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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Iustitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.
April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope

Current Topics

That 'Stuffing' Charge.

In reply to many inquiries and kind suggestions we beg to state that, when sufficient information is to hand for any Province regarding the charge of 'stuffing' the public service with Catholics, it is our intention to summarise the results and publish them in tabulated form. We hope at the proper time to be able to do the same for the whole of New Zealand. A further instalment of returns appears elsewhere in this issue.

Force of Example.

The slipshod company of 'beefsteak Catholics' may read a useful lesson on the force of good example in the following story in which the *Ave Maria* tells how the late Judge Bagshawe (who died recently in England) 'allured to brighter worlds and led the way.' 'Some years ago,' says our valuable contemporary, 'he was spending the Easter holidays at the seaside with a Protestant friend, a member of the Bar, who was rather sceptical as to the practice by Catholics of the principles they professed. He decided to put them to the test, and chose the one in which he thought Judge Bagshawe would be weakest—namely, the habit of fasting. The Judge was a man of full habit and enjoyed a good dinner; and, taking advantage of the fact that Friday is a day of abstinence, his host ordered an excellent meat dinner to be served that evening. To whet the Judge's appetite, he took him out in a boat for some sea fishing. The day was one of those hot spring days, with east wind blowing—just the sort of day calculated to make one ravenous. The Judge's appetite was as keen as his host wished it. They sat down to dinner and the Judge was helped to lamb, the first of the season. He was about to put the bit into his mouth when his host cried out: "Bagshawe, you forget this is a fast-day in your Church!" The Judge at once put down his knife and fork, pushed the plate away from him, and dined off bread and cheese—the only fasting food available. The host was dumfounded at such an act of self-denial and was covered with confusion. He apologised most humbly for his want of charity as well as want of hospitality; but so impressed was he by the self-denial that he forsook the faith of his fathers and became a convert.'

Here is, indeed, a working example of the truth of the saying that 'there is an energy of moral suasion in a good man's life, passing the highest efforts of an orator's genius.'

Our Poets' Chance.

There lies much hope of cash and fair renown for our budding poets in the announcement made a few days ago by the *Wellington Times*. Says our Empire City contemporary: 'The mute, inglorious Kiplings of New Zealand, the unlaurelled Austins of Australia, and the budding bards in all parts of the British Empire, from Camlachie to Capetown, and from Limavady to Vancouver, have all offered to them an opportunity for winning fame and cash and Royal favor. The proprietors of the old British magazine, *Good Words*, are offering three prizes to the value of £75 for the three best odes on the Coronation of Edward VII. These compositions may be in any form and of any length; the only restriction is that they must

reach Messrs. Isbister and Co., the publishers of *Good Words*, not later than 30th April next.'

The market value of poetry seems to have gone down of late years. Time was when Arab rulers paid a thousand, ten thousand, twenty thousand, and even thirty thousand chinking gold pieces for a few verses—nay, even for a single couplet—by the Khalifeh. And at a much later and more degenerate day did not Davenant prove by all the rules of logic that he knew that the government of a country 'can never be upheld in prose,' that neither parsons, generals, politicians, judges, nor police can sustain the edifice of the State and keep it plumb without the aid of sweet poesie? And this again is but a variant of what Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun wrote to the Marquis of Montrose: 'I know a very wise man that believed that, if a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws, of a nation.' Even as late as Tennyson's declining years, the poet had a certain vogue. The very magazine that now calls for tenders from the real and alleged poets of New Zealand and elsewhere paid Tennyson the tidy little sum of £200 each for a few odd odes on any subject under the sun. But there's a sad slump in rhymed or rhymeless measures now, and the only result of the much-advertised competition will probably be to flood the long-suffering editor with sundry reams of more or less metrical prose from

Those whose fustian's so sublimely bad,
It is not poetry, but prose run mad.

According to Chesterfield, 'any man of common understanding may, by proper culture, care, attention, and labor, make himself whatever he pleases except a good poet.' Poets are born, not made. And they are very scarce. But the number of those who fancy themselves poets is legion, and some of them—like Alfred Austin—even contrive to scramble into laureateship. He is not the first 'tortured torturer of reluctant rhymes' who reached that pinnacle of social, if not literary, fame. Withers was a Puritannical soldier laureate. When captured by the Cavaliers, he was about to be hanged, but Sir John Denham, the rival laureate, successfully entreated the King to spare him—because so long as Withers was in the land of the living, Denham could not be deemed the worst poet in England. For a like reason Kipling of the splay-foot rhymes ought to wish a long life to the present laureate. And both deserve the large-hearted sympathy which pious people usually extend to cripples and others who are struggling bravely against adverse circumstances that dated from their birth. The average editor loves poems. But he can assimilate only a limited number, and his appetite for laureate-poems was slain for a time by the doggerel which began:

I stood on a tower in the wet,
Where the old and the new year met,

and by the drawing measured prose in which Kipling—the people's laureate—told how 'a horse has four feet and a man has two feet, and two into four make two.' It is hard to stand that, and we gravely doubt that a page of such stuff would even make good curl-paper. How true it is that 'there are many "poems" which are like photographic negatives, and should never see the light.' It appears that the two laureates

Hancock's "BISMARCK" LAGER BEER.

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are excluded from the present competition. The proprietors of *Good Words* are evidently set on getting *some* poetry for their money.

Compulsory Purchase.

Irish landlords may be described without the shadow of exaggeration as about the cruellest, and most unscrupulous race that ever shamed or cursed a people. The course of tinkering legislation has, thus far, only resulted in paring their claws slightly. They still, in reality, enjoy the grim privilege of confiscating the property created by their tenants, even though their power to grind the faces of the unfortunates between the upper and nether millstones of hunger and rack-rent has been curtailed. The movement for compulsory purchase—inspired by New Zealand's example—is going merrily on. Its chief significance just at the present moment lies in the fact that it has crossed the borders from the south and west and got such a solid grip of the lodge ridden portions of Ulster as to have actually turned an election in the chief stronghold of the old true-blue Tory Conservatives.

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The old Maori's plaint ran somewhat thus: 'The missionary told me to pray; and, while my eyes were turned to heaven, he stole the land from beneath my feet.' The landlord class have long 'nobbled' the Orange farmers of Ulster in a somewhat similar way. For the advantage of their own class they joined and led the lodges and controlled their policy. They set the farmers welting the big, big drum, firing volleys over or into the houses of Catholics, drinking deep libations to the 'glorious, pious and immortal memory' of the little Boer, and yelling 'To hell with the Pope!' And while the brethren were thus engaged, the privileged thief-class piously picked their pockets. But a new spirit has got hold of Ulster now that promises well both for the peace and prosperity of that most distracted province. There was a symptom of an awakening in 1882 when certain Orange farmers of Kinego and Bondhill realised that 'the Pope issues no eviction decrees in Ulster,' and, in furtherance of their interests, joined the Land League. But the 'lords of the soil' and their obedient tools raised a mighty whoop, denounced the Kinego and Bondhill farmers as 'rebels' and 'Papists,' and expelled them from the lodge as 'traitors to the Orange cause.' Now, however, the movement among the Protestant farmers has taken a much more radical turn. They advocate nothing less than compulsory purchase just as eagerly as their Catholic confrères of the west and south. A few days ago a by-election in the great Orange stronghold of East Down was fought out and won on the issue of compulsory purchase. For landlordism—the vampire of Ireland—this is the most significant contest that has yet taken place in Ireland. Compulsory purchase is the only real and permanent settlement of the land question in Ireland. The progressive land legislation of New Zealand has found admirers in many lands and imitators in a few. But the most signal compliment yet paid to it is that of the result of the recent contest in East Down.

A Notable Convert.

No more notable Englishman has for many years past 'gone over to Rome' than the Rev. Frederick George Lee, D.D., lately Anglican Vicar of Lambeth, London. Dr. Lee has long been hovering, so to speak, on the outskirts of the Church, and was at last received into the fold, almost on his seventieth birthday, by Father Kenelm Digby Best, at the Oratory. He has long been a firm believer in the Real Presence, Purgatory, prayers for the dead, the intercession of saints, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin (which he defended in a pamphlet published in 1881), and in many other distinctive doctrines of the Catholic Church. He exercised considerable influence, as a prominent High Church leader, upon Anglican religious life, and in his publications and in the religious associations which he originated or partly controlled, he revived many of the best traditions of the Oxford Movement that led Newman and so many others into the One Fold. Dr. Lee is the author of some volumes of charming verse, chiefly religious, and is a recognised authority on the Reformation period, archæology, and Christian antiquities. He is a voluminous writer. His published books count about one hundred, and occupy twenty-one pages of the manuscript catalogue of the British Museum. He is deeply versed in Catholic theology, and some time ago, in quoting one of his works (*A Glossary of Liturgical and Ecclesiastical Terms* published in 1877), we referred to him as the only Protestant writer within the limits of our reading who had given a fair and accurate statement of the doctrine of indulgences. He is, too, a man of deep religious sentiments and great practical piety, 'gentle of speech, beneficent of mind.' His conversion is, for a brainy, logical, and God-fearing man, the only possible solution of the attempt to reconcile Catholic doctrines with Protestant principles and modes of action, and we bid him a *cent mille fois* into the Church of the Ages.

A Nutshell Biography.

The conversion of Dr. Lee has naturally excited a good deal of attention in England. The *Manchester Guardian* con-

ains a brief biographical notice of the neo-convert which, though not accurate at all points, is worth reproducing. It says: 'The announcement that Dr. Frederick George Lee has been received into the Church of Rome closes a curious chapter in ecclesiastical history. F. G. Lee was educated at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, won the Newdigate Prize in 1854, was ordained deacon in the same year and priest in 1856. He became an "honorary D.D. of the University of Washington and Lee, Virginia," in 1879, and was vicar of All Saints', Lambeth, from 1867 to 1899. Dr. Lee was from the first an extreme High Churchman of the Tory and Cavalier school. He deeply lamented our severance from the "Roman patriarchate," and he was one of the original members of the Association for Promoting the Unity of Christendom, which was founded in 1857, and consisted of Anglicans, Romans, and Orientals. Dr. Lee's confidence in Anglicanism was deeply disturbed by the Public Worship Act of 1874, and the docility with which the English episcopate accepted that Act seems to have made him distrust the reality of their episcopal position. Accordingly, he engaged with three intimate friends—T. Mossman, a Lincolnshire vicar; G. Nugee, who ran a curious monastery in South London; and a clever layman called Grant—in a desperate attempt to "regularise" the Orders of the Church of England. These gentlemen, with some liberal-minded friends, formed themselves into a society called "The Order of Corporate Reunion." It was reported that they persuaded three persons in episcopal Orders—a Roman, an Oriental, and a Jansenist—to consecrate Mr. Lee, Mr. Mossman, and Mr. Nugee to the office of Bishop, and these new prelates, it was understood, were really to reordain conditionally any English priests who were dissatisfied with their Anglican Orders. The whole affair was studiously shrouded in mystery, but it is believed that the consecration of the three Bishops took place on the high seas, so as to avoid any question of conflicting jurisdictions. The establishment of the O.C.R. was proclaimed to the world in 1877 in a document said to have been read at midnight from the steps of St. Paul's and afterwards printed. It purports to be "drawn up, approved, ratified, confirmed, and solemnly promulgated in the divinely protected city of London (which God pardon for its sins and still mercifully protect) on the eighth day of September, being the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady Saint Mary, the Blessed Mother of God, in the year of Our Lord and of the world's redemption one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven." It is impossible to know how many people joined the Order of Corporate Reunion or how many English clergymen were re-ordained. But I believe they were very few, and those few without exception "cranks." Mr. Mossman and Mr. Grant both joined the Church of Rome before they died. Mr. Nugee is also dead. Dr. Lee's Church in Lambeth was lately destroyed in order to make room for the enlargement of Waterloo Station, and now he has followed his friends across the border. It will be curious to see if the Roman authorities recognise his episcopal Orders as valid though irregular, or whether they condemn the whole business of the O.C.R. as a delusion. Meanwhile they gain in Dr. Lee a man of varied and curious learning, a pungent controversialist, and a writer of much melodious verse.'

THE CHARGE OF STUFFING.'

THE frequent challenges issued by us and repeated by the secular press in various parts of the Colony for evidence in support of the charge of 'stuffing' the public service with Catholics, have thus far met with no response. We have already pointed out the origin of the cry—how it arose with the Grand Orange lodge in Australia in its half-yearly meetings of last May, and how, by arrangement, it was taken up by the brethren in New Zealand, repeated in their demonstrations in various parts of the Colony, and how it received a fictitious importance through the amazing indiscretion of Bishop Julius in Christchurch and the notice which, for party and political purposes, was accorded to it by a section of the Opposition press. We have also shown that it is the old and settled policy of the Orange lodge, expressed in the secret and illegal oaths of its members, and openly avowed, in words that are before us, by its leaders on the platform, in the pulpit, and in the press, that Catholics, solely on account of their religion, shall be excluded from public representation and from every position of honor and emolument in the State and in municipal bodies. To the members of that noisome dark-lantern association even one solitary 'Papist' would be an 'undue proportion' of the hated creed in the public service. We have already published a series of figures showing the utter fatuity of the cry, and, so far as they go, proving that, both in relative numbers and pay, Catholics occupy a position in the public service of the Colony far beneath what their proportion to the total population should warrant. Unless we are greatly mistaken, the full facts of the case, when published, will justify the Catholic body, at the next elections, in demanding from candidates assurances as to the more

equable distribution of the public loaves and fishes. The following further instalment of facts and figures in point will be of interest to our readers:—

WELLINGTON.

Head Office, Department of Public Health, Wellington.—The following is a list of the employes in the Head Office of this new Department, together with a statement of grade, salaries, wages, and creed:—

Grade	Salary	Religion
1 Chief Health Officer	£800 per annum	non-Catholic
1 District Health Officer	500 "	non-Catholic
1 Secretary	235 "	non-Catholic
1 Maori Health Officer	300 "	non-Catholic
4 Clerks	156 each "	1 Catholic
2 Sanitary Inspectors	150 each "	non-Catholic
1 Typiste	65 "	non-Catholic
1 Messenger	7s 6d per day	Catholic

This gives two Catholics in twelve employes, one Catholic salaried officer to eleven non-Catholics, and only £1 to Catholics for every £10 15s 5d paid out in salaries and wages in the Head Office. And yet Catholics are one in seven of the total population of New Zealand.

District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington.—There are 40 employes on the Staff, only 3 of whom (or less than one in 13) are Catholics.

Roads Department, Head Office and District Office, Wellington.—The following are (excluding cadets) the permanent employes engaged in the Head Office and District Office of the Roads Department, Wellington:—

Grade.	Salary.	Religion.
Engineer-in-Chief	£550	non-Catholic
Chief Clerk	380	non-Catholic
Accountant	380	non-Catholic
Assistant "	245	non-Catholic
Road Surveyor	340	non-Catholic
Draughtsman	250	non-Catholic
Clerk	130	Catholic

The solitary Catholic among these seven permanent employes draws only £1 out of every £17 10s paid to the entire number. Out of 11 temporary employes (10 clerks and one messenger) only one is a Catholic. Of the five cadets (one at £70 per annum, one at £60, one at £50, and two at £40) the two lowest-paid are Catholics. The four Catholics employed in the office (one clerk permanent, one clerk temporary, and two cadets) draw collectively £397 10s per annum out of a total of £4525 3s, or only £1 in every £11 18s 5d of the salaries and wages paid in the Office. And yet Catholics are one in seven of the total population of New Zealand.

HOKITIKA.

The following preliminary returns from Hokitika will be read with interest (the complete name-list is before us):—

Post Office.—The Chief Postmaster, clerk, 7 telegraphists, one lineman, one letter-carrier, and 3 messengers are all non-Catholics. One messenger among 15 employes is a Catholic.

Prison.—Gaoler (£210 per annum), non-Catholic; warder (£145), non-Catholic; warder (£—), Catholic; matron (£50), Catholic.

Customs.—Collector (£300 per annum), non-Catholic.

Lands and Deeds Office.—Registrar (£325 per annum—2 years 8 months service), non-Catholic; clerk (£145—8 years 7 months service), Catholic.

Department of Agriculture.—Stock inspector, non-Catholic.

Railways.—Stationmaster, clerk, storeman, porter—all non-Catholics.

The following are the employes of the S.M. Court:—

Grade.	Salary.	Religion.
Stipendiary Magistrate	£425	non-Catholic
Clerk (Kumara)	220	non-Catholic
Bailiff "	110	non-Catholic
Cadet	90	non-Catholic
Messenger, etc.	130	Catholic

The clerk at Hokitika (a Catholic) left with the Eighth Contingent, and we have not yet learned who has taken his place.

Police.—Sergeant-major, Catholic; 3 constables, non-Catholics; 2 constables, Catholics.

Lands and Surveys.—The office of Lands and Surveys is a non-Catholic preserve, as may be seen from the following return:—

Grade.	Salary.	Religion.
Chief Surveyor	£450	non-Catholic
Assistant "	240	non-Catholic
Chief Draughtsman	300	non-Catholic
Draughtsman	175	non-Catholic

Draughtsman	165	non-Catholic
Clerk	120	non-Catholic
Cadette	70	non-Catholic
Cadet	50	non-Catholic
Ranger	230	non-Catholic
"	75	non-Catholic
Road Surveyor	315	non-Catholic
Clerk	10s per day	non-Catholic

The returns as given here are taken from the classification list. The chief surveyor and the road surveyor mentioned above have just been transferred to Christchurch. The chief draughtsman has been appointed chief surveyor.

