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## Friends at Court

### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- March 12, Sunday.—First Sunday in Lent.  
 „ 13, Monday.—Of the Feria.  
 „ 14, Tuesday.—Of the Feria.  
 „ 15, Wednesday.—Of the Feria. Ember Day.  
 „ 16, Thursday.—Of the Feria.  
 „ 17, Friday.—St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor.  
 Ember Day.  
 „ 18, Saturday.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop,  
 Confessor, and Doctor.  
 Ember Day.

St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor.

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### GRAINS OF GOLD.

#### SERVICE.

I was longing to serve my Master,  
 And lo! I was laid aside,  
 From the party of busy workers  
 Who toiled the fields so wide.  
 They were few—yes, few in number,  
 And I could not understand,  
 Why I should be kept inactive;  
 'Twas so different from what I had planned.

I was longing to serve my Master,  
 I knew that the work was great;  
 To me it was easy to labor,  
 But oh! it was hard to wait;  
 To lie quite still and be silent,  
 While the song was borne to my ear  
 Of the reapers with whom I had mingled  
 In the work to my heart so dear.

I was longing to serve my Master,  
 Ah! this was my one fond thought;  
 For this I was ever pleading,  
 When His footstool in prayer I sought.  
 And the seasons of sweet communing  
 Were few and far apart;  
 Not of Him so much as His service,  
 Were the thoughts that filled my heart.

I was longing to serve my Master,  
 He led to a desert place,  
 And there, as we stopped and rested,  
 His eyes looked down in my face—  
 So full of tender reproaching,  
 They filled me with sad surprise,  
 Did He think I had grudged my service,  
 And counted it sacrifice?

They who recognise by the light of faith the sovereignty of God in all things will recognise the sovereignty of God in the daily and hourly details of their own personal life and in the changes of their lot.—  
 Cardinal Manning.

## The Storyteller

### 'MISS INDOLENCE'

'There goes your Miss Indolence!' Robert turned sharply at his mother's words, his glance following hers through the window to the languidly moving figure of a young girl under a dainty parasol.

'She's going down to the Point,' Robert remarked with studied indifference, 'and her brother is not with her, nor that fellow Brown, either.' He gazed longingly after her, but it was evident his mother wanted to talk to him.

'What you and Jack Brown can see in that girl is more than I can understand,' she announced irritably. 'She never does a useful thing—you know very well you have never seen her with a needle in her hand,' and Mrs. Lee looked down at her own hands busy making a useless little handkerchief out of cobweb lace.

'Well, it's vacation time, you know, and we all are taking it rather easy,' Rob returned loyally. Not for the world would he have acknowledged that he thought Dorothy rather overdid it. Her habit of yawning when he was treating her to some highly original or clever conversation was at times disconcerting, and once she had actually gone to sleep while he was reading her a love sonnet. Other people had noticed this languor also; indeed it was in reference to it that the household of summer boarders had delightfully changed one letter of her name, and called her 'Miss Indolence' instead of 'Miss Ingolence.'

Beyond a withering look, Mrs. Lee paid no heed to her son's remark.

'The girl is a flirt,' she continued. 'She is just keeping you on her string, because she is not sure she can get Jack Brown. He's got packs of money, they say.' Rob winced. He had anything but 'packs.'

'She's not that kind of a girl,' he said firmly. 'If you will excuse me, I'll go and join her now. It is just possible I may propose,' and Rob passed through the open French window and down the piazza, his head very high, his hopes very low.

The Point was some distance from the house; a path led up a steep hill, then the gradual downward slope ended in a point of land jutting into, though high above, the great Father of Waters.

He paused as he neared the place looking about for Dorothy; and then the picture presented to his view, he kept forever after in the book of memory, as the fairest of his life. Beneath his feet, verdant, intensely green, the grass was as a velvet carpet. To one side a patch of vivid color, a group of black-eyed Susans, nodded gaily to one another. To the right, to the left in the distance, the sheen of the river showed blue, and ensconced in a hammock was Dorothy.

She smiled with pleasure at sight of him. 'I'm so glad you came,' she said, and there was something akin to enthusiasm in her voice.

He beamed delightedly.

'I wanted some one to swing me,' she explained.

Though it was the hottest day of the season, he proceeded to do as he was told.

'Your brother is not with you this morning,' he remarked presently with more politeness than regret.

'No, he was feeling pretty good to-day so he went fishing with some man.'

Watching Dorothy's face, Rob noticed immediately when the long lashes began to droop. The swinging stopped with a jerk; the girl sat up to gaze at him in wide-eyed, wondering reproach.

'I'm tired,' he said wearily.

'Rest awhile,' she encouraged him, and then, mischievously, 'on the bench.'

He examined the bench conscientiously.

'Chigres and spiders,' he announced. She shuddered slightly, and he glanced meaningfully at the hammock. 'You could take the cushions out,' he began. She flung him a cushion quickly.

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'Of course, you can have a cushion if you want it; for myself, I'm tired of swinging,' and in a moment she was on her feet. There was nothing languid in the movement. She stood beside him, tall, alert, good to look upon, and a glancing sunbeam turned the brown-curl softness of her hair to gold. Somewhat disarranged that hair had become by her reclining attitude in the hammock, and a daring wind lifted a loosened curl, and playfully caressed it. Madness came upon Robert. He leaned over, caught the truant curl and touched it to his lips. He saw the hot flush mount from her neck to face and brow, while in absolute hurt silence she turned away from him.

Desperately he sought for words with which to apologise, to explain. There were none in his vocabulary equal to this emergency. Then gravely and simply he offered her his love and asked her to be his wife.

Still there was silence; still her face was turned from him; her wistful questioning glance had passed to the golden wheatfields over the river, stretching to the purple mountains that were ever bravely reaching for the sky. Then breaking the tension at last, in a tree above them a bobwhite called shrilly to its mate; and she turned in glad surrender, her answer in her eyes.

Some one cleared his throat—a footstep sounded back of them, and Brown was there. He had come upon them unawares, for the Point was hidden from view until the downward slope of the hill began, but it was obvious to him that he had interrupted a *tete a tete*, which he considered was a wise and proper thing to do in this case.

'I came down to take a look at the river,' he remarked affably. 'I see you have been reviewing it also.'

'Yes, it's still here,' Rob returned disagreeably, and all three gazed with unseeing eyes at its blue waters.

'This is a fine day,' it was Brown who volunteered the highly original remark, when the silence had grown oppressive.

'You do not find it warm?' There was something of a challenge in Rob's tone; actually the nerve of this man in joining them was being excelled by him staying.

Dorothy spoke abruptly. 'I'll run on up to the house,' she said; 'I've just got time to dress for lunch. No, I don't want either of you to come with me. Stay, and look at the river,' and with a laugh hidden somewhere in her voice, she was gone.

Rob did not insist on following. It had occurred to him that Brown ought to be told the news, for he was gazing after Dorothy with a calmly possessive glance.

'Nice girl,' he remarked approvingly, as he searched his pockets for matches preparatory to lighting a cigar.

'Yes, and she's going to marry me,' Rob informed him, wasting no moments to present the news in a diplomatic fashion.

Brown's face did not change a particle. The match fell from his hand.

'Let me congratulate you,' he said, then, with apparent sincerity and he advanced to shake hands with Rob. 'I'm so glad you told me of this interesting matter, as I leave here to-night. Doubtless you had heard of my intended departure?'

Rob had not heard; indeed, Brown himself had only so decided on Rob's announcement.

'You must manage to be on hand to dance at our wedding,' the fortunate man remarked. The taunt struck home.

'Who knows what may happen?' Brown replied meaningly, 'she has not married you yet.'

But Rob turned, and walked toward the house, asking himself whether he had been rather brutal, and realising that hereafter a black-eyed Susan would bring a bitter memory to Brown and the song of a river must be ever hateful to him.

Luncheon was the usual boarding-house affair; and the length of the table was between Rob and Dorothy. When the meal was over an old lady de-

tained Rob to tell him about her son who had died at just about his age. He finally managed to escape, but Dorothy was nowhere in sight, though he searched all her favorite outdoor nooks. Coming on the landlady in the neighborhood of the dairy, he asked her if she could inform him of the girl's whereabouts.

'Why, yes, she's with your mother in the living-room,' the woman told him. 'I wonder now,' she continued, eyeing him sharply, 'if it's settled?'

Rob knew that Mrs. Moore and Dorothy were good friends. 'I don't mind telling you,' he returned smiling, 'that it is.'

'Well, I'm glad,' she said sincerely, 'Mr. Brown, they say, has more money, but in my opinion you are the better man. I do hope, though, you'll stop Miss Dorothy from working so hard.'

Rob stiffened. Was even the landlady making an ill-timed jest of his love's failing?

'What do you mean?' he questioned, and there was anger in his tones.

'My, my,' Mrs. Moore answered, 'There I've let the cat out of the bag, after promising Miss Dorothy not to tell, but I'll have to explain now. The whole family used to come out here for the summer, even when they were considered well off, but when Mr. Ingolence died he didn't leave anything except debts. Miss Dorothy was a delicate slip of a girl, then attending high school, and Mr. John was at college, with a reputation for being somewhat wild. A rich relative offered to take the girl, considering Mr. John a good-for-nothing, unequal to supporting her. The young man was furious and, of course, the brother and sister wanted to be together, so Mr. John said he'd show the relative what he could do. He and Miss Dorothy took a little flat together, and things went nicely until he discovered that his sister was writing picture plays to help out their income. He forbade her doing so—as it was up to him to support her. No Ingolence woman had ever worked before. They are great on blue blood and all that stuff, and this work he claimed was lowering—beneath her. She gave it up, but his salary as a bookkeeper was inadequate without the assistance of her earnings, so he brought home extra work to do at night, and his health failed. The doctor ordered rest and change, so they came to me, but still Mr. John is as obstinate as ever, and in his nervous state it does not do to cross him. He believes all expenses are being paid from the sale of a diamond ring of their mother's that he gave Dorothy to dispose of, but she felt it was too precious to sell if there was any other way to manage, so night after night she sits up (after he has gone to sleep) to write the stories that pay their bills. I feel sorry for her, if he discovers the truth; and, of course, she means to tell him sometime.'

'So that is the reason,' Rob said, slowly, while a very tender look came into his eyes, 'that she is tired and sleepy sometimes. I must go and find her at once.'

Entering the house, Rob paused at the open door of the living-room. Yes, Dorothy was there, seated just opposite the door, though not facing it. Over the back of her chair he could see the brown curls he loved, and one little hand hung down at her side, but close beside her stood Brown.

