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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati,
Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

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.

LEO XIII., Pope

Current Topics

The Pope.

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The cable man is putting the Pope to death again. He been doing this so frequently for many years past that we have become at last as accustomed, in the dull season, to the announcement of Leo's passing as to the paragraphs about the 'record clip,' and the biggest potato, and the catalogue of boating and shooting accidents that mark the Christmas holidays. His faithful children all over the world wish the Pope years of usefulness for God and Mother Church. But his time for laying down life's burden cannot, in the natural course of things, be very long delayed; for the still strong and virile mind of the Grand Old Man of the Vatican is set in the frail tenement of an infim body that has been through the rough grind and wear and tear of 91 years. The thirteenth Leo has reached far into reached far into

Such calm old age as conscience pure And self-commanding hearts insure; Waiting their summons to the sky. Content to live, but not afraid to die,

and when God's good hour comes he can sing his Nunc dimittis-

> Life's race well run. Life's work well done, Life's victory won, Now comes rest.

A No-Popery Petition.

The sneaking and cowardly character of the Orange organisation is well illustrated by the simultaneous effort which it is making in this Colony and in the Australian Commonwealth to forward a furious petition from public servants pray-ing that the tenets of the Catholic religion may for ever continue to be denounced by British royalty as 'superstitious and idolatrous.' This precious petition is being sneaked through the Public Departments in New Zealand, and signatures are being solicited on one plea or another. We invite Catholic being solicited on one plea or another. We invite Catholic Government employees throughout the Colony to keep a sharp eye upon these proceedings of the dark-lantern fraternity and to promptly suppress, by immediate representations to the proper authorities, every attempt of this kind that is being made to turn the State Departments into annexes of the Orange lodge. A petition of this kind has been through the lodge-ridden General Post Office in Melbourne—the place where, in 1896, a Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry unearthed a conspiracy by the saffron-colored brethren to drive Catholics, by concocted charges, out of that department of the public service. As regards the small nest of bigots whose chief object is to provoke sectarian strife and injury their Catholic fellow-citizens, we regards the small nest of bigots whose chief object is to provoke sectarian strife and injure their Catholic fellow-citizens, we may appropriately quote the words of the Tribune: 'Whatever these men may do or say in private life, whether they elect to be fanatics and "no-Popery" bawlers, concerns us but little; but we do—and so do the general public—expect that the public service be kept clear from religious contentions and partisan quarrels. The public servants are paid by the State to do the work of the country, and their salaries are raised from Jew and Catholic and Protestant and infidel alike. They are not paid to advocate the principles of Orangeism, or to insult the religious beliefs of other officials, or to direct the King and Parliament of England as to their official acts. In their private capacities outside the service let them sign petitions till their fingers are cramped. During their hours of duty they should be sternly told that any such conduct as that complained of will be visited with severe penalties.'

A Public Execution.

An incident that occurred a few weeks ago at Cairo recalls the scenes of mad revelry that in days not long gone by accompanied the public executions at 'Tyburn's triple tree' and elsewhere in the United Kingdom, and emphasises the wisdom and humanity which put an end to such spectacles in 1868. Some Cairo officials of refrigerated intellect ordered the public execution of a criminal in a source close to the public execution of a criminal in a square close to the scene of his crime. The scenes of riotous merriment that took place upon the square on the eve of the execution put completely in the shade the easy convivialities that are celebrated in the old ballad, 'The Night before Larry was Stretched,' when each of the condemned man's assembled friends

pawned all the rags that he had Just to help the poor boy to the sneezer, And moisten his gob 'fore he died.

The dusky Cairo crowd took a hilarious 'night out,' and at the execution looked on 'with no other care or interest than if it had been an incident of a Punch and Judy show.' After the execution the elders went home to discuss this latest form of execution the enders went nome to discuss this latest form of excitement. The children took to playing at hanging, with the result that two of the merry youngsters were strangled 'fatally dead.' Justice may have been vindicated, but the majesty of the law was clearly not. And the whole incident furnishes one of those touches of nature that show the kinship of the human race, whether at Cairo or at Tyburn or Newgate, or in the Edinburgh Grassmarket, or the arena of the Coliseum.

An Itinerant Lecturer.

A reverend non-Catholic lecturer who is at present perambulating New Zealand realises, like a minor Barnum, how sweet are the uses of advertisement.

The constant drop of water Wears away the hardest stone; The constant gnaw of Towser
Vanquishes the toughest bone;
The constant cooing lover
Carries off the blushing maid; And the constant advertiser Is the one that gets the trade.

The present 'greatest show on earth' that seeks to capture 'the trade' in New Zealand consists of two or three lectures on historical subjects-the Puritans, the Methodist Revival, etc. But instead of history the reverend lecturer gives us historical—or rather hysterical—romance. The strange world that he describes is not peopled with ordinary human beings, but with wingless angels and with shrieking demons in the flesh. The angels are his friends the Puritans and the Methodists; the demons are the Anglicans and the Papists-especially the Papists.

BROPHY & Co. having had 20 years' experience of the district are in a position to give reliable information as to the Grazing and Dairying capabilities of Property in the Manawatu and surrounding districts.

Artemus Ward once said that a 'goak' once in a while Artemus Ward once said that a 'goak' once in a while improves a comic paper. And an occasional historical fact is, we ween, a jewel that sets off a historical lecture. But our travelling lecturer does not deal in facts. They are apparently not the sort of thing that 'gets the trade' he is after. He is all gold-leaf and tar-pot: the gilding for his friends; the tar—and feathers—for those chuckle-headed Anglicans and Papists. It is not magnificent; neither is it history. We Papists. It is not magnificent; neither is it history. We have already shown that his Puritan 'friends of civil and religious liberty' were the constant foes of both; that they believed only in liberty to worship in their own way; that in the British Isles and in North America they employed prison, stocks, lash, branding-iron, confiscation, the ear-clipping shears, the nose-slitting knife, and the gibbet to compel consciences; and that the first experiment in equal civil and religious liberty was made by the hated Papists in the Catholic colony of Maryland. He would have us believe that his 'Puritan forefathers' were the salt of the earth, and that the faith and progress of to-day are the work of their hands. They had, it is true, many sturdy good qualities deserving of admiration, but it is really high time that such tinseled myths and gilded exaggerations should cease to be retailed as sober history, and their false theatrical sheen used as a foil to deepen history, and their false theatrical sheen used as a foil to deepen the unrelieved blackness of the pall of diabolism with which this unskilled artist covers over the characters of creeds, the head and front of whose offending seems, in his eyes, to be their belief in the Christian priesthood.

Others, better informed than this much-advertised and Others, better informed than this much-advertised and enterprising travelling lecturer, see the facts of Puritan history through different spectacles. The *Interior*, for instance—a Presbyterian organ published in Chicago—says in a recent issue: 'The Puritan Church, in which so little was made of the fatherly love of God, and so much of the sovereign distribution of His favors, did not live in a state of continuous revival by any means, but, on the contrary, sank from time to time deeper than it rose, and at the opening of the present century all this emphasis laid upon the sterner attributes of God and this exploiting of the mysteries of election had not God and this exploiting of the mysteries of election had not God and this exploiting of the mysteries of election had not sufficed to stop the downward plunge. By the close of the eighteenth century religion had reached a lower ebb in America than ever before. Only one in fifteen of the population was a professed Christian. The schools and colleges were filled with sceptical students. Yale College had but two young men in four classes, and Bowdoin but one in eight classes, willing to confess Christ. Throughout the newer settlements, in "the Genesee country" of Western New York, there was little more regard for the Sabbath than to-day in some Montana mining town. Drunkenness was almost universal, among the mining town. Drunkenness was almost universal, among the officers of the churches as well as among the wordly. Gambling has reached such a height that ministers piously gave thanks for successful investments in lottery tickets. The once sturdy stock of the Puritans of New England has degenerated and dwindled; their cradles are ceasing to have occupants; and other and stronger races are taking their place. Belief in the inspiration of the Bible is fast diminishing, even in the pulpit, and doubt and uncertainty are gradually eating into religious faith. The American Christian Advocate (Methodist) of August 29 says that, 'if the extreme Higher Criticism go much further,' in America, 'there will be a divorcing of the Protest and the Bible, and that without the part thistory. tant Churches from the Bible, and that within the next thirty years'; but that 'meanwhile Catholicism will begin to spread with marked rapidity. For people will have a strong religion; they will not have a jellyhish religion, a misty or a musty religion.' The Catholic Church shows the strong vitality of evergreen and lusty youth amidst the decreptude and decay of England Puritanism. She is already the dominant creed in the land of the Puritan Fathers, and stands ready to save the modern world from the new paganism as she saved the ancient world from the old.

The Art of Misrepresentation.

A fair Nelson correspondent has come across an article in the Monthly Magazine which attempts in a lame and halling way to justify the distrust which non-Catholics entertain against the Jesuits. The writer of the article—one Mr. Robert Dell—describes himself as a convert to Catholicism, and this grieves our correspondent full sore. But it so happens that the good old rule, the simple plan adopted by Mr. Robert Dell could be equally applied to blackening the character of Bayard or the 'good St. Edward,' or, for that matter, the whole college of Apostles and their Divine Head. The article in the Monthly, like the blackboard in Kipling's tale, told all that Mr. Dell knew about the Jesuits—which might have been equally well written upon a pin's head—and a very great deal that he didn't know. Now (1) this Mr. Robert Dell was lately a lecturer employed by a Protestant Society, and we are afraid he has not quite shuffled off his old ways. At any rate, his article on the Jesuits is practically nothing more than a rehash of the musty Protestant tradition on the subject. (2) He is a convert of two or three years' standing, he has no transledges of the theology literature history etc. of the Leguits knowledge of the theology, literature, history, etc., of the Jesuits, and his acquaintance with the members of the Society is

limited to occasional talks with two of them, and, possibly, chance hand-shakes with a few others. (3) He has—to support his contention—grievously misquoted and misrepresented a pamphlet by Father Sydney Smith, S.J., and repeated the absurd fable—exposed by the Lutheran Mosheim and other Protestant writers—about the Jesuits in China having done to death Cardinal-legate Tournon in 1710. (4) Mr. Dell's splendid gullibility is equally well manifested in dealing with the history of our own time, as, for instance, where he states that the Jesuits—expecting a guid troe query have 'advanced that the Jesuits—expecting a quid pro quo—have 'advanced large sums of money towards meeting the heavy expenses of the Papacy.' This statement was promptly and authoritatively denounced as untrue by Father John Gerard, S.J., the English Provincial, and Mr. Dell very prudently let the matter rest there. A sarcastic correspondent cruelly remarked: 'I should suppose a well-meaning cockroach, which had alighted for a minute on the outside of the dome of St. Peter's, would be as well entitled to give an account of the functions which take place within the great Basilica as is this young convert to tell us of State secrets of the Holy See.'

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One of the happiest results of Mr. Dell's foolish article is the telling defence of the Jesuits which so distinguished a Protestant writer as Mr. Andrew Lang—who knows them and their literature well—contributed to the Pilot (Anglican) of October 12. 'We might as well,' says he in the course of his article, 'bring "an indictment against a nation" as against the Society of Jesus.' And elsewhere he says: 'If ever one has met absolute sportsmanlike fairness, in the discussion of historical points which excite partisanship, it is among members of the Society of Jesus. No doubt this does not equally apply of the Society of Jesus. No doubt this does not equally apply to all the members of that or any other community of any sort. But speaking as a Protestant, one may declare that, whatever the principles and training of the Society may be, they do not warp in individuals that not too common intellectual virtue, absolute fairness of judgment in historical questions.'

Exiled Monks and Nuns,

During the great 'Sutherland clearances' the evicted clansmen marched through their beloved native glens on their way into exile, while their pipers played as a farewell air Lochaber no more!

Lochaber no more! Lochaber no more! We'll maybe return to Lochaber no more.

For the third time in little more than a century there have been rollearances' of religious Orders from France. But the exiled nuns and priests and brothers went forth in the hope of one day returning again to their beloved France. Thus far their hopes have been constantly verified. And, in all human probability, the exiles of 1901 will return once more when the puny Waldeck-Rousseau and his tag of noisy Radical and Socialistic followers, like other political dogs, have had their

The passing of the monks and nuns has aroused in many places a deep display of popular grief. The Church Times, an Anglican periodical, gives the following sympathetic descrip-tion of the severance of the Benedictine Nuns from their old home at Solesmes:

At 5 AM. the Abbé Father Dom Delatte celebrated the last At 5 AM. the Abbe Father Doin Detacted the last Mass in the 'Abbaye' of the nuns. The rain was falling in torrents; but at six o'clock the cortège of carriages and conveyances assembled in the court of the building. Friends and relations of the Sisters had come from far, and representatives of every village in the neighborhood, with the curés at their head, gathered to pay their last adieux.

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The aged lady 'Prieure,' whom all the valley of the Sarthe remembers for her beauty as Mdlle. Brière, and indeed the founder of the Abbaye of Nuns at Solesmes, gave the signal for departure. She was followed by 'Sister Adelaide,' Dowager Duchess of Bragance. So infirm did this lady seem that she was obliged to be transported on a fauteuil to the station. But the fauteuil had a royal escort. Her grandchildren, the Duchess of Lowenstein, also a Benedictine nun, the Archduke Ferdinand of Bragance, and the Archduchess Marie Thérèse of Austria and the Duchers of Parma had come to Solesmes and accompanied her to the station.

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After her followed the sad procession of voluntary exiles. They came out supported by friends and relations, eager to show a last tribute of sympathy.

The rain still came io, n heavily on the 'Perron,' or raised front of the convent. Dom Delatte gave his last benediction to the kneeling Sisters. Many of these had not been outside the cloistered walls for 20 years.

Amid the clang of the bells tolling funereally, amid the tears of friends, with the last words of Dom Delatte sounding in their ears, half dazed and well-nigh paralyzed by the strange transition forced upon them, the nuns were conveyed to the station of Sable, to embark for Paris and England. The winding road from the monastery and convent to the station presented a strange aspect on that gloomy norming. The procession of private carriages, hired vehicles, automobiles, moved slowly down the hill. The station was completely invaded. The belies of the village tolled sadly as the train hore away the exiles from their home.

Dom Delatte left by the 11 a.m. train for Paris. His departure was accompanied by cries of 'Vivent les Bénédictins,' 'A bientôt!' 'Vive la Liberté!'

The last sight of him was his sad but proud face at the carriage window as the train moved off His last act was the blessing of the people on the platform, who crowded round his carriage and over-

A Paris correspondent of the Philadelphia Catholic Standard relates how, as the Benedictine Fathers were about to leave their home of science and high intellectual culture at Auteuil, the soldier-monk Dom du Bourg said, with profound emotion, to his hearers: 'Adieu, my brethren. We leave with emotion, to his hearers: 'Adieu, my brethren. We leave with bruised hearts, but carrying our heads high. We leave strong in two master-passions of which no tyranny can rob us: these are love of God's worship and love of our country. Men pass, but God does not.' The same correspondent writes: 'It is pretty well certain that a certain number of communities will observe a strictly passive attitude, neither asking to remain in France nor choosing to go into voluntary exile. These will have to be expelled by force, as at the time of the putting into execution of the Jules Ferry decrees, an expedient which there are good reasons for believing those in power would rather not have recourse to at the present time.

The United States.

(By the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M.)

On my arrival in Wellington after completing a tour of the world, your energetic representative requested me to give my impressions of the United States. I cannot attempt to describe that great country entirely, I will merely give an account of what came under my notice during the month I spent between New York and San Francisco. Everything in the States is worthy of notice, every city and town has its importance, still I might be allowed to single out a few cities to be described in a few words.

SOME OF THE CITIES.

New York is of course the great city and centre of Americanism and is remarkable for its rapid growth, and complete up-to-dateness The streets and avenues are broad and long clean and well kept Although the city contains almost 3,000,000 inhabitants it is quite impossible for a stranger to lose his way, owing to its admirable impossible for a stranger to lose his way, owing to its admirable divisions into streets and avenues. As a general rule each avenue and street is known by a numerical name, each block is of the same length, so that the new arrival can tell exactly how far he has to go. It is a splendid system, far superior to the confusing continental style. This great city boasts of the most modern hotels, the finest public buildings, heat streets, most complete traffic arrangements, of any in the world, and yet, the least taxed of all. This is the boast of many of its citizens, but I had not the opportunities to verify these statements, so, I suppose, we must take them for granted. for granted.

Four hours in the fast southern train brings the tourist to the Four hours in the fast southern train brings the tourist to the famous city of Washington. This city, with it suburbs, has close on half a million of inhabitants, and is the sent of the Federal Government. In my opinion, it is the finest, best kept, and most beautiful city in the States. The splendid avenues are far grander—to my mind—than the boulevards of Paris. The colored people flock to this city, for here they find full liberty and a certain degree of equality with their white brothers. They already number 200,000 in Washington City alone. It is very interesting to visit the negroquarter and watch their quaint, good-natured habits, and listen to the old coon songs and lullabys sung as only they can sing them. them.

Chicago comes next in importance. Considering its age this city already rivals New York, and is extending so rapidly, that many are of opinion it will very soon be the most populous in the States. Its slaughtering establishments are renowned all over the world. In one place aloue, 254 bullocks and 750 pigs are slaughtered every hour, whilst about 10,000 hands are employed, and 900 clerks work in one immense office. This will give your readers some slight idea of the big way in which Americans compete

with the world.
St. Louis is another flourishing city and boasts of the finest railway station in the world. It is very prosperous and is growing quite as rapidly as Chicago. They intend to hold an Exhibition there very soon which will simply 'lick creation,' and I am confident

they will do it.

Denver is the youngest of the cities, yet for its size it is the most

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Salt Lake City, the chief city of the state of Utah, has always attracted great attention owing to its being the home of Mormonism. It is situated almost on the great Salt Lake, and though still small, is well built, with ample provision made for future developments. The Mormon Temple and the Tabernacle always interest the traveller. The Tabernacle is unique in structure, and has the most perfect acoustic properties of any building in the world. It is about 250 feet in length, and yet if a pin be dropped to the floor the noise can be distinctly heard all over the building. What interested me most was the very fine college conducted by the Marist Fathers, under the presidency of the Very Rev. Father Larkin. When the Fathers took over this institution a few years ago, the pupils numbered 25, but to-day that number has increased to 110. The success of this college in sports and in the various examinations is most satisfactory. It is merely one building in that fine city, yet everywhere its beneficent influence is felt. The students show a fine manly spirit, independent and thoroughly American if you will,

but withal a fine class of boys, equal if not superior, to any I have met in my travels. All honor to All Hallow's College 'prospers procede et regna.

San Francisco is perhaps too well known to make my description of any interest. I can only say that, like the other cities of the States, it is very beautiful, and is in a most prosperous condition.

THE NIAGARA FALLS.

Nearly everyone has heard of the Falls. Most people have read descriptions of them, or have seen pictures of them, yet, they cannot be properly described, nor can any picture give a true idea of their greatness and grandeur. They are unequalled in any part of the world. This reminds me of a story related to me. An Italian guide conducted a worthy Yankee around the Bay of Naples, through the museum and famous aquarium, but was always answered in the same way, 'Show me something else, we have althis in America.' The guide, driven to desperation, brought him to the summit of Vesuvins to gaze down into the awful crater, and smiling said; 'I think I have you at last, you have no Vesuvins in America.' 'You're right,' said the American, 'out I guess we have a Niagara that can put the whole darned thing out in an hour.' The American is justly proud of Niagara, for he knows full well, that no matter how much travelled a man may be, still Niagara will always interest and astonish him. always interest and astonish him.

THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

Here in New Zealand we hear very little of this American triumph, yet from several points of view, it is the most famous ever held. Its electrical display exceeded everything ever before shown in the world. The buildings were large and splendidly ornamented, the groves, avenues, midway, artifical rivers and lakes, and beautiful statuary, and unique electric lighting were something well worth seeing. I often visited the Temple of Music to hear the great orchestra, and I stood in the very spot where, a few days previous, the illustrious President fell by the assassin's bullet. The Buffalo Exposition was really great, and well worthy of the 'greatest country on earth.' greatest country on earth.'

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Many are inclined to look on the Americans as an egotistical, supercilious people. I found them quite the contrary. It is true one sometimes meets the Yankee abroad, who uses his nose as an organ of speech, and who can see nothing good anywhere in the world but in America. This may be a specimen of the globetrotter, but it is not by any means a specimen of the representative American citizen. He has customs peculiar to his country, and must be understood to be appreciated. Born and raised in a country of true liberty, he imbibed, at an early stage, that love of liberty and independence which he happily possesses; his independent, off-hand manner is always detected, still at heart he is the soul of honor and good nature, always ready to listen to the accounts of other countries, ready to admit the trivial faults of his country, he is generous and large-hearted to a fault, a keen follower of politics, most hospitable and entertaining. That is my appreciacountry, he is generous and large-hearted to a fault, a keen follower of polities, most hospitable and entertaining. That is my appreciation of the American citizens as far as my experience goes. Others may think differently, but I can only speak of the American as I found him in his own home. We may account for this in no small degree by the fact that the Irish element is very strong in the States, and though they become Americanised still they spread on all sides the influence of their kindly, honorable, and generous traits of character.

THE CHURCH IN THE STATES.

In the early days, priests were scarce, Catholics were numerous and spread over a large tract of country, consequently, and, at the same time, unfortunately, many grew careless, mixed marriages were common, and the offspring was brought up in a careless manner, and frequently went to swell the number of the various Protestant sects. But to-day the Catholic Church is fully alive. her clergy are most enlightened, and when her prelates speak, all America listens. The members, on the whole, are true Catholics, and are proud of their faith. The American does not pause to consider which is the most aristocratic faith, as is done in England; he is too socialistic and democratic for that. He is convinced and firm in his faith, and is always ready to proclaim to the world that he glories in being a child of the Church. The clergy are pious and zealous, and being American to the core they succeed splendidly with the people. Conversions are very numerous, and prominence are to a country thing. Cutholic in the United States press. is given to everything Catholic in the United States press. As a result of my inquiries and observation, I am of opinion that there is a great future before the Church in America. I have not spoken is a great future before the Church in America. I have not spoken for all America but only for those places I saw, and the people with whom I came in contact. My conclusion is that the American people are, as a body, the best class of people I have met with in my travels, and that America is the most up-to-date, grandest, and most beautiful country I have seen. Though such be the case though the whole world be so full of interest and charm, give me my own native land, 'Pacific's Triple Star,' which to me is nore heaviful and dearer than any place in the world beautiful and dearer than any place in the world.

St Martin was Pope from 649 to 655. He formally condemned the Monothelites and the two imperial edies, called Eathers and Typos, which forbade all controversy on the subject of Two Wills in Christ. For this opposition. Pope Martin, by order of Emperor Constant II., was forcibly carried to Constantinople, and, after many sufferings, died a martyr in exile.

Our many readers in Otago will be interested in the announceour many readers in Otago with de interested in the announce-ment made by Messrs. Herbert, Haynes and Co., Praces spect, Dunedin, that they are prepared to supply cerf thing re-s-skirts, recoy to wear, at orders ranging from 1986; the 25 6d. These skirts are made of all-wood fearnounce, serge, and thus ned with glack silk, saim, or vervet...

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 30.

Rev. Father Goggan left for Hawera on Wednesday.

The Ven, Archdeacon Devoy returned to Wellington on Saturday last from the South.

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The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes will take place at St. Mary's Convent on December 11.

Rev. Father Huault, of Meanee Seminary, left by the steamer Westralia to-day for Sydney. It is his intention to remain there.

Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Meanee Seminary, and Rev. Father Tymons, of Palmerston North, are gueste at the Te Aro presbytery. They have come to town for the ordinations.

The Hon. Dr. Grace, M.L.C., Mrs. and Miss Grace who have been on a trip to Europe arrived here on Wednesday, having come out by way of Sydney.

Very Rev. Dean Mahoney spent a few days in Wellington on his return from Hawke's Bay. His health has greatly improved during his short holiday.

Rev. Father Servajean, of Blenheim, was in Wellington this

Rev. Father Servajean, of Blenheim, was in Wellington this week on business in connection with the building of the new convent. His Grace Archbishop Redwood will lay the foundation stone on December 8.

The children of the Newtown Convent school are preparing the cantata, 'Red Riding Hood,' which is to be given in the Victoria Hall on December 17 and 18. The children of the Dixon street school are also rehearsing a cantata, which will be given

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at St. Joseph's on Sunday last. Rev. Father Herbert celebrated the last Mass and the choir rendered Weber's Mass in G. At Vespers Father Ainsworth preached to a crowded congregation, the subject chosen being 'Faith.' The members of the various confraternities attended in large numbers at the procession which took place after the sermon. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Father Herbert.

Father Herbert.

The annual entertainment of St. Frances Xavier's Academy took place at the Exchange Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, when the fairy operetta, 'The Disagreeable Princess,' was staged. An excellent interpretation of the different characters was given by the following pupils:—Miss F. Moran as the 'Witch': Miss L. Beare, 'King': Miss Wardrop, the 'P rincess'; and Miss L. Wills, a page. During the intervals instrumental music and dances by Miss Beere's pupils were given. The entertainment concluded with a most amusing farc entitled 'Lot 49.' The characters were taken by Misses F. Moran, Hickey, Rees, Atack, Patterson, and Scabury. Miss Redwood made an efficient accompanist.

The weekly meeting of the Marist Old Boys' Literary Society was held on Monday evening. The Rev. Father Goggan, S.M., presided and delivered a very interc-ting address on the human brain.

was held of Monday evening. The new, Factor Coggan, S.M., presided and delivered a very interesting address on the human brain. The speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of his remarks. The members decided to hold the final meeting for the current year on Monday week. The entertainment will consist of music, an euchre tournament and ping pong. Refreshments will be supplied and ladies are to be invited. Committees were formed, and the affair should prove a great success. The Old Boys' Tennis court will be officially opened before Christmas. The court is a fine one and should prove of great benefit to the Society. The Old Boys' are much interested in the proposed visit to Caristichurch at Christmas. In addition to a debating contest and an indoor church at Christmas in addition to a debating contest and an indoor games tournament a cricket match will probably be played in the couthern city.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURGH.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2.

St. Mary's Catholic Ladies' Club is arranging for a picnic to

Stewart's Gully on Boxing Day.

Owing to the cabled announcement concerning the serious condition of the health of his Holiness the Pope the prayers of the congregations were solicited for the Holy Father in the churches

A concert and social were held in the Catholic Schoolroom,

A concert and social were held in the Catholic Schoolroom, Broadfields, on Friday, November 22, in sid of the school funds. There was a crowded attendance. An excellent programme was gone through, and refreshments were handed round by members of the committee, assisted by lady friends.

The speeches made at the meeting on Sunday in regard to St. Patrick's Day celebration were on the whole excellently delivered and the matter evidently well thought out. The proceedings generally were marked with a spontaniety and an enthusia-in rarely witnessed at similar gatherings. More than once well-marked tribute was paid to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the excellent social work performed by the members for many years. A cricket match was played on Saturday between teams representing the Christohurch Catholic Club (Pro-Cathedra) and St. Mary's Cricket Club, resulting in a win for St. Mary's by eight wickets and nine runs, the scores being: Pro-Cathedral, 28 and 25; St. Mary's, 37 and two wickets for 25. For the former side Peat and Canavan batted and bowled in fine style, good form being also shown in favour of St. Mary's by McNamara and Sullivan with the bat, and Hunt in the box ling. bat, and Hunt in the bowling.

Speaking at the meeting held on Sunday re the St. Patrick's celebrations, Mr. G. J. Sellars said, that being present at a Day celebrations, Mr. G. J. Sellars said, that being present at a National gathering of the kind now contemplated, at Auckland about 12 years ago, he was rather surprised to see among the H.A.C.B. Society brethren a stalwart Maori, who seemed particularly proud of the green sash and sought to be considered an Irishan. Referring to the memorable occasion—about two years ago when the Right Hon the Premier was heard to sing 'The wearin' of the green,' Mr. J. Barrett interjected that Mr. Seddon was known

of the green,' Mr. J. Barrett interjected that Mr. Seddon was known to have sung the patriotic and inspiriting air '20 years ago.'

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was honoured at its ordinary meeting held recently by the presence of a number of visiting brethren. These included Bros. O'Brien, P.P., and Nolan, of Hobart; J. Hyland, P.P., of Wellington, P. Mahoney, of Timaru, and J. Noonan of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., a member of the American order of Hibernians. A very hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, and warmly reciprocated. Much interest was centred in the American brother, who spoke with reference to matters of mutual importance to the two Societies. Opinion was freely expressed that it would be conducive to the well-being of Hibernians if the two bodies were amalgamated, which it was Hibernians if the two bodies were amalgamated, which it was hoped ere long would be the case.

A pionic, organised by the Marist Brothers for the boys attending the Pro-Cathedral parish school, took place on Monday last, and proved a most enjoyable outing. A special tram leaving town at 10 o'clock conveyed the party to Sumner, where, in the pretty ground surrounding the church, amusements of various kinds, races, etc., were held. An adjournment to the beach was made in the afternoon, where the seaside attractions were indulged in, the return journey being made about 6 o'clock. A particularly pleasant day was spent. Among those present at the pionic were the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, Very Rev. Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers McDonnell and O'Connor, the teaching staff, and some of the children's parents. An abundance of refreshments was prothe children's parents. An abundance of refreshments was provided by friends and dispensed by a number of young ladies. Prizes won in the sports were distributed by the Very Rev. Vicar-

Prizes won in the sports were distributed by the very nev. Concerned next day.

What was described as an 'Emerald Night' was given by the H.A.C.B. Society in their hall, Barbadoes street, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the branch's benevolent fund. There was a large attendance, the building being entirely filled. Among those present were his Lordship the Bishop and a number of the clergy. The hall was prettily decorated with greenery, a fine Irish flag adorning the back of the concert platform. The officers of the Society were most attentive in regard to the pleasure and comfort of their patrons. The first part of a very enjoyable entertainment consisted of a choice musical programme, after which refreshments were handed round by a number of young lady friends. A feature of the event was a number of novel and interesting competitions, which proved most entertaining. The interesting competitions, which proved most entertaining. The committee are worthy of the greatest commendation for the manner in which the affair was carried out, and are to be congratulated on

the success attending their efforts

TIMARU.

A few much needed showers of rain fell during the week. The land is so parched, however, that much more is needed to produce any appreciable effect.

Miss E. McGuinness was very successful at the professional examination held in Christchurch lately under Mr. Mistowski. Through her time being so occupied, Miss McGuinness could only spare one week for preparation under Mr. Lund, of Christchurch. and yet she was successful in carrying off with honors the A.P.T.L. degree (Associate Pianiste of Trinity College, London), which letters she can now append to her name. Miss McGuiness can rely on the

she can now append to her name. Miss McGuiness can rely on the congratulations of her many friends.

The following names appear amongst the successful candidates at the Trinity College local centre examinations recently held here under Mr. Mistowski, Mus. Bac. Oxon.:—Pianoforte Senior: Lisie Fitzgerald (Miss Fitzgerald, teacher), Patricia Geaney (Miss Darcy, Orari), Beatrice Knight, and Olive Larnach (Miss E. McGuinness). Intermediate: E. Burke (Miss Darcy). Junior: J. Harrison (St. Joseph's Convent, Temuka). Preparatory: J. Alexander, B. Lawry, and C. Maben (Miss Fitzgerald), S. Austin, and M. Tarrent (St. Joseph's Convent, Temuka), J. Lawler and J. Symon (St. Joseph's Convent, Waimate).

The production of the comic opera, 'H.M.S. Pinafore,' at the Theatre Royal, Timaru, on Thursday last by a Temuka amateur company in aid of the funds of St. Joseph's, Temuka, was well attended despite unfavorable weather. The cast of characters was the same as previously reported, with the exception of 'Little

company in aid of the funds of St. Joseph's, Temuka, was well attended despite unfavorable weather. The cast of characters was the same as previously reported, with the exception of 'Little Buttercup,' entrusted to Miss Wells, of Christchurch, Miss Quinn, of Temuka, being unable to take up the character owing to family bereavement. The Timaru audience fully endorsed the approval shown at Temuka and Geraldine. Miss McGuinness, as 'Josephine,' never appeared to more advantage, and at the close of her first solo was the recipient of a number of bouquets. Her acting and singing contributed much to the successful interpretation of a most difficult role. Miss Wells, of Christchurch, made an ideal 'Little Buttercup.' As 'Consin Hebe,' Mrs. Fairburn, of Temuka, scored a great success by her natural acting, and was throughout one of the most pleasing and consistent performers. As 'Sir Joseph' Porter,' Mr. Duncan MacDonald, Timaru, was in his element, and for an amateur his impersonation of the dignified 'ruler of the Queen's navee' was a highly creditable performance. Mr. Flyger, Temuka, as 'Ralp Ruckstraw,' and Mr. Heatley as 'Captain Colcoran' were each very successful, while 'Dick Deady ye' (Mr. Levens, Temuka) created great amusement with his inopportune philosophy, etc. The choruses were augmented by the sisters, consins, and aunts of 'Sir Joseph' and 'the sober men and true' of 'Captain Corcoran'. An orchestra of over 12 performers, under the baton of Professor An orchestra of over 12 performers, under the baton of Professor

Kearsley, Temuka, who also played first violin, supplied the music and accompaniments of the opera in first-class style, and double and triple encores occurred during the evening. Mr. Jeffries, as stage manager, was as proficient as ever. The whole of the performers, indeed, are to be congratulated.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 28.

His Lordship the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, December 15. Rev. Father Patterson officiated at the Church of the Assump-

tion, Onehunga, both morning and evening last Sunday, in order to relieve from his duties for the day the Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, V.G. A school teacher under the Education Board, who has been for

20 years in the service, has been dismissed because he could not conscientiously order once every week the saluting of the flag.

The Rev. Father Brodie, of Waihi, who was in town during the week, informed me that the erection of the new church was progressing satisfactorily, and ere long his Lordship the Bishop will be enabled to definitely fix the day of consecration and formal mening.

opening.

Mr. J. J. Callaghan, who is over here from N.S. Wales, has been for very many years connected with the literary staff of the Sydney Freeman's Journal. He came over in connection with his son's marriage, reported elsewhere, and has been busy acquiring general and local news of the Colony. He leaves to day for Wellington.

A most successful concert was held last ever ing by the children

of the Ponsonby parish, under direction of the Sisters of Mercy, in the Sacred Heart schoolroom. The programme was varied and highly entertaining, and the children showed a proficiency beyond their years which reflected credit alike upon themselves and the good Sisters.

The Auckland Catholic Literary Society on last Tuesday evening met in St. Patrick's Hall, Mr. W. Tole presiding. A lecture on 'Literature and art' was delivered by the Rev. Father Moore. He treated of the development of art, and pointed out the difference between art and beauty. The same applied to literature, as writ-ings of a most fascinating nature were often devoid of artistic ings of a most fascinating nature were often devoid of artistic merit. The lecture throughout was most interesting, and this was evidenced by the close attention of the audience. The chairman warmly thanked Father Moore for his entertaining address. Mr. Callaghan, a visitor from New South Wales, who was present, on being introduced by Father Moore, briefly addressed the meeting, and said it gave him very great pleasure to be amongst those who were engaged in the pursuit of literary culture and knowledge. Unfortunately our Catholic youth in this respect compared unfavorably with those of other denominations. He enjoined upon all present to persevere in their studies, and to induce every Catholic youth of their acquaintance to join them, thus making of them not only good Catholics but also good citizens. Mr. Callaghan's remarks were highly appreciated. This meeting was the last of the season. The season has been a most successful one.

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At the Hibernian Hall yesterday afternoon the members of the Pollard Opera Company gave a musical matinee in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There were present the Very Rev. Dr. Egan and Fathere Kehoe, Moore, Buckley, Darby, and a packed audience. The following excellent programme was given:—Pianoforte solo, Miss J. Quinn; song, "My queen," Mr. Chas Carter; song. "Were I a butterfly," Miss May Beatty; song (comic), Mr. W. S. Percy; song, "Until we meet again," Miss Maud Beatty; dance (in character), Miss Brightie Barry: song, "You ask me why I love you," Mr. Jack Ralston; song, "The children's home." Miss A. Pollard; song (comic), Mr. Dick Shortland; pianoforte solo, Miss Eilleen Cronin; song, "The Garrone." Arthur G Murphy; song, "Only a penny" (quite a shower of pennies were thrown upon the stage), Miss Gertie Campion; song, "Thou art passing hence," Mr. Dave O'Connor; song, "By Seville's silver tide." Miss J. Ramsay; musical sketch, Rev. Dr. Egan: song, "Bianca," Miss Ella Allen; selection (violin and piano), Mrs. W. Ralph and Master Gerald Ralph; song, "Angel land, Miss Katie Campion; song (comic), Mr. Fred. Lyodd. The accompanists were Mr. King, Mr. Clarence Vaughan, and Miss Jeanie Quinn. The credit of promoting the entertainment is due to Miss Kate Lonergan, while Miss M. Derrom carried out the secretarial duties.

duties.

St. Peter, surnamed Chrysologus on account of his eloquence St. Peter, surnamed Chrysologue on account of his eloquence was born at Inola and baptised by Bishop Cornelius, from whom he also received his ecclesiastical training and ordination to the deaconate. After studying the spirit of Asceticism in a monastery he was consecrated Bishop of Ravenna by Pope Sixtus III., in 433., By his ever watchful solicitude, his untiring practice of prayer, and his constant fidelity to the duties of his office, he was a shining disciple of the Good Shepherd. His method of life was that of an ordinary priest, and he labored successfully in converting the pagans, as well as in combating the Maniphean, Novatian, Pelagian, and Nestorian errors. By word and example he encouraged the practice of Christian virtue, and in his sermons freely denounced prevailing Nestorian errors. By word and example he encouraged the practice of Christian virtue, and in his sermons freely denounced prevailing vices, and exhorted the Faithful to avert, by works of penance, the divine chastisement. The Archmandrite Eutyches, who was trying to win supporters for his new heresy in the West, he entreated to submit to the authority of the Pope, 'because through him St. Peter, who continues to sit in the Chair of Rome, makes known the true faith to the sincere inquirer' St. Chrysologus was on intimate terms with Pope Leo I. He died and was burried at Impla

Roads to Rome.

