

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- October 18, Sunday.—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Luke, Evangelist.
- „ 19, Monday.—St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.
- „ 20, Tuesday.—St. John Cantius, Confessor.
- „ 21, Wednesday.—St. Victor III., Pope and Confessor.
- „ 22, Thursday.—SS. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors.
- „ 23, Friday.—The Most Holy Redeemer.
- „ 24, Saturday.—St. Raphael, Archangel.

St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.

St. Peter of Alcantara, a religious of the Order of St. Francis, was born at Alcantara in 1499. He was vicar and visitor-general of this Congregation, established a strict observance of the rule, was a model of penance, and one of the directors of St. Theresa. He died in the convent of Arenas, 1561.

Feast of Our Most Holy Redeemer.

This day is set apart by the Church to praise and glorify God for the great mystery of our Redemption, and to honor the person of His Son, Who by becoming man and dying on the Cross for us has freed us from the slavery of satan, and restored to us our heavenly inheritance.

St. Raphael, Archangel.

St. Raphael is one of the seven Archangels who, according to the Bible, are before the throne of God. Raphael was the protector and guide of Tobias, and advised him to marry Sara.

GRAINS OF GOLD

TO THE SACRED HEART.

- O Sacred Heart, by sinners so forsaken!
O Heart that pleads with God in heaven above!
Within my heart some little spark awaken
Of Thy undying love!
- O Sacred Heart, by sinners so neglected!
O Heart that strives our wayward souls to win!
Give me again the grace so oft rejected
To triumph over sin.
- O Sacred Heart, but just a little longer!
O patient Heart, be patient with me still!
Until my heart has purer grown, and stronger
My sin-enfeebled will.
- O Sacred Heart, ere yet my life has faded,
Work Thou a miracle of grace in me—
That I may choose the way so oft evaded,
The way that leads to Thee.

—Sacred Heart Review.

Human laws may, to an extent, check crime; they can never make a people virtuous because they deal only with external manifestations. They cannot reach the seat of virtue and vice. Besides, eliminating God, what motive exists for obeying laws? Conscience? Without God, conscience is a meaningless word. General good as altruism? This, in its last analysis, is only marked selfishness, which is often better subserved by violation than by observance of laws. Penalties? Escape is easy. Moreover, mere fear does not elevate men to the dignity of virtuous citizens, but degrades them into dangerous slaves, who only wait till might can be wrenched from existing authority to wreak terrible vengeance. Atheism can furnish no worthy or sufficient motive for obeying the laws, but acknowledgment of and reverence for God and recognition of the consequent truth of religion, of the spiritual and responsibility of future inevitable eternal rewards or punishments, give solid foundation to the right of authority a sufficient and worthy motive for obedience to the law's meaning to conscience, which postulates the recognition of a supreme Lord and Lawgiver, who is infinitely wise, just, and powerful, to whom vigorous and inevitable account must be rendered and who will reward or punish according to desert.

The Storyteller

FITZGERALD'S LUCK

The topsail schooner Molly Harwood lay in Carlisle Bay, off the sweltering city of Bridgetown, Barbados. She was a Newfoundland vessel, just up from Brazil, in ballast, and was now awaiting orders. Her master, Captain Wooly, was ashore at the consignee's office.

Mr. Fitzgerald, the mate, was painting the life-preservers that hung under the rail aft. He wore a wide straw hat, blue cotton shirt, and paint-bedaubed overalls. As you see, he was no fancy mariner. In port as on the high seas he had his work to do. He did it, but of late silently and without joy.

The cause of his gloom was the fact that his master's certificate was three years old, and he was still mate of the Molly Harwood.

He had sailed the seas ever since his fourteenth birthday—that was sixteen years ago—and always in Newfoundland 'wind-jammers,' with their eternal outward freights of 'fish.'

He was a good seaman and a capable officer. His navigation was sound, and his courage and caution were above criticism. But ashore, especially in the owner's office, he displayed a flustered countenance and a stuttering tongue. For this reason he had been kept from a master's berth. A small thing will sometimes belie a man's true worth in the eyes of his employers.

As Mr. Fitzgerald moodily but thoroughly slapped the white paint over the life-preservers, he kept a veiled eye on a trim vessel that lay about thirty yards aft of the Molly Harwood. The trim craft was the schooner-rigged auxiliary yacht *Venturer* of the New York Yacht Club.

Mr. Fitzgerald had been keeping his eye on the *Venturer* for the past two days. He was in love with her. Already every slow-sweeping line of her hull and every characteristic of spars and rigging were printed on his mind. To sail a vessel like that would be the crowning accomplishment of a seafaring life, it seemed to him.

But not all of Fitzgerald's attention was given to the yacht for there was a stout, red-faced man aboard the *Venturer* who excited his animosity as greatly as the craft herself excited her affection. The reason for it was no reason at all, for a sailor has his whims and fancies, his unfounded likes and dislikes, as illogical as those of a school-girl or a poet. The stout, red-faced man on the *Venturer* had never done anything to offend the mate of the Molly Harwood, but for all that, Mr. Fitzgerald eyed him with ever-growing disfavor.

He did not like the cut of his jib. He did not like to see him leaning so casually on the rail of the yacht, and defiling the bright deck with cigar ashes. It grieved him to see a man who was so evidently a landlubber making himself so free and easy aboard such a craft as that. His prejudiced eyes beheld in that stout stranger a subject upon which to vent all his chagrin at still being mate of a topsail schooner. He did so in muttered epithets that would have amazed the other could he have heard them.

While Fitzgerald was still improving the appearance of the ancient life-preservers, the stout man put off from the *Venturer* in a varnished and upholstered gig. He sat alone in the stern-sheets, a vision of white clothing, white helmet, and red face. Three sailors, dressed man-of-war style, in neat blue and white, manned the oars.

As the boat passed under the counter of the little freighter, the man glanced up at Fitzgerald.

'That's good,' said he. 'A little of the same treatment wouldn't hurt the rest of her.'

The mate leaned over the rail, paint-brush in hand. He had something scathing to reply, but instead of saying it he could only stutter angrily, and glare at the grinning man in the fast-receding boat.

When Captain Wooly came aboard in the afternoon he brought word that the sailing-master of the *Venturer* was in hospital with sunstroke, and that Mr. Benton, the owner, was looking out for a substitute.

'You should apply for the job, Mr. Fitzgerald,' said he. 'You're just the style for that class of craft, and I guess the bosun and I could sail the Molly home all right.'

The mate scowled. He did not relish the captain's efforts at wit.

'Try it for yourself, sir,' he replied.
'Aye, but d'ye think the owners would let me go?' asked Wooly, self-complacently.

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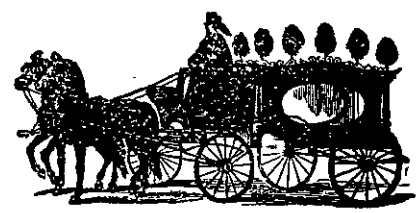
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A few minutes later the captain returned to the shore in the boat that had brought him off. He was a busy man while in port.

'It may be late when I come aboard!' he called back to Fitzgerald. 'I'm going to dine with a friend out of town.'

Until six bells the mate kept the men busy at laying a couple of new planks in the topgallant-forecastlehead. After supper he got his nautical almanac from his berth, and settled himself comfortably in the outer cabin. But he could not keep his mind on the printed pages. The light was bad and the type was small. Outside the night was black with the fat clouds of the rainy season. Forward the men were singing a 'Come-all-ye,' to the accompaniment of Pat Phiney's concertina.

There were twenty-nine stanzas to the song, and Fitzgerald wondered if he would not have been wiser to devote his leisure to the inventing of 'Come-all-ye's' instead of to the unprofitable study of navigation. At least he would have had more fun, and fewer hurts to his pride.

Suddenly there came a swirl of wind and rain that blew out the cabin lamp and sent the singers bolting into the forecabin. Fitzgerald shouted to the steward to shut the skylight and look to the ports. Then he hurried into his oilskins and went on deck. Through the blackness the lights of the yacht blinked feebly, and over the side the wind-torn water gleamed white. The rain was hurled across the decks in deluging sheets.

The Molly Harwood, pressed down by the squall and wrenched about by the seething water, rode up to her cable with trembling skips, like a nervous pony. Fitzgerald tied his south-wester under his chin and clung to the starboard mizzen-stay. The tumult drove the gloom from his thoughts and the discontent from his blood. The rain drenched his face and ran through his beard. He leaned forward, sidewise. He had caught a sound that was not of the raging elements.

It was hurled from that point in the darkness, where the Venturer's lights blinked through the wet. It sounded like the crashing of a bulk of wood against rock or iron. Then he heard cries of desperation.

He tore the life-preservers from their fastenings and hurled them aft. Then he pulled off his boots, oilskins and south-wester, and dived into the black-and-white tumult astern.

It is a strange fact that few Newfoundlanders can swim. Those who can have acquired the accomplishment in other places. It chanced that Fitzgerald was one of the few, and he was a giant in the water.

Fifteen minutes later Fitzgerald caught hold of one of the Venturer's patent life-rafts with his right hand. With his left he had a firm grip on the collar of the stout owner of the yacht.

With a tremendous effort he got the half-unconscious man partially out of the water, and made him fast to the raft with the pieces of line that floated from it. Then, after recovering his breath, he began shouting for help.

By this time both wind and rain had spent most of their violence, and the mate's voice carried far and wide. The yacht's life-boat picked them up within twenty-five minutes of the accident, in which the gig had been crushed and upset at the very foot of the Jacob's-ladder. Two of the gig's crew had reached the ladder safely. The other had encountered one of the Molly Harwood's preservers, and had kept afloat until found by the life-boat.

Fitzgerald felt none the worse for his adventure, but Mr. Benton had to be taken in hand by his friend and passenger, Dr. Van Thorpe. At last he opened his eyes.

'Where's the big fellow who picked me up?' he inquired.

They sent for Fitzgerald, who was composedly drinking coffee in the galley.

'You are one of the crew of the Molly Harwood, I believe,' said the owner of the yacht.

'I'm her mate,' replied Fitzgerald, staring about him at the fittings of the cabin.

'I saw you doing some painting to-day.'

'Aye.'

'It's not much of a berth, then—mate of the Molly Harwood.'

'I don't mind the painting,' replied Fitzgerald. 'I'd paint her fore and aft, and throw in the gilding on her name, but it's sailing mate of that little fish-drum when I've had a master's certificate in my chest these three-years that makes me mad.'

The unusual efforts of the past half-hour had freed his tongue of embarrassment.

'What's the reason of it? There must be a reason,' said Benton.

'It's my manners,' replied the mate. 'The owners don't like my manners.'

The doctor laughed.

'Well, they were better than mine to-day,' said the big yachtsman. 'And on top of that, you saved me from drowning. That's the kind of politeness I like, at sea or ashore.'

It was late when Captain Wooly returned to his vessel from dining with his out-of-town friend. He found the mate on the teak grating aft by the wheel.

'Everything been all right, Mr. Fitzgerald?' inquired the captain.

'Aye, sir,' replied Fitzgerald.

'That was a tremendous blow we had a few hours ago, Mr. Fitzgerald,' continued Wooly. He was relieved to find that the squall had done no damage.

'Stiff enough, sir,' agreed the mate.

He was a man of few words, and the captain soon left him to his meditations, and went below to his bed.

Soon after breakfast the next morning Dr. Van Thorpe hailed the Molly Harwood from the bridge of the Venturer.

'Mr. Benton wants to speak to Captain Wooly!' he shouted. 'And he wants the captain to come aboard, as he is not able to leave his cabin.'

Wooly changed his coat in quick time, and told the ordinary seaman to man the boat.

'That's sociable of him,' he remarked, 'for I've only met him once. But I wonder what's keeping him to his cabin.'

'Maybe he's hurt himself,' replied Fitzgerald, who was already busy at mending sails.

In about half an hour the captain returned. He stepped up on the deck of the Molly with the air of a sleep-walker, and advanced straight upon Fitzgerald. Very slowly he drew two gold coins from his pocket.

'D'ye see those?' he inquired.

'Aye,' replied the mate.

'Well,' continued Wooly, 'I'm taking them ashore, and I'm going to cable to the owners for your discharge—at Mr. Benton's expense.'

'My discharge!' cried Fitzgerald.

'Aye,' replied Wooly, 'your discharge. Mr. Benton wants you to sail his yacht for him, and I'm not the kind to stand in the way of any man's promotion.'—*Youth's Companion*.

HOW DAVIS WENT DOWN HILL

Occasionally it is as interesting to watch the career of a man who is going downhill as it is to watch the one who is going up. Invariably it is as profitable.

Therefore the case of Davis deserves to be chronicled in a place where those who are interested in going uphill may read. Davis's career is an illuminating example of how easy it is to slip one's grip and to go down hill after the slip has been made.

Just when, where and how the first fatal slip was made in the case of Davis it would be hard to say. He first comes into notice as a chief rate clerk in the traffic department of Going and Co.'s office, and upon first inspection he is all that a chief rate clerk should be, experienced and capable, a hard worker, of good appearance.

Two years before this he had come into the office, as a common rate clerk. But nobody pays any attention to a common clerk, and though Davis was the kind of a clerk who works up from the ranks to the chief clerk's desk in two years, he was no object of interest to this tale until that position had been achieved. He was going up then, and the story has to do with him when he began to go down.

The fashion in which he came up caused people to pay attention to him, and everybody who cared to venture an idea on him expressed themselves to the effect that all that Davis had to do was to keep going the way he had started, and in time the head of the department would have to get up and make way for the new blood.

It was for his absolute reliability that Davis was remarkable. He wasn't particularly swift, and he didn't institute any new schemes for lessening the work of his desk or any of the other things that go to attract the attention of an office-man. But when one of the clerks under him had looked up the rate on pig hocks in tins to Bahia, Brazil, or beef quarters, refrigerator service, to Lahore, India, and Davis had checked it, that rate was correct, and the rest of the office knew it.

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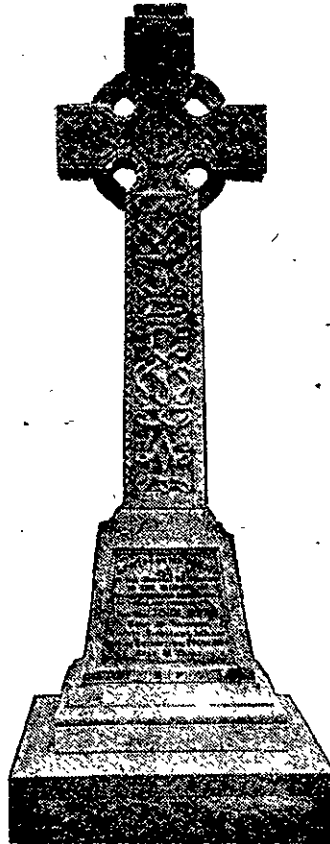
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quently, Davis had the respect of his fellow-workers as well as of his employers, and if there was one idea farther from their minds than all others, it was the one that Davis ever would turn out to be a loser. They began to cultivate his friendship, wisely figuring ahead unto the day when Davis should be a power in the office.

Then—something slipped. For a few weeks Davis the reliable was Davis the incompetent. He made error after error, delayed shipment after shipment, and at the end of the week, when he began to get into form again, he had the work of his desk mixed up in a way that would have been a shame to the rawest beginner. When he came back to his own, however, he was the same old Davis, the reliable one, and within two weeks he had things whipped back into shape again, and the work of rating went on with the old machine-like regularity and accuracy.

'What was the matter?' asked the head of the department when things were going right. 'Were you sick?'

'I wasn't right, somehow,' said Davis. 'I couldn't handle myself the way I ought to. All right now, though.'

'Oh, of course.' The head wanted Davis to see that he was well satisfied with him. 'I didn't ask because I wanted to find fault. I know how a man has those spells sometimes; no matter how hard he tries or what he does, things simply will persist in going wrong. It's one of the most inexplicable things in the world. I suppose it's all due to a man's physical and mental condition. It's easy enough to see how at times a man for some reason or other would be below his normal average of keenness and ability. Glad to see that you're all right again.'

Now, that easy-going, good-natured head helped Davis on his career downhill, though, of course, he never knew it. But his complacency and sympathy made it easier.

'He never suspected a thing,' said Davis to himself. 'He'll never get on.'

So that night he went out and had a good time with a bunch of good fellows that he had fallen in with, which same bunch and their good times had been responsible for his inefficiency of the week previous.

'Bobbie,' said his wife next morning, 'don't you think that you've been going out just a little bit too much lately?'

'No, I don't,' said Davis. 'Do you?'

'I don't know just what to think,' said Mrs. Davis. 'But if it was anybody but you I'm sure I would say yes. But you're so careful, I know you wouldn't do anything that would hurt you.'

'Of course I wouldn't,' grunted Davis, who had a headache. 'Forget it.'

That day he had another bad day at the office. But he was in shape next day, and by working like a Trojan—a Trojan of pencil and paper—he managed to straighten his errors out before they were discovered by the people up ahead.

Of course you know what it was that started Davis on his journey downhill. Just booze, that's all. But it took him some time to reach the bottom, and the different stages of his descent are all interesting.

It was a year after he had started to have his good times that the head of the department was fully convinced that it was booze and booze only that was taking the steel out of his crack chief clerk. It took him this long to be convinced, because he wanted to keep Davis if it was possible, and he hated the stuff that was spoiling him like sin itself. When he was forced to admit the truth he had to let Davis go.

'You will give me a reference?'

The head said: 'I am sorry, but I can not do so.'

So Davis was cast upon the world with a record of four years' employment with a firm from which he could not get a recommendation behind him. While it is strictly true that a fulsome recommendation is a little worse than none, it is also true that when a man works four years for a firm and can not use its name as a reference he is heavily handicapped.

'Where did you get your experience?' asked the people where Davis applied for a position in the tariff department.

'At Going and Co.,' replied Davis.

'Who were you under there?'

Davis told them.

