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LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.
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LEO XIII., Pope

Current Topics

Greetings!

The present number of the N.Z. TABLET will reach many of our readers during the joyous time

When the soul exults
And seems right heavenward turning,
When we love and bless the hands we press,
As the Christmas log is burning.

It will be placed in the hands of our more distant friends on the last day of the old year, when they will be preparing to pass by another mile-stone on the road of Time—when they will be leaning, so to speak, on the hitherward side of the time-post, and, like the old Roman new-year god, turning the face of imagination to the future and that of memory to the past. To each and all of our friends we cordially wish 'peace on earth,' and a happy New Year, and every blessing that the Babe of Bethlehem came to bestow. In Tiny Tim's brief, but glorious, prayer, we say: 'God bless everybody!'

Record Rains.

It has been raining 'rayther numerously' in New Plymouth of late. 'Three and a half inches of rain,' says a telegram in last Friday's daily papers, 'fell during the night, the heaviest for over 30 years. Cellars and yards in the centre of the town were flooded, and a large number of poultry drowned, but no serious damage is yet reported in town or country.' We doubt if Hokitika can equal this performance. The New Plymouth people must not, however, lay the flattering unctious to their souls that their recent downpour establishes a world's record. An equal amount sprinkled London on April 13, 1878, and Mulhall, in his greatest work, tells us that seven inches fell at Ardrishaig (Argyle, Scotland), on December 7, 1863, that in twenty-four hours twenty-four inches fell at Bombay, thirty in the Khasi Hills (India), on each of five successive days, thirty in Genoa, and thirty-three at Gibraltar.

A recent writer on meteorology has the following: 'One of the heaviest rainfalls yet recorded in the British Islands was 2.24 inches in 40 minutes in Lednathie, Forfarshire, during a severe thunderstorm on June 18, 1887. At Camberwell, London, 3.11 inches fell in 2 hours 17 minutes on August 1, 1846. Of heavy rains during one day the following may be mentioned: Ben Nevis Observatory, 7.29 inches on October 3, 1890; Seathwaite, 6.7 inches on May 8, 1884; Tongue, 6 inches on September 7, 1870; Newport, Wales, 5.33 inches on July 14, 1875; and Camusinas, Argyshire, 5.60 inches on January 24, 1868. The same authority give the following records of heavy one-day rainfalls in the United States: Brownsville, Texas, 12.94 inches in September, 1886; Pensacola, 10.70 inches in June, 1887; Key West, 7.80 inches in March, 1886; Shreveport, 7.54 inches in January, 1885; and a day's rainfall of five to seven inches,' he adds, 'is repeatedly recorded in the United States.' The storm-drenched inhabitants of New Plymouth can, therefore, extract some comfort from the reflection that other people, both white and dark, are in a worse case than they 'We have all strength,'

says La Rochefoucauld in his *Moral Reflections*, 'to endure the troubles of other people.' And this is, no doubt, calculated to give us some patience with our own.

Significance of Invective.

When Daniel O'Connell found the London *Times* silent as to his general perversity and chuckle-headedness, he began seriously to examine his conscience to find out in what he had offended. The stage thunder of the *Times* and the tornadoes of abuse which it hurled at the Liberator were to him the most satisfactory evidence that the great cause for which he labored was progressing. English Catholics may find similar comfort in the whirlwinds of language, painful and frequent and free, that are made to circle around them by the various organisations who believe in the doctrine, falsely attributed to the Jesuits, that the end justifies the means and that the cause of the God of all truth may be legitimately advanced by methods beloved of the father of lies. A curious sample of this form of pious invective was submitted by Cardinal Vaughan to the recent half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Truth Society at Westminster. It is a manual of personal and domestic piety, bearing the rather vainglorious title, *The Bible Reader's Very Best Companion*. The Cardinal laughingly read from it the following sample of 'langwidge' that a decent Hottentot would have hesitated to use: 'That religious impostor and blasphemer, Cardinal Vaughan, is guilty of the crime of supporting that old swindler, the Pope of Rome, and both of them ought to be sent to jail as religious rogues and vagabonds. Cardinal Vaughan is also guilty of breaking the law of 1850, and if he had his deserts would be imprisoned as a dangerous criminal. Possibly he will be at an early date. Let him expect to be dealt with in a thoroughly effective manner by several true Protestants, who are determined to cleanse our Protestant Empire from the pollution of his leprous presence. He is a most dangerous Jesuit, absolutely unfit to be allowed to live under the British flag.'

Cardinal Vaughan subsequently remarked that he thought there were at the present time a good many people who had become a little scared by the violence of attack of some of their non-Catholic opponents. There was (he added) no need, for that. To ascertain the position, about a year ago he went to the clergy of the Diocese of Westminster for a return of the number of converts during the preceding year, thinking that possibly it would be less than for the previous year. To his surprise, when the returns were tabulated, he found that the number of converts during what it was supposed would be a disastrous year had run up to about 300 more than in the preceding year. They were 1500, as against 1200. 'Therefore,' said he, 'you need have no fear of the bluster which has been made. Keep a good temper, and be good friends with opponents through all their controversies.'

A Proposed Established Church.

The idea of making the Anglican denomination the Established Church of Australia displays the persistence of the Californian thistle—it is hacked and cut down and dosed with sulphuric acid, and you think it properly and permanently

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dead, when, suddenly, it throws up a sprout right under your feet. Some seventy years ago, before Victoria was colonised, the question of an Establishment was a particularly live one. It shook and jolted the whole of the struggling convict settlement that centred about Port Jackson. The British Government, however, gave the proposal its quietus at the time. It cropped up again, however, and has now been revived in the *Imperial Review*, a magazine published in Melbourne. In the course of an interview accorded to a representative of the *Catholic Press*, Cardinal Moran said that 'the movement seems to be taken up very extensively, especially by the representatives of the Evangelical persuasion. They are anxious to unite all the different forms of Protestantism, to have one strong phalanx to resist the domination of the Church of Rome, and they are ready to surrender their own individual tenets to have the Anglican Church recognised as the Established Church of Australia, corresponding to the Established Church in England.'

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'There is nothing new in this movement,' said the Cardinal with a smile. 'It goes as far back as 1834, when there was an attempt made to have the Protestant Church officially declared the Established Church of Australia. One of the judges of the Supreme Court declared from the Bench that as a matter of fact the Anglican Church had as firm a hold in Australia as in England. However, this matter was referred to the Home Government by the then Governor Bourke, the most enlightened Governor that has yet come to Australia from the Home country, when the Home Government decided that there was no Established Church in Australia, and that all denominations were on the same footing in the presence of the law. Successive Governments in Australia have professed to recognise this decision of the Home Government; but as a matter of practical policy both the Australian Government and the Home Government have acted as if the Protestant Church had an established position among us. Hence all the appointments made, almost without exception, have come from that favored Church.'

Colonial Youth.

To judge from an article in the *N.Z. Times*, most of the bad qualities of New Zealanders seem to have been imported along with our French ball-shoes, Brummagem watches, and American plug tobacco. Our good qualities are our own, and that, at least, is a comfort. Thus, our solecisms of speech came from the region of the Seven Dials, our low birth-rate is, like Worth gowns, a Paris fashion, and the spirit of irreverence of our Colonial youth—the theme of a thousand sorrowful or indignant pens—arrived by the 'Frisco boat. 'American methods and ideals,' says the writer, 'have unconsciously permeated our family life, just as American machinery and implements are crowding our factories and farmyards. Children join in conversation at table, express contrary opinions to those of their parents, and defend their views with a courage worthy of a better cause. Any one who has watched the young Colonial addressing the Premier or Governor has been astounded at the complete "sang froid" of the youth, his easy familiarity, his keenness in pressing his point and his complete unconsciousness of any social gulf between notabilities and himself. In the majority of Colonial homes we allow our children a latitude which gives newcomers quite a turn; we tolerate objection and contradiction and even what looks dangerously like impertinence, and we correct the children when they overstep the mark not by the old-fashioned methods of external application, but by a mild remonstrance which only aggravates the evil. We consult the child, consider him and entertain him, are kind to him in the matter of his stomach, his back and his amusements; but we are utterly inconsiderate to him as a being with a will to be trained. We make a god of him and then wonder that he does not worship us. The result raises the question whether Plato's advice that no child should be reared by his own mother is not worth considering in modern times; and were it not that the method recommended by the Greek sage had been superseded by the Christian ideal of the home it would have been in vogue long ago.' Better things are, however, promised for the future. 'But,' says the writer of the article, 'the fault is with parents, for, according to the ancient philosopher, while few men feel themselves qualified to break in a colt, every man seems to think himself able to rear a child.'

Wanted: More Consideration.

We are all familiar with the class of enthusiastic disputants who, having been convicted of evolving argumentative matter out of their inner consciousness, retort, in effect: *Tant pis pour les faits*—so much the worse for the facts. It seems to be forgotten by them that a fact or two are at least as useful in discussion as an occasional joke is, according to Artemus Ward, in a comic paper. Of late we must have seemed (to use Kingslake's words) 'odiously statistical' and unpleasantly fact-full to those who, in the hope of securing a passing political advantage, have been beating a clamorous tom-tom regarding the alleged

'stuffing' of the public service with Catholics. At any rate, we have succeeded in at least partially stifling the outcry, for the present, so far as Otago is concerned. The *Oamaru Mail*, quoting our figures, says that our exposure of the charge 'conspicuous for its calm dignity,' that 'it is most convincing,' and that we did not, like those who raised the clamor, write 'at random, but after careful investigation.' 'The Colony,' says the *Mail*, 'is much indebted to the *TABLET*'s editor for having thus exposed the fallacy of a venomous accusation which is all the more dangerous because it tends to excite religious rancor.' And it appropriately suggests that, 'as other religions, not Catholics, have been given the preference—if their preponderance in the service, in proportion to population, be an evidence of preferential treatment'—those who have raised this theatrical storm about 'stuffing' should, to be consistent, 'insist on Catholics being treated with more consideration.' This is a phase of the question with which we intend to deal at the proper time.

The Anarchists.

The anarchist question—which in these colonies is practically confined to sundry exhibitions by 'Weary Willies' on the Melbourne and Sydney wharves—has bulked up pretty vastly in the American press since the murder of the late President McKinley. 'Anarchists,' says Mr. Dooley, 'is sewer gas.' They go 'again polis'men, mostly,' he adds—probably 'because polis'men's th' nearest things to kings they can find.' A proposal has been made in all seriousness to deport the whole American fraternity, with their carving-knives and picric bombs and infernal machines, to some desert island where they can hack and hew and blow one another to smithereens in peace.

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'Modern anarchy,' says the *Boston Pilot*, 'had its origin in Communistic Socialism when at the Sociolist Congress, at the Hague, in 1872, the Russian Bakunin broke away from its too moderate propositions and set up the International Federation of the Jura in Switzerland. On the death of Bakunin, Krapotkin and Reclus, both men of a high order of intellect and liberal education, became the leaders of the movement. But mere expositions of the philosophy of anarchy—the right of the individual to happiness and the free development of himself, with the included right to oppose and destroy whatever stands in his way, as centralised power, religion, family, property, patriotism, etc.—did not satisfy the ignorant, irreligious, idle, or unfortunate and disconsolate men that rallied to the call of the cultured Krapotkin and Reclus. The anarchist mob wanted deeds, not talk. Bomb-throwing, with its hecatombs of dead and wounded, as in Chicago, Barcelona, Paris; the assassination of rulers, as President Carnot in France, the Empress Elizabeth in Austria, King Humbert in Italy and finally President McKinley in the United States, "meant business," to the poor dupes of the anarchist philosophers, who cannot see that their own condition remains as bad as ever, for all the blood-spilling.'

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Bakunin—who, by the way, was a dilapidated aristocrat from Moscow—'passed in his checks' in 1876. But he was one of the leading spirits in the anarchist propaganda and is to this hour a living force in the movement. Here is a fragment of the anarchist creed, as it appears in his *Revolutionary Catechism*:

'First, the Revolutionary is vested with a sacred character. Personally he has no possessions, neither interest, sentiment, property, nor even name; all in him is absorbed by one object, by one thought, by one sole passion, the Revolution. Second, in the depth of his being he has broken in an absolute manner every bond with all the civil existing order, with all the civilised world, with all the laws, customs and systems of morality; an implacable adversary, he does not live for other motives than to procure the destruction of these. . . . The Revolutionary despises public opinion, and simultaneously hates and despises morality as it is practised in all its various manifestations. For him, all that favors the triumph of the Revolution is legitimate, and all that opposes it is immoral and criminal.'

CATHOLIC PUBLIC SERVANTS.

THE CHARGE OF 'STUFFING'

THE following appeared in the columns of the *Otago Daily Times* during the course of the past week:—

Sir,—I have called in vain for the publication of figures and the production of name-lists—the only genuine and final tests—in connection with the alleged 'stuffing' of the public service, and of special branches and offices thereof, with a scandalously high percentage of Catholics. The further I inquire into this question of the position of Catholics in the public service the more amazing it seems to me that such an outcry could ever have been raised. Out of a multitude of fresh facts and figures before me, I beg to submit the following to the consideration of your readers:—

There is not one Catholic among the 17 chief postmasters in New Zealand. The statement (published, of course, anonymously) that there only 59 employees in the Chief Post Office, Dunedin, and that as many as 19 of these are Catholics, are both absurd. I have detailed lists before me, which show that the total number of employees is 80. I have also before me accurate lists of the names and occupations of all the Catholic employees of the Post and Telegraph Department in Dunedin and suburbs. They count, as I have already shown, only a little more than one in every nine of the whole number, and only one of them out of a total of 236 employees occupies a position above that of the rank and file. A statement also made anonymously in your issue of Wednesday refers as follows to the chief post office, Dunedin: 'During the last 12 months seven appointments have been made in the post office, of which six were given to Roman Catholics.' Even if this statement were true, it would not, of course, prove that the public service, or the Post Office Department, or even the local post office, is 'stuffed' with an undue proportion of Catholics. But the only true statement in the quoted sentence is just this—that seven appointments have been made in that time. The rest is a fabrication. I have had some delay in getting at the facts of the case; but I have now before me the complete list of the appointments referred to, and, instead of their being six Catholics and one non-Catholic, the actual figures are six non-Catholics and one Catholic. I have ascertained that there is in all Otago and Southland one permanent stationmaster who is a (reputed) Catholic. I intend to publish at the proper time some further curious figures as to the position of Catholics in the Railway and other departments. A great English writer has said that 'few men can resist the temptation to write under a mask things which they would not say with open face.' This will account for the fact that the strictly anonymous writers in your issue of this morning have dished up bogus figures to your readers, and inflicted upon them weary narrations, in which the names of persons and places, dates, and every circumstance that could provide the means of testing them, were suppressed with the most elaborate care.

By reference to the D3 classification list I find that, with increments up to date, the amount expended in salaries and wages on the 171 permanent employees at the Government Workshops, Hillside, reaches, as nearly as I can ascertain it, £448 7s per week. Of this amount, Catholics draw only £28 10s 6d, or a fraction more than £1 in every £16 of the whole amount. Yet our proportion to total population is one in seven. An inquiry (not yet complete) into the local Lands, Survey, and allied departments shows only three Catholics in some 50 employees. In the customs (port of Dunedin, including Port Chalmers) no Catholic occupies any one of the 15 salaried positions, and there are only four Catholic employees, all on wages and in subordinate posts. At the Dunedin Railway Station (goods, passenger, loco, workshops, superintendence, and engineers) there are 90 salaried officials, of whom only seven (or practically one in 13) are Catholics. I have further startling figures upon this question of 'stuffing,' but I do not wish, for the present, to trespass further on your space.—I am, etc.

EDITOR NEW ZEALAND TABLET.

OUR SCHOOLS.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.

THE annual entertainment by, and distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Dominic's College took place in the new cloister of the Priory on Wednesday night in the presence of a large number of parents of the children. Among those present were the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, and Rev. Fathers Murphy, Coffey, Cleary, O'Malley, Heenan and O'Reilly.

The entertainment opened with a chorus nicely given by the kindergarten class. This was followed by another chorus, 'The swallow,' contributed by the pupils of the college. A very fine item was a piano selection (three pianos) by Misses Collins, Gawne, and Callan. A violin quartette, a selection from Wagner's 'Flying Dutchman,' by Misses V. Thompson, L. Freed, M. Paton, H. McKay gave an opportunity to the audience to judge of the very high standard of the varied musical education imparted at the college. Miss G. Meenan sang with taste and expression a song by Rubenstein. A duet by Schuloff on three pianos by Misses Carey, Clark, Montague, Jackman, King, and Sweeney was played with an artistic finish which was much appreciated by the audience. An item which attracted much attention was a French dialogue taken part in by Misses Seelye, Meenan, Thompson, and Byrne. The piece was given with a vivacity, and a knowledge of the pronunciation of the French language that reflected much credit on the performers and their teachers. Gounod's Serenade arranged for harp, violin and piano was well executed by Misses H. Ips, Thompson, and Paton. Miss Dunmuir has a well trained voice which was heard to considerable advantage in 'At my window.' Miss M. Paton gave a piano solo which was distinguished for brilliancy of execution, good touch, and expression. Moore's melodious 'Coulin,' with harp (Miss Helpe) and piano (Miss M. Paton) accompaniment, given by Misses Larnach, Meenan, Anthony and Greaves, was sung in a finished manner. A well-played duet by Misses Paton and Curtis brought the entertainment to a close. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Misses G. Larnach, M. Paton, and M. Carey.

At intervals during the programme the prizes were presented by the Rev. Father Murphy, who was assisted by the Rev. Mother Prioresa. The wreath for amiability was given by the votes of the pupils to Miss F. McCluskey. Miss T. Kilmartin secured a gold medal as dux of the school.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Rev. Father Murphy

said he had to apologise for the absence of his Lordship Bishop Verdou, who, to his great regret, was unable to be present. This was to be regretted, as no one took a greater interest in educational matters than his Lordship. Father Murphy then read the annual report, which was as follows:—

'This year has been characterised by exceptional diligence on the part of the pupils: we have rarely seen such enthusiasm for study. As a consequence, in the examination just held of class subjects it was in several cases difficult to discover the best, many papers falling short of the maximum by very few marks. As another natural consequence of this love of study the conduct of the students has rendered our task easy and pleasant. There has not been one troublesome girl in the school. Respect, docility, and polite demeanor have been the prevailing tone throughout. About 40 pupils have gone through the musical examinations of the Royal Academy and Trinity College, London, with gratifying success. In the art studio the work done has been also excellent. Indeed, the marked ability we have found among the students in the various branches gives promise of brilliant successes in the future.' The report, said Father Murphy, was short, but it was certainly gratifying to the pupils and pleasant to the parents of the children and others interested in the college. It was not necessary for him to speak of the secular work of the college, as others more competent had pronounced on that, and their opinion was very satisfactory. One thing he wished to emphasise, the one thing that was brought prominently before all in the report, and that was the excellent conduct of the pupils during the year. This should bring joy to every parent who had the happiness of having a child trained in that excellent institution. It was the duty of the parent to educate the child and prepare it for the battle of life, and more especially to see to its religious training, for a parent who neglected this duty betrayed the trust imposed on him by the Creator. When a child had been given the necessary training to take it through life, and had also received the instruction necessary for its First Communion, then was the time for the parent to see if it had any ability that would be likely to show clearly its path in life, and if the parent had the means at his disposal he should give the child a higher education so as to develop whatever talents God had given it. Only then would the parents have discharged their duties properly. When children were sent to an institution such as St. Dominic's College the opportunities were given them to bring out those qualities which would enable them later on to find out what position in life they were best suited for. This was a grand thing for the child, who would thus be free to make its own selection. It would not fall to the lot of many of those children to follow in the footsteps of their teachers; but there were many other positions in life of great importance for young ladies, for it was said that the hand which rocked the cradle was that which ruled the world. This being so, the fact of educating a child was an important one, for the hand that was to rule the world must be gentle yet firm. This accomplishment was to be got only by a good and thorough religious education. The children in that institution had the example of their teachers always before them—the very air resounded with the praises of God—and if they did not fully realise the advantages at their disposal the day would come when, with more mature minds, they would reflect upon the good and saintly lives led by their teachers, and would try to emulate them. It was a great happiness for those children who were placed under the charge of the Sisters of St. Dominic, or, as they were called in the early days of the Order, 'The Militia of Christ.' For nearly 800 years they had done great work, and had met with many crosses but they overcame them all, and to-day they had the satisfaction that there are very few parts of the world where they had not established themselves and brought forth fruit worthy of St. Dominic and spouses of Christ.