UNDER the above heading the author of Ten Years in Anglican Orders, gives accounts, based on personal testimony, of the conversion to the Catholic Faith of over 70 persons. It is curious to note (says the Catholic Times in its review of the work) how varied were (says the Catholic Times in its review of the work) how varied were the creeds and classes to which the converts belonged, and how different the roads by which they entered the Church. Some were moved to take the step after long and protracted studies; others were drawn by the examples of friends and acquaintances; others still seem to have been led forward by the goodness of their own hearts, yielding to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. A combiderable number were members of the Established Church; not a few belonged to one or other of the Nonconformist sects; and others were Rationalists or unbelievers. Rev. George Angus M.A., submitted to the Church because he discovered that it was the One Divine Teacher. The first things that impressed Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., were the simple faith and personal example of the Irish Divine Teacher. The first things that impressed Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., were the simple faith and personal example of the Irish poor. He compared it favorably with the class of Protestants in Ireland amongst whom he mixed, and whose doctrines consisted more in hatred of Rome than in any definite belief. Later he was much impressed by the conversion of his friend Father Clarke, S.J., then a Protestant minister and Fellow of St. John's College. Dr. Edward Berdoe, who was bred a Nonconformist, made a comparative study of religions, and after years of anxious thought found the claims of the Catholic creed to be irresistible. The Rev. Robert Bracey entered the Edgbaston Oratory in his sixteenth year, and after listening to a floundering sermon, left the church certain of the truth of Catholicity. Lord Brampton does not enter into details, for to explain the causes of his conversion would require more time than he has at command, but declares that he thought the matter out for himself, anxiously and seriously, uninfluenced by any human being. He has unwavering satisfaction in the conclusion at which he arrived, and his conscience tells him it is right. right.

Anglican methods of controversy and the subserviency of the Anglican clergy to the State induced the Rev. James Crawford Bredin to join the Catholic Church. Mr James Britten, K.S.G., having read much religious literature, and realised that the first mark of God's Church is unity, became a Catholic. The Rev. Henry Browne, M.A., of University College, Dublin, by a logical process of reasoning, convinced himself of the validity of the Catholic claims. It was history more than anything else that brought the Bishop of Clifton into the Church. After many mental struggles, the Rev. Bede Camm. B.A., came to recognise that communion with Bishop of Clifton into the Church. After many mental struggles, the Rev. Bede Camm, B.A., came to recognise that communion with the See of Peter was of old the essential test of orthodoxy. The Rev. W. R. Carson. of Trinity College, Dublin, was convinced of the truth of Catholic doctrine by the careful study of Newman's works. The Rev. John Chapman, B.A., had to study doctrine and Church history, and soon came to see in the 'Reformation' the uprooting of all that he had been loving and venerating. Mr H C. Corrance, B A., who was an Anglican clergyman, realised that the surest guide to the past is the present state of Christendom, that the Anglican method of interpreting the present by the past is to substitute opinion for fact, and that present day facts are against the Anglican theory of Christendom. The Rev. Matthew Culley was converted by a course of sermons in the Jesuit Church, Oxford.

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The Rev. Augustin Daniels, B.A., worked his way from Aknosticism to Catholic truth, as did Mr. J. Duffus-Harris likewise. Mr. Reginald B. Fellows, M.A., became convinced that the doctrine of the Real Presence was of the essence of Christ's teaching, and must form an essential part of the teaching of this or of any other age. The Rev. John H. Filmer was an Anglican minister, but until he became a Catholic could never understand why England alone should have received a pure Gospel while all other enlightened nations were still steeped in 'the superstitions of Popery. The steps of his advance towards the Church are thus given by Father Philip Fletcher, M.A.: '(1) The Bible, (2) Eveneong, (3) Anglicanism, (4) Romeward. And then "Civitas Dei." Mr. W. D. Gaunford was baptised and educated a Catholic, but lived for many years as a Protestant. He returned to the old Faith, and maintains that Protestantism is positively irrational.

The Rev. W. T. Gorman, B.A., in approaching the Catholic Church, waded through mazes of controversy. Mr. Hartwell de la Garde came to see that at the "Reformation" the Catholic Church was not divided, but only diminished. A visit paid by Cardinal Manning to a Catholic mission exercised a magnetic attraction on the Rev. H. F. Hall. When the Rev. Eric D. Hanson was about to enter the Church he told his story to Father Richard Clarke, who produced a copy of the penny catechism, and asked him to read it the Real Presence was of the essence of Christ's teaching, and must

produced a copy of the penny catechism, and asked him to read it carefully, remarking: 'I treat you exactly as Father Coleridge treated me when I too was a catechumen.' The Rev. O. R. Vassal carefully, remarking: I treat you exactly as Father Colerings treated me when I too was a catechumen. The Rev. O. R. Vassal was helped into the Church especially by reading as a child a story called 'Father Clement' and the Waverley Novels. The spirit of inquiry was aroused in the breast of Commander Claude Paget, R.N. by the words of a friend: 'The Catholic religion is the only safe religion to die in.' Mr. S. H. Patterson, formerly a Unitarian minister, looked with inquiring eyes at the Churches, and although he found good and earnest men in all, helpful agencies here and there, he found only one Church whose news had a clear and certain sound, an unequivocal claim. Bishop Patterson was received into the Church during a visit to Jerusalem. The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle states that he owes everything to Newman, the 'Tracts for the Times,' and generally the Puseyite movement. Strangest case of all, perhaps, the book which was mainly instrumental in making a Catholic of Professor Windle was Littledsle's 'Plain Reasons against Joining the Church of Rome' The book throws so much light on the difficulties of converts that it must prove of special benefit to Anglican and other inquirers for the prove of special benefit to Anglican and other inquirers for the truth.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

CHRISTCHURCH PREPARING.

(From our own correspondent.)

A numerously attended meeting was held in the Boys' Schoolroom, Barbadoes street, on Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of devising means to fittingly celebrate the feast day of the great apostle of Ircland. His Lordship the Bishop presided, there being present also the Very Revs. Vicar-General and Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers Marnane, Richards, Cooncy and McDonnell. The Right Rev. Chairman in opening the proceedings dwelt upon the importance of celebrating the event not only as a great religious festival but also with civil or national rejoicings. He referred to the wish he conveyed from the West Coast, (whilst there), and frequently since, of his ardent desire to have the feast of Ireland's patron saint regarded and celebrated with far more enthusiasm, and in a manner more comprehensive than hitherto in this city; so fittingly indeed as to rival similar celebrations of the day, now almost universal throughout the English-speaking world. A numerously attended meeting was held in the Boys' Schoolthis city; so fittingly indeed as to rival similar celebrations of the day, now almost universal throughout the English-speaking world. From what he could conjecture, in view of the large gathering present in response to the invitation, a celebration out of the ordinary would undoubtedly be the result. Hence would naturally arise the question, what shall the proceeds be devoted to According to resolutions which in due course would be placed before the meeting, the object proposed was one strongly appealing to every member of the community. The object which it was calculated to benefit by the celebration was one he (the Bishop) and his diocesan council had kept steadily under notice awaiting the chance of favorable orgumetances for years, one also which those who chance of favorable circumstances for years, one also which those who were more intimately engaged in social work, notably the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, had frequently advocated, namely, the establishment of an institution for the aged, distressed, and infirm, and for orphans, etc., where a suitable home with every comfort and convenience would be provided. He had received apologies from several, verbal and written, for unavoidable absence, including a most kindly and sympathetic letter from Sir George Clifford. The remarks of his Lordship were frequently applauded.

Mr. W. Hoban moved That the 17th day of March, 1902, the Feast of St. Patrick, the glorious Apostle of Ireland, be celebrated by all the Catholics of the city of Christehurch and suburbs, not only as a great religious festival, but also with civil rejoicings, consisting in something of the nature of a picnic or sports during the chance of favorable circumstances for years, one also which those who

day and a grand concert at high.' Before speaking to the resolu-tion, he wished suggest that in connection with civil rejoicing they should endeavor to get to help them on the committee people who were not Catholics but who could most heartily sympathise with the object explained by his Lord-hip. The work was one that must commend itself to them all, and he hoped to see it warmly

supported.

Mr. G. J. Sellars seconded the motion, and said that there were wo points in the resolution—viz, the religious and the national celebration. The first forged by St. Patrick when he first set foot in Erin had never been leosed so far as Irishmen and Irishwomen were concerned. Through the bravery of the Irish forces in the Transvaal they had be a granted on last St. Patrick's Day the right to wear the shannock. As Irishmen they should support the resolution because it proposed to inaccurate a great work. This resolution because it proposed to inaugurate a great work. This was a work in which they could all take part, and he hoped they would set their shoulders to the wheel and make the celebration a

success.

The resolution was carried unnnimeusly.

His Lordship said some years ago representatives of an Order, renowned throughout the world for their charity to the poor, had asked his consent to their establishing a house of their Order in the diocese and he had gladly consented. Through circumstances over which they had no control this was not carried out, but he had felt which they had no which should be carried out as speedily as possible. He had considered the matter, and had taken counsel with his Vicar-General, his priests, and others, with the result that

the second resolution was framed.

Mr. H. H. Loughnan sud that he would like to ask them for a moment to consider the position of their public charities, as there moment to consider the position of their public charities, as there were many cases they must know for which no provision whatever was made. They had a number of charitable institutions, which were doing good work, but there was, as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had pointed out, a number of the aged poor who get no attention, particularly those upon whom disease came at the end of a long life of hard work. The hospitals had no place for chronic cases such as these; the public institutions did not go deep enough to find them, and thus it fell out that these people who should receive the utmost care were not in any way provided for. These were the cases which the members of the Hospital Board found the hardest work to provide for. There were, they knew, numbers of cases in their own community—not a large one—who were bedridden and unable to do anything for themselves. It was principally for such cases as these that the resolution intended to provide pally for such cases as these that the resolution intended to provide for. He now moved the second resolution as follows:—"That the time has come when we should have in our midst a home for the aged, poor and infirm, for orphan and destitute children, irrespective of creed or nationality."

Mr. R. Hayward seconded the resolution, and said he thought

Mr. K. Hayward seconded the resolution, and said he thought the proposal was one which would appeal to all classes of the community. The class of nuns—the Sisters of Nazareth—which his Lordship had referred to, worked on the same lines as the Little Sisters of the Poor. They had made themselves beloved in every community where they had established homes, and when they came here they would, he felt sure, remove from the minds of the community the very erroneous ideas, which existed as to Catholics and the work done by Catholic institutions.

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The resolution was carried unanimously.

His Lordship said the nuns who had spoken to him were the Little Sisters of the Poor. The work of the Sisters of Nazareth was upon wider lines than that of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He might

upon wider lines than that of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He might say that one of the most respected members of their community, the late Mr. A J. White, had offered to finance the bringing of the nuns here. The Sisters of Nazar-th devoted themselves to the very class to which Mr. Loughnan had referred, and they would be a grent blessing to the whole community.

Mr. M. Donnelly said the last resolution which had been so unanimously carried would not be of much practical use without being followed by the resolution which he had now the honor to move. There was a deep need for the introduction of the Sisters referred to by his Lordship. He felt that they, as Catholics, had rather neglected their duty in not having sooner established an institution such as the resolutions carried that day sought to establish. He had always felt that so far as their own Church was concerned prevention was better than cure, and that their endeavors cerned prevention was better than cure, and that their endeavors should be directed to the prevention so far as was possible, of the should be directed to the prevention, so far as was possible, of the coming into being of cases such as those referred to by Mr. Loughnan. But whilst they did this they must also provide for the cases which existed, and, therefore, he welcomed with considerable warmth the steps which were being taken for the establishment of such an institution. He thought that the Order which had the widest scope was the one they should get here. He moved, 'That his Lordship the Bishop be requested to procure the aid of a religious body of women whose special object is to devote their lives to the wants of such afflicted members of society.'

Mr. E. O Connor seconded the resolution with great pleasure.
With regard to children who were brought before the Court from no fault of their own, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul took means to provide for their future training. But they had no place where the children could be put till forwarded to Nelson. But if they had a community of the Sisters of Nazareth this would be obviated, because they could be taken care of. He trusted to see the celebration of St. Patrick's Day next year a record one, because

they had a great object in view.

The resolution was carried unanimously

Mr. John Barrett moved the next resolution as follows:—'That the proceeds arising from the St. Patrick's Day celebration be set aside as the nucleus of a fund for the establishment of the home.' He held that all the English-speaking race had a claim upon St. l'atrick as much as the Catholic community, and, therefore, as the population of Christehurch was composed of the united races of English. Irish and Scotch, he hoped to see the Mayor of Christehurch and other leading citizens going out to celebrate next St. Put-ick's Day.
Mr. P. Burke seconded the motion, and expressed the hope that

all would help the great work which had been set on foot that day. If they went into the work heart and soul, they would, he felt sure, make the very greatest success of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day next year, having in view the grand work to which the funds

were to be devoted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Rev. Father Marnane moved, 'That a committee of the ladies and gentlemen here present, with power to add to their number, be now formed to carry out all that is necessary to secure the success of the celebration

Mr. G. R. Hart seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. G. R. Hart seconded the motion, which was carried.
On the motion of Mr. E. O Connor the following Executive
Committee was appointed, with power to add to their number:—
His Lordship the Bi-hop and the clergy, Messrs W. Hoban, G. J.
Sellars, H. H. Loughnan, E. O'Connor, R. Hayward, M. Donnelly, J.
Barrett, F. Burke, J. Cassin, R. O. Duncan, G. R. Hart, Wotherspoon, and J. J. Wilson.
A vote of thanks to the Bi-hop closed the proceedings.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

The Tribuni understands that the Archbishop of Melbourne received into the Church a few weeks ago a lady and her three daughters, and Miss Kreitmeyer, the ceremony having taken place at the Convent of the Faithful Companions, Kew.

The Liver; col Daily Post is informed that the Rev. Martin Cave, A K.C.L., 1892, who had been curate at St. John's Anglican Church, Tuebrook, since 1896, has recently joined the Catholic Church.

In a lecture in Detroit recently, Dr. Henry Austin Adams declared that since his conversion to Catholicity 284 of the members of the Episcopal Church in New York, of which he was pastor, have joined the Catholic Church.

Considerable sensation (says the Scotsman) was created in Glasgow and the West when it became known that the Rev. John Charleson, B.D., minister of the Thornliebank Parish, had become a convert to the Catholic Church. Mr. Charleson was ordained in 1890, and had been in charge of Thornliebank since that time.

The announcement (says a London secular newspaper) that the Rev. F. T. Reyds, son of the Rector of Heysham, Morecambe, has gone over to the Catholic Church, recalls the singular terms of his father's will. That gentleman's estate was worth £117,227, and he settled the real estate and the advowson of Heysham on his son. He afterwards cancelled this in the event of the young man carrying out his expressed intention of becoming a Catholic. By later codicil, however, the testator, recognising in his son's prospective action the "just judgment of God" against himself, directed the payment of an annual allowance of £250.

On September 30 Lord Roberts entered on his seventieth year his Lordship having been born on the 30th September, 1832.

INTERCOLONIAL.

In the diocese of Geraldton (says the W.A. Record) the Dominican nuns are well sustaining the world-wide and time-honored renown of their Order as a teaching Order. At the recent exhibition held at Greenough, the pupils of the local convent gained 30 prizes, and at the Geraldton Exhibition they were also successful. First prizes were gained at Geraldton by the students of the college at Dongarra, for painting, wood-carving, pianoforte sight-reading, and solo playing. A concert given by these students on October 16 went off with eclat—the performance throughout being brilliant. The returns received from London of the Trinity College musical examination, held on August 10 by Mr. Charles Edwards at the Greenough centre, show that all the eight candidates presented passed, one gaining honors All the marks obtained this year by the pupils of the Dominican nuns at both London examinations were high. were high.

In connection with the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the opening of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, which took place a few Sundays ago, the Archbishop of Melbourne, who preached at the 11 o'clock Mass, referred to the financial position of the Cathedral and the work that had been done since the opening of the Cathedral and the work that had been done since the opening in 1897. The whole of the Cathedral, he said, had been re-tiled, the sanctuary portion had been improved and ornamented, all the chapels had been provided with altars, and the seating accommodation had been increased. All that had been done was paid for, and there was enough money available to meet the cost of the work on hand. Had it not been, the Archbishop went on to say, for the opportune and princely bequest of the late Mr. James Crotty, whose munificence was recorded in a mural tablet in the Cathedral, it would have been impossible to have accomplished all that had been done. Had the whole of that hequest been available for the purwould have been impossible to have accomplished all that had been done. Had the whole of that bequest been available for the purpose, the internal decoration of the Cathedral could have been actually completed, but there remained a debt of £4000 on the building itself, which left a balance of £6000 only for internal work. Two of the chapels had, in consequence of the piety and generosity of two ladies, been also decorated, and it was intended to proceed with the four remaining ones, in the hope that some others would imitate the example of these good ladies. These four chapels also required a mosaic paving, and he was not without hope that funds would also be forthcoming to meet that the last work in connection with the internal completion of the Cathedral. nection with the internal completion of the Cathedral.

The Monitor (Tasmania) records with deep regret the death of The Monitor (Tasmania) records with deep regret the death of the Ven. Archdeacon Noone which occurred on November 11 at Hobart. The deceased priest was one of the pioneers in the Tasmanian mission field. He received his early training at Mount Melleray Abbey, Waterford, and went to All Hallow's College for his ecclesiastical course. He was ordained in 1863, and came out immediately to Tasmania. During his 38 years' missionary labor he built several churches, convents, and schools, in various parts of the colony. colony.

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran, private secretary to his Eminence Cardinal Moran, has been presented with an address and £8000 to recoup him for the expense in his defence in the Coningham case,

The net profits of the Westmead Fair held in the Sydney Town Hall amount to over £2500. The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society are delighted with the result.

On Tuesday of last week Miss Amy Castles made her debut at her concert in St. James's Hall, London. She was assisted by Miss Ada Crossley and others. His Majesty the King wrote a few days before the concert came off to Sir Andrew Clarke, Agent-General before the concert came off to Sir Andrew Clarke, Agent-General for Victoria, expressing his interest in the first appearance in the world's metrop dis of the young Australian singer. The Prince and Princess of Wales accorded their patronage to the concert. In addition to the royal patrons, many leaders of society, such as Lord and Lady Jersey, Lord and Lady Carrington, Lord Beauchamp, were doing their best to interest their friends in the performance. Many persons predicted that a debut after only two years' study would be a failure, but M. Bouhy, her distinguished teacher, considered that the might estably demand a Lordon register on the quality design. a failure, but M. Bouhy, her distinguished teacher, considered that she might safely demand a London verdict on the quality of her voice. Miss Castles was to fulfil her first public engagement the week following at the Queen's Hall Ballad Concerts, by special invitation of Mr. George Boosey. The London Times, commenting on the successful debut of Miss Amy Castles, says she is admirably taught, and, if she perseveres, will reach a very high place. Her voice is of beautiful quality, resembling Madame Melba's.