'Can we write Mr. Blank regarding you?'

Then Davis had to up and confess that he had left Going and Co. because of a quarrel with this same Mr. Blank, and consequently it would be preposterous to imagine that he would be favorable to Mr. Davis.

'All right. Call in again in about four days.'

In the meantime the firm receiving the application communicated with Mr. Blank regarding Davis, and when the latter called

he was informed that the vacancy had been filled. They promised to let him know if anything turned up. Then they tore up his application.

While these rebuffs were being met with, Davis kept on drinking a little. Having only a little money, he couldn't drink a lot. He was out of work for a month. Then he took a clerk's position at 15 dollars a week. At Going and Co.'s he had made 40 dollars. Likewise, the Davis household shifted its lares and penates from a 30-dollar apartment to an 18-dollar flat. The first big step downhill had been taken; Davis had dropped from the ranks of the comers to a place in the mob.

When you look at it carefully this is a bigger drop than would appear on the surface. Here was a man who through his own ability had won his way to a position where the big things were immediately before him. There could be no question that he 'had it in him' to go on and win the big prizes. He had ability far beyond a chief clerk's requirements, and he was developing with every day. Then suddenly the slip, and here he was down among the men who had only such ability as is required to perform the most mechanical and insignificant of duties allotted to man.

He began to think of this phase of his condition, and then he began to drink a little more. He was what is known as 'quite a souze' now. On pay night he would come home wobbly on his feet and fuddled about the head, and with a good share of his 15 dollars gone to the bourne whence no money ever returns. And then came the near-panic of last fall, and Davis, being a new man, was dropped from his new position.

That broke Davis's nerve. He felt the fates were against him. He accepted the first job he came across, that of packing orders in the crockery department of a big store. He's there now. He gets ten dollars a week. He and his wife live in two furnished rooms on the north side just across the river, and sometimes when she feels strong Mrs. Davis works as a saleswoman in the store in which Davis is a packer. Davis never expects to be anything but a packer as long as he lives. What's the use of trying, he argues, when everything is against you? So he shoves the excelsior between the sides of the box and the lamp and tries to forget what a chance he once had.

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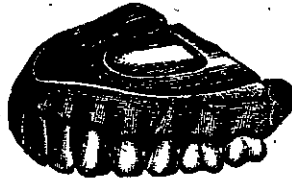
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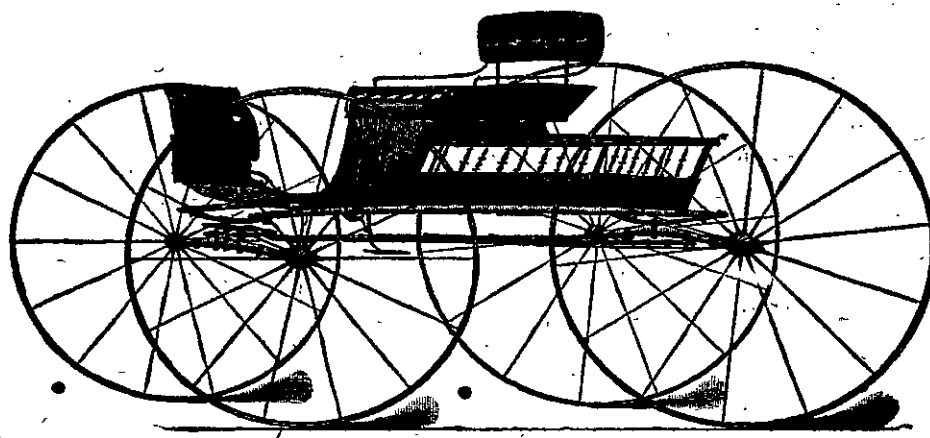
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Current Topics

Satan's Attorneys

It is said that the devil seldom appears by his proper attorney. If he did, his representative would be the sordid catiff who, for a paltry gain, blights the fair blossom of youthful purity and innocence by the sale of books that might have been produced in Satan's own private printery. An Auckland book-seller has been confiding some uneasy, though not by any means new, information to a *Herald* reporter in connection with the black work which this evil class are doing in 'God's Own Country.' 'Some of the books,' said he, 'kept in some of these low-class places (fortunately there are not many of such), would make your hair stand on end, and fill any decent man with disgust. Yet there is a secret traffic going on in books, the authors and sellers of which ought to be boiled in oil; and it is that sort of filth the police ought to search out, and they should bring the purveyors to justice.'

Pulpit and Party Politics

We notice that the political parson is already out electioneering from the pulpit and afflicting a peaceable small town in the North Island with the din of his tin-trumpet. His reverence's statement that he 'speaks strongly because he feels deeply' reminds us of an incident that occurred after a fight on James Island (South Carolina) in 1862, during the course of the great American Civil War. A strongly-built young fellow was deafening a whole hospital ward with the outcry and hullabaloo which he raised over an unimportant wound on the foot. General Williams happened to be passing through the hospital at the time, visiting the wounded. He approached the stormy advertiser with the bandaged foot. 'Well,' asked he gruffly, 'what's the matter with you?' 'I'm wound-d,' said the patient, pointing to his foot. 'Stop your noise, man! Stop your noise!' exclaimed the General. 'There are men lying around with their heads knocked off, and they're not saving a word!' Well, there are probably men a-many in the clerical profession in this Dominion whose 'feelings,' as private citizens, are as 'deep' and as decided on many a political point as are those of the good man who has been doing such noisy barn-storming up North. But they have the good sense to remember that the pulpit is for the Gospel and not for the pitch of party politics. A gifted American writer has well remarked that 'party politics, when not a mud-puddle, are a bull-ring, and the preacher has no business in either.'

Newspaper Wars

Formerly kings made war. Then Parliaments determined the question of international blood-letting, and finally the newspaper press began to usurp this function. The era of the newspaper-made war began during the whirl of the Anglo-Russian crisis over the Holy Places in Palestine. Bright's voice rang out for war. Parliament was perplexed. The Ministerial mind swung as a pendulum between peace and strife. It was the *Times* that cast the die. It declared for war. The Ministry accepted the omen. And has not Kinglake told in polished phrase the blundering sequel of the Crimean War? Since that time newspapers have exercised full many a time, with happy-go-lucky nonchalance, their supposed right and privilege of fanning an international 'situation' into a 'difficulty,' a 'difficulty' into a 'crisis,' and a crisis into a war. During the past week-sundry journalists were busy—from the safety of their easy-chairs—'scaring up' the war fever in the Balkans—rousing popular passion to the point where it takes control of reason and prudence and at times forces even the steadiest Ministries off their feet. Their action gives a fresh point to the counsel given by Mr. Labouchere during the journalistic ferment that ended in the South African war. He recommended the precautionary hanging of a few batches of editors during every international crisis. This, he maintained, would serve to keep the national head cool, keep down the war-clamor, and give counsels of peace a chance of a hearing.

Race-Suicide Follies

Horse-feasts, dog-birth-day parties, and other-such follies of the American wealthy lower orders have been easily surpassed by the following disgusting details of the lying-in-state and funeral of the canine pet of a couple in Wilmington (Delaware). We quote from the *S.H. Review*: 'The night the animal died an undertaker was sent for and a chestnut casket with a silver plate bearing the words "Our Darling" was made. The body was

laid out in the sitting-room of the home the next day, where it was viewed by many neighbors. It rested on a silk blanket, and was surrounded with flowers.'

Sterne weeping over the carcass of a dead donkey was sublime compared with this folly of dog-worship. Here in New Zealand we have not yet touched this degree of insanity. But, given this combination: starved maternal instinct, and wealth, without a sense of its responsibilities, and New Zealand may witness within its borders as fantastic tricks before high heaven as the great republic that flies the Stars and Stripes. The latest report of our Department of Health contains no grain of comfort for those who love their country and regard the moral law. Dr. Mason, writing in connection with this grave question of race-suicide, says: 'Commissioners have sat in various parts of the world, and have discussed the subject in all its phases. Voluminous reports have been written, but it has all been as a beating of the wind. To my mind the remedy is not to be found in reports, but in a national awakening and an increase in patriotism. All sorts of cures have been advocated, such as grants of land to parents having over a certain number in the family, but I have little faith in such remedies.'

The disease is mainly a moral one, and is no more to be cured by such means than leprosy is to be cured by reciting the multiplication table. The radical remedy is a return to Catholic teaching in regard to the sacred obligations and responsibilities of wedded life.

That Missing Link

At intervals—usually during the journalistic 'silly season'—reports are published detailing the discovery of the 'missing link' between man and ape. Yesterday it was in tropical Africa, to-day it is in the Northern Territory of South Australia, now it is in the sands of the Amazon, again it is in the east, and anon, lo! it cometh out of the west. But whether in east or west, or in the African forest or elsewhere, the coy thing, like the spiritist's unwilling spook, refuses to 'materialise.' And men of foremost rank in science persist in maintaining that the 'missing link' is like Sairey Gamp's imaginary Mrs. 'Arris—there ain't no sich a person. Among the great scientists who concur in this verdict now stands Professor Klaatsch, who has been moved to this conclusion by a life-study of the subject. 'The Darwinites,' says the *Philadelphia Catholic Standard*, 'have received a sad shock by the defection from their school of a foremost upholder of the theory of evolution. Professor Klaatsch, of the University of Breslau, a great scientist in anthropology, has announced his conclusion that both Darwin and Haeckel were wrong when they agreed that there was a progressive connection between prehistoric man and the man-shaped apes. He has devoted most of his life to the study of the skulls of each, and the result is his conclusion that the human skull has no true structural identity with that of the inferior species. The oldest human skull found—that of the Linderthal or Neander Valley man—has the same well-developed chin and nose as the modern "human"; and so the great "missing link" theory becomes merely a phantasm more unreal than the swamp fire called Will-o'-the-Wisp. Man is still the lord of creation, the highest work of the hand of his Maker, superb in intellect and unrivalled in physical attributes.'

American Catholic Progress

The epigraph to Bancroft's *History of the United States* is this variant of a famous line of Bishop Berkeley:

'Westward the star of empire takes its way.'

Westward, too, the Church's brightest triumphs take their way. A century ago Catholics were a small and scattered flock in the United States; to-day there are some 22,000,000 adherents of the Old Faith under the Stars and Stripes. The *Louisville Catholic Record* gives, in a recent issue, an idea of the triumphal march of Catholicism in the United States by quoting the figures of its progress for one year. It says: 'A conservative estimate of the growth of the Church in this country last year as against the previous year, 1906, may be stated as follows:—Increase in the number of the reverend clergy, 1771; increase in the number of churches, 699; increase in the number of students in our seminaries, 876; increase in the number of academies and colleges, 28; increase in the number of parochial schools, 162; increase in our Catholic population, 1,225,482. For the current year we estimate that fifteen Catholic churches are built and dedicated weekly in the United States.'

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Catholicism is now, and has long been, the dominant faith in the once great Puritan stronghold of New England. In a comment on a recent sermon of Archbishop O'Connell, *Zion's Herald* (a noted organ of American Methodism, quoted by the *S.H. Review* of August 29) says: 'We are led to ask if, after all, this Church [the Catholic Church] might not become the hope of the world as the repository and conservator of the essential fundamentals of the Christian revelation. Certainly, Protestantism—the Protestantism of this old New England—has now too little fibre in it, in doctrine and works; to successfully compete with the Roman Catholic Church. We believe too little, and hold that little in too weak and colorless a solution, to adequately evangelise and church the multitudes. It still remains true that Protestantism in New England is being outranked by the Roman Catholic Church; and the reason lies conclusively in the fact that it does not believe, as does the Catholic Church, in the essential certitudes of the Christian revelation. Protestantism in our midst, in substituting for a hearty, loyal, passionate faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour, Redeemer, Lord, a naturalistic, philosophic creed, adjustable and constantly in need of readjustment, has shorn itself of evangelistic power and divine certification.'

Catholic Education in U.S.A.

Bishop McFaul, of Trenton, has been hitting the bull's-eye with some pretty hard facts in connection with Catholic education in the United States. The scoring was done at the recent Convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. 'Taking the report of the United States Commissioner of Education for the year ending June, 1904, as the basis of his statistics, the Bishop finds (says our esteemed contemporary the *New York Freeman's Journal*) that the cost of the tuition of each pupil of the 11,318,256 who attend the public schools is 19.77 dollars. The cost of the education plant, sites, building, etc., is 1.50 dollars per pupil. From these figures it will be seen that the 1,066,207 parish school pupils in the United States save the nation 21,078,912 dollars per annum. To this we must add the saving in cost of education plants, which amounts to 159,931,050 dollars, which will make the grand total of 181,009,962 dollars (£36,201,992) which is saved to the nation by Catholics voluntarily taxing themselves in the interest of a system of education which thoughtful non-Catholics are beginning to recognise as necessary to stem the moral evils which loom up so ominously.' Bishop McFaul outlines as follows a scheme by which Catholics would be relieved of the double burden of taxation and—at the same time mould the hearts and wills of their children to virtue as well as equip their minds with secular knowledge: (1) Let our schools remain as they are. (2) Let no compensation be made for religious instruction. We don't want it. We have seen what has happened in countries where the clergy are the hirelings of the State. Our principle is, let the pastor take care of the flock, and live by the flock. (3) Let our children be examined by a State or municipal board, and if our schools furnish the secular education required, if we furnish the goods, let the State put down the cash. Mind, we do not ask anybody else's money. All we want is our own money, for the education of our own children. Is not that fair? Yes, and Americans are being gradually educated up to the justice of our position. Suppose that in some large city this system could be initiated, so that non-Catholics might see that it is not inimical to the existence of the present public school system, it would not be long until we would have our rights.'

Old Educational Advantages

More things go to constitute education than the swallowing and very partial assimilation of rags and tags and snicks and snippets of a sackful of 'ologies. 'It is just as necessary as ever,' said the *London Spectator* recently, 'to teach the poor the plain truths of morality and religion which the church walls taught the earlier ages. It is an excellent thing that national education should now be an affair of legislation, but a national education is useless which excludes religious teaching. And people who are wise enough to evolve theories of education are not always experienced enough to know how very deep is the ignorance of the ignorant on some points which are quite beautifully legislated for. The poor of the Middle Ages, with all their ignorance and their too often miserable social conditions, had certain educational advantages which our age lacks. They were taught by eye and ear all sorts of lessons of morality, humanity, and faith. The great placid oxen that have looked down for centuries on the toiling beasts of Laon, the picture of the ox and ass worshipping at the manger, the careful exposition of certain verses of the Bible which read differently to modern

ears—all these things were practical lessons to the unlearned. So were their mystery plays, their endless stories and legends of saints, and the Bible stories they knew so well from pictures and carvings and plays.'

Brave Words

There is a fine ring in a defiant speech delivered a few weeks ago by Monsignor Henry, Bishop of Grenoble (France). He was dealing with the projected legislation which would permit atheist teachers in French schools to corrupt, with perfect impunity and despite the protests of parents, the minds of children frequenting the Government schools. 'If,' said Bishop Henry, 'the Government makes its proposed new laws, it will find us confronting it. When we are condemned to fine, we shall pay or not pay, as the case may be. If we are condemned to prison, we will undergo it; but surely on the day when a bishop is thrown into prison for having defended the souls of children, there will be something changed in France, and such an iniquity would not intimidate me. The State pretends that all the children belong to it. That is false. You, the parents of the children, are the masters of your offspring, because they are your blood. There is only one case when the State can claim of you the sacrifice of that blood, and that is when the fatherland is in danger. We demand of Government to respect our right to bring up our children. If it is demonstrated that the Republic and atheism are but one, we shall remember that above the ephemeral ministries there is the eternal law, and that above the Republic there is France.'

It is pleasant to learn that these brave words 'were constantly interrupted with thundering applause.' It will be pleasanter still to hear that not one member of the French episcopate, but a score or a hundred, has refused to pay the fine and gone to prison. Then things will begin to happen in France as they began to happen in similar circumstances in Germany. The dawn of the better day may begin, in the west as it did on the east side of the Rhine, in the prison cell.

Apostolate of the Press

The biographer of Father Hecker writes of the distinguished Paulist missionary: 'He believed in types, as he believed in pulpits. He believed that the printing office was necessary to the convent. To him the apostolate of the press meant the largest amount of truth, to the greatest number of people. By its means a small band of powerful men could react an entire nation and elevate its religious life.'

Had France learned this lesson in time, things might have been far otherwise at present in that lodge-ridden land. But the journalistic strength of Catholic France was frittered away in a multitude of *Semaines Religieuses*—pitiful weekly weaklings which were published in almost every diocese, which were scarcely read except by a few devout women, which had neither strength nor courage nor influence nor ability, but which, nevertheless, stood in the way of really capable and high-class Catholic journalism conducted by such men as the two Veuillots. The apostolate of the press is a serious and yearly more pressing business. A great German bishop—Dr. Ketteler—said a few years ago that if St. Paul were on earth to-day, he would be a newspaper editor and would use the lever of the world's mightiest engine, the press, in the service of God. The day is not, we hope, far distant when there will arise a new Order in the Church—to be called, say, the Pauline Order of the Good Press—with, in addition to the ordinary vows, those of truth in charity in all things, and with tertiaries to aid in various ways in their good work for the greater glory of God and the highest good of their fellow-men.

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The Hon. W. Kidston, Premier of Queensland, arrived in Belfast by train on the evening of August 21, and was met at the Great Victoria Terminus by Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, who had arrived in the city two days before, having returned from a pleasant journey round the Antrim coast. Mr. Kidston was driven to the Linenhall, where a reception was given, attended by a large number of representative citizens.

