers has already been secured. There will be a special French section, for which a sub-committee, with the Abbot of Farnborough as President and Father Carton de Wiart as hon. secretary, is being formed.

## FRANCE—Restitution of Property

In the French Senate it has been stated that on 31st January last 9,552 lawsuits had been commenced by collateral heirs for the restitution of property seized by the State, but formerly left by Catholics to the Church for the celebration of Requiem Masses, etc. The value of the property claimed by these collateral heirs is estimated at 34,614,413 francs, or £1,384,577. In the Department of the Seine alone 132 actions at law have been commenced by the collateral heirs whom Government is preparing to cheat out of rights conferred on them by common law. The total amount of the property reclaimed by them in Paris is over £200,000, including £160,000 for the Church of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre.

## GERMANY—The Secret of Catholic Unity

Statistics as interesting as they are instructive have just been published by the 'Zeitungswesen' concerning the Catholic papers of Germany and their readers, says 'Rome.' In 1880 the number of readers of Catholic papers in Germany was 596,000, a figure that probably surpasses the readers of Catholic papers throughout the whole English-speaking world at present. But ten years later it had risen to a million, in 1900 to a million and a-half, and at present it is over two millions. Is it any wonder that the Catholics of Germany are solidly united, or that the Centre party, which, although not exclusively Catholic, is almost entirely so, should have come to be known as 'the Tower of Ivory'?

## ITALY—Maligning the Clergy

A good deal (says a Home exchange) has been heard of the so-called revelations made by Guiseppe Abele, editor of the 'Secolo Nuovo' of Venice, with regard to the priests of St. Francesco della Vigna in that city. The 'revelations' were of the usual unsavoury kind, and were circulated far and wide by the Socialist editor. Since news of the 'revelations' gained so much publicity, it is well that the verdict given by the Venetian Court of Justice at the conclusion of the public trial in which Abele was given an opportunity of driving home his charges, should receive equal publicity. The clergymen were completely cleared by the Italian Tribunal after due deliberation. The court sentenced the editor to imprisonment for two years, and imposed a fine of two thousand francs. Previous to the end of the trial Abele fled the city, and has not been heard of since.

## ROME—French Pilgrims

On March 28 the Holy Father granted a collective audience to about one hundred and fifty ladies who had come to Rome as delegates of the 'Ligue Patriotique Francaise,' which now numbers nearly 40,000 members, and which is organised principally to help the priests and the Bishops of France in such religious work as may be done by lay women. The presentation of the group to his Holiness was made by Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, and among those present were no fewer than five Bishops at present in Rome on their ad limina visit. The Holy Father, after listening to an address read by the Secretary of the League, explaining the scope of the organisation and its great growth throughout France, made a brief reply, in which he highly praised the work of the members, comparing them to the pious women in the Gospel who went to the Sepulchre where Jesus had been buried. 'Your work,' said his Holiness, 'is inspired by the same sentiments which urged those pious women to the tomb of the Redeemer, and as those women were rewarded by seeing Him risen, so too you will be rewarded by seeing Him risen again in your own country.' Next day his Holiness received in audience a numerous French pilgrimage which is on its way to the Holy Land.

## UNITED STATES—Visitors from China

Rev. Peter Chang, perhaps the first Chinese Catholic priest to visit the United States, arrived in New York recently. He was accompanied by Bishop August Henninghus, of the Diocese of South Shan-Tung, China. The Bishop went to China as a missionary twenty-one years ago. Father Chang is twenty-seven years old. He speaks German fluently, but does not know a word of English.

## The Laetare Medal

Notre Dame University's choice this year of the Laetare medallist is a peculiarly happy one. Dr. James C. Monaghan has done a great deal to further the interests of morality, education, and citizenship. He is a capable educator, a brilliant writer, and an especially able governmental official. In a word he is an ideal Catholic layman, in every respect worthy of being numbered among the distinguished American Catholics who have been recipients of the Laetare medal.

## The Archdiocese of New York

April 8 was the hundredth anniversary of the creation by Pope Pius VII of the Diocese of New York. The Holy Father's decree of April 8, 1808, creating New York as a separate diocese was indeed an event of supreme interest for American Catholics. It is of interest to note that the first to be named Bishop of New York was an Irish Dominican Friar, Father John Connolly, who had been Prior of San Clementi, Rome, and had saved that Irish foundation from destruction at the hands of the Republicans.