The following is the prize list:—

SENIOR SCHOOL.

Christian Doctrine.—Senior division: Silver medal, Miss T. Kilmartin; hon. mention, A. Plunkett, M. Byrne, N. Kelly, M. Herlihy, F. McCluskey. Christian doctrine.—Junior division: Silver medal, Miss Minnie Collins; hon. mention, W. Power, M. Tobin, M. Murray, M. McDonald, M. Sullivan.

Class Prizes—Class B (intermediate grade): Silver medallist, Miss W. Power; arithmetic, Miss Minnie Collins; French, Miss Mary Tobin; Latin, Miss M. Smellie. Class A (intermediate grade): Silver medallist, Miss H. Sweeney; arithmetic, Miss K. Byrne; French, Miss Maud Collins; Latin, Miss E. Wood. Class B (senior grade, civil service): Silver medallist, Miss N. Kelly; arithmetic, Miss M. Herlihy; algebra, Miss H. McKay; Latin, Miss H. McKay; French, Miss N. Kelly. Class A (senior grade, matriculation class): Gold medallist (dux), Miss T. Kilmartin; arithmetic, Miss J. Kelman; algebra, Miss A. Plunkett; French (silver medal), Miss H. McKay; excellence in literary style (won at a special concursus), Miss G. Wood.

Art Needlework—Silver medal, Miss M. Brennan; hon. mention—Misses Maud Collins, F. Clarke, M. O'Rourke, W. Power, H. McKay, A. McDougall, A. Cutten. Mountmellick and drawn-thread work: Prize, Miss A. McDougall; hon. mention—J. Kelman, M. Tobin, F. McCluskey, M. McDonald, C. Heffernan, M. Murray, N. O'Sullivan, M. Graham, M. Jackman, and M. Smellie. Painting from the east: Silver medal, Miss J. Kelman; water-color painting, Miss A. Cutten; mapping, Miss A. McDougall; penmanship, Miss M. O'Rourke; calisthenics—Miss F. Clarke and R. Rositer; hon. mention—Misses J. Kelman, M. Jackman, M. Walshe, K. Byrne, H. Sweeney, A. McDougall, M. O'Rourke, and M. Herlihy. Excellence in class work, Miss M. Byrne; attendance—Misses H. McKay, J. Millar; wood carving, Miss F. McCluskey; out-door games, Miss F. Clarke; politeness, Miss M. Cutten; good conduct (silver medal), Miss Maud Collins.

Wreath (awarded by the vote of the pupils for amiability), Miss Fanny McCluskey.

School of Music prizes (awarded for honors in the Royal Academy and Trinity College of Music)—Royal Academy: Pianoforte (honors)—Local centre, silver medal, Miss M. Carey; distinction—higher grade, silver medal, Miss M. Jackman, Miss M. Montague; elementary grade, Miss A. Gilray. Harmony: Higher grade, silver medal, Miss M. Paton; lower grade, Miss M. Jackman, Miss J. Kelman, Miss I. Edmonds. Trinity College: Pianoforte (honors)—Senior grade, Miss J. Griffen; intermediate grade, Miss M. King; junior grade (silver medal), Miss Minnie Collins, Miss M. Gawne. Violin (honors)—Junior grade (silver medal), Miss V. Thompson.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Christian doctrine—K. Collins. English: Class A—Frances Byrne; Class B.—Audrey Richardson. Arithmetic: Class A—Kathleen Collins; Class B—Gladys Fuller. Writing, Bella Laffey; general information, Ivy Campbell; needlework, Mary Walshe; calisthenics, Mary Walshe; violin, Kitty Byrne; order and neatness, Hilda Fuller; politeness and deportment, Rachel Johnston; attention to class work, Ethel Trower; general improvement, Dolores McDonald; good conduct, Mary Walshe.

Kindergarten.—Reading, spelling, and music, Jessie Fuller; spelling and arithmetic, Patricia Toomey; catechism and arithmetic, Ila Henderson; drill, Phillis Crombie; application, Ivy McDonnell; basket-weaving, Helena Moloney; politeness, Gabrielle Spain; attention to music and drawing, Bessie Laffey; good conduct, Marion Taylor; reading, Mona Thustan; deportment, Molly Coughlan; weaving, Ellie Coughlan; reading, Olive Jolly; deportment, Mabel Yardley; mental arithmetic, Willie Gawne; singing, Aureen Campbell; kindergarten work, Myrtle Creighton; attendance, Evelyn Barry; improvement, Florrie Cantwell; counting, Bertie Cantwell; amiability, Rose Murphy; counting, Hyacinth Toomey; gentleness, Ivy Moore; progress, Lalor Shiel; box-making, Edward Sandys; singing, Gwyneth Richardson; attendance, Bella Collins; singing, Nora McMahon, catechism, Arthur Hesford; perforated work, Eileen Collins; modelling in clay, Kathleen Coughlan; amiability, Kathleen Coughlan.

A list of the pupils who passed in the musical examinations held during the year by Trinity College, and the Associated Board of the Royal College and Academy of Music, appeared in the N.Z. TABLET of December 12.

DISPLAY OF WORK.

During the day a large number of parents and friends of the pupils visited the Priory for the purpose of inspecting the fine display of art work shown in the study hall. Perhaps never before was the exhibition of such a varied character, nor had it reached so high a standard of excellence. The exhibits included paintings in oils, water colors, crayon drawings, specimens of wood carving, and an endless variety of art needlework, the latter being especially noticeable for exquisite finish, originality of design, and harmonious blending of colours. In landscapes in oils there was shown some fine work from the brushes of Mrs. Millen, Misses Larnach, Walsh, Vannini, Guffie, and Mrs. Hudson, the two last named exhibitors showing admirable studies in perspective. In addition to a pretty water-color landscape Miss A. Cutten had some very good work in oils. Miss McGregor's Highland scene is worthy of special mention as among some of the best shown. Among other exhibits Miss M. Brennan had a painted mirror which was a very creditable piece of work. Of the panels—studies in flowers and birds—the most noticeable were those by Miss A. Cutten, Miss Larnach, and Miss Curtis. Misses Brennan, Curtis, Collins (2), Kelman, Graham, and McDougall had some excellent examples of crayon work. Miss J. Kelman showed some nice specimens of pastel drawing. In mapping the principal exhibitors were Misses M. Herlihy, McDougall, and Mary Byrne. In raised plush and arrasene work Miss Maggie Collins had a fine panel, Miss Betts being also an exhibitor. Two screens in arrasene were shown by Misses Hilda McKay and Maggie Brennan, and music ottomans by Misses McCluskey and McDougall. Miss Winnie Power had a green plush manteldrape. There were some very artistic examples of ribbon work by Misses Larnach and Guffie, panels in French embroidery by Misses Guffie, Carroll, and Nichol, a panel of trellis work by Miss Freda Clark, cushions by Misses Rossiter and Margaret Brennan. The exhibits of point and Honiton laces by Misses J. Kelman, Maud Collins, and an extern pupil were greatly admired. In drawn thread and Mountmellick work the exhibitors were Misses A. McDougall, M. Tobin, and C. Heffernan. In wood carving, a new branch of education at the college, some admirable examples of this art were shown, all of which were from original designs by the Sister in charge of this department. Among the exhibitors were Misses F. McCluskey, McDougall, O'Rourke, and M. Collins. In the kindergarten section some very interesting specimens of work were on view, among these being modelling in clay, basket weaving, and straw plaiting. Patricia Toomey, Jessie Fuller and N. Thustan had some nice illuminated texts.

CONVENT SCHOOLS, NELSON.

THERE was a large attendance at St. Mary's Hall, Nelson, on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Sacred Heart High School and St. Mary's Select School. The Mayor presided. An excellent entertainment comprising vocal and instrumental music, and a cantata was given by the pupils. Misses Frank, Vaughan, Mercer, Constable, Curran, Dwyer, Crisp, Ferguson, Stewart, Falkner, Wiener, Eden, Light, Louissin, C. Stewart, Roughton, Martin, D. Frank, K. Stewart, Phelan, and Nielson gave pianoforte duets, four instruments being used; Miss E. Wimssett gave a harp solo; Misses G. Frank, Gibbs and McMahon, violin solos. In the cantata, Misses Stapp, Stewart, Hailes, Gibbs (2), Kelly, Condell, Roughton, O'Brien, C. Stewart, M. Kelly, Light, McMahon, and Wimssett gave the solos, representing the Recluse and

the various flowers, while the rest of the pupils sang the choruses. The bright appearance of the pupils, combined with the flowers, made a beautiful scene, and one which drew forth rounds of applause from the audience. The whole entertainment (says the *Colonist*) was a great success; the music being good, the singing sweet, and the representations gracefully performed.

The Mayor, Judge Robinson, and the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney gave brief addresses and congratulated the pupils and the Sisters on the excellence of the entertainment.

The Mayor then distributed the prizes, the following being the list:—

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL

Good conduct—Lizzie Ralph, Edith Frank, Doris Roughton. Amiability and Politeness—Beatrice Falkner, Dora Ladley, and Gwen Boundy.

Diligence—Beatrice Falkner and Gwen Frank.

Christian Doctrine—Mary Condell.

Sixth Class.—Drawing, English, history, and geography, Miss Falkner; algebra and arithmetic, Dora Ladley; arithmetic, Ruth Hoult; drawing and reading, Evelyn Kelly; general improvement, Miss Curran; general proficiency and French, Muriel Franklyn; highest number of marks, Dora Ladley.

Fifth Class.—Highest number of marks, Mary Condell; English, geography, history, and reading, Mary Condell; drawing and writing, Maggie Ralph; general improvement, Lizzie Ralph and Ivy Seymour; geography, composition, and reading, Ellen Wimssett; spelling and grammar, Grace Richardson; arithmetic and drawing, Sarah Eden; reading and recitation, Eva Light; writing, Winnie Bickley; general progress, Eileen Frank.

Fourth Class.—Arithmetic, English, geography and history, Kitty Condell; writing and arithmetic, Edith Frank; spelling, Vera Armstrong; highest number of marks, drawing and arithmetic, Martha Harris; reading and spelling, Grace Seymour; drawing, general progress, Frances Clark.

Third Class.—Arithmetic, composition, spelling, reading, and recitation, Doris Roughton; writing and reading, Gwen Boundy; geography, reading, and recitation, Ivy Crisp; arithmetic, history, reading, and spelling, Rita Armstrong; drawing, Eileen Andrews; geography, composition, grammar, and history, Gertie Harris; spelling and arithmetic, Gwen Frank.

Second Class.—Arithmetic, spelling, and reading, Isabel Seymour; writing, spelling, and drawing, Evelyn Fitton; general improvement, Dossie Frank.

First Class.—Arithmetic, writing, and spelling, Winnie Betts; recitation, reading, and drawing, Lizzie Neilson; reading and tables, Vera Hobbs.

Preparatory Class.—Arithmetic, Dossie Betts; reading and tables, Rena Roughton; writing, Nellie Phelan; general improvement, Margaret Smith.

Extras.—Fancy work and plain sewing, Ellen Wimssett; Mountmellick, Lizzie Ralph, Edith Frank, and Lizzie Neilson; drawn thread, Teresa Curran; Roman embroidery, Beatrice Falkner and Maggie Ralph; oil painting, Miss Egan; singing (private), Miss Stewart; class singing, Evelyn Kelly, Mary Condell, and Eva Light; shorthand and typewriting, Miss Egan; music (piano) junior, Sarah Eden; music (preparatory), Lizzie Neilson; violin (first class), Miss Gibbs; violin (preparatory), Gwen Frank; cardboard work, Dora Roughton, Gwen Frank, Gertie Harris, Winnie Betts, and Rena Roughton. Special prize for amiability and devotedness, E. Kelly.

SELECT SCHOOL.

Good conduct, writing and recitation, A. Matthews; good conduct, writing and drawing; D. Lise Newport; good conduct, Monica O'Brien and Irene Stapp; amiability and politeness, Nina Constance and Eileen Kelly; music and drawn thread work, Marjory Mercer; diligence, writing, geography, history and highest marks, Marjory Mercer; diligence, arithmetic and highest number of marks, Gertie Wilson; Christian doctrine, May McMahon.

Sixth Class.—Highest number of marks, reading, geography, science, drawn thread and Mountmellick, Florrie Stapp; arithmetic, composition, writing, drawing and plain sewing, Mary Cullinane.

Fifth Class.—Arithmetic, grammar and plain sewing, Theresa Martin; geography, reading and recitation, Iney Louissin; history, composition and recitation, plain sewing and Mountmellick work, Rosie Wilson; composition and arithmetic, Daisy Gardner; application, Amy Corbett; general improvement, Rosie Young, Nellie Cullinane, Lizzie Hickey.

Fourth Class.—Writing, reading, and arithmetic, Nellie O'Brien; arithmetic, geography, and highest number of marks, T. Oldershaw; history and reading, May Kelly; grammar, arithmetic, and history, Minnie Friend; arithmetic and geography, Kathleen Stapp; mental arithmetic and drawing, Lucy Barry; composition and spelling, Coralie Parmenter; drawing and recitation, Brinda Newport; application, Daisy Kay; arithmetic and grammar, Alice Mockler; geography, arithmetic, and reading, Ruby Sowman; reading and spelling, Beatrice Hauley; geography, mapping, science, and reading, Ethel Saunders; general improvement, K. Burke, Mabel Hart, and Grace Woodward.

Third Class.—Geography and grammar, T. Martin; mapping and writing, K. Andrews; reading, recitation, and music, Nellie Vaughan; general improvement, Clara Stapp; reading and spelling, Georgina Mercer.

Second Class.—Geography and spelling, Jessie Frank; highest number of marks, C. Levey; arithmetic and tables, M. Marshall; reading, Minnie Burke; reading and recitation, Mary O'Donnell; general improvement, Katie Burke.

1st Class.—Drawing and writing, Alice Hart; arithmetic, drawing, writing, writing, and sewing, Irene Stapp; writing, reading, and drawing, Florrie Saunders; singing, arithmetic, writing, and catechism, Monica O'Brien; composition and singing,

Kathleen Floyd; attendance, spelling, and singing, Nora Coughlan; composition, singing, and arithmetic, May Hannigan; reading and catechism, Amelia Hayden; singing, attendance, writing, Maude Friend; arithmetic, reading, writing, and spelling, Florrie Hart; spelling, reading, and tables, Cecilia Davaney; catechism, reading, and spelling, Kathleen Frank; arithmetic, writing, composition, Madge Olden-haw.

Preparatory Class: Sewing and arithmetic, Eileen Arnell; arithmetic and transcription, Dorothy Taylor; spelling, writing, and tables, Ruby Eades; writing and tables, Lizzie Devaney; composition, spelling and tables, Emma Way; singing, composition, Kathleen Floyd; order and amabity, Florrie Saunders; politeness and order, Cecilia Devany; transcription and tables, Ruby Saunders, Doris Way, Reta Floyl, Alice Way, Gladys Way.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' school, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a number of the parents and friends of the children. Prior to the distribution a brief but excellent entertainment was given. The programme opened with a class song, 'Ave Maria,' by the singing class. The next item was a dialogue, 'Cato's Senate' (Addison), in which the part of Cato was taken by Master T. Pound; Sempronius, Master E. C. Thomas; and Lucius, Master James Collins. This item was given with admirable effect, the action and enunciation of the boys being very good. Master Alan Shain played a violin solo, 'The old folks at home,' with a lightness of touch and expression which would do credit to one of maturer years. The youthful violinist had to respond to a well-deserved recall. A very humorous recitation was given by Master F. Bevin with considerable dramatic effect. A chorus, 'Farewell to study,' brought the entertainment to a close.

At this juncture the Rev. Fathers Murphy and O'Malley, the Hon. Hugh Gourley, M.L.C., and Messrs. M. Coughlan, Laffey, and J. Collins took their seats on the platform. Rev. Brother Fogarty read a letter from his Lordship Bishop Verdon, who regretted that he could not be present on account of illness. An apology was also received for absence from Dr. Brown.

The following report was read by Rev. Brother Fogarty:—I need hardly say we all regret the Bishop's absence to-day, and I would ask Father Murphy to assure his Lordship that we miss his cheerful smile and the encouraging words with which he is accustomed to address us on occasions like the present (applause). In closing the school at the end of this first year of the twentieth century, I am glad to be able to report that the efforts of the Brothers have been rewarded with a fair measure of success. The main object of our school is the religious instruction of our pupils, and that object we have tried to keep steadily in view. The conduct of our boys has given us satisfaction, and the attention they give to their religious duties speaks well for the co-operation we have received from the parents. It is a source of pleasure to the Brothers to know that they possess the confidence of the parents. But some few carry this confidence to such an extent that they seem to think that when they have placed their boy under the charge of the Brothers their duty ends. They are very much mistaken. The zealous father will still, as it were, hold his boy by the hand. He may be one of the busiest men, working his 10 or 12 hours a day, but he will always have leisure to attend to his boy. He will know precisely what the child is studying at school, what progress he is making, who his teachers are, with what other children he is intimate, and what his opinion of them is. He and his son are mutual confidants. The child of such a parent passes through the loose-tongued uproar of the street unscathed. His glance is straightforward, his bearing confident, but modest. He is a boy to the tips of his fingers, but you cannot talk with him without feeling that the soul of a gentleman is in him. Such might all our boys be, should all the parents do their part, and such a boy, I am glad to say, is the dux of the school for 1901—Michael Ros-botham—(applause). I heartily congratulate him on winning the coveted dux medal, and I may add that he is *facile princeps*. Four of our pupils were presented for the university entrance examination, and were all successful—viz., John P. Hastings, Cornelius J. Collins, John O'Leary, and R. Cotter. John Scanlan, John O'Leary, Albert Knox, and John J. Delargey were likewise successful at the Civil Service examinations. The school was examined in May by our inspector from Sydney, with satisfactory results. The physical instruction of our boys was in the hands of Messrs. J. C. Smith (gymnastics) and Jas. McCleary (football coach). To both we return thanks for the enthusiasm which they put into their work, and we congratulate them on the success which attended their efforts. To Mr Shain, who has again presented the gold dux medal, and to the other ladies and gentlemen who have helped us to provide the prizes, the Brothers return their warmest thanks.