In the course of the proceedings, Mr. Devlin expressed his pleasure at the presence amongst them that evening on a visit to Belfast of the Hon. Mr. Kidston, Premier of Queensland, and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, the distinguished and popular Bishop of Auckland. In extending a welcome to those distinguished visitors, he had to thank them both sincerely for the warm and generous welcome they, on their part, had extended to Mr. Donovan and himself whilst in Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Kidston was not an Irishman; but, as Premier of one of the most successful and progressive of all the States of the splendid Commonwealth of Australia, his name was honored and respected throughout the English-speaking world. In the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan they had a prelate beloved by his people and regarded with affection by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He had performed in the ecclesiastical sphere the same great work for the large and important diocese of Auckland which Mr. Kidston had done in a secular way for Queensland. Since Dr. Lenihan came amongst them they had personal proofs of his kindness of heart, his genial disposition, and his warm love for Ireland, and all those other high qualities which had secured for him the reverence and the esteem of the Irish people of Auckland diocese. They were delighted to have him there that night, and they trusted the time would not be long until he would be amongst them again. He wished Mr. Kidston and his Lordship a pleasant stay in Belfast, and he trusted that they would carry happy memories of their visit to Ireland back to the great colonies of Australia and New Zealand.

The Hon. Mr. Kidston, in replying, said that although he had lived for many years just across the water in Scotland, this was the first opportunity he ever had of visiting Ireland. From his earliest days, however, he had taken the deepest interest in Ireland, and years ago before he went to Queensland he recollected being connected with a debating society in his native place, where he earned the name of 'the Irish member,' because of his advocacy of Home Rule, even before Mr. Gladstone had advocated that policy. He did that, he might tell them, on democratic grounds. He thought the people of Ireland, like the people of every other country, had the right to manage their own affairs. That was a good, sound democratic principle. If the people of England and Scotland liked to conduct their affairs together, and the people of Ireland wanted to manage their business separately, then, he considered, the Irish people had a perfect right in that matter. No country, on the other hand, could have the right to dominate Ireland against her will. As he had told them, that was his first visit to Ireland, but although he had only been two days in their country, he had seen ample evidence to convince him that the present state of Ireland was a conclusive argument against the present system of Government in this country. Although, as Mr. Devlin had told them, he was not an Irishman himself—he was quite satisfied to be a Scotchman—he knew Irishmen in Queensland very well, and he found them quite as capable in public affairs as Scotchmen or Englishmen. As a matter of fact, if they judged either by their private or their public conduct, they were just as capable and prosperous citizens of Queensland as any other. Why Irishmen should be prosperous and of undoubted and recognised capacity in every country, save their own, passed understanding. Ireland had gone back to a shocking extent, and, in fact, as no other country in Europe had gone back. He said the present state of Ireland was a conclusive condemnation of the system which had repressed and, to a large extent, destroyed the industrial character of the Irish people. He sincerely hoped that a better day was coming for Ireland. He had no hesitation at all in believing that self-government meant returning prosperity for Ireland. In Ireland they had had a long disheartening struggle. He knew of no instance in the history of Europe of such unwearied devotion to a great cause as had been shown by the people of Ireland in their effort to obtain self-government. He sincerely hoped the time was coming, and was not indeed far

off, when the reward of success would crown the devoted work which had been done for that cause.

Bishop Lenihan's Address.

The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, who met with a most enthusiastic reception, said he had only one regret to express at the outset, and it was that the eloquent speeches of Mr. Devlin and the Premier had come to a conclusion. He had come there to assist, if he might say so, in doing honor to the Premier as the personal friend of Mr. Devlin. During the short time he had been in the city that friendship had extended. Mr. Devlin's friends had become his friends, and he felt that any time he came to Belfast he could always rely on a friendly and kindly welcome. Mr. Devlin and Mr. Donovan came out to Australia, and at once won their hearts. They always liked the idea of Home Rule, and, with due respect to the Premier, he might say the real reason why the New Zealanders had no desire to join the Federation of Australia was the fear that their interests might be neglected. Remembering how unjustly Ireland had been treated by England, a distant country across the sea, they were determined nothing of that kind would be done to them, and they had the fear that by the Federation with the States of Australia their liberty might be in a measure interfered with; so they proclaimed their determination to have Home Rule. He was not born in Ireland, which he considered to be a misfortune, but he was born of Irish parents, who were devoted to their land, and who trained him in the reading of Irish history. This, with the experience he had gained, made him a strong adherent of the cause Messrs. Devlin and Donovan so worthily represented. Mr. Devlin's speeches would ever remain in the memory of all who listened to him, and his personal qualities had increased the desire of the Australian people for Irish Home Rule. They grieved at his departure, and trusted that he would soon visit them again. Since he (Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan) arrived in Ireland Mr. Devlin had repaid any little attentions he might have shown him a thousand-fold, and he would bring back to New Zealand the happiest recollections of the pleasant days he had spent in Belfast. Realising the benefits of self-government in the colonies, they were anxious to see Home Rule established in Ireland, and they could not fail to admire the self-sacrifice and earnestness of the National party. Those men devoted themselves to the interest of their country, and when with their ability the highest positions might be open to them they preferred to serve the cause they loved so well. The party had earned the admiration of the world, and not one of them had ever been known to accept any position under the British Government. Though often complained at and criticised by their own countrymen, they persevered in their unselfish work, regardless of the little-mindedness of those who would not allow that they knew better how to manage their own affairs, and were still willing to devote their lives and their intellects to the high cause of Irish self-government. If he might humbly suggest it, he thought care should be taken that any little difference of opinion which occurred did not constitute the only knowledge which the people in the colonies obtained of their doings. Promptly when such things were mentioned in the papers the 'cable fiend' seized on them and spread abroad something in this tone: 'Why should we give self-government to a party who cannot manage their own affairs?' Care should be taken to have these statements promptly answered, and to give the people abroad a correct view of what was being done by the party and of what was going on. What more need he say than to express his delight at being joined with the Premier on that occasion, and honored as he had been. He would have been sorry, indeed, to miss that meeting, and he wished to join with Mr. Devlin's friends in the honor and respect they all paid him. He wished to say publicly that, when there was need for further help for the cause, let them send Mr. Devlin out to the colonies—or if Mr. Devlin was in too high or onerous a position to be spared, let them send some other member of the party out—and he promised to do even more than he had done before. He again thanked them most heartily.

An enjoyable musical programme was afterwards gone through, songs being splendidly rendered by Rev. Father Patterson (Auckland), Mr. Joseph Donnelly, solicitor; Mr. Denis A. Glasgow, and Mr. J. C. Gleeson (New Zealand), and the proceedings subsequently concluded.

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CORRESPONDENCE

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS IN ENGLAND AND OTHER MATTERS

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—There are one or two matters in your last issue upon which, with your usual respect for space, you have lightly touched, but to which, with your permission, I should like to make some further reference. In your note on the Eucharistic Congress in London you say, 'It will be news to many of our readers to learn that public processions of the Blessed Sacrament have been regularly carried out in England for over sixty years.' Probably it may interest some of your readers to learn in what manner one of those processions in which the writer of this letter took part was carried out recently in that country. In the summer of 1906, while staying with one of the French Benedictines in the Isle of Wight, Mr. Edmond Harvey, of Waterford, a first cousin to the late Mr. Alfred Webb (to whom again I intend to refer), came across from Caterham, in Surrey, to see me. We arranged that I should visit him at Winterhead, in Somerset, his next stopping-place. Accordingly, after saying *au revoir* to the Benedictines at Farnborough, with whom I had spent over six months, and after receiving a blessing from the good Abbot Dom Cabrol, I took the first train for Winterhead, where we spent a most enjoyable week exploring the country. From Winterhead we travelled to Clevedon, where we happened to arrive on the day before the Feast of Corpus Christi. While my fellow-traveller was looking for a hotel, I set out to locate the church for the next morning, and discovered it perched on an eminence overlooking the town. A well-kept lawn, with here and there beds of flowers, ran round two sides of it, while a large building, or rather a series of buildings, close by were used as a convent and schools for the children. The property belonged, as I learned afterwards, to the Franciscans. On the following morning it was announced from the altar that a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the members of the congregation were requested to join, would take place in the afternoon through the town. Remembering what had happened in London in 1851, when, on the night of the 5th of November, the effigy of Pius IX. was burned in front of Bishop Wiseman's door in Golden Square, this announcement not only astonished me, it almost took my breath away. I had no experience of the changed attitude of the nation towards the Catholic Church during the long interval between 1851 and 1906. So I took part in the procession, fully expecting 'developments' on the way. Long before the appointed hour for the start, an expectant crowd had assembled on the grounds and around the church, and it was evident that the function which was about to take place was expected to be one of unusual interest. To me it seemed marvellous that so large a number of people should leave their homes and their business to watch a ceremony that could have no intrinsic interest for them; but there they were, and a more reverent and orderly crowd it would not be easy to find. The moment the procession began to move, all anxiety on my part about it disappeared, for, as if by some preconcerted action, the solid mass of people in front of it opened and gave way to let it pass. It was certainly an impressive sight to see the friars in their coarse brown habits and sandals, the nuns in their spotlessly white robes, the acolytes, the choristers, and the Children of Mary, the Sodalties of the Sacred Heart and of St. Vincent de Paul in appropriate regalia, white and blue and scarlet and crimson—the colors of Our Lady and of the Sacred Heart—and behind it all a long procession of people in twos and threes and fours walking with bowed heads, reciting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and in reverence for the Sacred Host which was being borne along under a covered canopy by the monks in front of them; and all this within a few miles of Exeter! It was a sight to be remembered for ever. All along the line of route the streets were lined with crowds of people, but not a murmur of dissent, not a word or a gesture of disapprobation escaped from one of them, and one of the priests told me afterwards that for nearly thirty years they had been holding similar processions, and they had never once been insulted. Evidently the people of England have changed their minds since the days of Lord John Russell and the Durham Letter.

The Protestant church in Clevedon is a pre-Reformation building, and contains many evidences of the purpose for which it was built. It is much frequented at the present time by admirers of Hallam, the historian, who, with several of his relations and family have tablets to their memory there. The

wording of one tablet alongside his impressed me. It ran: 'To the memory of the last surviving daughter of Mr. Hallam.'

Mr. Harvey and I parted at Clevedon, he going on to Bristol and I to London. By a recent mail I received from him a copy of the last pamphlet by Mr. Alfred Webb, entitled *Thoughts in Retirement*, which clearly indicate that Mr. Webb's last thoughts were given to his country. Some years ago he wrote, as already stated, some tracts and leaflets for the Irish Press Agency, which rendered valuable service to the cause at the time. It may be remembered that, after Parnell's death, the Ulster Orangemen raised the cry that Home Rule meant Rome Rule. The pithily expressed alliteration served their purpose, for the cry was caught up even out here. Mr. Webb, who had always been a consistent friend of the Catholics, at once wrote to all the leading Protestant clergymen officiating in Catholic districts throughout Ireland, and published their replies in pamphlet form. The pamphlet silenced the cry. He shortly afterwards published *The Alleged Massacre of 1641*, which effectually tore away the mass of falsehood and misrepresentation which had gathered around that episode during the last couple of centuries or more. His most ambitious effort, however, in the field of literature was his *Compendium of Irish Biography*, which is regarded as a standard work.

The Irish National movement has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mr. Webb. Mr. Joseph Devlin, in an appreciative article in the *Dublin Freeman* of August 1, calls him 'The Nestor of the Movement.' The following few excerpts taken at random from his *Thoughts in Retirement* may fitly close this long letter:

'The British Parliament has been likened to an elephant which, with its great trunk, can pick up a pin or tear down a forest, but so much of its attention is given to the pins that it neglects the forests.' 'If the majority in Ireland knew as well how to boycott as do the minority, they would long ago have obtained all they ask.' 'How little open expression is given in Ireland, by emblems or otherwise, to the political opinions and aspirations that animate the majority of the people on holidays and public occasions!' 'It is difficult to estimate the real strength and sincerity of a great national demand when linked with it are minor demands tending to the material advantage of sectional interests.' 'There were as high-minded and noble men in the Fenian conspiracy as ever were connected with a revolutionary movement in any country.' 'Home Rule . . . will never be won by the vicarious action alone of representatives in Parliament.' 'No great change proves as beneficial as was hoped, or as bad as was feared.' 'A people's earnestness and sincerity in a cause will be judged by the extent to which they put their hands in their own pockets to support it.' 'There is no crime more atrocious than the debasement of a people's spirit and capacities through the suppression of their nationality.' 'Until Great Britain restores to us that of which she has robbed us—self-government—her desire that we should forget the past is an insult to our intelligence.' 'Ireland's great fault is forgetfulness of past wrongs and too great easiness of temper towards those who stand between her and her rights.' 'Irishmen are claimed as English whenever they, according to English ideas, creditably distinguish themselves, and Ireland is denied her place before the world in the term "Great Britain" for United Kingdom.' 'England always sympathises with the dog that comes uppermost out of the fight.'—Yours, etc.,

M. NOLAN.

Hibernian Society, Dunedin

The annual Communion of the members of St. Joseph's branch of the Hibernian Society, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, when about 120 members in regalia approached the Holy Table, in addition to which several received Holy Communion at the early Mass, and also at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. The members, headed by the chaplain (Rev. Father Coffey, Adm.) and the president (Bro. J. Saunders), proceeded in processional order from St. Joseph's Hall to the Cathedral, and were allocated the front seats in the nave of the church. It is almost needless to say that such a large number of men—young and old—making open profession of their faith was most edifying, and could not fail to make a most favorable impression on the rest of the congregation. The Rev. Father Coffey, who was celebrant of the Mass, in the course of his sermon, which was based on the Gospel of the day (St. Matt. ix., 1-8), said that the lesson derived from the Gospel was the lesson of giving assistance to their fellow-man in all his needs and wants—the lesson of fraternal charity and love. Every class of created beings had some bond

joining its members together. They act upon instinct. Man, however, stands on a higher sphere. He is bound by the law of God to love his fellow-man. Men should do good to one another in this life, with the hope of being brothers for all eternity in the next. Jesus Christ gave us an example of this love when He laid down His life for the salvation of all, even of his enemies. A characteristic of charity is that it must be efficacious—it must be in the direction of helping the needy, and healing those who are sick, bodily and spiritually. Our love for our fellow-man must be pure, chaste, and unselfish, and must extend to all. No man should be excluded from our love and help. He was proud to see a society composed of the men of Dunedin there that morning imbued with the love Christ had for us—a society which had for its principles the command of our Divine Lord to love one another. The very reason for its existence was to do in its own way works of charity, corporal works of mercy—to help the needy, feed and clothe the hungry, and bury the dead. These are the very works which the Hibernian Society has been established to carry out. During the past year the society distributed in Dunedin the sum of £400 by way of assisting those members who were ill, or had been the victims of some other misfortune. Now, this was a splendid testimonial to the benefit of being a member of the society. By contributing a small sum weekly members are guaranteed against a rainy day, and furthermore they are strengthened and united in other ways. No other society in this city had done so much for those in need during the past year. In addition to the £400 already mentioned the society had spent nearly another £400 in doctors' fees and medicine, so that in all it distributed nearly £800 in real, true charity. No words of his could give a better testimonial to the benefits derived from membership of the society than the figures he had just given. The society was carrying out to the fullest the highest and most perfect application of fraternal charity, love, and help. He could not give a better reason for joining the society than the work which it was doing, the proof of which was given in the figures quoted. He trusted that every young man in the parish would become a member of the society, and that the fathers and mothers of young men would not rest content until their sons had joined. Not only would such have the benefit of Catholic associations, but by a small weekly contribution they would be laying up assistance for a time of need. He again appealed to all the young men to join the society and assist one another so that they may be brothers for time and for eternity.

At the conclusion of Mass the members reformed in procession and marched to St. Joseph's Hall, where the annual breakfast was laid. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (chaplain), presided, having on his right Bro. J. J. Marlow (P.P.), District Deputy, and on his left Bro. J. Saunders (President). There were also present Rev. Fathers Howard and Cleary, Rev. Brothers Brady and Moore, and Mrs. Jackson (St. Vincent de Paul Society), Miss Staunton (St. Joseph's Ladies' Club), Miss A. Heley (Children of Mary, St. Joseph's Cathedral), and Miss Long (Children of Mary, South Dunedin).

After justice had been done to the excellent breakfast Bro. J. Saunders thanked the members for their excellent attendance that morning.

Rev. Father Coffey then proposed the toast of the 'Pope and King,' and in doing so referred to the great interest which the Holy Father takes in Catholic societies, and paid a tribute to the broadmindedness of King Edward, and to the liberty enjoyed under his rule in these countries.

In proposing the 'H.A.C.B. Society' Father Coffey said it was unnecessary for him to say much, as he had dealt with the matter in the course of his sermon. He again impressed upon the young men the necessity of becoming members. The late Pope in his Encyclical on labor laid special stress on the advantages arising from membership of Catholic associations. The Hibernian Society deserved well of the support of the Catholic people for the work it was doing. He thought, however, some of the members were not doing as much as they ought to increase its ranks. There were now 270 members, whilst ten years ago it had only 100. The gain of 170 members in ten years was good, but it was not enough, considering the number of young men in the parish. If the older members took a more active interest in its welfare, and induced the young men to join, he considered they would be able in twelve months to double the membership. Bro. Marlow had been instrumental in starting a very successful branch in Invercargill, and would open a branch in Gore in the near future.

Bro. J. J. Marlow spoke of the necessity of having branches of the society in the smaller centres so that members from the city branches should not be lost to the society when they went

to reside in the country. The importance of this was forcibly brought under his notice quite recently. A Catholic young man who was a member of another friendly society died, and the members of that society wanted to hold a burial service over the remains at the graveside. The parents, however, did not allow it. Some time afterwards four or five Catholic young men of the place, whose character was irrefragable, were put up for membership of the same society, but they were blackballed. Other friendly societies were making strenuous efforts to obtain members at the present time, and he realised that if the Hibernian Society took up the matter in an energetic manner, the membership could be greatly increased within the next twelve months.

