

Fuller information as to her character is given in the affidavit of Mrs. McDonnell, (manager of the Magdalen Asylum, Montreal), sworn before a public notary of the city. This lady deposed that Maria Monk 'had for many years led the life of a stroller and prostitute', that she entered the asylum for fallen women, and became an inmate thereof in November, 1844, that deponent 'received her into the asylum with the hope of effecting her reformation; that in the progress of her acquaintance with the character of the said Maria, she found her to be very uncertain and grossly deceitful; but that she nevertheless did persevere in her efforts to reclaim her to the paths of virtue and morality.' Her efforts were, however, in vain. Maria violated one of the most radical rules of the institution, by holding a secret communication with one of her paramours, showed every disposition to relapse into her former vicious courses, 'was not touched by the remonstrances addressed to her, but became more indecorous in her conduct every day,' and 'deponent was obliged to dismiss her from the Asylum.' Maria Monk persevered in her evil ways to the last. She was several times convicted of various crimes and sent to prison. At length she was convicted on a charge of robbing a paramour at a den near Five Points and sent to prison, where her career of crime and misery was cut short by death on October 9, 1849. As she lived, so she died. And now the unfortunate creature that could not be tolerated even in a home for fallen women, and that passed her last days between a house of ill-fame and a prison-cell, is being presented by Mrs. Slatery as the model for the decent womanhood of New Zealand! The unfortunate creature's career of crime led her to the slums of New York. There she fell in with the reprobate preacher Hoyte, became his paramour, and he with two other evil spirits like unto himself concocted, or rather republished, the vile charges which to this day pass current under the title of *The Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk*. In another article we shall tell the story of this foul conspiracy of slander and of its swift and triumphant exposure by prominent Protestants who did not believe that the cause of the God of Truth and Holiness can be advanced by gross calumny and the publication and indiscriminate circulation of prurient and indecent literature.

(Conclusion in next issue).

### CATHOLIC OFFICERS AT THE FRONT.

THE *Weekly Register* of a recent date gives the following list of Catholic officers serving in the British army in South Africa, and the names of the schools where they were educated—

Lieut.-General Kelly-Kenny, C.B., commanding 6th division; Colonel W. F. Stevenson, M.B., R.A.M.C., Principal Medical Officer (lines of communication); Lieut.-Colonel M. D. O'Connell, R.A.M.C.; Lt. Lieut.-Colonel R. J. Tudway (Essex Regiment), commanding Mounted Infantry, 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division; Major Arthur Hamilton, 6th Dragoon Guards; Major N. J. R. Blake, 2nd in command, Middlesex Regiment; Major A. Keogh, M.D., R.A.M.C.; Major F. A. B. Daly, R.A.M.C.; Captain E. A. Herbert, 6th Inniskilling Dragoons; Captain T. H. O'Brien, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment; Rev. Father Lewis J. Matthews, Chaplain, 3rd Class; Rev. Father William Keatinge, Chaplain, 1st Class.

Clongowes.—Lieut.-General Sir C. Francis Clery, K.C.B., commanding 2nd Division; Lieut.-Colonel Edmond J. Gallway, commanding Somerset Light Infantry; Lieut.-Colonel W. Donovan, R.A.M.C., Principal Medical Officer, Cavalry Division; Major R. J. Copeland, M.B., R.A.M.C.; Dr. Thomas Crean, Imperial Light Horse, wounded at Elands Laagte; Dr. M. Corcoran, R.A.M.C.; Dr. Geoffrey Gill, R.A.M.C.

Private School—Major-General Howard.

Oscott.—Colonel Ivor Herbert, C.B., late Grenadier Guards; Major G. N. Prendergast, King's Royal Rifles; Captain R. Longueville, Coldstream Guards; Lieut. Percy D. Fitzgerald (11th Hussars); Indian Cavalry Contingent; Mr. Frank R. Mandy, Captain Kimberley Veterans.