The Rev. Father Murphy, in the course of a brief address, said that the report just read by Brother Fogarty was complimentary to the pupils, encouraging to the parents and to the teachers, who were aiding those who had the spiritual direction of the Church. In the report he noticed that the pupils had been eminently successful in all their examinations during the year. In the examinations held in the school the results were most satisfactory. The public examinations referred to spoke for themselves. This was no new thing, for they had had always most satisfactory results from the Brothers' schools. Notwithstanding the Superior's presence he had something to say in his praise. Brother Fogarty's success as an educationist had been for a long time recognised by them. The parents who sent their children to the Brothers' School could feel certain that they would be well looked after as long as Brother Fogarty was head of that establishment. And what could be said of Brother Fogarty could also be applied to the Brothers who assisted him. Them also he wished sincerely to thank. He noticed

from the report that the Brothers were following in the footsteps of their founder, Mr. Rice, of Waterford. He it was who established the Christian Brothers 99 years ago. What led to it was that this pious and holy man saw the destruction of his people during the penal days, and he said to himself cannot something be done to help the people. He set about his task, and a hard one it was. He drew up the constitutions for the Order. These constitutions were based on those of the Order founded many years before by the saintly De la Salle. In less than 20 years he submitted these constitutions to the Holy See, and Pius VII. raised this body of holy men to the dignity of an Order. From that time to this great has been the work which has been accomplished by the sons of the saintly Mr. Rice, so that to-day, wherever they looked around the English-speaking world, they would see houses of the Order doing great and noble work for Christian education. Brother Fogarty had faithfully followed in the footsteps of the founder of the Order in his training of the youth entrusted to him. Was not Brother Fogarty right in giving prominence in his report to the work of Christian education? If they looked around the diocese they would see among the priests some who had received the rudiments of their education at the Brothers' school, also members of the medical and other professions who, although yet young, will later on make their mark in the world. From this they could see that the secular part was well attended to and looked after. The fruits of the Brothers' teaching could be seen here amongst them. It was the duty of parents to give a religious education to their children. Religion was the foundation of all education, for St. Augustine says that 'knowledge without God cannot be regarded as knowledge at all.' They were placed in the world to know and love God. They knew how the Church worked in the early days for civilisation. They could call to mind the services of the various orders in ages past. Father Murphy here referred to labors of St. Augustine, St. Bernard, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius, and later on St. Vincent de Paul. The Christian Brothers, he continued, were walking in the footsteps of these. In conclusion, he had a word to say to the pupils. He exhorted the children to persevere in their studies. To do this their parents worked hard, and it was to be hoped that when they left school they would act as good and worthy Catholics. They owed no man anything except their parents. When they went into the world they should remember they were citizen of this new colony, and they should work hard and claim their rights as citizens. They would, perhaps, have to undergo great trials, and probably be persecuted as their fathers were before them. By being united they could do a great deal; they could sympathise with one another. They should be as brothers and sisters of the same family, and when the occasion arose they should be ready to stand by each other and fight for their rights.

On the motion of Mr M. Coughlan a vote of thanks was passed to Father Murphy for presiding.

The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., the following being the list:—

SENIORS.

Matriculation Class.—M. Rosbotham, dux; J. Hannan 2, R. S. Rosbotham 3, J. P. Hastings 4, E. C. Thomas 5, F. Bourke 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, R. S. Rosbotham; church history, J. Hannan; Latin, J. P. Hastings; French, M. Rosbotham; English, M. Rosbotham; geography, M. Rosbotham; arithmetic, J. Hannan; algebra, T. Pound; Euclid, E. C. Thomas; chemistry, J. P. Hastings; elocation, T. Pound; gymnastics, M. Rosbotham.

Civil Service Class.—J. Brennan 1 (W. Scoular and Co.'s prize), C. G. Maher 2, W. Shain 3. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, J. Brennan; church history, E. Campbell; English, J. Brennan; geography, C. G. Maher; arithmetic, C. G. Maher; algebra, W. Shain; Euclid, J. Brennan; shorthand, E. W. Spain; bookkeeping, E. W. Spain; handwriting, W. Shain; gymnastics, W. Shain.

Sub-matriculation Class.—F. W. Bevin 1, James Collins 2. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, James Collins; church history, J. W. Wilkinson; Latin, F. W. Bevin; geography, G. Miller; French, F. W. Bevin; English, F. W. Bevin; arithmetic, James Collins; algebra, James Collins; Euclid, James Collins; typewriting, J. W. Wilkinson; gymnastics, James Collins.

Intermediate Class.—J. Matheson 1, F. M'Bride 2, W. Kiely 3. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. McDonald; Bible history, J. Matheson; reading, F. Freed; spelling and dictation, F. Freed; recitation, G. Byrne; arithmetic, J. Matheson and W. Kiely (equal); grammar, J. Matheson; composition, J. Matheson; geography, F. M'Bride; Euclid, J. Matheson; algebra, J. Matheson; French, J. Matheson; Latin, J. Matheson; book-keeping, J. Matheson; writing, F. Freed; mapping, W. Kiely; home exercise, J. Matheson.

Junior Class.—W. Higgins 1, C. Hannigan 2, H. M'Hugh 3, A. Byrne 4, W. Ferguson 5, T. Meyer 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, T. Meyer and W. Layburn (equal); Bible history, W. Higgins; reading, W. Layburn; spelling and dictation, W. Higgins; recitation, W. Higgins; arithmetic, C. Hannigan and F. Told (equal); grammar, C. Hannigan; geography, R. Miller; mapping, R. Miller; Euclid, W. Higgins; algebra, W. Higgins; French, C. Hannigan; Latin, W. Higgins; bookkeeping, L. Casey; writing, W. Higgins; home exercise, W. Higgins; typewriting, C. Hannigan.

Special Prize.—Gymnastics: Seniors, W. Shain (silver medal); juniors, E. Spain (silver medal). Football trophies: Best back, W. Shain; best forward, J. P. Hastings. Regular attendance (W. Scoular and Co.'s prizes): Absent no day, W. Shain, F. Bourke.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Fifth Class.—James O'Sullivan 1, James Walsh 2, Albert Wood 3, Frank Wood 4, Edward O'Connor 5, M. Maloney 6, Frank Fogarty

7, J. Dunne 8, Leonard Coughlan 9, T. Day 10. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine James O'Sullivan; reading, James O'Sullivan; dictation, E. O'Connor; writing, M. Maloney; arithmetic, James Walsh; home exercise, James Walsh; composition, Thomas Laffey; English history, Albert Wood; Bible history, E. Kiely; geography, M. Maloney; Euclid, James O'Sullivan.

Fourth Class.—W. O'Connor 1, Eric Spain 2, D. Fogarty 3, Bertie Fogarty 4, Chris Tarleton 5, James Monaghan 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, D. Fogarty; reading, R. Coughlan; arithmetic, Joseph Fox; Irish history, James Monaghan; Bible history, B. Fogarty; writing, R. Paton; home exercise, Eric Spain; drawing, Eric Spain; objects, B. Connor; dictation, D. Fogarty; grammar, Colin Garsting; geography, J. Metcalfe.

Third Class.—Division A: E. Poppelwell 1, J. Fogarty 2, James Bryan 3, Arthur Dean 4, W. Griffiths 5, John Mulrooney 6, A. Adlam 7, Douglas Moore 8. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, D. Murphy; arithmetic, W. Griffiths; dictation, A. Adlam; reading, W. Keogh; grammar, A. Kelly; geography, N. Burke; objects, David Burke; home exercise, A. Kelly; writing, James Ryan; Bible history, W. Griffiths; drawing, B. Wedge. Division B: H. Freed 1, A. Shain 2, C. Kennelly 3, G. Lawlor 4, Timothy Laffey 5. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. Shain; reading, C. Kennelly; writing, Harold Freed; grammar, A. Shain; geography, Ed. Walsh; dictation, A. Shain; drawing, T. Laffey; objects, G. Lawlor; arithmetic, Harold Freed; home exercise, H. Freed.

Second Class.—Division A: G. Wakelin 1, J. McQuillan 2, J. Collins 3, W. Monaghan 4, R. Hungerford 5, E. Campbell 6, G. Newman 7, W. Mount 8, C. Campbell 9, F. Power 10, A. Crawford 11. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, G. Wakelin; reading, E. Campbell; arithmetic, G. Newman; grammar, C. Campbell; geography, W. Mount; writing, G. Wakelin; dictation, G. Wakelin. Division B: W. Ryan 1, J. Tarleton 2, J. Salmon 3, F. Meenan 4, J. Ford 5, J. Keogh 6, C. Hill 7, C. Crichton 8, J. McDonald 9, C. Spain 10, J. Stapleton 11, P. O'Connor 12. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, W. Ryan; reading, C. Hill; arithmetic, W. Ryan; geography, J. Tarleton; grammar, J. Salmon; writing, W. Ryan; home exercises, J. McKenzie.

First Class.—Division I.—R. O'Neil 1, E. Meenan 2, J. Whitty 3, J. Rogan 4, A. Pastorelli 5, H. Ruston 6, J. McKenzie 7. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, R. O'Neil; reading, R. O'Neil; writing, J. Whitty; geography, F. Meenan. Division II.: A. Meenan 1, P. Keligher 2, J. Monaghan 3, H. Kane 4, P. Coughlan 5, R. Meyer 6, R. Kiely 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. Meenan; writing, R. Meyer; reading, J. Thompson; geography, R. Kuly.

SACRED HEART CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The annual prize distribution, breaking-up entertainment, and exhibition of art, fancy and plain needlework, in connection with the Sacred Heart High School, Barbadoes street, were held on Thursday afternoon last in the presence of a very large gathering of parents and friends. His Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes were in attendance, and were accompanied by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, Very Rev. Dean Foley, Rev. Fathers Marvane, Hyland, Galerne, McDonnell and O'Connor. His Grace the Archbishop and his Lordship Bishop Grimes each took part in the prize distribution, and spoke in complimentary terms of the excellence of the entertainment provided, and expressed very great appreciation of the good work performed by the devoted Sisters, and concluded by heartily wishing the teachers, pupils, and all present every joy and happiness of the festive season. An examination of the really fine display of art needlework and other subjects which made up the work of the pupils during the year elicited well deserved praise from the distinguished visitors and all present.

The following programme was rendered in an exceptionally pleasing manner:—Duet (four pianos and organ), 'Polonaise' (Schubert), Misses Irene Arenas, Elsie Perkin, May O'Halloran, Leticia O'Halloran, Lily Sim, Maggie Bourke, Gladys Bell, Ella Harris, (organ) Miss Coakley; dialogue, 'Distribution day,' junior pupils; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'Ave Maria' (Mascagni), Miss Minnie Guiney, (violin) Miss Katie Guiney, (harp) Miss Katie Picken, (organ) Miss Maggie Coakley, (piano) Miss Madge O'Malley; recitation, 'Curtew bell,' Miss Gladys Bell; chorus, 'Sunrise' (White), young ladies; instrumental selection, 'Message bearers' (Kent), (violin) Misses Marion Picken, Sabina Mullin, Madge O'Malley, (organ) Miss Lizzie Brick, (piano) Miss Katie Picken; duet (four pianos and organ), 'Happy darkies' (Godfrey), Misses Rima Young, Daisy Holmes, Mary McKeefry, V. Gardiner, May Gardner, Katie O'Halloran, Ouida Werthington, Eily O'Malley, (organ) Miss Brick; recitation, 'Absolom,' Miss Ella Harris; 'The Children's Hospital,' young ladies; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'Throne of Grace' (Bonheur), Miss Madge O'Malley, (violin) Sabina Mullin, (organ) Lizzie Brick, (piano) Irene Arenas; solo (four pianos), 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' Misses Katie Picken, Ethel Washbourne, Mary O'Connor, Lizzie Brick; recitation, 'Bivouac fire,' Miss Rima Young; floral dance, young ladies; song, with instrumental accompaniment, 'The children's home' (Cowen), Miss Katie Picken, (violin) Miss Marion Picken, (organ) Miss Washbourne, (piano) Miss Irene Arenas; duet (four pianos), 'Hilarta' (Waber), Misses Katie Picken, Madge O'Malley, Ethel Washbourne, Maggie Coakley, Charlotte Barker, Nellie Dunn, Lizzie Brick, Marie O'Connor.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The boys attending the Marist Brothers' College, Auckland, held their picnic and sports at St. Helen's Bay on the 12th inst. Drags were provided as usual to convey the young people to the favorite seaside resort, where a very enjoyable day was spent. The entries for the sports were numerous, the contests keen, and the finishes in most of the events close. The following are the results:—

College Championship: D. Rowles 1, A. Staunton 2, E. Grace 3.

College handicap: D. Rowles 1, F. Glover 2, H. Nerheny 3.

Civil Service handicap: A. Staunton 1, H. Nerheny 2.

Quarter-mile handicap: T. Little 1, J. Brown 2.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Standard handicap: C. Fleming 1, A. Beehan 2.

Manx race: F. Corbett and T. Field 1, A. Beehan and T. Little 2.

Long jump: George Hansen 1, P. Goldenstedt 2.

High jump, over 15: W. Shearman 1, E. Grace 2.

High jump, under 15: C. Fleming 1, T. Little 2.

Swimming race: T. Field 1, A. Tobin 2.

Consolation race: A. Cullen 1, G. Fraser 2, S. Fairweather 3.

The prizes, which consisted of very valuable watches, books, etc., were distributed on Friday morning, and the boys were then dismissed for their holidays. A very successful year has been passed. Next year the Brothers intend to erect a large college at Cox's Creek, and are in great hopes that their next year's break-up will take place therefrom.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 21.

Mr. W. Hayward, sen., returned on Friday from a trip to the Old Country.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood returned to Wellington by Thursday night's steamer.

The ordinary weekly meetings of the Christchurch Catholic Club are to be discontinued during the summer months.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Missions go into retreat to-morrow (Sunday). It is to be conducted by the Very Rev. Father Treand, M.S.H.

The Marist Brothers meet for their annual retreat at a later date than customary, the time fixed being about the middle of January according to present arrangements.

St. Patrick's schoolroom, Barbadoes street, was well filled on Friday evening last when an entertainment, described as a 'Basket social,' was given by the Olympic Dramatic Club in aid of the school and club's wardrobe fund jointly.

From this portion of the TABLET's wide field of circulation I extend to the staff and numerous readers fervent greeting for this festive season with sincerest good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Distribution of prizes at the various schools of the Pro-Cathedral parish, conducted by the Sisters of the Mission, took place during the week as follows: December 16, Sacred Heart, Addington; December 17, Barbadoes street Girls'; December 18, St. Agnes, Halswell. Entertainments were given on each occasion by the pupils before large gatherings of parents and friends. The Very Rev. Vicar-General distributed the prizes and spoke in laudatory terms of the excellent entertainments provided, which he said were the best of the kind he had ever attended. The Rev. Fathers Galerne and Mo Donnell were amongst those present on each occasion.

The death was announced during the week of Mr. George Bonnington, the well-known chemist, who was of a most kindly and genial disposition, and universally respected. Mr. Bonnington received his education at the first Catholic college in Nelson, being a fellow-student of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, in the days of the Rev. Father Garin, from which a life-long friendship resulted. The late Mr. Bonnington loved to refer to this fact, and to their early experiences together in the good old days that are past. He was an excellent musician, and by this again was fostered a subject most congenial to the Archbishop and himself.

The Antarctic exploring vessel 'Discovery' leaves to-day (Saturday) on the expeditions long and lonely journey to the far southern regions. Several of the Union S.S. steamers convey excursionists to accompany her outside the Heads, and the 'send off' promises to be as hearty and enthusiastic as the welcome and subsequent entertainment of the brave ship's company by the citizens of Christchurch and Lyttelton proved. His Majesty the King cabled a farewell as follows:—'The Discovery—Wish you all God speed, all success, and a safe return.' Amongst the visitors to the 'Discovery' during the week were the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, who was accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Foley and Rev. Father Cooney.

The General Committee of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration met on Tuesday evening last in the presbytery. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and, in view of the representative gathering of non-Catholic gentlemen present, who are taking an active interest in the celebration, explained the great object to be accomplished by their united efforts. The Bishop also expressed his approval of the

choice made at a previous meeting of lay chairman, and congratulated Mr. W. Hobbs in his possession of the unanimous confidence of the executive committee, and also on the requisite tact, energy, and ability to worthily fill the position. The various sub-committees then met and elected their respective chairmen and secretaries. The executive committee met, when it was announced that his Excellency the Governor had, in a very gracious communication, extended his patronage. His Lordship the Bishop stated that when recently going south he had met Sir J. G. Ward who was very pleased to give his patronage as did also his Worship the Mayor, Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes. Canterbury Hall has been secured for the concert, and, as previously stated, Lancaster Park for the sports meeting. Donations to the celebration were acknowledged from the Very Rev Vicar-General, £1; Mr. John Barrett, £2 2s; and Mr. M. Kavanagh, £2.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 17.

Our schools break up this week. Several of them intend to mark the occasion by an entertainment.

Rev. Father Gillan, of St. Benedict's, is, I regret to say, temporarily confined to his room through illness. To one of Father Gillan's energy this enforced retirement is most galling.

'Loyal Colonial' pens a most bitter letter in yesterday's *Herald* against Mr. William O'Brien and what he dubs his 'mission'. A contemporary and celebrated writer has recently said that 'political life is an eternal crucifixion,' which aptly fits the present case.

Rev. Father Moore has resigned his curacy at St. Patrick's, and early in the new year purposes returning to Victoria. It is with deep and genuine regret that the parishioners of St. Patrick's part with Father Moore, and all unite in wishing him long life and happiness to labor in God's cause, which is so dear to his heart.

By the Mararoa which arrived from Sydney on Sunday two priests for the Maori mission from Mill Hill College, London—Rev. Fathers Langerwert and Wentzies—came to join their confreres of the Order of St. Joseph who have for many years ministered so faithfully to the natives under the care of Very Rev. Dean Lighthart.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee met last Sunday afternoon in the Mariast Brothers' School, Rev. Father Patterson in the chair. It was decided to hold the sports and children's treat in the Domain, and a national concert on the evening of Irish National Festival. Through the efforts of Father Patterson an art union will be added to the programme.

The scholastic year at St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, was fittingly brought to a close last evening by a concert and presentation of prizes to the successful candidates. There was a very large attendance, and every item was well rendered and drew forth loud plaudits from the delighted listeners. The following excellent programme was given: 'March from Etti,' orchestra; chorus, pupils; piano solo, Miss Cronin; dialogue, Misses Ella Brom and A. Ralph; chorus, pupils; vocal solo, 'Sleep,' Miss Ralph; piano solo, Miss E. Brown; recitation, Miss Scully; chorus, pupils; March, 'Athalie,' orchestra; vocal solo, 'The dawn,' Miss Nazer; chorus, pupils; duet (piano), Misses Ruthven and Jones; recitation, Miss Ansley; vocal duet, Misses B. Jones and E. Brown; piano solo, Miss Mathias; chorus, pupils; mandolin solo, Miss Bray; recitation, Miss Dempsey; chorus, pupils. The certificates won at the theory examinations in music under Trinity College, London, were presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday evening last his Lordship Dr. Lenihan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 127 candidates, among whom were several adults. The church was crowded. There was also in the sanctuary Very Rev. Father Benedict, O.P.; Rev. Father Colgan, S.J. (Sydney), Rev. Fathers Patterson, Adm.; Purton, O.S.B.; Buckley, and Rev. Fathers Langerwert and Wentzies, of the Order of St. Joseph. Rev. Father Colgan, S.J., delivered an eloquent and convincing sermon on the gospel of the day. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Bishop addressed the children, and said: 'To-night you have been enrolled under the great Captain as soldiers of the Cross, and, my dear children, in the course of your lives many temptations and trials may cross your paths, but if you will recall the great event of this night and recollect the promises made and the good resolutions formed, you will successfully fight them. I look forward to the time when you will take your share in the work of the Church, in the choir, in the ranks of the collectors, and in various other ways. Never neglect to say your morning and night prayers, never miss Mass on Sundays. Be obedient to your parents and superiors, and avoid, above all, bad company; and if you do this, depend upon it you will become good Catholics and good citizens, and your reward shall be everlasting happiness in Heaven.' The choir, under Mr. P. F. Hiscocks, rendered valuable assistance. The church was crowded, and the proceedings were of the most impressive character.