The incomplete returns before us go to show that in the local asylum the great majority of the employes are Catholics. The superintendent's salary is £300 per annum; and for the hard and uncongential work only 3 of the attendants have a salary of over £100 a year (£110, £120, £125). Five range from £80 to £90, and there are five at £50 each. It seems to be the tradition of the service that the more leisured and higher-paid positions shall be practically closed to Catholics, and the long hours, the short pay, the grinding toil, the wood-hewing and the water-drawing of the Departments left to be their portion.

LENTEN PASTORAL.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

THE following Lenten Pastoral has been issued by his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch:—

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Children in Jesus Christ,—

Immediately after the publication of our Pastoral last year we set out on our visitation to the West Coast. Having heard that many of our flock would, in all probability, never be able to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation unless we ventured beyond the beaten tracks to administer it to them, we resolved, with God's blessing, to go and seek them in the remotest parts of the diocese.

Those who know the distant localities well had often assured us that the winter is the best time to travel therein, the snow being then unmelted on the mountain ranges, the many rivers and streams and creeks one must necessarily cross are less likely to be flooded. To avoid the fatigue and delay of a six days' journey on horseback to the limits of the vast parish of Ross, we were urged to go by steamer from Hokitika and work our way back overland. Under ordinary circumstances, we were well advised and rightly informed, but the year 1901 was an exception to the general rule. Settlers in South Westland for thirty years and more affirm that seldom or never had they witnessed a winter more severely trying.

As it was our first visit so far South, three of our devoted priests volunteered to bear us company. We embarked on a little steamer called the Jane Douglas. Alas! instead of arriving at our destination in fourteen hours, as we had been given to expect, we were tossed about at sea, unable to land for eight days and eight nights, our only shelter during the unceasing storm was that of the low-lying land known as Open Bay Island. More than once we feared to lose the ship's only anchor and be dashed upon the neighboring rocks, against which we struck twice. In the midst of our well-grounded fear and anxiety, it was a great comfort for us to know that our priests and religious and faithful, especially our dear little children, were praying to the Almighty in our behalf. We ourselves sent up many a fervent supplication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to St. Joseph, our own and the Patron of the Diocese. We implored the help of the Holy Souls, to whom we promised a number of Masses if we escaped from the perils of the deep. At length, on the beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi, the captain informed us that he thought we might land. Before doing so we were invited to meet the passengers and crew and offer up fervent prayers to the Most High for our merciful deliverance.

With heartfelt gratitude, we landed for the first time at Jackson's Bay. Though already mid-day, we had the consolation of offering up

The Adorable Sacrifice of the Mass

beneath the humble but hospitable roof of one of the inhabitants. The next morning we again had the happiness to celebrate Mass and confirm the wife and other members of our worthy host's household. The priests who had so considerably accompanied us returned by the same steamer to Hokitika, which they reached only after a painful voyage of two weeks' duration.

With the pastor of Ross we started for Okuru. To reach this distant spot we had to cross one of the largest and most dangerous rivers in the country—one where the zealous priest who first went South in the interest of the Cathedral well nigh lost his life.

We had barely crossed that river when we were obliged to bear the brunt of one of the most violent storms ever witnessed in the South. We had not even the shelter of a hut, but were forced to ride the whole day through the bush or along the sea beach, amid unceasing thunder and lightning and a continual downpour of torrential rains. Literally drenched to the skin, we arrived after night

at Okuru, where we received the most cordial hospitality, and remained a few days ministering to the wants of the faithful. We successively visited the Haast, Paringa, Mahitahi, Gillespie's, Okarito, Lake Mapourika, Wataroa, Waitangi, and Ross. Wherever we went the warm-hearted people vied with each other in offering us the hospitality of their homes; whilst they displayed the utmost eagerness to receive the consolations of our holy religion. The inclemency of the weather, the roughness of the tracks, the dangers of the swollen rivers and creeks to be crossed on horseback every day, and frequently through the day, the huge boulders and perilous cliffs to be climbed, despite their many landslips, made this our visitation one of the most vivid experiences of our life. Long after we had escaped innumerable perils on sea and on land, so great was the shock to the system that both the priests who accompanied us and ourselves found it almost impossible to shake off the effects thereof. But, on the other hand, our consolations were no few. How could we fail to be edified at the sight of the fervour and enthusiasm of our faithful flock, many of whom came 20 and 30, some even 60 and 70 miles, to share the blessings of our ministry? Was it not a source of the greatest consolation in that scattered district to have administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to nearly 90 candidates? To facilitate the gaining of the Jubilee we stayed over three months, and gave missions throughout the whole of the West Coast, not even forgetting the good people of Barrytown and those in the remotest parts of Ahaura. At the close of these holy exercises, in which we received valuable assistance from the devoted priest who was the companion of our voyage, instead of asking aught for ourselves, we made appeals in behalf of the great work of the new Cathedral. The noble-hearted people once more, and most generously, responded to our appeal. Accept, dearly beloved Brethren and dear Children in Christ, the expression of our heartfelt thanks for the consolations you have given, and the generosity you displayed during those missions. We would gladly avail ourselves of this occasion to offer our sincere thanks to the many non-Catholics, as well as our own flock, who wired or wrote their congratulations to us as they heard of our safe arrival from the South.

On our return to Christchurch, with the help of the local clergy, we gave a fortnight's mission in our pro-Cathedral, which was to the end of the mission crowded as it never was before. Several were unable to obtain admission into the church—a practical proof of the need of a larger and more suitable edifice.

We had intended to go to all the parishes of Canterbury north and south, but we had exerted ourselves beyond our strength, and medical men warned us

That the Continual Mental and Physical Strain

of the last few months was more than the most robust constitution could stand. A rest of three or four weeks in the north, where we received much kindness from his Lordship the Bishop of Auckland and his zealous priests, has, we trust, restored us to our former health and strength. Moreover, how, with the great work before us, can we think of rest? Having put our hand to the plough, how can we turn back or rest? You know the greatness of the special work, which, at the bidding of our Holy Father the Pope, we have undertaken for the greater glory of God, the honor of the diocese, and the good of souls unnumbered. It will doubtless be of interest to you, and helpful to the undertaking, to tell you how that work is progressing, whilst giving you a clear statement of our actual position.

All true lovers of our holy liturgy naturally prefer the Gothic style of architecture. The Gothic Church, with its beautiful vistas, its pointed details and elaborate symbolism leaning heavenwards, is indeed the only architecture of purely Christian origin. But we were advised by experts, that it is not at all suited to a country liable to periodical shocks of earthquake. Furthermore, its great cost rendered its choice quite prohibitive. Hence, after mature deliberation, we resolved to adopt for our future Cathedral the style of the Renaissance basilica, symbolising the triumph of the Church over Roman paganism, and the majesty of Christ's kingdom upon earth. With its sense of freedom and repose, this classical style is extremely conducive to fervent prayer and meditation. Moreover, it emphasises the fact that the church, and especially the altar, is primarily built for the Adorable Sacrifice. In it the Sanctuary and the High Altar form, as they obviously should, the principal feature of the whole edifice.

All who have examined the plans, which are most elaborate in their least details, all who have seen the building in course of construction, are unanimous in declaring that the Cathedral, when completed, will be one of the

Handsomest and Noblest Structures in the Colony.

With a depth of 208 feet, it will have a width of 108, whilst the cross surmounting the dome will attain a height of 135 feet. Long before the walls had reached their present height of 20 feet all round the building, the local Press assured its readers that the hugeness of the scale of the whole work, as it could then be completely realised, already dwarfed the neighbouring buildings into slowly increasing insignificance. The material used in the base of the building is Timaru stone, presenting an appearance both neat and massive; the sub-base is Mount Somers stone. The rest of the structure consists of a judicious mingling of Mount Somers and the best Oamaru stone that can be procured, whilst the heart of the walls being of solid concrete, the utmost amount of strength will be secured. The columns of the portico on the façade—which is, even now, well defined—will start from a beautifully panelled base of 7ft, and will then become rounded Corinthian columns, rising to about 41ft from the floor. This façade will have two flanking towers rising to a height of 100ft. From the entrance of the narthex, or vestibule of the Cathedral, the eye will rest on 40 graceful columns supporting the galleries to be erected around the Basilica. With these galleries, the architect assures us there will be seating accommodation for fully 3000 people. The

chancel is surrounded by four massive pilasters, from which will spring four beautiful arches, rising 40ft from the floor of the nave, whilst a circular row of clustering columns will form a most appropriate background to the high altar. Each of the side aisles will contain six chapels, 12 in all. An inspection of the works, even in their present state, would well repay the visitor, who could not fail to be struck with the fact that, even at this early stage, the lofty conception of the architect is apparent in each portion of the noble structure. To us and to all who have hitherto visited the new Cathedral, the most striking feature is the skilful combination of massiveness and enrichments. A mere glance at the side chapels reveals the fact that the point is now reached in which the enrichments begin. Beside the Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacred Heart, and Our Blessed Lady, there will be others in honor of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, the Patron of the Diocese, the Holy Face and Relics, whereof we already possess one of the most precious collections in the Southern Hemisphere. We hope to have a chapel in honor of St. Patrick, the glorious Apostle of Ireland, St. Anthony of Padua, Blessed Peter Chanel, and one to commemorate the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The dear departed friends of all contributors will therein be continually prayed for. Some of you, dearly beloved brethren and children in Jesus Christ, will, doubtless, like to have your name and memory handed down to a grateful posterity, whose prayers and Masses you will have a right to expect by becoming founders of one or more of these chapels. The dear dead are otherwise soon, very soon, forgotten, even by those on whose remembrance they have the greatest claim.

The Names of All Founders and Benefactors,

as we have already said, will be inscribed in a register called 'Liber Vitae,' which will be carefully kept in the Cathedral archives, and duly honored, as in the olden times, the days of faith.

Founders are those who contribute £500 or more to the Cathedral Building Fund; special benefactors, those who will give or collect at least £100 within three years; ordinary benefactors, those who contribute any sum not less than ten guineas. The names of all such will be inscribed on a tablet in the main entrance of the Cathedral, asking the prayers of all who enter the sacred edifice.

In the sacristy of the new Cathedral there will be another tablet requesting a memento on behalf of all the founders, benefactors, and contributors, in every Mass offered up at any of the altars of the Basilica.

In the meantime, we offer the Holy Sacrifice every week, and make a daily memento at the altar for the intentions of all who co-operate with us. Our Holy Father the Pope graciously grants a special blessing to the work and to all who contribute to the same.

It is barely 12 months since his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne solemnly blessed and laid the foundation stone of our future Cathedral. Since that joyful day the work has made the most rapid progress. All must rejoice thereat, and all, priests and people, will, we are confident, continue to take a personal and practical interest in the noble undertaking. We have told you that appeals have already been made twice on the West Coast, and twice responded to with the utmost generosity. Three years have now nearly elapsed since we made our first and only public appeal in Canterbury. The enthusiasm displayed on that ever memorable occasion elicited universal admiration. In Christchurch alone £4000 and more were promised, and promised with the greatest spontaneity. Not a few of these promises are still unredeemed; that they will sooner or later be fulfilled, we have not the least doubt, for they are sacred pledges made, not to man, but to God. Dean Foley, who is devoting himself exclusively to the work of the new Cathedral, will gladly call on all who have promised to give, and we are sure that all will give him a cordial welcome, remembering the old adage—'Whoever gives quickly gives twice.'

Now for a statement of our actual position:—

To put it in round numbers, we have received up to the present, in cash and promises the magnificent sum of £21,000! In cash, a little over £14,000. We require about £1000 per month to carry on the works now so auspiciously begun. But the funds in hand will soon be exhausted. However grateful we are to those who have already and freely given, and no words of ours can express our gratitude to them, we cannot conceal the fact that though all the promises be at once redeemed, this would little more than cover one-half the cost of the Cathedral, which requires

The Sum of £40,000 for its Completion

Shall we stop the building when we have no more resources? Were we unwise, or too sanguine, or too hasty in embarking upon so huge an undertaking? Did not the promised generosity, the eagerness of our devoted priests, religious communities and faithful flock fully warrant us to venture to go to this amount? Were we not assured by one of the most generous contributors, that had he been present when the contract was signed for a sum not exceeding £40,000, he and others would have urged us to go up to £50,000 or more? Were we not told the other day, by one who had paid half his donation of £1,000 guineas, that he would rather mortgage his land than see us embarrassed by deferring payment of the balance of his generous promise? Were we not assured over and over again that our faithful people look upon the great work as a noble, a holy one, wherein everyone should not only do their utmost, but make every sacrifice to help us therein? Were not touching examples like these calculated to encourage and embolden us to begin at once and to persevere? What is necessary that the works may not be stopped at a stage when a stoppage would mean a great, very great pecuniary loss, and a grave deterioration of the splendid work already done? We must remember that we are all engaged in a work which is not of mere local or purely parochial importance. We are building a house for God—a home and a refuge for all, for everyone, not only for every priest, but for every man, woman and child of the Diocese. It is to be the mother and

mistress church of the whole diocese, the parish church for all. Hence it follows, most naturally follows, that though those of the episcopal city should do their utmost to erect a building as worthy as they can for God and their chief city, the whole clergy and all the faithful of the diocese are rightly expected to co-operate in erecting and adorning a Cathedral worthy of the diocese and of the traditions of their Catholic forefathers. Let each one in the Diocese, then, take a personal, practical pride in the holy work, looking upon it as his or her own special work, and the required funds will soon be forthcoming.

Several plans have been suggested so that the beautiful Cathedral may be completed within the contract time—viz., three years from the day whereon the foundation stone was laid. We venture to submit one which, we trust, will be taken up and carried on with

Your Well Known Faith and Fervor and Generosity.

1. Those whom God hath blessed with more ample means than others, might make another slight sacrifice and give an additional donation towards the Cathedral Fund, to be paid at once or by instalments.

2. The Catholic population of our diocese is two and twenty thousand all told. Now, if half that number, or say ten thousand only, including men, women, and young people earning wages put by sixpence per week, or two shillings per month for the Cathedral fund, we should have within the required time—viz., two years—all that is necessary to complete the noble pile which could be presented to the Most High unfettered and untrammelled without the least debt the very day of its dedication. With their usual goodwill on the part of our zealous priests, religious and faithful laity, this scheme might be made most workable without too greatly interfering with any of the most pressing local wants in the diocese. The parish priest or his devoted assistant, when he has the advantage of such an assistant, might form a committee in each district, and choose some of the more active parishioners who, for the sake of the noble cause, would collect or receive the several amounts every week, month, or quarter, and hand them over at specified times to be sent to us, to Dean Foley, or the Vicar-General by whom the amounts would be duly acknowledged, and the names and donations might be affixed to the Church door in every parish, quarterly or so.

Will you not, dearly beloved brethren and children in Christ, give this scheme your careful consideration, and, unless you can suggest and work up a better, carry it out at once? All would then have the happiness of knowing that we did our utmost to erect to the honor and glory of the Most High a temple as worthy of the Divine Majesty as our limited means would allow. A temple that will for all generations be an abiding monument of our faith, our piety and our generosity, even to great sacrifices, should sacrifices be needed.

Given at Christchurch, the Feast of our dear Lady's Purification, and appointed to be read, together with the Lenten and other Regulations, and afterwards placed in a conspicuous place inside all the churches, chapels and convents of the Diocese.

✠ JOHN JOSEPH GRIMES, S.M.,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 8.

The afternoon tea given by the Convent Ex-pupils' Association last Saturday passed off most successfully.

St. Patrick's College resumes studies to-day. A great increase in the number of students is expected.

Rev. Father O'Shea, of Waipawa, is to take charge of the parish of Kaponga in the Eltham district.

Rev. Father Huault arrived by the Talune from Sydney on Thursday. He resumes his usual duties at the Meanee Seminary next week.

Rev. Father O'Shea, parish priest of Te Aro, accompanied by Rev. Father Holley, of the Thorndon parish, left on a holiday for Rotorua on Wednesday last.

Rev. Father Ainsworth left for New Plymouth early this week. He begins his work of collecting the amounts promised towards the Cathedral Fund during the late missions.

Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Provincial, left yesterday morning for Meanee to attend at the closing of the students' retreat, which has been preached by the Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, of Christchurch.

Two pupils of the Marist Brothers' School obtained mention in the late Victoria Scholarships. Out of a possible of 2000 Master T. Boyce obtained 1096 and Master Bert Kelly 1088. The successful candidates obtained 1400 marks.

Rev. Father Taylor, late professor at All Hallows' College, Salt Lake City, arrived in New Zealand by the 'Frisco' mail boat this week. Before taking up his duties at St. Patrick's College he will pay a visit to his relatives at Wairoa.

Brother Urban, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, accompanied by his assistant, Brother Stanislaus, left for Napier on Wednesday en route for Sydney. While in Wellington the Provincial's health was very indifferent, and Dr. Grae had occasion to attend him.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held at St. Mary of the Angels' on Sunday last. Rev. Father Herbert celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass. At Vespers the Church was crowded. Rev. Father Ainsworth preached an excellent sermon on the Holy Name of Jesus. A large number attended Adoration during the day.

The following pupils of St. Patrick's College were successful in the University examinations held in December last:—Matriculation—Leo Daly, Lynch Dignan, Michael Hannon, Duncan M'Murich, Michael Murphy, and Creagh O'Connor. Solicitor's general knowledge—John Conlan and John Larkin. Medical preliminary—Gerald O'Kane.

Mr Keenan, a member of the Marist Brothers' O'1 Boys' Association, has been transferred to the Lands and Survey Department in Auckland. During his residence here he has been a prominent member of the Association, and will be greatly missed in amateur theatrical circles. As organiser of the Fabian Dramatic Club, his many performances, especially in Dion Boucicault's 'Conn the Shaughraun,' will long be remembered by all who saw him in the different rôles.