Bro. J. B. Callan, jun., in proposing the toast of the clergy, said it was hardly necessary, speaking to an audience of Irishmen, to refer to the good work of the clergy. Irish Catholics had always been remarkable for the strong affection which bound them to their priests, and this was as it should be. That bond of affection was created in the troublous times of the past, and continued unimpaired up to the present. They regretted the kindly presence of his Lordship the Bishop, and all trusted that he would return in good health, and would be spared for many years to preside at the society's breakfasts.

Rev. Father Howard, in replying, spoke of the dignity and responsibilities of the priesthood, and said that the office was the highest and noblest created for the public good. The longer a man labored in the sacred ministry the more he appreciated the favors conferred on him. The work of the priest in Dunedin was lightened by the generosity and goodness of the people.

Bro. T. J. Hussey proposed the Catholic press, and in doing so paid a tribute to the far-reaching influence of the *N.Z. Tablet* and the ability with which it was conducted.

Rev. Father Cleary replied.

Bro. O'Connor (secretary) proposed the 'Christian Brothers,' to which Brother Brady responded. He said that the Christian Brothers had always received the warmest encouragement from the Hibernian Society.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Coffey for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

Religious Freedom in Canada

Canada (says Gaston Maury in the *Paris Revue Bleue*) is the freest country in the world, resembling in this respect both Switzerland and Holland. Between the Catholics and Protestants of the Dominion, he declares, there has been growing up within recent times a harmony as to the religious up-bringing of the population, the like of which is not known elsewhere. All sects have begun an era of co-operation which, in sinking the vulgar sectarian prejudices of other times, bids fair to be just what Canada has hitherto lacked to make of her one of the greatest of all countries. It is unquestionable, says Maury, that Canada, in by far the greatest bulk, is religious. Is there another country in the world which can say that it knows of only three or four thousand professed atheists among 6,400,000 souls?

Of the ever-growing population, 2,500,000 are Catholics, the balance, nearly 4,000,000, being Protestants of different sects. It is not claimed for these that they are all, without exception, persons of devotion and piety. Nevertheless, statistics point to the fact that the practical worshippers of church-goers number over 75 per cent. Compared with Great Britain's 36 per cent., these Canadian figures are decidedly encouraging, not to say magnificent. It is also an undoubted fact that the atmosphere of Canada is religious, and that a reputation for being sceptical or anti-religious is enough to destroy an individual's hope of success in Canadian public, if not in private, business life.

The godless school is unknown in the Dominion, and a strong religious tone characterises the public teaching of all kinds, high as well as low, the Universities, in particular, showing the way in respect of special religious exercises in which all are expected to take an interest—each according to his creed. Catholicity has increased by leaps and bounds within the past quarter of a century. The convents have added largely to their membership; the male Orders—particularly the Sulpitians—have shown that they are practically a necessity, inasmuch as their teaching staffs have quadrupled in that period. The Jesuits, who although they were the real pioneers of the North, were expelled at the close of the eighteenth century; have reappeared in strong numbers, and have been received with open arms by the authorities who voted them an indemnity of 2,000,000 francs for the losses they had sustained.

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With the increasing prosperity to all the Churches, the bigotry that has existed in Canada is gradually disappearing. Under the teachings of the Catholic Premier, Laurier, the Dominion is beginning to realise that its best hope of national salvation lies in the sinking of all discord, as the history of the United States has shown so clearly. As against the 2,500,000 Catholics, the Methodists can show 917,000 of their own members, the Presbyterians 842,000, Protestants proper 700,000, and Baptists nearly 300,000.

Regarding the feeling subsisting between Catholics and Protestants, M. Maury has to say that, in theory, the attitude of armed neutrality is still in existence. The French Canadians are wholly conservative, and view with distrust anything like centralisation. Nevertheless, in practice the most amicable relations prevail between the priest and the minister—no matter what denominations the latter belongs to. Particularly have they all united to fight the growing scourge of alcoholism.

The priests still maintain the highest reputation for piety and zeal, and (says Maury) they are, of all the Catholic priests in the Western Hemisphere, the most devout and the least worldly, while still assiduous in their parish duties.

On the whole, he concludes, the Dominion of Canada, in respect of its freedom in religious matters, has no cause to envy any other country on the face of the earth.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

October 9.

The H.A.C.B. Society held its anniversary social gathering in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance.

A start was made on Thursday with the erection of a brick chapel for St. Bride's Convent, Masterton. The chapel will cost about £1100, and is likely to be finished by Christmas.

In the annual report of the Tourist and Health Resorts Department there is shown a decrease of 1082 visitors from overseas last year. The value of the year's tourist traffic to New Zealand is estimated at £430,000.

The third social gathering in aid of the Catholic Church building fund, Kilbirnie, was held in O'Donnell's Hall on Wednesday evening. The gathering was very successful, and the funds will be considerably augmented.

Mr. R. G. M. Park (Tiki Paaka), native interpreter, of Wanganui, a prominent member of St. Mary's Catholic Club, has announced that he will stand for the Eastern Maori electorate against the sitting member, Mr. A. T. Ngata.

Speaking at last night's valedictory social to the retiring postmaster, Mr. J. G. Price, of the Lower Hutt, the Very Rev. Father Lane spoke eulogistically of Mr. Price's personal qualities, and paid a tribute to the devotion of his wife. Mr. Price was presented with a gold watch suitably inscribed, and Mrs. Price with a silver tea and coffee service.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club Junior Debating Society, held on Tuesday, the members engaged in an oratorical competition. The following members took part: Mr. J. McCusker (George Washington), P. McGrath (Archbishop Goold), J. O'Leary (Sir Thomas More), F. Hickinott (General Wolfe). The chairman (Mr. Moran), who acted as the judge, gave his verdict in favor of Mr. J. McCusker.

In the five-mile teams' race from the Te Aro baths to the Patent Slip and back on Saturday afternoon, Mulcahy, a member of the Wellington Catholic Club, came in first. Eight teams lined up for the start. They got away about half-past 3, Mulcahy being well in the lead. In the run home he forged ahead, arriving three-quarters of a minute before the next runner. The winning team was the Harriers, the runners-up being the Wellington Catholic Club team. Mulcahy's time was given as 23 minutes 45 seconds, which is considered a record.

The holiday promised the students of St. Patrick's College in connection with the jubilee of the Rector, Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., was very pleasantly spent at Day's Bay. The boys, accompanied by the members of the College staff, left Wellington early in the morning, and on arrival went to the Catholic presbytery at Rona Bay and partook of breakfast. They then adjourned to Day's Bay, where some sports were held. A record for the college in the hop, step, and jump event was put up by

James Stewart, who did 42 feet 7 inches, the previous record being 42 feet 4 inches.

Many figures which the people of New Zealand cannot ignore are given in the annual report of Dr. Mason, chief health officer, which was presented to Parliament on Wednesday; for instance, deaths in 1907 totalled 10,066, equal to 10.95 per 1000 of the population, compared with 9.31 in 1906. Of the marriages in the year 1907, 24.38 per cent. were solemnised by ministers of the Church of England, 26.23 per cent. by ministers of the Presbyterian Churches, 14.95 per cent. by ministers of the Methodist Churches, 11.22 per cent. by clergy of the Catholic Church, 7.99 per cent. by ministers of other denominations, and 15.23 per cent. by registrars.

Mr. Henry Saint-George, the Trinity College examiner, concluded the practical examinations in Wellington on Tuesday, October 6. He expressed himself as satisfied with the general excellence attained, and especially remarked upon the very high order of tuition at the St. Mary's Convent School. The following is a list of the successful convent pupils and marks obtained: Associates—Agnes Segrief, 98; May Storey, 88; Doris Haywood, 84. Certificated pianist—Gerty Blacklock, 64. Senior division—Piano honors: Irene Aicken, 86; Dorothy Norton, 82. Senior pass—Florence Dixon, 76; May Storey, 68. Senior division—Singing honors: Teresa McEnroe, 93; Rose Segrief, 91. Intermediate division—Myra Hodgins, 66; Olive Young, 63. Junior division—Piano honors: Bessie Gard, 87. Junior division (pass)—Winifred Ryan, 70; Mona Blacklock, 64; Lily Dealy, 62. Preparatory division (piano)—Bessie Martin, 80; Hilda Martin, 78. Senior division—Winner of the 'anonymous donor' medal, Irene Aicken. Junior division—Winner of the Martha Myers Memorial medal, Bessie Gard. Winifred Quill, of the Otaki Convent, with 76 marks, passed in the Preparatory Division (piano).

Greymouth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 9.

The St. Columba Club's annual junior oratorical competition for a trophy donated by the executive was held in the club rooms last Monday evening. Mr. R. C. Heffernan (vice-president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. Rev. Bro. Arthur and Messrs. C. Casey and W. H. Duffy acted as judges. The following members entered for the competition:—Messrs. A. McSherry (Defence of New Zealand), C. Carmine (St. Columba), M. Keating (Daniel O'Connell), J. Condon (Lord Nelson), and B. Rasmussen (General Gordon). The judges, in giving their decision in favor of Mr. McSherry, congratulated the speakers on the high standard of the competition, and in the course of their remarks said that with such excellent talent the club had nothing to fear in future inter-club competitions in keeping up the proud reputation it now enjoys of being the champion club of the West Coast.

Wanganui

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The chief topic of interest amongst the Catholic community and their friends is the forthcoming bazaar, which is to be opened on November 10, in aid of the new convent building fund. The present building is both old and unsuitable, and the excellent work done for education by the Sisters of St. Joseph has evoked the admiration and sympathy, not only of the Catholic community, but of many not of the fold. The bazaar promises to be one of the most successful ever held here, and the stallholders are vying with each other to make it an unqualified success. Apart from the magnificent display of ornamental and useful work, the bazaar will be rendered attractive by the various concerts to be given, and the graceful dances by the convent children and the physical exercises by the Marist Brothers' School boys.

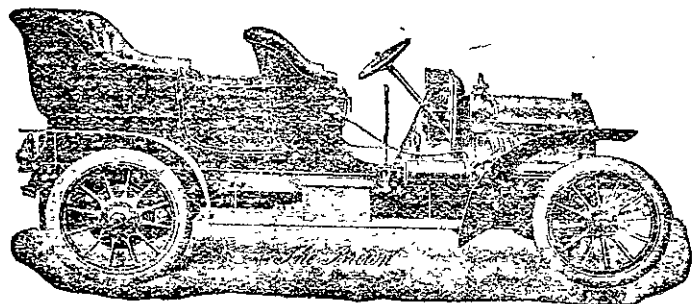
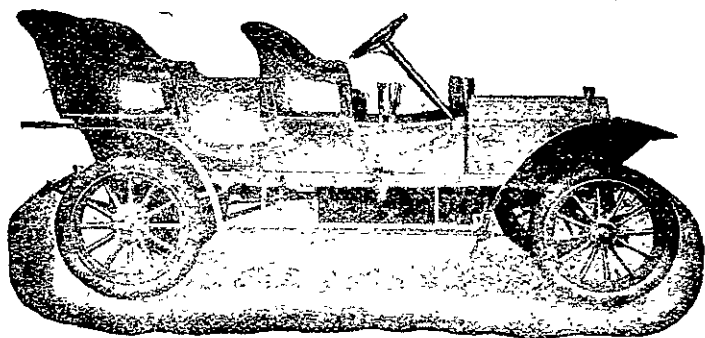
The midwinter issue of *Our Alma Mater*, the organ of the students of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, has just come to hand, and, like all its predecessors, is a credit to the editors and to the institution. As is usually the case with the midwinter number, a great deal of space is devoted to a record of school work since the beginning of the year, with an account of the doings of the various clubs connected with the college. An interesting feature is a letter from Father Robert Hugh Benson in reply to some criticisms of his works by students of the college. A fac-simile of portion of Father Benson's letter is given. The illustrations in the present issue are very good, and the printing and general get-up of the magazine are all that could be desired.

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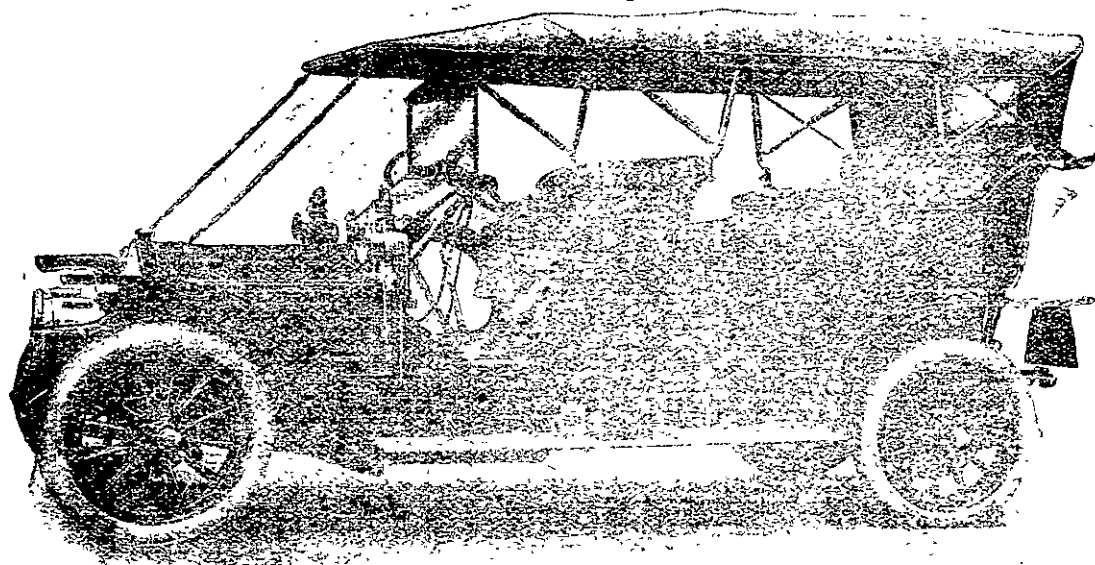
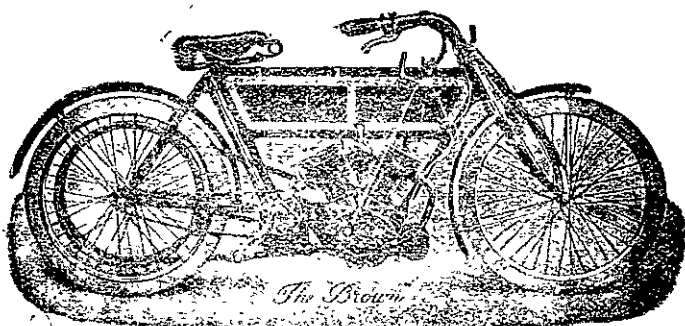


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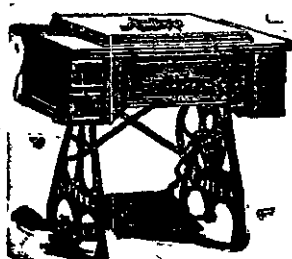
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Oats.—The market is quiet, the majority of buyers showing little or no disposition to operate. Late quotations are barely maintained. We quote: Prime milling, 10 2s; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Offerings for the week in this market have again been light. Millers, however, report having sufficient stock on hand for present requirements, and consequently are not over-eager buyers at the moment. Fowl wheat is scarce, and has strong inquiry. Quotations are unchanged. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is inactive, little inquiry existing. Prime table quality Up-to-Dates is the only description meeting with ready sale at prices about on a par with late values. For inferior, roughly-grown, and small sorts there is very little sale, at prices which show considerable reduction. We quote: Extra choice Up-to-Dates, £3 15s; prime Up-to-Dates, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; medium, £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 5s upwards per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—This market shares, to some extent, in the general quietness prevailing in the other markets. Prime bright heavy and well-cut oat sheaf is saleable at last week's rates. Inferior, discolored, and heated lines are not wanted, and are difficult to quit at low values. We quote: Prime oat sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; light, inferior, and heated, £2 10s and upwards per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote wheaten, 38s to 40s; oat (scarce), 47s 6d per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—The market is very quiet, as merchants are not disposed to buy. Quotations: Prime milling, 2s; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11½d; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Owing to London advices millers are not disposed to operate here. Fowl wheat is scarce, and medium milling is readily sold as its substitute. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium milling and fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 6d to 4s per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—All prime oat sheaf coming to hand is readily sold at quotations. Medium and inferior are not in demand, and are hard of sale. Quotations: Prime oat sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; discolored and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments during the week have been heavy, and prices in consequence have eased slightly. Prime Up-to-Dates have most inquiry. Quotations: Best Up-to-Dates, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; extra, to £3 15s; medium to good, £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s per ton (sacks in).

Pressed Straw.—Quotations: Wheaten, 38s to 40s; oat, to 50s per ton.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday morning, when we submitted a representative catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. With the exception of oats, bidding for all lines on offer was brisk, and we cleared the bulk of our catalogue at quotations. Prices ruled as under:

Oats.—There is practically no new business to report in the oat market. Offerings from the country are light, but as merchants are still out of the market owing to the absence of shipping orders from the north, transactions, except for the local trade, are small. We quote: Prime milling, 2s; good to best feed, 1s 10½d to 1s 11½d; inferior to medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Owing to the depressing reports from the Home markets, millers are not so anxious to buy as was the case a week ago. Holders are firm, and consequently little business is passing. Fowl wheat, which has good demand locally, is in short supply, and a number of lines of second milling quality are being disposed of as fowl wheat, which sells almost on a par with prime milling. Broken and damaged lines are more difficult to quit at quotations. We quote: Prime milling, 4s 5d to 4s 5½d; medium do and best whole fowl wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; broken and damaged, 3s 3d to 3s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments from the country have been heavier during the week, and prices, except for very choice lines, have eased somewhat. At our sales this morning we submitted several lines of freshly-picked Up-to-Dates, which met with good competition at slightly reduced prices. Medium and stale samples are very difficult to quit, however. We quote: Best Up-to-Dates, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; choice, to £3 15s; medium do, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 5s to £2 15s; best Derwents, to £3 15s; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s; inferior, £2 to £2 15s per ton (bags included).