Now that the wool season is at hand Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., the well-known Dunedin merchants, proffer their services to wool growers, either as brokers for sale of their clip in the local market, or for shipment to the firm's London agents. Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. are noted for their promptness in rendering account sales and paying over proceeds, whilst their charges are on the lowest scale. A matter of importance to sellers is that the firm's wool exchange is centrally situated so that their consignments are delivered direct into store, thus saving any expense on that score. The show room is commodious and well-lighted, so that the wool is shown to the best advantage. The following dates for sales have been arranged: January 9 and 30, February 27...

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- December 29, Sunday.—Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity St. Thomas, Bishop and Martyr.
- " 30, Monday.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.
- " 31, Tuesday.—St. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.
- January 1, Wednesday.—Feast of the Circumcision.
- " 2, Thursday.—Octave of the Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr.
- " 3, Friday.—Octave of the Feast of St. John, Apostle.
- " 4, Saturday.—Octave of the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

ST. THOMAS, BISHOP AND MARTYR.

St. Thomas à Becket was born in London in 1118, his father being a wealthy merchant. He was introduced at an early age into the household of Archbishop Theobald, whose favorite he soon became. To improve himself in every knowledge, especially in civil and ecclesiastical law, Thomas, with the permission of his patron, frequented the University of Paris, and then went to Bologna, where he attended the lectures of the celebrated Gratian. On his return to England he was employed in some important negotiations, and gradually rose to the archdeaconry of Canterbury. When Theobald died, in 1161, King Henry II. resolved to raise his esteemed chancellor to the vacant see. Only at the instance of the Legate, Cardinal Henry of Pisa, Thomas at last yielded in accepting the dignity, and was consecrated in 1162. From that time he became a strong advocate of the Church's rights, defending her against the king, who aimed at the complete subjection of the hierarchy to the Crown. He refused to consent to the constitutions of the Councils of Clarendon, which restrained the jurisdiction of the bishops and attempted to bring the clergy under secular jurisdiction. After a fruitless resistance, Thomas was persuaded to sign the constitutions. Soon after, however, he repented of his concession and withdrew his assent. Henry cited him before a Council at Northampton to answer for the charge of high treason. In this struggle for the liberties of the Church Thomas stood alone; he was deserted even by his brother bishops. Seeing that the king was determined to crush him, he appealed to the Pope, and then, secretly leaving the kingdom, fled to France for shelter. Henry confiscated the property, and banished all the kindred of the fugitive Archbishop.

From France Thomas went to Rome, where Pope Alexander III. received the saint with every mark of respect and veneration. Anxious to end the quarrel, Pope Alexander made every possible effort to accomplish a reconciliation between the English king and the Primate. King Louis of France did the same. Finding all efforts fruitless, the Pope at last gave permission to employ the weapon of ecclesiastical censures against his persecutors. Accordingly, at Vezelay, in 1166, the Primate solemnly condemned the constitutions of Clarendon, and excommunicated all advisers and supporters thereof, and all invaders of Church property. Fearing that the Primate would lay the kingdom under an interdict, Henry began, at last, to show a sudden desire for peace. Thomas returned to England, where he was greeted by the people with transports of joy. He had received letters from the Pope, suspending and excommunicating three prelates. The conduct of these bishops obliged the Primate to carry out the Pope's intentions. When Henry heard of this he broke out into one of his usual fits saying: 'Is there no one to rid me of that troublesome priest?' Four knights, acting on these words immediately set out for England, and murdered the holy Archbishop, December 29, 1170. Thomas was canonized in 1172, and in 1:20 his remains were removed to Trinity Chapel, where they were for several centuries, the object of pilgrimages. Henry VIII. destroyed the chapel and burned and scattered his bones.

ST. SYLVESTER I., POPE AND CONFESSOR.

St. Sylvester, a native of Rome, was called to rule the Church during the twenty-one years which followed the accession of Constantine. One of his principal cares was to provide churches for the faithful, who were now, for the first time, allowed perfect liberty in the exercise of their religion. The most important event in the Pontificate of St. Sylvester was the celebration of the First General Council, which was presided over by the papal legates, and in which the heresy of Arius was condemned. St. Sylvester died in 335.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION.

This is a festival celebrated on January 1 to remind us of the humility of our Lord in allowing Himself to be seemingly numbered among sinners, by submitting to the law of the Jews. Circumcision was a religious practice among the Jews in the observance of which a distinctive mark was placed on male children the eighth day after their birth, and on all adults who embraced their religion. It was established as a distinctive sign of the people of God, a sign of the covenant made by God with Abraham, and as the figure of baptism in the New Law. The feast of Circumcision is very ancient in the Church, as is proved by the homilies and sermons of the Fathers of the Church.

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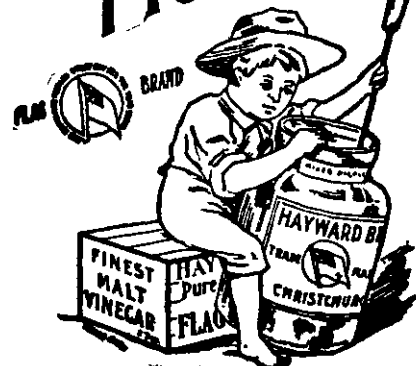
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Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Obituary.

Mr. Alex. O'Rorke, solicitor, died recently at his residence, Newtownbreda, Belfast. Mr. O'Rorke belonged to an old Irish family. He was born in the year following the battle of Waterloo, at Ballybolin, near Ballymena, on a property that had been in possession of his family for generations. His great-grandfather, who was the last Prince of Breffni, married a Miss O'Neill, of Shane's Castle—one of the original family of the O'Neills—so that in the late Mr. O'Rorke commingled the blood of perhaps two of the oldest families and oldest names in the country. Mr. O'Rorke served his apprenticeship to the late Mr. William Orr, of Ballymena, father of Judge Orr, of County Down, and afterwards commenced business in Belfast in partnership with his brother, Mr. Edward O'Rorke, who, in his time, was recognised as one of the kings of his profession in Ulster. The late Lord Russell, of Killowen, and the late Mr. John Rea both served their apprenticeship to Mr. Edward O'Rorke, and both always spoke in the highest terms of the character and capacity of the man who first taught them the principles and practices of their profession. Mr. O'Rorke had reached his 85th year.

The Home of the McKinleys.

Dernock House, County Antrim, the ancient home of the McKinley family in Ireland before their emigration to America—a substantial stone farmhouse—is still standing. On an old stone slab by the hall door the initials of the McKinley of a century and a half ago are thus inscribed: 'W. McK., 1755.' In the insurrection of 1798 arms and ammunition were found by the military in Dernock House, and a William McKinley, a name-sake and a grand-uncle of the late President, was arrested, brought to Coleraine, where he was tried by court-martial, convicted, and sentenced to death. He was shot in the market-place of Coleraine, and was buried in the churchyard at Dernock, where there is a headstone still in good preservation over his grave.

CORK.—The Tramways.

The rumor has got abroad (writes a Cork correspondent), and has found its way into one of the newspapers, that the Cork Electric Tramways have been acquired by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, the American financier, whose name was so prominently before the public in connection with the trusts in the United States, and the purchase of a big number of commercial enterprises in Great Britain. A fact which would tend to give credence to this rumor is that our tramways are only one of a series of similar properties in Great Britain formerly owned by the Thomson-Houston Company, and now the property of this go-ahead financier. Whether, at all events, the rumor be true or false, the citizens need care very little, so long as they have the trams at a penny all the way.

A Local Industry.

The Sisters of the South Presentation Convent in Douglas street, Cork, are determined to do their best in the lace industry. One of the most experienced instructors in lace manufacture has been engaged, and the specimens of lace already turned out are simply wonderful. A large number of girls of Cork city are being trained in this valuable industry, and the Sisters are leaving no stone unturned in order to give employment to as many girls as possible. A large quantities of lace will, it is hoped, be ready for the great exhibition to be held in Cork next year.

Ordination.

The Rev. M. Rowan, a member of the Society for African Missions, was

ordained priest on the first Sunday in November, in the public chapel attached to the Apostolic College, Cork. The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, conferred Holy Orders. The Very Rev. Canon Flemming, P.P., St. Finn Barr's West, the Very Rev. Canon McNamara, P.P., South Parish, and the Very Rev. J. Zimmerman, Superior of the College, attended his Lordship.

DERRY.—Good Advice.

Speaking at the distribution of prizes in St. Columb's College, Derry, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty gave some excellent advice to students leaving college. Indeed, the rules laid down by his Lordship for the guidance of young men are such as could be followed with great advantage by people of all ages. 'No matter what sphere you move in,' said Dr. O'Doherty, 'let your fundamental principle be strict teetotalism. Temperance is well called one of the cardinal virtues, for on it to a large extent hinges the other virtues. In the second place be ever strictly truthful. Lastly,' said his Lordship, 'avoid bad company. A divine authority has said: "With the just man thou wilt be just, and with the perverse thou wilt be perverted"—and if you associate with vicious companions you are sure to be soon corrupted.'

Death of a Priest.

News reached Derry on October 31 of the death of an esteemed priest of the diocese of Derry, Rev. Thomas McCloskey, the sad event taking place at Bunrana. During the years he ministered to the spiritual wants of the people in the extensive parish of Bunrana he impressed all those who came into personal contact with him by his earnest sincerity and honesty of purpose, and the same estimate of his character is to be found in the several parishes in which his previous missionary labors made his name dear and familiar. His connection with St. Columb's College, both as Professor and President, made him many friends.

DOWN.—Land Campaign.

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., is conducting with great success a campaign among the tenant farmers of Ulster in favor of compulsory sale of holdings to the occupiers. He addressed an enthusiastic meeting at Crumlin, County Down, recently. In the course of his speech he said that Dr. Rentoul, who had received a Government appointment, would not resign his seat, as he was afraid to face the music.

DUBLIN.—All Hallows College

In the handsome new Church of All Hallows, the 59th anniversary of the far-famed missionary college was celebrated with befitting solemnity. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin presided at Solemn High Mass, of which the Very Rev. T. J. O'Mahony was celebrant. The sanctuary was occupied by the professors and students, who number over 200. By kind permission of the president, a few laymen had the privilege of being present. Mr. P. A. Goodman ably presided at the new organ, a beautiful instrument built on the tubular pneumatic system. The ceremonies were most impressive and devotional throughout.

Spectacles for the Pope.

Mr. Patrick Cahill, optician, 13 Wellington Quay, Dublin, has just been honored by receipt of an order from the Right Rev. Mgr. Straniero, chaplain to his Holiness, to supply another pair of gold spectacles for the Sovereign Pontiff, of an exactly similar pattern to those previously made for his Holiness by Mr. Cahill within the last 10 years. This will be the fifth pair made in Dublin by this gentleman for his Holiness.

GALWAY.—Queen's College.

The 'Daily News' draws attention to the fact that since the foundation of the Queen's College, Galway, in

1850, only 2623 students have matriculated, and of these only 1104 were Catholics, although the college was established for Catholics. During the 51 years of the existence of the college the sum of £510,000 has been expended on it, exclusive of building and equipment. The annual report of the president of the college, which has just been issued, contains somewhat startling revelations. There are 29 medical and 56 art students in the college. The 29 medical students have no less than six professors, receiving £1120 per annum from the treasury, while the 56 art students divide among them no fewer than 28 scholarships and eight exhibitions.

A Recommendation.

The Galway County Agricultural Committee have recommended the County Council to increase the grants for the cattle and swine schemes, believing that expenditure under these schemes would be more beneficial to the small farmers than if the money were employed otherwise.

LIMERICK.

At a meeting of the County Limerick Live Stock Committee, Mr. T. B. Mitchell, J. P., presiding, Mr. John Ryan, D.C., Killinure, proposed that a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Agriculture to see whether a grant could not be obtained from the Department to assist in the promotion of co-operative dairies. The resolution was adopted, and Lord Monteaigue, Messrs. Ryan, Coll. Hartigan, Noonan, Hayes and the chairman were appointed a committee.

TIPPERARY.—Death of a Nun.

In the early part of last month, in the little cemetery attached to the Presentation Convent at Fethard, the remains of Sister M. Stanislaus (Gubbins) were laid to rest, after the Solemn Office and Requiem Mass had been chanted by a choir of 15 priests, led by Archdeacon Jones. The deceased was a daughter of the late James Gubbins, of County Limerick, and was 34 years in religion, having entered the convent in her 19th year.

TYRONE.—Against Emigration.

Dungannon, the town of the Volunteers, enjoys the distinction of being the first place where an organised effort has been made to grapple with the emigration problem. At a meeting held there, the Rev. Thomas M. Breen, presiding, a society was formed for the purpose of commencing an active propaganda against emigration. Mr. J. G. Hurson, president, read a paper describing the objects of the society and its mode of working, after which a pledge was administered by which the members bound themselves to make every effort to make a living in Ireland before deciding on emigration, and to support home industries. The new society has been named the 'Fan in Eirinn' (Stay in Ireland). It has made a very promising start, over 65 members having been enrolled. Musical and dramatic clubs, industrial classes, and classes for the study of Gaelic will be some of the leading features in connection with it.

WATERFORD.—A Send-off.

Seldom has a more pleasant duty fallen to our lot (says the 'Waterford Star') than that of recording the send-off to the Rev. Father Lynch, recently ordained for the New Zealand mission. This gifted young clergyman is a son of Mr. J. J. Lynch, near Kilgobinet, one of the stoutest and staunchest Nationalists in West Waterford. The young priest, the scene of whose missionary labors lie in far away New Zealand, from his childhood was marked for the service of God. He received his early education at the hands of Mr. E. Landers, Coolnasmeear, one of the most efficient National Teachers in the county, and subsequently entered St John's College, Waterford, where he had a very brilliant and successful course, and from which he was ordained last June. Few young priests

have started on their labors under such favorable and gratifying auspices as Father Lynch does, he goes to labor in the same diocese, Dunedin, in which his uncle, Very Rev. Dean Burke, and his brother, the Rev. J. Lynch, toil in God's vineyard, the cordiality of the send-off given to him, the warm and earnest appreciation of his splendid attributes as a priest and an Irishman but tend to show the strength of that bond which binds the priests and the people of Ireland together. With his many friends we cordially wish Father Lynch bon voyage.

WEXFORD.—Raising Salaries.

At the meeting of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, Mr. James Donohue, J.P., M.C.C., attended by invitation to lay before the Council a statement of the action which the County Council propose to take with regard to the action of the Local Government in increasing the salaries of the Deputy and County Surveyors against the wishes of the County Council. After listening to Mr. Donohue's statements, Mr. Sinnott said the whole action of the Local Government Board since the new Act came into operation was directed towards increasing the rates on the people without affording them any facilities for transacting the public business. He had much pleasure in proposing that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council approve of the action of the County Council in resisting to the utmost limit the arbitrary and unjust action of the Local Government Board in directing an increase of salary from first April, 1899, against the evidence given at the inquiry, and contrary to common sense. Mr. Conaghan seconded the resolution, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Donohue thanked the Council for affording him the opportunity of discussing the question, and for their promise to stand by the County Council in their fight with the Local Government Board.

GENERAL.

Departure of Postulants.

Over 40 young ladies, principally from Munster, left Queenstown for New York, on their way to St. Joseph's Convent in St. Paul, Minnesota. They went as postulants from Ireland, and were under the charge of the Rev. Mother Barnardine and Sister Ida. Special accommodation was provided for them on the White Star liner.

Significant Facts.

The annual report of the Registrar-General for Ireland just issued shows four significant facts—A decline in the marriage rate, a decline in the birth rate, an increase in the death rate, an increase in the emigrant rate. While 13,853 births were recorded, 45,288 persons emigrated. The population was estimated at nearly 50,000 less in 1900 than in 1899.

Parliamentary Funds.

On November 1 the grand total of the United Irish Parliamentary Fund was £10,250.

Tobacco growing.

Tobacco growing in Ireland (says 'Country Life') was a matter which attracted a good deal of attention a couple of years ago. The Department of Agriculture for Ireland has been prosecuting experiments since, and has now for disposal a quantity of tobacco manufactured from the crop grown in various parts of the island since 1900. The Irish leaf has been manufactured into plug, roll, cut cavendish, bird's eye, cigars, and cigarette tobacco, and these are now offered for sale. The crop of 1899 sold, after payment of a duty of 3s per lb, at a price sufficiently good to make tobacco growing in Ireland a profitable crop.

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People.

Rumor has it that the Duke of Norfolk is going to marry Lady Alice Mary Fitzwilliams, who was recently received into the Church.

It is stated by an American Catholic exchange that there are in that portion of Canada which lies in the valley of St. Lawrence numbers of Frasers, Campbells, Mactavishes, and Macdonalds who speak nothing but French, who are Catholics, and have nothing but the memory of certain Scotch tunes to remind them that their grandfathers once served the king in a Highland regiment.

General Patrick Murphy, of San Francisco, who was one of the land kings of the early days in California, died on November 1. He was once immensely wealthy, owning great ranches and thousands of head of cattle, but he had little more than \$1,000,000 left when he died. Gen. Murphy once counted his ranches by leagues and his cattle by thousands. Like Vallejo and many other large land holders he wasted much of his fortune in princely hospitality. He inherited the land from his father, who loaned money to Spanish-American ranches and finally foreclosed and took possession. Martin Murphy, the father, died leaving 150,000 acres in various ranches, all well stocked with cattle. Patrick inherited about one-third of the estate. He took a prominent part in State politics for 20 years. He was known as the 'Black Prince,' because of his swarthy complexion. General Murphy was 62 years old.

The Republicans of Plymouth, Connecticut, U.S.A., on November 1, nominated as a candidate for the constitutional convention, the Rev. John Neale, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Terryville. Father Neale's opponent for the nomination was the Rev. Charles M. Smith, of the First Congregational Church.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has sent an altar-cloth, worked in gold with lace trimmings, to the Rev. Joseph McGee, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Washington, D.C.

His Holiness the Pope has received in audience Kubelik, the Hungarian violinist, who is to make a tour of the United States next month. His Holiness received the young maestro very cordially, and said to him: 'Kubelik, when Cardinal Vazzy suggested to me that I present to you the order of St. Gregory the Great, I objected on the ground that you were too young yet to receive such a distinction. Since then I have found out, though, that with all your youth you have proved yourself worthy of the distinguished honor which falls to but few. I hope that you will continue to make good use of the talent which our Father has endowed you with. What causes me especial pleasure is that you are so fondly attached to your old mother. Here are two rosaries, one for your dear old mother and one for yourself.'