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The leaders of the Orange clique (says a Melbourne correspondent) who are ceaseless in their efforts to win favorable recognition from the Victorian public have met with a slight disappointment. They desired to obtain the use of the Melbourne Town Hall for the purpose of holding a "Guy Fawkes" demonstration on November 5, but although some of the corporation officials are said to be in sympathy with this disreputable crowd, the Mayor, Simuel Gillott, is a man of broad and liberal views, and his Worship refused the use of the hall. The Orangemen had to seek elsewhere for a platform upon which to spout their venomous tirade against Catholic citizens. It is true that these social pessare not now taken seriously, and since the prosecution of some of the leaders a few years ago for a breach of the provisions of the Unlawful Assemblies Act at Brunswick they have been looked upon with contempt by the public generally. A few lifth-rate parsons orate occasionally in true Orange style in little suburban coventicles, but these are merely bidding for a little cheap notriety, which it would be impossible to obtain by ordinary means. would be impossible to obtain by ordinary means.

As a result of the recent census, there will be six additional members in the new Parliament. The Representation Commissioners are to meet during the recess to arrange the boundaries.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

December 8, Sunday.—Second Sunday in Advent. Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 9, Monday.—St. Eutychianus, Pope and Martyr.

 10, Tuesday.—Octave of the Feast of St. Francis
 Xavier.

 11, Wednesday.—St. Damasus, Pope and Confessor.

 12, Thursday.—St. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.

 13, Friday.—St. Lucia, Virgin and Martyr.

 14. Saturday.—Translation. of the Holy. Horse of
- - 14, Saturday.—Translation of the Holy Loreto.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

By the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary we understand that the Blessed Virgin, from the first moment when her soul was united to her body, was preserved from original sin and exempted from every stain by a Divine privilege, in view of the future merits of Jesus Christ.

ST. EUTYCHIANUS, POPE AND MARTYR.

St. Eutychianus was an Etruscan by birth, and was Pope from 275 to 285. He suffered martyrdom under Numerian.

ST. DAMASUS, POPE AND CONFESSOR.

St. Damasus was Pope from 366 to 384. He was the principal defender of Catholic orthodoxy against Arius and other heretics. He condemned the Macedonian and Apollinarian heresies, and confirmed the decrees of the General Council of Constantinople. He was very solicitous for the preservation of the Catacombs and adorned the sepulchres of many martyrs with epitaphs in verse, which he himself composed. For his secretary he chose St. Jerome, his faithful friend, and induced him to publish a corrected version of the Bible, known as the Latin Vulgate.

ST. MELCHIADES, POPE AND MARTYR.

St. Melchiades was Pope from 311 to 314. He was born in Africa and presided over the Council of Rome (313) and condemned the Donatists.

ST. LUCIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, was born at Syracuse, Sicily where she was beheaded in the year 303. Of a noble and Christian family, she made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Agatha at Catanea, obtained the healing of her mother Eutychia, consecrated her virginitation. ginity to the Lord, and, accused of being a Christian, she was be-

THE HOLY HOUSE OF LORETO.

Loreto is a city of the province of Ancona, in Italy, chiefly noticeable as the site of the celebrated sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called the Santa Casa (holy house). The Santa Casa is reported to be the house, or a portion of the house, in which the Blessed Virgin lived at Nazareth, which was the scena of the Annunciation of the Nativity and the residence of Our Lord with His blessed mother and St. Joseph, and which, after the Holy Land had been finally abandoned to the infidels on the failure of the Crusades, is believed to have been miraculously transported, first, May 10, 1291, to Recanati, whence it was finally transferred to its present site. Its name (Lat. Domus Lauretana) is derived from Laureta. the lady to whom the site belonged. Although numerous pilgrime resort to this sanctuary, and although indulgences have been attached by Popes Julius II., Sixtus V., and Innocent XII, to the pilgrimages and to the prayers offered at the shrine, yet, the truth of the legend is no part of Catholic belief, and Catholics hold themselves free to examine critically its truth, and to admit or reject it according to the rules of historical evidence. The Church of the Santa Casa stands near the centre of the town, in a piazza which possesses other architectural attractions. The great central door of the church is surmounted by a splendid bronze statue of the Madomna, and in the interior are three magnificent bronze doors filled with bas-reliefs, representing the principal events of Scriptural and ecclesiastical history. The celebrated holy house stands within. It is a small brick house with one door and one window, originally of rude material and construction, but now, from the devotion of successive generations, a marvel of art and costliness. It is entirely encased in white marble, exquisitely sculptured after designs of the most eminent artists. The holy house having been at all times an object of devout veneration, its treasury of votive offerings is one of the richest in the western world.

A very pleasant social function (says the W. A. Record) took place recently at the Coolgardie Convent School, when the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly was presented by his pershioners with a beautifully illuminated address and a massive gold Celtic cross, as a mark of esteem, and on his being raised to the office of Dean of the Eastern Goldfields. There were fully 200 members of the congregation present, and the proceedings were most enthusiastic.

The R.M.S. Cuzco, which arrived recently in Melbourne. brought eight priests for Australian dioceses. Rev. J. P. O'Connell for the archdiocese of Melbourne. The Rev. gentleman is a nephew of the Rev. T. J. O'Connell (Tatura). Rev. W. Close and Rev. E. Byan for the diocese of Ballarat. Father Ryan is a brother to the Rev. M. Ryan, of Woodend. The Revs. T. Crowley, Father Ahern, J. Considine, J. Kelleher, and S. Champion are for N.S.W. and W.A. dioceses. dioceses.

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Irish News.

ANTRIM.—A Doctor passes away
The 'Belfast Weekly' records with sincere regret the demise of Ir. Fogarty, of Cushendall The deceased had a brilliant career through the Royal University, Dublin, was appointed resident pupil and surgeon in the Mater Misericotdiae Hospital, and was unanimously elected medical officer of the Cushendall Dispensary District about 11 years ago. He was a kind friend, and sympathised deeply with the poor. He held a commission of the peace for the county Antrim, and faithfully discharged the duties of this position. He died at the early age of 37, and leaves a wife and four children. and four children.

CAVAN.—Death of a Priest.

The Rev. Patrick O'Connell, pastor of Corlough, passed away recently at St. Clare's Cottage, Cavan. The deceased, at the time of his demise, was in the 69th year of his age and the 39th of his sacred ministry. In every parish where his labors lay Father O'Connell endeared himself to the people. the people.

CLARE. - Deputy-Lieutenant.

Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny, C.B., of Poolough Lodge, County Clare, has been appointed Deputy-Lieutenant for the County Clare, vice Mr. R. W. C. Reeves, deceased.

DOWN .- More than a Century.

A man named Edward Black, of Scarva, County Down, died in the early part of October at the great age of 100 years and three months.

Death of a Priest.

The parish priest of Upper Killeavy the Rev. Thomas Hardy, died at his residence, Mountain Lodge, near Newry, on October 11. The deceased priest was one of the oldest ecclesistics in Ulster, and for over a quarter of a century had been paster of the parish in which he died.

Fatal Accident.

Mr. James Byrne, Ballydesland, Warrenpoint, member of the Newry Board of Guardians, was killed by a train at Newry Station

Workhouse Nursing.

The Newry Board of Guardians, at the instance of Mr. John F. Small, have decided to entrust the nursing in the Workhouse Infirmaty to the Sisters of Mercy

DUBLIN.-General Davis Dead.

General Sir John Davis, KCB, died at Shean, Ballycrey, on October 12 He was the son of Mi John Davis, of the Park, Rathfarnham County Dublin, and was born in 1832. Days, et the Park, Rathlatmann County Dublin, and was born in 1832. Educated at Cheltenham College, he entered the army in 1852, and within a few years he found himself on active service in India, where he served during the Mutmy in the Shahabad district, for which he received the medal. In the Soudan Expedition Sir John Davis was in command of the second infantry brigade, and was present at the engigements of Li Teb and Tamar. During the course of these operations he was several times mentioned in dispatches and was rewarded by being made a CR and gained the medal with clasp and the Khedive's star. He also cook part in the Soudan campaign of the following year, when he gained a second clasp. clasp.

Maynooth College. Maynooth College.

The Rev. James I' Caffrey a student of the Dunboyne Establishment and a priest of the diocese of Clogher, has been appointed to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History in Maynooth College rendered vacant by the resignation of Very Rev. Dr. O'Loan, owing to failing health. The trustees of Maynooth have re-established the second Chair of Aucient Classics, which had to be discontinued at the time of the withdrawal of the Parliamentary grant. trustees have also established an additional Chair in the department of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

Shipbuilding.

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At the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Pembroke Technical School Sir Thomas Pile, ex-Lord Mayor, in putting a vote of thanks to the chairman, said he believed it would be necessary for this school in the near fature to specialise, and for this reason, that within the last three or four divis a very wealthy firm had purchased Messirs Bewley's shipbuilding yaid on the other side of the river, and within the next 12 months, if they could induce the Port Board and the Lord Mayor—and he would take precious good care to induce them—they hoped to see shipbuilding started in Dublin on a scale that would rival their friends in the North. He took the opportunity of saying that this move was almost directly due to the Lord Mayor of Dublin. The future of technical education in Ireland was vice 1088.

GALWAY.—Gaelic Characters.

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The patriotic parish priest of Oranmoie, the Very Rev. James Keane, P.P., and others in the Co-Galway, have had their names printed in Irish on their carts.

KILKENNY.—Death of a Doctor.

The announcement of the death of her Kennedy Coyne, medical officer of the Urlingford (County Kilkenny) Workhouse, was received with regret by the large circle of griends. Dr. Coyne was a sterling Nationalist who condend good groups to the cause rendered good cause to the since the sixties.

KING'S COUNTY.

Intelligence has been received in Birr of the death in London, at the early age of 26 years, of Sister Carmel, daughter of Mr. John Madden, of Banagher The deceased young lady was received at the Highgate Convent, London, eight years ago She was born in Banagher and educated there at the local convent, where her scholastic course was a distinguished one. distinguished one.

LIMFRICK.—Better Prospects.

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A correspondent writing from Abbeyfeale. County Limerick, gives a glowing account of the improvements effected in the position of the occupiers of land in that district who have purchased their holdings. He says. The number of estates purchased under the various clauses of the several Land Purchase Acts in the Abbeyfeale district being, comparatively speaking, the largest probably in Munster as the number is undoubtedly the largest in Limerick County, afford sufficient material for undoubtedly the largest in Limerick County, afford sufficient material for arriving at a proper estimate of the merits and advantages of Land Purchase. During the past ten years the following estates have been transferred by purchase machinery to the tenants, viz., Loid Dunraven's, Lord Guillamore's, Messrs W.T. Trench's, J. Harnett's, W. C. Harnett's, C. Ellis's, R. Bateman's, and Miss Nixon's, while negotiations with a view to applying the provisions of the Acts to most of the remaining few view to applying the provisions of the Acts to most of the renaming few are at present in operation between cowners and tenants. Amongst those who have enjoyed the benefits of peasant proprietorship for the pasteight or ten years a vast improvement has taken place. The earnest industrious spirit which the sense of proprietorship has substituted for the expressing rack-renting and discouraging system which previously prevailed is imquestionably responsible for the present contented and prosperous condition of a large number of those who now own the soil they till. It was this remarkable improvement so clearly visible amongst those who first induced their landlords to selfinst induced their fandlords to self that roused the occupants on adjoining estates to a consciousness of the superiority of the system which guaranteed absolute ownership after repayment of purchase money by

reasonable, diminishing instalments, and fostered an inclination to industrial agricultural development which formerly had been regarded as a profitless, if not sometimes dangerous form of occupation. The present material position of those peasant proprietors registers an advance of 100 per cent. From the date of the receipt of his vesting order each tenant appeared to be suddenly endowed with an earnest desire to strengthen the weak portions of his holding by liberal reclamation, drainage, or other necessary work, the facilities afforded by the Board of Public works in the matter of loans for such purposes being availed of where circumstances did not permit of a private outlay being applied. The instalments, which in many instances represent merely a third or fourth of the old rent, are regularly forwarded through the medium of the bank within the appointed limits, and in no case has there been observed any default in doing so. The tenants' houses and out-houses have been gradually subjected to the repairs they stood so very much in need of to a great extent, while the methods they employed in agricultural operations are yearly exhibiting signs of up-to-datchess and efficiency.

A Priest passes away. up-to-dateness and efficiency,

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Deep sorrow was felt in every por-tion of the united parishes of Drumtion of the united parishes of Drum-colloher and Broadford, County Lim-erick, at the sad death of the deeply-lamented parish priest, Very Rev. John Gleeson. To perpetuate his memory the people of the parish, at a representative meeting held in Drumcolloher, resolved to erect a suitable memorial to their late be-loved pastor. loved pastor

LOUTH .- Compensation Sought.

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At Dundalk Quarter Sessions, before County Court Judge Kisbey, amongst the applications for compensation for malicious injuries there came up one by the '98 Centenary Committee, who claimed £125 for the damage to the tocal monument, which was partially blown up some weeks ago by some person or persons unknown. Mr. Sheridan, who appeared for the applicants, asked for an adjournment, as he desired to have the damage inspected and valued by a sculptor. The postponement was agreed to. agreed to.

MAYO .-- Good Advice.

MAYO.—Good Advice.

Archbishop McEvilly is the donor of £1000 to the cost of building the new Catholic church at Castlebar, and in recognition of his handsome gift his Grace was entertained at a dinner during the week by the Catholics of the town and presented with an address expressive of their gratitude and regard. Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, US.A., who sang the opening Mass in the new structure, was also included in the compliment of the parishioners, for he bestowed the magnificent high altar, which is to be of Irish workmanship. In his speech at the dinner the Bishop cautioned young Irishmen against emigration to America in the belief that it was an Ellorado. Americans were all specially educated for their avocations in life, and without special equipment immigrants could not favorably compete with the trained natives. For one immigrant who attained to fortune there were hundreds who fell by the way. But only the news of the successful seemed to travel home.

MEATH —Tara for Sale travel home.

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The sale is announced of a valuable faim at Tara, on the instruction of the late Mr. Patrick McNally. The the late Mr. Patrick McNally. The farm possesses the great attraction of some of the finest historic associations in Ireland. It contains the sito of the ancient banqueting hall of the High King of Ireland, the croppies' grave, the King's chair, the old coronation chair of ancient Erin, and the celebrated Lia Fail, or Stone of Destiny, which is often erroneously stated to be that under the coronation chair of the English monarchs at Westminster. The farm is about three miles from Kilmessan Railway Station.

ROSCOMMON.—A Suggestion.

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At a meeting of the Boyle Guardians a circular from the Local Government Board, regarding the treatment of consumptives and the measures to be adopted to prevent the spread of consumption was read. The following reply was directed to be sent to the Board.—'That as the Guardians believe that prevention is better than cure, and as they are glad to find the Local Government Board filled with philanthropic ideas for people who live in insanitary and over-crowded conditions, they hope the Local Government Board will aid the Nationalists of this Union in their efforts to have the rich grazing lands divided amongst the people, as they consider this the best means to produce a healthy and vigorous race in Ireland.'

WATERFORD.

The policy of shadowing has begun in Ireland (writes a Dublin correspondent), and is already in full awing in Tallow, Waterford. Lately the police have taken to opposing renewals of public-house licenses for posing renewals of public-house licenses for political reasons, if they have any grudge against publicans. Two publicans in Talow. named M Grath and Walsh. received netice of police opposition to renewal of their licenses, and consulted a local solicitor, Mr. Richard Moloney, with regard to the matter. It will scarcely be believed that when Mr. Moloney went into the premises of one of the clients for the consultation he was followed by a policeman, who stuck to him like a shadow up and down wherever he went, who on being asked his business gave the insolent answer that he kep watching Mr. Moloney 'because he was good-looking.' As the consultation was on licensed prem-As the consultation was on licensed premives, the policeman invisted that he had a right to be present, and refused to withdraw The consultants then left the shop and went up-stairs to a parlor, where the policeman demanded admittance on the policeman demanded admittance on the grounds that there was a conspirator in the house. The instance is a typical ore of the conduct of the police in Tallow and elsewhere, and as Mr. O'Shea, M.P., p ints out in a complaint to Mr. Geo. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, this special crusade was not commenced until Parliament. Wyndham had arisen. Mr. Wyndham has written trehad arisen. Mr. Wyndham has written trying to smooth the matter over with soft words, 'The constable,' he said, 'might have exercised more tact, but,' he continued, 'he did not seriously exceed what he had a right to consider his duty.'

WESTMEATH.

Mr. William Smith, J.P., of the Athlone Woollen Mills, Athlone, has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to fill the vacancy on the Technical Instruction Board created by the lamented death of Professor G. F. Fitzgerald.

WEXFORD.—A New Church.
On the site of the old church at Screen, Wexford, a much-needed new edifice has been raised. The works, which have been in hands for some time past, are now completed, and the greatest credit is due to the Very Rev. S. Canon Cloney, P.P., for his untiring efforts in bringing them to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Old Order Changeth.

Colonel Braddel, a Wexford land-lord, was fined at the Eniscorthy Sessions, at the suit of a tenant far-mer, for trespass in pursuit of game.

Gift of Land.

Sir George Errington, Bart., has presented the people of Gorcy with a plot of ground for the purpose of a town park or recreation ground.

The McCormick Harvesting Machine Company built and sold 213,629 machines in the season of 1899. This is the greatest sale of harvesting machines ever made by one company.—***

People.

The ex-Empress Eugenie is said to have finished her memoirs, which will not, however, be published durwill not, howev ikg her lifetime.

Professor Virchow, the aged German savant, celebrated his 80th birthday recently, and received a gift of 50,000 marks from his fellow-scientists, as well as an address from the Royal Society of England, presented by Lord Lister.

Jeremiah Curtin, to whom we are indebted for the translation of 'Quo Vadis,' is introducing another Polish writer, Madame Orzeszko, a novelist who deals with contemporary Polish society. The book on whose translation Mr. Curtin is now engaged will bear the English title of 'The Argonauts.'

One would think that the identity of the architect of such a superbly-designed building as Cologne Cathedral could not possibly be lost to the world. But it is. The Cathedral took centuries to build and many architects have modelled parts of it according to their own ideas. In the main, however, the original grand idea—an idea which simply astounds every modern architect, but the origin of which is absolutely unknown—was carried out, and the result is the most beautiful cathedral in the world.

world.

The ascetic character and habits of the late Cardinal Manning (says the London 'Free Lance') are still well remembered, and by many people highly venerated; but few know how oddly averse his Eminence was to accepting presents. In the Archbishop's palace, at Westminster, is a large storage cellar, and some time after the death of the prelate an enterprising priest undertook to 'huntup' its contents with a view to cataloguing them. There he found, wrapped in sacking, packed in great dusty cases, hiden away in deep mounds of lumber, a perfect Aladdin's cave of the most costly and exquisite articles, jewels, inlaid clocks, pictures, statues, rings, and priceless lace, all bearing inscriptions showing them to be presents from some of the lace, all bearing inscriptions showing them to be presents from some of the greatest crowned heads of Europe. The good Cardinal had thanked the kind donors, as was his duty, but had ordered the splendid gifts to be consigned to the cellar, where they lay completely forgotten.