At the opening of the criminal sessions on Monday morning the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout), addressing the Grand Jury, referred to the approaching retirement from the police force of Inspector Pender. The new regulations under the Police Act necessitated this step being taken. In glowing terms the Chief Justice spoke of Inspector Pender's career as a public officer, and how a community benefited by the fearless and impartial discharge of one's duties. Such a man the Inspector of this district had proved himself to be. For the last 56 years he had been connected with the police, and had done duty in the Crimea, in the early days of Victoria, and for the last 40 years in New Zealand. The Chief Justice felt sure that he would carry with him the good wishes of all true citizens into private life.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

February 10.

In the pro-Cathedral at Vespers on Sunday, Mr. Whitworth, late of Dunedin, gave a very fine rendering of 'Pro Pecoatis' from Rossini's 'Stabat Mater.' As a prelude Mr. H. H. Loughnan rendered in a most efficient manner a 'cello solo.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland has been the guest of his Lordship Dr. Grimes at the episcopal residence during the week. His Lordship visited the various points of interest in and about the city during his stay here.

Sunday last was the first anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the new cathedral. Earnest appeals were made at all the Masses by the Very Rev. Dean Foley for additions to the building fund and payment of all promised donations. At Vespers in the evening his Lordship the Bishop read a pastoral bearing on the same subject.

I have heard that at the late diocesan synod his Lordship Bishop Grimes, in urging the spread and perusal of sound Catholic literature, most forcibly advocated the claims of the N.Z. TABLET to the consideration of pastors and people alike. He eulogised in eloquent terms the magnificent work done and still being accomplished by the present editor.

A preliminary meeting presided over by Mr. W. Hoban, followed by a larger one composed principally of Parliamentary representatives, at which Major Steward was chairman, was held during the week regarding the suitability of the Chatham Islands as a depot for Boer prisoners of war. The outcome of the meeting was that a deputation was appointed to interview the Premier on the subject.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations executive committee held on last Tuesday evening the amended sports programme was adopted and ordered to be printed and widely circulated. Canterbury Hall was secured for the concert, the tickets for same being distributed. Good progress was reported in all departments and several monetary contributions acknowledged. His Lordship the Bishop was present during the meeting at which the lay chairman, Mr. W. Hoban, presided.

At the annual meeting of the Lyttelton Harbor Board held last week, the chairman touched upon the periodically recurring topic of a canal from the sea to Christchurch with the formation of a second harbor at Sumner. The unduly heavy railway charges through the tunnel are mainly the cause of the subject or project being revived, and from what transpired it may not be unreasonable to suppose that in the near future expert opinion will be obtained regarding the cost of such a work. The idea of a canal to connect with the ocean is as old as the city itself, and the founders of the settlement, with characteristic foresight, reserved property along the projected route, which is for all time to be available for the purposes of a canal. Many are now of opinion that its construction, if undertaken at the time, would have been infinitely preferable to the railway tunnel.

The choir of St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, at the half yearly meeting, held in the schoolroom on Thursday evening last, took the opportunity of presenting the late secretary, Mr. R. Beveridge, on severing his connection with the choir to join that of the Pro-Cathedral, with a gold Maltese cross suitably inscribed. The Rev. Father Marnane in making the presentation referred to the many services in musical matters Mr. Beveridge had rendered to the church during his long connection with the choir. Mr. Beveridge expressed his grateful appreciation of the act of kindness extended towards him by the choir, and the good feeling which prompted the valuable gift. Miss Grady was elected to the vacant position of secretary, and Misses Gardner and Slattery were added to the committee. It was decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. E. McNamara for past services on the occasion of his leaving, also to join the choir of the larger church.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan occupied the pulpit at High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday. Addressing the congregation he said: 'Although prepared to speak briefly to you

on the Gospel of the day, I am led from my purpose by the earnest appeal of our and your friend, Dean Foley, on behalf of that which is so dear to his heart. The marvellous work which I have seen since coming here has filled me with surprise and pleasure. You are rapidly erecting here a temple worthy of God and of the Catholics of this fair city. We are reminded that to-day is the anniversary of the inauguration of a great and glorious undertaking. I was not present, as you are fully aware, on that memorable occasion for reasons unavoidable and known to your revered Bishop. To him I owe much, not only for present hospitality, but for many favors in the past, and let me tell you we in Auckland love him as he is loved in Christchurch. At the consecration of your Cathedral I, however, hope to assist. Judging by the vast amount of work already done the building will assuredly be completed and consecrated within the stated time. I wish we had the assistance of a few such earnest advocates to spare in Auckland as Dean Foley and we would be tempted to go in for a new cathedral ourselves. We gather from his remarks that at the opening you are to be honored by the presence not only of the most distinguished from among the hierarchy of the Commonwealth, but possibly by Bishops from Europe. I shall go away with intense surprise at the sight I have already witnessed. Our late dearly beloved Bishop, after laboring long to erect a splendid episcopal residence in Auckland, died after only three years' enjoyment of it. I hope and pray that your Bishop may long continue to enjoy the results of his incessant labors to the glory, power, and majesty of God. Help and assist him always so that health may be kept to him to rejoice in the accomplishment of his noble task for many years to come.

Bishop Lenihan occupied the episcopal throne and officiated at Vespers, imparting the episcopal blessing. Rev Fathers Galerne and McDonnell were deacons at the throne. His Lordship also gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and at the conclusion, in full pontificals, went in procession through the church and to the episcopal residence.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND.

From our own correspondent.)

February 6

Much feeling is locally displayed over recent appointments made by the City Council.

It has been stated by the officer in charge of the Electric Tramway Company's Works that the large sum £175,000 will be spent by the company in Auckland.

Amongst the number who passed the Matriculation Examination this time were Misses Ivy Ansley and Mathilda Brown, of St. Mary's Convent High School, and Miss Annie McGattagan, of St. Leo's Academy, Devonport.

Right Rev Mgr. O'Reilly has been once again elected chairman of the Thames Hospital Trustees for the ensuing year. The Monsignor is deservedly held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens amidst whom he has so long lived and laboured.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan in a private letter received here stated that he thoroughly enjoyed his trip down the coast in the big White Star liner Delphic, and can not speak too highly of the kind attention shown to him by Captain Breen and his officers.

Our schools, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Patrick's, Parnell, Devonport, and several of the country districts and of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Newton, Surry Hills, and Newmarket, and those of the Marist Brothers, opened last Monday morning. The attendances were up to the general average.

The plans of the intended Marist Brothers' College, which were sent up to the head house in France, have been returned, and the alterations suggested are but trivial. It is now confidently anticipated that a commencement will shortly be made to erect the college the absolute need for which has long been felt throughout this large diocese.

Rev. Father O'Connor, of Gisborne, left for the scene of his spiritual labors last Tuesday by the Elingamite. During the Rev. Father's stay in the city he had been in indifferent health, so much so that he couldn't attend the annual retreat for the clergy for which he specially came up. Owing to the good medical treatment received Father O'Connor has gone home much improved in health.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN.

The following are the regulations for Lent in the Diocese of Dunedin:—

Whilst the law of the Lenten Fast remains in full vigor, the following regulations are made in virtue of powers received from the Apostolic See and by special indult granted to all the Bishops of New Zealand on the 15th March, 1898, for ten years:

1. Flesh meat is allowed at dinner on all days in Lent, except Wednesdays and Fridays, the Saturday in Ember week (February 22), and the Monday in Holy Week.
2. On fasting days a little refectio is allowed in the morning and a collation in the evening, at which (except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) butter, cheese, and milk, in moderation, may be used.
3. Eggs may be used at dinner on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
4. Lard and dripping may be used as a condiment instead of butter on all days except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

5. Fish and flesh meat cannot be used at the same meal during Lent.
6. Those who, though not bound to fast, are bound to abstain, may take at all meals the kinds of food that are allowed at the chief meal to those who are bound to fast.
7. There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sundays in Lent.
8. St. Patrick's Day (Monday, 17th March) does not come under the law of fast and abstinence.
9. We hereby authorise priests having care of souls, and confessors, to grant to the faithful such further dispensations as may be deemed necessary according to the circumstances of each case.
10. Persons not twenty-one years old, as well as those advanced in old age, and all persons who are unable to fast on account of sickness or hard labor, etc., are exempted from the general obligation of fasting.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which in this diocese commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

A collection for the Seminary Fund will be made on the second Sunday in Lent in every church where a priest officiates and in all other churches on some Sunday during Lent. The faithful are earnestly solicited to contribute generously to this fund.

The collection for the Pope will be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next, and for the Aborigines and Holy Places on some convenient day.

✠ MICHAEL VERDON,
Bishop of Dunedin.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH.

The following are the regulations for Lent in the Diocese of Christchurch:—

In virtue of special faculties received from the Holy See, we hereby grant the following Dispensations:

1st.—Permission for the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on all Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and also on all Saturdays except one, that is the second Saturday during Lent and Monday in Holy Week.

2nd.—Lard and dripping may be used after the manner of butter at dinner, on days of Fast and Abstinence during Lent, and also throughout the year, with the exception of the first and last Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday.

3rd.—White meats—such as butter, milk, cheese, and eggs—are allowed on all days at dinner and collation, with the exception of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. A little milk is always allowed in tea, coffee, or other beverage.

4th.—For those who, though not bound to fast, are bound to abstain: the kinds of food which are allowed at their chief meal to those who are bound to fast are allowed at all times to those who are not so bound.

5th.—Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal during Lent.

There is neither Fast nor Abstinence on Sunday in Lent.

All who have completed their 21st year are bound to fast and abstain—unless excused by the state of their health or the nature of their employment—according to the regulations stated above; and all who have arrived at the use of reason, though not bound to fast before the completion of their 21st year, are nevertheless bound to abstain from the use of flesh meats on the days appointed—unless exempted for a legitimate cause, of which the respective pastors are the judges.

All who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to go to Communion within Easter time, which, in this diocese, commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of Saints Peter and Paul.

The collection for the Holy Places will take place on Good Friday.

The collection for the Seminary Fund will be held on Whit Sunday, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for the Diocesan Charities will take place on the first Sunday in October, or on the Sunday or Sundays following, when there are two or more churches in the district.

The collection for Peter's Pence on the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

The clergy are requested to read these regulations from the several altars as soon as possible, and to cause a copy of them to be placed in a conspicuous place in their respective churches and chapels.

✠ JOHN JOSEPH,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Christchurch, Eve of Quinquagesima Sunday,
February 16, 1902.

Messrs Callan and Galloway, the well-known firm of solicitors, Dunedin, have removed from their old offices in Jetty street to new and more commodious premises at the corner of Water and Vogel streets, and next to the offices of the U.S.S. Company. Messrs Callan and Galloway's increasing business necessitated the change, and the new offices are in every way suited to the requirements of the firm....

Messrs Bonskill and McNab, Symonds street, Auckland, have a superior selection of new monuments in light and dark marble, and red, gray, and dark green granite. The firm's work has met with general approbation, and has been awarded prizes at various exhibitions....

INTERCOLONIAL.

The Very Rev. M. Slattery, of Wazga, has been appointed by Dr. Gallagher, V.G. of the diocese of Goulburn.

Mr. Patrick Foley, a resident of Milthorpe, New South Wales, for over 50 years, has just died in his 101st year.

A cable message received on Friday states that his Eminence Cardinal Moran, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean O'Haran, will leave for Europe at the end of the current month.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, on Sunday, January 26, laid the foundation-stone of a new church at Katoomba. Accommodation will be provided for a congregation of about 500, and the cost will be £1200.

It is stated that the Rev. Father O'Farrell, O.P., a brother of the well-known preacher, Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., will take the Rev. Father Headley's place at the Dominican Priory, North Adelaide. Father O'Farrell is said to be one of the most eloquent preachers belonging to the Order, which has a traditional reputation for pulpit oratory.

The late Mr James Coghlan, J.P., mining investor, of Ballarat, in his will bequeathed £200 to Nazareth House, Wendouree, conducted by the nuns of the Order of Nazareth; £200 to Bishop Moore for church purposes; and £100 each to the Ballarat Hospital, Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, and Ballarat Orphan Asylum.

Among the passengers by the Warrimoo (says the *Catholic Press*) was Miss Mary Kennedy, of Greta, who booked for New Zealand, where she intends joining the Sisters of Mercy at Gisborne. Prior to her departure the local Children of Mary presented her with a handsome souvenir. The young lady was a pupil of the Sisters of Mercy High School, Braxton.

The following clerical changes have taken place in the Goulburn diocese:—Rev. M. O'Sullivan, curate of Albury, becomes Administrator of the Goulburn Cathedral; Rev. J. M. Ryan, Administrator of Goulburn, takes charge of the district of Wyalong; Rev. M. Vaughan, of Wyalong, has been transferred to the new district of Jerilderie, which was hitherto part of the Berrigan mission; Rev. Daniel Leahy, curate of Gundagai, takes charge of a new mission with its centre at Koorawatha, and the Rev. James O'Reilly, of Cootamundra, goes to Gundagai as curate; Rev. William Slattery, lately arrived from Ireland, takes Father O'Reilly's place at Cootamundra; Rev. P. McAlroy, of Crookwell, goes as curate to Albury; his place has been filled by the Rev. T. Mullins, of Yaas; Rev. M. Crowe, on a visit to Australia for health, will do temporary duty at Yaas; the Very Rev. M. Buckley, of Junee, will shortly return from his home trip to resume his old position as pastor of Junee.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

A few weeks ago the Rev. Dean Lonergan received into the Church Mr. Frederick Hann and Mr. William White, both of Swindon, England. Quite recently the same rev. gentleman received two other converts in "Articulo Mortis."

The London *Tablet* announces that the Rev. Dr. Frederick Geo. Lee, who for 30 years was Vicar of All Saints', Lambeth, has been received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Kenseim Digby Best, of Brompton Oratory.

The *Catholic Times* understands that Mr Herbert Wilson, youngest son of Mr Alfred Wilson, B.A., J.P., of Oak Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent, has recently been received into the Catholic Church after three years' study of the subject. The ceremony of his reception took place on November 28 in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Farm street, Father Gavin, S.J., being the officiating priest. Mr H. Wilson was educated at Winchester College and Magdalen, Oxford. He is the second son of his family who has joined the Church.

An impressive ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Virginia, Nevada, on Thanksgiving Day, when Mrs James Nulty was formally received into the Catholic Church. For some months Mrs Nulty had felt that it was necessary to her spiritual welfare to enter the Catholic faith, and after being duly instructed in the principles of that belief, she selected Thanksgiving as the date for her formal entrance. The Rev. Father Tubman received her profession of faith, the neophyte kneeling with her right hand holding the gospels. After this ceremony she and her two daughters were baptized.

The Rev. Alvah W. Doran, until recently a curate in St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, has been received into the Catholic Church. Archbishop Ryan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Mr Doran and Mr James Hanan Hardy, of Groveland, Mass., a third-year student in the Department of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. It is an interesting coincidence that Mr Hardy was formerly an acolyte in St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church, but was received into the Catholic faith last June. While at St. Clement's Mr Doran, who is not yet 30 years of age, endeared himself to the parishioners. Mr Doran is not the first clergyman connected with St. Clement's who has left the Protestant Episcopal faith to enter the Catholic Church. A few years ago the Rev. Basil William Maturin, noted as an eloquent and thoughtful preacher, and for a number of years rector of St. Clement's, became a Catholic, and was ordained to the priesthood. He has since labored among the English-speaking Catholics in Rome and also in the Archdiocese of Westminster, under Cardinal Vaughan. The Rev. Alfred Bowyer Sharpe, who became rector of St. Clement's about 1888, also became a Catholic in England a year or two ago.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- February 16, Sunday.—First Sunday in Lent.
 „ 17, Monday.—St. Fintan, Abbot.
 „ 18, Tuesday.—St. Raymond of Pennaforte, Confessor.
 „ 19, Wednesday.—Ember Day. St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 20, Thursday.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
 „ 21, Friday.—Ember Day. The Lance and Nails.
 „ 22, Saturday.—Ember Day. St. Peter at Antioch.

ST. FINTAN, ABBOT.

The distinguished Abbot Fintan was one of the family of Niall, of the north of Ireland. He was placed at the school of Bangor, under St. Comgall, and afterwards he studied at the school of Kilmore-Deathrib which Columbkil is supposed to have governed for some time before his departure from Ireland. He also spent some time at a place now called Kilfinnan, in the county Limerick; thence he went to a place called Coonah, in the same county. Between these places Fintan passed his early years—a model of good conduct and piety.

The reputation and sanctity of the monks of Iona, under Columbkil, had made such an impression on him, that he resolved to join their community, in order to lead a life of greater sanctity in the quiet retirement of their monastery.

In order to carry out his good intentions he set out for Iona. St. Columbkil had died a few days before his arrival, and was succeeded by Baithen. To him therefore, Fintan applied to be received into his community. Baithen questioned him as to his family, studies, conduct and the like. Fintan modestly answered him, and humbly requested to be admitted as a monk. Baithen having heard his story, replied: 'I thank God that you are come to this place; but this you must know, that you cannot be a monk of ours.' Fintan, much afflicted at this refusal, asked, 'Is it that I am unworthy of being one?' 'No,' answered Baithen, 'but, although I should be very glad to keep you with me, I must obey the orders of my predecessor Columba, who, before he died, said to me, in the spirit of prophecy: 'Baithen, remember these words of mine, immediately after my departure from this life, a brother, who is now regulating his youth by good conduct and who is well versed in sacred studies, named Fintan, will come to you from Ireland, and will supplicate to be reckoned among the monks. But it is predetermined by God that he is to be an abbot, presiding over monks, and a guide of souls. Do not, therefore, let him stay in these islands of ours, but direct him to return in peace to Ireland, that he may there establish a monastery, in a part of Leinster not far from the sea, and labor for the good of souls.' The pious young man shed tears when he heard this, and returned thanks to God, and said that he would follow these directions. Colgan states that before he went to Leinster, in accordance with the injunction of Columbkil, he spent five years at a monastery he established at a place called Teachelle, in the district of Heli (Ely O'Carrol), in Munster, and that he subsequently founded a monastery at a place named after him, Teach-Munnu (the house of Munnu), now Thagmon, in the County of Wexford.