Mr. P. A. McHugh, M.P., on whom the freedom of the city of Dublin was conferred recently, is the nineteenth recipient of the honor. The last recipient of the honorary freedom of the city of Dublin was the Right Hon. Stuart Knill, Lord Mayor of London, who obtained the freedom on the 2nd January, 1893. The first name on the roll of the honorary freedom of the city is that of Mr. Butt, who introduced into the House of Commons the Irish Municipal Corporations Bill, and was made an honorary freeman in September, 1876. The second name on the list is that of Mr. Gladstone, who was made a freeman in November, 1877. Some other names on the roll of honor are those of President Ulysses Grant, Mr. Parnell, Mr. John Dillon, Senator Collins, Mr. William O'Brien, Lord Ripon, Mr.

John Morley, Cardinal Moran, Mr. Thomas Sexton, the late Lady Sandhurst, and the Rev. George Salmon, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr. Leonard Lindsay, whose engagement to Miss Clare Vaughan has just been announced, is the son of the late Hon. Colin Lindsay, at one time President of the English Church Union, and afterwards a convert to the Catholic Church. Miss Vaughan is a daughter of Colonel Vaughan, of Courfield, and a niece of Cardinal Vaughan.

On Sunday evening, October 19th, 1794, a remarkable event in the Dublin journalistic world occurred outside Taney Church, Dundrum, namely, the horse-whipping of Mr. James Potts, proprietor of 'Saunders' News-Letter,' by Mr. John Giffard and his son, Ambrose Giffard. It appears that an acrimonious war of words had been going on between John Giffard, owner of the 'Dublin Journal,' and James Potts, and an unusually offensive paragraph having appeared in 'Saunders' News-Letter' reflecting on 'The dog in office,' as Giffard was called, the latter and his son took the law in their own hands and whipped Potts. This incident naturally created tremendous excitement—the more so as Giffard was High Sheriff at Dublin—and Potts brought an action against the Giffards in July, 1795. From the 'Hibernian Magazine' we learn that 'Hardinge Giffard was acquitted, but Mr. John Giffard had to pay £20 to the poor of Taney, £20 to the poor of Stillorgan, and £10 to the Dublin Marshalsea.' Potts died in May, 1796, but Giffard (whose mother was Dorcas O'Morchoe, of Oulartleigh, County Wexford) survived till May, 1819, and his grandson became Hardinge, Baron Halsbury, Lord Chancellor of England.

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SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

LONDON, December 20.—The wheat market is quiet but firm; cargoes are steadily held. Victorian (afloat), 30s 3d; South Australian (December and January shipments), 30s.

Butter is in slightly better demand. Colonial, 104s to 106s; unsalted, dull; secondary, 94s to 98s; Danish, unchanged.

Cheese: The Gothic shipment met with a good demand, and sold at 46s to 48s; Canadian, 49s.

WELLINGTON, December 21.—The Otarama, which is sailing to-day for South African ports, takes the following cargo:—1046 boxes butter, 1 case cheese, 321 crates poultry, 648 sides pork, 3 cases eggs, 6 cases turkeys, 20 sacks oatmeal, 90 crates rabbits, 40 casks cider, 25 sacks malt, 2500 sacks oats, 492 cases preserved meats, 9 packages sundries.

Invercargill.—Prices Current. Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d butter (factory), bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 8d per doz.; cheese, 4d; bacon, farm, 7d; do. (rolled) farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 per ton; fowl wheat, 2s 6d; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; chaff, £3 10s; flour, £7 5s to £8 5s; oatmeal, £12 10s to £13; bran, £3 5s; pollard, £4 5s. Retail: Fresh butter, 8d; butter (factory), pats, 1s; bulk, 1s; eggs, 10d per doz.; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; flour, 200lbs, 15s 6d; 50lbs, 4s 6d; oatmeal, 50lbs, 7s; 25lbs, 3s 9d; pollard, 7s per bag; bran, 4s 6d; chaff, 2s; fowl's feed, 3s per bushel.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 3½d to 2s 4d; milling, 2s 5d to 2s 8d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 5d to 2s 6d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; fowls', 1s 10d to 2s 8d. Potatoes: Oamarn, L3 (considerably improved). Chaff: Demand for prime up to L4 10s; inferior, L3 5s; medium, L3 15s. Straw: Pres-ed, 30s, loose, 32s 6d. Flour: Sacks, 200lb, L7 5s; 50lbs L8; 25lb, L8 5s. Oatmeal: 25lb, L13. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 10d. Onions: Melbourne, new, L5 10s.

LIVE STOCK.

THE ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Considering that there will be no sale during Christmas week the entries at Addington were small but quite sufficient for requirements.

FAT CATTLE—167 yarded, including a fair proportion of good steers. The market opened at last week's rates, but improved 1s to 1s 6d per 100lb. Good to prime beef, 22s to 25s; other, 17s 6d to 21s. Best steers realised L9 to L10 17s 6d; others, L7 2s 6d to L8 10s; heifers, L5 15s to L8 15s; cows, L5 15s to L8 17s 6d.

FAT SHEEP—3500 penned, mostly good sorts, including a few choice pens for Christmas. These were in keen demand, Acton estate Downs and crossbred wethers making 23s to 30s, and J. John's Downs 23s. A line of North Island wethers, only landed on the previous day, sold at 15s to 16s 9d. Freezers only operated moderately, but about 900 were taken for export at 14s to 15s; butchers' sorts sold irregularly. Ordinary wethers, 13s to 16s; best ewes, 13s to 15s 6d; ordinary, 9s to 12s; inferior, 4s 10d to 8s; very prime merino wethers, 17s 6d; and ordinary, 8s 2d to 10s.

FAT LAMBS—2000 penned, mostly good quality, and a good sale resulted. About half were taken for export at 12s 1d to 14s 10d, the majority making 13s 6d to 14s. The balance went to butchers at 10s 6d to 13s for secondary, up to 15s 5d for prime.

STORE SHEEP—1520 penned, nearly all ewes with lambs, which sold better owing to the late rains, which are improving the feed prospects. Two-tooth ewes with lambs realised 8s 2d to 11s 6d, and aged ewes with lambs 6s 6d to 10s (all counted); hoggets, 11s 8d.

PIGS—500 penned. Fats maintained late rates. Baconers, 34s to 49s, or 3½d per lb; porkers, 23s to 30s 6d, or 3½d to 3¾d per lb; stores weaker; larger sorts, 14s to 20s; suckers and weaners, 5s to 9s.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—There were very few horses forward for this week's sale, and, as is invariably the case just before the Christmas and New Year holidays, business is exceedingly dull. We had a consignment of six useful harness horses from North Otago, and these changed hands at from L10 10s to L15. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, L45 to L50; extra good prize horses, L12 to L56; medium draught mares and geldings, L30 to L38; aged do, L20 to L27; upstanding carriage horses, L30 to L35; well-mat hed carriage pairs, L80 to L90; strong spring-van horses, L30 to L36; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, L18 to L27; tram horses, L12 to L17; light hacks, L9 to L15; extra good hacks, L18 to L25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, L3 to L7.

A further list of contributions to the fund for the proposed Home for the aged poor, Dunedin, appears in this issue...

Concert at Arrowtown.

THE pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph gave a most successful entertainment in the Athenaeum Hall, Arrowtown, recently. The building was packed to the door, and the local newspaper stated that it was the best children's entertainment ever given in the Wakatipu district. From start to finish the children displayed admirable aptitude in the interpretations of the different parts allotted to them, especially so in the drama entitled 'Trevellyn Hall.' Mr. L. H. Preston, Mayor of Arrowtown, addressed the audience before the curtain rose. He said he was sure they would go away delighted with the performance of the pupils. On previous occasions the sisters had brought the children to a high state of perfection, and he was sure the present would be no exception to the rule. The Sisters had proved themselves capable teachers in all departments of education, and it was gratifying to know that parents had such advantages in their midst.

The following was the programme:—

Overture, Misses Fitzgibbon, Smith, Graham (pianos) E. and K. Treacy (violins), and N. Baker (organ); song, Miss M. Robertson; action song, junior class; dialogue, Misses N. Scoles and M. Gray; quartette, Misses E. H., and K. Treacy, H. Romans, and N. Baker; song (in character), Master H. Treacy; dance, song and tableaux, Misses H. Romans, B. Gray, J. Fitzgibbon, K. Cosgrove, and E. K., and H. Treacy; duet, Misses Treacy (violin) and Fitzgibbon (piano); duet, Miss Duncan and Mr. J. C. M'Bride; recitation, Miss H. Romans; song, Miss Jopp; song, Miss A. Cotter; 'Young Scotland quadrilles,' Misses Fitzgibbon, M. Jopp, J. Butel, N. Baker (pianos), and E. and K. Treacy (violins); song, Mr. Tonkin; physical drill, Masters J. Kerin, J. Henderson, J. Begbie, J. Cosgrove, and J. Quinn; song, Mr. J. C. M'Bride; song and dance, Misses Fitzgibbon, E. Treacy, D. Graham, K. Treacy, B. Gray, H. Romans, and J. Cosgrove; song, Miss Duncan; song, Mr. C. Robertson; tambourine dance, Misses M. Quinn, B. Gray, E. Tobin, K. Cosgrove, M. Tobin, and E. K., and H. Treacy; pianoforte solo, Miss J. Fitzgibbon; song, Mr. F. Fraser. The following took part in the play:—Misses D. Graham, J. Cosgrove, B. Gray, Treacy, E. Treacy, L. Nolan, M. Jopp, H. Romans, H. Treacy, K. Cosgrove, Masters W. Quinn and J. Kerin. In the drama—a heavy undertaking for children—the performers were all letter-perfect, and they interpreted the parts wonderfully well. In fact, amateur adults could not be expected to do better.

The Rev. Father O'Donnell took occasion to thank the performers for their assistance and the public for their patronage. He was sure they would all agree with him when he said the performance of the children was a meritorious one and one that reflected the greatest credit on the teaching abilities of the Sisters. He might mention that since the Catholic schools had been inspected by Government inspectors the percentage of passes was equal to those of public schools, and under the circumstances he was sure that every right-thinking man must be of the same opinion as himself that State aid should be given to Catholic schools. Besides receiving a sound education, the children were accomplished in other respects, and under the circumstances he thought State aid should be given.

The Arrow Brass Band kindly played several selections prior to the entertainment.

HAWERA.

Mr. J. Higham, choirmaster of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hawera, was recently presented on behalf of the choir and friends with a solid silver tea service and carved overmantel on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation took place in the school-room in the presence of a number of friends and well-wishers. The Very Rev. Father Power occupied the chair, and, in the course of a neat speech, spoke highly of Mr. Higham as a musician and a man. The Catholic Church had, said the rev. chairman, always been the patron of music, for it was recognised that music possessed great power for good. Even the most prosy and prosaic were moved by the concord of sounds. The choir of St. Joseph's was, thanks to Mr. Higham, a credit to the town; in fact, visitors had stated that it compared most favorably with any outside the cathedral towns, and would be no disgrace to any of the big cities. The Archbishop, who was an artist and was not easily satisfied in the matter of Church music, spoke in very flattering terms of the choir during his last visit, and asked for a copy of the Benediction music, which on enquiry was found to have been the composition of Mr. Higham. The members of the choir worked amicably, as a result of the efforts of Mr. Higham, who judiciously blended mildness with firmness. During the past three years there had not been the slightest unpleasantness in the choir; all had worked together like members of a united and happy family, and thus had given edification to the parishioners, comfort to the parish priest, and glory to God. In his reply, Mr. Higham said it had been the happy fate of his family to have been intimately associated with music for generations. His great grandfather had been a choirmaster—the first Catholic choirmaster in Wigan since the days of the Protestant Revolution—his grandfather and father had occupied similar positions, and at the present time two of his brothers were choir conductors in England. He spoke of the beauty and power of Church music, and said that what he had done for the choir of St. Joseph's had been to him a matter of duty. He keenly appreciated the kindly remarks which had been made by Father Power, as well as the handsome presents. Mr. Bunting endorsed what had been said by Father Power, and congratulated Mr. Higham on his recent marriage. Mr. W. Batchelor also spoke.

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Waihora	Fri., Dec. 27	3 p.m. D'din
Te Anau	Fri., Jan. 3	3 p.m. D'din

SYDNEY, via WELLINGTON and

COOK STRAIT—

Waikare	Thurs., Dec. 26	4 p.m. D'din
Monowai	Wed., Jan. 8	2 p.m. D'din

SYDNEY via AUCKLAND—

Warrimoo	Tues., Jan. 7	1 p.m. D'din
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MELBOURNE via BLUFF and HOBART—

Monowai	December 22	Noon, D'din
Mokoia	December 29	2 30 p.m. tr'n

NELSON and NEW PLYMOUTH via OAMARU, TIMARU, AKAROA, LYTTELTON and WELLINGTON—

Upolu	Mon., Dec. 30	3 p.m. D'din
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WESTPORT and GREYMOUTH via OAMARU, TIMARU, LYTTELTON, and WELLINGTON (cargo only)—

Corinna	Thurs., Jan. 2	3 p.m. D'din
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SOUTH-SEA ISLAND SERVICE.

For FIJI (From Auckland).

Taviuni Tuesday, December 31

TONGA, SAMOA, FIJI, and SYDNEY (From Auckland.)

Manapouri Wednesday, January 15

RARATONGA and TAHITI.

(From Auckland.)

Ovalau Tuesday, December 31

Calling on the Sick.

1. Only call at the door, unless you are sure your friend is able to see you without harm.
2. Enter and leave the house, and move about the room quietly.
3. Carry a cheerful face. Speak cheerful, pleasant words.
4. In order to cheer, you need tell no lies.
5. If your friend is very ill, do not fall into gay or careless talk on the attempt to be cheerful.
6. Don't ask questions, thus obliging your friend to talk.
7. Talk about something outside, and not about the disease and circumstances of the patient.
8. If possible, take something with you to please the eye and relieve the monotony of the sick room; a flower or even a picture which you can loan for a few days.
9. If desirable, some little delicacy to tempt the appetite will be well bestowed.
10. Stay only a moment or a few minutes at the longest, unless you can be of some help.

St. John, the youngest of the Apostles, was son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of James the elder. He labored first in Judea and Samaria. Shortly after the feast of Pentecost, we find him in the temple with Peter curing the lame man; and later on in Samaria, imposing hands on the new converts. He seems to have remained in Palestine, probably until the death of the Blessed Virgin. He assisted at the Council of Jerusalem, after which he is reported to have preached the Christian faith to the Parthians. About the year 58 he went to Asia Minor to assume the government of the churches founded in that country by St. Paul. He lived in Ephesus, where he made many disciples, among whom were Papias, Ignatius Martyr, and Polycarp. According to a widely-spread tradition, the Apostle St. John was brought to Rome under Domitian in the year 95, and cast into a caldron of boiling oil, whence he came forth unhurt. He was subsequently banished to the island of Patmos, in the Grecian archipelago, where, about the year 96, he wrote the Apocalypse. Returning to Ephesus, he wrote, at the request of the Asiatic bishops, his Gospel, to oppose the errors of Cerinthus and Ebion, about the year 97. His three Epistles were written at a later period. John, who survived all the other Apostles, died at a very advanced age.

COOKING A PLEASURE.

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1902.

The following ALTERATIONS IN and ADDITIONS TO the Ordinary time table will be made in connection with the New Year Holidays:—

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY.
CALEDONIAN SPORTS AT OAMARU.
SPORTS AT PALMERSTON.
RACES AT WAIKOUAITI.

The Train usually leaving Dunedin for Oamaru at 7.10 a.m. will be accelerated, arriving Oamaru 12.30 p.m.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.0 a.m., arriving Palmerston 12.0 noon.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Waikouaiti at 9.40 a.m., arriving Waikouaiti 11.50 a.m.

Trains return from Palmerston to Dunedin at 4.0 p.m., 4.55 p.m., and 7.20 p.m., Waikouaiti 5.0 p.m., 5.32 p.m., and 7.55 p.m., Seacliff 5.40 p.m., 6.17 p.m., and 8.30 p.m., Waitati 6.10 p.m., 6.51 p.m., and 9.0 p.m., Purakanui 6.35 p.m., 7.17 p.m., and 9.25 p.m., arriving Dunedin 7.25 p.m., 8.10 p.m., and 10.15 p.m.

Train will leave Oamaru for Dunedin at 10.45 p.m.
The North and South Express Trains will not stop at Waikouaiti.

Train will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 10.20 a.m., Christchurch arrive 8.25 p.m. This train will make the same stops as the North Express between Dunedin and Christchurch.

Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 10.20 a.m., Dunedin arrive 8.30 p.m. This Train will make the same stops as the South Express between Christchurch and Dunedin.

The 8.30 p.m. train Dunedin to Port Chalmers and the 9.25 p.m. train Port Chalmers to Dunedin will NOT run.

Train will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 9 p.m., returning from Port Chalmers at 9.35 p.m.

SPORTS AT MIDDLEMARCH.

Train will leave Dunedin for Hyde at 8.15 a.m., arriving Middlemarch 11.37 a.m., returning from Hyde at 5.30 p.m., Middlemarch 6.35 p.m., arriving Dunedin 9.50.

THURSDAY, 2ND JANUARY.

A Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.0 a.m., returning from Palmerston at 4.25 p.m., Waikouaiti 5.0 p.m., Seacliff 5.45 p.m., Waitati 6.20 p.m., arriving at Dunedin 7.50 p.m.

Train will leave Dunedin for Christchurch at 10.20 a.m., Christchurch arrives 8.25 p.m. This Train will make the same stops as the North Express between Dunedin and Christchurch.

Train will leave Christchurch for Dunedin at 10.20 a.m., Dunedin arrive 8.30 p.m. This Train will make the same stops as the South express between Christchurch and Dunedin.

Train will leave Oamaru for Dunedin at 10.45 p.m.
Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.20 p.m.

All goods traffic between Kurov and Clinton will be entirely suspended on 1st and 2nd January.

The GOODS SHEDS at Dunedin and Port Chalmers will be Closed on 1st and 2nd January.

By Order.

THE Dominican Nuns of the Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary, Oamaru, beg to acknowledge with most grateful thanks the following Donations towards their New Building:—

- £3—Mr J. Rooney.
- £2 2s—Mr C. Devine.
- £2 each—Sergeant O'Grady, Messrs T. Tansey, J. Connor.
- £1 5s—Mrs Molloy.
- £1 1s each—Hon. George Jones, Mr J. Bulleid.

£1 each—Mesdames Mary Lynch, O'Donnell (Maheno), Maxwell, Harris, Falconer, Gilligan, Messrs J. Spiers, J. Cagney, T. M. Cullen, B. Mullin, T. Boland, T. Rodgers, W. Wylie, P. Kelly (Totara), R. Cuddihy, M. Doyle (Weston), J. Malone, P. Malone, J. J. Ardagh, P. Toohill, H. Molloy, C. Connihan, G. Leslie, J. Quinn, Constable Rings, J. Markham, M. Healy, W. Wright, P. Ford, J. Lynch, F. W. Petre, P. Flannery.