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From the same firm we have also received a cheap issue of Father Gerard's 'The Old Riddle and the Newest Answer,' which is a complete answer to the theories of Haeckel and the Rationalistic school. The purpose of the volume, as the author points out, is simply to examine in the light of reason and common sense the consequences which some would have us draw from the facts revealed by science. For those facts themselves the great majority of men must necessarily depend upon expert testimony—upon the evidence of the original investigators who, each in his own special department, have advanced our knowledge of nature and its laws. But every educated man endowed with what Newton called 'a competent faculty of thinking,' is capable of judging for himself how far the inferences drawn from such facts are warranted by them, and this we must endeavor to do, if we would be true to the first principles of reason and science itself. The learned author examines some of the more fundamental far-reaching conclusions advocated at the present day, with the result that he is able to show that many of the most cherished opinions of alleged scientists are neither supported by science nor common sense.

Another interesting book which we have received from Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs is 'The Christ, the Son of God: A Life of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,' by the Abbe Fouard. The original work was in French, and the Messrs. Longmans have published an English translation at a price which brings it within the reach of all. It is a singularly able and excellent work, and needs little recommendation. When it first appeared the Cardinal-Archbishop of Rouen said of it that it united the consolations of piety with the explanations of true science on the text of Scripture. The work was blessed by the late Pope, many Cardinals and members of the French hierarchy have given it their approbation, and the late Cardinal Manning wrote an introduction to the English translation.

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### Influenza Cure.

A physician, who was asked if he had a cure for influenza, said: 'I don't know any cure for influenza except rest and bed. Those severe feverish colds that one gets sometimes I treat as follows:— I go to bed and stay there until well. While in bed I eat little solid food. But beside me I have a basket of grapes, oranges, and apples. On these I live; no jellies, no meat, fish, eggs, or anything of the sort. When I arise in a few days I am a new man. Try this rest and fruit cure.'

### Treacle Posset.

This is a very good old-fashioned remedy for a cold in the head, and should be taken the last thing at night. Boil one pint of milk with sufficient treacle to curdle it; allow the curd to settle, strain off the liquid, and drink it as hot as possible.

### Hot Food and Dyspepsia.

There is no doubt that most people ruin their teeth and digestive system by taking food at too high a temperature. One cannot get into a hot bath if it is over 112 degrees. One hundred and five degrees is dangerous, and even 100 degrees is warm. But from experiments made it appears that we eat meat at 115 degrees temperature, beans at 132 degrees, potatoes at 150 degrees, and fruit pie at 130 degrees. The average temperature of tea is 135 degrees, and it may be sipped, but cannot be swallowed in large quantities if it exceeds 142 degrees. Now, all of these things are so hot that the fingers can touch them only for a moment. What serious injury must they not cause to the delicate lining of the stomach when they burn the tough skin of the fingers. Dyspepsia and bad teeth are the inevitable result.

### Bone Soup.

An excellent soup may be made from the bone material which in many households is simply thrown away. When joints have all been used up, take the bones of two, and break them into short lengths. Place the bones in a stewing jar with a plateful of prepared onions, parsnips, celery, and carrots. Cover all with water, season with pepper, salt, and catsup, and color with a teaspoonful of browning. Place a lid or saucer over the jar, and stand it in the oven for four or five hours, so that the soup may simmer slowly. Take out the bones while hot, and when cold skim off all the fat. This soup may be thickened with pea-flour for pea-soup, or if simmered for two hours further with pearl barley will make delicious thick gravy soup. The bones from the two joints, if of good size, should produce about three to four quarts of excellent stock. This soup is most suitable and nourishing for the cold weather, and its cheapness puts it within the reach of all.

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## Science Siftings

### Finger Prints.

The French Academy of Sciences recently received the report of a commission appointed to study the question of the value of finger prints as a means of personal identification. The report is highly favorable, declaring that the value of the finger print as evidence of identity at least equals that of all other physical characteristics put together. It possesses the great advantage of being applicable at all ages, in infancy, in middle life, and during old age. Every day, the report says, this system is tending more and more to replace the method of anthropometrical measurements.

### Fuel of the Future.

In the opinion of Professor V. B. Lewes, when the existing supplies of fuel become limited, men must rely upon alcohol produced from vegetation of some sort, which may be produced in any required quantity. Professor Lewes thinks that the alcohol will be manufactured either from potato starch or sawdust, but a writer in 'Nature' suggests that when the question becomes urgent some highly specialised plant will have been brought into existence for the sole purpose of absorbing the maximum amount of carbon dioxide from the air, and he thinks that the wonderful improvements which hybridisation has already effected save this idea from being regarded as too fanciful.

