

deemed unable to do. 'She recited the Pater Noster to me,' he writes, 'in Latin and in Irish and in English, but she could not end it—that is, in the Protestant way. She said 'deliver us from evil' in a voice 'marvellous strong,' which Mather interpreted as a reproach to the devil for deserting her, but was evidently intended for himself. As she continued 'obstinate,' the next day was appointed for her hanging, and there was a great concourse of people to see if the Papist would relent. . . . Before her execution,' adds Mather, 'she was bold and impudent, making to forgive her accusers and those who put her off.' One can understand the Scribes and Pharisees preferring a like charge against our Saviour on the Cross as He uttered the same prayer. The following year it was written that there was no longer a Catholic in New England. Three years later, Rebecca Nurse, a lady who had befriended Ann Glover, was hanged at Salem, and though better conditions followed the downfall of the Mathers, after the executions and imprisonments of 1692-3, in 1724 the white scalp of Father Sebastian Râle, S.J., was put up at auction in Boston.

But Ann Glover's Prayer was Heard.

Râle's relics were inherited by a Catholic priest, the direct descendant of the commander of the troop that murdered him, and among those who decreed or witnessed the execution of Ann Glover in 1688, there is scarce a family that has not given some or all of its members to the Catholic Church; and they and their brethren are now exercising, with justice and tolerance, more authority in Massachusetts than was ever possessed by the Mathers. A Catholic Governor sits in the chair of Endicott; a Cardinal-Archbishop rules from Boston one of the most flourishing and faithful dioceses of the Catholic Church. The Catholics of New England should keep in gracious memory that humble, noble-hearted woman, who in slavery and poverty, and bitter exile and isolation, and persecution and prison and death, was staunch against all persuasions, and died a Catholic, forgiving and praying for her enemies.

Little Jack Horner sat sick in a corner,
 A-coughing and rubbing his eyes,
 While Granny was waiting and watching him taking
 A dose fit to poison the flies.
 'Twas a draught of her own, and far best left alone,
 Which she made her young victim endure—
 O, the silly old muff! to brew worthless home stuff
 When there's Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

OBITUARY

MR. BRENDAN LAVERY, NELSON.

The many friends of Mr. Brendan Lavery, of Nelson, will hear with regret of his untimely death, which took place at the Nelson Hospital on May 14, after a brief illness. Deceased, who was only 22 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Henry and Johanna Lavery, and was a native of Charleston, where he spent his early youth. He received his higher education at the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, and afterwards went to Ballarat to join the Redemptorist Order. His health failed, however, and he was compelled to relinquish his studies there and return to the more bracing climate of his native land. He subsequently entered the teaching profession under the Nelson Education Board, and was stationed at Stoke, Addison's Flat, and Tadmor. While at the latter place he contracted pneumonia, was removed to the Nelson Hospital, and died a few days later. The remains were brought to Wellington and interred in Karori Cemetery, alongside those of his lately deceased parents. Deceased took a keen interest in all Catholic matters, and was an energetic member of the Hibernian Society, rendering valuable assistance in the establishment of the lately formed Nelson branch. He leaves a large family of brothers and sisters, who have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. R.I.P.

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