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WINNING NUMBERS

Of the
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Drawn 11th December, 1901, in the Town Hall, Malvern, Victoria:

No. of Prize.	No. of Ticket.	No. of Prize.	No. of Ticket.	No. of Prize.	No. of Ticket.
1	326,246	8	97,394	15	118,993
2	272,249	9	126,347	16	92,841
3	148,502	10	67,137	17	187,596
4	321,138	11	175,139	18	107,760
5	53,912	12	276,836	19	134,042
6	16,414	13	157,131	20	144,922
7	41,364	14	249,357		

We hereby certify that the above numbers were correctly drawn in our presence and in the presence of the public on the night of the 11th December, 1901, at the Town Hall, Malvern.

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Correspondents are particularly requested to bear in mind that to insure publication in any particular issue of the paper communications must reach this Office not later than Tuesday morning.

Marriage and obituary reports must be authenticated by the local Catholic clergy or by some responsible person whose signature is known at this office. In no circumstances will we copy such notices from other newspapers unless specially requested to do so

FISH AND POULTRY.

MRS. FRANK HEWITT begs to announce that the Shop lately occupied by Mrs. Bilson, George street, WILL BE OPENED by her THIS DAY (MONDAY), 2nd September, and trusts by Promptitude, Civility, Cleanliness, and Large Supply and Variety of Fish to merit the patronage of the public.

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£475 GIVEN IN PRIZES.

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Wrestling	75 0 0
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Vaulting with Pole	14 0 0
Wood-chopping Competition (Second Day)	22 0 0
Quoiting	8 10 0

Greasy Pole.—Prizes: Lady's and Gent's Silver Lever Hunting Watches.

FOR DETAILS SEE PROGRAMME.

Entries for Running and Walking Close at the Society's Office, 27 Rattray street, at 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, 14th December; Cycling on FRIDAY, 27th December, at 5 p.m.; for all other events on FRIDAY, 27th December, at 8 p.m.

Entry Money for Dunedin and Caledonian Handicaps, 3s 6d each; for all events with prize money exceeding £5 for first prize, 3s 6d; Wrestling, 3s 6d; for all other events, 2s 6d; Youths' Races, 1s.

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WILLIAM REID, Secretary.
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CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,
TIMARU.

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES, preached by the Rev. Father CLAFFY, S.J., will begin on the Evening on MONDAY, January 6, and end on SATURDAY, January 11.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to the Reverend Mother.

HOME FOR THE AGED POOR, DUNEDIN.

I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following additional donations towards the Home for Homeless Old People of all denominations, which is to be established in Dunedin, with the sanction and approval of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon:—

Proceeds of an entertainment in St. Joseph's Hall, Dunedin, £15 3s; Mrs O'Grady (Mosgiel), £1 10s; Mrs John Mulholland (Livingstone), £1 5s.

£1 1s each—Mr Power (European Hotel, Dunedin), Mr Cotter (George street, Dunedin), E. Wilson and Co. (Bond street, Dunedin).

£1 each—Miss Mary Treton (Dunedin), Mr Stuart (Princes street, Dunedin), Mrs T. Halpen (Lovells Flat), Mr P. Carolin (Stafford street, Dunedin), Mr Buld (Taieri and Peninsula Co., Dunedin), A. and T. Inglis (Dunedin), Mrs Haydon (Princes street, Dunedin), Mr Connor (Criterion Hotel, Dunedin), Mr J. Moloney (Secular Brothers, Dunedin), Miss Dwyer (Dunedin), Mr Peter McLane (Gimberburn), Mr B. McCloy (Gimberburn), Miss A. Coluab (Mosgiel), Mrs Collins (MacLaggan street, Dunedin), Mr P. Toomey (Princes street, Dunedin), Mr Devine (Oamaru), A Lady Friend, Mr Patrick McLane (Gimberburn), Mrs John Kearney (Ranfurly).

A. MULHOLLAND.

Hon. Secretary.

(To be continued.)

DEATHS.

DEF.—On the 14th October at his residence, No. 10 Upper Erne street, Dublin, David Dee, merchant; aged 64 years.—R.I.P.

MULDOWNEY.—On the 19th December, at Sydney, Mary, beloved wife of Walter Muldowney, and eldest daughter of John Colehan, Waitati.—R.I.P. By cable.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

E.M.C.—The matter you refer to particularly was dealt with in the N. Z. TABLET some time ago. We may be able to return it to another time. Read the following Catholic Truth Society's pamphlets:—*Lourdes and Its Miracles*, by Father Clarke, S.J., and *The Cures at Lourdes* by Dr. Gasquet. You might also read chapters 16-18 of *Notes on Ingeroll*. All these are procurable from your nearest Catholic booksellers.



'To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.'

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1901.

A POLITICAL CRUSADE.



Political economists what is known as the cycle of credit is a working hypothesis based on ascertained data. Without desiring to dogmatise upon the subject, we fancy that a careful investigation of the last hundred years of British history would reveal the existence of what we may call a cycle of bigotry—a sort of periodicity in widespread outbreaks of no-Popery feeling. For some time past a movement of this kind has been afoot in England. Exploded anti-Catholic fictions of all sorts have been dished up and scurrilous attacks in every conceivable form have been systematically pushed with extraordinary virulence against the Church by those into whose hands the defence of what is called 'popular Protestantism' seems to have fallen. The attack runs all along the line. Thus far, however, it has not gone beyond hurricanes of words, but its scurrility and violence have been aptly described as 'positively amazing.'

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.

In Australia and New Zealand systematic, if less extensive, efforts have been simultaneously made to lash and scare the bigoted, the hysterical, and the shallow element in the community into active hostility to 'Rome.' The lay and clerical conspiracy against Dean O'HABAN was its first serious effort in these parts to 'humiliate the Church of Rome.' The failure of the plot was followed by a fierce and groundless cry—organised by the Orange fraternity—regarding the alleged preponderance of Catholics in the public service of the various States of the Commonwealth. This was echoed, by arrangement, throughout New Zealand during the annual spasms and paroxysms of the brethren in July. In New Zealand, as in Australia, all this was a means to an end—the end being to place Catholics at a disadvantage in the State. One of the enemies of the Catholic body in our House of Representatives informed us, many months ago, in a moment of indiscreet and outspoken candor, that the next elections would be fought out on an anti-Catholic cry. The recent Caversham election bore out his statement in quite a striking way. It was the preliminary skirmish—the first affair of outposts—in the greater campaign that is coming. No clean and intelligent political issue was raised by those who represented the new crusade. It opened with the revived lodge clamor about the supposed 'stuffing' of the public service with a grossly high percentage of Catholics. We promptly dynamited that absurd and silly legend. But our doing so only served to bring out into stronger relief the determination of our enemies to raise the red devil of sectarian passion and keep him employed at all hazards. For the exploded charge of 'stuffing' was allowed to go into temporary abeyance, and there was substituted therefor a series of mere wild no-Popery shrieks that recalled the campaign of the SLATTERY impostors. A set of circumstances which are not likely to recur gave to those wretched tactics a seeming measure of support out of all proportion with public sympathy with such political methods. But they were happily defeated, and, in Caversham at least, are not likely to meet with much success in the future.

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In Australia the new movement has blossomed into a serious proposal for the perpetuation of creed ascendancy by the creation of a Protestant Established Church, and in the passing of a resolution—introduced by Professor HARPER—at the recent Presbyterian Assembly for the purpose of manipulating the Protestant vote against the Catholics—especially in the matter of political action in reference to their educational claims. In reference to this latter outcome of anti-Catholic feeling, the Archbishop of Melbourne made, at Kilmore, some remarks that we in New Zealand may well take to heart. After having said that Professor HARPER's movement was 'as narrow, illogical, and unconstitutional a resolution as ever had been submitted to a decent deliberative assembly,' his Grace went on to say that 'Catholics protested against secular education as being incomplete and injurious to the best interests of their children. They had backed up their protest by establishing and maintaining schools in which a complete education was imparted to the pupils. Catholics also protested against any mixed system of religious instruction in the State schools, because such a system, if effective for some children, must be prejudicial to others, and if not effective as religious instruction, failed in its purpose, and became a sham and a deceit. Catholics did not object to religious instruction in State schools, provided it were not mixed. If it were given to non-Catholic pupils before school hours, after school hours, or during the mid-day interval, Catholics would be highly pleased. But it could not be given during school hours if it were really religious, without detriment to either Catholic or non-Catholic children. Even if Catholics stood alone in that conviction, were they to be ostracised from political life by a Protestant combination, as Professor HARPER proposed? But Catholics did not stand alone. The major and more intelligent part of the community agreed with them, as was evidenced on a recent occasion by the decisive majority which in Parliament rejected the proposal to provide mixed religious instruction within school hours for children attending State schools. Those members knew very well that a conscience clause in case of religious instruction given within school hours was, to a great extent, a delusion, a mockery, and a snare.'

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'Did Professor HARPER (continued his Grace) admit that Catholics had, in the matter of State education, a real

grievance? If so, why inveigh against them for seeking redress by the only constitutional means available? But if Professor HARPER now maintained that Catholics had not a real grievance, then he was not the same Professor HARPER that formerly admitted it freely. It was the interest and the desire of Catholics to accept any reasonable proposal for the settlement of this vexed question. They were quite willing to accept the Canadian system, which, as Professor HARPER admitted, would satisfy all parties. Why not then adopt it? It was surprising with what dogged determination the statement was repeated that nothing would satisfy Catholics but a separate grant for their schools. As a matter of fact, Catholics did not ask for any separate grant. On the contrary, they desired to have their schools incorporated into the general system of State education. They offered to have their teachers examined and paid by the State, just as all other teachers were examined and paid. They offered to have their schools examined by Government inspectors. They undertook to keep these schools as efficient as the other schools of the State were kept. All they asked for in addition was the right to have imparted to their children in school that religious instruction which they regarded as essential to the temporal and eternal interests of the children.'

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Canada, Prussia, England, and even Scotland furnish fair and statesmanlike methods of dealing with such educational disabilities as those from which Catholics suffer in these colonies. But if our claims are to receive a fair hearing and respectful consideration, Catholics must be up and doing. It is the rankest folly to suppose that a temporary cessation of the struggle or a few years of nerveless inactivity can ever convert present opponents into future supporters of our claims and lead them to grant spontaneously what, in the hypothesis, we ourselves would be too lazy or too cowardly to seriously and emphatically demand. The measure of our success may conceivably be less, it cannot well be greater, than the measure of our own exertion. The wheat-field lark in Æsop's fable had no anxiety for her little ones so long as the farmer lazed about and depended on his neighbours for the harvesting of his crop. But when he decided on putting his own hands to the work, the mother-lark said to her callow brood: 'It is time now to be off, my little ones, for the man is in earnest this time; he no longer trusts to his friends, but will reap the field himself.' The moral of it all is this: that self-help is the best help. It behoves us, first and above all, to do what lies in our power to enlighten public opinion on the education difficulty. In the next place, politicians should be taught that they will have our support only at our own price. For many years past a sort of tradition has existed among Catholic electors to vote for candidates, irrespective of their views on our educational grievances. Even Catholic opponents of our claims have almost uniformly met with Catholic support, although the recent Caversham election has been, apparently, a meritorious exception in point. It is high time to break through this tradition. Where a candidate—the same not being clearly a stuffed man or a mere political lightning-rod—favors our claims, the course of action is clear. Where all oppose us, it becomes a choice of evils, and local circumstances should decide what is the least. But at each succeeding election steps should be taken to create, for the previous successful candidate, an uncertainty of tenure which, for the politician, is as great a curse as inconstancy of employment is for the working man. As for Catholic aspirants to parliamentary honors who oppose redress of our grievances, the sooner the better the Catholic body turn over a new leaf and uniformly and mercilessly consign them, so far as they can, to private life permanently, or at least until such candidates experience a decided change of heart. The change of front that has taken place of late in Anglican and Presbyterian opinion in Victoria is one of the circumstances that hold out fair hope to us in New Zealand. And, in any event, it behoves us Catholics here to do our duty bravely and consistently, through good report and evil, for our day.

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Notes

Progress in Divorce.

We are evidently getting on in this Colony. Dissolution of the marriage tie (says the *Wellington Times*) is now conducted with promptitude and despatch. In the space of one hour in one afternoon recently five undefended applications were granted. Three cases were also considered in camera. A recent issue of the *Denver Daily News* vouches for the statement that in one year there were 1302 divorces in that city. We are apparently moving towards the free and easy ways by which, in some of the American States, divorces are granted—as boots are soled—'while you wait.' And perhaps in the not distant future some wag may chalk up on some of our railway stations—as one is said to have done in Denver: 'Train stops twenty minutes for divorce.' The 'quick despatch' of business by our divorce courts will no doubt, tend to greatly popularise 'tandem polygamy' in New Zealand.

The Pope.

Pope Leo XIII.—whom the cable-demon reported a few weeks ago as pretty nearly at his last gasp—seem remarkably lively for a dying man. The latest files of our European exchanges represent him as being marvellously active for a man of his years and in such relatively good health that the office of the physician, Dr. Lapponi, is almost a sinecure. On last Friday the Holy Father completed twenty-three years and ten months of his pontificate. 'His reign,' says the *London Tablet*, 'has risen very high in the scale of duration, being now the sixth in order, and if he is spared till the octave of the Epiphany it will be the fifth longest of papal reigns. The Popes who have reigned longer than Leo XIII. are: St. Peter (33-67), with a reign of 34 years 6 months; Pius IX. (1848-78), 31 years, 7 months, and 22 days; Pius VI. (1775-98), 24 years, 6 months, and 14 days; Adrian I. (771-95), 23 years, 10 months, and 27 days; and Sylvester I. (314-37), 23 years, 10 months, and 24 days.'

They Brought Conviction.

Many members of the legal fraternity take no pains (when not pleading) to conceal their contempt for the average jury. It is recorded of one noted London barrister that, once, when on circuit, he swilled sundry 'long-sleevers' of cheap and nasty beer in order to bring himself down to the level of the twelve 'good men and true.' Among those who least loved juries is Mr. Justice Jelf. An amusing story, told by him at their expense, appears in a recent issue of *M.A.P.* 'A friend of his, who was once on a jury, formed one of a majority of eleven in favor of a certain verdict; but unhappily the twelfth man was obdurate in taking the opposite view, and no amount of argument would make him budge an inch from the attitude of opposition. Despairing of convincing him, Mr. Jelf's friend lit a cigarette and began to smoke. "I object to your smoking, sir," the obdurate jurymen remarked. "I cannot breathe in an atmosphere of smoke." "I am sorry for that," the smoker blandly answered, and he handed round his cigarette case to the other ten. A minute later eleven cigarettes were pouring forth volumes of smoke. "A quarter of an hour later," Mr. Jelf used to say, with a twinkle in his eye, "a unanimous verdict was returned, but the man was nearly asphyxiated before he gave in!"

Length of Days,

A correspondent, enclosing the death-notice of a grandame of 103 years old, asks: 'What is the secret of such great length of days?' We 'give it up.' Even the 'doctors' differ hopelessly here. Porridge, says one. Regularity of diet and exercise, say others. Still others place attention to personal and domestic hygiene in the forefront of causes of longevity. And from a thousand mouths comes the cry: Temperance. But (says a writer on the subject) 'one of the most interesting and trustworthy statements in respect to old age is the report on the habits of centenarians, made some years ago by a commission appointed by the British Medical Association. Without going into particulars of the different cases it is valuable to note, generally, the result of this investigation. It seems that most of these old people were small or medium of stature and a spare habit of body; the voice was rarely feeble; most of them had lost their teeth, but nearly all enjoyed good digestion, one old man of 98 years, a clergyman, placing his hand on the organ in question, and saying that he never knew what it was to have a stomach. Nearly all of them had enjoyed uninterrupted good health, and many had never known what it was to be sick. They were all very moderate in eating, most of them using little animal food. Few indulged at all in intoxicating drinks, and those only in notable moderation. They took considerable outdoor exercise, and nearly all possessed the good-natured, placid disposition.' But

good living is, we ween, of more account than long living. And it is well for both young and old ever to remember that no man liveth to himself alone.

In Lighter Vein

(By 'QUIP'.)

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

School Break-ups.

It seems to be a special dispensation of Providence in favor of newspapers, that the school break-ups occur when Parliament has closed down and things are generally flat, stale, and unprofitable. But for the columns and columns of names, distinguished in literature and the arts, which fill the papers about this time, newspaper men would have to kill the Czar or Bourke O'Brien, or some other celebrated man, on an average, two or three times a month. And I think it is immoral to kill any man more than once, except, perhaps, a poet. I always read the school reports through, beginning with the maid or youth who is dux and gets a medal, and ending with the tiny kindergarten tot who gets a flaming red and yellow picture-book as third prize for general proficiency in the A.B.C. The reading is a little sad. One cannot help thinking how many of these young lives, so full of bright promise and high hope for the future, will disappoint and be disappointed—especially among the boys, the majority of whom aspire to be tram-conductors, and who, in all probability, will never achieve anything better than being lawyers or doctors or bishops.

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On the other hand it is somewhat amusing to see the number of subjects that the teachers introduce, in order to be able to give each child a prize, because, you know, every child whose parents are not dead or confined to bed, must get something. They even teach spherical trigonometry and natural history and heaven knows what besides to youngsters who are still interested in the fact that Ned has a Cat, and that the Cat sits on the Mat—like most cats, in everybody's way. The other day, a curly-headed White Island bundle of innocence in a snowy Kate Greenaway frock, black stockings, and white two-strap shoes, brought home a prize for natural history. The little maid is my next-door neighbor. 'Oh!' said the delighted mother, 'how did you win that?' 'I thaid an elephant had five legth,' lisped the bundle. 'But an elephant has only four legs.' 'Yeth; but the other girls said it had six, so I got the prize.' After all, then, the whole thing is comparative, and school reports are simply columns of comparisons. Comparisons, I have heard as odious; so I'll say no more.

The Concert.

There is generally a concert in connection with a break-up. My daughter took part in the one at White Island last Friday. For two days beforehand she spoilt the landscape around our place by going about with the front of her head loaded with five or six dozen curling-pins, all pointing in a different direction, and resembling in appearance magnified and corpulent wood-worms. And the back of her poll was made 'a joy for ever,' being richly bedight with four or five festoons, partly of rag and partly of hair. At the concert she played a duet with another maiden. They punished the instrument with great violence, their backs all the time turned to the audience. This arrangement was decided upon because the other girl's parents had threatened to take her away from the school unless she were allowed to sit at the piano on the side next the audience. Of course we did the same about our girl. We had to stand by our rights, you know. The compromise was an improvement, because if you were a lee-tle deaf, you could not hear the players doing the 'One-two-three-four' business in an emphatic and aggressive stage-whisper. The lady pupil-teacher was there in all her glory. She affected the new 'straight-front.' She has kahki-colored hair most of the year, and she had it gathered into the summit of her cranium and tied in a wee-shy little knot that looked like the knob on the lid of a tea-pot and was simply there for convenience in putting the hair on or off. On the starboard side of the knob there was a bunch of something yellow. I think it was some toi-toi, but it may have been a sheaf of ripe oats. She played two or three items with more than the average rapturous swaying of the body and lifting of the curved and ringed little finger towards the ceiling that distinguishes the true artist. Another pleasing item on the programme was a dance by some children. There were no steps in it, but that is nothing. It was marvellous to see the way these youngsters tried to see who could 'keep together the soonest.' And the way they left the piano be-

hind bespeaks great futures for them on the bicycle track. The whole thing was a great success, and showed that, in the accomplishments, as in everything else, White Island is not behind the rest of New Zealand, but just a little east of it.