Was it a betrothal? So it seemed to Rob. Wild rage was in his heart. His mother had been right after all. The girl was only a flirt, unworthy of a man's affection. He sprang upstairs to his room. He would go away at once. Of course, Dorothy would claim that she had never said she would marry him, which would be quite true as far as words went, but he would not trouble her to explain, since she was that kind of a girl. From its place on the dresser Dorothy's picture, a snap-shot, smiled at him. He caught it up, wrathfully determined on destroying it, but as he looked at the brave eyes and smiling lips something seemed to choke him. Ah! the pity of it that one with eyes so true could be so false!

With other of his belongings he dropped the picture into his valise.

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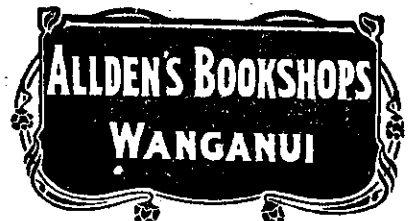
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'I'm going back to town,' he announced gloomily.

She gave him a keen little glance, then smiled her approval. 'You mean you have come to your senses in regard to — that girl?'

'I have,' he acknowledged.

'It's a blessing.' There was real fervor in her voice, 'for she is just the laziest piece of impudence I ever struck. Here, I'll pack your valise for you, dearie.' She proceeded to do so—scientifically.

'Yes, only this afternoon I took Dorothy into the living-room and gave her a good talking to. I thought possibly I could get her to see the error of her ways. I told her how necessary it is for a woman to be industrious. There, Robert, the valise is all packed; if you hurry you can catch the three-fifteen train.'

'How did she take your lecture?' Rob asked, interested in spite of himself, as he lifted the bag and went out into the hall.

'O, just as you could expect—she fell sound asleep. I was so insulted I just got up and went out on the verandah, and it just served her right, too, for when that Mr. Brown came in he kissed her. I mean to tell her about it some time.'

With a slam Rob's bag dropped to the floor.

'You mean,' he questioned breathlessly, 'that Dorothy was asleep when Brown kissed her?'

'Why, of course, didn't you see him yourself when you came to the door that time?'

But Rob had waited for no more; already he was at the door of the living-room. Yes, she was still there—still asleep. Poor, tired little Miss Indolence. Softly he crossed the room and tenderly, lovingly, he looked down at her. At length she stirred and her eyes opened.

She smiled up at him.

'I was waiting for you,' she laughed happily, and simply as a little child she lifted her face for her betrothal kiss.—*Extension Magazine.*

## THE HOUSE THAT JACK BOUGHT

John Hunter's heart thrilled as the maid ushered him into the living-room and ran off to bring Kathleen. When he heard her buoyant step on the stair he composed himself, but the dancing light in his eyes would not be controlled.

'Why, Jack,' cried Kathleen, 'what brings you here so early in the day?'

'Oh, I wasn't very busy this morning, and I came to take you for a little spin. Would you like to go?' he asked eagerly.

'Surest thing in the world,' was the quick reply, and a few minutes later the two young people were speeding down the street, their gay voices rising above the noise of the motor and their absorption in each other plain to all the world. But as the date of their marriage was only a few months in the bright future, they were happily oblivious of all comment.

It was after they had had a delightful spin through the country, which had been refreshed by a recent rain, that John turned the car toward the city.

'Do you have to go back already?' half pouted Kathleen, the ghost of a disappointment in her voice.

Jack laughed. 'Yes, but I want to show you something before I take you home.'

'What is it?' she asked.

'Wait and see,' with a grin, and not another word of explanation would he give, despite questions with which she plied him, vigorous, impatient and even coaxing, though they were, until he turned the car into a quiet street well toward the centre of the city. Then he told her.

'I want to show you a house I bought to-day.'

The lovely color flooded Kathleen's face.

'Oh, Jack!' she said, 'our house?'

'Our house,' he returned, with a certain quiet triumph; 'and here it is!'

It was a two-storey dwelling, set back in a large but neglected-looking yard.

Kathleen looked around. 'Where?' she asked.

'Right in here,' offered Jack, jumping out, and holding out his hand to the girl. She sat still, looking around at the different houses in blank astonishment. Her gaze finally reached her fiance's face.

'You're joking, Jack,' she said, trying to smile; 'you're not serious, are you?'

'I believe I am serious,' he answered, and a hard little tone crept into his voice. He thought it was only disappointment. 'The house is a peach on the inside,' he went on; 'of course, it needs some repairs, but we'll soon have it all ship-shape,' and he hurried his dazed companion through the yard, and into the house before she could find another word of remonstrance.

It was old-fashioned, for it had been built in the days when ground-space was of no consideration. The rooms were spacious and well lighted, and spoke of comfort and elegance in years past, but to the eyes of the young girl, accustomed all her life to modern conveniences of a perfectly appointed home, the house was dinginess personified. And the thought of living there sent a dull sword of sorrow through her being. To live in a house like that! Why, it would take half the joy out of life.

'Don't you like it, Kathleen?' Jack looked into her eyes, and his voice betrayed that her lack of enthusiasm had not gone unnoticed. She forgot that she had been telling herself that she must be careful—that she must conceal her disappointment—that she must not hurt Jack. The tone of his voice took her off her guard.

'Like it!' she blurted out. 'Like this house, and this neighborhood? I should say not!'

The disdain in her voice, and the words, were like a blow in the man's face.

'Why, Kathleen!' he faltered, 'do—you mean it?'

'If you mean that you seriously bought this house expecting me to live in it,' was the quivering response.

'Why, what's the matter with it?' in a dazed tone. 'I know it needs a lot of repairs, but I got it cheaper for that reason, and I thought we could fix it up so nice—'

'But the neighborhood, Jack!' impatiently. 'Even if the house were all right, look at the neighborhood!'

'I don't see anything wrong with the neighborhood,' doggedly. He sauntered on to the front porch, hands sunk in his pockets, and gloom on his brow. 'It's a nice quiet little street,' Kathleen frowned, but made no reply.

'The agent assured me it was a perfectly respectable neighborhood,' he went on, irritated at her silence.

'No doubt he assured you that the house was a perfectly respectable one, too,' returned the girl, scornfully. Then she gave vent to a short satirical laugh. 'Imagine what mother would say—and all my friends!'

The young man paled into sudden anger.

'So that's what you're thinking of, is it?' Not of a home with me, but a house to impress your friends!'

'No!' hotly, 'that's not what I'm thinking of! But I had a right to expect—a right to expect—' her voice broke.

'You had a right to expect a comfortable home,' he said, steadily. 'And that's what I thought I was going to give you. This house—he cast an appraising glance around—'this house is not as fine as your own home, of course. You know my income—I thought you were willing to—'

'I am willing!' broke in the girl, passionately. 'I know what your income is, and I can live on it, but not in a house like this, and in a neighborhood like this! Oh, Jack,' imploringly, 'why did you buy a house without consulting me?'

'I can't imagine why I did,' wearily, 'except that I wanted to give you a surprise—a happy surprise. It's certainly been a surprise, all round, hasn't it?' and he forced a bitter laugh, as he drew out a cigar and lit it, with fingers that trembled.

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'You see, it was this way, Kathleen,' he went on. 'A friend of mine gave me the chance to buy this house at a great bargain—' He was going to explain that getting the house at such a good figure would leave him a larger sum of ready money to spend on the honeymoon which they had planned with so much happiness, when the girl interrupted him.

'A bargain!' indignantly. 'That's all you think about! I suppose you think I'm a great bargain, too!' The words were inspired by her keen disappointment, and were no sooner out than she was sorry.

A slow flush rose to the young man's face. He said nothing for a tense moment, then his response was incisive, with concentrated anger.

'No, I think you are a very poor bargain for a man in my circumstances since you have only sneers for the home that I can provide. I was warned—' unguardedly—'that I could not come up to your expectations, nor those of your family.'

'Indeed!' Kathleen interrupted him, proudly; 'it is too bad you did not heed the warning. However, it is not too late to rid yourself of such a poor bargain, Mr. Hunter. Under the circumstances,' she added with superlative dignity, 'perhaps it is just as well for both of us to find out our mistake in time.'

At the careful finality of the girl's tone, Jack awoke to whither the war of words was tending.

'Do you mean to say, Kathleen,' he said, sternly, 'that this is the end—after all our planning—all our hopes—' He paused. 'Can you be so heartless—so mercenary?' he stumbled on, further increasing the girl's anger by his choice of words.

'Did you bring me here to insult me?' she blazed out, and before he could reply she was off the porch and in a second the vicious slam of the gate proclaimed that she was gone for good. Anger, consternation, and misery played for mastery on Hunter's face. Misery finally conquered, and it was a very pale and dejected young man who went out to his car. Before starting, he turned and took one long look at the house, then gave an appraising glance up and down the street. He could see what he had overlooked before in his eagerness over the very real bargain, that the street was narrow, the houses poor, and many of them unkempt and ugly. The lawns were straggly and suffering from lack of water; untidy children played about, and more or less untidy mothers could be glimpsed here and there on dingy porches or porch swings, whose monotonous squeak began to get on Hunter's already irritated nerves. In the illuminating light of Kathleen's scorn he saw the place in a different aspect—in all its sordidness as it must have appeared to her, fresh from her dreams of the new home they had planned together.

'Good heavens!' he groaned, 'what an idiot I have been!' The sigh that followed seemed to come from the depths of his soul.

'No use following her now!' he sighed gloomily as he started off. 'I suppose she wouldn't get in if I did catch up with her; and, anyhow, I'd better wait till her anger has cooled.'

The wait proved a wearisome process. He decided to hold off till evening, but a dozen times he took down the receiver of the telephone, only to change his mind with more or less of a cold chill a moment after. Only by a strong effort of the will did he keep away from the house until 8 o'clock. Then it was Kathleen's mother who greeted him.

'Isn't Kathleen home?' he said, trying to keep the disappointment out of his voice.

'Why, didn't you know she had gone away?' was the surprised rejoinder.

'Gone away?' blankly. 'No. Where did she go?'

'She left this afternoon for a visit with her cousin Emily at Frankfort. I supposed you knew. In fact I rather got the impression that you were to take her to the station, for I was at my bridge club, and her father is out of town.'

Hunter's mind was in a daze. 'No, I didn't know anything about it,' he admitted slowly.

'That's odd,' remarked Mrs Jamieson, with perplexity in her voice. 'Weren't you here this morning?'

