

rite 'with the manifest intention of introducing another rite not approved by the Church, and of rejecting what the Church does, and what, by the institution of Christ, belongs to the nature of a Sacrament.' In these circumstances, it is (in the words of the Papal Bull) 'clear that not only is the necessary intention wanting to the Sacrament, but that the intention is adverse to, and destructive of, the Sacrament.' On these chief grounds the Holy See pronounced judgment in 1896: 'Whereas, strictly adhering to the decrees of the Pontiffs Our Predecessors, and confirming them most fully, and, as it were, renewing them by Our authority, of Our own motion and certain knowledge We pronounce and declare the ordinations carried out according to the Anglican rite have been and are absolutely null and void.'

Much more might be written by me on this question—for instance, in regard to the Anglican *Vindication*, the *Risposta* by noted English members of the Commission, and later objections raised by the defenders of Anglican Orders. But this article has already run into too great lengths to permit of this. I may, however, be permitted to make a brief remark in regard to Monsignor (now Cardinal) Gasparri, who was referred to (on what authority I know not) as favorable to the validity of Anglican Orders. This is partly a question of history, but chiefly of theology. Cardinal Gasparri is noted as a brilliant canonist; he may possibly have been one of those whose duty it was to urge the Anglican side of the question before the papal Commission. Whether he favored the Anglican side or not, does not affect the issue or the merits of the question. He may have done so (assuming, for the sake of argument, that he did) as the result of an imperfect acquaintance with the facts of the case. It is certain that he does not favor their validity now. The same remark applies to Lingard, whose ten-volume history was completed in 1830—78 years ago. For the rest, the papal condemnation of Anglican Orders does not represent (as Mr. Warren thinks) the mere view of 'theologians of the Roman Church in Italy.' It represents the matured knowledge of the most eminent English Catholic historians and theologians, who were members of the Commission; it restates the constant practice and belief of the Catholic Church since the Reformation; it reflects the conviction of both East and West; it is even in accord with the conviction expressed by

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in 1554 and 1565, and in 1662 (when the admittedly defective Edwardian Ordinal was 'reformed'); and it represents the traditions and feelings of the great bulk of the members of the Protestant Reformed Church of England from Cranmer's day to our own time.

In a spirit of courtesy to a courteous and kindly inquirer, and for the benefit of your readers as well, I have set down historical and other data in connection with this subject of the validity (in the Catholic sense) of Anglican Orders. If, in doing so, I have in any way helped him or them, I am more than repaid. I would, however, take leave to point out that upon the defender of Anglican Orders rightly falls the duty of fully establishing his claim—which involves proof that the alterations made by Cranmer in the Ordinal and the Prayer Book had really no significance—and that the rules of debate in no way demand that the Catholic side shall establish the negative of their invalidity. Here, however, I waive this right of debate in favor of such a gentle and evidently earnest inquirer. In conclusion, permit me to wish him, and all such fair-minded investigators, the blessing of the *Apostolicae Curvae*: 'May the God of peace, the God of all consolation, in His infinite tenderness, enrich and fill with all these blessings those who truly yearn for them.'

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 28.

His Grace the Archbishop left on Wednesday for Meaneze, where he is to ordain to-morrow a number of candidates for subdeaconship. On Monday, he will confer the Order of deaconship at Hastings.

The Sacred Heart Societies in the Thorndon parish have been reconstituted. A splendid gathering of women was addressed by the Rev. Father Lowham, C.S.S.R., on Wednesday, and on Friday the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., addressed a large number of men.

Speaking at a social gathering of the Catholic Young Men of South Wellington on Wednesday evening the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., generously offered a piece of ground near the presbytery for the use of the young men as a tennis court.

The first social gathering under the auspices of the newly-formed Catholic Club at South Wellington was held on Wednesday evening in the club rooms. The president, Mr. Moriarty, presided. The clergy were represented by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. There was a fine attendance of members. The secretary, Mr. Williams, in replying to the toast of the club, said that the most important matter was finance. The club was well equipped, and if members paid their subscriptions regularly the club would get along very well. He also appealed to members for the donation of books to found a library. Several donations were made during the evening, and the executive will be glad to acknowledge further donations. The following toast list was duly honored:—'The Pope and King,' by the chairman; 'The Club,' by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, responded to by Mr. R. H. Williams; 'The Clergy,' by Mr. J. E. Gamble, responded to by Ven. Archdeacon Devoy; 'The Catholic Federation,' by Mr. R. W. Collins, responded to by Mr. A. H. Casey; 'The Hibernian Society,' by Mr. J. Butler, responded to by Mr. McErlean. The several speakers spoke of the splendid services rendered to the club by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and reference was also made to the good feeling between the club and the Hibernians to whom the foundation of the club was largely due in the first place. In acknowledging the kindly references to himself the Ven. Archdeacon expressed the hope that members would show their gratitude by being loyal to the club. The president of the Federation, Mr. A. H. Casey, detailed the history of the federal movement, and offered some sound advice to members.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 28.

The quarterly Conference of the clergy of the Deanery of Wellington was held at Mahiataua on Monday.

In St. Mary's Church, Carterton, on November 26, Miss Emily Hickson, daughter of Mr. W. Hickson, of Waihakeke, was married to Mr. W. A. Fisher, of Oxford, Canterbury. The Rev. Father Bowe performed the ceremony.

On Saturday morning the organising lecturer of the British Navy League, Lieutenant Knox, at the special request of the Very Rev. Father Keogh delivered an address to the boys of St. Patrick's College.

Wanganui

(From an occasional correspondent.)

November 27.

The convent schools will close on December 17, and the Brothers' on December 19 for the midsummer holidays.

In the recent inspection by the Government Inspectors, both the Brothers' and Sisters' schools received excellent reports. A number from each school are presenting themselves on December 1 for examination for proficiency certificates.

The bazaar in aid of the convent building fund was opened at the local Drill Hall by the Mayoress, Mrs. Mackay, on Thursday afternoon, November 5, in the presence of a large audience. The Mayoress made a neat speech, eulogising the work of the Sisters, and saying that it gave her great pleasure to be there that day. For nine nights the bazaar had a most successful run; there was scarce a dull moment, and business was brisk from start to finish. The handsome sum of £980 was taken, and, after paying all expenses, there should be a net profit of over £900. This is a record return for our town. Visitors were loud in their praises of the very fine display of plain and fancy work. It was a revelation that so much could be effected in such a short space of time. It would be invidious to select any names for special mention, for all worked with a will. It was a labor of love, and it was united, harmonious action that achieved such a fine result. The Sisters and clergy wish to return their sincere thanks to all who assisted to make the bazaar such an unqualified success.

Blenheim

(From our own correspondent.)

November 27.

The death is reported of Mr. Patrick Joseph Tierney, which occurred in the Wairau Hospital on Tuesday. Deceased was a valued officer of the Borough Council. The Mayor and councillors attended the funeral. He was a good Catholic, and died forti-

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