Stonyhurst.—Lieut.-Colonel McCarthy-O'Leary, commanding 1st South Lancashire Regiment; Colonel J. A. Clery, M.B., R.A.M.C.; Colonel F. J. Gallway, M.D., C.B., R.A.M.C.; Captain P. A. Kenna, V.C. (21st Lancers), staff; Captain E. S. Bulfin (Yorkshire Regiment), staff; Captain John White, Shropshire Light Infantry; Captain G. Molyneux (Durban Light Infantry); Captain Edward Molyneux (12th Bengal Cavalry), attached to the Natal Carbineers; Captain J. N. Whyte, 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers; Captain F. C. Loftus, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieut. W. White, Scottish Rifles; Lieut. L. Creagh, Manchester Regiment; W. J. Maxwell Scott, Cameronians; Lieut. W. T. Synnott, R.A., Mr. T. Stapleton, B.S.A. Police; Midshipman M. Maxwell Scott, R.N.

Oratory.—Major Lord Edmund Talbot, 11th Hussars (lines of communication); Major Baker, R.A.; Captain John A. Bell-Smyth, King's Dragoon Guards (A.D.C. to General Lord Methuen); Captain Stephen Pollen, Wiltshire Regiment; Captain W. Saunders, Suffolk Regiment; Lieut. Adrian Cave, 10th Hussars; Lieut. M. Archer-Shee, 19th Hussars; Lieut. E. Longueville, Coldstream Guards; Lieut. C. Chichester, Somerset Light Infantry; Lieutenant R. H. Miers, Somerset Light Infantry; Lieut. A. E. Macnamara, Royal West Surrey; Lieut. C. Berkeley, Welsh Regiment; Lieut. H. Kane, South Lancashire Regiment; Lieut. W. Butler-Bowdon, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; Lieut. E. Bellingham, Royal Scots; Mr. Wilmont Vaughan (late 20th Hussars); Mr. Francis Pope, M.D.; Mr. F. Murray, Mafeking; Midshipman W. A. Egerton, H.M.S. Doris.

Beaumont.—Major T. M. Berkeley, Black Watch; Captain V. J. Kelly, Royal Irish Rifles; Captain Frank Fuller, R.E.; Captain Harrison, R.E.; Captain Evelyn M. Wood; Lieut. Carlos Hickie, 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, wounded at Rietfontein; Lieut. Cuthbert Fuller, R.E.; Lieut. James Lyons, 13th Hussars; Lieut. J. L. Lawlor, 6th Inniskilling Dragoons; Lieut. Peter van den Nest, 19th Hussars; Lieut. W. R. Codrington, 11th Hussars; Lieut. the

Hon. Reginald Forbes, Gordon Highlanders; Lieut. H. E. Green, Scottish Rifles; Lieut. Charles Wood, Northumberland Fusiliers; Lieut. E. M. Vaughan, 3rd Grenadiers, wounded at Belmont; Lieut. C. T. Martin, Highland Light Infantry, traffic manager at Durban; Lieut. W. M. Weldon, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Mr. Duke Lattery, Cape Mounted Rifles; Mr. J. Burnand, Cape Mounted Police.

Woburn (Lord Petre's)—Captain H. F. Clifford, Suffolk Regiment.

Mottingham House.—Captain Philip Clement Scott, A.S.C.; Lieut. J. Ingram, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Eton.—Lieut. Cecil Harrison, 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Westminster.—Lieut. L. K. D'Arcy, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Weybridge.—Lieut. J. A. Bryne (Inniskilling Fusiliers), now with the Devonshire Regiment.

St. Edmund's.—The Rev. Father W. B. L. Alexander, chaplain, 2nd Class; the Rev. Father E. M. Morgan, Chaplain, 2nd Class; the Rev. Father Edward Ryan, Chaplain, 3rd Class; Lieut. J. W. Leake, R.A.M.C.