### The First Envelopes.

The first mention of envelopes occurs in 1653, when M. de Valayer set up, under royal patronage, a private penny post in Paris, and boxes were placed at street corners for the reception of letters wrapped in post-paid envelopes. The earliest uses of the word in England were by Bishop Burnet in 1714 and Dean Swift in 1726. That the 'little bags called envelopes,' as Rowland Hill described them, were nothing but a revival, and were in use as a covering for postal purposes long before 1840, when his postal reform was established, is evident from the following: Under date July 21, 1627, Secretary Conway gives an account of his opening a letter in the presence of the king, which contained a blank sheet. Lamb mentions them in 1825, and in 'Harry Lorrequer,' published by Charles Lever in 1837, we find, 'The waiter entered with a small note in an envelope.' The early covers were probably rude enough, as machine-made envelopes were unknown before 1810, and the 'lick of the gum' did not make its appearance till the succeeding year.

### Fireless Stoves in Germany.

Fireless stoves, or self-cookers, as they are variously known, have been in use in Germany for a number of years, so that they may now be declared a success. The earlier types were merely boxes constructed with double walls, or by secret processes built so as to retain heat when sealed. These cookers, which are still on the market, are used as follows: After a thorough heating, food to be cooked (stewed or boiled) is placed inside the box, sealed and left for a sufficient time, when it is opened, and the food, cooked by the retained heat, is ready to serve. Recently a company has produced a fireless stove that fries and roasts. Profiting by past failures and successes, the company has perfected a cooker that, although on the market but a year, has already proved very popular. Frying and roasting are accomplished in the new cooker by the use of a heated stone. The stone is thoroughly heated in an oven, over gas or any fire, and placed in the cooker with the steak or roast. The box is sealed up and left for an hour or so, as required, then opened, and the food is fully prepared and hot. In the double boxes all three processes may proceed at one time without care or difficulty. The owners of the patents of this latest apparatus claim that the sales in the coming year will exceed 50,000 cookers in Germany and Switzerland.

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## Intercolonial

The Tasmanian fund for the testimonial to Mrs. O'Doherty amounts to over £80.

A movement is afoot in Grafton to erect a fitting memorial over the grave of the late Dean Bean.

Of the 899 immigrants assisted to New South Wales during the four months ended April 30, only 97 came from Ireland and 22 from Wales.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran was to bless the foundation stone of the new Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Brisbane, on Sunday, May 24.

Mr. William Costello died at Currawang on May 7. His age has been registered as 111 years. He leaves a widow, two sons, six daughters, and a large number of grandchildren.

The Catholic schools of Broken Hill have applied for permission to form two companies and a half of cadets. When formed the total local cadet forces will be six companies of juniors and two of seniors.

When his Lordship Dr. Gallagher, of Goulburn, visited Young in 1873 the only church was a weatherboard structure held together with ropes. To accommodate his visitor the late Father Finnigan made his bed behind the altar. On Sunday, May 10, the magnificent church was dedicated and cleared of a debt, including the cost of some parish improvements, of over £3000.

Before his departure for Europe, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne made the following changes in the location of priests:—Rev. A. May, from South Yarra, to Flemington; Rev. J. H. O'Grady, from Flemington to South Yarra; Rev. J. Gibbons, from Heidelberg to North Melbourne; Rev. W. P. Walsh, from North Melbourne to South Melbourne; Rev. J. A. O'Brien, from South Melbourne to Gordon; Rev. T. U. O'Sullivan, from Gordon to Heidelberg; Rev. M. Quinn to Geelong.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, speaking at a banquet at Young, said that Providence had equipped Australia generously for her future course. Her citizens were unsurpassed for energy, enlightenment, and devotedness to the cause of freedom and justice, so that Australia's career could not be regarded otherwise than with hope. He ventured to say there was no height of national greatness to which she could not aspire. The people were united and determined to assert their liberties, and secure the development of these resources in the paths of justice, enlightenment, and progress.

