

Arizona by the Rev. Thomas M. Connolly, pastor of All Saints' Church, Tucson, as complainant in behalf of all other priests and of all Catholics of the State. The claim set forth that the law, taken in its literal sense, apart from all private interpretation, is a direct infringement of religious liberty and a violation of the Constitution of the United States, guaranteeing to every person the right of worshipping God according to the dictates of his conscience. It was shown further that it is in violation of the Enabling Act of the State of Arizona itself, providing that in the drafting of its Constitution perfect toleration of religious sentiment should be secured, and that no inhabitant of the proposed State should ever be molested in his mode of religion. The injunction was, however, refused, and appeal has now to be taken to the United States Supreme Court. Similar laws, it is said, have been passed in other States. Catholics, either in the United States or elsewhere, will not of course submit to such outrageous interference with their religious liberty: but this American legislation illustrates the very real necessity for keeping a watchful eye on Prohibition developments.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

February 5.

As the result of the collection in this parish for the Belgian relief fund, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay has been able to hand over to the fund, the substantial sum of £50 18s 3d.

Rev. Father Lynch left Oamaru on Tuesday to take up his duties on the professorial staff of Holy Cross College, Mœguel. The Rev. Father will be much missed locally, being very popular in the parish, and most attentive to the sick. The Society of the Sacred Heart, of which sodality he was spiritual director, greatly regret the Rev. Father's departure from Oamaru. Rev. Father O'Connell will arrive in town to-day to take up Father Lynch's duties.

Rev. Father O'Brien, from Australia, is expected to visit Oamaru shortly. Father O'Brien is a distinguished preacher, having studied with the Paulist Missioners at Washington, U.S.A.

St. Patrick's night concert promises this year to eclipse all previous efforts. The entertainment will be held on March 16, and an unusually fine programme is being arranged, among the contributors being six artists of exceptional talent.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Mr. J. B. Reid, of Elderslie, has presented the Catholics of the district with sufficient land to build a church on a site between Elderslie and Windsor. The steadily increasing number of Catholics in this part of the district has made almost imperative the need for a permanent place of Divine worship, and now that, through the generosity of Mr. Reid, who is not a Catholic, the site is provided, the work of proceeding with the erection of the church will be pushed on with all haste. Mr. Reid, by his handsome gift, has earned the deep gratitude of the Catholics of the Elderslie and Windsor districts, and of the clergy and parishioners of Oamaru.

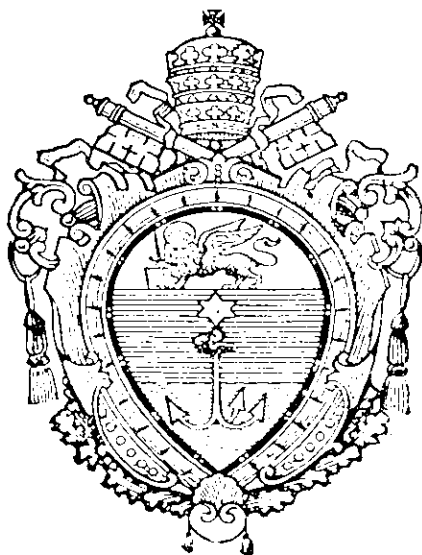
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THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL LETTER

(OFFICIAL TRANSLATION.)



(Concluded from last week.)

THE WORK OF PIUS X.

Let us now turn our thoughts from human society to the immediate affairs of the Church, for it is necessary that Our soul, stricken with the evils of the times, should seek consolation in one direction at least. Over and above those luminous proofs of the divine power and indefectibility enjoyed by the Church, We find a source of no small consolation in the remarkable fruits of the active foresight of our Predecessor, Pope Pius X., who shed upon the Apostolic Chair the lustre of a most holy life. For We see as a result of his efforts a revival of religious spirit in the clergy throughout the whole world; the piety of the Christian people revived; activity and discipline stimulated in Catholic associations; the foundation and increase of episcopal sees; provision made for the education of ecclesiastical students in harmony with the canonical requirements and in so far as necessary with the needs of the times; the saving of the teaching of sacred science from the dangers of rash innovations; musical art brought to minister worthily to the dignity of sacred functions; the Faith spread far and wide by new missions of heralds of the Gospel.

Well, indeed, has Our Predecessor merited of the Church, and grateful posterity will preserve the memory of his deeds. As, however, by God's permission, the field of 'the good man of the house' is ever exposed to the evil practices of 'the enemy,' it will never come to pass that no work will be necessary to prevent the growth of 'the cockle' from damaging the good harvest; and applying to ourselves God's words to the prophet: 'Lo, I have set thee this day over the nations and over kingdoms, to root up and to pull down . . . to build and to plant' (Jerem. i. 10), it will be Our constant and strenuous endeavour, as far as it is in Our power, to prevent evil of every kind and to promote whatever is good, until it shall please the Prince of Pastors to demand an account of Our discharge of Our office.

THE UNION OF CATHOLICS.

As We are now for the first time addressing you all, Venerable Brethren, it seems a fitting moment to mention certain important points to which We propose to give particular attention, so that by the prompt union of your efforts with Our own, the desired good results may be more quickly attained.

The success of every society of men, for whatever purpose it is formed, is bound up with the harmony of the members in the interests of the common cause. Hence We must devote Our earnest endeavors to appease