St. Fintan was far advanced in years when he died, at his own monastery, on the 21st of October, 635, leaving after him a distinguished reputation for sanctity and perfection in piety and godliness.

ST. RAYMOND OF PENNAFORTE.

St. Raymond of Pennaforte assisted St. Peter Nolasco to found in 1218 the Order of Mercy for the redemption of captives. Between the years 1492 and 1691 this Order, alone, rescued nearly 17,000 Christian captives.

ST. TITUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR.

St. Titus was a Greek by birth and the son of gentle father and a Jewish mother. He accompanied St. Paul to Jerusalem to the Council, and on his various extensive journeys, and was finally established by him, Bishop of Crete, about the year 62. He died about 105, at the advanced age of 94 years. St. Paul wrote an Epistle to him, which contains instructions for his disciple.

ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA.

St. Cyril was a Father of the Greek Church, and Patriarch of Alexandria, 412. He took an active part in his uncle's (Theophilus) opposition to St. John Chrysostom. He closed the Churches of the Novatians. The Jews having murdered a certain number of Christians, he expelled them from the city, and embroiled himself with the Governor Orestes. He contributed, also, to the condemnation of Nestorius. St. Cyril has left a large number of writings, mostly of an apologetical, controversial, and doctrinal character.

Mr. Patrick Hunt, an old identity of Kilmore, died suddenly at Bailleston recently. Mr. Hunt was engaged in mining in New Zealand in the early days, and afterwards in the Kilmore and Reedy Creek districts, being manager of the famous Landridge claim, when exceptional yields were obtained some 20 years ago. He was a member and president of the Kilmore Shire Council, and also connected with the Kilmore Waterworks Trust at its inception. Mr. Hunt was an ardent Home Ruler. The deceased gentleman was a brother of Mr. T. Hunt, ex-M.L.A.

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Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Probable Candidate.

A rumor has been extensively circulated that the Belfast Catholic Association have decided to invite Count Plunkett to contest West Belfast against the present member, Mr H. O. Arnold-Foster, Secretary to the Admiralty.

Death of a priest.

The death is announced of the Rev. R. O'Kane, P.P., Dunloy, County Antrim, one of the most distinguished priests in the diocese of Down and Connor.

DONEGAL.—Diocesan Chapter.

Now that the diocese of Raphoe has its Cathedral, that Cathedral is to have its Chapter, comprising a dean, an archdeacon, and 10 canons. In the 'Irish Ecclesiastical Record' for December there is published the text of the two decrees from the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda in Rome conveying the authority to erect the Chapter and placing the Cathedral under the patronage of St. Eunan and St. Columbkille.

Plots for fishermen.

The Congested Districts Board is completing negotiations for the purchase of about 500 acres of grass lands in the Killybegs district of County Donegal from the landlord, Mr. Tredennick, of Ballyshannon. It is understood that the intention of the Board is to divide the acreage into plots of four or five acres, and give one plot each to the hardy fishermen of the district.

Sale of an estate.

In County Donegal, Ireland, a few weeks ago the Rathmullen estate was sold. On this property was, anciently, the ruins of the great Carmelite house built long before the Reformation; also, the ruins of the great castle of McSweeney, of Fanad, whose better half, Mary, daughter of O'Malley, and wife of McSweeney, of Fanad, once held the castle intact two long weeks against 500 picked English troops. It is said that the new owner may take steps to preserve the ruins of the priory built in old days by McSweeney for the Carmelites.

DUBLIN.—An appointment.

The Rev. Edward J. Byrne, of the diocese of Dublin, has been appointed Vice-Rector of the Irish College, Rome. Father Byrne, who is a distinguished past student of the Irish College, has for some time been attached to the parish of Booterstown and Blackrock.

Death of a religious.

The death took place recently, in the Sienna Convent of Dominican Nuns, Drogheda, of Mother De Ricci, aunt of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., at an advanced age.

LIMERICK.—Day labor.

At a recent meeting of the Limerick County Council the Local Government Board circular as to the action to be taken by the Council in regard to substituting direct labor for the maintenance of public roads, instead of the present contract system, was discussed at considerable length. A scheme of direct labor on all the roads in the county was ultimately adopted.

MEATH.—Tara Hill.

The farm on Tara Hill was recently put up for public auction at the Navan Courthouse, Mr. John Clarke, solicitor, Dame street, having carriage of sale. There were only two bidders—Mr. S. Wilson, Oberstown, and Mr. MacDermott, Kilmessan. The highest amount offered was £2920. This not being considered enough, the executors of the late Mr. M'Nally reserved the farm for private offer.

ROSCOMMON.—Coercion Act.

Mr. John Haydon, M.P., was a few days before Christmas Day sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment under the Coercion Act for a speech delivered at Ballinlough, County Roscommon. Other sentences were: Messrs. Owens, 14 days, Higgins, 21 days; Delaney, one month, Cunnane, one month; Regan, one month and Brett, 14 days. The magistrates consented to state a case as to jurisdiction, and the defendants gave security for their attendance when called on.

SLIGO.—A presentation.

Mr. John O'Dowd, M.P. for South Sligo, and chairman of the Sligo County Council, has been made the recipient of an interesting presentation, which took the form of a substantial sum in gold in a beautifully worked silk purse in recognition of his services in the public interest. Very Rev. Canon Loftus, P.P. Ballymote, presided on the occasion, and the presentation was made by Rev. D. J. O'Grady, P.P. Kash, who with Mr. James Hannan, J.P., acted as joint treasurer to the testimonial.

GENERAL.

Certain to fail.

The 'Westminster Gazette,' commenting on the revival of coercion, as instanced by the Castlebar prosecutions, writes: 'But the particular facts are of less importance than the broad fact that we seem now drifting back into an attempt to govern Ireland by coercion. The attempt is as certain to fail as it has failed before.'

Compulsory sale.

The prosecutions initiated in the West of Ireland by the Castle (writes a Dublin correspondent) have reference to the differences between Lord de Freyne and his tenantry. The tenantry claim a reduction of rent, and his Lordship refuses it. The United League and its leaders bid the tenants hold out. The Government calls this an illegal conspiracy or incitement. Hence the prosecutions. But the tenants are perfectly law-abiding, as their letter to Lord de Freyne shows. They are unable to pay his Lordship all he demands, but they offer him all he can justly claim and all they can possibly pay. Adjoining the de Freyne estate is the Dillon estate. Lord Dillon agreed some time ago to sell his interest in the land to the tenants on it, and did so. The Government, under the Land Purchase Act, found the money and advanced it to the tenants on loan. Lord Dillon got his price and gives no further trouble. He is done with the business. The tenants are paying back the loan to the Government in annual instalments, and are making their payments with unflinching regularity, the Government itself having fixed the amount of the instalments. But these annual payments are much less in amount than the annual rents demanded by Lord de Freyne from his tenantry on lands immediately adjoining. The de Freyne tenantry cannot pay more than the Dillon tenantry, for they sell in the same markets, and have no advantage over their neighbors. They must go on paying for evermore, while the Dillon tenantry will have to pay only till they wipe out their loans. Hence the crux. The de Freyne tenantry offer their landlord the Dillon scale of payment, but Lord de Freyne stands out for his 'rights.' Hence the friction and the agitation and the prosecutions. If Compulsory Sale were enacted, his Lordship would have to sell at a fixed price, and there would be no trouble. The United League leaders under prosecution are really the proto-martyrs of Compulsory Sale. What they are being prosecuted for to-day will be the law of the land presently.

Home Rule Cause.

Mr. John Redmond and the other delegates who have been visiting the

United States (says the 'Catholic Times') have had a very enthusiastic reception on their return. It must have been peculiarly gratifying to them. When they were leaving for the States there were not wanting prophets to foretell that their mission would prove a failure. The Irish-Americans, it was said, would no longer give them any sympathy or support, and they would come back grievously disappointed. Exactly the reverse of this has happened. As the 'Cork Examiner' observes, Irish-America has broken all its records in its generosity towards the representatives of the Irish people. The leading men of the race in the States have made themselves responsible for £20,000 towards the Parliamentary funds, and there is a practical assurance that as long as the Parliamentary forces continue united and capable of doing good work a similar amount may safely be reckoned on by those who are marshalling the National forces.

The Church and the poor.

A correspondent of the London 'Catholic Times' gives the following extract taken from a recent issue of the 'Guardian' (Anglican):— '... Would that we could learn their secret (the Catholic Church in Ireland) of gaining the obedience—nay, the affection and jealous loyalty—of the poor. Rome can stoop, as the (Anglican) Church in Ireland cannot, down to the uneducated and poor and simple, and bring religion—real, practical, vital religion—within the comprehension and into the lives of the little ones of Christ's Church. Would that we could learn something of her power of dogmatic instruction, her recognition of the house of God as a house of prayer, her work among communicants, her sense of the power and presence of sin, her discipline, and her belief in herself.'

Distribution.

Mr. Ernest Gardner, the Conservative member for the Wokingham Division of Berkshire, evidently does not agree with Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of policy with regard to Irish representation, judging from the following extract from a speech delivered at Wokingham a few weeks since. Mr. Gardner said he confessed he was not one of those who largely advocated alterations in Parliamentary procedure or a very great strengthening of the majority over the rights of the minority. There was a party in the House of Commons whose conduct was very exasperating, but at the same time he could not help remembering that the House of Commons, of all places, was the British home of free speech. They would think he was treading dangerously close to party politics, but they must remember that they might not always be the majority. He could picture the time when the minority of the House of Commons might be the body that had the patriotic feeling of the country, and he was not prepared, without great consideration, to support any alteration that would give the majority at some future time the opportunity of treading upon the minority, which might, after all, be right, as minorities sometimes were. This led him to the question of the Irish representation in the House of Commons, and here again he was not an eager supporter of any proposal—or dealing drastically with the Irish Party. It was impossible to deal with the Irish representation from a punitive point of view, though he admitted that they greatly abused their freedom. He had had the pleasure of conversing with many members of the Irish Party, and he had never found them other than gentlemanly and courteous men, though they did give expression to their feelings in the manner that outraged their fellow-members in the House of Commons and a great many people in

the country. He could not bring his mind to support the reduction of the Irish members unless it were done as a whole measure from one end of the United Kingdom to the other. Undoubtedly there was over-representation in England; at Hereford and Rochester, for instance, among other towns in England, and therefore if they had such a measure they must have justice behind it.

The land question.

The 'Birmingham Daily Post,' the Liberal Unionist organ of the landlords, and usually designated as Mr. Chamberlain's paper, has in a late issue a most discriminating review of Mr. Russell's book, 'Ireland and the Empire.' The land question is treated thus:—'The chapter that deserves, and will doubtless receive, most attention is that in which he advocates those views upon the Irish land question, for the sake of which he sacrificed his position in the Unionist Government. "Compulsory sale of the landlord's interest in the land is," he says, "the only way out." Without attempting any discussion of Mr. Russell's project, we may say that, sooner or later, it will be forced on the attention of all politicians, and that the case in its favor could not be more effectively and eloquently stated than in the book before us.'

Irish Industries.

An Irish Industries exhibition was opened in Manchester about the middle of December. These exhibitions are really sales of work, and are conducted purely on business lines. They show that agriculture is not the only industry practised in Ireland. Some beautiful goods were shown, all the work of poor people who live in the country districts of Ireland. Since this association was first started by Lady Aberdeen, some 24 exhibitions and sales have been organised in London and elsewhere, and the net total of the sales is £63,161. The money has mostly gone to the poor people in Ireland, but Irish ladies of reduced circumstances have also benefited by the operations of the association. At the Exhibition in Manchester there were many stalls presided over by Irish ladies. The Carraghmore Knitting Industry stall was presided over by the Marchioness of Waterford, and she was assisted by Lady Susan Beresford, Lady Aileen Roberts, Mrs. Vaudrey, and Miss Edith Miller. The Ulster Ladies' Work Society stall had for its president the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, and amongst those assisting was the Countess of Annesley. The County of Meath stall was attended by the Countess of Fingall. Other stalls were the Castlebar stall (Countess of Lucan's), Garry Hill Cottage Industry, the Killarney Furniture and Castlerosse School of Industry stall, Irish Distressed Ladies, Gentlewomen's Guild of Handicraft, Quinnton and Strangford Cottage Industry, Cushendall, Glens of Antrim Toy Industry, Turbotson Cottage Industry, Dunleckneg, Marheld, and Borris, County Carlow Industries, etc. The opening ceremony on Thursday was performed by the Countess of Cadogan, and it was graced by the presence of many influential notabilities. On Friday the Countess of Aberdeen opened the exhibition, when there was again a great gathering. To enumerate the different articles on each stall, and to attempt a mere criticism would require space that we could not possibly give, and even then it would be but a feeble effort. The work offered for sale was varied, embracing lace, in galore, antique embroideries, dress and furnishings, crochet, sprigged muslin, tatted work, weaving and tweeds, etc. Some of the work done in convent schools came in for great praise, which was richly deserved. On the whole the exhibition was considered a great success, and the takings amounted to over £4000.

People

The German Emperor celebrated his 43rd birthday on January 27.

Don Perosi is engaged on a cantata in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. It will be executed in Rome on December 8, 1903.

Mrs. William O'Brien has sent a cheque of £25 to the Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, P.P., Kiltanerin, for distribution amongst the Coolgreany evicted tenants.

Mr. Kruger, on the Saturday before Christmas, received 10,000 marks subscribed by the children of the Rhine Provinces of Prussia and Westphalia as a present for the Boer children.

Mr. R. H. Manners, late of Brasenose College, Oxford, and formerly of Stonyhurst College, headed the list of university candidates at the recent army examinations. He has been gazetted to the Royal Scots regiment.

Mayor Keiley, of Brooklyn, U.S.A., whose death was announced in a recent issue of this paper, was father-in-law of Mr. A. M. Sullivan, B.L., a rising young member of the Irish Bar and a son of the distinguished Irishman whose name he bears.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has conferred the title of Chevalier of the Order of St. Sylvester and Knight of the Golden Spur on Mr. Joseph Higgins Sheeran, of Charleville terrace, Dublin, son of the late Mr. James Sheeran, of Fisherstown, County Longford.

A marriage which is awakening interest among Catholics in England is that between Miss Clare Vaughan, elder daughter of Colonel Vaughan, of Courtfield, Ross, and Mr. Leonard Lindsay, secretary to the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal. The ceremony will take place at Courtfield, and Cardinal Vaughan will officiate.

Capital punishment does not now exist in Belgium, and consequently the king has commanded the retirement on a pension of £100 per annum of the executioner, whose title was 'the executor of public works.' The guillotine has gone, but the scaffold remains, as the judges continue to pass the death sentence, and a copy of this is posted on the scaffold. Imprisonment for life is the doom of murderers.

Mr. C. V. O'Connor, C.E., the engineer-in-chief of Western Australia, received his early professional training in Ireland, but at the age of 27 he came to New Zealand, where he was, among other things, Consulting Engineer to the Hokitika Harbor Board and Marine Engineer to the Government. He transferred his services to Western Australia in 1891, and controlled the construction of the extensive harbor works at Fremantle.

Mr. Justice Walton was present at the Christmas Academy of St. Ignatius' College, Stamford Hill, England. Being introduced by Father Donnelly, S.J., the principal, who stated that he had given two sons to the Church and that another son of his had lost his life while serving in the army in South Africa, the judge addressed the students on success in life. There was not one of them, he said, who should not do well if he were intelligent and industrious. Mr. Justice Walton said he always looked back with pleasure to the days at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, and Stonyhurst.

The centenary reminiscences of Sir John Parnell remind the 'Catholic Herald' that many of Ireland's greatest statesmen are not buried in Irish soil. Sir John Parnell is buried in St. George's, Hanover square, London. Burke is in the parish of Beaconsfield; and Grattan in

Westminster Abbey. Grattan, indeed, when dying in London, expressed the strongest wish that his body might repose in the graveyard of Moyanna, in the Queen's County, and it was not until the very day of his death that, when reduced to the last stage of physical prostration, he gave his assent to the importunate request of the Duke of Sussex and some other English friends that Westminster Abbey should be his place of sepulture. The greatest of Irishmen, O'Connell, died abroad, and his heart is buried in Rome.

December 12 was the anniversary of the birth of Gerald Griffin, one of the best and most deservedly popular Irish writers. He was born in Limerick on December 12th, 1803, and being bent on a literary career, went to London at an early age, when, after much struggling he gained the ear of the public. In the first flush of the long-coveted success, however, the talented young Irishman renounced the world altogether, and entered the Order of the Christian Brothers, dying in a few years at the early age of 36. His works are too well known to need enumeration, and 'The Collegians' bids fair to hold a prominent place in Irish fiction. Griffin died in Cork on June 12th, 1840.

The Most Rev. Dr. Bagshawe, who retired some time ago from the See of Nottingham and has been succeeded by the Right Rev. Dr. Brindle, Bishop-Auxiliary of Westminster, was consecrated so far back as 1874. Born in 1829 in London, he was educated at Oscott and remained there for 10 years. After having taken his degree of B.A. at the London University, he entered the Congregation of the Oratory and became professor of Christian doctrine at Hammersmith. He was appointed assistant-Bishop to Dr. Roskell, of Nottingham, and that prelate having resigned before the brief of appointment was issued, owing to the failure of his eyesight, Dr. Bagshawe was at once nominated to the See. He was then in his 44th year, and from that time till his resignation some months ago he has ruled over the diocese. The Catholic population has increased from 21,500 to 32,000, and there has been a corresponding increase in clergy, churches, and schools. The Bishop celebrated his Episcopal jubilee in May, 1899, when a presentation was made to him on behalf of the clergy.

Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., of Melbourne, is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and he took the Home Rule side in politics in County Clare so long ago as 1847. He studied first as an engineer; then he farmed the family acres, and subsequently he entered mercantile pursuits, but finally studied for the law, and was admitted to the Irish Bar 46 years ago. His father was the first Catholic raised to the judicial office after the revolution of 1688, and his brother (also Sir Michael) was likewise a distinguished lawyer. Shortly after he succeeded to the baronetcy, in 1877, he was selected to the Commons for Clare, but did not return to Ireland to take his seat. Sir Bryan has been a prominent personage in Victoria for 40 years. He is now in his 74th year.

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(For week ending February 12).

PRODUCE.

London, February 6.—The wheat markets are inactive. The Continental supply is steady. American cargoes are quiet. Victorian January shipments, 29s 9d. South Australian and New South Wales January-February shipments, 30s. Victorian parcel of January shipments, 29s 10d and 29s 3d.

Butter.—The demand is improving for choice qualities. Colonial is in quiet demand at from 108s to 110s. There is a brisk trade in secondaries at from 98s to 102s; Danish, 112s to 114s.

Cheese is quiet. New Zealand, 49s to 50s.

London, February 9.—Frozen meat.—New Zealand mutton is unchanged. Lamb also is unaltered, the quotation being for odd season's stock. New Zealand beef, 180lb to 220lb, fair average quality, ox fores, 3½d; ox hinds, 4½d.

Wellington, February 10.—The following cablegram has been received from the Agent-General, London, dated the 8th:—Average prices today, Canterbury mutton, 3½d; Dunedin, Southland, and N.M.E. Company, 3½d, other North Island, 3½d; River Plate, 3½d. The mutton market is weak, and the trade in mutton is very disappointing, there being only a very hand-to-mouth demand for New Zealand. Canterbury lamb, 5½d. The high quotations for lamb lately sent to New Zealand was merely for a few selected carcasses, and cannot be taken as any indication of the general market price. The shipments of River Plate Lamb are increasing, and the Australian shipments of lamb now arriving are very heavy. The beef market is firm. New Zealand hinds, 4½d; fores, 3½d. There is a good demand for butter at 109s. New Zealand butter is giving satisfaction to buyers. The cheese market is firm at 50s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

There was a good attendance of buyers but competition for most lines catalogued was without much animation, prices for all lines being barely equal to late values.

Oats.—Consignments have been coming forward more freely. Late values are too high to allow shippers to operate, and the quantity coming to hand being fully equal to local demand, prices are a shade easier. We quote: Prime milling, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d; good to best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d, medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling is the only class in demand with millers, and even for this their requirements are light. Medium quality is in fair demand as fowl feed. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2½d; medium, 3s to 3s 1d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The market is heavily supplied, and prices have in consequence suffered a decline. We quote: Best sorts, £2 5s to £2 10s; medium, £1 15s to £2 per ton (bags extra).

Chaff.—Prime oaten sheaf continues to meet with fair inquiry, but medium quality is in over supply, and difficult to quit at slightly reduced rates. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d; choice, to £4; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current—Wholesale—Butter, fresh, 6d; butter (factory), bulk, 10d; pats, 10½d; eggs, 10d per doz; cheese, 4d; bacon, farm, 7d; bacon (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 9d; potatoes, £3 per ton; fowl wheat, 3s; barley, 2s to 2s 6d;

chaff, £3 10s; flour, £8 5s to £9 5s; oatmeal, £13 10s to £14; bran, £3 5s; pollard, £4 10s. Retail—Fresh butter, 8d; butter (factory), pats, 1s, bulk, 1s; eggs, 1s per doz; cheese, 6d to 7d; bacon (rolled), 8d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 4s per cwt; flour: 200lb, 18s 6d; 50lb, 5s; oatmeal, 50lb, 7s 9d; 25lb, 4s; pollard, 7s 6d per bag; bran, 4s 6d; chaff, 2s; fowls' feed, 3s 6d per bushel.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats: Feed, fair to good, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; milling, 2s 7d. Wheat: Very scarce. Milling, 3s 2d, fowls', 3s 2d. Potatoes: New Oamaru, £2 Chaff: Inferior to medium, £2 10s to £3 5s; good to best, £3 15s to £4. Straw: Loose, 32s 6d; pressed, 30s. Flour: 200lb sacks, £8 5s; 50lb, £9; 25lb, £9 5s; Oatmeal: 25lb, £14. Butter: Dairy, 6d to 8d; factory, 9½d to 10d. Cheese: Dairy, 4½d; factory, 5d. Eggs, 1s. Onions: Melbourne, new, £6 10s.

WOOL.

London, February 4.—There is a poor catalogue for the wool sales, but a good sale. Prices are unchanged. The Tenakoe clip realised 7d, and the Brancepeth 6½d.

London, February 5.—Prices are firm, and competition spirited and general. The Waipahi clip realised 6½d, the Meance 5½d, and the Otago 5d.

At the tallow sales 449 casks were offered, and 113 sold. Mutton: Fine, 38s 6d; medium, 33s 6d. Beef: Fine, 34s; medium, 31s.

London, February 6.—The quantity of wool catalogued to date is 183,000 bales, and of that sold Home buyers bought 92,000 bales, Continental 77,000 bales, and American 1000 bales. Held over 14,500 bales.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The Addington market yardings in most classes were smaller than those of last week.

Fat Cattle.—192 head were yarded, Bidding was irregular, with prices easier, there being a drop of fully 1s per 100lb. Steers brought £5 15s to £9 15s; heifers, £5 5s to £8 5s; extra good, to £9; cows, £5 5s to £8 2s 6d, extra good, to £9 2s 6d; or equal to from 16s 6d to 22s per 100lb.

Store Cattle.—A large entry, and the lots were sold freely. There was an average entry of dairy cows.

Fat Sheep.—There was a smaller entry than for the past few weeks. The bulk consisted of fat ewes, with a few pens of prime wethers. Bidding was brisk for all lines of freezers, but fat ewes met with a dull and dragging sale, prices showing a drop of from 2s 6d to 3s per head. Wethers brought 13s 6d to 16s 5d; maiden ewes, 14s 8d to 15s 8d; best butchers' ewes, 10s to 13s; inferior, 4s 6d to 8s 6d; merino wethers, 4s 3d to 8s.

Fat Lambs.—A large entry was yarded. Although prices for all lines were easier at the opening of the sale, they improved as it progressed. Over 3500 were taken for export at 10s to 13s 11d, the butchers securing about 500 at 8s to 13s 2d.

Store Sheep.—The entry totalled 6500, the majority being lambs, with a few pens of forward wethers and young ewes. Bidding was very dull for store lambs, but good fresh-conditioned wethers and good young ewes sold at rates fully up to past markets.

Pigs showed a much smaller entry. Baconers and porkers sold well, but stores met with poor competition. Baconers brought 35s to 52s 6d, or about 3½d per lb; porkers, 22s to 29s, equal to 3½d to 4d; stores, 15s to 20s; medium kinds, 11s to 14s;

small stores and weaners, 5s 6d to 10s 6d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

We had a very fair entry for this week's sale, the display of both draught and light harness horses being decidedly above the average in point of quality and numbers. The draught horses offered, which included a consignment from the north, were a very useful lot indeed, sound and active, and in every way good farm horses. With one exception, however, they were not heavy enough for town work. There was a fair number of farmers present in quest of horses for harvesting operations, and the whole of the horses comprised in the consignment above changed hands at quotations. Other sales in draughts included the following—viz., Bay colt, 4yrs, shafter, at £42 10s; bay gelding, 7yrs, at £42; bay gelding, 8yrs, £39; brown gelding, 8yrs, at £36; black gelding, aged, at £31. Three very fine young, active spring-dray horses were offered, and elicited keen competition, being sold as follows:—One four-year-old bay gelding at £35 10s; one four-year-old chestnut mare at £28 10s; one five-year-old bay gelding at £25 10s. We quote as follows:—Superior young draught geldings, £42 to £48; extra good, prize horses, £50 so £55; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40, aged do, £22 to £28; up-standing carriage horses, £30 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £70 to £90; strong spring-van horses, £28 to £35; milkcart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; tram horses, £12 to £17; light hacks, £9 to £15; extra good hacks, £18 to £25; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £4 to £7.

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MANY of the greatest men have had phenomenal memories (says Professor E. S. Holden). Caesar knew the names of thousands of soldiers in his legion. A modern man of science often has a prodigious memory for special terminology. Professor Asa Gray asserted that he could at once recall the names of something like 25,000 plants; Professor Theodore Gill can do the same for fishes. Our memory for mere words is itself much more extensive than is generally admitted. The average well to do child of two years has a vocabulary of some 500 words, and its father may have the command of 20,000 more. The 10,000 verses of the Rig Veda have, for 3000 years, been accurately preserved in the memories of the Brahmins. Not one Brahmin alone, but thousands can to-day recite it word for word. Thousands of Mohammedans likewise know the Koran by heart, as all learned Chinese know their classic books. The chiefs of Polynesia can and do repeat hundreds of thousands of words in their genealogies taking days and even weeks for the recitation. Hundreds of pianists can play all day, and many days, by memory, and I have myself seen Von Bulow conduct Beethoven's Fifth Symphony without a score. Chessplayers have a visualising memory; musicians have an auditive and a motor memory; while arithmetical prodigies may have any one of the three or a combination of all.

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WEDDING BELLS.

MULVEY—WALSH.

On the 4th inst. a quiet wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Queenstown (says the *Wakatipu Mail*), the contracting parties being Mr. J. Mulvey, of the Telegraph Department, Gore, and Miss Mary Walsh, only daughter of Mr. Patrick Walsh, farmer, also of Gore. The event occasioned considerable local interest on account of the bride being, in a manner of speaking, a native of the district, she having been brought up from infancy by her aunt, Mrs. J. T. McBride, of the Family Hotel, Queenstown, with whom she resided until within the last four years, when she departed to take charge of her father's house in Gore. During her girlhood Miss Walsh made many friends in Queenstown, who showed their appreciation of that acquaintance by presenting her with a number of choice and dainty wedding presents. The bride, who looked charming, was becomingly attired in a nice navy blue poplin travelling costume and dainty black toque relieved with pink flowers and chiffon. Mr. J. C. McBride gave the bride away, while Miss M' Ewen acted as bridesmaid. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. D. Mulvey. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, assisted by the Rev. Father Headen. The wedding party was afterwards driven to McBride's Family Hotel, where cake and wine were partaken of. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome ring with a beautiful opal stone set in a circle of diamonds; and to the bridesmaid, a lovely diamond bar brooch. The happy pair left by the 10 o'clock boat for Invercargill, taking heartfelt good wishes from their numerous friends. They intend spending their honeymoon at Stewart Island.

O'MEARA—DEMPSEY.

The Very Rev. Dean Kirk officiated at a very pretty wedding at St. Mary's Church a few days ago (says the *Wanganui Chronicle*), when Miss Lucy, second daughter of our well-known townsman Mr. James Dempsey, was married to Mr E. O'Meara, of Opanake, brother of Rev. Father O'Meara, Feilding. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends, whilst a large number of people were congregated outside the church. The bride was given away by her father, and looked very nice in a handsome dress of white silk, trimmed with silk lace and chiffon. The orthodox veil and orange blossoms were worn, and the bride also carried a choice shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Norah Dempsey and Miss M. Gilligan (who wore pale blue costumes, with white and blue hats) and Misses Gertie Parker and Lily Dwyer (wearing white muslin frocks, with white chiffon picture hats to match). The chief bridesmaids carried nice shower bouquets, and the two little attendants carried shepherds' crooks. Mr. W. Dempsey, of Feilding, acted as best man, and Mr. J. Flynn, of Stratford, was groomsmen. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a very handsome diamond dress ring and a bouquet, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches, bouquets, and crooks. As the newly-married couple left the church, Mrs. Lloyd, the organist, played the 'Wedding March.' After the ceremony the wedding party was entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, where a large marquee had been erected. Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara, who were the recipients of a large number of presents, including a beautiful silver-mounted salad bowl, spoon, and fork from St. Mary's choir (of which the bride had been a valued member), left by the North train for Auckland, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's going-away dress was of sapphire blue, trimmed with white satin. We join with their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara a long and happy wedded life.

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W. KANE,

District Secretary,

Auckland.

The Railway authorities notify that holiday excursion tickets in connection with the Dunedin autumn races will be issued to Dunedin from any station on the Hurunui-Bluff section from 24th to 28th February, and from stations between Oamaru and Clinton, including branches, on the morning of March 1. For further particulars see advertisement....

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Run 11, Wakatipu, Lake County; area, 13,320 acres; term, 14 years; upset annual rental, £7 10s; situated about 10 miles from Queenstown.

Runs 17, 20, 21, and 22, Wakatipu, Lake County; area, 98,600 acres; term, 14 years; upset annual rental, £5; situated about 32 miles from Queenstown.

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Possession of above Runs will be given on 1st March, 1903.

On THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1902, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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Run No. 228B, Maniototo County; area, 3200 acres; term, 15 years; upset annual rental, £70; valuation for improvements, £283 15; situated at St. Bathans Township, about 11 miles from Rough Ridge railway station.

Run No. 455, Lake County; area, 26,250 acres; term, 14 years; upset annual rental, £3; situated on the Martin's Bay Track, about eight miles from Kinloch.

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LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1902.

'MISSIONARY TALES.'



THE Rev. Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS is at present 'starring' New Zealand with a magic-lantern show. The object of his tour is, we understand, to raise funds for evangelistic enterprise among the 'paganised Romans' or the 'Romanised pagans' (the Doctor's terminology is not yet finally decided) in South America—perhaps in connection with the missionary institute in East London which is conducted by the members of his own family. We have, of course, no objection whatever to the purpose of the Rev. Doctor's lectures. But we confess that we were unprepared for the venomous outburst which—according to a report that an Oamaru paper thought fit to publish—formed the staple of a combined lecture and appeal for funds delivered by this 'undenominational evangelist' in dealing with the Catholics of far Peru. A record of labors done, of difficul-

ties overcome or patiently endured, of success achieved, of plans or hopes for the future—all these form a fair ground of appeal to the pockets of the public in aid of missionary endeavor. But of all this, Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS, as reported in the Oamaru paper, seems to have had little or nothing to say. And for a good reason: for the barrenness of non-Catholic missionary effort in South America is notorious. In Peru, for instance, at the last census, there were only 5087 Protestants, all, or nearly all, English-speaking persons. Non-Catholic missionary effort seems to have been a complete failure among the native and mixed races, who, after three and a half centuries of Spanish occupation, number no less than 80 per cent. of the entire population. In the apparent absence of such legitimate pleas for pence as have been indicated above, Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS seems to have relied for effect, in his talk on Peru, upon a torrent of fierce, calumnious no-Popery invective. Of another collector for the foreign mission field it was said that he wound up his appeals with 'a fling at the abominations of Popery, a stirring whoop, and then—the hat went round.' If we are to judge by our Oamaru contemporary's report of Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS's shriek about Peru, he seems to be conducting his money-raising tour rather with the instincts of the penny showman than in the spirit of the true missionary. At frequent intervals he wrought up his audience to a pitch of excitement with suggestive or sensational and calumnious attacks on the faith and morals of Catholics, and then—

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In all probability Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS relies on mere 'missionary tales' for his slanders on the Catholic Church in Peru. He appears to be bountifully endowed with the infantile credulity or verdant gullibility which accepts as gospel the adventures of SINBAD the Sailor or the story of ALI BABA and the Forty Thieves. At this hour of the day it is like slaying the slain to touch at length upon the thorough-paced untrustworthiness of 'missionary tales.' Among well-informed Protestants they occupy a position akin to that which 'fish stories' and 'snake yarns' hold in the popular estimation. In our last issue we pointed out, on the authority of a number of eminent lay and clerical Protestant writers and on the official evidence of Protestant missionary societies, the notorious unreliability of the average 'missionary tale.' We saw, on the testimony of the same high and well-informed authorities, that 'the average missionary does not command confidence'; that he is inordinately given to 'exaggerations,' 'fallacies,' 'inaccuracies,' and 'embellishment' of his experiences; that 'un corroborated missionary's evidence is scarcely considered evidence at all' by those of his own faith who know his ways; that 'there are grave scandals connected with our missionary reports,' which are described as 'the advertisements of money-making societies' and addressed to constituents 'who' (says the veteran Protestant missionary, Dr. CURT) 'are as greedy of sensations as they are credulous of prodigies.' The same venerable evangeliser, after fifty years' experience, declared with disgust, in his *Missionary Methods*, that 'it requires great determination and a strong stomach' to wade through the usual missionary reports, and this on account of their wholesale unreliability, their 'abuse of the Church of Rome,' and their never-ending ding-dong for money, money, money—'for more money and more men and women.' There is no need for us to thresh that old straw over again. Missionaries whose co-religionists cannot trust them to speak the truth regarding the facts of their own personal experience can scarcely be expected to tell a plain, unvarnished tale regarding a great rival religious organisation in a foreign land, when—as recent controversies have overwhelmingly shown—their standard-bearers at our own doors are hopelessly ignorant of even the elementary knowledge of her doctrines and practices which may be acquired by the perusal of a child's penny catechism in their own tongue. Still less can 'un corroborated missionary's evidence' be accepted when it damns the members of that rival creed with the stigma of gross, phenomenal, and diabolical infamy. And especially does distrust of the already discredited 'missionary tale' become a duty when (as our Oamaru contemporary testifies) not a

scrap of proof is adduced to sustain such charges—nay, more, when names, dates, and all circumstances that could furnish a clue for investigation are withheld or smothered up in a way that is significant to the last degree.