St. John's Hall, Clifton Hill, was crowded on the afternoon of May 11, when the pupils of St. John's School entertained the Rev. John McCarthy, Chancellor of the archdiocese of Melbourne, and made him a presentation in celebration of his silver sacerdotal jubilee. The Very Rev. Dean Phelan, Adm., V.G., presided, and there were also present a number of priests from the city and suburbs. In the course of an address during the evening the Very Rev. Dean Phelan said that few were aware of the movement for celebrating the 25th anniversary of Father McCarthy's ordination, which occurred on the previous Sunday, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. Father McCarthy had labored successfully for eighteen years for the people in various parts of the archdiocese of Melbourne, but he kept from obtruding himself on public notice; nevertheless his work and his virtues were recognised and appreciated by the Archbishop and his brother priests.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, whilst on his way to Europe, was interviewed at Fremantle by a newspaper representative. When questioned as to his programme while in Europe, his Grace said: 'Yes; I am going through to England, and, after spending a few days there, I will proceed to Ireland. During my visit there, which will extend over three months, I will be present at the consecration of the new Church of St. John, in Kilkenny, which cost some £30,000, and was built by Mr. Thomas Loughlin, of Ballarat. At the termination of my visit there, I will proceed to London in order to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Westminster in September. After this engagement is concluded, I will pay a visit to Rome, and will be present at the Jubilee of Pius X., which is to be held in the same month. On the occasion of the Pope's Jubilee, representatives of the Church will be present from all parts of the world, and the gathering, as you may imagine, will be an impressive one. Yes, my visit will be a lengthy one, and I anticipate that I will not be back in Australia till some twelve months have elapsed.'

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Sing it now.

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Clear as song of birds in spring;  
Let every day some music bring;  
Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say,  
Say them now.

To-morrow may not come your way;  
Do a kindness while you may;  
Loved ones will not always stay;  
Say them now.

## THE PLEBEIAN PRIZE

'Twas a warm, sultry day, and the white paint of the new piazza uncomfortably reflected the heat through the partly open kitchen window, where Mildred Pendexter stood by the sink, 'doing up' the breakfast dishes. There were only a few knives and forks left in the larger dishpan, and these were fast disappearing under the dexterous hands of the 'gingham-aproned girl,' as Mildred's grandmother loved to call her.

'I wish Carl would come now with the canvas; he's been gone exactly an hour and twenty minutes,' glancing hurriedly at the clock through the open door of the dining-room, 'and it shouldn't have taken him more than half that time.'

With the last dish carefully put away, Mildred sat down for a moment on the little dull red chair—the only one that the kitchen afforded—and spread out in her lap a crumpled piece of the one local newspaper. She knew the contents of the paragraph 'by heart,' and yet Mildred slowly reread—for the what-th time she herself couldn't have told—the brief clipping:

'In order to increase our girls' interest in those things that pertain to a well-cared-for home, a prize of twenty-five dollars will be given by a former citizen of the town to the young woman under twenty years of age who shall exhibit something made by her own hands—something which will make the home life more worth the living. Such articles must be delivered at the Brae-Burn Club House parlors before nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, the 25th. All contributions will be on exhibition during the day, and in the evening, in the presence of all citizens who care to attend, the award of the judges will be made.'

Mildred arose and laid the bit of newspaper on the kitchen shelf.

'I'm glad mother is so much better. I can now have plenty of time to paint a rose piece—if Carl ever comes with my canvas,' with a glance from the window. 'If she hadn't improved so rapidly, I couldn't have thought of entering the competition. She'll be sitting up by to-morrow.'

Just then a quick step was heard on the hard gravel walk outside.

'That's Carl,' and Mildred ran to the door.

'I found it—just what you wanted,' almost panted Carl, wiping the perspiration from his heated forehead. 'But it wasn't at Lord and Homer's; they were all out. They told me where they thought I could get it, and I did; but I had to go over to Silas Faunce's for the stuff. There's an artist boarding there, and he let me have a piece just the size you wanted. And he wouldn't take a cent for it—human sort of a chap, wasn't he?'

'You're a dear—the best boy in the world!' exclaimed Mildred, giving her brother a hug. 'I'll fry an extra big doughnut for you the next time I make them, and I—I'll forgive you for being gone so long,' playfully.

'All right, Mildred; you're a brick!' and Carl hurried away to his interrupted work.

'If I am only the fortunate one—I know it's selfish in me to hope for it—he shall have something good,' planned Mildred, looking fondly after the retreating form of the jolly-natured boy. 'But it can't be much, though, for 'twill take at least twenty dollars to send

mother to Collax. A little visit at Aunt Sarah's, among the mountains, will do her worlds of good. If I can only get it—I must,' and Mildred listened a moment to see if her mother was calling.

Before noon Mildred had her canvas stretched, and was ready, after the washing of the dinner dishes, to start on the to-make-home-attractive picture.