The death is reported of Miss Eliza Allen Starr of Chicago, a widely-known Catholic writer. The religious faith of her parents was Unitarianism, in which she herself was reared and schooled, surrounded by the many noted New England poets and phil-osophers who made that State famous for its outpouring of talented men and women.
The academy at which Miss Starr received her early education—an education broad and comprehensive—was in her native town, but afterward she received in Boston special instruction in art from the best teachers who could be procured. It was in 1845 she went to Boston, and the first shock she experienced to waverher confidence in the doctrinal belief of her father occurred that year when attending a lecture by Theodore Porker in Music Hall. The eloquent reasoning of this I arned man con-pletely overther Miss Starr's former church views, causing an upheaval in her mind that finally resulted some ten years later in her reception into the Catholic Church. Some of her first poems received publication during this time, hope and support in her work being kindly given to the young writer by Archbishop Kenrick, and her literary talent developed apace.

In the quiet little village of Honilles, in the Department of Seine et Oise, France, there lives at the present time, hale and hearty, one John O'Keenan, who first saw the light by the shores of Lough Island Reavy, in the parish of Kilcoo, County Down, in the spring of 1810. He

was born on the same day as Leo XIII. When a lad of 10 summers he emigrated to Caen, in Normandy, and has lived in France ever since, so that he has spent 81 years in exile. During all that time he has followed with the keen interest of the student and the ardent enthusiasm of a born Nationalist, the varying fortunes of every political movement that was started in Ireland for Ireland's welfare. John Martin, John Mitchel, and Smith O'Brien were amongst his intimate personal friends, and his house in Paris in the middle of last century was a home for many of the '48' men, who always received a 'ceud mile failte' from this warmhearted County Down man, who recounts to this day some thrilling adventures narrated to him by the good men and true who did and dared for Ireland and her cause. Although 80 years have passed by since he bid adieu to the companions of his boyhood under the shadow of the Mourne Mountains, his love for the old spot is as green as ever.

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PRODUCE.

London, November 28.—The wheat markets are quiet. Cargoes are steady. Victorian and South Australian (September-October shipment), 29s 3d; New South Wales (prompt), 29s; Victorian parcels (November shipment), 28s 3d.

Butter is very slow. Colonial is neglected at 110s to 112s; Danish (wask), 118s to 120s. The Wakanui's butter arrived in excellent condition.

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London, December 1.—Frozen meat—Canterbury mutton, 3½d;

Dunedin and Southland 3½d; North Island, 2½1; Canterbury lambs, 45-16; fair average, unchanged; beef, unchanged. These prices are the official quotations furnished by the Frozen Meat Trade Association. The basis of quotations is the sale of not less than 100 carcases of mutton or lamb, or 25 quarters of beef. All quotations for mutton are for fair average quality. The quotations for New Zealand lamb do not include sales of small lambs or heavies of inferior quality.

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Two South Australian wheat cargoes of 10,000 quarters in a Viotorian sailer for December and January sold at 293 3d.

Wellington, December 1.—The Agent-General's cablegram, dated London, November 30, says:—'The mutton market is very dull. Shipments now arriving are very heavy, and stocks are accumulating. River Plate is in large supply, and being strongly pushed for sale, a great number of stale carcases being placed on the market. Canterbury mutton, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; Dunedin and Southland, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; North Island, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; River Plate, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; Australian, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)d, and dull of sale. For all lambs, Canterbury, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; other brands, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)d, market speculative. Beef is weak. The stocks of New Zealand on hand are light. New Zealand hinds, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; fores, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)d. Butter, steady. The Karamea butter arrived in good condition, and is quoted at 108s to 112s. Cheese is steady; Canadian, 46s.

Christchurch, November 28.—The Colonial Consignment and Distributing Company have received the following oable message from London:—'Frozen meat market: A further fall in North Island mutton. Canterbury mutton, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; North Island, 3d; first quality lamb, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)d; second, 4d.

Messrs, Donald Reid and Co, report as follows:—
OATS—Shippers' operations are now only on a small scale, but these, with the local demand, absorb nearly all good lines offering. Inferior quality is more difficult to place. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 4½d to 2s 5d; good to best feed, 2s 3d to 2s 4d; inferior to medium, 2s 1d to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—Prime milling quality is in good demand, but there is practically none offering. Medium quality also meets with better inquiry. Fowl wheat is scarce and commands ready sale. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 9½d to 2s 10½d; medium, 2s 8d to 2s 9½ whole fowl wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 7½d; broken and damaged, 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks in).

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CHAFF—Prime oaten sheaf has not been offering so freely, and really good quality shows an advance of about 5s per ton. Other sorts are not in request. We quote: Prime oaten sheef, L3 10s to L3 15; medium to good, L2 15s to L3 5s; inferior, L2 to L2 10s per ton (bags extra).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current: — Wholesale: Butter, fresh; 7d; factory, bulk, 10d; pats, 10id; eggs, 7d per doz.; cheese, id; bacon, farm, 7d; do. (rolled) farm, 6d; ham, 9d; potatoes, 1.4 per ton; fowl wheat, 2s 6d; barley 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, L3 10s; flour, L7 5s to L8 5s; oatmeal, L12 10s to L13: brau, L3 5s; pollard, L4 5s. Retail—Fresh butter, 9d; butter, factory, pats, 1s; bulk, 1s; eggs, 9d per doz; cheese. 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d, potatoes, 3s per cwt; flour, 2001bs, 15s 6d; 501bs, 4s 6d; oatmeal, 501b, 7s; 251b, 3s 9d; pollard, 7s per bag; brau, 4s 6d; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s per bushel.

ME. F. MEENAN, King street, reports :-- Wholesale prices only Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 31d to 2s 5d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d, Wheat: Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls, 1s 10d to 2s 7d. Pota-Wheat: Milling, 288d to 28 104; fowls, 18 10d to 28 7d. Potatoes: Market: Southern, L35s; Oamaru, L4 (considerably improved) Chaff: Demand for prime up to L3 7s 6d; inferior, L2 15s; medium, L2. Straw: pressed 30s, market plentiful; loose, 32s 6d. Flour: Sacks, 200lbs, L7 5s; 50lbs, L8; 25lbs, L8. 5s. Oatmeal: 25lbs, L13 Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 9d. Onions: Melbourne, New, L9.

WOOL, SKINS, TALLOW, ETC.

London. November 25.—Tallow—At the weekly sales 533 casks were offered, and 169 sold. Prices for all sorts advanced 3d.

London, November 26.—The wool sales opened with a brisk competition. Prices show from par to 5 per cent decline

London, November 27.—At the wool sales, Messrs. Balme and Co., Buxton and Ronald, and Jacomb and Son offered 10,785 bales. It was a wretched selection. There was a large attendance and excellent competition. Prices for good merinos were on a par with those at the closing sales in the October series. Faulty declined 5

per cent., and medium low crossbreds 5 to 7½d per cent. No fine was offered.

London, November 28.—At the wool sales yesterday there was a better selection. Prices were very firm, for merinos especially, the finest being equal to the average obtained at last sales. Continental buyers were very keen competitors. Crossbreds were five per cent. lower than the closing sales of October, excepting in lots suitable for the American markets. The Patoka clip sold at 53d; Torlesse, 15id.

The Bradford wool market is firmer. Common sixties, 13id;

super, 19½d.

At the London sales prices are unchanged. Best sorts are in strong demand. Americans are buying the best crossbreds.

London, November 29.—All wool is very firm, excepting faulty

London, December 1.-The wool clips Tahra and Dalethorpe realised 6d and 81d respectively.

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At Addington market to-day there was a good attendance.

FAT CATTLE—177 yarded; mostly fair steers, with a few extra good heifers. The market was dull, and last week's prices were barely upheld. Good to prime beef fetched 23s to 26s; other, 18s to 22s per 100lb. Steers fetched L7 10s to L9 15s and L11 7s 6d; heifers, L5 10s to L7 10s; cows, L5 to L8 2s 6d.

FAT SHEEP—About 2500 penned, mostly shorn. The quality was not so good as last week, but there was an improvement in prices. Woolly wethers fetched 16s to 16s 4d; hoggets, 12s to 12s 10d; best wethers (shorn), 15s to 17s 2d, others (shorn), 12s to 14s 6d; best ewes (shorn), 12s 4d to 14s 1d; others, 9s to 11s 6d; hoggets, 10s to 11s 6d; merino wethers. 9s to 11s 6d and ewes, 6s 1d to 7s. 1d to 7s.

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FAT LAMBS—729 penned. There was a weaker demand, and only 200 were taken for export at 11s 6d to 13s 9d. The balance went to butchers at 9s to 13s.

STORE SHEEP—2500 penned. A poor demand, owing to the continued dry weather. The only line of wethers shorn made 9s 4d; ewes (in wool) with lambs, 8s 6d, all counted; shorn, 6s to 7s 6d for good, and 3s 1d to 4s 8d for others; shorn hoggets, 7s 6d to 9s 4d.

PIGS—About 450 werded including a good supply of stores.

Pigs—About 450 yarded, including a good supply of stores. Fats were easier. Baconers, 35s to 54s, or equal to 3½d per lb; porkers, 21s to \$0s, equal to 3½d to 3¾d per lb. Stores sold well owing to outside competition. Large sorts, 16s to 2½s; smaller, 12s to 15s; suckers and weaners, 6s to 9s,

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We held our weekly sale on Saturday, when there was an unusually good entry of horses, including several exhibited at the Otago A, and P. Society's Show. Between 40 and 50 horses were offered altogether, and about half of them changed hands. In draught horses the feature of the sale was two pairs of splendid show geldings—one pair from Mr. John Small, Tinwald, a noted breeder. These fine horses were both five years old, and we sold them for £120 the pair. The second pair came from Mr. John Ewan. Drummond, and for these we obtained £96 10s. Several other useful draughts also changed hands at from £34 to £45. Of Ewan. Drummond, and for these we obtained £96 10s. Several other useful draughts also changed hands at from £34 to £45. Of spring-van and spring-cart horses a fair number were offered, and for these there was splendid competition, some half-dezen or more changing hands at from £27 to £33. There is a good demand for upstanding young broken-in saddle and harness horses, and when horses of the right stamp are forthcoming they meet with a ready sale in this market. We quote:—Superior young draught geldings, £44 to £52; extra good prize horses, £65 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings. £35 to £42; aged do, £22 to £33; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £28 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £12 to £17; light hacks £8 to £14; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £7.

Late Burnside Stock Report.

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

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FAT CATTLE—134 yarded, prices ruling firm at last week's rates. Best bullocks, L9 15s to L10 17s 6d; extra heavy, up to L13 2s 6d; medium, L7 15s to L9 5s; best cows and heifers, L7 to L8 2s 6d; medium, L5 10s to L6 15s.

SHEEP—173 penned, prices ruling 1s a head lower. Best wethers, 17s 6d to 19s; medium, 15s 6d to 16s 9d; best ewes, 14s to 15s 9d; show wethers up to 16s 3d.

LAMBS.—207 forward, prices ruling fully 2s 6d higher. Best lambs, 13s to 14s 6d; medium, 11s to 12s 9d; others, 8s 6d to 10s 6d.

P16.8.—162 forward, all classes meeting with a fair demand. Suckers, 7s to 10s; slips, 12s 6d to 15s; stores, 17 to 22s; Porkers, 27s to 34s; baconers, 36s to 48s; heavy pigs, 55s.

Messrs. O'Meara and Co., auctioneers, Gore, will hold an important sale of private and hotel freehold properties at their mart on December 23. The sale will be without reserve, as it is for the on Becember 23. The sale will be without reserve, as it is not the purpose of closing trust accounts in the estate of the late Mr. Thomas Mulvey. Among the properties to be submitted will be the well-known hostelry, the Provincial Hotel, East Gore. The lease of this property expires on the 31st inst., so that the purchaser will be able to take possession immediately. Very easy terms for payment can be arranged. .

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(From Auckland.)
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WEDDING BELLS.

CALLAGHAN-RIST.

A wedding which excited more than ordinary interest in the Cathedral parish (writes our Auckland correspondent) took place on November 27, the contracting parties being Mr. John Callaghan and Miss Kate Rist, both of whom are very popular in Catholic circles in this city. The marriage was solemnised by Rev. Father Brodie (cousin of the bride), who was assisted by Bev. Father Buckley. The bride was given away by her Father, Mr John Rist. The brideamaids were Miss Mary Rist and Miss Bridget Rist, and the groomsmen Messrs. James Knott and Daniel Reidy. The Chridren of Mary Confraternity, of which the bride was presented to the bride by Miss Mary Reidy on behalf of the members. The wedding breakfast took place at 19 o'clock, when Rev. Fathers Brodie, Moore, Purton, O.S.B., and Buckley, Mr. J. J. Callaghan (father of the bridegrooom, of N.S. Wales), and a number of relatives sat down to a sumptuous repast. The bride was neatly attired in white silk lustre; the bridesmaids in white and green muslin. The presents were numerous and coatly, amongst which were two fine pictures—one of the Sacred Heart and the other of Our Blessed Lady. The newly-married couple left the following day for Wellington, where they will permanently reside. lington, where they will permanently reside.

Obituary.

MR, PATRICK MORRISS, WAIHAO.

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Mr. Patrick Morriss, son of Mr. John Morriss, Waihao, died on November 26, at the early age of 19 years (writes a correspondent), the cause of death being paralysis. The deceased lingered for eleven days. The character of the deceased was feelingly pourtrayed by the Rev. Father Regnault on the occasion of the funeral. The rev. gentleman described him as a model young man. At the age of eight (said Father Regnault), deceased knew his religion well, and at ten he received his first Communion and Confirmation. He had never caused his parents nor the speaker one regret. He loved God and served Him. He was always gentle and loving, and was a model Christian. Deceased was the first to be buried from the Waihao Church. The cortege was a very long one, as the family is greatly respected in the district.—R.I.P

MR. THOMAS DILLON, TIMARU.

On Tuesday. November 27 (writes our Timaru correspondent) one of the best known and most respected members of the Catholic congregation breathed his last in the person of the late Mr. Thomas Dillon. The deceased was a familiar figure in the congregation, and until recently took a great interest in the literary societies in the parish. He was a rare hand at unearthing a curiosity in literature and had always comething new to talk about in some and until recently took a great interest in the literary societies in the parish. He was a rare hand at unearthing a curiosity in literature, and had always something new to talk about in some old book he had discovered or some copy of a rare manuscript. Quite recently he presented the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes with a rare volume supposed to have been printed in the early part of the sixteenth century. His demise was very sudden as he was in town the day he took ill. He died the following morning, fortified by all the rites of the Church, and in his 59th year. The late Mr. Dillon had emigrated to America in his youth and arrived in New Zealand about 35 years ago. He engaged in shepherding pursuits for some years subsequently carrying on business in Timaru. He retired some years ago from business, and resided since at Scarborough, He leaves an only brother, Mr. Gerald Dillon, of Kumara, seven daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. One daughter is a Sister of Mercy at Wanganui, another resides in the Wairarapa district, and the remaining members of the family reside here. On Thursday last the funeral took place, and despite that it rained heavily the whole time, the cortège was an exceedingly large one, a tribute to his memory richly deserved as scarcely a funeral left the church for the Catholic cemetery during his time that the late Mr. Dillon was not present at. The Rev. Father Tubman officiated at the grave.—R.1.P.

We have to thank the publishers, Messrs. Guy and Co., Cork, for the July-September issue of the Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society. The history of the Barry clan is continued in this number. Mr. Francis E. Ball contributes some interesting notes on the Irish Judiciary in the reign of Charles II. There is a very full account of the trial of Rowan Cashell, who was indicated for killing Henry Arth. Company in a duel which took indicted for killing Henry Arth r O'Connor in a duel which took place at Ballyseedy Kerry, in 1816. The tradesmen of Cork knew the value of advertising so long ago as the middle of the eighteenth the value of advertising so long ago as the middle of the eighteenth century, as can be judged from the elaborate trade circulars issued by them, and of which Mr. Robert Day gives copies. The balance of the contents is devoted to matters of local interest, and all of which shows that the writers have made a close study of the history and archicology of the province of Munster.

Regarding past Presidents of the United States, it is interesting to note their national origin. Three—Washington, Madison, and Lincoln—were English; McKinley was of Irish origin, Monroe, Grant and Hayes were of Scottish origin; Buchanan, Polk, Jackson, and Arthur were of a mixed Scottish-Irish origin; Van Buren, like Roosevelt, was of Dutch descent; while Jefferson, whom someone has called 'the noblest Roman of them all,' was a Welshman, Abraham Lincoln has the distinction of being the tallest, while the late Benjamin Harrison is believed to have been the shortest. late Benjamin Harrison is believed to have been the shortest.

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LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLEL.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1901.

MOST HUMAN DISEASE. THE



EPROSY has been described as the oldest and most human of all the diseases that flesh is heir The discovery of a true or Asiatic case at Palmerston South, a few days ago has, for the moment, directed public attention, although in a somewhat languid way, to this most fearful and mysterious of all the scourges that afflict the human body. Ignorance may occasionally be bliss, but it can never be folly to be wise. And a strange

misconception seems to exist in the popular mind as to the place which leprosy occupies at the present day in the long and growing catalogue of diseases. The man on the street is satisfied that it is a malady of Bible times and Bible countries, with, possibly, the Hawaiian Islands and odd corners of China thrown in to keep up the continuity. As a matter of fact it is gnawing away at living human tissue in every quarter of the globe. It is, moreover, apparently making a quiet forward move all along the line. In some places, as in Colombia and Russia, leprosy has spread at a serious rate during the past few decades, and in the Hawaiian Islands it is threatening the native population with extinction. The prompt measures taken by our Government to iso ate the Palmerston case is a necessary act of wisdom to arrest the spread of a hideous disease which, after a partial annihilation, has contrived to secure so many points of vantage all over the world that, in the interests of public safety, it needs careful warching.