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Mexico was long a favorite scene for the setting of 'missionary tales.' But that field has been worked out, thanks to the sensational exposure of myths like that of RIDER HAGGARD by the Catholic Truth Society, and to the books and magazine and newspaper articles of travelled Protestants who do not believe that any honorable cause is advanced by a resort to lying. Missionary 'snake yarns' like that of the 'walled-up nun,' the 'raffle for souls,' etc., have met with such prompt and public exposure that Mexico is no longer a safe country for the pious myth-monger. He has, therefore, had to go farther afield. The Argentine Republic has of late years exported, along with its frozen mutton and green skins, a few really admirable specimens of the 'missionary tale.' The latest of these was manufactured, baled, packed, and exported by one of the agents of the Bible Society. It described how the Indians of the Chaco were 'united to the Roman Catholic Church' by a series of solemn tomfooleries almost sufficiently absurd for initiation to the 'two-and-a-half' degree in an Orange lodge. We put ourselves in communication with the civil, military, and religious authorities of the Chaco, and our exposure of that disgraceful fabrication received so widespread a publication that the trade in 'missionary tales' from Argentina seems to have been checked for a time. The South American head-quarters of the no-Popery variety of the 'missionary tale' have been chased around like the gambling hells of Europe. They seem to have been lately transferred to Peru. And the credulous Rev. GRATTAN GUINNESS has apparently been furnished by sundry pious MUNCHAUSENS there with some of the most grotesque specimens of their handiwork to add to the attractions of his magic-lantern show. Some of the 'missionary tales' he asked his Oamaru audience to swallow were certainly mighty mouthfuls. But the race of *gobemouches* and sword-eaters and dinner-plate-swallowers is not yet extinct in the land. And so our visitor worked off his sensational no-Popery 'tales from a far-off land,' and sent down the spines of his audience 'thrills' and spasms and shudders that were dirt cheap at sixpence to half-a-crown each, according to the intensity of the shock. And then—

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As stated in the Oamaru report, no attempt was made by this itinerant cleric to substantiate any of the evil tales which he told to the discredit of the Catholic body in far-off Peru. On the contrary, the 'missionary tales' that he retails are notable for the seemingly elaborate care with which the path to investigation is blocked at every point. In the circumstances, it is sufficient to meet Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS'S gratuitous assertions with gratuitous denials and to challenge him for detailed evidence. For the rest, there hang over the venomous tales told in Oamaru the rankling suspicion and distrust that, for good and well-known reasons which we have briefly indicated, hover like a ghost of ANANIAS over the average 'missionary tale.' One of the most absurd of the itinerant Doctor's stories may be referred to here. It is the familiar old gag about the 'spiriting away' of a 'convert.' The 'convert' in the present case was (we are told) a monk. He was a sort of abstraction—had no name, lived at no specific time, inhabited no particular monastery, was 'converted' by one of the missionaries, but—unhappy man!—he was 'spirited away' and has never been seen to this day! We are told that this part of the magic lantern show was 'thrilling,' and, no doubt,

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But we had almost forgotten. A photograph of the nameless Vanisher was exhibited. And a photograph of an alleged 'ex-monk' or an 'ex-nun' is, of course, 'confirmation strong as proof of Holy Writ' of the truth of the story

that it told regarding the original. But our readers are aware that the sham 'ex-monk' and gaol-bird NOBBS (*alias* WIDDOWS) and the female imposter that lately toured this Colony under the title of 'Mrs. SLATTERY,' also exhibit—and sell—photographs of themselves 'robed in the uniform of the Order' to which those wretched imposters never belonged. And if Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS calls to this office our contributor, 'QUIP,' undertakes to exhibit to him a photograph of the 'brig' where TAM O'SHANTER had his weird midnight adventures and another of the cow that jumped over the moon. It is really about time to accord an extended holiday to the old and musty Sunday-school 'yarn' about the 'convert' or intending 'convert' from 'Popery' who is 'spirited away' and has never been seen to this day. The only real and genuine cases of the kind were two. One was, in November, 1896, told by the Bishop of Marlborough, was cabled to these colonies a few years ago, and created a splendid sensation. But the sensation lasted only twenty-four hours, then ended 'in the snapping of a gun,' and caused much laughter at the expense of Him of Marlborough. The other 'convert' who (it was alleged) had been 'kidnapped' by 'Rome' and 'spirited away,' had been picked up by a policeman in the street in a state of beastly intoxication and 'spirited away,' not to Rome, but to 'the stone jug.' And—worst of all—after all the sensation and hullabaloo, neither of these Vanishers became a 'convert!' The varlets had really no consideration for the feelings of their would-be bear-leaders.

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It really seems a pity that Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS should be confined to one 'thrilling' narrative of persons who have been kidnapped by those unspeakable Papists and have never been seen to this day. We publish hereunder a further collection for his especial behoof. The worst of them is more 'thrilling' by far than the Doctor's story of the nameless Peruvian monk. And he cannot reasonably take exception to their form. They all betray the same anxiety as his 'painful yarn' does to suppress the data of investigation. Neither can he object to the authority from which we take them. They are drawn from the columns of the *Church Commonwealth*, an Australian Anglican newspaper. It says:—

'The following stories amongst others were related for the delectation of the Protestant palate at the annual meeting of the P.C.E.U. held in Sydney some few weeks ago. It is suggested that these reminiscences should be published in book form. Perhaps M. de Rougemont could be induced to edit and write a suitable introduction to the same, which might be issued as a sequel to Walsh's famous Protestant classic.

'During the building of a certain convent in England a workman who had occasion to remain some time after the usual hours thought he heard a woman moaning and crying. He went quietly over to a wall where the sound proceeded from, and called out, "Who is there? What is the matter?" The reply was: "I am walled in to die." "I'll dig you out." "Don't, I beseech you! If you attempt it, your life will not be safe." "Well, I shall go and bring assistance." However, as no one would believe him, he had to return alone in the dark. But, you know, Protestants are brave. Would you believe me, he never returned alive. He has never been seen to this day.

'A lady who was dining at Lord Salisbury's some time ago was rather struck by the fine appearance of one of the waiters. His face seemed familiar, and somehow or other his presence made her feel uncomfortable. Presently he noticed her questioning glances, and began to display considerable unrest and nervousness. After a good deal of worry it suddenly flashed across the lady's mind where she had seen this man before. Yes; she had seen him in Italy, at Rome! Ha! the Vatican! He was an emissary of the Pope, and his duty was to find out the State secrets of England. She determined to interview Lord Salisbury and acquaint him of the dire and dreadful plot. When she saw his Lordship next morning he appeared quite ill. She questioned him as to the cause. He replied that his confidential man had disappeared. "Was he acting as butler?" "Yes." He has never been seen to this day!

'A certain rector, while inviting a friend to dinner, remarked: "I have asked my curate. I should like you to make his acquaintance; he is such good company. His conversation is so brilliant that I am sure you will be charmed with him." Accordingly at the specified time the guests made their appearance; but the curate was silent, and did not display his powers of wit and humor—in fact he was very ill at ease. After dinner the rector stopped him as he was hurrying away, and asked what was the matter. Was he ill? "Ah, no! But I feel somewhat uneasy; I have some sick people to visit, so I cannot delay. Please excuse me." The rector returned and apologised, saying, "I cannot make out what is the matter with him." "I can." "What?" "He is a Jesuit." "Nonsense!" "No nonsense about it. I met him in a college on the Continent, and he recognises me; that is the cause of his trouble." "I cannot believe it." "Then let us go round to his lodgings and see if he has left." They went, but he has never been seen to this day!

We make no charge for these suggested additions to the attractions of Dr. GRATTAN GUINNESS' magic lantern show.

Notes

That Pontifical Commission.

Many of our readers will recall the puzzle-headed cable message which informed the expectant public of New Zealand that Cardinal Parocchi had been appointed by some unnamed authority President of a Papal Commission on Biblical studies, and that the Holy Father had been likewise 'appointed' to sit at the green board of the same Commission with the rank of a full private member. The fact of the case is, as we anticipated, that Leo XIII. has appointed a special Pontifical Commission for the consideration of all questions connected with Biblical studies. 'Catholic scholars all the world over will,' says a contemporary, 'have the fullest opportunity of stating their views and difficulties, and of bringing them to the direct notice of the Holy See. Cardinal Parocchi, a high authority upon all questions connected with Biblical exegesis, will act as President of the Commission; Cardinal Segna and Cardinal Vives will act as "Assessors," and Father David Fleming as Secretary; there will also be eleven "Consultors" chosen from the different countries of the world, and of these England will be represented by the Rev. Robert Francis Clarke, D.D., of Chiswick.'

Some 'Langwidge.'

During the past six months New Zealand Catholics have been occasionally treated to sundry tornadoes of abuse from the pulpit and the platform. These samples of sweetness and grace culminated in the threat of a 'religious war' and nothing less than 'extermination.' In England the anti-Catholic campaign has been marked with equally violent appeals to mob violence. A few weeks ago we gave one specimen of the language. 'painful and frequent and free,' that was used in reference to Cardinal Vaughan. Here is another sample. It is taken from the *Universal Book Bazaar*, which, needless to say, is a 'religious' publication:—

'The two principal enemies of the working-man are—the priest, who kills his soul by false teaching; and the publican, who kills his body by selling him poisonous concoctions. Of these two agents of the devil, the most dangerous is the priest! Let every Englishman at once exclude him as a loathsome leper from all society, and expel him at once from our empire. Cardinal Vaughan is the champion snake, the most dangerous of all reptiles to be allowed to exist in any town or city! . . . Cardinal Vaughan is the arch-conspirator, the principal Popish Thug, whose existence in our Protestant country is a disgrace to every Englishman, to every lover of freedom. Let us clear this loathsome leper out of our country as quickly as possible. . . . Thus we see that Cardinal Vaughan is the principal agent of the Devil in England, and the sooner we get rid of him the better. He is a sensual beast, and utterly corrupt and loathsome, absolutely unfit to be allowed to live in our Protestant Empire, since he only contaminates our people by his false teaching, and his support of the infernal drink trade carried on by the Popish priests everywhere.'

In their last half-yearly statement, the Catholic Truth Society, referring to these attacks, says that 'there are too many who support themselves by the funds accruing from their propagation to render it likely that the business will be willingly abandoned. There are, however, abundant symptoms that some among them know that their craft is in danger; and the numerous scurrilous attacks lately made upon the Church by those into whose hands the defence of popular Protestantism has fallen seem to indicate a final and even a despairing effort to recapture public sympathy.'

In Lighter Vein

(By 'QUIP.')

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'THERE'S nothing like a little judicious levity.'

R. L. STEVENSON.

War's Perils.

Ole Jim, my West Coast friend, has again favored me with a communication. I am beginning to greatly fear that, if his son who went to the Transvaal is a chip of the old block, Ole Jim him-

self or some of his ancestors must have 'married on' some member of the Munchausen family. Here is the letter:—

'dear Quip,—
'i am sorry you Will be pleezed to heer that my son what returned Back again to home with a pon-pon bullit in the kaf of his leg is a cumander in the 9th (nintiet) Contingement. A soljer's life is neerly as ful of risks as the Dredjin markit is ful of wile Cats. He tole us As how wunce he shot at a Bore, but the barril of his gun Must of bin bent becuz he mist that there bore And the bullit past Rite round the kopyy to back of him and kem back wizzin like a Nostralian bummyrang about 1 foot from my boy's ear. Oney 1 foot more neerer and he woud of bin a dcad corp. He woud athunk it was another bullit Oney when it was a-wizzin by he notist a Skrach he put onto it when he was loaden it. Then there Is them heelygraft-messige. My son says as how when a genral Sends 1 on a fogley day the other genral Aint able to ketch it, and hunders have scaped this way and Are romin on the loose about the district. One day he was Rubbin down his hoss with a peace of ole tunick and hiesin Thru his teeth in the reel way when all on a Suddent the hoss flopped down dead. They made a post mortal enquest and prospecked Round in the beest's inside till they struck on 3 lumps of heelygraft-messige In code, whatever part of the hoss the code is. I doan think my Son will ever see his ole hoam alive, and Ile let you know if he Ever sees it dead as this leaves me at present an I hope your the same. Ajoo, yours trooly,
'JIM.'

Prohibition.

There is a great deal of excitement at present in White Island over Prohibition. Sundry long-haired, spectacled strangers are advising everyone to cross out the top line at the next Local Option poll, and fill our little island with plum-wine and perjury. I myself used to be a member of the Soft-Tack Brigade, but was converted by the unguarded action of a chairman at one of our meetings in the words of one of the local poets,

Our Temp'rance meetin' didn't prove
The big success it ougter;
The chairman tried to blow the froth
From off a glass of water.

Now I am like Bob Potter, immortalised by my friend Bab:

'I takes my pipe—I takes my pot
And drunk I'm never seen to be:
I'm no teetotaller or sot,
And as I am I mean to be!'

I find that Old Father Chaucer is in perfect agreement with Bob Potter—a fact which Chaucer does not seem to appreciate sufficiently. He says:

'In every thyng, I wot, there lith mesure:
For though a man for bede dronkennesse,
He nougt for-bet that every creature
Be drynkless for alwey, as I gesse.'

The sentiment of that is all right, though I confess I am rather shocked at the spelling. It would seem to indicate that the old poet must have met a friend he had not seen for years. But even paid Prohibition lecturers in those days used to indulge in more irregular and original spelling than a youngster in the second standard.

The Teetotaller Best.

There was a monster meeting held last Friday on White Island. The principal speaker arrived and went to the only hotel in the place—Bartle's, to wit—for some refreshment. While disposing of his dinner, he struck up a conversation with Bartle. It naturally drifted on to the coming meeting.

Said Bartle: 'I'd rather have a teetotaller than a moderate drinker any day.'

'Will you come to our meeting to-night and say that?' asked the temperance orator.

Bartle replied that nothing would give him greater pleasure.

The meeting came on in due course, and after some preliminaries, the chairman said: 'My dear friends, I am delighted to tell you that we have Mr. Dooley here, who will assure you that, after all his vast experience, he prefers a teetotaller to a moderate drinker.'

Bartle was received with thunderous applause. 'Ye see,' he said, 'it's just this way. A moderate drinker comes to me place, orders three penn'orth iv whisky, collars th' mornin' paper, takes th' best sate before th' stove in th' bar-parlor, throws on three thriminjus lumps iv the best Kaitangata coal, an' stays there for a half-hour, an' all I gets is thrupence. Now, a teetotaller, he comes to th' back-dure, buys a bottle iv whisky, pays for it, an' is off like a sky-rocket, an' the dickens a bit iv throuble he gives at all at all.'

And then Bartle sat down amidst a silence that could be felt.

Quip

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

The Rev. Father Henry, C.M., is at present conducting a mission in the Queenstown district.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, beg to acknowledge with thanks a subscription of £1 from 'A Friend' towards the building fund of the new convent.

The Rev. Father McCarthy, Inspector of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, was in Dunedin during the past week, and left for Melbourne by the Tainui on Sunday.

During Lent there will be appropriate instructions in St. Joseph's Cathedral on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Lencation on Thursday, and Stations of the Cross on Friday.

The Rev. Father Cleary, editor of the N.Z. TABLET, has been granted twelve months' leave of absence for the purpose of paying a visit to his relatives in Ireland, and will leave this Colony early next month, travelling by way of Canada.

The new convent of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, will be solemnly opened on Sunday next. His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington will be the preacher on the occasion. In addition to his Lordship Dr. Verdon, the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan will also be present. His Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch will preach at Vespers.

The Milton Hoegman Society (says the Bruce Herald) has taken up the question of running a sports meeting here on Easter Monday very enthusiastically. It is the intention of the committee to introduce a considerable amount of novelty into the programme, and the inclusion of a wood-chopping competition and other innovations will no doubt be an assurance of a very successful gathering. The programme has not yet been issued, but we understand some very liberal prizes will be given.

BISHOP VERDON IN RIVERTON.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Sheehan, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 30 children and adults in St. Columba's Church, Riverton, on Thursday morning. At the conclusion of the ceremony (says *Western Star*) his Lordship exhorted the children to remember the seriousness of this great event in their lives, and dwell upon the good to be derived from receiving the sacrament worthily. He brought forcibly before their minds the evil of intemperance, and said that intoxicating liquors of any kind were injurious to them. Before concluding, he administered to them the pledge of the League of the Cross—to abstain from intoxicating liquors until they had reached the age of 21 years.

At the close of the Confirmation service, Mr. J. Geary, on behalf of the district, read the following address:—

To his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin—On this your first visit to this district since your return from the Apostolic See, the Chair of Peter, Rome, the centre of Catholicity we beg to offer your Lordship a most cordial welcome. It is with pride and joy we have since then been observing your unwearied activity in the erection and opening of churches, schools, and literary and social halls, for the propagation of Christianity and the uplifting and genuine progress of the people under your fatherly care. Neither, my lord, have you been forgetful of the poor, old and young, who, we are assured on the best authority, shall be always with us. And last, but not least, you have been anticipating, as it were, the spiritual wants of the present and future generations by the inauguration of an Ecclesiastical College, at Mosgiel, an event unique in itself, and the opening of a new era in the history of the Catholic Church in New Zealand. We wish your Lordship many, many years of happiness and success in your noble and God-like vocation. For the rest, we have only to reiterate once again the oft repeated assurance that your Lordship can always rely on the practical sympathy and material assistance of the Catholic people of this district in all your undertakings. Begging your Lordship's blessing for ourselves and families. Signed, P. Joyce, Otautau; J. Geary, Riverton; J. Mirrieles, Orupuku.

His Lordship, in returning thanks for the kind expressions conveyed in the address, said he was sorry to have disappointed them on Sunday last and would have been glad to meet them all. He was very pleased to renew his acquaintance with them throughout the district, and was quite confident of their sympathy and support on all occasions when called upon. He would give his blessings to all, and hoped God would prosper them and their families, and keep them on the right path of rectitude and Christian well-doing.