'I wonder what Lucy Holman will take—probably one of her embroidered centre-pieces,' reflected Mildred, as she sketched in the outline of her rose pattern. 'And I wouldn't be a bit surprised if she stood a chance of winning the prize; she does her work beautifully. And Nora Lockwood—if I were in her place I'd take some wood-carving. Her music rack is the most exquisite thing I ever saw. Mildred, girl, look well to your laurels if she takes that!'

Slowly, with great pains, Mildred bent over her rose piece that afternoon, having taken her work into her mother's room in order to be near if she wished for anything.

'Is it for Aunt Mary's birthday?' asked Mrs. Pendexter, interestedly, as she watched Mildred prepare her paints.

'No; it's a secret, mamma—just an awful one—but it's a beautiful one, also,' and Mildred looked over to her mother on the bed with a mysterious smile.

'If I can only make the secret come true,' thought Mildred, 'won't she be surprised—a whole month of rest among those dear old mountains! It must come true—I must make it!'

The next morning Mrs. Pendexter's rheumatism was worse.

'I'm afraid,' announced the doctor, gravely, 'it means another week in bed—perhaps longer; but I hope not. There's no use, though, in crossing bridges till one has to. Mildred is a good nurse and an excellent housekeeper; it isn't as though you were alone, or had incompetent help.'

With the extra work to do Mildred had no time that day to devote to her secret, as she called her rose piece.

'Perhaps I won't have so much on hand to-morrow,' she thought, cheerfully, as she prepared the dinner for her father and the children. 'And I've five days before it has to be carried to the club; and I can finish it in three if mother's no worse.'

That evening brought a letter from Mr. Pendexter's brother. 'I'm planning to spend a week with you on my way from Colorado—shall be at Welchville, if nothing happens, the twenty-first.'

'That's to-morrow,' in a troubled tone, and Mildred's courage quickly sank. 'I—I never can do it—not if Uncle Mason is coming—with all the extra work. And the housekeeping must be done first—that's mother's way. I'm afraid—and I had so hoped on her going. But—'

Mildred took up the tray with the delicately prepared food, and carried it slowly to her mother's room.

'It is so nice-looking, dear,' and Mrs. Pendexter's face flushed appreciatively, as Mildred set down the tray in a chair beside the bed. 'Everything you make is so tempting!' Then, looking up inquiringly, 'I'm afraid you haven't had much time lately for your roses, with the many mouths to feed and Uncle Mason's coming.'

'Never mind about the roses,' replied Mildred, smiling, brushing back her mother's hair. 'When you are about again I'll have all the time I need.'

Three days passed quickly, and the 'secret,' of necessity, remained untouched.

'I wanted so much to try, and to get it—if possible—for mamma's sake, and there were traces of disappointment in Mildred's voice. She was speaking to herself, the afternoon of the twenty-fourth, as she sat about preparing her bread for the next morning's baking. There had to be extra loaves, for the company was still there.

Mildred arose the next day, while it was cool—the day of the prize contest—and baked the bread before breakfast.

'I never had such good luck before,' she said, with pardonable pride, on taking the tins from the oven. 'It's baked exactly according to grandmother's recipe—with the crust the color of the leather on a new saddle. I must show a loaf to mother—it's so light and—and eatable!'

'I couldn't equal that,' commented Mrs. Pendexter, smiling, as Mildred held out for her mother's inspection a loaf of the warm bread. 'And you know my bread at different fairs has taken more than one prize'—Mrs. Pendexter immediately interrupted her own particular formed sentence. 'Why not take some of this to the Brae-Burn Club?'

'This—bread?' exclaimed Mildred, in amazement. 'Why—but—but'

'Have—you haven't finished the rose piece?'  
'No-o; but bread! It didn't say that; 'twas something to make the home life more worth the living, and bread is—isn't that—it's just to eat! A prize wouldn't be given at this contest to—to anything so plebeian as that—just merely bread!'

Mildred started to leave the room with the sample loaf, and then suddenly stopped.

'But—but how did you know about the prize? Who told you?'

'Never mind, dear, how. I heard it, and I've been greatly pained over your disappointment, though I've only guessed at it. But you've something better than a rose piece—I'm sure, daughter.'

'Mother—do you really mean it? Would you?'  
'Take it? Certainly I would. It may not win the prize, but it's something you need not be ashamed of. 'Twill do you good to get out, and I shall be proud to have the people know what a splendid little house-keeper my daughter is; and a pretty fair indication of that is one's cooking.'

'I'm afraid people will laugh at my contribution,' declared Mildred, finally; 'but I—I guess I'll do it.'

It was not so much the bread that brought about the decision as the thought of the cool mountains, although even then Mildred hadn't the slightest idea of winning in the coming contest.