The French misogynist laid it down that in every social trouble 'there's a woman in the case' And nowadayswhat with bacteriology and its 'soups' and mediums and tubes and 'cultures'—when it is a question of specific disease, it is a foregone conclusion that there's a bacillus at the root of the trouble. Leprosy is no exception to the rule. There's a micro-organism there, in very good sooth—discovered by Professor Abmauer Hansen among the leprous Norwegian patients at Bergen in 1874, and bearing a close family resemblance to the bacillus of consumption which Dr. Koch picked out with his big microscope in 1881. The teprosy bacillus increases and multiplies almost as fast as its cousin of tuberculosis and gnaws and burrows and poisons till its hapless victim's skin is 'thickened, puckered, and nodulated,' his face becomes hideous—we are puckered, and nodulated. his face becomes indeous—we are gazing at a photographic group of the unfortunates—the sight is dimmed or lost, the voice becomes a rancous whisper, deep and incurable ulcers form all over the body, the bone is destroyed, the fingers, toes, etc., drop off, and the victim begins to feel in life the dishonor of the tomb. Sometimes, though rarely, the burrowing parasite goes about its work in a singularly leisured way, and to the sufferer, death, like King Charle, is 'long a-comin'.' MULHALL, for instance, tells of a venerable dame of eighty who had spent fifty years of her long life as a patient on a leper-farm in Cyprus; and we have read of immates of the great Home conducted by Catholic Sisters at Tracadle (New Brunswick) who suffered for half a century before death came to their relief. Professors VIRCHOW and ARMAUER HANSEN have proved that the disease is not And at the recent Tuber ulosis Congress in London Dr. Koch emphatically asserted the contagiousness of leprosy, which (he said) is transmitted from person to person, 'but only when they come into close contact, as in small dwellings and bedrooms. The personal infection of the disease is, however, happily low, and the isolation of the

patients, as practised in the middle ages and at the present time in Norway, Molokai, etc., has been found the best preventive and the most efficacious method of exterminating the disease,

Statistics of leprosy have been published from time to time. But in all probability few of them are wholly reliable. ARTIMUS WARD'S stormy experiences as a census collector are probably often repeated by Government agents going their melancholy rounds in search of lepers, for patients and their friends not unnaturally conceal the disease until it has made such headway that the dreaded isolation-the sentence which practically means perpetual banishment—becomes at length inevitable. And yet the list is sufficiently high and covers a wide range of the earth's surface. The latest edition of his Dictionary of Statistics MULHALL gave the numbers of lepers in various countries as follows: Canton, numbers of lepers in various countries as follows: Canton, 10,000; Crete, 900; Greece, 350; Iceland, 13; India (1881), 131,600; Mauritius, 3300; Norway, 1770; Portugal, 3000; Reunion, 600; Rio Janeiro, 120; Sandwich Islands, 1800; Sweden, 100. 'In Russia,' says he, 'leprosy is found in sixty-five districts, and the number of fresh victims registered in 1887 was 615. This would lead us to suppose that the existing number of lepers in the Empire is about 6000.' Leprosy also occurs in Spain, Italy, Finland, Turkey, many of the Mediterranean islands, all round the coast of Africa, on Robben Island (Canetown), in Madacoast of Africa, on Robben Island (Capetown), in Madagascar, the Seychelles Islands, New Brunswick (Canada), the United States, the West Indies, many parts of the South American continent, occasionally in Australia, and the countries and most of the islands on the south of Asia, from Arabia and Persia to China and Japan.' Here is 'a girdle round about the earth 'such as Puck never dreamed of on that midsummer night.

We have stated that in some places leprosy has, during the past few decades, spread in a way that constitutes a danger to public hearth. In the Sandwich Islands it was apparently unknown before 1850. It now—as already stated-menaces the native race with extinction. the nineteenth century the number of lepers in Colombia rose from a modest 97 to 30,000. In 1862 there were 27 patients in the leper village of Contratacon, now in charge of the Salesian Fathers. It now contains a leper population of about 1000 souls. One estimate before us states that there are over 250,000 lepers in India. Some eleven years ago Sir Morell Mackenzie, who had made specia investigations on leprosy, wrote as follows in the Nineleenth Century on its prevalence in Europe: 'Portugal has more lepers than any other European country except Norway. In Italy leprosy is met with on the Genoese Riviera; it was also found till quite recently at Comacchio, in the Ferrara marshes. In Sicily the disease has been steadily spreading for the last thirty or forty years. In annexing Nice, France took over with it a considerable number of Italian lepers belonging to Le Turbie and neighboring places, but the disease is now almost extinct in these localities. Small four of leprosy still exist in Thessaly and Macedonia; the affection is not rare in some of the Egean islands-e.g., Samos, Rhodes, Chios, and Mitylene,—and it is extra-ordinarily prevalent in Crete. It is spreading to an alarming degree in Russia, especially in the Baltic provinces, and it has lately been found necessary to establish a special hospital at Riga. In St. Petersburg cases are occasionally, though very rarely, met with; at least half of them are imported from outlying provinces. "Sporadic" cases are said to occur in some parts of Hungary and Roumania. In Sweden, where the disease was extremely prevalent up to the beginning of the present [ninetcenth] century, it seems now to have almost died out. Norway is unquestionably the most considerable leprosy centre in Europe at the present day, but the disease is curiously limited to particular regions, such as the districts round Bergen, Molde, and Trondhjem.

Some years ago a writer in the Are Maria said : Lep. osy is unquestionably making headway in the United States. Its seeds have been sown in Louisiana, Iowa, Illinois, Utah, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Cases are numerous among the Chinese of the Pacific coast and wherever else they have congregated. Dr. Blanc recently

reported the existence of forty-two cases of the disease in New Orleans alone.' There is happily no present risk of leprosy getting a hold upon New Zealand, and the Health Department is to be complimented on the prompt steps which they take to isolate such cases as arise and thus prevent the natural evolution of this worst of all the maladies that infest the human body. But leprosy is clearly not an enemy to parley with. And the health authorities of the Commonwealth—with its influx of colored population from the stricken areas of the Far East—would do well to read and ponder well the warning conveyed in Charles Warren Stoddard's fearfully fascinating book, The Lepers of Molokar.

Notes

Lord Roberts a Pro-Boer.

Last January the Edinburgh Herald was adventurous enough to express in its leading colums the conviction that the death of the late Queen was hastened by the long-drawn struggle with the Boer farmers in South Africa. The statement was regarded at the time as rank and outrageous profanity, and the editor was denounced a a pro-Boer, and (metaphorically) clubbed and pounded to jelly for his pains. A few weeks ago, however, the Herald's surmise found justification in a very unexpected quarter. It was at the unveiling of a statue to the late Queen at Manchester. Lord Roberts was performing the ceremony, and in the course of his remarks he said he could not help thinking that but for the intense anxiety caused by the war in South Africa, and by the deep sorrow which the Queen felt for the loss of so many devoted soldiers and sailors, she might still have been with us' Now here is confirmation, strong as proof of Holy Writ, that the Commander-in-Chief of the British army is a pro-Boer. He might even-horrible thought !- be a Jesuit in disguise. If this paragraph should meet the wild and rolling eye of some of our whooping literary acrobats, Lord Roberts will shortly bang (in effigy) upon a sour apple tree. This pro-Boer declaration will, in their eyes, wipe out all the past services of the Commander-in-Chief; for their favor is as fickle as that of Haruner-Rashid, whose register contains the following entry :-- Four hundred thousand pieces of gold, the price of a dress of honor for Jaafar, the son of Yahya, the Wizir.' A few days later the same register had the following :- 'Ten keerats, the price of naptha and reeds, for burning the body of Jaafar, the son of Yahya,' So we read in Lane's Arabian Society in the Middle Ages. As the lordly eye of the Skibbercen Lagle was upon the Czar of Russia, so is the rolling optic of our hysterical little quill-drivers upon Lord Roberts. And it behaves him to walk-and talk-cautiously if the fate of Jaafar, the son of Yahyà, is not to overtake him.

That Looting Charge Again.

A cable message in Monday's morning papers runs as fol - The Chamber of Deputies, Paris, at the Premier's instance, rejected by 314 to 163 a motion of condemning the alleged plundering of Peking after the siege by the French hishop and missionaries.' The French bishop referred to in the message is Monsignor Favier, Vicar-Apostolic of Pekin. Bishop Favier has, both in his diary and in the most public manner disclaimed any participation in or responsibility for the acts of spoliation that were committed by Westerns in China during and after the Boxer disturbances, We have already published the sweeping vindication of the popular and beloved Vicar-Apostolic that appeared in the American Protestant Press over the signature of the non-Catholic missionary the Rev. Dr. Ament, himself a self-confessed looter. The vote of so rabid an anti-clerical body as the French Chamber of Deputies is a fresh vindication of his character. In the course of the noble letter of conciliation issued by Bishop Favier to his flock at the close of the recent disturbances, he says - Justice requires that you should receive compensation for all the wrongs which you have suffered, and compensation will be given to you, for the mandarins have made a definitive arrangement about the matter Do not try, therefore, to obtain any indemnity for yourselves, but wait until a few months hence when you shall receive it through me. Try and forget the horrors of an unjust persecution, and do not for the future reproach the pagans for what has already passed." These are not the words of a looter,

Those Missionary Claims.

Two weeks ago we dealt with a cable message regarding the relative 'reasonableness' of the claims for compensation advanced by the Catholic and the Protestant missionaries in connection with the late Boxer risings in China. In the course of an interview accorded to a representative of the Sydney Freeman's Journal,

Cardinal Moran supplied the following further facts as to the rela tive destruction of life and property suffered by the Catholic and the Protestant missionaries. In the matter of missionaries massa cred and property destroyed, 'France was,' said his Eminence, 'a greater sufferer; accordingly her demands would be large. In German territory Catholic missionaries and native Christians suffered, perhaps, most severely, whilst it is not on record that one Protestant missionary lost his life there. Another feature of contrast is that in the interior where the Boxers prevailed all the American and other Protestant missionaries at once took refuge at Shanghai, and other safe resorts on the coast, while the Catholic missionaries remained at their post and suffered with their flocks. The Protestant missionaries in the interior have adopted the rule of not building churches. They are satisfied to rent some Chinese room in which to conduct their Bible service. The Catholics, on the other hand, everywhere have their churches, chapels, and oratories, and for the destruction of these buildings compensation will of course have to be given. In the city of Peking great rioting took place. There were 25,000 native Catholics put to death under the very eyes of the Government. As there were very few Protestants in this city, it is hardly likely that any compensation is to be demanded. As regards Mukden, it was also a theatre of outrage but no Protestants were massacred, their missionary centre for all that territory being on the sea-coast. In the course of the outbreak there were five Catholic missionaries put to death there, with their Bishop, and between 9000 and 10,000 native Catholics. The total, number of native Protestants in all China,' added the Cardinal, 'is reckoned by themselves at 75,000, while the number of Catholics is about 1,200,000. As I have shown, there were very few Protestants-cleric and lay-put to death, and therefore little compensation could be demanded for them.'

In Lighter Vein

(By 'Quip.')

Correspondence, newspaper cuttings, etc., intended for thi department should be addressed 'QUIP,' N.Z. TABLET Office, Dunedin, and should reach this office on or before Monday morning.

A Letter from Jim.

Yesterday's mail brought a short note from my West Coast friend, Ole Jim. It refers to purely family matters, but the general public is a bit of a Paul Pry, and such things seem always to interest it. Apart altogether from the classic style of the effusion, this fact, together with Ole Jim's permission, justifies the insertion of the epistle in this column. Here it is —

' Deer Quip,-

' My son, as what I tole you had went to fite the Bores with the 3rd contingement, return t Back again to home, I weaks Now come nex tuesdy. He brang With him 2 soovy neers Of the war wich are namley hentrick Feaver and a bore Bullit. In Fact he had a Relap of the feaver. The bullit is in the caf of his leg and the Dokter sed as What he must get his leg Saud off befur he can get the bulit. When he Dose get it saud off I think He ware it on My watchane, Tho the ole coman (which she is his mother) wants it Bad for to put it on the Palour chimbly peace. He is a doctiful son and very fond of his parients. He says as how in the middel of a fite he often wish he was with us, and Every time he saw a ole Bore he Thunk of me When he reeched the end of his destinashun his pay was In a reer and he Was very week of the feaver so he lives on his fambly and Beef tea prinsiply. They sufferd terrible In the War and he seen many a cumrid as didden have a trowsis to his Back, as this leaves me at present and I hop you are the Same. Your ole frend,

JIM

The Kangaroo.

It seems that the kangaroo has been changing his habits in a very radical way of late. The change would seem to be coincident with the performance of the 'old man' boxing kangaroo. But at any rate we are informed by an American writer who knows everyand a good deal besides,

'Beginning with the laws which keep
The planets in their radiant courses,
And ending with some precept deep
For dressing eels or shoeing horses.'

'On his native heath,' says this trans-Pacific know-all, 'the kangaroo jumps like a flash for the hunter's chest and tries to crush it in with his fore-feet. To prevent this each man wears across his breast a two or three-inch thick matting. Armed with a spear, with a club attachment at the other end, they ride upon a swift horse into a herd. With the agility and equipoise of circus riders, they

stand erect upon their horses and use their spears and clubs. The kangaroo is able to jump clear over a horse."

The Coming Festival.

Here we are in December, only three weeks away from Christmas. Christmas, I am able to inform you on good authority, 'comes but once a year.' At this expectant season children will tear themselves away from their lessons to dwell a little on the vision of almonds and running plum-cake (they used to call it more appropriately, plumb-cake), gooseberry wine, goose, pudding, stomachache, and a variety of other blessings more or less in disguise which the thought of Christmas conjures up before their minds. And the 'grown-ups,' too, will have their day-dreams. Some will call to mind the Christmases of their childhood, when they gathered around the parental knee full of happiness and goose. Others, discarding the pleasures of memory, will give themseves over to devise the most miserable way of 'enjoying' themselves during the coming holidays. To those who cannot think of anything worse, I beg to suggest camping out. It is perfectly amazing to me, looking back upon my last escapade in this line, to recall the infinite variety of discomforts that may be associated with camping out, and in spite of them all, an otherwise sane man can succeed in convincing himself all the same that he is enjoying the thing. I spent a few days under canvas with a friend of mine last Easter. At home every Friday be gets 'the blues' because the wife of his bosom won't let him stuff his in'ards with roast beef He would raise Cain of a morning if there happened to be a lump in the porridge, and I've seen him make his home resemble a Cheviot cob-house after the earthquake, simply because there were no frills on his pillow. Well, the week we were together in the tent it was really marvellous to witness the vim and energy of his attack upon tinned fish. Under a corrugated iron roof it would have set him crazy. Under a roof of canvas it was as nectar and ambrosia-food for the gods. And I couldn't for the life of me determine which was the more wonderful thing to see him enjoying the porridge, which in color and consistency resembled Oamaru stone, or to hear him declare, with every appearance of sincerity, that he liked nothing better under his head at night than a rolled-up overcoat with a broken fence-post inside it. At home he would no more sleep on the ground floor than he would upon the damp floor of Lyttelton Harbour. Under canvas he was as happy as a sandboy because the tent had no cellar-but if it had, he would have gone to sleep in the coldest corner of it.

Camping Out.

I used to wonder, with the majority of men, how it was that a woman could keep herself o cupied with only on theme to look after. Yet it took us, two 'lords of creation,' all our time to keep our one small tent respectable. And we didn't make the bids or do any washing-up. We made the beds the first day, it is true, but the operation did not by any means improve their appearance, and we did not repeat it. We also washed up on the first day, but as it was less inconvenient to leave the wet sugar in the bottom of the cups than to have it smeared all over them, we therefore discontinued that also, as a useless and unprofitable labor. On two or three days we essayed the luxury of chops for breakfast, but they seemed to be different, somehow, from the chops we used to have at home. We put them over the fire while we went down to the beach for a swim, When we came back and extinguished them we found that they presented the color and appearance of a clinker, and had shrivelled to the size of a sick Stewart Island oyster. The bull-terrier turned up his lordly nose at them in quite a superior way, and walked off as if his feelings had been greviously outraged by our well-meant attempts to make use of him as a carpus vile for our experiments in the art and craft of housewifery. And the moral of it all is this the best way to camp out is to sleep at home, and to eat your ' wittles' where you are accustomed to eat them.



Quiso

The opening of the Dominican Convent, Oamaru, will take place on Sunday 15th inst. not on the 8th as reported by our Oamaru correspondent in last week's issue.

The Vincentian Fathers are still eneaged in conducting mis-

sions in Oamaru and Invercargill will gratifying success. The various exercises, especially the evening devotion, are attended by crowded congregations, and the respective pastors and earnest missioners must be higely pleased at the carnestness and piety of the Catholic prople.

The annual spiritual retreat for ladies at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, will begin on the evening of January 6, Applications should be made immediately by those desiring to att ind to the Rev. Mother,

PALMERSTON NORTH.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 1.

The postponed concert and social, in aid of the Altar Society's Funds, were held in the Theatre Royal on Wednesday, November 20, and were in every way a great success. A part cutarly attractive programme had been arranged for the color of and was highly appreciated by the large auditors. and were in every way a great success. A particularly appreciated by the large audience. An additional pleasure to the inght's enjoyment was the presence of Sn J. G. Ward, Mr. Pirani, M. H.R., and the Roy. Fatner Ainsworth, of Wellington The latter gentleman gave a short account of his recent trip to Europe particularly dwelling on his first impressions of Ireland, which greatly delighted the audience. The rev. gentleman also contributed a song, and had to respond to a well-merited encore. The following was the programme:—Piano overture, Mr. Percy Tombs: song, Mr. Arthur Bennett (encored); song, 'Goodbye,' Miss R. Oakley; song, 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes.' Mr. Rogers: song, 'The harp that once,' Mrs. W. Kendall; song, 'The Toilers,' Rev. Father Ainsworth (encored); song, 'Queen of the night,' Miss Sheen; song, 'The last muster,' Mr. W. Kendall; song, 'The four-leafed shamrock.' Mrs. W Kendall Included in the programme was a Highland fling danced in character by Misses Scanlon, Hodgins, Campion, Mullins, and Greaney (2), in their best style. A delightful supp r was prepared. The Rev. Father Tymons and his indefatigable committee went to every pains to ensure a pleasant evening, and are to be con-

pared. The Rev. Father Tymons and his indefatigable committee went to every pains to ensure a pleasant evening, and are to be congratulated of the success attending their efforts.

On Thursday, 21st uit., a pleasing welding took place in St. Patrick's Church, Mr. John Prendergue, of Stratford, being joined in holy wedlock to Mise Mary O'Reilly, dwoghter of the late Mr. P. O'Reilly, of College street in this town. The Rev. Father Tymons performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and well-wishers of the happy couple who are both well known here. I am also pleased to chronicle the marriage of Mr. George Barns, of New Plyme with to Mise Mary Greaney, of Palmerston North, which took place in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday last, 27th uit. The Rev. Father Tymons united the happy pair, who left later in the day for their home at New Plymouth.

Kerrytown.