Searching the Scriptures.

Pressmen up Oamaru way are beginning to 'search the Scriptures,' and with results that recall the experience of the stay-at-home Aucklander who was induced to hear a sermon one Sunday some months ago. He returned home greatly impressed. 'You are never too old to learn,' he remarked confidentially to a friend afterwards. 'Now I always thought Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife, and I find that they were nothing but cities.' On Monday morning of last week the *North Otago Times* gave the text of Bishop Grimes's fine discourse of the previous day as Isaiah II., 10 (which, by the way, it rendered as follows): 'Enter into the rock, and hide there in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty.' The *Times* had made the discovery all alone and on its own account. In the evening the *Mail* gave the text actually used by Bishop Grimes: 'Great shall be the glory of this last house more than of the first, saith the Lord of hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.' The text is from Aggeus (Haggai) II., 10, but the Bibles of the *Mail* staff discovered it in a hitherto unknown portion of the Scriptures which they call 'the Book of Prophets.' In the meantime the higher critics of the *Times* were out like black trackers upon the trail of the text. The result of their search appeared as follows in Wednesday's issue:—'In giving the text of Bishop Grimes' sermon on Sunday evening we should have made it read as follows: "Great shall be the glory of this last house, more than after the first, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." The reference to the text was correctly given by us, but a mistake arose owing to the differences of translation.'



ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

December 21.

Steps are to be taken to refurbish the Thorndon parish school during the vacation.

Prior to dispersing for the holidays the pupils of the Technical School presented Miss Williams, teacher of shorthand, with a silver-mounted purse, gold pencil case, and pendant.

In the published results of the recent Law examination held by the New Zealand University I notice the names of the following successful ex-students of St. Patrick's College: Mr. B. McCarthy (Wanganui), Messrs. W. J. Organ, A. H. Casey, and P. H. Putnam (Wellington). All of these have passed the final solicitor's law examination.

Rev. Father Morrough, S.J., is to preach a retreat to the Napier nuns this week. On his return he will conduct a retreat for the Sisters in Wellington. Rev. Father Gartlan, S.J., conducts the retreat for the Masterton nuns, and Rev. Father Colgan, who came with him, leaves for New Plymouth to preach a retreat at the local convent.

The second annual concert by Miss Julia Moran's pupils took place at the Sydney street schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon. A large audience greeted the performers. Miss Moran was assisted by Mrs. Nolan (pianiste), Miss G. Flanagan (vocalist), and Miss Kane (elocutionist). Miss Moran contributed three difficult numbers, which were all enthusiastically received. The pupils showed in their items signs of very careful training.

On Monday evening last the members of the Mariet Brothers' School Old Boys' Literary Society brought this year's session to a close by holding a conversazione, to which their friends of both sexes were invited. The hall was tastefully decorated with ferns and other greenery, and presented a fine appearance. There were over 100 ladies and gentlemen present. An excellent programme of music was rendered, and refreshments were dispensed during the evening.

The Thorndon parish schoolroom, Guildford terrace, presented an animated appearance on Friday evening, when the children gave their first public performance. The pupils were seated on the stage, which had been decorated for the occasion by the teaching staff. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, V.G., Fathers Holley and Henry were among those present. In his remarks at the close of the entertainment, Father Lewis congratulated the performers on the success of their first effort, and referred to the fact that 94 per cent. of the scholars presented at the annual examination were passed by the Government Inspector.

The devotion of the Forty Hours commenced at the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday last Mass was celebrated at 10.30 a.m. by Rev. Father Henry, Very Rev. Father Lewis being deacon, and Rev. Father Holley sub-deacon. The Rev. Father Morrough, S.J., preached on the Blessed Eucharist in the evening. On Monday morning Mass was celebrated by Father Holley, Father Lewis being deacon, and Father Henry sub-deacon. In the evening the sermon was preached by Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton. On Tuesday Solemn High Mass was sung by Father Lewis, Dean McKenna acting as deacon, and Father Clancy sub-deacon. The decorations, which were very tasteful, were the work of Mrs. Scanlon.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

The Vincentian Fathers are at present engaged in giving a mission in Milton. There have been very good congregation at all the services.

On Thurs'ay night the committee of the United Empire Bazaar entertained the stallholders and their assistants at a social gathering in the Agricultural Hall. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large attendance, and everything passed off most successfully.

The committee, stallholders, and all others who assisted in the United Empire Bazaar, on behalf of the building fund of St. Joseph's Hall, must feel highly pleased at the result. After paying all expenses the energetic secretary, Mr. T. J. Hussey, has been in a position to report a credit balance of £855. The result has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the promoters.

Father Henry, C.M., is still engaged in conducting a mission in the Palmerston South parish. The mission given by Fathers Boyle and McEnroe in Milton terminates on Christmas day, after which the Rev. Fathers will stay for a time at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

The annual Christmas Communion of the members of the Dunedin branch of the Hibernian Society took place on Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. There was a large number present in regalia, and it was very pleasing to notice amongst the brothers several who had come long distances in order to assist at the Mass and approach the Holy Table. The Rev. Father Coffey, who celebrated Mass, expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many members of the society present, and after explaining the benefits and other good results attaching to the society, the Rev. Father urged upon the young men of the parish the necessity of becoming members of this excellent organisation which was doing such a large amount of good in the community.

There was a large audience present in St. Patrick's Hall, South Dunedin on Friday evening, when the pupils of the Convent High School gave a very successful entertainment, the various performers displaying a proficiency which spoke well for their training. The programme consisted of a drama, 'The little gipsy girl,' and selections of vocal and instrumental music, the latter being given between the acts of the play. The principal parts in the drama were taken by Miss N. Mahony (Dame Margot), Miss M. Mulholland (Faronche), Miss Twomey (Queen of the Gipsies), Miss N. Twomey (Madame de Mountbuisson), and Julie (Miss Mulholland). All the roles were played with spirit, Miss N. Mahony being especially successful as Dame Margot. A quartet (on two pianos) was played by Misses W. Marlow and C. Marlow on the one piano and Misses M. Curran and T. Curran on the other. Another piano duet was played by Misses Twomey, Tonar, Ford, and Cruise. A concerted march was played by Misses Twomey and Kennelly (first violins), Mulholland, McGowan, and Cunningham (second violins), M. Curran (mandoline), and J. Tonar (cello). Miss A. Sheridan played an overture, and Masters A. Neil and G. Cameron sang a comic song, which was encored. Each item was received with great applause, and the performers reflected credit on their teachers. Excellent choruses were given by the pupils, and a court dance by the senior pupils was received with well-merited applause. Father Coffey, in addressing the audience at the conclusion, apologised for the absence of the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, and thanked the audience for attending, and the children for the very excellent performance they had just given. The Sisters deserved the best thanks of the parents for the manner in which they had taught the children. They had obtained a high commendation from the Government inspector, who had given the school a fine report for the high standard of knowledge shown by the pupils. He could tell them that if the teaching staff were paid, as in lay schools, the bill for their salaries would run into £1500 a year, and their people would feel grateful to the Sisters for their hard work in the interests of the children.

WAIMATE.

On Thursday of last week his Lordship Bishop Grime administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Church Waimate, to upwards of 80 children. The candidates (says the *Advertiser*) came from all parts of the district, a number being from far distant Hakataramoa.

His Lordship the previous day drove from Timaru, accompanied by the Rev. Fathers Marnane, of Christchurch, and Tubman, of Timaru. During his stay in Timaru he confirmed 160 children. For the week previous to his Lordship's arrival here, Father Regnault and Father O'Connell were busy preparing the children. The church was most tastefully decorated and, though a week day, a very large congregation assembled from all parts of the district. Father Aubry, of Timaru, was present at the service.

Previous to addressing the children his Lordship expressed his pleasure at being in Waimate once more, speaking of the hearty reception he received on his last visit, and of the generosity they displayed in the great work of the cathedral which he had so much at heart. They would be glad to hear that the building was rapidly assuming lofty proportions, but the funds were as rapidly on the decline. He hoped that those who had not yet redeemed their promises would do so as soon as possible.

After Confirmation had been administered his Lordship gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A procession from the church to the presbytery grounds was formed, headed by the Cross-bearer, followed by the children bearing banners and by all others present. When his Lordship reached the door of the presbytery he congratulated the people on their spirit of faith, and wished them a holy and happy Christmas.

Hearty cheers were given for his Lordship, and for Fathers Regnault and O'Connell.

While in Waimate Bishop Grimes received numerous subscriptions towards the building of the Christchurch Cathedral.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

THE Caversham election resulted in the return of Mr. Sidey by a substantial majority.

THE Wellington City Council has passed a by-law making it an offence, punishable by a fine not exceeding £5, to expectorate upon the footpaths.

THE Christchurch *Press* states that under the new police regulations, Inspectors Pardy (Dunedin) and Pender (Wellington), both of whom are over 60 years of age, will be compulsorily retired at an early date.

IN consequence of New Year's Day falling on our usual publishing day we will be obliged to go to press a day earlier than usual. Correspondents are, therefore, requested to forward contributions so as to reach this office on the morning of Monday the 30th.

THE Westinghouse brake is being fitted to all new cars turned out from Addington Workshops, and the old cars are also being fitted with the brakes as rapidly as possible. The Christchurch-Dunedin express will be the first complete train on this section to have the brake on engine and all carriages.

THE banquet tendered to Sir Joseph Ward by the townspeople of Gore on Tuesday night was very successful. About 70 persons were present, the number including a sprinkling of ladies. Besides the guest of the evening, Lady Ward, the Hon. H. Fieldwick, M.L.C., and Messrs. Gilfedder, Hanan, and McNab, M's.H.R., were present.

A LARGE number of Maoris (says a northern paper) have asked the Native Minister that they be allowed to go to South Africa with the Eighth Contingent. 'The British,' they virtually say, 'have made a mess of it; let us go and put things right.' The policy of the Imperial authorities, however, is against the Maoris taking part in the war, and the offers cannot be accepted.

THE volumes of statutes passed during the session of 1901 has just been issued by the Government Printing Office. The volume contains 74 general, 26 local and personal, and three private Acts. On the back, instead of the familiar 'Vic.,' is the inscription 'I. Edward VII.'

MESSRS. MILLS, DICK AND Co. have gained a reputation for their Otago, Southland, and South Canterbury Almanac and Directory which only accuracy and comprehensiveness could achieve. Like wine, this publication improves with age, and each year some new feature or special item of information is added which makes it still more welcome to the business man, to whom it is indispensable.

Among the contributors to the December number of the *Austral Light* are the Right Rev. Dr. Delaney who brings to a conclusion his articles on 'The Communion of Saints'; Rev. John Murphy, who writes entertainingly on 'The Orators of Ireland,' Rev. H. W. Cleary, whose article on 'Angels' will be read with interest, and Mr E. S. Wardell, who takes the public into his confidence with reference to the manufacture of coins. The remainder of the contents is up to the usual standard of our esteemed Catholic monthly.

THE Hon. T. Y. Duncan, Minister of Lands, was banqueted at Oamaru on Thursday night. Sir Joseph Ward, responding to the toast of 'The Ministry,' said, they had been told that the Government were against the farmers, but, as a matter of fact, the Government had given the farmers £238,000 annually by way of railway concessions alone. Then storage had been provided for farmers' produce at a cost of £10,000 a year; free grading of produce had been conceded, and £50,000 had been placed on the estimates for providing cold storage in South Africa. It was the duty of every man to check any attempt to set town against country; they must all unite in doing what was for the good of the Colony in a spirit of moderation. Speaking of the Federal tariff, he said the time would come when the Commonwealth would find it to their advantage to reciprocate with New Zealand in order to gain a share of our trade. Notwithstanding remissions the revenue was now £103,000 more than at the same period of last year, and the million and half loan had been a success. He had no fear as to the future. New Zealand might have troublous times before her, but there was no present sign of their coming.

Held Over.

Just as we were about to go to press several reports came to hand which we were obliged to hold over until next week.

A list of subscriptions to the building fund of the new Dominican Convent, Oamaru, appears elsewhere in this issue...

A list of the winning numbers in the art union in aid of the Vincentian Fathers' Church, Malvern, Victoria, appears in this issue....

The Railway authorities notify that several alterations in, and additions to the ordinary time table will be made in connection with the New Year Holidays. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns....

Dominican Convent, Oamaru.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, preached at Vespers in St. Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru, in connection with the dedication of the new Dominican Convent. His Lordship based his discourse on the text, 'Great shall be the glory of this last house more than of the first, saith the Lord of Hosts: and in this place I will give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.'—(Aggeus II., 10). The house, said his Lordship, referred to in the text was the Temple which was afterwards so much glorified by the presence of the long-promised Christ. Referring to the convent, he said the nuns who had labored so lovingly and earnestly in the past would henceforth be able to labor ever so much more successfully. The Archbishop, in the morning, had spoken on the life of the white-robed Sisters of St. Dominic, and the Bishop addressed the large congregation on their work. Every parent knew that there was given in their children a supernatural life. It had been given to them the right and the duty to educate their children. The State also had something to do towards education. The State had, however, no right to wrest from the parents the duty they owed to God, and to force upon them a Godless education. By the work which the faithful Catholics were doing in this district they were showing that they were keeping the Divine ordinance. There was no word more frequently used to-day than education. It was often said that the imparting of intellectual and physical education was the whole of it. But they should listen to this definition—the unfolding and opening of the moral as well as the intellectual and physical attributes of men. Why were the mightiest thrones of Europe tottering and crumbling to the dust? It was because the world was becoming pagan. After several striking quotations from the speeches of eminent statesmen on the influence of irreligious education, his Lordship pictured the contrast of a religious and an irreligious training, and closed with a glowing description of the education that would in the future be inculcated by the Sisters of St. Dominic.

Obituary.

MR. DAVID DEE, DUBLIN.

WE regret to record the death of Mr. David Dee, a well-known and highly esteemed merchant of Dublin, who passed away at his residence, Upper Erne street, on October 14, at the age of 64 years. The deceased had been in business in Dublin for over thirty years, during which time he made a large number of friends. Mr. Dee was a native of Thurles, and nephew of the late Rev. David Dee, Loughmore, and for a time Administrator of Moycarkey, in the Archdiocese of Cashel. The interment took place in the Glanevin Cemetery, and the very large funeral cortege which accompanied the remains to their last resting place, showed the esteem in which the deceased had been held by all classes and creeds. The late Mr. Dee was a brother of Mrs. E. Carroll, Mornington, and of the late Mrs. Purton, St. Bathans.—*R.I.P.*

MRS MULDOWNEY, SYDNEY.

The many friends of Mr. John Colehan, Waitati, will hear with deep regret of the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Walter Muldowney, who passed away at Sydney on December 19. To her sorrowing husband and parents we tender our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. *R.I.P.*

Angora Goats.

IT is stated that the Angora goats which the Agriculture Department recently imported are doing well on Somes Island, Wellington Harbour, where they are undergoing quarantine. There is a considerable demand in New Zealand for the animals, but great difficulty is found in supplying it. The Turks have prohibited their export, and the Government of Cape Colony has placed a heavy export duty upon them. In addition to their value in keeping down blackberry, briars, and other similar pests, the goats give a plentiful supply of rich milk; and from each one between 4lb and 6lb of mohair, worth from 1s 4d to 2s per lb, can be out every year. At the present time there are about 4,000,000 Angora goats in Cape Colony.

Respecting these animals the South African correspondent of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal* writes:—

The Angoras are, perhaps, the most interesting stock, after the ostriches, on a South African farm. They are also very profitable, for they produce the beautiful silky mohair which is gradually finding its way more and more into home manufactures. Angora goats are not natives of South Africa; they were first introduced into the Cape from India, and mohair began to figure in the exports only in 1862. They have proved a great success. They multiply rapidly, live on the poorest pasturage, and require very little care. The Indian importations, however, were not the pure-bred goats, which are only to be found in Asia Minor; and a Mr. Evans visited Angora in 1856 and procured from the mountain districts of Teherkeas and Geredeh lots of the pure-bred, which, with others imported by private individuals and mercantile firms, were introduced into the Colony. So that the breed is now pure Angora, or nearly so. They are picturesque little animals, with their long, twisted horns and coats of flowing, silky mohair. The fleeces are considered just as valuable as the Turkey produce, which makes the rich material known as mohair plush, and many other materials. These Angoras are very hardy, and can live where sheep cannot. Their flesh also is fairly good eating. They have as many as four or five kids at a birth, and seldom less than two, and their skin is unequalled for the manufacture of leather.

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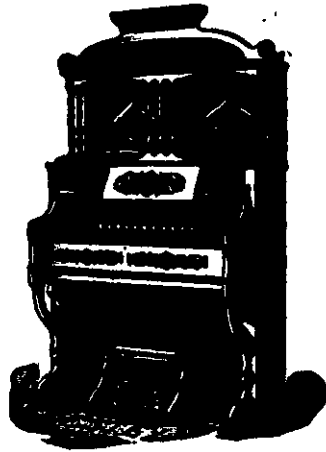
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The Storyteller

THE KING'S MESSENGER.

THE old priest looked thoughtful. 'Yes,' he said. 'I have had some ghostly experiences, and so have some others of my kindred; for which I have reason to thank God.'

Father Anselm was a member of a religious Order, and was engaged in giving a retreat in a retired part of England at the time of his telling the following story to the friends in whose house he had been received for the occasion.

The talk had been of spiritual experiences, ghostly manifestations. Father Anselm had been appealed to. Had he ever known an authenticated case of the return of a spirit from the other world? He reflected a little, and there stole over his worn face that beautiful light which was familiar to those who knew him, making them feel that it was good to be in his presence. Then he began.

I will tell you the story. It dates a long way back, even from the time when I was a mere child. My father had died a Protestant, leaving my Catholic mother with two young children—my brother and myself. No quarrel, no unkindness had ever existed between my father and mother on account of the difference in their religion; but my father was resolved that his sons should not suffer the worldly disadvantage of being educated in the Catholic faith. He therefore, appointed his brother our guardian in this particular matter.

Our home was on the side of a Scottish mountain, with heathery crags at its back, and sea within sight—though not so near as it seemed; for as we stood in some of our windows it looked as if the tumbling waves were threatening to sweep us all away and make an end of us. Up in a high nook my mother had her little oratory, and there she burned her little lamp to the Sacred Heart night and day, imploring protection for her sons who were too young to know the danger that hung over them. The fishermen used to turn their eyes to that lighted window, which was never darkened, and had many a story of perils from which it had rescued them on wintry nights. There was a vague belief among even the most ignorant that there was a blessing on that light, and that the lady in the old castle up there was a saint.

My uncle lived in London, and had never visited his brother since he had sinned against the religious prejudices of an old family by marrying a Papist. Much affected by my father's death and the trust he had reposed in him, my uncle wrote to my mother, asking permission to come to see her for the purpose of making arrangements to carry out her husband's instructions as to placing his sons in a Protestant school.

I remember vividly to this day how my mother received that letter; how she led my brother and me to her little place of prayer, and there, before the lamp, with an arm round each of us, she offered us to God, calling on Him to save us. We were frightened, and clung to her and wept.

'Rather take them to Thyself, O God!' she prayed, 'as Thou didst take their little sister. If Thou hast no good work allotted for them to do in this world, take them!' We both remembered the death of our little sister, and we wept the more when our mother brought her into her prayer.