Important auction sales of pastoral runs will take place at the Lands Office, Dunedin, on February 24 and 27. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns...

Owing to the continued expansion of the business of Messrs. G. L. Beath and Co., of Christchurch, it has just been turned into a private company, under the style of Beath and Co., Limited. There will be no change in the management, as Mr. Wickenden, the moving spirit, is Managing Director. Mr. Beath, also a Director, continues in evidence in the business, and Mr. Virtue, for many years accountant, is secretary of the company...

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Christchurch this year by a monster sports gathering in Lancaster Park and a national concert in the Canterbury Hall. A liberal sports programme has been arranged, and as the admission is to be only one shilling, there should be a large attendance. The proceeds of both sports meeting and concert will be in aid of the proposed home for the afflicted of every creed and nationality...

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PICNIC.

As briefly announced in our last issue the annual outing of the children attending the Catholic schools in Dunedin and suburbs took place at Waitaiti on Wednesday. The weather was perfect and consequently the attendance was very large, the two special trains being well filled. Mr. Coleman kindly placed a paddock at the disposal of the committee. A varied programme of sports for young and old was arranged, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Among those present were all the local Catholic clergy, and many of the lady also took advantage of the fine weather to visit the district. The proceedings passed off without a hitch, and the committee, of which Mr. W. H. Haydon was secretary, are to be congratulated on the success of the picnic. The Industrial School Band was in attendance and discoursed excellent music. The committee desire to return their sincere thanks to donors of prizes, and also to several gentlemen, who in various capacities helped during the day to entertain the children.

Presentation to Mr. J. J. O'Brien.

(From our Auckland correspondent).

WHEN it became known that Mr and Mrs O'Brien intended to make a trip to Ireland and the Continent, it was felt by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., and the parishioners of the Sacred Heart, that they should in some way mark their high appreciation of the labors and great generosity at all times displayed in parochial matters by them. Steps were at once taken, and the matter took definite form. Two addresses were presented—one from the parishioners and another from the Young Men's Club, of which Mr O'Brien is president, and in which he takes a keen interest. The address from the former was read by the Hon. J. A. Toie and was as follows:—

To Mr James J. O'Brien, J.P.

Dear Mr O'Brien,—Amongst the many tokens of goodwill and esteem which you and your good wife are receiving from all classes of the community on the eve of your departure for Europe, we feel assured that an expression of the same from your fellow-parishioners will not be out of place. We all feel that it is only our duty to take an active interest in the welfare of our parish, but in claiming our own share we cannot but recognise the generous portion which you have at all times allotted to yourself, in spite of the incessant attention to business which your position must render imperative. We wish to congratulate you upon the success of your special work in favor of our young men, which has shown its value in its happy results. We are conscious that you love to do good by stealth and hope for higher praise than ours, but we cannot forego this favorable opportunity of giving you the satisfaction of knowing that your fellow-workers in the parish are ready to acknowledge the value of your services, and of recording their sentiments towards you in as permanent a manner as a printed address will allow.

Wishing you and Mrs O'Brien an enjoyable trip and a safe return amongst us, we remain yours sincerely, on behalf of the parishioners,

J. A. Toie M. Casey W. J. Ralph
C. B. Plunkett P. Darby.

Mr. Cole prefaced the reading with an eloquent tribute to the sterling qualities of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, who as parishioners were always prominent in every good work. Their presence would be missed, though somewhat atoned for by the thought of the pleasure he hoped they would derive from their trip.

Mr. Maurice Casey said that not only the parish but the district, and even the province of Auckland were indebted to Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. D. Flynn read the address from the members of the Young Men's Club.

Mr. O'Brien, in replying on behalf of himself and Mrs. O'Brien whilst repudiating his worthiness of such tributes of esteem and affection, said he valued them as the outcome of a true and cordial affection. They would enhance the pleasure of his holiday and foster his attachment to the friends with whom he had been privileged to live and work.

The Very Rev. Dr. Egan endorsed all that had been said by the people. He knew the good Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien had done by stealth and he felt assured they would return to Pongsonby more deeply imbued with that generous spirit of self-sacrifice for God's glory and their neighbors' welfare, which was being recognised in so marked a manner at this farewell gathering.

Last Friday evening a smoke concert was tendered by some of our leading citizens to Mr. O'Brien at which there was a large gathering, amongst whom were Dr. Egan and Father Patterson. Speeches highly eulogistic of Mr. O'Brien were delivered to which he responded with genuine feeling. On Saturday the employees of the Leyland, O'Brien Timber Company tendered a farewell to Mr. O'Brien, and presented him with a travelling case and a suitable present for Mrs. O'Brien. The beautiful exhibits from New Zealand which Mr. O'Brien intends placing in the Cork Exhibition and subsequently in the Cork Museum, were visited on Friday last by the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon and party all of whom were delighted with the collection. On Tuesday last Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien left for Sydney on their way Home, quite a large number assembled to bid them bon voyage.

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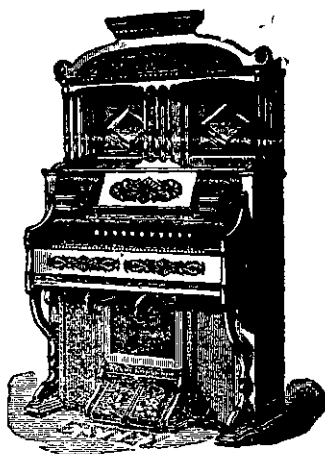
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MISS ANNE.

'Mr. Schwartz comes to-night, Anne. See that his room is ready and be quick about it.'

Having irritably given her directions, Mrs. Holmes lay back with a dismal groan and languidly picked up the book she dropped.

With aching feet Anne dragged her way up the stair to the top floor.

It was a small room and not too cheerful, and it looked out upon the few dwarf fruit trees in the back yard, and beyond that upon the rear ends of unpainted tenements, where half-starved and wholly wretched faces sometimes peeped through the smoke-clouded panes.

'I wonder if he'll mind,' mused Anne, with a worldless thought of the desolation that so often swept over her own cramped soul as she looked out upon the dreary prospect. 'He ain't like a man that's always lived boardin' around. Looks like he ought to have a home somewhere and a mother. He'd be good to one if he had her. He's got good eyes. It's pretty bare in here,' she added regretfully.

Then under some sudden impulse she crept stealthily along the dark hall to a bed-room hardly larger than a closet and was back in a moment carrying something carefully hidden under her apron. When deposited upon the dresser it proved to be a tumbler holding half a dozen glowing carnations.

Anne had rescued them from a waste basket the day before, and, clipping their stems, had revived them in water and treasured them tenderly since.

'They'll make it a little more homelike for him,' she said. And then she turned to the prosaic work of changing the bed and linen, dusting, cleaning, and bringing in soap, fresh water, and towels.

She was a pale, frightened-looking woman, and as she left the room she turned and looked hesitatingly at the glass of carnations. 'I s'pose I hadn't ought to have taken that glass from the sideboard,' she said. 'If Aunt Holmes was to come up here, I do know what she'd say.'

She smelled the sweet blossoms hesitatingly, then closed her lips with a firmness pathetically out of measure. 'I don't care,' she said. 'I'll let 'em stay. It ain't so dreary when they're here.'

'Anne,' called a querulous voice from the sick room, as she reached the lower hall, 'have you got the lamps cleaned?'

'No'm not yet.'

'Well, what in the name of common sense have you been doing all day? Are those towels ironed or the curtains up in Miss Simpkins' room?'

'The towels are ironed, but—'

There was a long pause, for Anne was meditating a further boldness. She continued presently, with a gasp. 'Could Gladys put on the curtains? I've got the sitting-room ashes to empty yet, and all the lamps to clean and fill and your tray to fix, and it ain't but an hour till—'

'Gladys!' screamed a voice from behind the portiere, and its owner was purple with rage. 'How dare you, Anne Minton, you lazy, shirking thing. Gladys is no pack-horse to carry your loads. You know how delicate she is. Shame on you! After all I've done for you—you—penniless and dependent—and Gladys giving you all her old clothes, some of 'em as good as new pretty near. That's gratitude for you! You, that might have been a servant in somebody's kitchen but for my takin' you and makin' over you as if you was my own. Go straight down stairs, and don't let me see your face again to-day. Send Kitty up

with my tray. I couldn't eat with your breathing the same atmosphere. Are you gone?'

'Yes'm,' came with a half sob, as Anne took herself from the majestic and injured presence.

She wondered at herself for the tears that would come and blind her in her work, for Aunt Holmes was only repeating what she had said with innumerable variations since Anne, a small and shrinking child, was first taken under her motherly protection.

Yet even after she had finished the lamps and was down on her knees before the sitting-room hearth, her eyes were still red and the dark eyelashes that curled upon her sallow cheek suspiciously moist.

'May I see the madame?' a hearty voice called from the doorway, and Anne lowered the ashpan and turned to see the new boarder—a big, good-natured German, bowing gravely toward her.

'I—I'm afraid not,' she said. 'Aunt Holmes is an invalid, you know. She only sees people when they first come to engage board. Will I do? I can tell you anything, I think, or I can take a message to Aunt Holmes—' But there she stopped, confused, remembering that she was prohibited an audience with the offended aunt.

Her breath came more freely when Mr. Schwartz said: 'If I could please be shown to my room. And your dinner hour I haf not learned.' 'Dinner's at six,' said Anne with alacrity. And I'll show you to your room.

As she passed the new boarder at the door he stepped back with a chivalrous movement and held the portiere for her. Anne could not remember any such polite attention in the whole course of her life. It gave her a queer sensation and she walked somehow with her head a little less bent up the two steep flights and along the winding hall.

'The boarders sit down stairs a good deal,' she said, still regretting that cheerless room. 'The furnace don't heat very well up here and it's warmer in the sitting-room on account of the fire.'

Then she returned to her ashes. She made the invalid's toast with unusual care that night and cautioned Kitty about keeping the soup well covered and hot.

At six o'clock, in her fresh white apron she stood ready to wait on the long table.

Mr. Schwartz was not among the first to obey the summons of the dinner bell. Before he came she had brought in several plates of steaming soup, and Mr. Brown had grunted with disfavor at sight of his, and gruffly ordered it away, muttering something about 'clam soup every night.'

She was hastening to change his plate when Mr. Schwartz entered.

'The big German cast his eyes with friendly interest over the group at the table. There was something hearty and genuine about him, though his gait was a trifle awkward and his shoulders somewhat stooped. But he said 'Pardon, Madam,' as he withdrew his napkin from too close proximity to Miss Simpkins' plate and 'Thank you' to Anne when she gave him his soup. If the hot stuff had not been safely deposited upon the cloth before him it might have showered upon him in scalding streams, for a 'Thank you' to Anne was so unusual as to be absolutely startling. It made her duties through the meal almost pleasant, although Miss Simpkins complained that the tea was slop and Mr. Brown said it was a pity he never could get a roast beef he could eat

Anne's cheeks had grown into the habit of burning through the long hours when she served at table. Aunt Holmes was safe out of hearing and Gladys declined to eat with the boarders, so there was only Anne to face the storming when the cook made mistakes or the marketman failed to bring the best of his stock.

There was only one boarder in the house who treated Anne as if she were of more significance than the dust of the earth. That was one Baby Blossom.

Baby Blossom had not learned in the two years of her existence that there are people—overworked, underfed, spiritless creatures, whom it is one's privilege to tread under foot. He had a friendly fashion of cooing at Anne whenever he saw her and holding out his dimpled hands. And when Anne held him hungrily in her tired arms he gave no evidence of knowing that she was sallow and tattered and thin as a rail and that her face was often streaked with tears.

Father Blossom was a floor walker in a down town store, who talked pompously of 'my clerks' and 'my establishment,' and Mother Blossom was an overdressed blonde, who loved card parties better than the dimpled baby.

When through long evenings Baby Blossom stared lonesomely at the glow-worm light near his cradle, Anne used to slip in, away from the cruel shafts of Aunt Holmes' tongue, croon lullabies as she rocked the little chap to slumber.

Now upon the night of his arrival, Mr. Schwartz, being a home-loving man, not particularly drawn to the beer saloon or concert hall, roamed about in Mrs. Holmes' would-be fashionable boarding-house in quest of entertainment.

In the parlor Miss Gladys, large and imposing, was languidly entertaining a tall-collared beau. In the sitting-room Mrs. Brown, Miss Simpkins, and Miss Rhodes were discussing the trials of a boarder.

Mr. Schwartz slipped into a warm corner with his paper and tried not to hear. Soon quiet and sweet above the sharp fault-finding of the ladies sounded stray bits of a musical lullaby.

Sleep, little pigeon, and fold your wings.

Little blue pigeon with velvet eyes.

'It was Anne in the 'second-story-back' lulling Baby Blossom to sleep. And it was Anne who stepped into the sitting-room half an hour later with something almost like happiness in her eyes, and exclaimed softly, 'I've got him to sleep—the little lamb!'

The three ladies stared at her coldly, and a silence fell upon them.

'I'm sorry about your curtains, Miss Simpkins. I'll get them up to-morrow.'

'I think it is time,' said Miss Simpkins, dryly, and the gladness dried out of poor Anne's eyes.

'Will you haf this chair by the fire, Miss Anna?' said a sudden voice, and Mr. Schwartz stood looking kindly at her and pointing to his easy chair.

'No, sir, thank you, sir; I've got things to do,' said Miss Anne, as she backed out of the room. But what wonder if she dreamed that night of the only soul who, having arrived at years of discretion, had even regarded her as a grade above the level of the earthworm.

Mr. Schwartz, for some obscure reason, took pains to make covert inquiries about this household drudge in the weeks that followed.

From Miss Simpkins he learned that Miss Anne was a 'shiftless thing,' who never got the fires made in time; others informed him that she frequently failed to wash the windows and woodwork properly; that she was often late bringing up water and answering the bell; that she didn't shake the great rugs half hard enough; that she was a poor fool of a creature who often brought

Mr. Brown his meat not sufficiently rare, and that, in fact, she was generally faulty and incapable—a poor dependent upon Mrs. Holmes' bounty.

Yet with all the weight of evidence against her, somehow the new boarder only grew the more to pity the harassed creature who toiled for thankless people day after day and often far into the night.

Once he discovered her quieting Baby Blossom in its mother's absence, and there was a light in her eyes that glorified them. In one glance the big-hearted fellow seemed to see revealed the woman Miss Ann might grow to be, given a fair share of love and kindness.

It made him want to experiment. In the morning he walked squares out of his way to stop at a florist's. Long-stemmed roses he picked out and a bunch of sweet violets. Then he gave directions to the florist and wrote carefully and at some length on a card.

When the bell jangled that cold afternoon and Miss Anne hastened to answer it, she started in blank bewilderment at the name on the long, neat package. She had had precious little 'schooling,' had Miss Anne, and for a moment she doubted her ability to read plain script.

'Oh, a box from Wade's!' cried Gladys over the banister. 'That dear Billy has sent me some flowers.'

'No,' said Anne, in a sort of daze, holding the box as if it were some loved, live thing. 'It's for me. It says: "Miss Anne Minton" on it.'

'You're crazy!' said Gladys, shortly, and a bit angrily, too, for she never had heard Anne so nonsensical. And she snatched the box from Anne's fingers. Then she started open-mouthed.

'Caesar's ghost!' was all she said, but she handed back the box and made no remonstrance when Anne ran upstairs to her dark, back chamber, leaving her work in the basement suspended.

They were trembling fingers that broke the strings and took off the wrappings from the damp, cool box, and when the last waxed tapers were folded back and Anne saw the fragrant flowers she gathered them up and buried her face in them with tears that fell and sparkled dew-like on their cool, sweet petals.

There was a sort of choking rapture in her heart when she read on the reverse of Mr. Schwartz's card in a fine German hand:

'The limit of life is brief,
'Tis the red in the red-rose leaf,
'Tis the gold in the sunset sky,
'Tis the flight of a bird on high.'

She read it over and over, impressed at first only with a sort of reverence for the man who had 'learned off' and written a verse like that.

Then through her mind, which unkindness had made dull and unimaginative by a long process of hardening, there began to creep a sense of the beauty and comfort of the lines.

'With such an infinite grace,' she repeated to herself, as she stood, a rose on her breast, that night, ready to wait on the ungracious circle about the dining-table. And when Mr. Brown wrathfully ordered his plate back to the kitchen, she took it with almost a smile, feeling somehow that, however ugly life might be on the outside, there still lived within, if she were patient and good, a something sweet and fair that would take her, like the bird in the poem, 'swift and straight to the lilies of God's gate.'

Even Mr. Schwartz noticed a sort of transfiguration of her sad, tired face, though to him she never said a word of acknowledgment or thanks.

Because of her ignorance and a certain sense of awe toward him, she felt she could only thank him for a gift so loyal by writing words, slowly and carefully wrought.

Night after night, when the lights were dim in the boarding-house,

Anne toiled over her paper and the grammar and spelling book she had borrowed from Willie Brown.

At last the note, written and fastened to Mr. Schwartz's pin cushion lay waiting his astonished perusal.

He read in careful, uneven letters: 'Respected friend—These lines are to tell you how thankful I am to you for the beautiful roses and violets and verse. You could not know how it felt to me to get them, for I couldn't help crying, for it was the first beautiful thing that ever happened to me in my life that I can remember—Your respected friend,

A. MINTON.

It was a week after that time that Willie Brown stood on a dark landing of the stairs waiting to make Miss Anne 'jump like a scared cat' as she came toiling up the stairs with an armful of wood for Miss Simpkins' open fire.

And jump she did in a way that sent Master Willie off in a roar of laughter, as suddenly checked when he realised that Miss Anne, having missed her footing and fallen, was lying quite motionless and very blue about the lips, with the heavy chunks of wood upon her.