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Sheepskins.—We held our ordinary sale on Tuesday, when we offered a medium catalogue. The demand was not very keen, and prices were much on a par with last week's rates. Best halfbred brought from 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 5½d to 6d; inferior, 3½d to 4d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 5d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5½d to 6d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d.

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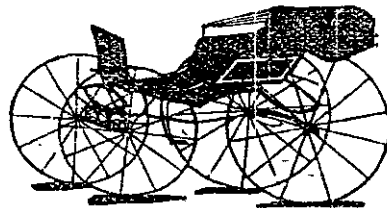
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3. The examinations will be conducted in writing, and will be held in December, 1908, at centres to suit the general convenience of candidates.
4. Candidates will be examined in (a) The New Zealand Catechism, No. 2; (b) Writing, Spelling, English Grammar, Essay, and Arithmetic. The questions will be of the same grade of proficiency as the Sixth Standard Board of Education.
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DEATH

TRAYNOR.—On Tuesday, September 29, at Dunedin, Andrew Joseph Traynor, the beloved husband of Emma J. Traynor, and eldest son of Patrick and Jane Traynor, of Wyndham; aged 34 years. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM

ROUGHAN.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Patrick Michael Roughan, who died at Dunedin Hospital on Thursday, October 28, 1907.

Yes, darling brother, great is our anguish
In losing affection so tender and true;
But still in that land where love is perfected
We feel we're loved better than ever by you.

Pray, dearest brother, that each of your loved ones
May follow the path you unflinchingly trod;
Then life's care o'er, and the fight nobly ended,
We shall be united for ever in the Home of our God.

—Inserted by his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news **WHILE IT IS FRESH.** Stale reports will not be inserted.

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Reports of **MARRIAGES** and **DEATHS** are not selected or compiled at this Office. To secure insertion they must be verified by our local agent or correspondent, or by the clergyman of the district, or by some subscriber whose handwriting is well known at this Office. Such reports must in every case be accompanied by the customary death or marriage announcement, for which a charge of 2s. 6d. is made.

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, OCTOBER 15, 1908.

A LINK WITH TE RAUPARAHA



HERE has passed away in the Kaikoura district an old Maori warrior named Ihaia Poreke Te Awanui. Age had shrivelled up Ihaia (Maori for Isaiah) a good deal, for he had seen ninety and two years of earth-life when he stepped through the door of death. The chief interest that attaches to Ihaia Poreke Te Awanui (we like the processional march of his full name) was this: that he was a link that bound the present with the stone age of New Zealand, and that he witnessed the blazing of the path of blood and fire that led the Maori from the old order to the new. It was a headlong rush that lasted from 1818 to 1840, and went near ending in the extermination of New Zealand's handsome and intelligent native race. The chief instrument in the process was the musket. It had been used in a small and local way to adjust accounts between tribe and tribe before 1817—and Ihaia was born in 1816. But the argument of the flying leaden ball began to be used on an extended and deadly scale after Chief Hongi (a Methodist convert) returned from a visit to King George III. in 1821. He sold in Sydney the royal presents which he had received, purchased three hundred stand of arms and powder and ball galore, and on his arrival took a hand in settling a little 'Balkan question' that had arisen, during his absence, between his tribesmen and some of their neighbors. Hongi stormed like a typhoon through the country, slew eight thousand or so of his enemies with the white man's weapon, used up a goodly percentage of them for fresh provisions, changed at a bound the traditions of olden Maori warfare, and struck terror into the heart of brown New Zealand.

Among the tribes that, for dear life, made haste to barter flax and pork with the pakeha ships for firearms were the Ngati-toa. Their hard-hitting and terrible chief Te Rauparaha was about fifty years old when Hongi began to turn rival tribes into dead meat with musket balls. Raha's tribe were stout fighters,

But they were numerically small, and they saw that, under the new conditions, their proximity to the strong and fierce Waikatos was neither good for their peace of mind nor calculated to prolong their sojourn in this 'wale of tears.' So Te Rauparaha (or Raha, as he was called by his friends) decided on an exodus of his tribe to safer regions. He moved southwards—peacefully where he could; where hostile warriors objected to his violation of territory, he hacked and skewered his way through them from Patea to Wellington. In 1819 he had transferred his people to their new homes on Kapiti Island. It had long been in his mind to conquer and permanently occupy the northern coasts of the South Island. So, after some years' rest, he and his warriors cut through the waves in their long war-canoes. They stormed the Kaikoura pa in 1825, slaughtered or captured some fourteen hundred persons, baked and feasted on old chief Rerewhaka and numerous other vanquished warriors (after the fashion of the time), and brought back their boiled heads to adorn Raha's tall stockade on Kapiti. So, once upon a time, did the heads of white men adorn many a castle gate—as, for instance, for twenty years did Cromwell's cranium form a grim decoration to Westminster Hall, said cranium having been previously hacked off his disinterred remains in Westminster Abbey.

It so befell that one section of Rerewhaka's tribe (the Ngaitahu) held a strong pa (built about the year of grace 1700) at Kaiapoi (known in classic Maori as Kaiapohia), some fourteen miles from Christchurch. The Kaiapoi pa was situated on a small, thumb-shaped peninsula. It was made formidable by strong earthworks and by its principal cincture of defence, which was composed, in the good old Maori way, of tree-trunks embedded deeply in the ground and rising to a height of nearly thirty feet. Even while Te Rauparaha was storming and raging and slaughtering and cannibalising up and down the coast, he kept his weather eye upon the tall triple stockades of Kaiapoi. Maori etiquette required a proper pretext for attack—everything should be *tika* (correct). But with the brown man, as with his white brother, a pretext for war is easily found. Raha's first attack on the Kaiapoi pa failed. He drew off and awaited a time which his *tohunga* (Kukurangi) should deem more opportune. It came in due course. Then Kukurangi sang his *mata* (prophecy), and Raha with six hundred of his braves pounded the boisterous waters of Raukawa (Cook's Strait), and the hundreds of other miles of troubled ocean, with the paddles of their big carved war canoes. They narrowly missed capturing the empty pa by surprise, for the Ngaitahu were absent gathering in their food. But these cleverly contrived to throw a sufficient garrison into the fort, and Te Rauparaha had no alternative but to settle down and reduce the place by a regular siege. Among those within the pa on the occasion was Ihaia Poreke Te Awanui, whose passing has recalled these stirring incidents in the history of Maori warfare.

The siege of Kaiapoi dragged its slow length along for over three months. By the aid of zig-zags, parallels, and flying saps (much in the European way, though not taught by Europeans) Raha contrived, with considerable loss, to get close enough to the wooden walls to pile against them great quantities of dry brushwood. The firestick did the rest. We may quote the sequel from an article written by us some years ago for the *Australasian Catholic Record*. 'The defenders, scorched with the fire, and choking with the vast volumes of smoke that blew towards them, gave way. Through the beach, when the flames fell, the besiegers charged. Out of about a thousand souls within the pa, only some two hundred escaped into the neighboring swamps. The customary scenes of old-time Maori wars followed. Years later the Rev. John Raven found the surface of the ground outside the charred wooden walls "strewn with human remains and weapons of all sorts." He "caused the bones to be collected," and about "two wagon-loads were buried by his orders in a pit at the base of the sandhill." . . . At last Raha became a Christian, hung up his musket, practised the arts of peace, and preached friendship with the pakeha till he died, at Otaki, on November 27, 1849. He lived to see the Maori age of stone change through blood and fire to the age of iron; he saw the beginnings of the long struggles between brown man and Briton that went on intermittently from the early forties till 1869; but the best thing old Raha saw was the manner in which the gradual spread of Christianity mitigated (it at last ended) the torture, slaughter, and enslavement of prisoners, and other atrocities of old pagan warfare in New Zealand.' And the whole transformation—and a vast deal for the Maori besides—has come to pass within the lifetime of Te Rauparaha's captured (and afterwards escaped) slave, Ihaia Poreke Te Awanui.

Notes

The French Persecution

A dose of persecution often serves as a tonic to the moral system. 'The remarkable vitality of Catholicism in France,' says the *Literary Digest*, 'is shown by the manner in which it has so far withstood all efforts to secularise its administration. It has overcome many of the difficulties occasioned by the confiscation of ecclesiastical buildings and the abolition of the Ecclesiastical Budget which the Concordat of Napoleon I. provided for. New churches are springing up by hundreds, and over these the State can exercise no more power than it exercises over a citizen's private property.'

The Art of Sticking

'There is no royal road to anything,' says Timothy Titcomb in his *Gold-Foil*. 'One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast, withers as rapidly; that which grows slowly endures.' Mr. Joseph Chamberlain once said to an indolent and vacillating English legislator: 'My dear boy, see that postage-stamp; its usefulness and value depend upon its ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.'

Many of our 'dear boys,' of the greater as well as of the lesser growth, might usefully paste that counsel in their hats.

Why Men Do Go to Church

From time to time we read in the newspaper press earnest efforts by non-Catholic divines to solve the riddle, 'Why men Don't Go to Church.' By comparison with the non-Catholic denominations, the Old Church in these countries hardly knows the problem of the churchless multitude. It was, therefore, with a spasm of unaccustomed interest that we perused the report of a sermon recently delivered by a Methodist clergyman, the Rev. James Benninger, at Plymouth (Pennsylvania), and published in the *Wilkes-Barre Record*. The subject of the sermon was, in effect, 'Why Men Do Go to Church'—the church in question being the Catholic. The preacher said in part: 'We hear much carping and criticising these days about the different methods to attract men to church. The Protestant world has gone almost to the limit in adopting means to secure this desired end. We have seen the magic lantern exhibition, and listened to addresses on the lake poets; we have heard classical singers and eloquent orations, but the men were no nearer the kingdom than before. We have fumed and fussed and worked ourselves into a frenzy, while the Catholic Church, without any effort on her part, has gone on in the even tenor of her way solving the problem to the satisfaction of her hierarchy. How does she do it? How does she get men out of bed on Sunday morning at an early hour—men who work late on Saturday night? How does she fill the streets on Sunday morning with worshippers when the Protestant world is fast asleep? I know some of the explanations that are offered, but they do not explain. Many that we have heard and read only seem childish twaddle.'

Here is how the preacher explained the secret of the Catholic Church's hold upon the people: 'The reason the Catholic Church succeeds, in spite of our misgivings, is because she is true to the central fact of revelation. She makes the death of Jesus the centre of her devotion, and around that point she organises all of her activities. When you see a company of Catholic people Sunday morning on the way to church, you can be assured of this: they are not going for the sake of fine music; they are not going to hear an eloquent dissertation on *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. They are going to that place of worship to attend the Mass. What is the celebration of the Mass? It is what we call the celebration of the Lord's Supper. That fact is kept prominently before the mind of every Catholic. What is the first thing you see as you approach a Catholic church? A cross. What is the first thing you see as you enter that church? A cross. What is the first thing you see a Catholic do as he seats himself in that church? Make the sign of the cross. What is the last thing held before the eyes of a dying Catholic? A cross. He comes into the church in childhood imbued with the death of Jesus; he goes out of this world thinking of the death of Jesus. Whatever may be our opinions about certain other features of that Church, here is one thing at least from which we ought to draw a lesson. If that Church has succeeded by magnifying the cross, why not every Church? If the dark negations of these three schools that I have set before you are failures, "to whom shall we go" but Christ? All that is noble and elevating in our civilization is there because He is there. If this world

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is to be regenerated, it will only come through His " words of eternal life." Shall we, then, go back to Christ? Better still, never leave Him.'

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

At a social gathering of the Dunedin Fire Brigade last week advantage was taken of the occasion to present an address to Deputy Superintendent Salmon on his attainment of that position. The presentation was made by Superintendent Mitchell in very eulogistic terms. He referred to the length of time served by Mr. Salmon in fire brigade work, as he and the speaker were associated years ago at Naseby. The address was a very handsome piece of work, and was executed by Fireman R. Duncan.

The bazaar and sale of work in aid of the Dominican Convent building fund was opened in St. Patrick's Schoolroom on Friday, when there was a good attendance of the public (says the *Tuapeka Times*). There was nothing in the nature of an official ceremony, the ladies merely getting to work as promptly as possible in effecting sales. The arrangement and decoration of the room left very little to be desired, the trimmings of the various stalls and the greenery judiciously placed in odd corners helping in the making of an attractive scene. The stalls, of which there were five, were presided over as follow:—Handkerchiefs, etc., Misses Alice Kelleher and Moody; sweets, Miss Cissy Brosnan, assisted by Misses Zetta Hart and Letitia Higgins; fancy goods, Misses Mills, assisted by Misses Colgan, Fahey, and Higgins, and Messrs. T. Hunt and M. Fahey; fancy goods No. 2, Mrs. H. Hart and Miss Kelleher, assisted by Miss Airey and Miss Hannah Moody; produce stall, Miss Jean Fahey. The refreshments were under the control of the Misses Hart, assisted by Misses Kelleher, Higgins, and M. Roughan. Needless to say, a brisk business was done during the afternoon and evening, while the various side shows and competitions of one kind and another provided no end of amusement and excitement.

Oamaru

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 11.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commences on Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Basilica.

His many friends learned with sincere regret of the death, as the result of acute pneumonia, of Mr. E. J. Roughan, who has been a member of the local telegraph operating staff for the past eight months. Mr. Roughan's body, which will be interred at Lawrence, was accompanied to the railway station by a number of members of the staff, including the chief postmaster and Mr. Cumming. Mr. Roughan was recently elected a member of the local Catholic Club, and was very popular among the members.—R.I.P.

The meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday last was devoted to 'A Night with Ireland,' and was attended by a large number of members. The programme consisted of songs, speeches, stories, and vocal and instrumental items having relation to the Emerald Isle. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Father O'Neill and Messrs. Mulvihill and F. Cooney. Mr. O'Grady contributed two amusing recitations; Mr. J. Cagney sang 'The minstrel boy'; flute solos were given by Messrs. A. Kay and J. Cagney; and Mr. Cooney gave a reading. The evening passed off very successfully, and much interest was taken in the proceedings by all present. Before the members dispersed, the president, on behalf of the club, bade good-bye to one of the most active and popular members in the person of Mr. J. O'Donnell, who has accepted an appointment in Dunedin. Mr. O'Donnell has ever been a most willing worker, and showed a good example by his punctual and regular attendance at the meetings. The club wishes him every success in his new sphere. Mr. Cunningham, a member of the Ashburton Club, who was present during the evening, congratulated the Oamaru Club on their capital entertainment, and spoke of the pleasure he had received from being present.

WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

October 10.

The Catholic Club's Federation Executive is offering prizes for an oratorical competition to be conducted by the several affiliated clubs and for an essay competition. The subject of the essay is 'Some Illustrious Irishmen.'

The Catholic Club proposes to form a cricket club this season. The club will not for the present affiliate with the Cricket Association.

Mr. J. J. Bourke, a member of the well-known Bourke family of Kilbirnie, is to be married during the month at Dublin to Miss McHugh, a member of a well-known Catholic family in Dublin. Mr. Bourke left the Dominion in May last for the Old Country.

On Thursday evening representatives from the Petone Catholic Club, under the management of Mr. Alfred Coles, were entertained by the Wellington Catholic Club. A games tournament was held, in which the visitors were victorious. A very pleasant evening was spent by members of both societies. The City Club was represented by Mr. A. H. Casey as chairman.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., who has just completed a mission at Taihape, begins very soon a retreat for the Sisters of Compassion, Buckle street. The Rev. Father will be engaged in this retreat for about eight days, and will then leave the city to conduct retreats at the several towns along the Main Trunk line.

The results of the Trinity College musical examinations are to hand, and reflect in more than the ordinary degree to the credit of our Sisters of Mercy. This year's results are even more satisfactory than the splendid results of previous years. The examiner stated that the singing of the convent pupils was the most finished singing he had heard on his travels. Perhaps the most noteworthy success was that achieved by Miss Agnes Segrief, who gained the distinction of A.T.C.L., with the splendid and rare record of 98 per cent. Miss Teresa McEnroe was entitled to two gold medals, but did not enter for the competition. Other prize-winners were Miss Aicken and Miss Gard, both convent pupils. These grand results prove conclusively the great work done by our Sisters in the musical training of their pupils.

[One folio of this letter has not come to hand. The detailed lists of successful candidates at the Trinity College musical examination were sent by our correspondent, but they are already given in an earlier letter that appears elsewhere in our columns.—Ed. N.Z. Tablet.]

Napier

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 12.

St. Patrick's Church is now under repair, and is also being painted, whilst the spire is being consolidated to admit of the fine bell being properly swung.

The Very Rev. Father Clune and Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., are at present conducting a mission here, which is to last for a fortnight. The church is crowded every evening by a very large congregation to hear the eloquent sermons of both missionary Fathers.

A successful social evening was held by the Catholic Young Men's Club in St. Patrick's Hall on last Friday evening, with Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A., in the chair. An opportunity was taken to present the medals won by the Sanctuary boys for good conduct and attendance, the winners being Masters J. Sullivan, F. Merrick, and A. Williams. On the previous evening an oratorical contest had been held, and the prizes were now presented to the winners—Mr. J. Fortune winning the gold watch as first, and Mr. D. Doyle the silver watch as second. Part of the evening was spent in euchre, there being also a concert programme, towards which Mr. J. W. Coe contributed an amusing ventriloquial sketch, Mr. C. J. Dolan a humorous reading, Mr. J. Mullaney a step-dance, and Master Merrick a pianoforte solo. Misses Mahony and McIntosh won the euchre prize. Refreshments were provided by the young men.

The concert given by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School in the Theatre Royal last Wednesday proved most successful, and was excellently attended. The programme was wholly supplied by the pupils themselves, who succeeded in thoroughly entertaining the audience. A gymnastic display, consisting of club-swinging and parallel bar performance, met with unstinted applause; while songs were well rendered by the senior and junior pupils. Master H. Ruston gave an excellent comic song, while Masters W. McConnell and C. Kenny contributed recitations. A parliamentary debate on the question, 'Should bad boys be birched?' was most amusing, and was presided over by Master F. W. Goldfinch as speaker. The speeches were evidently prepared with an eye to novelty, and the points were cleverly made. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Mansfield and Miss McGrath. Mrs. Mansfield played two pianoforte selections by way of overtures to each part.