Meanwhile our uncle was journeying toward us from London, full of a benevolence which was to exercise itself by taking steps for the promotion of our future welfare in the world. Judging by my mother's letters, he knew that he would have difficulties to encounter in the discharge of his duty; and, though bene-

volent, he was prepared to be stern. His sister-in-law was doubtless a good woman, romantic and poetic as Catholics were wont to be; but it lay with him to exercise a firmness which would make it impossible for her to destroy the worldly prospects of her children.

He mused much on the subject as he travelled the whole of a long winter's day up north; old associations revived, old affections stirred by the sight of the once familiar landscapes long unseen. Unlike my father, who was a sincere Protestant, my uncle had little or no religious faith of any kind, and was known among his London friends as a Positivist; therefore, the removal of his brother's sons from the teaching of their mother was to him nothing more than a prudent arrangement, securing them against misfortune in this life. As the Scottish hills came in sight it occurred to him that such scenery would naturally tend to encourage the fantasies of religious beliefs, all of which seemed to him quite illusory—the Catholic only a little more so than the Protestant faith.

'All poetry,' he reflected, 'that subtle thing called poetry. In one form or another, how it dominates the whole world! It is more powerful than the steam-engine, the electric fluid, than dynamite or the tides of the ocean.'

It was late in the evening when he arrived at the small country town from which he intended to post uphill to our home. He drove to the hotel and made arrangements to stay there for the night, preparing for an early start next morning. Taking possession of a private sitting room, he directed the waiter to fetch him some light refreshment. The room was brilliantly lighted with gas, and while waiting for the return of the attendant, with his supper, my uncle stood at the table looking over a note-book which he had taken from his pocket. For a moment he was absorbed in a business matter concerning himself only, and quite oblivious of the affair which had induced him to make a winter's journey.

Some light sound caused him to raise his eyes, and he saw a little girl run into the room and come straight up to the table where he stood—a bright little creature about seven years old, with fair hair falling about her shoulders, and dressed in a pale blue muslin frock. She stood looking at him silently for a few seconds, with her head uplifted and her keenly intelligent blue eyes fixed on his face. Before he could ask her who she was and what she wanted with him, she spoke.

'Don't interfere with the boys!' she said sharply, warningly.

'What do you mean, child?' asked my uncle, not for the moment seeing any connection between the words said and anything he knew of. She put her little hand on the edge of the table and leaned forward, fixing a still more piercing glance on his countenance.

'Don't interfere with the boys,' she repeated urgently. 'If you do, God will punish you.'

Then the meaning of her words flashed on the man who was going on a certain errand, and he looked at her in mute astonishment. Mechanically he closed his notebook, before replying to her, and in doing so his glance shifted momentarily from her to the book.

'Now,' he said, 'come and tell me what you mean.'

He looked around. He was alone in the apartment. Gone! Who was she? Where had she come from? Had he been sleeping on his feet—dreaming? No; for he had just made an important calculation, which he had recorded with his pencil in

his pocket-book. The jingle of glass and china announced the return of the waiter with his tray, and my uncle at once inquired of him:

'Who is the little girl who has just been here paying me a visit?'

The waiter smiled and shook his head.

'We have no little girl in this house, sir—no children of any sort.'

'But you have visitors.'

'No children, sir. A young gentleman and two elderly ladies. We don't have many persons in the house just at this time of the year.'

My uncle persisted in asserting that a little girl had come into his room and had spoken to him, until he found that he was only making himself an object of ridicule. Then he tried to put the matter out of his mind and went to bed.

In the morning he awakened with the curious warning ringing in his ears: 'Don't interfere with the boys! If you do God will punish you.' The words seemed to take a real meaning which at first had appeared accidental. Had the whole incident been the creation of his own brain, supplied by some latent impression of which he had been unconscious? But no: he was certain that no doubt of the integrity of what he was doing had lain anywhere unobserved within the limits of his intelligence. Then where did the girl come from, and what did she know about 'the boys' whose future welfare was so present a subject of his anxiety? For that her presence had been a real one, that her sharp, clear, menacing words had pierced his actual fleshy ears, the morning's reflections left him not the shadow of a doubt.

After an early breakfast, he hired a carriage and arrived at our home about noon. Having asked to see my mother, he was shown into a morning room to which he had long been a stranger, but which in a moment was sweetly familiar to him. It was little changed, even as to arrangement; for my mother was one of those tender souls who love to keep things as they were long ago within the sanctuary of an old home. There was the quaint old satin-wood bureau in which his mother used to keep her letters and papers; he remembered the tragedy of an overturned ink-bottle as to which he had confessed his infant guilt. That was his mother's work-table, evidently still utilised by feminine industry, as witness the skeins of colored silks lying within the open lid. Books—the same books—were there in the honored place behind the panes of the antique bookcases. The windows were still full of the sea; and yonder stern grey crag which seemed to rise out of it had just the old threatening aspect which once made little children fear its frown like a conscience. The pictures on the wall were the same—Cromwell there, the Pretender there, heroes for boys to wrangle over. Though a determined Loyalist, how, as a youth, he used to love the Jacobite songs! And at this piano his mother used to sing them. Yet there were one or two changes in the pictures on the wall. The chimney glass over the mantle piece had been removed, and a painting—apparently a portrait—had been substituted for it.

My uncle adjusted his eye-glass and planted himself before the picture to examine it.

'My God!' he suddenly ejaculated—'my God, what an extraordinary coincidence!' The picture was an exact representation of his little visitor of the evening before. There she was—blue eyes, falling yellow hair, pale blue muslin frock; a peculiar little countenance lighted up by the most speaking intelligence. As he stared at her the eyes looked back at him again, and the lips seemed ready to unclose with a repetition of an urgent appeal, a menace:

'Don't interfere with the boys! If you do, God will punish you.'

'The boys!' Was she one of the family? And had she, after all, been at the hotel the evening before, and

perhaps, prompted by her mother, made an attempt to startle him? As this suggestion occurred to him he heard the sound of the door opening, turned and confronted my mother.

The meeting was an affecting one. My uncle, though an eminently common-sensible and matter-of-fact man, had his hidden vein of sentiment, and he was touched by my mother's fragile and spiritual beauty and sad aspect in her mourning weeds. She, on her part, did not find so much hardness as she had expected in the face of her head husband's brother. They clasped hands in silence; and before my mother could find her voice to bid her visitor welcome, my uncle suddenly turned to the portrait over the mantelpiece.

'First, and before everything,' he said, 'strange request as it may seem, pray tell me who is the original of that picture—if it has an original?'

My mother's eyes followed the movement of his hand, indicating the particular picture.

'Yes,' she said, 'it has an original in heaven. That is the portrait of my only girl, who died five years ago.'

Many a time my mother told us the story in later years. My uncle, who was rather a fuddy man, turned, she said, quite white, and kept staring at the portrait with so strange an expression that she thought his mind had suddenly become affected. At last he removed his gaze from the canvas and turned it on her. Two or three large, slow tears gathered in his eyes and dropped.

'My sister,' he said, 'it seems to me that God has been fighting your battle and intends you to win. I came here to take your boys: I shall leave them with you.'

He then, simply and shortly, told her of his experience of the evening before. My mother wept silently. Awed and impressed as she was, she had no difficulty in believing the story.

'We need not talk about it except among ourselves,' said my uncle; 'but let me stay with you here for a few days until I think the matter out. I am not just the man for an experience of this kind. I shall take some time to digest and assimilate it.'

We were introduced (my brother and myself) to our dreaded uncle, whom we did not find at all the kind of person we had expected. He was bluff and kind, took us for long walks and rides, questioned us about our sports and our lessons, told us stories, and was altogether a delightful companion to us. He encouraged us to talk to him about everything, which we did, perhaps overfreely some times. Among other things, we informed him of how much we had dreaded his visit.

'Mother was afraid you would take us from her and send us to a kind of school she did not like,' said my brother. 'We prayed against you every night. Mother said to God that she would rather He would take us Himself, where he has got our little sister, than let us go with you.'

'But, then, she did not know the kind of man you are, uncle,' I hastened to say, fearing that my brother, a year or two younger, had, spoken with want of tact.

'I do not wonder she did not know me,' said my uncle; 'for I do not seem to know myself.'

After some days he left us and went back to London; but he wrote to mother frequently, and before long he paid us another visit. He used to stand for long minutes before my sister's portrait, gazing intently at her bright, intelligent little face, and then would turn away and pace up and down the room, lost in a reverie.

'Mary,' he said one day, 'a new man would seem to have been born in me on the day when I entered this room bent on opposing you. I ask you to pray that the new-born creature may grow and develop into something more worthy of his Maker than the individual who was I.'

My mother prayed, and so did we two little boys. And, not to spin my story out to a wearisome length, the end of it was that my uncle, and afterward his wife and children, became fervent Catholics; and my brother and I are growing old in the priesthood.—Ave Maria.

Catholic World

AUSTRIA.—Seven Centuries Old.

The Cistercian Chapter at Lillienfeld, Austria-Hungary, recently observed the 700th anniversary of its foundation. The chapter-house is situated between Vienna and Lillienfeld and is one of many memories.

CHINA.—Repairing the Damage.

A letter written by the heroic Bishop Favier gives the welcome information that the Christians of his diocese are being fully compensated for the losses they suffered during the never-to-be-forgotten Reign of Terror last year. They are rebuilding their houses and peace seems to be really restored. 'We are also receiving ample compensation for the beautiful churches that were burned down,' says the Bishop, 'but time will be needed to rebuild them. Our residence in Pe-tang has been rebuilt, finer than ever. Our cathedral is also approaching completion, and in a few months there will be no trace of last year's siege. I am also building two large hospitals at Peking and Tien-tsin; they will be ready before winter.'

CUBA.—Church Affairs.

Bishop Sbarretti, who will shortly leave Havana for Rome, prior to going to the Philippine Islands as representative of the Pope to settle the Church question there, has issued a pastoral letter of farewell. He says the idea has arisen in Cuba that owing to the separation of Church and State, the former has lost her judicial personality. Those who think this do not know the nature of the Catholic Church, which is a sovereign society. He adds that amid all struggles and contradictions the support of Catholics was always given to him. He found that the validity of religious marriages was not recognised. This was a matter of deep concern to him, and some opposed him in his endeavors to obtain recognition for such marriages. Help came from a quarter whence it was least expected, and the Government recognised the legality of religious marriages. The Bishop further says that he is convinced that religious education is essential for children. He has founded religious schools and diffused religious education in order to correct a fundamental policy of the present regime. Regarding Church property, he says that the return of this property to the Church, its lawful owner, did honor to the Government which returned it.

ENGLAND.—A Good Work.

I understand (writes a London correspondent) that the ecclesiastical authorities of Southwark intend opening at an early date a house in the neighborhood of Walworth for the education of ecclesiastical students. It is intended that Catholics engaged in business in the city should have an opportunity of discovering whether they have a vocation for the priesthood, without interfering with their secular pursuits. His Lordship the Bishop of Southwark has given instructions for the opening of an institution whereby eligible Catholics may undergo a course of probation for the sacred ministry. The Bishop will open the institution, and I understand that a large number of Catholics engaged in business pursuits in the city have expressed their willingness to join the novitiate.

Death of a Canon.

The news of the death of Canon Bagshawe, whose work on be-

half of the Catholic Church in England has made his name famous, was received with deep regret, not only by Catholics themselves, but by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a Catholic first, but he was in thorough touch with those belonging to other denominations, by whom he was deeply respected. The late Canon served as army chaplain in the Crimean War, and was appointed Missionary Rector of Richmond in 1856. Archbishop Bagshawe, the brother of the deceased, officiated at the Requiem Mass, which was said at Richmond in presence of a large concourse of clergy and laity. Canon Johnston, who gave the address on the occasion, paid an eloquent tribute to the priestly character of the deceased Canon.

A Sudden Death.

On the assembling of the County Court at Peterborough, on November 6, the Registrar said he regretted to inform the Court that he had just received a telegram stating that his Honor Judge Bagshawe had died suddenly during the night. The Registrar expressed deep sympathy with Mrs. Bagshawe and the family at the sudden termination of so long and honorable a career. Judge Bagshawe on the previous day attended the funeral of his brother, Canon Bagshawe. Mr J. A. Percival, as senior solicitor present, voiced the sorrow that would be felt by the legal profession at the loss of a most painstaking and methodical judge. The deceased was one of the oldest County Court judges on circuit. The Court immediately adjourned. Judge Bagshawe was the brother of Archbishop Bagshawe, till lately the Bishop of Nottingham, and of Canon Bagshawe, whose funeral he attended on the day preceding his own death. He was one of the most respected of English Catholic laymen.

FRANCE.—Study of Irish.

A class for the study of Irish has been formed in the Irish College, Paris. Out of a total of 70 students 60 have joined it.

African Missions.

The following missionaries, with several Sisters of the Society of African Missions, have left Lyons for their missions in Africa: Fathers J. Gagnaire, J. Mounier, J. Khern, Gegin, and Antoine, for Dahomey; Fathers Banwarth, Vescier, and Peter for the Gold Coast; Fathers Tonquernie, Moly, and four lay Brothers for the Ivory Coast. The Right Rev. Mgr. D'Artois, Vicar-Apostolic of Dahomey, and the Right Rev. Mgr. Albert, Vicar-Apostolic of the Gold Coast, also left for their respective Sees.

The Benedictines.

We ('Catholic Times') hear of religious communities asking for their authorisation of the French Government and being refused it. This is not the case with the English Benedictines of Douai, who, having applied for their authorisation, are in a fair way of obtaining it. The Mayor of Douai is on their side putting forward together with their plea the statutes of their community, which say that the aim pursued by these monks, is the salvation and sanctification of souls, and that their means of action lie in Christian teaching and the apostolic ministry exercised in England.

Cures at Lourdes.

The 'Annals of Our Lady of Lourdes' quotes Dr. Brunelle, of Laval University, as follows: 'I am not afraid to say that I have seen facts that cannot be explained except by granting supernatural intervention. I have verified miracles scientifically, and I dare to challenge any physician in the world to give me a natural explanation of those cures,' and then justly remarks: 'And yet in the face of statements like this, a few materialists, delving for knowledge where knowledge is



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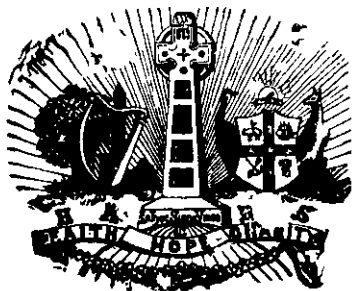
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Winding up Estates.

The winding up of the estates of the Congregations which have refused to apply for authorisation (writes a Paris correspondent) is proceeding briskly. The Government agents are, however, experiencing more difficulty than they expected, owing to the fact which I have already pointed out often before, that the property of most of the important Congregations does not belong to those Congregations, but to companies which had been formed after the experience of 1880 to take up the property of the religious Orders in order to save it from eventual confiscation in case the war against liberty of association should be renewed. The advisers of the Government were confident that the title of these companies was rather flimsy, and that means could be found by which they would be prevented from intervening in the winding up of the estates. In this, however, they were disappointed, and the incidents which happened at Solesmes must have convinced them that the Jesuits were not the only ones who had known how to protect themselves. By order of the Minister of Justice, the Prefect, accompanied by a Justice of the Peace, and a number of policemen, went to the Abbey of Solesmes for the purpose of taking an inventory of the property and placing seals upon all the doors. As no notice had been given of this visit, the magistrates had no trouble in carrying out their intention, but people in the neighborhood of the the Abbey having advised the President of the Society which owns the Abbey of Solesmes, M. le Comte de Bastard, the latter immediately gave notice to the Justice of the Peace to remove the seals from the place. After referring the matter to the Prefect and to Paris, the seals were ultimately removed and the President of the Company placed in possession of the property. All the furniture and books had been taken away by the monks, who have gone to Tournai, in Belgium, where they have already a large printing and publishing establishment. From the Solesmes printing press issues that monumental publication, the 'Paleographic Musicale,' which is the most complete record in existence of all the melodies and musical pieces which have been left by former ages.

A Venerable Priest.

A priest's 75th anniversary of his ordination is a rare occurrence, yet such an occasion lately was celebrated by Rev. Father and Archpriest

Carl Mueller, at St. Vincent's Alsace Lorraine. The venerable clergyman is much esteemed throughout the province.

An old Organ.

The great organ of the Cathedral at Amiens, France, was the gift of the chamberlain of Charles VI. It is almost the only one of its kind in France.

INDIA.—Candid Testimony.

In the annual report of the Society of Protestant Missions in Batavia the following gratifying remarks are made regarding the progress of Catholicism in India:—It cannot be denied that Rome makes in India disquieting progress. United into a powerful phalanx the Catholics advance further and further, and add victory to victory.'

PORTUGAL.—Religious Orders.

The Portuguese Government, following the example of France, required all the religious Orders in the kingdom to hand in a copy of their statutes and apply for official recognition. The Government has now announced that all the Congregations have been recognised and approved.

ROME.—Requiem Mass.

Lord Currie, the British Ambassador at Rome, and staff attended a Requiem Mass celebrated last week in the English Catholic Church, Rome, for the soldiers who had fallen in the war. The professors of the English, Scottish, Canadian, and Irish Colleges were present.

An Audience.

On Thursday, October 31, the Holy Father granted a special audience to the Rev. Father Gerald Fleming, O.F.M., who was accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary Fleming. The Holy Father received his visitors most cordially, graciously reminding them that he held their brother, the Very Rev. Father David Fleming, Vicar-General of the Order of Friars Minor, in the greatest friendship and esteem.

The Pope's Health.

It is stated that when his Holiness the Pope was informed of the rumors about his health that were current in the early part of November, he said: 'I suppose there is again a scarcity of sensational news, but I have yet much work to do.'

SCOTLAND.—A new Church.

St. Lawrence's new church, Greenock, was solemnly opened early last month by the Right Rev. Dr. Chisholm, the Bishop of Aberdeen. The church is built of red sandstone and provides accommodation for about 1000 worshippers. It has cost £10,000 in its erection, and a substantial presbytery adjoining the church will involve an additional expenditure of about £2000.

Those dreadful Jesuits.

To show the world has nothing to fear from the Jesuits, we (Ceylon 'Catholic Messenger') will tell something that came under our personal observation. One of the Jesuit Fathers, who stopped over at the Archbishop's house for a couple of

hours during the stay of the Messageries steamer in our port, was a professor of mathematics at the big College of Rue des Postes, Paris. This institution is the best preparatory school for the Engineer Corps of the French army. There are some 500 young men there preparing for not only military, but also civil engineering. The Government have driven the Jesuits from the College, and the former professor, with his companions, is on the way to China to toil and slave as a humble missionary. Surely the Jesuits well follow their device: All for the glory of God.

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- We received the gunpowder, we bequeath nitro-glycerine.
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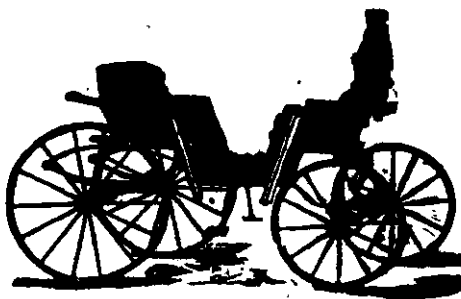
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