'I might as well tell you the truth, Mrs. Jamieson,' he said, with a ghastly smile. 'Kathleen and I had—we had a little difference this morning, and—'

'Oh!' she interjected, 'that accounts for everything! I couldn't understand her sudden desire to go to Frankfort, and her frantic haste to go to-day. So it was a lovers' quarrel, eh? What was it all about? Tell me,' she hesitated.

And he did. He told her with great detail the reasons why he had bought the house, expecting to fix it up and to live there only a short time until he could make a good sale.

'I didn't think of the neighborhood at all,' he admitted, rather shyly, but with a certain manly directness. 'I could see the possibilities in the house with its large airy rooms, so different from some of the houses we have looked at. I admit I should have given it more consideration, but it looked good to me—price and all—and all I could think of was living there—with Kathleen. I thought any place would be next door to heaven if she were there. But it seems girls are different,' he finished, bitterly.

Mrs. Jamieson smiled. 'Yes, they are different,' she answered, gently, 'but not always in the way you mean. The house, as the casket of the home, means so much more to a woman than it does to a man. The reason is characteristic and fundamental. And we can't remove it by argument, even if sometimes we find it a stumbling block in the path of agreement. Kathleen had been building air-castles, no doubt, and the reality was a little jarring after the dream.'

'I can see that,' he answered gloomily.

'Still, I'm disappointed in Kathleen,' her mother went on, in a worried tone. 'She really has great good sense, and she should have risen above any disappointment—'

'Oh, don't blame her!' he interjected. 'It was all my fault! I think I'll run down to Frankfort tomorrow and see her, and see if—'

Mrs. Jamieson interrupted him. 'That would be a foolish move,' she said most decidedly. 'You must allow me, as Kathleen's mother, to have a little voice in this. Of course I can't speak with a certainty until I have seen the house and neighborhood, but I think she is to be censured most strongly. She has acted childish, moreover, in running away like this without even consulting me or her father, and I, for one, think she is old enough to have acted with more sense and dignity. If you take my advice, you will let things stay as they are until the young lady returns. She'll be ready enough then to make up; if you seek her now, she will only flout you.'

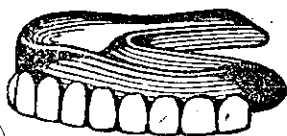
'But how long will she be gone?' queried the miserable young man. 'How can I stand the wait?' fastening imploring eyes on his future mother-in-law.

'By making up your mind it's the best thing to do,' was the sensible reply. 'In the meantime you can take me to see the house, and if it is impossible, you can forget some of your worry in devising a plan to get rid of it. You have put your money in it, however, and you'll have to make the best of the situation.'

'You're very good to me, Mrs. Jamieson,' the young man murmured gratefully, 'after I've made such a mess of things.'

'It is a mess,' Mrs. Jamieson agreed, 'but not entirely of your making, and the wedding only a few months off, too. But, noting his downcast countenance, 'it will all come out all right, I'm sure. Cheer up,' she added comfortingly. 'I don't think she will stay away long. I expect she's dying to come back already, if the truth were known.'

As Mrs. Jamieson took her way upstairs, after the young man's departure, she owned to herself that the situation was one calculated to cause considerable worry. Her daughter's one paramount fault was stubbornness, a trait which she inherited from both her parents, and one which had at times given them great trouble. The parents had early recognised their own predominant fault in the child and had been very



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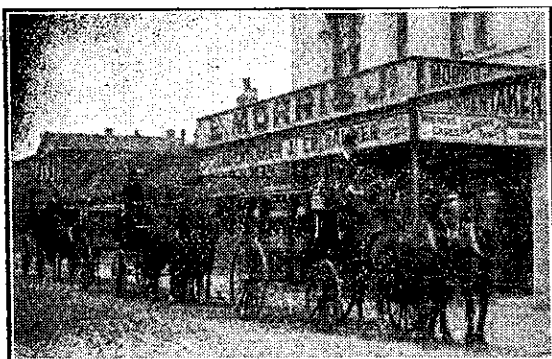
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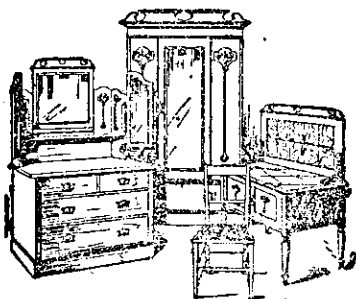
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gentle but firm in their efforts to mould away the infirmity, for such they were fain to consider it. The good sense and other excellent qualities which Kathleen inherited also were strong factors in controlling the growth of the unhappy leaning; and only a few times had the girl's will clashed with that of her parents, precipitating fits of decided and prolonged stubbornness, and causing untold agony to all concerned. The mother's heart shrank from the prospect of another such experience and her spirit recoiled from the misunderstanding that might arise in bringing Kathleen to her senses and prevent her from wrecking her life's happiness. The fact that she understood and sympathised with Kathleen's viewpoint did not prevent her from recognising how foolish the girl was; and if the latter had been of normal temperament, the mother would not have worried, but would have treated the incident like the usual run of lovers' quarrels. As it was her heart ached for what she knew the girl was suffering, and her own tears fell that she was denied her child's confidence. It pained her deeply that Kathleen should have run off as she did.

Kathleen, it appeared, was in no hurry to return home. She stayed two weeks, during which time she wrote brief but sprightly letters full of the good time she was having. Her mother's replies were kind and loving, but equally as brief. If the girl had expected recriminations, or queries, or words of advice, she was disappointed. Mrs. Jamieson learned from Jack that he had written her twice, his only reply being the return of his engagement ring. He was in despair, but in obedience to Mrs. Jamieson's advice, refrained from trying to see Kathleen, when she came home. Neither of her parents mentioned the young man's name to their daughter. Hers was the initial silence, and from her should come the first confidence as to the broken engagement—they were agreed on that. And as a rumor of the broken engagement had gone abroad, every one sedulously avoided the subject, so that John Hunter might as well have been in Kamchatka for all Kathleen heard of him.

'Maybe he is there,' she thought morosely one day about two months after the unfortunate quarrel. 'Maybe somebody offered him a bargain in South Sea bungalows and he couldn't resist.' She smiled sarcastically before the twinge of remorse came. 'That was a mean thing to say. After all, he was always generous. It was only that day that he—'

She stopped and frowned. The dull pain that was always now where her heart used to be stirred with an unaccustomed throb. This misery of silence was getting to be more than she could bear. At first she did not wish to talk of it. It was no one's affair but her own, she told herself. Why say anything about it? Mother and father would be sure to take Jack's part, and she refused to be put in the wrong by everybody. So she hardened her heart against her mother's wistful looks, her father's tender petting, and went on her sullen way, alone, miserable, uncomforted. Her spent look and dispirited ways went to the parents' heart, but they felt that she must conquer herself now and learn her lesson, or suffer from the infirmity all her life long.

It was a day in late September when Kathleen came to feel that her spirit was broken. She had started out for a walk to curb her restlessness, and all unconsciously her steps turned toward the little despised street where was located the fateful house. She approached it languidly enough, and glanced around with lack-lustre eyes. Then her heart gave a curious, frightened leap. The house was occupied! More than that, it was altered—improved—beautified—changed completely! Her startled eyes took in the wide expanse of lawn, the flowers, the graceful shrubbery, and in a remote corner, almost screened from view, she spied, with a beating heart, what she knew to be a tea-house—Jack had spoken of a tea-house that very day! The porch had been enlarged and now looked cozy and inviting, with numerous chairs, brightly cushioned, and a comfortable swing of a sort that she and Jack had once expressed a preference for. With a pang, she

took in every detail. Then her mouth became dry with a strange sense of fear as a pretty girl and an elderly woman stepped out on the porch. Kathleen quickened her footsteps, but as she sped by with hot, averted face, she heard the girl say in sweet, clear tones:

'If Jack comes home early, mother, have him come over to Clara's after me.'

Kathleen stumbled on, her mind in a chaos. One thought was uppermost: Jack was married! Married! She had thrown him over—sent him back his ring—for a pitiful bit of foolish pride. Of course he resented it—what man wouldn't? But married! Jack married! . . . That was the reason no one mentioned him to her—she could see that now!

'Oh! I think mother might have told me!' she thought bitterly. 'How could she—how could she?' But in a moment reason and common sense replied: 'Why should your mother have told you anything? You did not take her into your confidence! . . . Oh, my stubbornness, my mean, contemptible stubbornness, see where it has brought me!' Like a silent reproach the picture of the house, the home-like, altogether lovely, harassed her. Of course he had no difficulty in finding a sensible girl willing to start life with him there. Why should any one hesitate—any one? It was only she who had been foolish and had lost her life's happiness for a detestable bit of pride. All the misery of the past few months was as nothing to the poignant anguish that seized her now. She acknowledged to herself that all along she had been hoping for something to turn up that would bring Jack to her feet without the sacrifice of what she was pleased to consider her self-respect. And all the time he was consoling himself with some one else!

'I wouldn't have believed he could have been so faithless!' she murmured, with quivering lips. Then in quick abasement, she thought sadly, humbly: 'I was the faithless one—faithless to love—to common sense—to everything! I deserve it all!'

Mrs. Jamieson was in her room as the girl came laggingly up the stairs.

'Did you have a nice walk, dear?' she called tenderly. . . 'What is it, Kathleen?' fearfully, as she glimpsed her daughter's pale, tragic countenance.

'Mother! Mother!' Then she was in her mother's arms, and the tears came—the repressed torrent of weeks. It all came out when she could speak for sobbing—the misery—the self-abasement—the self-reproaches. How wrong she had been—how proud, sullen, mean, stubborn! She would not blame them if they never loved her again! She could not blame Jack—of course he was disgusted at the way she acted about the house.

The mother listened a little sadly. It was always this torrential ending. Would her beloved child carry this hampering fault all through her life, bringing heartache and misery to herself as well as to those who loved her?

'Mother, I know I was mean about the house,' Kathleen was saying, anxious to free her heart with a full confession now that the silence was broken. 'But it was because I was so disappointed—it was so different from anything we had looked at—and the neighborhood! Oh, mother, if you had seen it!'

'I did see it, dear,' put in her mother, softly but gravely. 'It is not a bad-looking street at all.'

'I know it isn't,' admitted the girl. 'I saw that to-day,' with a sort of surprise at herself that she could say it with truth. 'The houses all looked so homelike.'

A sob caught in her throat. She was seeing again the wide, cool porch of 'Jack's house,' and the pretty girl (odiously pretty, she thought, with a jealous contraction of her heart) coming down the steps.