Death of Rev. John Geary

Profound regret will be felt by the clergy of the diocese of Dunedin to learn that their confrère of many years, the Rev. John Geary, met his death, by drowning, at Tramore, on August 27. A brief cable message in the daily papers of August 28 announced that 'a Catholic priest from Australia was drowned while bathing at Tramore.' Private communications received on Tuesday morning of this week made it clear that the 'Catholic priest from Australia' was the Rev. John Geary, a priest of the diocese of Waterford, who, by permission of his Bishop, served for a number of years in the diocese of Dunedin, doing parochial work in Lawrence, Gore, and Dunedin until shattered health rendered it necessary for him to return to his native land at the close of 1907. The accounts of the melancholy accident to Father Geary, received up to the moment of going to press, are very meagre. In a private communication received on Tuesday morning, it was stated that he got into difficulties while bathing, and that, although a strong swimmer, he went under. Help was available as speedily as possible and he was brought ashore, but he never rallied. The deepest regret was felt by Father Geary's clerical confrères in Dunedin on receipt of the sad and unexpected news. A solemn Dirge and Requiem will be celebrated, for the repose of his soul, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, at nine o'clock on Thursday morning of this week.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph from our own correspondent.)

October 12.

A meeting will shortly be held to make arrangements for a suitable reception to his Lordship Dr. Lenihan on his return from Europe.

Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., opened a new church at Taumarunui yesterday. He was assisted by the Rev. Father Molloy, pastor of the district.

An Irish national concert, organised by Rev. Fathers Brennan and Williams, in aid of St. Benedict's Church debt, will take place in St. Benedict's Hall to-morrow night.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan recently attended a meeting of the National Directory in Dublin, and urged unity at Home and abroad. He deprecated divisions of Irishmen.

At Waihi on next Sunday the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will commence. It will be conducted by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Brodie.

The Guard of Honor Confraternity held a most successful social in the Royal Albert Hall on last Friday evening. The proceeds were in aid of the society's funds. Rev. Fathers Murphy and Wright were present, together with large numbers of ladies and gentlemen.

Advices by mail report that a great reception was tendered in Belfast to his Lordship Dr. Lenihan and Mr. Kidston, the Premier of Queensland. Mr. Joseph Devlin, several members of Parliament, and leading citizens delivered addresses. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan and the Hon. Mr. Kidston, in replying, voiced Ireland's claim for autonomy. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

Ensign Robert Emmet, of the United States warship Connecticut, writing to a friend here, stated he was overwhelmed with the receptions accorded to him by the Irish citizens of Sydney and Melbourne. The enthusiasm and depth of feeling displayed quite overcame him. All his life he will retain memories of the Irish men and women of Australasia. He forwarded photographs of himself to his Auckland friends.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy is on a brief visit to Hanmer for health purposes. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., of St. Mary's, Christchurch North, assisted at the Cathedral on Sunday.

Permission has been kindly granted to the promoters of the combined Catholic excursion and outing on December 26 for the use of the Riccarton racecourse and properties of the Canterbury Jockey Club for the occasion. The committee, of which the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., is chairman, are busily engaged in arranging details, and a meeting of ladies willing to assist is convened for this week.

The devotions for the month of the Holy Rosary are being observed in the customary manner, and with the edifying co-operation of the faithful. Addressing the congregation in the Cathedral on Sunday, the Very Rev. Father Price spoke of the devotion of the Rosary as a sublime and beautiful practice of our religion. He instanced how the faith was preserved in the penal days in Ireland, for after everything else was taken from the persecuted people, the Rosary still remained, and was handed down from generation to generation.

The mention of the Month of the Holy Rosary reminds us that it was on Rosary Sunday, 1860, that the first Catholic Church erected in Canterbury was opened. Thus, the first Sunday of October, 1910, will be the jubilee of this historical occasion.

The tenth annual meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Club (states the *Lyttelton Times*) was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. D. McDonald, in the chair. The balance sheet showed that the receipts had exceeded the expenditure by £9 11s 7d, and the assets exceeded the liabilities by £66 19s 7d. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. T. Brophy; vice-president, Mr. J. Murphy; secretary, Mr. J. A. Lennon; treasurer, Mr. E. Hanrahan; librarian, Mr. W. Lennon; committee—Messrs. D. McDonald, S. Madden, Brophy, F. Pritchard, and J. Hannigan.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

October 12.

The Hibernian Band gave a sacred concert at West Plains on Sunday, October 4.

Mr. J. Moriarty is now in the district putting forward the claims of the *N.Z. Tablet*.

The pupils of St. Catherine's Convent entertained their parents and friends to a very enjoyable musical treat on Friday evening.

The Invercargill Catholic Club concluded the session on Tuesday evening, when they presented to the large number of friends and supporters present a very enjoyable musical programme. Mr. H. Gallagher received a volume of Dickens' works as first prize in the recent oratorical competition.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday evening last. The branch, which was opened on October 7, 1907, has every reason to be proud of the position it now holds. Although it is the youngest branch in the Dominion, its membership is now well over three figures, as are also the funds.

St. Patrick's College Scholarships

An important announcement with reference to scholarships at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, appears in this issue. Four scholarships of the yearly value of £25 each, tenable for four years, will be offered for competition in December next. These scholarships are open to all Catholic boys attending the parochial schools of the Dominion. Candidates must be under the age of fourteen on January 1, 1908. Applications to be examined should be forwarded to the Very Rev. Rector before November 10. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

The fourth session of the sixteenth Parliament came to an end at three minutes before midnight on Saturday.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones has been appointed High Commissioner for the Dominion in London in succession to the Hon. W. P. Reeves.

A special feature of the September issue of the *C.V.M.*, the organ of the Adelaide Catholic Club, is the parody of a scene from Shakespeare, in which the writer, 'Plautus,' gives notes of an alleged conversation between two notorious religious firebrands. The sketch is too good to have only the limited publicity of a society magazine.

The October number of the *Triad* just to hand has been enlarged to 74 pages by the addition of a music supplement containing 18 songs and pieces by such composers as Wagner, Schumann, Lassen, Grieg, Dessauer, Gluck, Weber, and Gounod. There is something in this supplement to please every taste and to suit every voice. The letterpress is, as usual, marked by personality and grip, and entire freedom from dullness, and as the price of the issue remains unaltered, it should have a very large sale indeed.

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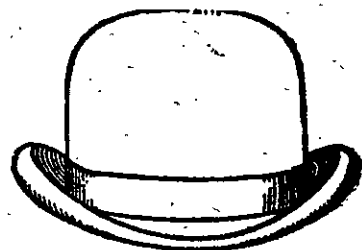


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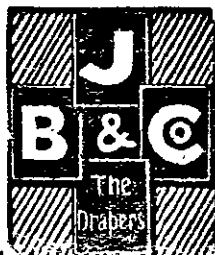
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ANTRIM—Distinguished Visitors

When Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., welcomed the Premier of Queensland and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, to Belfast (says the *Irish Weekly*), he did more than discharge a debt of gratitude to two distinguished Australians for sympathy and help freely bestowed during his own mission to the Far South; he placed Ireland under a deep obligation to himself and to the visitors alike. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan is an Irishman, and his advocacy of the Irish cause is the natural result of his nationality. Mr. Kidston is a Scotsman born, and his lengthened practical experience of the untold advantages of self-government in Australia renders his support of Home Rule for Ireland particularly valuable at a moment when the southern continent rivals even Germany in the attention of Great Britain. His speech at the Linen Hall Hotel was one of the clearest, best-reasoned, and most emphatic in argument and assertion ever delivered by a non-Irishman on the question. Such a visitor was heartily welcome in Belfast.

ARMAGH—Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome

His Eminence Cardinal Logue has written a letter to Dr. Walsh, President of the Central Council of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Dublin, expressing his pleasure at learning that the Council is organising a pilgrimage to Rome in connection with the Holy Father's Jubilee. His Eminence is sure a visit to Rome and the Holy Father's blessing will contribute very much to strengthen the Catholic spirit among the members of the Society and their friends.

CLARE—Visit of the Bishop of Ballarat

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, stayed at Thomond House, Lisdoonvarna, for a fortnight during August, taking the waters and enjoying the beautiful scenery and invigorating air of this most salubrious resort. His Lordship paid a visit to the Island of Arran, and saw the interesting ecclesiastical ruins and graves of the famous Irish saints. On his arrival at Arran he was met by Father Murtagh Farragher, who escorted the Bishop and his friends over the island, and subsequently entertained them at luncheon in his own hospitable style. Previous to Dr. Higgins's departure from Thomond House, Mrs. Bolger and the guests organised a farewell concert as a mark of their esteem and respect for him.

CORK—Death of a Priest

Early on Saturday morning, August 22, the Rev. Michael Aherne, the esteemed parish priest of Castlemartyr, was discovered dead in bed at his residence, apparently having passed peacefully away during the night. It appears that the deceased priest retired to bed at 11 o'clock on Friday night in his usual good health, having been conversing until that hour with Rev. Father Tobin, who was on a visit to him. The deceased, who was 72 years of age, was thirteen years a parish priest. At the meeting of the Midleton Board of Guardians and the Rural Council sympathetic references were made to his lamented death, and as a mark of sympathy with his relatives and tribute of respect to his memory the board and council adjourned business.

DONEGAL—Archdeacon McFadden

The Very Rev. James McFadden, whom the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has appointed Archdeacon of his diocese (writes a Dublin correspondent), is one of the few living links with the sad past, the past of ruthless evictions and wholesale exterminations. Close on fifty years ago he was curate of the parish of Garton, when the Glenveigh clearances were effected by the late Mr. John Adair, and hundreds of peasants flung on the roadside to perish and die for aught the lord of the soil cared. Father McFadden organised a relief committee to save the victims of cruel landlordism from starvation, and provide them with homes in some foreign land; he threw his whole energy into the heavy undertaking and succeeded. Australia was the place of exile selected for them, and Father McFadden accompanied his flock as far as Liverpool, where he bid them adieu forever. The following pathetic account of their departure from Garton is given by the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan in *New Ireland*: "On the day they were to set out for the railway station en route for Liverpool a strange scene was witnessed. The cavalcade was accompanied by a concourse of neighbors and sympathisers. They had to pass within a short distance of the ancient burial ground where "the rude forefathers" of the valley slept. They

halted, turned aside, and proceeded to the grass-grown cemetery. Here in a body they knelt, flung themselves on the graves of their relatives, which they reverently kissed again and again, and raised for the last time the Irish funeral wail. Then—some of them pulling tufts of grass which they placed in their bosoms—they resumed their way on the road to exile."

DOWN—A Sudden Death

On Sunday, August 23, Mr. Peter M. Kelly, Inspector of Police, City of Chicago, U.S.A., died suddenly at the residence of his brother in Ballyvalley, Mayobridge, near Newry, after a few hours' illness. The deceased gentleman arrived at Ballyvalley on a visit a few days before his death. He had been in poor health for several months previous to leaving for Ireland, and was advised to return to Ireland for a rest and holiday.

DUBLIN—The Horse Show

The Horse Show opened on August 25 under very unfavorable climatic conditions. The day was raw and blustery, with a strong south-wester blowing, and drenching showers fell at intervals. It was an unusual turn of bad luck for a notable fixture, which has hitherto been proverbial for its association with smiling skies and bright sunshine. One of the earliest visitors to the show was the Lord Lieutenant, who was accompanied by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the wife of the American Ambassador. The number of horses entered this year, which totalled 1229, was slightly under that of last year, but the average was well maintained. England, France, Germany, Japan, and indeed most of the Continental countries, had their representatives present. One of the most interesting sections of the show was the Art Industries Exhibition. True, the number of entries showed a slight falling-off, but then the quality of the exhibits was admitted to be far in advance of that of recent years. In tapestry, leather, stained glass, ornamental plaster, etc., the departments of this section were remarkably well equipped. These exhibits were all very well displayed in the fine hall erected specially for the purpose in recent years.

The Freedom of the City

A special meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin was held on August 24 at the City Hall to witness the affixing of the name of Richard Croker to the roll of honorary burgesses, and to present to him the certificate of honorary freedom of the city, conferred by resolution of council of July 1, 1907.

Opening a Carnegie Library

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has written to the Dublin Free Libraries Committee accepting their invitation to open the new library buildings in Charleville Mall, Dublin, during the current month.

Death of an Indian Official

News has reached Dublin by cable of the death from enteric fever of Mr. Laurence Lee Dunne, Assistant Commissioner, at the Residency, Punjab, India. The deceased, who was a son of the late Mr. Wm. Dunne, Dublin, was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools, North Richmond street, and afterwards took his B.A. degree with distinction at the Royal University.

A Jewish Home Rule Association

As a rule (says the *Irish Weekly*), the Jews settled in this country—certainly, the workers amongst them—have always been friendly to the National Cause, and the newly-formed 'Judæo-Irish Home Rule Association' in Dublin is a natural outcome of that sympathy. The greatest Jewish writer of English, Mr. Israel Zangwill, is an earnest Home Ruler; so is Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., the most brilliant member of the English Bar. The Jews have been a hunted and persecuted race for nearly twenty centuries; yet, countryless, and very Ishmaelites, they survived as a race, if not as a nation. In one land of all the known earth they never were oppressed, even when religious persecution was rife throughout the world—that country was Ireland.

KERRY—The Lansdowne Estate

An agreement for the sale of the agricultural portion of the parish of Kenmare has been signed by Mr. William Rochford, land agent, on behalf of Lord Lansdowne, and the Ven. Archdeacon O'Leary, P.P., V.G., on behalf of the tenants. There are about one hundred and twenty holdings comprised in the parish, and a petition was signed by five-sixths of the tenants agreeing to accept Lord Lansdowne's terms. The remaining one-sixth presented a petition also accepting the terms, provided that the riparian owners were granted permission to fish for trout in the River Sheen.

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The House of Kenmare

In the course of his speech at the recent carnival in Killarney, the Right Rev. Dr. Mangan said: That we are holding a fete in the midst of all these beautiful surroundings is due to the kindness of the noble Earl of Kenmare. We may differ in some things, but there is one principle in which the noble House of Kenmare—and I say it unhesitatingly, and I am pleased to have the opportunity of saying it publicly—has set an example to us all, and that is—in its unswerving devotion to the principles of Catholicity, through all the vicissitudes, and all the changes, of many centuries. They have been as true to their faith as the needle has been to the pole, and I think I may say that the Catholic traditions of the House of Kenmare are in safe keeping in the hands of the present noble earl.

The Holy Father's Jubilee

Messrs. Johnson, Dublin, have exhibited a collection of 20 magnificent chalices made by the direction of the Countess of Kenmare as a jubilee present for the Pope from the women of the South of Ireland. The chalices are copies from a beautiful Irish chalice of the fifteenth century. Each is silver gilt throughout. The Countess of Kenmare has also forwarded two chalices from the ladies of Tralee, which are replicas of a chalice dug out of a bog near Tullamore eight or ten years ago, and recognised as an Irish work of the early fourteenth century.

KILDARE—The New University

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, in the course of an address delivered during his visitation to Phillipstown, declared there were two conditions indispensable to the success of the new University Act, as far as rural Leinster was concerned. The first was the establishment of a residential college in Dublin in which youths from the country parts should be lodged and subjected to reasonable discipline for at least two years, and the second was the provision of a generous scheme of scholarships by the County Councils. He would have no hope for the fulfilment of the second condition until the first was complied with. If all went to all, and no amount of pressure succeeded in making the Government do its duty in that respect, let it restore the Royal Hospital to the Catholic people of Ireland, and they would see to its equipment, maintenance, and management. Unless that condition were satisfied in some way, he ventured to prophesy that the Dublin College, in which they were all so deeply interested, would consist almost exclusively of medical students and Dublin residents.

KILKENNY—Parliamentary Representation

Mr. Nicholas J. Murphy, M.P. for South Kilkenny, yielding to the generally expressed wishes of his constituents, does not intend to persist in the resignation of his seat in Parliament. He has written to Mr. John Redmond and Captain Donnellan, Chief Whip, intimating his change of view, and stating that he will be prepared to resume his parliamentary duties after the recess.

TIPPERARY—A Sad Accident

A sad accident took place on the second day of the Dublin Horse Show. Captain Gough, of Fethard, County Tipperary, was riding a horse along the drive which runs parallel with Anglesea road, when he suddenly fell to the ground. Dr. Lane, of Ballickmoyler, County Carlow, happened to be in the vicinity at the time, and hastened to the fallen gentleman's aid. On examining him, he found that he was dead. The sad event occasioned a profound impression on those who were near at the time, and the news of it as it subsequently reached the visitors in other parts of the show caused widespread regret. The deceased gentleman was about sixty years of age, and was a second prize winner at the show.

WATERFORD—A Tasmanian Visitor

Miss Reidy, a niece of the late Brigadier-General Thomas Francis Meagher, was on a visit to Waterford from Tasmania during August. She was the guest of the Mayor and other leading citizens at a reception at the Granville Hotel, which is built on the spot where the house in which her distinguished uncle was born originally stood.

WICKLOW—A Welcome

Mrs. Power, the recently-married daughter of Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and her husband, Dr. Power, spent a portion of their honeymoon at Aghvannagh, County Wicklow, where they received a great welcome from the people of the district. They were met at Woodenbridge station by a band and a torch-light procession, and all the houses in Aghrim were illuminated in honor of the wedding. An address of welcome was presented, and speeches delivered, to which Dr. Power and Mr. Redmond made suitable responses.

People We Hear About

Hon. William Dillon, brother of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., has been chosen Dean of the Lincoln College of Law of St. Ignatius College, Chicago.