By the time appointed Mildred entered the Brae-Burn Club parlors, and handed Mrs. Jefferson her four loaves of bread neatly done up in a willow basket.

'I think you are the only one who has brought food. But this is splendidly baked—as light as a feather,' and Mrs. Jefferson prepared a place for Mildred's contribution on the long table.

Around the four loaves were pieces of lacework, water-colors—both marine and interiors, a plant stand of carved wood—it was Nora Lockwood's, decorated book-covers, painted china, and a great variety of other 'home attractive' articles.

Mildred hurried away, taking her empty basket, with a wish-she-hadn't-done-it sort of feeling, as she expressed to her mother on reaching home.

'They did look so plebeian, mamma dear—those four loaves of bread among so many beautiful articles—really homely things. I couldn't help feeling that they were blushing under their brown crust, with a water-color painting on one side and a burnt-leather sofa pillow on the other. I know I should have!'

It was getting late that evening—Mildred felt she ought to be at home—when suddenly there was a hush in the Brae-burn Club rooms. A lady, the head of the domestic science department in a large university, yet known to but a few of the company, went over quietly to the table where the articles were on exhibition.

'I have been asked—and I regard it as a most pleasant task—she said, 'to announce at this time the winning of the prize by the young lady who, in the opinion of the judges, has placed on exhibition to-day the thing most conducive to a well-cared-for home. While many articles on this table are of an exceptionally attractive nature, and would make more beautiful any of our homes, there is one thing displayed here of the utmost importance—a thing which all too many of our young girls are prone to overlook, or to hold lightly—and that is good practical cooking. Good bread is more essential in any home than is any other thing here exhibited. I am highly gratified, therefore, to announce the twenty-five dollars as having been won by Miss Mildred Pendexter, the maker of four of the best loaves of bread I have ever seen.'

### ODDS AND ENDS

'I suppose in getting together your art collection you secured some paintings by Raphael?'

'By raffle! Certainly not! We paid full price for everything.'

'What is Johnson's business?'

'I think he is a bookkeeper; at least, he never brought back the one he borrowed from me last summer.'

The Philosopher—Tell me what a person reads and I can tell you what he is.

The Dyspeptic—Not always. There's my wife, for instance; she's always reading a cookery book.

The Philosopher (confidently)—Well?

The Dyspeptic—But she's no cook.

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## All Sorts

'Johnny, did you take your cough medicine regularly in school, as I told you?' 'No, Ma. Johnny Budds liked it, an' he gimme an apple for it.'

The Child's Mother—How can you sit there and read a novel when that child is crying so? Nurse—Oh, the child's crying doesn't disturb me at all, ma'am

Waiter (who has just served up some soup)—Looks uncommonly like rain, sir.

Diner—Yes, by jove, and tastes like it too. Bring me some thick soup.

The Senate of the new American State of Oklahoma has passed a Bill debarring any black man from using the public telephones. A few special telephones are to be provided for the use of negroes.

There are certain kinds of noises that attract snakes. For instance, the whirr of the mowing machine instead of scaring these reptiles, as might be supposed, seems both to allure them and enrage them, and they dart towards it, rearing themselves in front of the machine, which, of course, promptly kills them.

After elaborate experiments, it is declared that the embalming fluid in use by the ancient Egyptians is nothing more nor less than the castor oil of commerce. Instead of some intricate and involved process, the 'seventy days in natron' was followed by the injection of castor oil, and Mr. Berthelot, secretary of the Louvre Museum, has established this fact beyond a doubt. Many investigators have vainly sought to fathom the mystery of the preparation of the preserving unguents, but they have gone about their work with the idea that complicated formulae were to be deduced, and have deiated their own ends through elaborateness of research.

The wheat-eating population of the world—i.e., the white race or civilised humanity, as we understand it—amounted in 1870 to 370,000,000 people. In 1900 this population had increased to 520,000,000 people, and taking this law of increase and projecting into the future, we find that in 1920 this class of population will have increased to 677,000,000 people. The area of arable lands, however, does not grow in the same ratio that the population is doing, so that it is only a question of time when the wheat-eating population will have passed the point where the available arable lands will be able to supply it with the necessary foods to support life.

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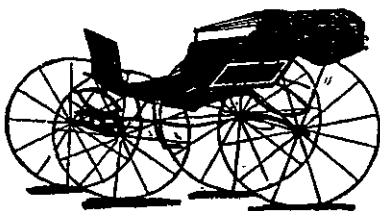
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