

The next section describes the steps taken to stem the rushing tide of the rebellion: The Council of Trent, the Reforming Activity of the Popes, the Religious Orders, Catholic Missions. Too little is known of this wonderful era in the Church's inner life; far too little of the long and brilliant line of saints and scholars who stopped the rot in some countries, saved the faith in others, and carried it to the ends of the earth. Dr. MacCaffrey's account of this genuine spiritual movement within the Church is erudite and of accurate scholarship, but we wish it had been very much fuller.

The remaining chapters of the first volume deal with theological controversies (for example, Jansenism, Gallileo Galilei, Tyrannicide); new controversies and errors (Gallicanism, Febronianism and Josephism); Rationalism (Anti-Christian Philosophy of the 18th century, Freemasonry, Suppression of the Jesuits); the Papacy from 1648 to 1789. In speaking of all these matters, the author has to deal with the Pope not only as a teacher, but also, indeed chiefly, as a ruler of men in connection with affairs that have a secular as well as a religious aspect. His treatment of this delicate subject is marked throughout not only by historical truth, but by fairness and tact.

The second volume is taken up with the religious state of England before the reformation, during the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, Elizabeth, and during the period from 1603 to 1750: the Reformation in Scotland: the Church in Ireland from the fifteenth to the eighteenth centuries. Here Dr. MacCaffrey is erudite, thorough, and illuminating. He is not content with giving a bald summary of events, but analyses them, traces their action and reaction. The history of the Church in England has already received an adequate share of attention, but this latest historian is able to tell his story in a fresh way. He is at pains to show—and does so effectively—that the despotic acts of Henry VIII. were not measures of public safety, and that it is ridiculous to invoke that profligate monarch as the founder of English liberty.

But it is especially in the chapters on Ireland (more than half the second volume) that Dr. MacCaffrey is at his best. The struggle for the preservation of the faith, the many attempts to conquer Ireland politically and religiously, the origin, motives, and history of the Penal Laws,—the narrative of these events is distinguished by accurate scholarship and at times by real eloquence. He succeeds, too, in throwing light on some rather obscure phases of Irish history during this period of bitter persecution.

For anyone who wishes to understand the rise and progress of the Reformation, whether on the Continent or in England and Scotland, or its rank failure in Ireland, this book will be invaluable.

[GHIMEL.]

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

June 8.

A large and representative meeting of the parishioners was held in St. Joseph's Hall on last Sunday evening in connection with the proposed bazaar. Mr. J. D. Roche has been appointed secretary, with Mr. Coxon as assistant secretary.

The fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on last Wednesday evening, Bro. D. Dwyer being in the chair. Members are asked to note that the quarterly Communion at Aramoho will be held on Sunday, June 27. Two new members were initiated.

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CATHOLICS AND THE WAR.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—It has come to my knowledge that Catholics are being asked, even at the present time, why the Catholics are not volunteering for active service; and I would suggest that the secretary of every parish committee of the Catholic Federation should compile a list of the Catholics who went from his district, a list of those who were wounded, and also those killed in action or who died on active service. These lists would be a complete refutation for all time of the taunts and hints of mean-minded people. A complete list could be kept in Wellington, and could always be referred to, and would assist the civil and social rights of Catholics, inasmuch as it would always make the position clear. I have before me a short biography of a fine young Catholic man who has fallen at the front, Mr. D. P. Boyd. He was a fine type of Catholic, yet his name may not give that indication, and I know there are many other such; and a set of lists, as I suggest, would be a splendid record for further generations to look over.—I am, etc.,

J. B. CROWLEY.

Timaru.

[This letter reached us too late for insertion in our last issue, and after our own suggestion in regard to the preparation of a Catholic Roll of Honor was in type. There is no reason why both suggestions should not be acted upon—we cannot have too many at work to make such a compilation accurate and complete.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

SYMPATHY.

If there is one person who deserves sympathy it is surely he who suffers from chronic colds. A sudden change in the weather or going out into the night air from a heated room, is quite enough to bring on the trouble. Usually the tendency to catch cold is due to a generally run-down condition, and the treatment should take the form of a tonic like BAXTER'S LUNG PRESERVER. It is pleasant to take, gives sure results, and is quite harmless; for children and adults you cannot find a better cough or cold remedy. 1/10 a bottle from all chemists and stores, or by post direct.

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