Justin McCarthy, in a letter on the death of Alfred Webb, says: 'No Irish patriot who ever laid down his life for his country was more devoted to the cause of Ireland.'

The famous Gaelic scholar, Kunō Meyer, a German, has been appointed to the new Celtic chair at Liverpool University. Professor Meyer is considered the most erudite Gaelic scholar in the world to-day.

The entrance by the Earl of Wemyss into his ninety-first year has brought to the public remembrance another nonagenarian peer in the person of Lord Gwydyr. This venerable peer was present, it may be recalled, not only at the coronation of the late Queen Victoria, but at those of her two immediate predecessors—George IV. and William IV.

The Earl of Newburgh, a Catholic nobleman, who died in Rome on August 3, in his ninety-first year, was a Roman Prince (Sigismund Guistiniani Bandini) as well as a British Earl. He had an uncle a Cardinal. His British title came to him from his mother, the eighth Countess of Newburgh in her own right. She in turn was descended from King Edward I. There are heirs to the title.

Madame de Navarro (Mary Anderson) entered on her fiftieth year on Tuesday, July 28, and the statement is borne out by documentary evidence of her birth at Sacramento in 1858. Twelve of those years—from her sixteenth to her twenty-eighth—were spent on the stage. But the glamor of the footlights soon palled. Miss Anderson settled down to a calm life at old-fashioned Broadway, a quaint spot in the heart of England, where there is an American colony to keep green the memory of Mme. de Navarro's native land.

Lord and Lady Bellew, who recently celebrated their silver wedding, have long been among the most popular of the Irish nobility. Lady Bellew is the eldest sister of Sir Humphrey de Trafford, and consequently a member of one of the most ancient of English Catholic families. But from her early married days she has completely identified herself with the interests of her adopted country. Indeed, both Lord Bellew and she pass the greater portion of their time at their Irish seat, Barmeath Castle. Lord Bellew is one of the few Irish Catholic peers who have been elected to a seat in the House of Lords by their brother peers. Lord and Lady Bellew have no children, and the heir presumptive is his lordship's brother, Major George Bryan, who is himself a considerable landowner, having succeeded to his mother's fine property of Jenkinstown, in Kilkenny.

The Rev. F. C. Kolbe, the able and talented editor of the *Catholic Magazine for South Africa*, announces his retirement from the editorial chair at the end of this year. Father Kolbe has edited our South African contemporary for a period of eighteen years, during which time he has done splendid work for the faith in his native land. His retirement will probably mean that the *Catholic Magazine* will cease publication, and leave the whole of South Africa without a Catholic organ. There is some talk of starting a weekly Catholic paper in Capetown, but many are of opinion that it would not be a financial success. Dr. Kolbe, who is a recognised authority on educational matters, intends to devote himself, for a time at least, to visiting the Catholic schools in various parts of South Africa, and giving such assistance to teachers as would help them to keep more in touch with the educational world. Dr. Kolbe, who is a son of a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, was born in 1852. After a course of study in South Africa, he entered the London University, where he obtained first class honors in mathematics, jurisprudence, and Roman law. Having been received into the Catholic Church, he entered the English College, Rome, in 1877, and was ordained for the English mission; instead, he returned to work among his own people in South Africa in 1882. The devoted son and his father occupied for some years the same district, the one as a priest, the other as a Protestant clergyman. Dr. Kolbe has long been a leading figure on South African platforms, especially in connection with movements for the extension of educational facilities. General Sir William Butler, in one of his works, describes Dr. Kolbe as 'one of South Africa's greatest sons.' He is the author of several works, while his reputation as a botanist and geologist stands among the highest in South Africa.

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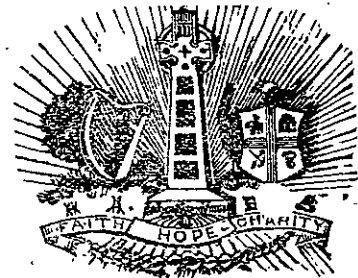
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CANADA—A Notable Church Bell

From Canada (says the *Catholic Weekly*) comes the interesting story of a famous bell which is about to form one of a peal attached to the beautiful Church of St. Patrick, at Montreal, one of the most striking landmarks in a city remarkable for its notable edifices. La Charlotte, which, in 1774, was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry Company, has recently arrived in London by an Allan liner, consigned to Messrs. Mears and Stainforth, the successors of the original company, to be re-cast on the actual site occupied in 1570 by the old firm. La Charlotte, which weighs some 2000lb, bears upon it the inscription: 'Vox Populi, Vox Dei.' In the centre of the great bell is a cross, and on either side the figure of the Divine Infant and the Blessed Virgin. It was first hung in the belfry of the ancient Church of Notre Dame, which stood upon the site now held by the magnificent twin towers of the Place d'Armes, and was transferred to the Church of St. Patrick upon its completion in 1847. A second bell in the tower of the same church was cast in 1766, and the ecclesiastical authorities have now decided to erect a third, which, when La Charlotte is completed, will constitute the new chimes of this superb temple across the seas.

ENGLAND—Put to Shame

The Right Rev. Dr. Robertson, Anglican Bishop of Exeter, speaking the other day at a meeting in aid of The Three Towns' Extension Scheme, said that in religious matters the Roman Catholics had been so wide awake and so forward as to put the Anglican Church altogether to shame.

Diocese of Salford

The diamond jubilee of the Salford Catholic Cathedral was celebrated on Sunday, August 23. The Right Rev. Dr. Casartelli in a sermon sketched the history of the Church and the character of its founder, Bishop Sharples. He appealed for the generous help of Catholics throughout the diocese in the present circumstances. Largely through the displacement of local Catholics, the Church, he said, had fallen upon somewhat hard times, and it was increasingly difficult to meet the demands upon the Cathedral.

Catholic School Successes

The complete lists of the Catholic successes at the Oxford Local Examinations (says the *Catholic Times*) bring out once more the indebtedness of the Catholic body and the country to our Catholic teachers. Year after year these results present the same testimony to the public—testimony of the devotion of the teachers in our Catholic secondary schools to the cause of education; of the ability with which their duties are discharged, and of the diligence and intellectual brilliancy of their Catholic pupils. What does this mean? It signifies not merely that our Catholic secondary schools can more than hold their own in competition with the non-Catholic schools, many of which have endowments that are beyond the aspirations of Catholic institutions, but also that our colleges are performing for the country an important work which the Government should appreciate and encourage. In an age when the battle of life is harder for the individual, and the rivalry between nation and nation in commerce and industry keener than ever it was before, they are turning out youths with exceptional mental equipments to enter upon the struggle and to maintain the nation's reputation and prosperity. But instead of a Government evincing appreciation, we have one displaying prejudices and hostility, and deliberately pursuing a policy the object of which can only be to damp and repress Catholic educational zeal.

FRANCE—Sale of an Abbey

Lord Clifford of Chudleigh's intervention at the sale of the historic Abbey of Marmoutier, by Tours (says the *Catholic Times*), will earn him the gratitude not only of his co-religionists, but of archaeologists of all religions. Under the law for the liquidation of the property of religious Orders, Marmoutier was in the market, and, but for Lord Clifford, partition would have been the end of it. And this Marmoutier represents one of the oldest religious foundations. It dates from the fourth century, and has been a very mother of monasteries. Its Abbots number among them some historic names. The last, for instance, was Louis de Bourbon-Condé. The original foundation was suppressed in 1739.

GERMANY—The Hierarchy and the Holy Father

Remembering the agitation carried on in Germany against the assertion of the Vatican Council, of the doctrine of Papal infallibility, some of the Holy See's critics did not conceal their expectation when Pius X. condemned Modernism that a considerable number of German Catholics would imitate the author of 'Janus' and his friends. That expectation has happily been disappointed. The German Catholics, who are observant and alive to the dangers of the day, are grateful to the Pontiff for having dealt so strongly and so fearlessly with a great and growing evil, and his Holiness has to-day no more loyal children than the German Bishops, priests, and laity. The members of the Hierarchy who recently met at Fulda have presented the Holy Father with an address which not only breathes sentiments of the most devoted fidelity on the part of the Episcopate, but proudly assures his Holiness that it is to them a comfort and delight to see the singular alertness and ardor with which their flocks are making arrangements to celebrate the Papal jubilee in private and in public. Nowhere is the authority of Pius X. more dutifully accepted than amongst the German Catholics; nowhere is its necessity more clearly perceived as a means of guidance amidst difficulties and a check upon movements, which if allowed to develop, do not fail to end in scepticism and unbelief.

A Catholic Congress

The German Catholic (remarks the *Catholic Weekly*) is the envy of the rest of the Catholic world; especially the German Catholic of the working class. The other day a great Congress of German Catholics, mostly of this class, was held at Dusseldorf, for which no fewer than 450 special trains were required! In the immense religious procession on the occasion 60,000 men took part, and amongst the speeches delivered was one by the general secretary of the Workingmen's Association, in the course of which he said: 'By our presence here to-day we proclaim to our companions that the aims of working men's associations are not to be confined within the narrow limits of material goods and ends. The whole character and idealism of our movement lies in its scope of raising the moral and intellectual condition of those who take part in it. It means that we recognise the Church as the sole depository of man's true happiness in the exercise of the Christian virtues.'

ROME—The Sacred College

Writing of the death of Cardinal Nocella *Rome* says that he had only two seniors in the whole Sacred College—Cardinal Gruschia, Archbishop of Vienna, who is 88, and Cardinal Capelatro, Archbishop of Capua, who at the age of 85 continues to publish a variety of pamphlets on the burning questions of the day. Cardinal Nocella's death reduced the number of Cardinals to fifty-eight, twelve short of the full number, and it verifies once again that odd coincidence of Cardinals dying by threes, for Cardinals Casali del Drago and Portanova have also recently left vacancies in the Sacred College. Of the fifty-eight Cardinals, only one, Cardinal Oreglia, who celebrated recently his eightieth birthday, was created by Pius X. During the five years of the present pontificate no fewer than twenty-two Cardinals have died. It may be taken as certain that before next November his Holiness will hold a public and private consistory at which several Cardinals will be created.

UNITED STATES—An Imposing Parade

The biggest parade in the history of Chicago took place last night (says the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* of July 30), when over 100,000 Catholics marched through the streets of the West Side to pay homage to the Right Rev. Peter Rhode, yesterday consecrated auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of Chicago. The streets through which the parade passed were decorated with flags of all countries, Japanese lanterns, and bunting. Mammoth electrical triumphal arches were erected in many places along the route, and for blocks around St. Stanislaus' church strings of varicolored lights were hung.

A Great Demonstration

A great demonstration was recently held by the Catholics of Chicago at the Auditorium in that city to commemorate the jubilee of the establishment of the first Catholic church in Chicago—the original St. Mary's. The jubilee address was delivered by Mr. W. J. Onahan, who stated that the Catholic population of Chicago is nearly a million, comprises representatives of every race and nation; and worships in close on two hundred churches.

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settled in the north-eastern frontier of the Roman Empire in the early Christian era, is showing a decided disposition to return to the spiritual rule of Rome. Application has been made to the Holy See to appoint another Bishop and establish another See in Rumania, in consequence of the large numbers of conversions from the Greek Church. There are upwards of 50,000 Catholics of the Latin rite in Bucharest, whilst there remain only 4000 of the Greek rite. In the diocese of Jassy there are 89,000 Catholics of the Latin rite and only 1000 Greeks. Many of the most distinguished Rumanian families have been received into the Church recently, among whom were the Princes Vlademir Ghika and Gherban Cantacuzene. There is evidence of a strong desire among the clergy to join the Catholic Church. The Rumanian language is a Latin language, with a close kinship to Italian, and only slightly influenced by the languages of the Slav races by whom the Rumanians are surrounded.

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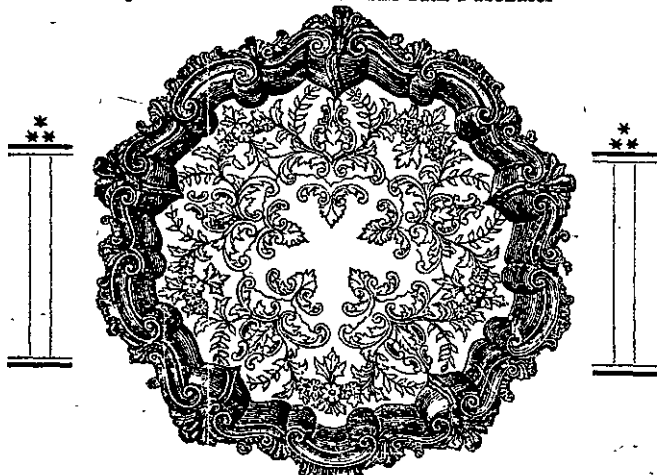
The drawing nigh of the time when our Catholic schools will be holding their annual distribution of prizes prior to the Christmas holidays reminds us of the difficulty often experienced by the principals of such schools in selecting suitable books for presentation. No more suitable prize book could be placed in the hands of young people than the Rev. Father Hickey's *Innisfail; or, Distant Days in Tipperary*. This is a simple, natural story, told with much force and dramatic power, containing a good deal of instructive matter of a high moral tone, and of high literary merit throughout. When we say that it is a natural story we do not mean to say that it is without thrilling incidents, which cannot fail to rivet the attention of the reader. The *Dublin Freeman's Journal*, in its review of the book, says: 'The characters are all drawn and presented with a sense of realism that ensures them a warm corner in the reader's heart. The author deals all through with the living realities, with the struggles and the trials of life. Incidentally, he paints the evils of landlordism and tyranny, and of eviction and immigration, in forcible and striking colors. In a word, the author is a man who knows Irish life and, in his distant home in Australia, daily surrounded himself with its hallowed memories. The book is remarkable, perhaps as much for its promise for the future as for its own intrinsic merit. In it Father Hickey lays the foundation stone of a literary fame and reputation, and it is to be hoped that *Innisfail* is but an earnest of what is to come.' His Lordship Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, says: 'I could and will recommend it as a fine type of prize book for our schools, primary and select, throughout the diocese. *Innisfail* is a really good book, and has come to stay.' The work will be supplied to Catholic Colleges, Convents, and schools throughout Australia for 3s 6d per copy, post free, by the Rev. Father Hickey, Corowa, New South Wales.

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Croup.

The sound of a croupy cough strikes terror into the heart, the more so as it usually occurs without any warning in the dead of night. Often the saving of the sufferer depends on immediate remedies applied. One of the most efficacious remedies is said to be alum and sugar. Take a knife and grate or shave off in small particles about a teaspoonful of alum, then mix it with twice its quantity of sugar to make it palatable, and administer it as quickly as possible. Almost instantaneous relief will follow.

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Dried tea marks are always troublesome to remove, and in the case of a dainty tea cloth trimmed with lace and embroidery, which is always carefully washed at home without boiling, the stains should be treated at once. A mixture should be made of equal parts of glycerine and the yolk of an egg, and this should be painted over the stain and left until perfectly dry. A good rinsing should then be given with clean water, and the cloth can afterwards be washed as usual.

To Clean Jewellery.

Gold jewellery in constant use becomes grimy looking and dull, but it can be wonderfully brightened by washing in ammonia and water. Should the interstices of a brooch or links of a chain be clogged with dust, the articles should be first immersed in a cupful of warm water and rubbed gently with a brush which has been dipped in soapsuds. They must then be laid in a little warm water to which a few drops of ammonia have been added, and after a few moments removed and dried in a soft cloth, polishing being afterwards effected with a chamouis leather. Rings set with diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, or rubies should always be removed when the hands are washed. When the stones appear dull and lifeless, and the setting ingrained with dirt, they should, however, be dipped in warm soapsuds made with yellow soap, twelve or fifteen drops of sal volatile being added when the lather is made. This will have the effect of restoring all the lost brilliancy of the gem.

Stained Tan Shoes.

Stains in calf tan should be first washed in warm soapy water, to which has been added a little soda. When dry, rub the stained part with a rag dipped in methylated spirits, then polish with tan paste. Should the stained part be a little darker than the rest of the leather, rub well with a raw onion before applying the paste. Stains on chrome tan (grained or morocco leather) should be rubbed over with methylated spirits or with a slice of lemon. The acid in the latter is one of the best possible removers of stains in soft leathers. Polish off with tan paste. Tan kid is more delicate. Stains in it should be covered with fuller's earth, laid on damp, and allowed to dry. Brush off, rub with lemon and polish with milk. Ordinary tan paste should not be used for kid, as it dries and cracks the leather. Stains on glaze tan will usually yield to lemon or methylated spirits. Finish off with milk to soften leather again. When any kind of tan shoes (except kid) get so much stained that they look shabby, they should be blackened in the following manner:—Brush off the dirt, rub all over with a raw onion; then give a good coat of ink. When this is quite dry, polish with either paste or oil blacking, and a really good finish will be the result, and a new lease of life given to the shoes.

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Intercolonial

The Rev. P. J. Moore, of Bombala, celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday, September 22. Presentations were made to him in the local convent school.

The Rev. R. Collins, pastor of South Melbourne, has received by cable the sad news of the death of his father, Mr. Patrick Collins, who passed away at Ballybunion, County Kerry, on September 28.

Substantial assistance to our Catholic institutions (says the *Advocate*) has been more than usually in evidence lately. Only a few weeks ago, a farmer in the northern district left large sums to these institutions in the metropolitan area, and this week a charitable lady of Geelong has left some £400 for the same purpose.

The handsome and commodious new church of the Vincentian Fathers, Malvern (says the *Advocate*) was solemnly blessed and opened on Sunday, September 27, by the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, V.G., in the presence of a very large congregation. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale. Prior to the occasional sermon, Very Rev. Dean Hegarty announced that the cost of the church, exclusive of seating accommodation, etc., was £7,886, and it was anticipated that incidental expenses would bring the total cost to £8,000. The amount received in donations at the laying of the foundation stone had been £1,700, which was very gratifying.