'It is a homely little street, Kathleen,' her mother was saying. 'It is much like the street in which your father and I first started housekeeping. And we were so happy! It isn't the house, my dear, nor the street, nor the neighborhood, that makes the home. It's the love we take into the new life. And if that love is strong enough, it glorifies everything—even worse houses than

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that was, my dear,' she wound up, smiling a little wistfully.

'I know,' said the girl humbly, rising wearily and starting to put up her tumbled hair. 'I was tried and found wanting, I suppose. But I really wasn't as mercenary and mean as I made it appear. It wasn't so much the house as it was what he said; and then pride stepped in, and temper. Oh, I've had my lesson, mother! This has taught me. I made a resolve coming home that if you and father would forgive me, I will never so far forget myself again!' passionately. 'I've often tried you with my sullen temper, I know; but this time—this time—' her voice broke and the tears overflowed again.

There was a tap at the door, and the maid stepped in with a visitor's card. Mrs. Jamieson nodded, and then went over to the weeping girl.

'Lie down, dear, and rest till I come back, and then we'll have a good talk,' she said, kissing her tenderly.

When she came back in the course of three-quarters of an hour, she found Kathleen outwardly composed, seated at her mother's desk writing.

'There's a messenger downstairs with a package for you, Kathleen,' she said casually.

'What is it, I wonder?' listlessly. The music of gay voices floated up to her as she glanced out of the window, and she saw two of her girl friends passing, laughing and chatting in careless gaiety. 'How happy they are,' she thought, not enviously, but with a curious coldness, 'and how miserable I am!' Her leaden feet carried her slowly to the door of the library. Then she stopped, startled. A film came over her eyes.

John Hunter came forward with outstretched hand, smiling rather constrainedly.

'I sold that house, Kathleen,' he said, in a voice that shook despite his best efforts, 'and we can buy another one any time you are ready.'

'Jack!' A glow like the dawn overspread the girl's face from brow to chin.

'But, mother,' Kathleen said later in the day, 'I'm sorry he sold the house. Of course it would be no sacrifice to live there, the place is really so lovely, but I feel as though it would have evened things up better if we could have gone to live there. I should like to make up to Jack in some measure for all the misery and trouble I caused him.'

'It is too bad,' remarked her mother, thoughtfully, 'for I believe Jack lost on the deal. You see the improvements cost so much.'

The girl's face shadowed. 'Oh, mother!' she exclaimed, almost tearfully.

A sudden thought came to Mrs. Jamieson.

'Do you really mean what you say, Kathleen? Would you like to live there?' she asked.

'Of course I do. Why?' rather breathlessly from her daughter.

'Then you might go and call Jack up and tell him so. I don't think the sale is completed. You certainly do owe him that much.'

But she was speaking to the air, for joy winged the feet that flew down the stairs.

The mother smiled as a jubilant voice called gaily a few moments afterward:

'It's all right, mother, he's going to keep the house!' Then she sighed involuntarily.

'I do hope the child has learned her lesson,' she murmured.—*Extension Magazine.*

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#### IV.—RACINE.

The source of all aesthetic emotion in a people is its religion; the sacred ceremonies, the music, the indefinable feeling attending the worship of the unknown give rise to a passion which is assignable to no other cause. The Greeks first experienced the need for some external display of this emotion; hence the institution of the Dionysiac festivals which culminated in the tragedies of the great triad—Æschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. The Christian Church, too, had, in France, as in Spain, its liturgical dramas, and its mystery plays. Thus it has been given as a rule that all drama has proceeded from the Church; a French critic has put it better in saying that 'the Christian drama proceeds from the Christian Church.'

The Holy Mass is in itself a great drama, in its alternate chant and recitation, in its dialogue between the officiating priest and his acolytes, in its gradual symbolic progress towards the climax of the Consecration, in its whole signification. The daily Office, commemorating Pope and Martyr, Doctor and Confessor, recounting the sufferings of the Saints and the struggles of the faithful soul, meditating on the final judgment, and heaven, and purgatory, and hell, constitutes a dramatic poem awaiting only the distinction of the characters and the distribution of the parts.

The Offices of Holy Week seem set designedly in dramatic form, with the procession on Palm Sunday, the closing of the doors, and the re-entrance after the thrice-repeated knocking of the priest; Tenebræ, with the extinguishing one by one of the candles and the dirge-like 'Miserere'; the momentary exultation on Holy Thursday and the relapse into the awful gloom of Good Friday; has not all this a spectacular beauty which no secular drama can ever hope to equal?

But it is on the Friday of Holy Week that the nearest approach to pure stage effect is made, when the Passion is sung by three voices, representing the Christ, the People, the Priests and the Judges, and the chorus of Grecian tragedy. The intense solemnity of the Mass of the Presanctified gives the spectator the feeling that he is assisting at,—nay, is a participant in, a world's tragedy. The Good Friday of the Catholic Church is a day that has no parallel—a day of mourning, desolation, and woe.

In France, on the great feasts, were enacted what were known as liturgical dramas. As in Spain, these grew more popular; and, the language becoming more and more settled, the drama became proportionately secularised until it reached the height of its development in the seventeenth century, in the finished tragedies of Corneille and Racine.

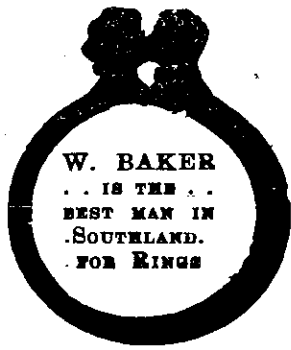
The origin of comedy was different. This found its source in the hastily improvised farces and buffoonery of travelling jugglers, who provided amusement at the fairs and on occasions of public rejoicing. There were, besides, representations in the colleges of the comedies of Aristophanes and Plautus. The form of the liturgical drama showed how the scattered elements of classical comedy and medieval buffoonery might be combined to produce a new style in dramatic performances. A school of comedy thus arose which found its master in the great Molière.

While its comedy is world-famous, the tragic drama of France has remained strictly national. Its use of the three so-called classical rules of unity of action, time, and place, became, in the eyes of foreigners at least, an abuse of what should be in reality a very secondary means to an end. The action on the stage was hampered; long speeches, to the foreigners a bore, but to the Frenchman a source of the keenest delight,

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took the place of the movement and energy of the more breezy English stage, and the introduction of the confidant—a literary as well as a dramatic nuisance—became absolutely necessary. Added to this, the French became possessed of the idea that any beyond a verbal display of passion was in bad taste. True, they cultivated this 'verbal display' to a wonderful degree; but all the skill of a first-rate actress is required to render attractive the passion even of Phèdre, probably the greatest drama of its kind on the French stage.

Voltaire considered he had done wonders when, in 'Mérope,' he introduced a coffin on the stage; but in Zaïre, his version of 'Othello,' he could not bring himself to introduce such common articles as a handkerchief and a pillow: no,—a more elegant letter and a dagger were, to him, far more befitting the dignity of tragedy.

As we have seen in the case of Spanish drama, so too that of France is insipid to a foreigner. It seems to have been reserved for the Northern races to produce a stage literature that would be world-wide. The name of Schiller, Ibsen, and Shakespeare are known not only to the cultured few, but to the masses of every nation. Theirs was not work for a people, but for mankind; they wrote not for their own day only, but for posterity.

If we rank the dramatists of France according to literary as well as artistic excellence, the highest place should perhaps be given to Corneille; but it is none the less certain that to the Frenchman as to the foreigner Jean Racine is far more representative of his nation than any other dramatic writer.

Born at la Ferté-Milon in 1639, Racine was sent at an early age to Port Royal, where he came under the influence of the famous Nicole, whose name seems indissolubly linked with this home of Jansenism. At Port Royal Racine acquired his love of antiquity and his delicate perception of the beauties of Grecian art and culture; his own keenly artistic nature expanded in the congenial atmosphere surrounding him, and his love for poetry disappointed the expectations of both relatives and masters, who had intended him to study for the Bar. An incorrigible writer of sonnets, madrigals, odes, and every form of verse, he was sufficiently fortunate to find in Chapelain and Perrault two enthusiastic patrons.

But the reputation of a poet depended at that time largely, if not entirely, on his success in writing for the stage. Appreciating this, Racine attempted comedy, thereby scandalising his relatives, who forthwith sent him to Uzès, in Languedoc, to study theology with his uncle. He duly read St. Thomas and the Fathers, but lost none of his love for the world, returning to Paris in 1663, 'more a poet than ever.' Here he met La Fontaine, Boileau, and Molière; here also he lived a loose and dissipated life, experiencing in person much of what he was afterwards so successfully to paint.

His career as a dramatist had now properly begun; but his first two tragedies, 'La Thébaïde' and 'Alexandre,' estranged him from his two best friends, Nicole and Molière. The former had published a letter which contained a reference to some 'public poisoner not of the bodies but of the souls of the faithful.' Racine took this as referring to himself; why he should do so no one at his time could understand; and certainly no one since has been able to explain it. At all events he instantly published a second letter in which he attacked Nicole with a malice and virulence utterly un-called for, and completely unbecoming in regard to one to whom he owed so much. This discreditable performance would have been followed by another had not Boileau intervened to save what little was remaining of the poet's reputation.

In the case of Molière, Racine had given him the tragedy of 'La Thébaïde' for his company to perform. Unaccountably, and assigning no reason whatever, he gave his 'Alexandre' to a rival company. Hereon ensued a lively and acrimonious debate, the honors of which decidedly do not rest with Racine.

These two instances of a most disagreeable temperament are the best authenticated of a whole series attributed to our dramatist; and it is certain that up to the date of his last profane tragedy, 'Phèdre,' Racine, however perfect he may have been as an artist, was anything but an amiable character.

One after another his tragedies appeared with unvarying success. They are typical examples of the frigid notion of tragic drama that is so eminently characteristic of French literature. French critics, naturally, claim that Racine's genius was something supernatural. Perfect in his delineation of character, unflinching in his adhesion to the three 'classical' unities, full of energy and animation, in short, an unparalleled phenomenon, such they would have us believe, was Racine; but the world is not unanimous in its confirmation of their claim. Nevertheless, he was a master of drama as drama was understood in France. And of all their encomiums that referring to his psychological insight into character is the one most founded on fact; so much so that at times he becomes wearisome in his constant probing into motives and intentions. Someone has said that in the first act of a Racinian tragedy a question is put to the heroine: will she answer 'yes' or 'no'? In the second act the lady, inclining to 'no,' is doubtful whether such an answer may not deprive her questioner of all hope and drive him or her to despair; in the third act she has almost decided on 'yes' when the appalling consequences of full and unqualified acquiescence strike her in all their hideousness. The fourth act is occupied with a painful and protracted 'halting between two opinions'; in the last, driven to distraction, she decides the matter by committing suicide, and the reader or spectator is left in a delightful uncertainty as to what she might ultimately have decided to do.