The annual musical and dramatic entertainment by the pupils of St. Joseph's School, Kerrytown, was held in the schoolroom recently. The proceeds were devoted to the funds of the school, and the crowded attendance showed that residents in the neighbour. recently. The proceeds were devoted to the funds of the school; and the crowded attendance showed that residents in the neighbourhood appreciate the persistent and painstaking efforts of the Sisters who conduct the school, and are glad to do all they can to assist them. Among those present were Rev. Fathers Le Petit, of Timaru, and Father Kerley, of Temuka. The following was the programme—Operctia, 'The Discontented One,' in which the characters were taken by Misses L O'Driscoll, K. Coglan, A. Coglan, H. Stack, M. R. Brosnan N. Brosnan, M. Brosnan, L. Stack, L. Ceglan, B. Fozer, K. Lynch, K. Breen, M. Scannell, N. Dore, M. Moore, M. Fitzgerald, L. Stick, N. and A. Leonard, A. Breen, and H. The n. Masters J. Dav. D. Scannell, J. O'Connell, R. Naughton, and T. Brosnan, song, Miss. J. Coglan; trio (piano), Misses O Dirscoll and Scannell, et all be exercises, senior boys, drama, 'Aunt Maxwe'l's Return,' in wooch the characters were sustained by Misses N. O'Driscoll, H. Stack, E. Dore, L. O'Driscoll, N. Dore, M. Scannell, E. and M. O'Connell; song, schoolboys; song, junior g.ris, song, Miss M. Bres an, duet (piano), Misses E. and N. Dore, N. O Driscoll (organ); song, senior girls; dance (sailor's hornpipe), Master Lynch, characte—characters, Masters Alistait Gosling, M. Fitzgerald, J. Fitzgerald, W. Lynch, Misses L. O'Driscoll, L. Stack, K. Ceglan, Maggie O'Connell, E. O'Connell, H. Stack, N. O'Driscoll, Misters J. Brosnan, P. Sullivan, J. O Connell, N. Fitzgerald, J. Day, D. J. Scannell, A. Gosling, J. Fitzgerald, W. Lynch, F. O Connell, T. Sullivan, T. Brosnan, Timothy Brosnan, and T. Fitzgerald; song, 'Isle of beauty,' Miss M. Brosnan; duet (piano), Miss E. Dore and K. Fitzgerald; action song, girls; song, Master Frank O Connell; negro dialegue 'Tee Quack Doctor,' Masters A. Gosling, M. and J. Fitzgerald; action song, miss Coglan, who gave 'Silver bells' and 'Shells of the ocean,' and Miss M. Brosnan who sand 'Jessie's dream,' we e formerly pupils of the Sisters. Their songs were very pleasing ones, and the warmt

sand 'Shells of the ocean, and Miss M. Brosnan who sand 'Jessie's dream, we e formerly pupils of the Sisters. Their songs were very pleasing ones, and the warmth of their welcome must have been very gratifying. The sailor's hornpipe by Master Lynch was of more than average excellence. Another item that Lynch was of more than average excellence. Another item that was encored, and for which the audience would take no denial was. The member for Donegal, by Master Frank O'Connell. The tableau in the second act of the charade was a pretty one. On the tableau in the second act of the charade was a pretty one. On the whole the children acquired themselves remarkably well. The items on the plane and organ were given in fine style, and gave much pleasure, reflecting no little credit on the Sisters, who had taught the children, and on the children themselves, who showed that they were profiting by their lessons. The club exercises by the boys were first rate, the movements to musical accompaniment being given with precision. The action songs by the younger pupils were also well worthy of commendation. The accompaniments were played by Misses Porc. O'Driscoil, Coglan, and Stevenson, and contributed much to the success of the entertainment.

The railway authorities notify that holiday excursion tickets will be issued from any station to any station on the Hurunui-Biuff Section from 18th inst, to 2nd prox, and will be available for return up to January 19....

UNITED EMPIRE BAZAAR.

DURING the whole of the past week the attendance at the United Empire Bazzar, held in the Agricultural Hall, Dunedin, was excellent, and the efforts of the lady stallholders and their assistants to dispose of the many and beautiful articles displayed met with very encouraging success. The spectacular part of the carnival was highly appreciated by all who had seen it, and Signor Borzoni was warmly congratulated on his artistic production. It is admitted by all that nothing like it had ever been seen in this city. Signor Borzoni was ably assisted each evening by Mr. W. Haydon who as a member of the general committee had enarge of the musical arrangements and the specacular part of the carnival. It was originally intended to keep the buz ar open for a period of nine days but in view of the good attendance, and of the fact that a large quantity of goods is still on hand the committee have made arrangements to keep it going until Saturday night when it is expected the stallholders will have the whole of their stock disposed of. To do this, we understand that wholesale reductions have been made in prices so that there is sure to be some very fine bargains to be got prices so that there is sure to be some very fine bargains to be got during the next two or three days.

The art union will be drawn on Saturday night, when it is expected there will be a crowded attendance. Holders of tickets are requested to forward blocks and remittances before that date.

The Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney.

At a meeting of the Dioc san Synod of Sydney, which took place at St. Patrick's College, Manly, on November 14, there was a record attendance of the clergy, no fewer than 130 being present. Addresses were presented to Archbishop Kelly from the clergy of the archdicese, and from the students of St. Patrick's Seminary. The Coadjutor-Archbishop, in replying, said he had experienced the greatest pleasure in receiving the addresses that had been presented to him. He desired to take the earliest opportunity of recognising the action of the clergy in nominating him some 12 months ago to the position of Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney. It would indeed be very ungrateful of him if he refrained from acknowledging the consideration that had been shown to him. In a sense, it made them responsible for his future career, and it gave

months ago to the position of Condjutor-Archbishop of Sydney. It would indeed be very ungrateful of him if he refrained from acknowledging the consideration that had been shown to him. In a sense, it made them responsible for his future carer, and it gave him additional reason for relying upon the ir kindness and cooperation. With regard to the Uardival, his (Dr. Kelly's) orain duty as Coadjutor was to be as the son of the father in the ministry of the Gospel. With regard to the body of the clergy, he came amongst them as a fellow-labourer. Their work was most important for themselves and for the people. Unforcunately the prevailing tone of society was indifference to religion, and this with other dangers to the spiritual and moral well-being of the people had to be encountered, and, if possible, removed. A great means to that end besides personal sanctification was the organisation of the flock, the propogation of sound teaching, the distribution of wholesome literature, and perhaps most of all personal pastoral visits, so that each member of the flock would feel himself or herself to be personally known to the priest.

Addressing the students, Archbishop Kelly said he had every reason to congratulate them uson their semioary and its future propects. To lay the foundation of the future perfection which would be necessary for them in withs anding the dangers and temptations that awaited them through life, it was necessary that they should spend the years of their opening manhood in retirement and in prayer. They should ley the foundation of a solid learning so as to arrive at the standard fixed by the Divine authority, the Light of the World. It was not meant that they should know everything, but they should ke solidly instructed in the ecclesiastical sciences and trained in their practical application to the questions of the day. He expressed has scrong interest in the seminary at Manly, and his belief that such an institution would contribute largely to the welfate of the people and the glory of God. In concl

THE prizes won at St. Patrick's College sports were presented The prizes won at St. Patrick's College sports were presented at the college on Sunday afternoon. Among the visitors were Lady Ward, representatives of the clergy and friends of the college students. The Rev. Father Keogh read out the names of the successful prize-will ers, and the trophies were presented by Lady Ward. During the alternoon selections were rendered at intervals by the orchestra under Mr. Trowell. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea by the college fathers.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

THE exploring steamer Discovery arrived at Lyttelton on Thursday.

A KAURI tree was recently felled in Auckland which is estimeted to produce 50,000ft of sawn timber, worth about £300.

THE Government have decided to compulsorily acquire the Melbourne estate, near Waipawa, Hawke's Bay. The property is of 20 600 acres, belonging to Stokes's trustees.

THERE was a record attendance at the Otago A, and P. Show on Friday. It is estimated there were 16,000 people present, receipts exceeded those of last year by nearly £50.

ROTORUA is at present lighted with 724 electric lights, of 1476 candle power, and 21 arc lights. The generating power is derived from a waterfall some miles away.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Department of Agriculture to ship to South Africa by the Otarama, on behalf of various firms, about 400 cases of frozen poultry, and several thousand eggs. Each package will contain 18 birds.

Our of the three colonies which ship butter to England New Zealand was the only one last year which showed an increase as well as a steady growth in the past five years.

THE New Zealand loan of one million and a half, bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent, with the minimum fixed at 94, was quoted at a discount of about one-quarter per cent. The public subscribed about one-half of the loan,

Mr. D. D. Hyde has made an estimated calculation that the number of eggs consumed annually in New Zealand is in round figures about 173 millions. This lot of eggs would weigh about 800 tons, and calculating them at 6d per dozen their value is close

A daily mail service between Auckland and the south commenced on Sunday last. An arrangement has been made by the Government and the Union S.S. Company for a steamer to leave New Plymouth every day of the week except Sunday, and Onehunga every day except Saurday, connecting with the express train between Wellington and New Plymouth every day.

Our Nelson correspondent writes to say that he inadvertently omitted in his report of the music examinations at the local convent the names of some young ladies—Misses Eileen and Edith Frank—who had passed in the preparatory grade (piano), and of Misses C. Siewart (81), May McMahon(81), and T. Curran(60), theory of music—junior honors; and Miss M. Floyd, junior pass.

AT a recent meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society AT a recent meeting of the Ashburton Uatholic Literary Society the members spent a very pleasant evening in listening to a lecture, entitled 'Controversial Experiences,' by Mr. J. Moison. The lecture proved of a most interesting character, the numerous experiences quoted by the lecturer being listened to with rapt attention and Mr. Moison was frequently applauded throughout the proceedings. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Moison.

THE Department of Health has issued another useful little booklet dealing with scarlet fever, showing how it is spread, and how to prevent it spreading. The Chief Health Officer, Dr. Mason, treats his subject in plain and simple language which can be easily understood by the dullest intellect, and if parents and others only follow his advice they will save themselves a great deal of anxiety, and preserve their children from being attacked by this very catching disease. ing disease.

A few days ago (writes the London correspondent of the Otago Daily Times) I heard from Mr. Grattan Grey that he had accepted an engagement in New York, and that he and Mrs. Grey were to leave for America. In America they will write their book, 'Travels in Two Hemispheres,' which will be abundantly illustrated from photographs taken by Mrs. Grey. A few evenings ago Mr. Grey presided at a meeting of the London branch of the United Irish League at the Bijou Theatre, in Bedford street.

The articles which make up the contents of the November number of the Austral Light are particularly interesting. His Grace the Archbisnop of Melbourne continues his articles on the Rosary, and the Coadjutor-Bishop of Hobart has an instructive contribution on the Communion of Saints. Father Masterson, S.J., defines the attitude of the Church towards gambling—a subject of considerable interest. The advocates of the sites for the Federal capital have something to say on behalf of Albury, Orange, and Wagga Wagga. The balance of the articles are up to the usually high standard of this popular Catholic monthly.

The Rev. Father James Tymons, brother of the Rev. Father Tymons, of Palmer-ton North (says the New Zealand Times) was ordained priest at the 10 30 o'clock Mass at the Church of the Sacred ordained priest at the 10 30 o'clock Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday. Archbishop Redwood, who celebrated, conducted the service, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy being the assistant priests. The Rev. Emile Talon, who is to work in the South Sea Islands mission, was raised to the subdeaconship. After the Mass the newly-ordained priest, Father Tymons, gave his blessing to the congregation, the first to receive it being Mr. and Mrs. Tymons, of Greymouth, his parents. He sang Vespers, and gave the Benediction in the evening, when the Archbishop also preached a sermon on the dignity of the priesthood. As an offertory piece a solo 'Abide with me,' was sung by Miss White, and the 'Tantum Ergo' was Rossi's, sung by Mrs. Kelly, Miss White, and Messrs. Carr and McManaway. Father Tymons was to celebrat; his first Mass on Monday morning at the Charch of the Sacred Heart. He is an existedent of St. Patrick's College, and spent five years at Meance Seminary. The Rev. E. I'alon is also a Meance student. Meanee student.

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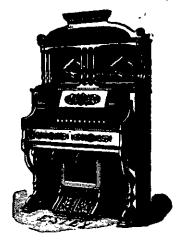
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THE PARRISH LUCK.

THE road to Loneville trailed hot and dusty in the afternoon heat. That part of the world always got its full measure of heat, for there were no hills to temper the sun's rays, which shone down relentlessly upon the burnt fields. The sky was clear save for two long bands of white which stretched across the western sky, where a portion of the sun peeped between, like a prisoner behind bars. All the beauty there was in the surroundings lay in the sky, the air and the fields, not in the dingy-looking house, considerably the worse for paint and general repairs. There was an air of desolation about the place that bespoke poverty or shiftlessness or both.

Suddenly a girl came forth carrying a pail, and walked slowly over to the well. Drawing the water she left the pail on the stone flagging, and came over to the sagging gate that barred the way to the road. Here she stood for a while, and one saw that she was tall and well-formed. Her face was lighted by a pair of large brown eyes, and her well-rounded arms were bared to the elbow. Were it not for the expression of weariness about the muth— THE road to Loneville trailed hot and dusty in the afternoon heat.

well-rounded arms were bared to the elbow. Were it not for the expression of weariness about the mouth—an anxious troubled look that lurked about her every facial movement—one would have termed her decidedly prepossessing. Suddenly below the bend in the road there emerged the figure of a young man, whom the girl no sooner sighted than her whole expression changed. The mouth, took on the pretty, well-moulded lines that belonged to it by right, while the eyes brightened with moulded lines that belonged to it by right, while the eyes brightened with a sudden welcome. A moment ago she was a listless, tired girl, now she was all alert. Smilingly, she awaited the newcomer, who came straight to the gate. He was a good-looking young fellow, with a bright eye and close curling brown hair. He worked in the country store, nad his name was Ernest Thompson. Thompson.
'Well!' he said, 'I've done it at

The girl's eyes widened, as though this was not quite the greeting she expected.

'You have?' she asked.

'Yes! I quit this place to-night for good.'

'Oh! Ernest!' It was almost a reproach and the man turned impatiently, oblivious of the girl's

-I won't!

reproach and the man turned impatiently, oblivious of the girl's whitened face.

'Oh! what! I told you I was getting sick of it here—that I couldn't stand it much longer, and—'

'But you promised the other night you'd stay for another year any-way.' Way.

'Well!—I won't! that settles it,' retorted he somewhat ungraciously. The girl clasped her hands, while he averted his eyes, continuing hurriedly, 'I hate poverty! and I hate Loneville! I am going to-night—on the 8.10 train. You won't mind, Em, will you? Why, there ain't nothing for a fellow here. Out there,' he waved his hand to the setting sun, 'I'll get to be something. And then—you and I—Em, we can live as we ought to live, and I'll write often and I'll come out whenever I can—and—' his farewell frittered away suddenly, while he took both her hands in his, streking them in an absent sort of way. His eyes were filled with the ambition of other things, and though he saw there were tears in hers it was with no great reciprocal sympathy.

'Then this is to be good-bye,' she said after a moment while the sun sank into the fields and the gray pallor spread over the landscape. She shivered slightly, as with a sudden chill, and the man looked away quickly.

'Yes, I suppose it is,' he said.

quickly.

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'It's getting dark, and I haven't much time left.'

'Won't you come in and say goodbye to mother?' asked the girl, almost timidly. timidly.

'No,' he replied, releasing her hands, 'what's the use. Why, you'd think I was going to the ends of the earth. I'll be back again, sure enough—and I'll write and—well, good-bye!' he was off—gone!

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The girl watched him with straining eyes till the figure merged itself in the gathering shadow. So he was gone. And how little he had seemed to care. How lightly he had said good-bye. And yet this man was her promised husband; they were to be married soon; it had been understood in an indefinite sort of way that it might be in the fall. And now? A hundred things that she ought to have asked him, and that he ought to have spoken of leaped to her mind. What few words they had said, and how simple and ordinary the whole thing seemed. Of course he could do better in the town, but—but—oh, why did it have to come just now, on top of all the day's bitter experiences. For she had not time to tell him that their troubles, already great, had multiplied. That very day her father, who was slowly recovering from an attack of fever, had received a curt note from Wilson and Co., that the mortgage of five hundred would have to be settled in ninety days at the farthest. This being the culmination of many previous warnings to a like effect Emma felt that the worst was really come to them at last. With burning eyes she walked back to the pail, picked it up, and entered the house. Her mother had made a light, and soon observed the distress in her girl's face.

'Emmy—what is the matter now? Ibon't let your father see you with that long face or he'll give in entirely. Ain't our troubles enough without a dwellin' on 'em as if it was a treat? I see Ernest out there, why didn't he come in?'

'Give up his place in Saunders?' demanded the elder woman. 'Well that's sense I do declare! If that ain't a shame—a good place, too, and Mr. Saunders so nice to him. What possessed him.'

'He never liked it—he hates, the place—he wants to do something to make money—'

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'And he left you like that,' questioned her mother. 'Without any plans made for you? Well! My opinion ain't the same of Ernest Thompson. Lord knows where he'll find us if he ever comes back—I don't! If ever I say—for after that he's likely to do anything.'

Mrs. Parrish was one of those women who at the first hint of trouble became filled with the prophecies as to the future. And yet she was fully convinced that she was the one member of the family who bore a cheerful air under any and all conditions. Mr. Parrish, with his large and growing family, his ill-health, his wife, and his demoralised farm, had a good deal to contend against. It was hardly a wonder he grew discoursed of the Sol Hunter in talk was hardly a wonder he grew discouraged. Old Sol Hunter in talk at Saunders' store was wont to outline the poor man's difficulties in this

wise:
 'Parrish is one of them 'er durned critters what's allus up agin suthin hard and rocky the hull blamed time. I've known that feller years and years—and I never see'd him different. He's allus worked, yes, and worked hard—I tell yer, mighty hard. I ain't done half as hard—and where's he to-day? up agin it with a dull thud! Yes, sir, stacked up agin a wife an' five children an' a mortgage

that's got to be paid—an' can't bean' him sick as well! It's a case of
opportunity an' other things banging
him on the head an' countin' him out
every time. He's an unlucky speciment. Some is born that way, some
gets it, and others agin has it
thrust upon 'em. Parrish is one of
the triple-plated kind.'

And so it seemed. With all his
efforts everything went wrong. He
had foreseen the loss of the farm
from the first. He had also struggled to lossen the danger but without
atvail. Now he was not bewalling or
bemoaning. He was staring
sisue in the face. It had to comethey would have to go—somewhere!
It hardly mattered where, and he conthey would have to go—somewhere!
It hardly mattered where, and he can
be supported to him anyhow. His
wite always did; so he got to
offding things to Emma who soon had
her young shoulders burdened with
the dreary weight. Emma was ambitious. She wanted to do a host
of things. As a preliminary she had
studied and worked hard to secure
the appointment of teacher in the
local district school, but a personage
with more influence and less brains
had secured the place. There were
two younger boys and two small
girls. The boys were 15 and 16 respectively, bright and ambitious like
herself; they did what little,
It was Emma's constant regret that
they could not receive more schooling, that they could not have many
things. But there were limitations.
She was thinking of all these things
in a bitter way unsual with her as
she went to her room tiffat night.
When she crept to bed it seemed as
threatened to engulf her, and with a
sudden sob she turned to her pillow
and wept long and bitterly,
As for Ernest, he went 'out there,'
which for him meant a large city
with crowded streets and brilliant
stores. In a week he was fortunate
enough to secure a place as salesman
in a leading dry goods house. This
was him element of the pillow
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either way, which proved her to be a diplomat. Not being in the confidence of his fellow-boarders, Ernest failed to hear the gossip which said that Miss Townley was only flirting with him for her own amusement and incidentally to tantalise another swain. He would not have believed it anyway, for his faith in Miss Townley grew day by day. Likewise his admiration. He was sure she liked him. If he might only claim her for his own he would be as happy as a king. He still wrote to Emina, but it was a greater effort every time. The letters grew more and more unisteresting. He knew they must be, but he was growing teckless and did not care. The memory of his engagement galled him more and more every day. He had been an ass, a fool, to limit his prospects so. Meanwhile he took lida to the theatre more every day. He had been an ass, a fool, to limit his prospects so. Meanwhile he took lda to the theatre and whatever else his pocket could afford. Of course he had no time to afford. Of course he had no time to run up to Loneville. Emma had looked for him at first, but gradually a conviction that he would not come came to her

'Ain't it about time Ernest would come out?' her mother would say, 'Ain't it about time Ernest would come out?' her mother would say, and the poor girl's pride would force her to formulate some excuse that passed for the moment. Fortunately their troubles were great enough to take Ernest off her mind at times. Their inancial difficulties were as

Their financial difficulties were as great as ever, and there remained but thirty days to pay the five hundred dollars. And they had not five hundred cents to spare 'Guess be the looks o' things we'll be out o' this domicile by next month,' the farmer said one evening at the super table. He had not eaten much, and though he made the at the supper table. He had not eaten much, and though he made the announcement as he might have discussed the weather, Emma knew it was breaking his heart. She looked away with a sudden mist of tears in her eyes. That night she prayed as one prays once in a lifetime, and the next morning a letter came from Ernest. For a long time after she opened it she sat gazing stondy before her. It began Dear Em.—
You will forgive me when you

fore her. It began

Dear Im —

You will forgive me when you understand as I do the necessity of this, but I find we two were not made for each other as we thought I could never go back to Loneville under the same old circumstances. Time has changed everything for me, and I see now that we were foolish and unwise. It may seem haish, but it is better so. I feel you will be far more happy with some one else. Under these circumstances, you will surely agree with me that it is better to break our engagement now.

break our engagement now Ever your cordial friend. FRNEST

It was her mother's step that roused her and caused her to gather her wits and the letter together for the morning's mail, and so tried to dismiss him from her life. As for Ernest, now that the disagreeable task was done with he felt relieved. Thenceforth Loneville for him became but an abstract theory, the only thing that filled his thoughts being Ida Townley. That young person still smiled sweetly upon him, and even the gossips admitted it was a pretty long firstation.