Downside.—Lieut. W. J. Gallway, Natal Contingent (prisoner); Mr. C. de la Pasture, Mr. A. Pursell, Mr. F. Worswick, Mr. A. Sidgreaves, Mr. B. Ware, Mr. Mackey. (We are informed that the above are on the Rhodesia and Bechuanaland borders.)

St. Charles.—Lieut. A. L. J. M. Kelly, Royal Irish Fusiliers (taken prisoner at Nicholson's Nek); Rev. R. F. Collins, Chaplain, 1st Class.

Mount St. Mary's.—Lieut. R. Chisholm, Cameronians. Ampleforth.—Mr. George Melville, Cape Mounted Rifles; Mr. Sebastian Smith, Cape Mounted Rifles; Mr. Cyril Swarbrick, Cape Mounted Rifles; Mr. Vincent Hanson, Cape Mounted Rifles.

Ratcliffe.—Major Francis Lambkin, M.D., with the 13th Hussars.

Ramsgate.—Major Gerrard, M.B., R.A.M.C.; Dr. L. Gerrard Carre.

Jesuit College, Cork.—Major R. E. Kelly, R.A.M.C.

R.I.P.—Colonel D. Scott Chisholme, 5th Lancers, commanding Imperial Light Horse, killed at Elands Laagte, October 21; Mr. J. Forrester Cunningham, Imperial Light Horse; Captain Knapp, Imperial Light Horse, killed in a reconnaissance at Ladysmith; Lieut. Francis Owen, 14th Bombay Infantry, killed near Gras Pan on November 24; Mr. Nicholas J. Walsh, Colonel Baden-Powell's Light Horse, killed at Mafeking on October 15; Mr. Hubert Joseph Wolseley, Imperial Light Horse, killed at Elands Laagte on October 21.

Several of the Canadian and Australian officers are also Catholics, including three officers of the Sydney Irish Rifles, Major Murray, Major Lenehan, and Captain Garvan who left with the second, and Lieutenants McInerney, Heritage, Thorn, and Campbell who left with the first Australian contingent.

## Diocesan News.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 17.

On Sunday Rev. Fathers Morris and Lee, both from Brisbane, left here for the Hot Lake district *via* Nelson and New Plymouth.

The Rev. Father Fay, of Blenheim, who is taking a short holiday to recruit his health, was the guest of the Very Rev. Father Lewis during his stay in Wellington.

The spiritual director of the students at St. Patrick's College this year is the Rev. Father Goggan. He took charge this week and will deliver periodical instructions to the boys.

The Rev. Father McCarthy, from Melbourne, and a namesake from Sandhurst, were the guests of the Ven. Archdeacon Davoy during their stay in Wellington. They left for Rotorua *via* Waanganui River on Monday.

Mr. W. F. Ross, who for years past has rendered great service in the choir of St. Mary of the Angels, is one of the finally accepted volunteers in the Wellington section of the fourth New Zealand contingent.

It is to be hoped that the members of the juvenile branch of the local Hibernians will take a greater interest in the Society, which has lately been re-organised than has been hitherto shown. It is to the boys and youths that the seniors must look for recruits, and a Society such as this—the only Catholic benefit Society in the Colony—should have on its roll the name of every Catholic man in the parish. At a meeting held on Tuesday over 20 members were initiated and the following officers elected:—Vice-president, Brother F. Murphy; secretary, Brother R. Robinson; treasurer, Brother P. Carmody; warden, Brother J. Carmody; guardian, Brother J. Gosling.

The committee of the Easter carnival and fancy fair in aid of the Sacred Heart Basilica is as thorough in its arrangements as it is energetic in its efforts, and judging from appearances the carnival will be carried out on a much larger scale than anything yet attempted in the Colony, and great financial results are anticipated. A general supervision of the bazaar and the direct control of the entertainments and amusements have been placed in the hands of Signor Borzoni, of Christchurch. He was for a time the stage manager for the Royal Italian Opera Company which some years ago toured Australia, and comes here with a great southern reputation as an organiser. He is expected to arrive towards the end of this month, and will at once commence drilling his numerous assistants.