This is, of course, a caricature of Racine's fine psychological studies. But, to the superficial reader, it is almost exactly his method.

Racine's characters, again, though they are supposedly Greek heroes, are simply cultured French courtiers, whose speeches are miracles of gallant politeness. To exhibit Achilles in all his ferocity, or Agamemnon in all his brutality, would offend against the delicate and gentle breeding of the audiences before whom they were presented. This, to the Englishman accustomed to the real life studies of Shakespeare, is the greatest flaw in Racine's work.

It would take too long to examine Racine's credentials to the high place French critics give him. His profane plays, culminating in the terribly passionate 'Phèdre,' ended with that drama. Enraged by his phenomenal success, and aided by the known malice of his disposition, his enemies, of whom he had not a few, succeeded in making the representation of Phèdre a disastrous failure. Racine at once gave up writing, and at the same time abandoning his loose manner of living, retired into an exemplary private life. Only twice after this was he prevailed on to write for the stage. Madame de Maintenon, who had established the Maison de Saint-Cyr for the education of poor girls of noble family, asked him to write for them more suitable plays than those they had been in the habit of presenting. Racine complied, and the result was that the French stage gained two incomparable masterpieces, absolutely perfect in their formation on the model of the classic Greek tragedy, and full of genuine lyrical beauty. With this notice of 'Esther' and 'Athalie,' our study of Racine and the French drama must close. Whatever may have been the great writer's failings in his early life, there is no doubt, sneer as English critics will, that his change after the fall of 'Phèdre' was sincere. Called into momentary notice again as the Royal Historiographer, after having resigned this charge, he died in 1699, surrounded by his family, and fortified by all the rites of Holy Church.

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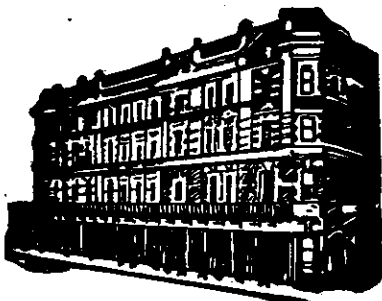
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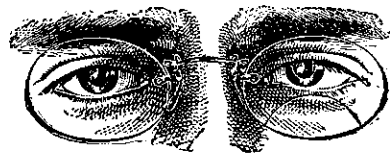
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## STERLING SONS OF IRELAND

II.—EDWARD LYSAGHT.

(FOR THE N.Z. TABLET, BY O. O'MEL.)

Bless the country, say I, that gave Patrick his birth,  
 Bless the land of the oak, and its neighboring earth,  
 Where grow the shillelagh and shamrock so green!  
 May the sons of the Thames, the Tweed, and the  
 Shannon,  
 Drub the foes who dare plant on our confines a cannon;  
 United and happy, at Loyalty's shrine,  
 May the rose and the thistle long flourish and twine  
 Round the sprig of shillelagh and shamrock so green!

This is the happiest sentiment contained in that rollicking song, 'The sprig of shillelagh,' by the subject of the present article; and the same sentiment (though voiced at a period when all that should have tended to promote it had effaced the feeling by the dire means of bloodshed and bribery) has lived over a long span of one hundred years to expand, in these our times, into apparent fruitfulness. The sons of the Thames, the Tweed, and the Shannon are battling together on many a far-flung battle-front, determined to keep a dauntless and powerful foe away from the sacred confines of the Briton and the Gael. Irishmen, in common with Scots and Britons, are giving all they actually possess—their lives, to sustain a sentiment dear to the hearts of many a far-seeing constitutionalist during the past century. The sentiment has been realised, and Britons should indeed be grateful; but will Ireland realise her cherished hope of one hundred years—her right to govern her own household? Time alone can settle this question. We have reason to hope that it may be realised, though the history of Ireland is a record of torn scraps of paper, broken treaties, repudiated promises, and rifled hearthstones. Nevertheless, the great hope is strong within us, and we can only trust that history shall not once again repeat itself.

'Pleasant Ned Lysaght' had the great hope of freedom strong within him when he marched behind Henry Grattan in the Volunteer movement. Lysaght was a far-seeing constitutionalist, but he lived to realise a broken heart over 'the cruel knaves and bigot slaves' who betrayed and sold their national birthright in a critical hour. Lysaght lived in a stirring period, a darksome time illumined at intervals with golden flashes of promise. Then, as now, grim war scourged Europe, and Ireland, bedraggled but in smiles and tears, nervously scanned the horizon through the serried spears of her Volunteers. How alike are the times—fateful 1782-1803 and 1911-1916!

Edward Lysaght, lawyer, wit, poet and patriot, was born in County Clare in 1763. His parents were Protestants, and he belonged to the same religion. But the romantic environments amid which he was reared, the simple loyalty of his peasant school-fellows, and the great germs of liberty that had been wafted from the Old and New Worlds to commingle and sink deep in the fertile soil of Ireland had much to do with the development of the manly soul of the youth. He grew up among companions and scenes that could not fail to mould into kindred aspiration and devotion a subject endowed with the sensitive chords of bardic feeling. He sang and the woods sang with him, and this natal symphony in a few years burst into the full flood of unbridled song, for Lysaght was a singer: he gave to the world the songs of his heart—witty and humorous songs, lively songs of clean passion, and patriotic poems—unornamental but of healthy style. Much, indeed all that was best, of his poetry has been lost. He is now chiefly remembered by the 'Sprig of Shillelagh,' and that typically Irish song, 'Kitty of Coleraine.' Mr. T. P. O'Connor has remarked somewhere that 'the "Sprig of Shillelagh" remains to this day a perfect photograph of the now extinct being it portrays.' It is noteworthy that happy early associations influence the great majority of us all through life, and, in gen-

eral, too, what we happen to be is traceable to those early influences. It was thus with Lysaght. His first schooling of importance was conducted by the genial Father Patrick Hare, of Cashel, whither the parents of our patriot had sent their boy. In this high-class school young Lysaght delved deep into the glowing and sad pages of his country's history, and the lessons were not acquired in vain. He was a studious boy, and while noted at this institution for devotion to his books, Father Hare discovered two other budding traits in his pupil that in after life were to earn for him the happy appellation of 'Pleasant Ned Lysaght.' In our mind's eye we can conjure up with tolerable accuracy the noisy Irish Bar of a later period, and the animated Volunteer parades; and it is not difficult to hear the peals of boisterous laughter that repaid 'Pleasant Ned's' witty sallies, and the echoed remark, 'Here comes Pleasant Ned.' Edward Lysaght was pleasant in school and forum, at home and abroad; yet withal, his heart beat heavily for Ireland, and many a big tear he dropped on the mournful book that holds her story. He was typically Irish—a man of wit in one word, and a passionate patriot in the next.

When Lysaght left Father Hare's homely school, there were tears and fervent 'slanleaghts' showered upon him in Cashel. In 1779, he entered Trinity College, Dublin, and while there his father died, an event that so upset the young student that he abruptly left the college and hurried home to County Clare to console his widowed mother and in turn receive consolation from her. In 1784, he passed his examination for the Middle Temple, London, and was accepted as a student therein. While there he won many valuable prizes, and, owing to his great wit and brimming humor, he secured a host of friends and admirers. He took out his M.A. degree at Oxford, and, when his country was passing through the most tragic period of her history as a nation, in 1798, he was called to the English and Irish bars. Perhaps, it was well for him that he was far away from the disturbed arena of Irish politics at the time, as it is very probable that her great goodness of heart and love of country, might have led him, as others of similar temperament had been lured.

He did not prove successful at the bar in England, and he made little by his practice. After his marriage the meagre practice he casually secured could not save him from debt: his creditors pestered him severely, and he approached his father-in-law (whom all along he had considered as quite a financial person) for monetary help in his troubles. To his sorrow—and his keen sense of humor—he discovered the paternal marriage relation in straits as formidable as his own, and in disgust and fright he left England determined never to see that unlucky land again. In the course of a confidential talk with Sir Jonah Barrington relative to this trying period of his existence, Lysaght remarked that he discovered his father-in-law, whom he had believed to be a wealthy Jew, was in reality only a bankrupt Christian! It was a fair wind that wafted this good-hearted patriot back to his native land. Unlike others of his countrymen, then as well as now, he found fame and fortune in the land that gave him birth. He soon won the big hearts of his countrymen throughout the length and breadth of the land, and built up a considerable reputation as an orator. His business as a lawyer developed gradually, and his legal services were eagerly sought. Sunshine after a stormy passage expanded Lysaght's easy heart, and the comparative comfort he was attaining, coupled with the spell of his native surroundings, evoked the full flood-tide of his muse. Every moment he had at his disposal found him busy at his verses. He wrote in the club, in the courts, on the coach, and at home. He wrote a great deal, but his best pieces that made a name for him have been lost. Many stray Irish magazines were enraptured by his ready pen, and perhaps some day a few of them may be unearthed. As a wit and verse-maker he delighted every man of prominence in the Dublin of that period, but as an incorruptible patriot his name and fame have descended to us, and

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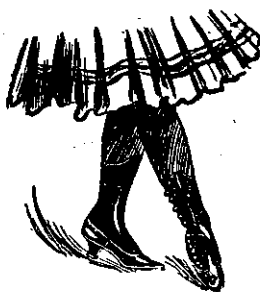
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Volunteers.

Lysaght bitterly opposed the proposed Union with all the power of voice and pen he could command. Numerous offers of bribery came his way—tempting offers, but 'Pleasant Ned' proved incorruptible. The glowing humor that characterised Lysaght for many years passed away from him in 1810, and a great sadness settled within him. He expressed himself despairingly, that his beloved country would never again 'take her place among the nations of the earth.' With the bright hope that faded from the nation, the light of life burned low in our patriot, and with a sigh on his lips for his betrayed country, the good, honest soul of 'Pleasant Ned Lysaght' passed out.

As an unbribable patriot he shall live for ever in the annals of his country, for

Glory guards his name.

