

Something of her peace fell upon William Sheridan as he looked upon her. Suddenly he was recalled to consciousness by a simple movement of hers as if averse to inspection. His heart quickened with fear and sorrow for his impulsive action in entering the cell, for now he would give all he possessed that she should not look upon his face. He turned from her quickly and walked out of the cell, and he did not look round until he heard the heavy door swing into its place.

When he had walked so far from the cell that she could not hear his voice, he asked the governor what work these privileged prisoners were engaged in, and was almost startled into an exclamation of astonishment when the governor answered:—

'They are just now engaged on a pleasant task for themselves. They are making their outfit for the Penal Colony.'

'Is she is that prisoner going to the Penal Colony?' asked Will Sheridan, scarcely able to control his emotion.

'Yes, sir: she and all those in this pentagon will sail for Western Australia in the next convict ship,' said the governor. 'We shall send three hundred men and fifty women in this lot.'

'When does the ship sail?' asked the visitor, still apparently examining the door-cards.

'On the 10th of April just three months hence,' answered the governor.

With his eyes fixed on a ponderous door, which he did not see, Will Sheridan made a sudden and imperative resolution.

'I shall return to Australia on that convict ship,' were the words that no one heard but his own soul.

'I thank you, sir, for your courtesy and attention,' he said, next moment, to the governor: 'and as I wish to examine more closely the working of your system, I shall probably trouble you again.'

The governor assured him that his visits to the prison would be at all times considered as complimentary; and Will Sheridan walked from Millbank with a firmer step and a more restful spirit than he had known for ten years.

(To be continued.)

Wanganui

(From an occasional correspondent.)

July 11.

A very successful euchre party was held in Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Mr. W. Carroll and Miss O'Leary. Mr. J. Roche, the hon. secretary, must be congratulated on the success of the evening.

On Sunday, July 19, the members of St. Mary's (Wanganui) and St. Joseph's (Aramoho) conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will approach the Holy Table in a body at the 7.30 o'clock Mass. In the evening there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, a charity sermon, and procession.

Following are the results of the theoretical examinations held in Wanganui by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M., London:—Higher Division—Harmony (full marks, 150; distinction, 130; pass, 100): Kathleen Delahunty (Convent), 119; Grammar of Music (full marks, 99; pass, 66).—Division I.: Freda Death (Convent), 89; Madge Singh (Convent), 86; Lena Bretherton (Convent), 79. Division II.: Eileen Clinton, 99; Olive Martin, 99; Laura Harris, 98; Ellen Punch, 96; Mona Mack, 94; Mavis Card, 92; Cecilia Thurston, 91; Laura Brosnahan, 89; Mary Kavanagh, 87; Pauline Best, 86.

Wanted generally known that we supply and send to any address all ladies' requirements in underclothing, dressmaking, trousseaux, etc. Also men's shirts, etc., artistically made by ourselves from the best materials. Our chief aim is to satisfy our customers. There is no demand you can make upon us in the sewing line we cannot execute.—Mrs. J. WACKER & Co., 224 Barba-does street, Christchurch....

ROME LETTER

(From our own correspondent.)

Rome, May 30, 1914.

CENTENARY OF THE RETURN OF PIUS VII.

Even with the grandeur of the Consistory still before our eyes, we must not allow the centennial celebration of the return to Rome of Pius VII. on May 24, 1814, after five years of captivity to glide, without mentioning a few incidents of his triumphal procession from the Milvian Bridge, two miles from the Porta del Popolo to St. Peter's and the Quirinal. His carriage, drawn by 72 young Roman nobles, was surrounded by the Sacred College, the Roman Senate, the envoys of England, Austria, Spain, the King of Naples, the Austrian and Neapolitan cavalry. The aged Pontiff went first, that beautiful May evening one hundred years ago, to St. Peter's to give God thanks for his release. Then with all Rome surging through the streets the carriage set out for the Quirinal, the Papal summer palace. And old chroniclers tell us as the Pontiff passed through the Piazza del Popolo a young man of twenty years broke through the crowd and threw himself on his knees, with tears rolling down his cheeks, to receive the Pope's blessing. That was Count Giovanni Maria Mastai, who, thirty-one years afterwards was to mount the Papal throne as Pius the Ninth. Then the carriage moved along to the Piazza del Gesu, in which a tribune had been erected for the accommodation of ladies. Among the ladies was Anna Pecci, with her two sons, Peppino and Nino, aged eight and five years respectively, who reached out their hands to touch the Pope's carriage. Of these boys the elder was to be known to Italy 64 years after as Cardinal Pecci, while the younger was to be loved as Pope Leo XIII. On reaching the Quirinal ten minutes later, Pius VII. observed Napoleon's officers had removed the statues of SS. Peter and Paul and other saints, which they replaced by those of Venus, Jupiter, and other deities. 'Every one to his fancy,' he remarked with an amused smile, and passed into his own home once more.

TITLES AND CONGREGATIONS ASSIGNED TO THE NEW CARDINALS.

At the conclusion of the Public Consistory the other day, the Holy Father published the names of the churches in Rome from which each of the new cardinals will take his title, also of the Roman Congregations to which each is assigned as follows:—

Cardinal Hornung, Order of Priests, Hungary, Title of S. Agnes Outside the Walls: the S. Congregations of the Council and of Propaganda.

Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, Title of S. Vitale: the S. Congregations of Religious and of Propaganda.

Cardinal Della Chiesa, Title of SS. Quattro Coronati al Pincio: S. Congregation of the Council of the Ceremoniale.

Cardinal Bettinger, Title of S. Marcello: S. Congregation of the Sacraments and Rites.

Cardinal Sevin, Lyons: Title of S. Trinita al Pincio: S. Congregation of Studies and the Consistorial.

Cardinal Hartmann, Cologne: Title of S. John at the Latin Gate: S. Congregation of the Sacraments and the Consistorial.

Order of Deacons.

Cardinal Tecchi, Rome: Title of S. Maria in Domnica: S. Congregation of Rites and the Consistorial.

Cardinal Giustini, Rome: Title of S. Angelo in Pescheria: S. Congregations of the Sacraments and of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs.

Cardinal Lega, Rome: Title of S. Eustacchio: S. Congregations of the Council and Studies.

Cardinal Gasquet, Rome: Title of S. George in Velabro: S. Congregations of Religious and the Political Commission for Biblical Studies.

F. J. DUNN

ENGAGEMENT RING SPECIALIST. All designs and prices in Stock or made to order. Only real Stones and 18ct gold used.

STAFFORD STREET, TIMARU.