About a week after the receipt of Ernest's letter Fining, was sitting drearly and sleeplessly by her bed-

About a week after the receipt of Ernest's letter Emma. Was sitting drearily and sleeplessly by her bedroom window, which, being in the rear of the house, looked out on the farm. It was past midnight and a warm moonlit night. The girl had crept to the window to soothe the pain in her heart, if possible. Suddenly a huge dark shadow shot upont of the earth some distance from the house. It went to a great height and stood shimmering and trembling in the moonlight. A dull rushing roar accompanied this excalled-for apparition and served to consince Emma that she was not dreaming Alarmed, she watched it as if fascinated, while the huge body changed its outline every moment. What could it be? She leaned out of the window and felt her cheek touched.

with a sudden moisture. Same moment her father stepped out from below. She called down to

What is it father?

me, it sprang into the night so suddenly. What a noise it makes.'
'Hush. child, I am going out to see.' He stepped into the house and reappeared with the two boys Emma hurriedly dressed and was soon beside them. beside them.

oeside them.
'It's—it's a waterspout sure' said one of her brothers. 'It will drown

one of her brothers. 'It will drown the house out,'
'It'll spoil them potatoes,' said the other. 'It's just in the patch I put in shape to-day—see! it's flooded it already.'

As they walked toward the towering column the wind carried a shower of spray which quickly saturated their clother.

of spray their clothing.

'Ugh! It's grease—not water,' said Emma suddenly.

'There comes old Hunter to see what's up,' said her brother, as the

what's up,' said her brother, as the figure of that worthy came hurrying across the fields in the moonlight. Well, neighbor—what the dickens do ye call this?' he began. 'The n'ise o' the thing woke me up. Thinks I this is suthin' uncommon, so I just his out.

Int out

For a moment the party gazed at it in silence. A huge geyser of mud and some black only substance that smelled strongly of petroleum was shooting up into the moonlit sky, with a roar that was momentarily increasing, while the low-lying land below was already a miniature lake. Emma turned and looked at her father. His ince was strangely white Old Soi Hunter gave a sniff or two, then a whoop

then a whoop

'Whoo' It's the 'By Jingo-it's
the a whoop

'Whoo' It's the 'By Jingo-it's
the !He-a bustin' out o' this field
like fireworks' Gallons o' the
BarT's-Yes sir-BarT's! I'll bet
there's just a thousand a minute
goin' up in the an He, smell it
The Patrish luck, by ginger! but
good luck this time. Joef, I'm proud
to know ve-yell be a rich man before morning'

After a time the group went back to the house, the two sons and the father and daughter. On the thresthres-

hold they turned again to watch that wonderful column. It seems too good, father, an hour ago we were almost beggars,

'Now,' he repeated 'Now we are rich, child Do you hear?' Rich beyond our wildest dreams—and most of all—I thank God for your sake.' He bowed his head tor a moment while the girl kassed him.

white the girl kissed him
'Now daughter, try and get some
rest. We must wait till morning
before we get too sure 'hout anything. It may not be all we claim
for it—though I think it is. There's
your mother. Don't let her get too

excited

Emma turned away There was her mother with the two little girls. 'Well' Joel Parrish she began, of all things! Not a soul left in the house but me and the little ones—and in the middle of the night too! Whatever has happened now?'

'Oh mother, it's great good fortune this time! began Emma.' My!' cried the mother, catching sight of the one.

fortune this time; began Emma, 'My'; cried the mother, catching sight or the gover for the first time. Goel—what is it?' She looked terrified until he explained, then she sack flown overcome. 'And we'll be rich you say?' Joel! Emma '-your sure you am't tokin' We won't have to pay you say?' We'll have to pay 'said her lussband, 'but if this is oil— and it seems to be—payin.' Il be easy.'
Soon the moonlight began to water

Soons to be—paxin. Ill be casy.'
Soon the moonlight began to wance and the column took on a dult brownsh bine in the ghostly light of the new-born day. The family did no more sleeping, but spent the time walking from the new wonder to the house. By daylight a crowd of neighbors had gathered about the wonder, to speculate, and to inbilate. The time the time was beard on every side. The Parrish luck had changed with a vengeance. By dinner

time Joe Parrish was a person to be deferred to. His ideas had to be respected. Three of the wealthiest neighbors made him successive offers for the potato patch, that given a day before would have turned his head. But he waved them aside. 'I am't sellin',' he said calmly. By evening all the papers of the country had 'Parrish printed in large letters on their front pages, and the world was talking of the new oil holds at Loneville Before the week was out Joel had raised a loan and was out Joel had raised a loan and paid off the mortgage, while a horde of people — speculators, gamblers, and what not—invaded the once lonely Texas farm. The 'gusher' had come to stay. Experts pronounced the product petroleum of

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With the rest of the world Ernest read of the Parrish luck and in the privacy of his own room adjudged himself an idjot of the first order.

'I'd cut my hand off to recall that letter,' he observed mentally. It privacy of his own room adjuoged himself an idiot of the first order. I'd cut my hand off to recall that letter,' he observed mentally. It plunge him into such painful reminiscence that he even forgot Ida. When he went to bed he dreamed of 'gushers,' and Emma, and himself walking off down the Loneville road. He grew desperate and had the bad taste to compose a letter to Emma It came back two days later with this inscription written across in a strange scrawl. 'Don't advertise your fool ways like this—I wouldn't if I was you' He knew Emma had never seen it then, but doubtless her father had, and this was the result. One day he was riding his wheel home to dimer. It was a crowded street, with carriages, pedestrians, and bicycles all nextricably mixed in an effort to get somewhere. A team of spirited horses loomed suddenly upon him and to save himself he sprawled into the gutter with his machine. Angrily he looked up. There was an impressive-looking coachman in gray on the box, and behind in hixurious ease, were Emma and

hind in luxurious ease, were Emma and her mother! Yes Emma and hind in lixurious ease, were Emma and her mother! Yes Emma and looking like a princess, now—the girl who might have been his! Both women saw him, and knew him, as the elder woman showed by the scornful enve of her lip. As for Emma, her face whitened for a moment, then she gazza straight ahead without a tremor. Then Ernest knowing he had lost her for ever, picked himself up and slink off in the crowd. He went back to Ida, but she changed her mind and took the other gentleman.

Emma Parith has gone abroad to complete her studies, her father, as treasurer of the Banner Oil Company, being well able to afford this diversion—the boys are at college—and Ernest is still drawing infteen a week at the dry goods store—'Donahoe's Magazine'.

Catholic World

CANADA.—Royal Visitors.

On the occasion of their visit to Niagara Falls, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were enter-tained to lunch by the nuis of the Loretto Convent, Niagara

ENGLAND. - Benedictine Monks.

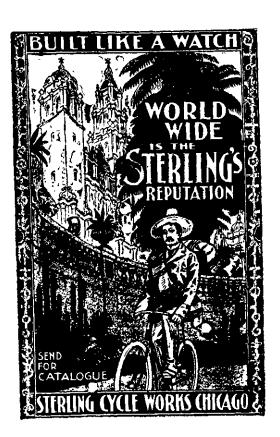
ENGLAND.—Benedictine Monks. The Benedictine monks of Solesmes have now taken up their quarters at Appledunt ombe. Wroxall, Isle of Wight, and are carrying on community life as at Solesmes. The Park to hom Mocquerdau, is the most carried musical scientist now living on the Gregorian chant of St. Gall's, and he is especially interested in the share which Irish monks had in the minth century in cultivating the liturgical chant of the Church. Just before the dissolution of Duiske Abbey, County Kilkenny, several of the Irish County Kilkenny, several of the Irish than monks went to the monastery of St. James at Ratisbon, and there they perpetuated the Irish traditional form of singing plain chant

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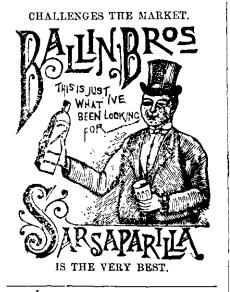
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Church Dedication.

The dedication festival of the Beneatctine Church of St. John the Evangelist at Bath took place on October 6, under circumstances of unusual interest. The renovation and decoration of the beautiful building, which have been in progress for a considerable time, were completed, and the whole of the interior was visible on this occasion. When High Mass was whole of the interior was visible on this occasion, when High Mass was sung in the presence of the Most Rev. Archbishop Scarisbrick, D.D., by the Rector, the Rev. J. Dunstan Sweeney, O.S.B. The sermon by Monsignor Croke Robinson was well worthy of the preacher's fame. It was on the privileges of Catholics, and dealt with one of these—the possession of an infallible teacher. In the evening Monsignor Croke Robinson preached upon a second privilege, the possession of a qualified physician, to a still more crowded and equally attentive congregation. The right revorator dwelt with warmth of commendation on both occasions on the great labor of love which had been accomplished by the Rector of St. John's, with so much self-sacrifice and devotion. John's, with and devotion.

Honoring a Layman.

The insignia of a Knight of St. Gregory has been bestowed upon Mr. Lister Drummond.

A Candid Opinion.

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Mr. C. King Irwm, an Orangeman, the grandson of the late Precentor of Armagh Protestant Cathedral, and nephew of the present Archdeacon, writing to the 'Daily Mail' of 'the coming of the monks' says: 'With many monasteries I have been intimately acquainted, and in an active political career have failed entirely to trace any influence whatever. On the other hand these institutions dispense an enormous amount of charity among the very poorest, and, indeed, enter into places in the cause of true charity, apart from any religious interest (other than the Divine Master's instructions), where other religious denominations are chary of entering '

Honored by the Pope.

Rev. J. B. Young, Administrator, St. Barnabas' Cathedral, Notting-ham, has been appointed private Chamberlain to his Holmess

In Memory of Father Mathew.

The appropriate of the birth of Father Mathew was celebrated in London by a grand demonstration at Shoreditch. Cardinal Manning's League Guards were present.

FRANCE. - An Absurd Law

TWO Carthusians, aged respectively 80 and 95, sought refuge in a French hospice, the rest of the community having gone into exile. They were refused on the ground that, being two, they might be suspected of being a community.

A Pilgrimage.

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During the first week in October Lourdes was the centre of a large crench pilgrimage, in which nearly 10 bishops, including Cardinal Langenieux and the Archbishops of

Youlouse, Chambery, and Besanoon, cook part. Cardinal Goossens, Arch-pishop of Malines, was also among Toulouse. bishop of Mathering.

The Association Law.

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All over France (writes a Paris correspondent) the monks and nuns who have decided not to comply with the requirements of the Law of Association have left their convents and chapels without resistance, almost without protest. In spite of the advice kindly tendered them by a number of journalists anxious for scenes, they have wisely refrained from repeating the experiments of 1880, and from compelling recourse to armed force. In Rue de Sevres not a Jesuit was left, Rue Francois Ier not an Assumptionist, Rue de la Pompe not a Carmelite friar, to answer the numerous callers who vainly rang the entrance door bell. The Government of their country imposed upon them conditions which they considered they should not submit themselves to: their fellow-countrymen, as a rule, did not seem to care whether they stayed or went. Legal steps have already been taken by the Government for the disposal of the property of the Orders that are not demanding authorisation. The Civil Tribunal of the Seine, at the request of the Minister of Justice, has appointed an official liquidator of the estates of the Jesuits and of the Assumptionists situate in France. This gentleman, who is well known in legal and commercial circles in Paris, is M. Adolphe Lasmer, the official liquidator of the Tribunal of the Seine. In accordance with the interpretation of the law contained in the Reglement d'Administration Publique, the dissolved congregations are, for the purpose of the liquidation, considered as bankrupts, and any sale or disposal of property which they might have effected within the six months immediately preceding the 3rd of October is null and void. A number of congregations, however, which they might have effected within the six months immediately preceding the 3rd of October is null and void. A number of congregations, however, who foresaw that the days of persecution could not be very distant, had taken care to dispose of their property to laymen. The famous Jesuit Convent of the Rue de Sevres is the property of a land-owing company, of which the Jesuits were only the lessees, the lease becoming void in case of disolution or bankruptcy of perty of a land-owning company, of which the Jesuits were only the lessees, the lease becoming void in case of disolution or bankruptcy of the lessees. It is said that, since the Ferry decrees of 1880, the Jesuits have owned no real property in France, either as a corporation or in the name of individual Jesuits.

A Lourdes Case.

A very interesting and curious case (writes a Paris correspondent) came before the French courts a few weeks ago. A postman named Gargan met. with a railway accident early in the spring, and was so much injured that the doctors declared bim permanently incapacitated. He was awardnently incapacitated. He was awarded by the Railway Company an indemnity of 60,000 francs, or £2400. As soon as he was able to go about, he went to Lourdes and came back to Lourdes and came back y cured Whereupon the completely cured. Whereupon the Railway Company claimed its money back. The courts, after hearing the evidence of the doctors who attended Gargan, and of the specialists who examined him before and after his visit to Lourdes, dismissed the case, stating that cures of this nature did not come within the cognisance of the law, and that there was no doubt as to Gargan's injuries, as to the effect which they had up to his visit to Lourdes, and as to the effects which they would, under ordinary circumstances, have had but for the interference of an influence which was not ordinary, and which they had not to determine or appreciate.

Consecration of a Church.

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Lourdes, which has seen so many impressive solemnities, has seen few more impressive than those which attended the consecration of the new Church of the Holy Rosary, Lourdes, on Rosary Sunday. The whole of the French episcopate had been invited to attend, and 25 Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops responded to the invitation. The number of clergy and laity who crowded into the famous Pyrenean town was well-nigh innumerable. Foremost among the foreign guests was Bishop Macdonnel, of Brooklyn, U.S.A. The new church contains 15 altars, in memory of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, and 15 bishops were entrusted with the consecration of those altars. Cardinal Langenieux, wko was formerly Bishop of Tarbes, in which diocese Lourdes is situated, and who in that capacity laid the foundations of the new church years ago, had been delegated by the Pope to preside at the ceremony. For some reasons, which it is not easy to understand, a rumor was circulated to the effect that the Government had placed its veto on the Lourdes festivities, and some newspapers had even announced that they would not take place. The the Lourdes festivities, and some newspapers had even announced that they would not take place. The rumor was, however, without foundation, and both Cardinal Langenieux and the Bishop of Tarbes stated that they had received no communication of any kind from the Government with regard to the matter.

ITALY.-Missionaries.

Four Italian missionaries have left the port of Genoa for New York, where they will join Mgr. Scalabrini in working for the spiritual interests of Italian emigrants. Through Mgr. Scalabrini's efforts a committee has been formed to establish a refuge for the children of Italian emigrants.

A Brave Deed.

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The Italian papers tell of a brave deed, the herome of which is the Mother Superior of the Monastery bel Paradismo, near Leghorn On October 11 a lay Sister named Matide Pisoni, while lighting the kitchen fire, unfortunately upset a paraffin lamp, becoming instantly a mass of flames. Her agonised shrieks brought the Mother Superior, Sister Mary Orienta, on the spot, and the brave nun lost no time in throwing the poor girl on the ground, attempting to suffocate the flames. But her own clothes having caught fire, it was only with the greatest difficulty that the rest of the community succeeded in putting out the conflagra-

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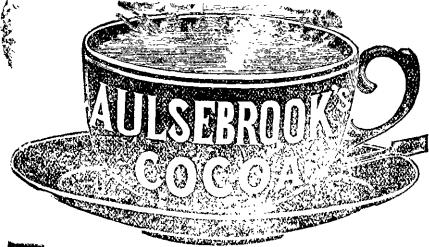
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tion. The lay Sister's life is despaired of, and her would-be rescuer lies in a critical condition. From time to time (writes a correspondent) rumors of these brave deeds find their way through convent walls and set hearts beating with pride and admiration; but how long will it be ere the force of evidence succeeds in breaking down the 'great wall' of anti-monastic and irreligious prejudice' dice.

King and Cardinal.

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In the course of his brief stay in Milan King Victor Emmanuel granted a most cordial audience to his Eminence Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of the Lombard metropolis. Cardinal Ferrari was received with military honors by the troops drawn up in the quadrangle of the royal residence. The King and Queen were waiting in the throne room, and when Cardinal Ferrari, accompanied by Mgr. Rossi, was ushered in by the Master of Ceremonies, Victor Emmanuel advanced to meet his Eminence at the threshold, and the Queen, although not expected to do so according to Court etiquette, insisted on kissing the Cardinal's ring.

ROME.—An Amusing Story.

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An amusing story is going the rounds of journalistic circles here (writes a Rome correspondent). It appears that on the occasion of President McKinley's death the European editor of a well-known telegraphic agency, closely connected with a leading New York yellow journal sent the following telegram from London—'His Holiness Pope Pius IX, Vatican, Rome Kindly tell us your opinion about President McKinley's assassination' It was no doubt a 'lapsus calami' on the part of the harassed and over-worked London editor, but the telegraph employees, whether desirous of giving the too-enterprising journalist a lesson or of having a joke at his expense, simply wired back to London the stereotyped phrase 'Unknown at this address' Yellow journals, especially transallantic ones, appear to think that nothing is easier for a Roman correspondent than to walk up to the Pope's private apartments and interview his Holmess, often on the most trifling subjects. Unscrupulous correspondents, representing, I am somy to say, a large percentage of the fraterinty, indirectly tend to encourage this mistaken idea, as they invariably manufacture interviews with exalted personages.

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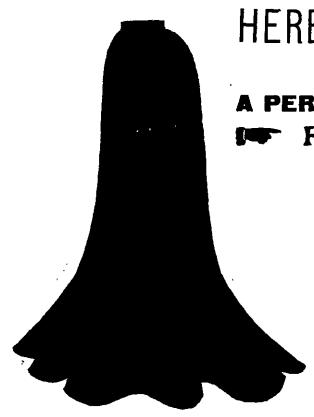
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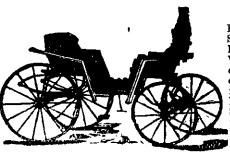
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