## EXPERIENCES AT GALLIPOLI

The Rev. Father McMenamin, who went as chaplain with the Main Expeditionary Force from New Zealand, and returned some months ago seriously ill, was welcomed home the other day by the people of Petone, and presented with a chalice. In the course of his address on the occasion, Father McMenamin said that he knew they expected him to say something about the war, and he would endeavor to give them a brief account of their doings on Gallipoli. When they arrived they expected to get a warm time, but nothing so hot as they got. They landed on April 25 and engaged in three pitched battles which lasted for several days, and lost heavily. The authorities decided it was no use to try and advance further into the Turkish territory, and adopted trench warfare. From May to August the men were still clinging to the hilltops and were weakening and going about like skeletons. There were only two things to do—either advance or get out. Plans were prepared for an advance, and we all thought things would be well. The men were so delighted that they started out with great hopes. We were to advance to a certain position. We left the trenches alone, for as soon as you took the trench you could not hold it, as the Turkish machine guns had the range and swept us out of it. The only way open was an advance towards Suvla Bay. The Australians, who were holding the Lone Pine trenches, lost 70 per cent. of their number. The Australians and New Zealanders were good, brave soldiers. He had seen the Indians, French, and British soldiers fighting, but his impression was that they could not come up to the Australasians for dash and valor. Some of the Australians were wild, but you got to love them for their bravery. He instanced the case of an Australian who was in the bomb-throwing brigade. He lit a cigarette, stood on the parapet, and fired bombs into the Turkish trenches. He, poor fellow, did not last long and fell riddled with bullets. The New Zealand soldier has a lot of patience and is every bit as brave as an Australian. In the march to Suvla Bay the New Zealanders left at eleven o'clock at night and reached a gully at daylight. They hid all day, as Zeppelins were flying overhead. At night the New Zealand Mounteds went out with the bayonet to take the hills, which they captured without firing a shot, but they freely used the bayonet and took many prisoners. When the New Zealanders

reached their objective they waited, but the Suvla Bay men did not come. In the fight which followed the New Zealanders lost heavily, three leaders being killed. On August 8 three hundred men were lost in three-quarters of an hour, and they did not see a Turk or did not fire a shot. The shrapnel was deadly. It was only the wonderful grit and determination that prevented the men being driven into the sea. No further advance was attempted after that.

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## Current Topics

### Italy

When the Italians went into the war, Austria had already constructed her lines of trenches from Switzerland to the Adriatic. People say that she is not doing much, and that she has achieved little. But how much have the French and British accomplished face to face with the German trenches on the western front? From Lake Garda to the lower valley of the Isonza, the mountains, the foot-hills, and the roads have been covered by Austrian defences, prepared by Austrian engineers in a country almost naturally impregnable. Italy has made little or no progress; but the fact that she lost about 150,000 men in the attack on Gorizia is a proof of her activity. In an article in the *Contemporary Review*, Romolo Murri, whose career was spoiled so tragically by the part he took in the now almost forgotten Modernist movement, writes an interesting article on the war as it affects the destinies of Italy. The part taken by Italy was 'the action of a country which all at once finds in the sudden and violent overthrow of her foreign policy, of her international friendships and enmities, the turning point of her whole home-life as a people. By this action her own true being as a nation, her interests, her place and mission in the history of the world, stand clearly revealed to her for the first time.' Diplomacy, the schemes of a generation, a Parliamentary dictatorship founded on fraud and at the root of the weakness of the country, docility to Germany, permanent national humiliation before Austria, and the deep discord between the people and their rulers were swept aside in the passionate desire of the nation at last to control its own destinies. The aims of England, he goes on to say, are now the aims of Italy, and the victory of the Entente will make a world in which there is really space for the Italian race, united within her seas and her natural boundaries, autonomous and peaceful. Don Romolo's pen has lost none of its power. How many of us would rejoice to see it again devoted to the cause for which it first fought, fraught with such promise.

### The Position in Alsace

The war in Alsace is attended with peculiar difficulties for both sides. The people have changed much since 1870. Germany has encouraged her farmers to settle in the conquered provinces. With the passing of the years the old hatred has lost its intensity, German and French stock have intermarried, and there are thousands of a young generation with ties on both sides. As a result espionage is extremely difficult to cope with; men speaking nothing but pure German may be of French extraction, and women with French names are often of German birth. For a delightful picture of Alsace under German rule, from a French point of view, we can recommend to our readers *The Children of Alsace*, by the brilliant Catholic novelist, René Bazin.

### Ireland's Part

In a discussion which took place in the House of Lords on January 11, Lord Dunraven said it was quite impossible for any figures which could be given to strike anything like a fair balance and to ascertain whether Ireland had or had not borne her fair share of the burdens of the war. The only basis for ascertaining the number of men of military age in Ireland was a census now six years old, and figures of that kind must be wholly fallacious. He thought Ireland had done exceedingly well. No one could doubt the loyalty or valor of the Irish regiments at the front. When they considered the enormous temptations offered to Irish prisoners of war in Germany, and the way in which those temptations had been resisted, he thought it would be admitted that these men had added to the honor due to themselves for their services in the field and the honor due to their regiments and to their country.

### Inspectors and Their Duties

It is, perhaps, only natural that, in consequence of the way in which the ordinary industrial work of the United Kingdom has been disorganised, owing to the manufacture of munitions, many individuals get into positions for which they are totally unfitted—in a word, they are round pegs in square holes. Many quaint and curious things are being done in the name of 'national economy' both in England and Ireland, but the revelations in the House of Commons a few weeks ago certainly 'cap the climax.' Mr. Tyson Wilson, M.P., asserted that pawnbrokers' assistants, bakers, butchers, and barbers were in Government employment under Mr. Lloyd George's Department as inspectors of engineering works. The case was mentioned of an honest gardener whose only knowledge of machinery was confined to lawn-mowers, appointed as inspector of shells for a large county; and another instance was cited of an inspector who condemned 78 out of 84 shells. Another inspector came round and passed 74 of the 78 previously condemned. Mr. Dillon demanded that the Ministry of Munitions should 'be able to assure the House that no man would be sent to inspect the making of shells who did not know how shells were made or who had not some engineering knowledge.' That really seems an elementary necessity, but Dr. Addison refused to accept any technical standard for inspectors, and only gave the time-honored official promise to inquire into any cases forwarded to him—which means that only those cases of incompetence which reach the knowledge of Ms.P. will be remedied. The pawnbrokers' assistants will presumably utilise their knowledge of the 'three brass balls' in the inspection of steel shells.

### A Committee of Inquiry

A Belgian newspaper states that Cardinal Mercier and the Bishops of Namur, Liège, and the Bishop-designate of Tournai have addressed a joint letter to the German Episcopate, begging them to set up a committee of inquiry into the atrocities committed by the Germans in Belgium, and into the atrocities alleged to have been committed by the civil population and the clergy of Belgium upon German soldiers. As to the constitution of this committee, it was suggested that it should be composed of three members of the German Episcopate and three of the Belgian Episcopate, and should be presided over by a prelate to be nominated by the bishops of Holland, Spain, Switzerland, or the United States.

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The Belgian prelates in their letter deny absolutely the truth of certain accusations made by the German military authorities against the clergy and civil population of Belgium, and which were accepted as true by the German Episcopate, who, perhaps, had not any opportunity of hearing the other side of the story. After categorically denying the German accusations, the Belgian prelates then recapitulate the persecution to which the Belgian people was exposed, and continue: 'If, in formulating these denunciations, we slander the German army, or if the military authorities had just reasons to order, or to permit actions which we call criminal, the honor and the national interest of Germany is engaged in confuting us. So long as German justice holds aloof, we retain the right and the duty to denounce what, in all conscience, we regard as a grave outrage upon justice and upon our honor. . . . We know that you are loth to believe that regiments of which you say you are aware of the discipline, the honesty, and the religious faith can have committed the inhuman acts which we lay to their charge. You try to persuade yourselves that these things are not true because they cannot be true. We, compelled by evidence, answer that these things can be true because they are true. In the presence of facts no argument holds. . . . Germany cannot give back to us the blood she has shed, the innocent lives which her armies have taken; but it is in her power to restore to the Belgian people its honor, which she has violated or has allowed to be violated. We demand from you this restitution, from you who are above all the representatives of Christian morality in the Church of Germany.'

## CATHOLIC FEDERATION

### MEETING OF DOMINION COUNCIL.

#### OFFICIAL REPORT.

The sixth half-yearly meeting of the Dominion Council of the N.Z. Catholic Federation took place at St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, Wellington, on Wednesday, March 1. The president (Mr. D. L. Poppelwell, of Gore) occupied the chair, and the following delegates were present:—Auckland—Rev. Father Forde, Messrs. P. E. Dromgool and D. P. Cahill; Wellington—Messrs. W. F. Johnson and J. Duggan; Christchurch—Very Rev. Dean Hyland and Rev. Father Kerley, S.M.; Dunedin—Very Rev. Father Coffey and Mr. D. L. Poppelwell; Dominion Executive—Mr. J. J. L. Burke and Mr. P. D. Hoskins; Rev. Father Hurley, S.M. (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. Girling-Butcher (secretary and organiser). Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following: Very Rev. Dean Power (Wellington), Mr. T. J. Hussey (Dunedin), and Mr. J. R. Hayward (Christchurch).

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea was present to represent the hierarchy, and letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from his Excellency Archbishop Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, and his Grace Archbishop Redwood.

The president, in welcoming his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, and the delegates, said that the most important event of the past six months had been the visit of his Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate, to our shores. Opportunity had been taken of this visit of the representative of the Holy See to express to his Holiness the Pope, through the Delegate, the unswerving loyalty of the members of the Catholic Federation. The members of the Federation had everywhere been prominent in connection with the functions connected with the visit of his Excellency, and had given evidence of the spirit of Catholic citizenship developed by the Federation. Mr. Poppelwell referred to the appointment and consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie to the See of Christchurch. His Lordship had been a delegate to the last meeting of the council, and members present on that occasion had had an opportunity of judging what an excellent choice had been made for that important position. On behalf of the council he desired to offer hearty congratulations to his Lordship. The excellent results of the film censorship conference would be at once recognised, and the initial action of the Federation, coupled with the activity of educational and local bodies, would, it was confidently hoped, result in the passing of legislation under which all films shown would be subjected to the censorship in New Zealand of a competent board. The speaker referred to the happy position of the Trentham Camp church-hall, which was to be the subject of a remit at the present meeting. He explained the attitude taken up by the executive in reference to the proposed erection of a church-hall at Featherston Camp. The Federation recognised that the spiritual care of soldiers was a matter of vital concern, and was prepared to assist in every way possible.