The will of the late Mary Ann Watson, of Geelong, who died on December 22 last, was lodged for probate on September 25. The deceased lady left property of the value of £9921. By a will dated October 2, 1907, the testatrix provides for the following bequests:—£100 to the Foundling Hospital, Broadmeadows; £100 to the priest in charge of St. Mary's, Geelong; £50 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Geelong; £50 to the Geelong Ladies' Benevolent Association; £50 to the Geelong Infirmary and Benevolent Association; £50 to the Girls' Orphanage in connection with the Convent of Mercy, Newtown, Geelong; £50 to the Catholic Boys' Orphanage, Geelong; £50 to the Little Sisters of the Poor; and £50 to the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, Surrey Hills. The remainder of the property is left to relatives and friends of the testatrix.

Speaking at the blessing and opening of a new presbytery at Flemington on Sunday, September 27, Very Rev. Dean Phelan, V.G., said: 'Just twenty golden years ago I received from the Archbishop my first appointment as curate to Father Nelan, of Essendon, and my first duty there was to say Mass at St. Brendan's, across the road, for at that date Flemington formed part of the Essendon parish, and my first pastor and myself had to look after the spiritual wants of that large district between Flemington Bridge and the Deep Creek, and from the old Sydney road to the Saltwater River. You had then only one Mass at St. Brendan's, and even that small church was not overcrowded. Now you are an independent parish, with two priests, two churches, four Masses, and still the cry is for a larger building and more room. And this development is only in harmony with the wonderful development which has taken place in the wider field of the archdiocese during the same period. In August of last year, when we priests and people were reminding our great chief, the Archbishop, of the marvellous progress the Church of Melbourne made under his administration, we found that the enormous sum of £1,300,000 had been expended in twenty years on churches, schools, presbyteries, convents, and charitable institutions. So that every prominent hilltop in the city and suburbs has been adorned with some beautiful building in which the Catholic children are provided with real education, or the abandoned infant will find a foster-mother, or the sin-stained soul a virgin protector, or the aged a home to rest from the struggles of life and an opportunity to prepare for our home in eternity.'

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Science Siftings

BY VOLT

The Stenotyper.

In yet another field of activity mere manual dexterity is threatened with dispossession by mechanical ingenuity. At last a machine has been devised for writing shorthand—a machine so simple that any one can master it, and so efficient that even the highly-trained stenographer cannot hope to do more than rival it. The stenotyper, as this wonderful contrivance is called, is in bulk and weight a mere fraction of the standard typewriter, and can readily be worked on the operator's knees. It has just six keys, and by permutations and combinations of these six keys, taken two or three together, a complete alphabet is built up—an alphabet of dot and dash, similar in kind to that of the Morse code. The learner has simply to commit this alphabet to memory, and the machine will do the rest. With less diligence than is often devoted to the acquisition of a mere parlor game, any ordinary person should be able to write stenotypy at quite a serviceable speed.

Comets.

People who lie awake o' nights worrying as to what would happen if some fiercely flaming comet should collide with the earth some time or other may make their minds easy on that subject (remarks the *Sacred Heart Review*). The Rev. Martin S. Brennan, of St. Louis, the well-known authority on affairs concerning the celestial bodies, declares that comets are not a menace to the earth. They are entirely harmless. He gives this comforting assurance in a letter to the *Western Watchman*, and says, furthermore: 'The matter composing comets is of extraordinary tenuity. The feeblest ray of light may traverse thousands of miles of cometary substance without perceptible diminution. As an indisputable instance of this, Professor Dawes saw a star of the tenth magnitude through the very centre of a comet on October 11, 1847. Again, from the fact that comets have no appreciable effect in perturbing the planets, even little Mercury, it is evident that their mass must be utterly insignificant compared with the planetary masses.'

Wireless Telephony.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent at Paris writes:—Some astounding results with the wireless telephone were obtained the other day at the Eiffel Tower Wireless Station by Naval Lieutenants Colin and Jeance, and Chief Engineer Mercier, who last week successfully spoke from Paris to Dieppe. On August 8, having effected various modification in the instruments, they have been using, the above-named officers endeavored to telephone by wireless from the Eiffel Tower to the Wireless Station at Pointe De Raz, on the coast of Finisterrre, a distance of 310 miles. The trials began in the early hours of the morning, that being judged the most favorable time. During the first hour or so, the sound of a mctor horn, the ringing of a bell, a song on the gramophone, etc., were transmitted, and heard distinctly. Then voice messages were sent through, and, although they were very faint and not always clear, several of the phrases transmitted were understood. It is believed this is the first time conversation has taken place over such a great distance. It is understood that the officers hold the opinion that the present experiments, which are to be continued, will make wireless telephony a practical possibility within the next few months.

The Uses of Rubber.

The International Rubber Exhibition at the Olympia (writes the London correspondent of the *Irish News*) will show the public to what diversified purposes the product of the rubber plant has been turned. A man who once said he had no use for India-rubber was asked how many rubber articles he had upon him. He said none. Investigation showed that he had braces, stocking suspenders, spring sides to his boots, rubber heels, a tobacco pouch, a pipe with a vulcanite mouthpiece, ink eraser, rubber band round his papers, and a top of a fountain pen—total, 14 articles. A gigantic trade with rubber is done with these countries, the value of the imports of the raw material last year being nearly eleven millions sterling. The exhibition will show how the rubber trees grow and are tapped, and how the 'milk' is taken from them; and demonstrations will be given to prove that 'there is nothing like rubber.' This will be the first exhibition of an international character. The danger of a rubber famine which recently threatened the motor and bicycle industry has now passed away. Rubber is more plentiful and cheaper than it has been for a long time past, which accounts for the way the price of tyres has been 'cut.'

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'The boy stood on the burning deck, whence all but him had fled'—

When Tommy Gibbs stood up to speak he had it in his head, but when he saw the schoolroom full of visitors, he knew, from his weak knees and parching tongue, the words had all fled, too.

'The boy stood on the burning deck'—a second time he tried, but he forgot about the boy, or if he lived or died; he only knew the burning deck was something nice and cool beside the rostrum where he stood that awful day in school.

'The boy stood on the burning deck'—he felt the flames and smoke, his tongue was thick, his mouth was dry, he felt that he would choke.

And from the far back seats he heard a whisper run about: 'Come back, Tom, and take your seat, they've put the fire out!' —*Youth's Companion.*

MOTHER'S LABOR DAY

Dorrykins jumped out of the swing and ran headlong to stop Jack on his way to the gate.

'Jack! Jack! Wait a minute! I want to ask you something. What does Labor Day mean? I know about Christmas and Easter, but what's Labor Day for?'

'Why, don't you know? It's to labor in—what should you suppose? L-a, la, b-o-r, bor—labor; to work hard. There you have it.'

Dorrykins stood in the middle of the walk where he left her.

'I don't see,' she said in a puzzled voice. 'Everybody's going on a picnic or somewhere, and there's going to be a parade—I should think folks didn't work as hard—'

'Come here, Dorry!' called Jean from behind the vines on the piazza. 'I'll tell you about it. Jack was only teasing you, dear. Labor Day is just a day when all the people who work hard the rest of the year to make things for us to eat and wear—'

'Mothers?' asked Dorrykins, eagerly.

Jean laughed. 'Well, no, not mothers. Butchers and bakers and clerks and carpenters, I mean. Well, they all have a sort of celebration, a real good time, you know, together.'

'I should think,' insisted Dorry, 'that mothers would want to be in it. They work hard as anybody, an' they ought to have a good time and a celebration.'

'So they have, Dorry,' Jean agreed, adding hastily in a relieved tone, 'There is Helen coming to play with you. Run and meet her.' Dorrykins' remarks were apt to get too personal at times.

Her words stayed behind her this time after she had gone to her play. Certainly, if any one in their house belonged to the ranks of labor, it was the unselfish, patient little mother who kept the household wheels running so smoothly for them day after day.

'I suppose I ought to help her more,' Jean thought uncomfortably. 'But there is always so much going on, and she likes me to go with the girls. There isn't much time when I'm in school.'

'You're not in school now,' Conscience suggested.

'Well, there's only one more day, and that's Labor Day. I'll want to see the parade; it's to be a big one, and there's sure to be a ride or something in the afternoon.'

In the end Jean gave herself a vigorous mental shaking. 'Now, look here, Jean Westerly! You are going to try your hand on Jack's kind of Labor Day. You're going to "work hard" for once, and mother is going to have the "celebration." So that settles it. Now go and tell Aunt Jessie that mother is coming down to spend the day Monday, if she likes to have her.'

Aunt Jessie was more than delighted.

'Send her along, bright and early, Jean,' she said. 'The parade goes right past here, you know. We will have a lovely day. It will do us both good.'

It took a good deal of coaxing before the little mother could be persuaded. It was such an unheard-of thing—on a holiday!

But Jean would have her way, and 9 o'clock Monday morning found her mistress of the situation and of the house.

With a gingham apron and tucked-up sleeves, she went to work energetically. Getting dinner was a work of time for unaccustomed hands, but they accomplished it after a fashion. They made the beds, too, and dusted the rooms, and when the house was spick-and-span and the dishes washed and put away, they hunted out the mending basket and darned a pile of left over stockings that had accumulated there.

Dorrykins helped—oh, yes! She trotted around after Jean, getting joyously in the way and saying every once in a while, 'I think Labor Days are fun, don't you, Jean? I like to work hard.'

When Mrs. Westerly came home in the early evening, a weary, happy young housekeeper sat rocking sleepy Dorry in her arms.

'My precious babies!' cried the little mother, gathering them both in her arms. 'I've had such a good time! And to think you were doing all my work for me!'

'It's my work, too, mummy dear,' Jean declared; 'and I can tell you one thing: There's going to be a Labor Day in every one of my weeks after this. Only, it will have to be divided up into pieces of days while I'm in school, with a bigger piece for Saturdays. Then you will have some pieces of days to rest and "celebrate" in. It's no more than fair, and I want to, besides. It will be a labor of love,' she finished whimsically.

'And I'm going to help,' said Dorry.

A MERRY HEART

Why do you wear a harassed and troubled look? Are you really in trouble, or are you allowing the little worries of life to grind furrows in your face? Take a glance at yourself in the mirror and reform—that is, reshape your face into the lines of comfort and good cheer which it ought to wear. Take an honest inventory of your troubles, and decide whether or not they are really worth advertising in your countenance. It may seem a little thing to you whether or not you wear a smiling face, but it is not a little thing. A serene look advises the tired and troubled men and women whom you meet that there is peace and joy in at least one heart. And there may be among them some who had begun to doubt if peace or joy existed at all. 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.'

AN ALL-AROUND BOOK

The book agent had spent a discouraging morning, and when he had the opportunity to scan the face of Mat McGuigan at close range he felt that there was small chance of making a sale. However, he had more than one method of suggestion.

'Sitting out here on the piazza afternoons with your wife, this would be the very book to read aloud,' he said, ingratiatingly to Mr. McGuigan, taking the other rocking-chair, and opening the large red-covered volume.

'I don't read, and I haven't any wife,' replied Mr. McG., dryly.

'Dear me!' said the book agent. 'Well, if your wife is dead, perhaps there are children. Now, children find this book—'

'There are no children,' interrupted Mr. McG. 'There's nobody but myself and my cat.'

'Well,' said the book agent, 'don't you ever want a good heavy book to throw at her, just to ease your feelings.'

ROUNDABOUT BLUNTNESS

'How would you have liked it if I had come home without any moustache to-night?' Brainerd asked his wife at dinner one day. 'The barber got after me, and was bound he'd give me a clean shave.' Mrs. Brainerd uttered a sound of dismay.

'Well, what if I had?' defensively. 'Al Cooley's had his shaved.'

'Oh, Al Cooley! But that's a different matter!'

'Like to know why?'

'Why, Robert, think of the difference in your moustaches. His has been cropped and cropped until it's nothing but a little bunch of stubby bristles; but yours is silky and graceful. It would be a shame to cut yours off!'

'Pshaw!' said Brainerd, shrugging his shoulders complacently.

'Oh, by the way, John Gougar came out with a smooth face to-day,' he volunteered a few nights later.

'He did? Well, John Gougar isn't you.'

'What do you mean?'

'Oh, he's so homely anyway that it doesn't matter what he does. He couldn't look any worse without a moustache than he does with it. But you're an unusually fine-looking man, Robert. I think it's wrong to meddle with anything that's perfect.'

Brainerd laughed indulgently, as he strolled off into the library. When he came back he had unearthed a lot of old photographs.

'Here's the idea, Emily,' he said. 'Look at this picture of me at eighteen. That's the way I'd look with a smooth face, you see.'

'Yes; that's just it,' answered Mrs. Brainerd, decidedly.

'What?' He turned on her sharply.

'Why, you'd look like somebody else. The baby wouldn't know you. I'm satisfied with you just as you are, dear.'

'What a girl!' Brainerd spoke with tender impatience.

But on Sunday morning he faced her, shaving-mug in hand and determination in his eyes. 'You'll have to come to it about this moustache, Emily,' he announced. 'Smooth face is the only thing. All the fellows are doing it.'

'Oh, Robert, please don't!' she cried.

'But why do you care so much?'

She hesitated, then braced herself. 'You're a handsome man, Robert—you know I think so. You're very handsome, but if there is one feature about your face that is any less handsome than another—it's your mouth!'

Brainerd set down his shaving-mug and stared blankly. 'Well,' he said at last. 'You are certainly the bluntest-spoken woman I ever saw, Emily. If you felt that you must tell me a disagreeable fact like that, couldn't you have gone about it with a little bit of tact?'—*Youth's Companion*.

ODDS AND ENDS

Attorney (for the defence): 'Now, what time was it when you were attacked?' Complainant: 'I don't know: ask your client—he took my watch.'

Lady: 'I'm looking for a governess for my children,' Manager of Intelligence Office: 'Did we not supply you with one last week?' 'Yes.' 'Well, madam, according to her report, you don't need a governess. You need a lion-tamer.'

'Where are you goin', ma?' asked the youngest of the five children.

'I'm going to a surprise party, my dear,' answered the mother.

'Are we all going, too?'

'No, dear. You weren't invited.'

After a few moments of deep thought:

'Say, ma, then don't you think they'd be lots more surprised if you did take us all?'

FAMILY FUN

An English paper recently asked its readers for an answer to the following riddle:—

What does a man love more than life,
Hate more than death or mortal strife;
That which contented men desire,
The poor have, and the rich require;
A miser spends, the spendthrift saves,
And all men carry to their graves?

The answer was 'Nothing.'

The Force of the Breath:—This is an experiment well worth trying, and to the uninitiated seems something quite marvellous. When you tell your friend that you can overturn two dictionaries with your breath it will be nothing strange if he doubts your word. You can soon convince him of your ability by taking a long narrow bag made of tough paper, laying it flat on the table, placing a large book upon it on its edge, and balancing another book on the top of the first. Gather the end of the bag tightly in the hand and breathe into it as you do when you blow into a paper sack for the purpose of inflating it to burst it. The air must not be allowed to escape, and generally one or two forceful breaths will cause the overthrow of the books. In placing the books on the sack see that both the bottom and top of the bag are free. The experiment is performed more easily if the open end of the bag projects over the edge of the table.

All Sorts

Don't always be hunting for a bone to pick with your neighbor. Such a habit gives one a hideous, hungry look that is not at all inviting.

'Little girls should be seen and not heard, Ethel.'

'I know, mamma; but if I'm going to be a lady when I grow up, I've got to begin practising talking some time, you know.'

When one does a worthy-deed there is no need to cry it from the housetops. That robs it of its value. Besides, it possesses the peculiar power of making itself known, thus enhancing the good opinion of the doer.

What a weary weight that individual carries who harbors a malicious design upon his neighbor. Think of the malediction he invokes on himself when he prays, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

The cat's eye stone, now prized as an ornament, is a very different thing from the ancient cat's eye, or eye stone of India, an agate cut so as to show the so-called eye or eyes. It is supposed by some that this latter was used as money in some part of India four centuries ago, and specimens found to-day have an interest to numismatics.

By 'the high seas' referred to in international law is meant the open sea—that is, the waters outside the civil jurisdiction of any country whatever, which, according to the law of nations, is limited to one marine league, or three geographical miles, from the shore. Even the great lakes of America beyond the limit designated above are regarded as 'high seas.'

A certain Bishop was out driving one day, when a man on horseback stopped him, and, thinking to have a joke, asked:

'Excuse me, Bishop, but could you tell me the road to heaven?'

'Certainly, sir,' the Bishop answered; 'turn to the right and keep straight on.'

Archbishop Ryan once concluded a brilliant defence of the Irish cause when a listener shouted:

'But the Irish are guilty of treason.'

'Perhaps,' replied the Archbishop, 'but please remember that what is treason elsewhere becomes reason in Ireland because of the absentee (absent 1).'

The assistants at a large linen draper's shop were preparing for the yearly sale.

'What shall I mark that lot of black silk?' asked the assistant of the employer.

'Mark the selling price 15s a yard,' was the answer.

'But it only cost 10s a yard,' said the astonished employee.

'I don't care what it cost. I am selling off regardless of cost,' retorted the shopowner.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele-Syria, forty-five miles north-west of Damascus. There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned, but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the Oriental traveller.

The first sailing club was probably the Cork Harbor Water Club, now known as the Royal Cork Yacht Club, established in the year 1720. The vessels were small, and from that period until early in the nineteenth century yachting developed but slowly. In 1812 the Cowes Yacht Club was founded with some fifty-five yachtsmen. Since that date yachting associations have rapidly grown in numbers and strength all over Europe and America.

A Prague printer extricated himself from an unpleasant dilemma by the use of his native ingenuity. He was once called upon to print a report of the Board of Trade for his native city in the two languages of his country, German and Czech, and the representatives of either nationality strenuously desired that their tongue should occupy the first of the parallel columns on each page. The wary printer got out of his dilemma by turning one column upside down throughout the book, and arranging the titles accordingly, so that each language had a front column on every page.

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