One great stick, thumping and bumping down the stairs, had brought impatient inquirers to their various doors, but it was Mr. Schwartz who first reached the prostrate woman lying on the landing below.

She tried to rise with his help, but could not. And then Miss Anne dared usurp a privilege belonging solely to Aunt Holmes, the pronounced invalid. She fainted dead away.

'It's a sprain or a break,' said Mr. Schwartz, briefly. 'Lead the way to her room, mees,' and he turned authoritatively to Gladys, who meekly sped upstairs and along the hall to the narrow room.

'I go for the doctor while you stay with her here,' said the big German; but in his brief glance at the clean, bare room he had seen his drooping roses and violets still tenderly cared for, though withered and brown.

There was something very like a mist in the honest eyes of Herr Schwartz as he ran with all speed for a doctor a few doors away.

Aunt Holmes, irately jerked her imposing person from the luxuries of the sick-room and tried in a measure to do Anne's work in the weeks that followed. Unable to accomplish this, even with Gladys's protesting aid, she advertised at last for a servant, and then for two, both of whom worked industriously, filling the unpaid 'dependent's' place.

In the meantime Miss Anne herself lay quiet and alone in her quiet little room. Yet she was neither quiet nor lonely, for down in her heart burned a new gladness, hardly defined or recognised, yet filling her solitude with music and all the space about her with warmth and comfort.

There were fresh carnations by her bedside always now, and under her pillows a precious store of the messages—kind inquiries and good wishes—all written in a slanting German hand.

When she could sit up she borrowed a warm wrap of Gladys and spent her time peacefully darning and mending for the cousin and aunt below. When Aunt Holmes raged against the time it took to mend broken ankles, Anne only said, with a strange gleam of gladness, 'The doctor says I can hobble downstairs in a week or so.'

And although that meant taking up the old life speedily, the life of abuse and hardship, there was one thought that overbalanced all else—the thought that down in the common ground of the sitting-room she might see the honest, friendly face that for her held all the light in the big, gray world.

It was dusk of a chilly evening, and the boarders had not yet gathered about the friendly fire down

stairs when Mrs. Holmes' petulant voice shrilled out: 'If you're ever going to come down, Anne Minton, you'd as well come now. Guess you are as able to slave as we are, and the sittin'-room lamps want lightin'.'

Herr Schwartz, coming in with snowflakes on his great coat, halted at the newel-post, turned, and then stepped quietly into the fire-lighted room.

When his listening ear caught the first sound of the slow limp at the head of the stairs he was up the flight in three leaps, helping the slender figure down.

'Wilkommen! Willkommen!' he said, taking both her hands in his hearty grasp.

'What does that mean?' Miss Anne asked, her face lighting up gladly.

'That is welcome,' exclaimed Herr Schwartz. 'Wilkommen, that is the German's welcome to his good friend—his American friend.'

'How good you are!' said Anne, and all the story of her gratefulness, her new zest in life, seemed to breathe in the words. 'I—I never was happy before! I never had a friend, I didn't know what it was to—' And then she stopped, confused, and quick tears welled to her eyes.

'You haf been what they call they unter dog in the fight,' he said. 'I haf seen it. I haf watched. I know. And my heart has melted for you, beholding your patience and loving service to all, who loved you none at all in return.'

In his heat and earnestness Herr Schwartz's talk grew more and more broken, but Anne understood him, and her pale cheek flushed. She steadied herself with one hand against the door, and seeing this he led her to the big chair by the fire so carefully, so tenderly, that quiet tears gleamed again in her great dark eyes.

Herr Schwartz looked at her a moment, then held out a strong impulsive hand. 'I haf not much to offer you, but what I haf and am is yours,' he said. 'Will you take it, my good Mees Anne? This hand knows how to work for those it loves, and you I love; yes, dearly, dearly.'

When Aunt Holmes, drawn by some deep instinct, softly opened the sitting-room door, she nearly fainted at the sight she saw. Anne, Anne the dull, the incapable, holding Herr Schwartz's ample hand and looking as if all the sparkles of the stars had stolen into her eyes.

'What does this mean, Mr. Schwartz, Anne?' she demanded in righteous wrath.

Mr. Schwartz made her his gravest bow, though his face was radiant.

'It means, my dear madame, that Mees Anne here is to-morrow my wife, and we go out to build our home-place together.'

And the audacious boarder, before her very eyes, laid a protecting hand upon Miss Anne, the dependent.—New York 'Tribune.'

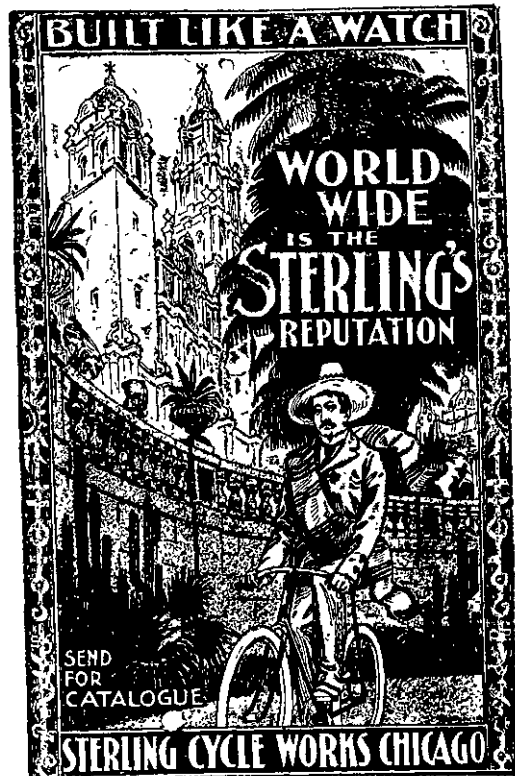
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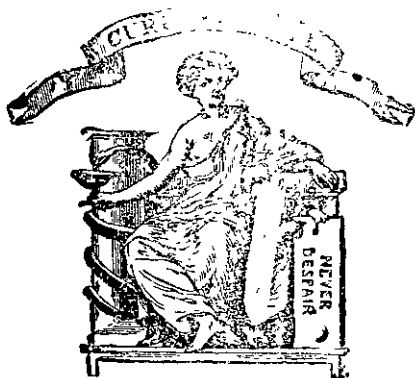
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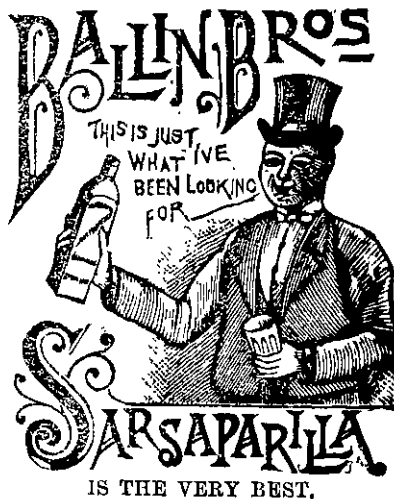
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Catholic World

ENGLAND.—Bishop Bellord.

For the present Bishop Bellord, who lately resigned the Vicariate-Apostolic of Gibraltar, will perform the duties which Bishop Brindley has been performing for some years past in the diocese of Westminster. As he will not be officially appointed to be Dr. Brindley's successor, he will give his services to the Bishop of Southwark when occasion requires.

Opening of a church.

The new Catholic church of St. Alban, Blackburn, erected at a cost of about £20,000, was opened in the early part of December.

Many Changes.

The London 'Universe' was 41 years old on December 7 last. In treating of its past history the 'Universe' says:—'Since 1860, however, many changes have occurred in England. The Church, over which the great and saintly prelate, Cardinal Wiseman, watched with such a tender solicitude in the early days of the 'Universe,' has gone on steadily gaining adherents. Missions have multiplied in every county in England, religious houses of men and women have been established on all sides, until at the present hour there are very few small towns in England which cannot point to their little centre of Catholic life and activity. In fact, some future historian will marvel when he comes to describe the extent of the Catholic revival here in England during the course of the closing quarter of the 20th century. This expansion, of course, has brought with it new demands and responsibilities. The Catholics of to-day are situated differently from their forefathers, who had to bear the burden and the brunt of Protestant bitterness, ignorance, and prejudice 41 years ago.

FRANCE.—Vandalism.

Rioting took place on December 23 at Arles, France, in consequence of some ancient crucifixes having been pulled down by the order of the Municipality. The Mayor and several town councillors were roughly handled. The figure of Christ, which had been removed from one of the crucifixes and left in the mud, was carried in triumph to the church and handed over to the clergy.

GERMANY.—Polish Catholics.

Germany has met with a rebuff in her policy of Prussianising the Poles. For many years (says the 'Catholic Times') the civil authorities have carried on a stern campaign in Poland with the purpose of imposing on the conquered people the use of German. To effect this, the authorities went so far as to make religious instruction in the schools in German imperative. At a little town named Wreschen, the children declined to have their catechism taught in any language but Polish, and when they were punished their

parents protested so forcibly that a number of them were sent to gaol by the Prussian magistrates. This drastic procedure merely fanned the flame of discontent. Public protests were issued against the Government's action notably by the famous novelist, Henryk Sienkiewicz, the author of 'Quo Vadis'; interpellations took place at the Reichstag; Austria and even Russia began to be interested in the question of the treatment of the Catholic Poles by Germany, and, to avoid further trouble, Germany gave way. In future, religious instruction, in Wreschen at least, will be delivered in Polish, and, no doubt, the victory gained at Wreschen will influence Polish Catholics elsewhere to stand out firmly for their rights. While congratulating the sturdy Poles on their successful defence, we think the entire episode is instructive, as showing what power a determined body of Catholics anywhere possesses against a tyrannical or persecuting Government.

Religious denominations.

The following are the official figures of the census of December 1, 1900, for the kingdom of Prussia, according to religious denominations:—Protestant State Church, 21,817,577 (1895 : 20,351,448); Catholics, 12,113,670 (1895 : 10,999,505); other Christians, 139,125 (1895 : 119,245); Jews, 392,322 (1895 : 379,716); religion unknown, 9,813 (1895 : 5,219). The Protestant (State Church) increase during the five years is 7.7 per cent., the Catholic 10 per cent., that of the Jews only 3.6 per cent. In what may be termed the home par excellence of Protestantism the Catholic Church is making rapid strides.

Catholic Guilds.

The Union of Guilds of Catholic Merchants is one of the many prosperous associations among Catholics in Germany. One hundred and twenty-seven guilds belong to the union, which has about 13,500 members.

Sectarian attacks not allowed.

Tolstoy's latest attack on the Catholic Church will not be allowed to circulate in Germany. The Emperor declares he will not allow any attack on any religion recognised by the law in his empire.

MEXICO.—Some statistics.

The recent census of Mexico disproves the oft-repeated charge of illiteracy in that country. There are 33 museums, 130 libraries, 40 scientific and literary societies, and 702 newspapers.

A gift for the Pope.

The women of Mexico, or at least those of them distinguished in art, literature, music, science, charity, or otherwise notable, are arranging an album which will soon be presented to Pope Leo XIII. When completed it will be a work of art, containing autographs of the ladies expressing highest affection for the Holy Father, sentiments of unwavering adhesion, original bits of music,

painting, poetry, etc. It will be forwarded by Most Rev. Dr. Guillo, Archbishop of Oaxaca.

ROME.—A Requiem Mass.

A Requiem Mass for the British killed in South Africa was celebrated at the Church of San Silvestro, Rome, on Thursday, December 12. Lord and Lady Currie and the principal British residents attended the ceremony, at which Mgr. Stanley officiated. The students of the English, Scotch, and Irish Colleges were present. The absolutions were given by Mgr. Stonor.

The Holy Father.

His Holiness Leo XIII. on the Monday before Christmas received 26 Cardinals residing in Rome, who assembled to offer homage and their greetings at Christmastide. Cardinal Oreglia, doyen of the Sacred College, read an address of congratulation, to which the Pope replied in a short allocution. His Holiness complained of the proscription of the religious Orders and the introduction into the Italian Legislature of bills such as that on divorce. He also spoke of the growth of Socialism. It was, he said, a threatening movement, which went straight to the foundations of the social organism.

The Pope on divorce.

The Holy Father has delivered an allocution with regard to the divorce Bill which was recently introduced into the Italian Parliament. He began by saying that although he should have liked to speak of more joyous things he was obliged to speak of the sorrows which had marked the last few years. The causes which troubled Catholicism were of various kinds, and they were not small ones. He did not propose to touch upon all of them, but could confine himself to speaking of a matter which tended to the detriment of morals and faith, and which ought not to be passed over in silence. He said that if old age gave authority, if faith in the common Fatherland was worth anything he addressed not only a warning but an appeal to those who proposed to vote in favor of the Bill now drawn up to resist from their intention in the name of all that they held sacred and dear. He exhorted them not to refuse to consider the conjugal bonds of Christians as bonds holy, indissoluble, and eternal. In the virtue of divine right no human law could ever abrogate such a right. His Holiness went on to expound his ideas of the sanctity and indissolubility of religious marriage, and after detailed consideration of its relations with civil law, urged upon his hearers the evil results, so far as the family and society were concerned, which divorce involved. The power of a state being closely allied with its morals and its laws, corruption meant its ruin, and the laxity it encouraged was not only a private calamity but a public calamity, for it contributed to the perversion of the people. His Holiness expressed the hope that those en-

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"I have been a hard-working woman all my life, but now I lost my strength and dreaded to eat anything, knowing the woeful suffering I was sure to experience afterwards; as if eating were somehow a crime against the laws of nature. And at night I rolled and tossed about instead of sleeping.

"The doctor said it was indigestion and no doubt he was right, but he was not able to relieve me.

"I considered myself 'a gone woman' and told my husband I was sure I could not last much longer. Indeed I was so fully persuaded of this, that I actually divided my clothes and personal effects among my children.

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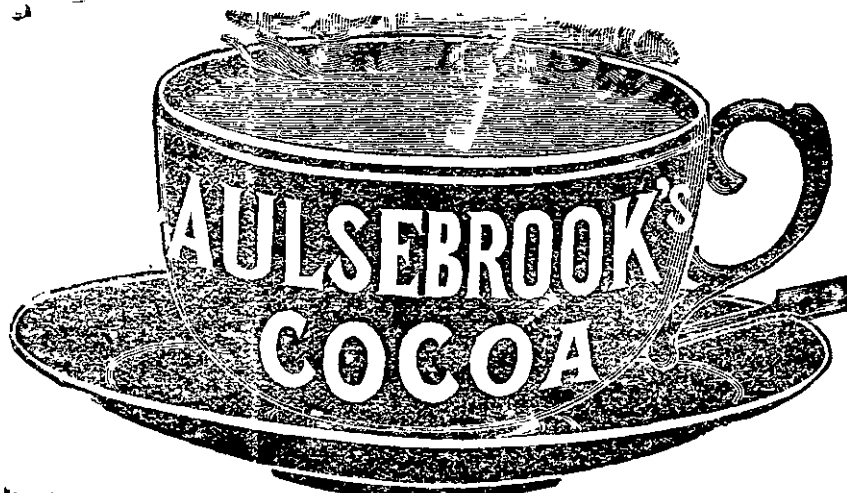
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gaged in politics would not forget the lessons of their ancestors, that they would keep an upright judgment, and would not relinquish that prudence that Nature had given to Italians. Concluding, the Pope exhorted the Cardinals to pray to God to protect Italy in the present difficult times.

SWITZERLAND.

The Swiss Federal Council has ordered the baggage of the exiled French Carthusians to be admitted into Switzerland exempt from all custom inspections. A good lesson is thus administered to Catholic France by Switzerland. Although some of the cantons of the Swiss Federation are exclusively Catholic, and the Catholics number about 40½ per cent. of the total population, the balance in power in the Federal Council is held by the Protestant cantons.

UNITED STATES.

The Rev. Dr. Frisby, of the Episcopalian Church, Boston, has paid a warm tribute to the work of Catholic nuns. At a meeting of the Prison Reform League of Boston he said, in speaking of the League's special purpose, which is to make the prisons lead to prevention of crime and a decrease of it:—'Our prisons are a failure, they punish, but they do not reform. Indeed, they breed crime, for while some few are won to better things the greater number return to their old, evil life. Then our prisons need some new influence, some new power that will reform character and give a new motive for life, and religion alone can do this. This is no dream. The thing is being done at the House of the Good Shepherd, where all classes, from wayward girls to hardened women who have been the despair of the courts, live under the care of Sisters, and are humanised and Christianised.'

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The See of Manila.

News reaches Washington from Rome that an American prelate will

soon be appointed to succeed Archbishop Nozaleda, of Manila, who has resigned, and it is surmised that the Right Rev. George Montgomery Bishop of Los Angeles, California, will be chosen.

Catholic increase.

The Catholic Church increased in the United States by 80,432 during the year 1900. The New York 'Christian Advocate' says that 'the largest gains in communicants between 1890 and 1900 were made by the Catholics—2,508,212. The Methodists (17 bodies) stand second with 1,327,065.'

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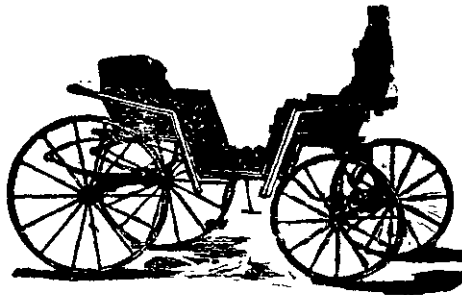
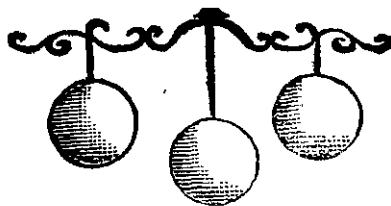
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