With reference to the recommendations recently adopted by the Council of Education, it appeared to him that the intention of the Legislature in setting up this body was that their function should be of a purely advisory nature. This council had, however, advised on matters outside their jurisdiction, and concerned themselves with matters of policy. Replying to the deputation of the hierarchy and Federation, the Minister had given some satisfactory assurances of his intentions with regard to Catholic schools, as set out in the executive's report. It was, however, generally considered—and he endorsed this very strongly—that in view of the number of educational establishments—Catholic and other—which might be termed 'private' schools, that the Government should appoint to the Education Council at least one member whose duty it

would be to care for the interests of those attending schools other than those under the control of the Education Department.

Speaking of the disastrous war now in progress, Mr. Poppelwell said that the position taken up by the Catholic young men of the Dominion was a credit to them. The numbers of those who had enlisted were far in excess of the proportion of Catholics to the population, and very many had been killed in defence of the rights of the Empire.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea, in the course of a brief address, welcomed the delegates, and congratulated them upon the good attendance, despite the number of meetings and functions at which they had been recently engaged. He congratulated the Dominion Executive on the very excellent work which they had accomplished during the past six months. Since he had last the pleasure of addressing the Dominion Council he had paid a visit to the United States of America. By invitation he had been present at a very large gathering of the American Federation held in Ohio, at which there were no less than 25 prelates in attendance, together with an enormous body of the laity. The proceedings were full of enthusiasm, and the devotion to the faith exhibited by this very large concourse of people was most edifying. Although the Federation in New Zealand had been established comparatively only a short time, there was little or nothing in the methods of the American Federation from which the New Zealand body could learn. The Catholics of New Zealand had reason to be proud of the zealous and efficient efforts of the controlling bodies of the Federation for the advancement of the interests of Catholicity. He endorsed the president's remarks as to the necessity of representation in the interests of private schools upon the Council of Education. His Grace explained that the ecclesiastical authorities had taken action in connection with the erection of the Featherston Camp church-hall, and in conclusion expressed his confident hope that the membership of the Federation throughout the Dominion would continue to increase, and that their efforts towards obtaining justice for the Catholic people would be more and more successful.

His Grace's remarks were received with applause, and on the motion of the president, seconded by Very Rev. Father Coffey, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

On the motion of the Rev. Father Hurley, seconded by Mr. Dromgool, the minutes of the annual meeting, held on August 25, 1915, as printed, were confirmed.

#### REPORTS ON DIOCESAN WORK.

Auckland.—Mr. Dromgool reported on the work of the Auckland Diocesan Executive. Twelve meetings had been held, each of which had been marked by a full attendance of members. The returns from parish committees had not been in all cases satisfactory, but the executive hoped for an improvement in this regard. A progressive policy had been carried out so far as possible, and the resolutions of the council dealt with as directed. A considerable amount of work had been done in connection with the establishment of the Catholic Women's Hostel, and a committee, representative of the leading Catholics, having the matter under consideration, it is felt that the hostel will be an established fact in the very near future. Much time had been given to organisation, weekly visitations having been made and addresses given in the city, suburbs, and country districts—in all 21 branches have received attention. Much credit is due to Mr. F. G. J. Temm, who visited many of the country branches while on his annual leave, and as a result of his self-sacrificing efforts many branches were revised and others resuscitated. Considerable attention has been paid to the requirements of the military camps, more particularly at Avondale. From this diocese two chaplains have gone to the front, namely Rev. Father Brennan of Taumararui, and Rev. Father Doyle, of Remuera. The response from branches to the request for the names of Catholic soldiers has not been up to expecta-

tions, and delegates to the council meeting, which was very largely attended, have been requested to take a more active interest in this important work. The matter of an official visitor to the police courts has been considered, but it has now been decided to leave the matter in the hands of the chaplain, proposed to be appointed by his Lordship the Bishop to the various institutions of the city. In regard to the exhibition of cinema films of an objectionable nature to Catholics, representations have been made to the proprietors, resulting in the withdrawal of such pictures in every instance. The literature committee has been strengthened, and will in future report monthly.

Wellington.—Mr. W. F. Johnson reported that the affairs of the Federation in the archdiocese were on a sound and satisfactory footing. The executive had met regularly, and the attendance had in every case been good. The membership of the Federation in the archdiocese showed an increase of 951 in the past year, while the total amount paid to the treasurer of the Dominion Council by way of ordinary revenue was over £187. The apparent discrepancy between this sum and the amount stated in the financial statement of the Dominion Council was due to the fact that the books of the diocesan council were closed on December 31, and those of the Dominion Council on January 31. On account of enlistments for the war and for other reasons, several capable parish secretaries and other officers had resigned during the past half-year, whose places would be difficult to fill. The Catholic Immigration Committee had reported to the council that their work of meeting immigrants and caring for their welfare was going on steadily, albeit the numbers coming by oversea boats had been reduced materially owing to the unsettled state of Great Britain and Government restriction on immigration. The hostel for Catholic women, established by the efforts of the C.I.C., and the diocesan executive, had been opened by his Grace Archbishop Redwood in December last, and the accommodation since that date had been fully taxed. On behalf of the board of management of the hostel, he extended a cordial invitation to visitors to inspect the institution, which was a boon to girls employed in the city, and to ladies travelling, indeed, filling a long-felt want. The institution had been recognised by the officers of the Immigration Department as a most suitable place for the reception of girls arriving from Europe. The Roll of Honor, now in preparation by the secretary, contained a great many names of Catholics on active service.

Christchurch.—The Very Rev. Dean Hyland reported that monthly meetings of the executive had been held, at which the attendance was good, and excellent work carried out. The attitude of one of the local newspapers in regard to matters in connection with Ireland and the war had been most inimical, and erroneous statements had frequently appeared therein. Written representations failing to produce any effect the executive had waited upon the editor. The result of this interview had been very satisfactory, the tone of the paper, referred to having been materially modified. The Catholic Women's Hostel had had a very successful term, the accommodation being taxed to the utmost. Changes in the method of conducting the business of this institution had been made, with a view of bringing it more directly under the control of the Federation. The Westland district, which it was proposed to constitute a sub-council was at present—so far as Federation is concerned—in an anything but a satisfactory condition, but it was hoped that with the advent of Bishop Brodie new life would be infused into the Westland district. Arrangements are now under consideration for the formation of a sub-diocesan council for South Canterbury. Action had been taken successfully in the withdrawal from exhibition and in some cases from sale of objectionable literature.

Dunedin.—The Very Rev. Father Coffey reported that matters in that district had been quiet. The Pan-Southland Catholic gathering had again been most successful, despite bad weather, the attendance being very large. It would be the proper thing if reports

supplied to the Magistrate on Catholic juvenile delinquents were obtained from one of the clergy in each city, and not, as now, from a non-Catholic source. With regard to the establishment of a Catholic Women's Hostel, this was hardly so much needed as in the other centres, where the population is of a more floating character. Nothing definite had been done so far, but inquiries had been instituted, and when the present somewhat strenuous time was over, something tangible would probably be arranged.

Mr. Burke moved the adoption of the four diocesan reports, and congratulated the councils on the satisfactory position of affairs. This was seconded by Father Hurley, and carried.

#### REPORT OF DOMINION EXECUTIVE

The report of the Dominion Executive was as follows:—

The personnel of the Executive—Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm. (treasurer), Messrs. J. J. L. Burke (chairman), P. D. Hoskins, B. Ellis, W. F. Johnson, L. T. Reichel, M. Walsh, R. Sievers, and J. Duggan—has continued as elected at the last meeting of the Dominion Council. Regular fortnightly meetings have been held, at which the attendances have been fully maintained. A very large amount of routine business has been conducted, in addition to special business as separately reported upon.

#### TRENTHAM CAMP CHURCH-HALL.

The necessary amount for payment of the accounts for material, furniture, etc., was received, the accounts paid, and the building rendered free of debt. It now presents a clear asset in the name of the Federation. It is to be noted that Trentham Camp is to remain a permanent institution, even after the conclusion of the war, for the training of Territorials, consequently a church-hall will always be required. This has been provided largely by the generosity of the Federation.

#### FEATHERSTON CAMP CHURCH-HALL.

The urgent necessity of a building for the use of Catholic soldiers at the new and very large camp at Featherston was recognised by your executive. The financial aspect of the question was such that it was not deemed right for the Federation to incur so very large a liability. The cost of material is now nearly twice that which existed at the beginning of the war, and in this case the labor—provided gratuitously at Trentham—will have to be paid for. Under these circumstances your executive, with the approval of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, approached the Archbishops, Bishops, and Administrators of dioceses, who kindly consented to have a special collection taken on a convenient Sunday for this purpose, so that the general body of Catholics might contribute their quota. The Otago diocese has already forwarded a contribution of £100, and it is anticipated that an adequate sum will be forthcoming. Through the *N.Z. Tablet* cash amounting to £4 14/- has been received, and the generous donation of a piano has been made by a lady who does not wish to have her identity disclosed. At the direction of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, tenders have been called, and a contract will be let by the ecclesiastical authorities, the executive acting as treasurer only, and the building erected forthwith. The newly-appointed chaplain to the camp (Father Segrief) will take control of the building operations. The Defence authorities have granted a first-class site in the centre of the camp.

#### HOSPITAL AND TROOPSHIPS.

Your executive has assisted the chaplains appointed to the several troop and hospital ships, by procuring funds for the purchase of religious articles, books, hymnals, etc., for the use of the men under their care. Assistance has also been given in regard to the admission, duty free, of the necessary portable 'chapels' for the chaplains' use.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

The absence of the necessary data at the Defence headquarters has precluded the possibility of a Roll of Honor being compiled by your executive. In many

cases the record of reinforcements leaving New Zealand is incomplete in so far as the religion of the men is concerned, but it will be known in each parish which of the men belong to our Church. Some of the diocesan secretaries are compiling a roll from particulars supplied by their parish secretaries.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Life membership certificates have been prepared in accordance with an artistic design kindly contributed by one of our friends, and are ready for issue. Your executive feels that increased attention should be given by diocesan councils and parish committees to this matter.

#### SCHOOL BOOKS.

Copies of the *Abbey History Readers*, Standards I. to VI., have been obtained from Messrs. Whittaker Bros., and Geo. Bell and Sons, London. Inquiry has also been made from the London School Board as to the use of these readers in board schools. So far without receiving any reply.

The class of books in use by pupil teachers, for examination purposes, having been stated to be anti-Catholic, and injurious in tone, inquiry is being made in the Education Board centres, but to restrain the use of such works is a matter of considerable difficulty. The importance of this matter certainly justifies strenuous action, and it will be followed up by your executive.

#### SUB-DIOCESAN, OR DISTRICT, COUNCILS.

Your executive has learnt with pleasure that in terms of permission granted at the council's last meeting, steps are being taken for the formation of sub-diocesan councils for South Canterbury and Westland.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

A copy of the council's resolution acknowledging the services of certain Members of Parliament in connection with slanders as to the loyalty of the Irish people was forwarded to those gentlemen, and appreciative letters in reply have been received. The resolution was as follows:—'That this conference of the Dominion Council of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, composed as it is of delegates from all parts of New Zealand representative of the Catholics of the Dominion, wishes to place on record its hearty appreciation of the action of those Members of Parliament who made such an emphatic protest against the press of the Dominion publishing libellous slanders on the loyalty of the Irish people at this time of strife and war.'

#### BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

No recent action has been deemed necessary in this matter. The so-called Bible in State Schools League is at present dormant, though one of the principal denominations has recently announced its determination to persevere in the movement.

A communication as directed by your Council was sent to his Lordship Bishop Cleary, who, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the terms of the council's resolution, and his pleasure at being connected with the Federation in the recent strenuous fight.

#### INSURANCE SCHEME.

Inquiries were made in regard to the above as directed by the council, and a reply has been received from the secretary of the Salford Federation stating that, so far as he is aware, no Catholic insurance scheme such as suggested exists in England. The prospectus of the Catholic Church Property Insurance Company of Australasia, Ltd., has been received, and filed for reference.

#### APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

A letter tendering the welcome of the Federation of New Zealand was forwarded to his Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Cerretti, and a most cordial reply was received, and has been published in the *N.Z. Tablet*.

#### CATHOLIC STAGE GUILD.

Some time ago the co-operation of the Federation in New Zealand was sought in the matter of caring

for members of the Catholic Stage Guild, an organisation under the patronage of Cardinal Bourne, for the purpose of keeping Catholic artists all over the world in touch with members of their own faith. Your executive readily promised to give what assistance was possible, and further information as to methods of work, etc., having come to hand, is arranging with the diocesan executive officers in the four centres to take up the work.

#### REPRINTING RULES.

The matter of reprinting the constitution and rules as amended at recent meetings of the council has been deferred until after the half-yearly meeting of the Dominion Council.

#### QUARTERLY RETURNS.

Your executive regrets to have to state that in many cases great difficulty is experienced by the various diocesan officers in sending in the quarterly returns provided for in the rules owing to the remissness of branches. This causes considerable inconvenience at the head office, and renders statistical information most difficult to obtain.

#### POOR OF GREAT BRITAIN AND BELGIUM RELIEF FUND.

Complaint having been made that the goods shipped from New Zealand, and contributed by all sections of the community in this Dominion were not being equally distributed amongst Catholic and Protestant relief committees, the secretary of the Westminster Federation was requested to call at the office of the High Commissioner, and investigate. This was done, with the satisfactory result that the London Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been nominated to distribute relief goods to the Catholic poor. Our thanks are due to Mr. Mara, secretary of the Westminster Federation, for his successful efforts on our behalf.

#### CINEMA FILM CENSORSHIP.

The reply of the Minister of Internal Affairs to the representations of the deputation from the Dominion Council immediately following on its last meeting being incomplete, your executive decided that it would be wise to ascertain the views of all the borough and city councils, education boards, and institutes, and certain secular societies engaged in social work throughout the Dominion. It was deemed wiser not to approach any of the religious denominations, in order that the representations should come purely from the laity of New Zealand. Letters were accordingly addressed to the above-mentioned bodies, asking them if favorably disposed to endorse the Federation's request to the Government for amending legislation; it was also suggested that a conference should be held, and the response to this latter suggestion was so favorable that arrangements were made, and a very representative conference met at St. Patrick's Hall, Wellington, on December 1 last, when delegates from all parts of New Zealand attended, and gave emphatic support to the Federation's proposals. The secular press deemed the gathering of sufficient importance to devote a large amount of space to its report, and the speeches of several prominent citizens and educationists appeared *in extenso*. Copies of this report were at once forwarded to members of the council, with the account of the proceedings at the deputation to the Minister of Internal Affairs, which took place on the morning following the conference, and for which the various delegates remained in Wellington. The Hon. Mr. Russell declared himself strongly in favor of the request of the conference, which he promised to submit to Cabinet. He warmly eulogised the action of the Catholic Federation in taking the initial steps in this most important matter. Although no written reply has been received from the Minister, he has definitely announced his intention of introducing satisfactory legislation during the coming session. It is to be noted that there would appear to be a unanimous consensus of opinion amongst the leading men of New Zealand that the establishment of an efficient censorship is urgently required, and your executive has received



congratulations upon the manner in which a difficult problem has been attacked.

**EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.**

When the deputation from the council waited upon the Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister of Education in August last, he promised to submit a written reply to the points raised. Subsequently he decided to refer the questions under discussion to the Council of Education called into existence by the legislation of last session. Accordingly a special meeting of that body was summoned, and the result of its deliberations as published in the daily press was of so unfavorable a nature that your executive decided to request the hierarchy to lead a deputation to the Minister on the subject of Catholic disabilities. Opportunity was taken of the reception of the Apostolic Delegate and consequent presence in Wellington of the hierarchy to interview Mr. Hanan, the chairman and secretary of the executive representing the Federation. The replies of the Minister, which were inserted in a recent issue of the *N.Z. Tablet*, were, briefly, as follows:—

Medical Inspection—will be granted as soon as an adequate staff is available after the war.

Swimming Capitation Grants.—Existing regulations will be amended favorably as soon as financially possible.

Leaving Certificates.—The 1914 Act will be amended so as to include Catholic secondary schools—meanwhile instructions to be given for the certificates to be issued as hitherto.

Scholarships.—To be tenable at secondary schools approved by the Minister, as before, despite recommendation of Council of Education.

With regard to the resolution adopted at the last council meeting as to the claim for a capitation grant for our primary schools, his Grace Archbishop Redwood, who was approached as directed, considers the present time inopportune, and not as yet within the sphere of practical politics.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP BRODIE.**

Immediately upon the news of the appointment of the Right Rev. Monsignor Brodie to the See of Christchurch being made known, your executive tendered to him its warm and cordial congratulations, receiving in reply an assurance of his hearty support to the Federation in his new sphere.

**BULLETIN.**

The first issue of the new series of the Federation Bulletin appeared in January, and it will be published each alternate month, under the direction of a sub-committee of the executive appointed for the purpose.

**LITERATURE.**

A series of articles written by Mrs. M. C. Goulter (*nee Callan*) has been offered and accepted with gratitude by your executive. A request has been made to the Editor of the *N.Z. Tablet* for their publication in successive weekly issues of that journal, after which it is proposed to issue them in pamphlet form for general distribution.

The report of the Dominion Executive was, on the motion of Mr. Dromgool, seconded by Mr. Burke, adopted. In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Dromgool inquired as to the arrangements made for the erection of the church-hall at Featherston Camp, and his Grace Archbishop O'Shea explained that the entire responsibility for the erection and maintenance of the building had been assumed by the hierarchy. Directions had been given for collections to be made in each diocese for the purpose, and a vigorous campaign for funds was being made by the chaplain to the camp, Father Segrief, who, having been engaged in active service from the first week of the war was particularly well informed as to the needs of Catholic soldiers. The building would accommodate 600 men, and, with furniture necessary, would cost the sum of £1000. His Grace expressed the hope that the Federation would give all possible help and support to

the work of caring for the spiritual needs of Catholic men of the Expeditionary Forces.

Mr. Burke, in seconding the resolution, referred to the important and lasting work done by the executive in the matter of the censorship of cinema films. He also directed attention to the satisfactory result of the recent deputation to the Minister of Education on the subject of Catholic disabilities. He pointed out that the Federation acted only as treasurer to the Featherston church-hall, and incurred no financial liability. The half-yearly interim financial statement presented by the hon. treasurer (Rev. Father Hurley, S.M.), was as follows:—

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Interim statement of receipts and expenditure for the half-year ended January 31, 1916:—

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	...				166	19	5
Dues—							
Auckland	...	45	10	0			
Christchurch	...	41	2	10			
Dunedin	...	33	7	4			
Wellington	...	120	16	11			
					240	17	1
Donations	...				4	0	0
					£411	16	6
	Expenditure.						
		£	s.	d.			
Salaries	...	138	15	0			
Stationery, etc.	...	27	11	0			
Travelling expenses of delegates	...	15	11	0			
Miscellaneous office expenditure	...	24	10	0			
Secretary's petty cash account	...	15	0	0			
					£221	7	0
Total expenditure	...				190	9	6
Balance	...						
					£411	16	6

**TRENTHAM HALL ACCOUNT.**

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	...	20	0	0
Dunedin	...	20	0	0
Wellington	...	31	9	6
Christchurch	...	4	0	0
Miscellaneous	...	13	3	5
		£88	12	11
	Expenditure.			
		£	s.	d.
Deficit as per last account	...	60	18	8
Additional expenditure	...	27	14	3
		£88	12	11

**FEATHERSTON HALL ACCOUNT.**

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin diocese	...	100	0	0
Per <i>N.Z. Tablet</i>	...	4	14	0
		£104	14	0
	Expenditure.			
		£	s.	d.
Advertising tenders	...	2	14	0
Balance	...	102	0	0
		£104	14	0

The statement was received and adopted.

The secretary briefly reported on his work during the half-year.

Very Rev. Father Coffey moved, and Very Rev. Dean Hyland seconded—'That the secretary's report be adopted, and he be thanked for his work.'

(To be continued.)

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 4.

His Excellency Archbishop Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate, left for Australia on Thursday. There was a large attendance of the clergy and prominent laity at the steamer's side to bid farewell to his Excellency.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea has received a letter from the Rev. Father Dore, who, it will be remembered, left as chaplain with the main body of the Expeditionary Force, and who subsequently was wounded at Gallipoli and invalided to England, where he now is. Father Dore has since been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. In the course of his letter, he states that he is progressing favorably. The operation, which he had undergone for the removal of the bullet from his back, was most successful, and as a result he regained the use of all his limbs with the exception of his right foot, for which he is to undergo special hospital treatment. He is confident that his marvellous recovery is the result of the prayers of the people of New Zealand, and he wishes those prayers continued so that he may regain the use of his right foot.

Very much regret is felt at the impending departure from Wellington of the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., who has been appointed to the charge of St. Mary's, Christchurch. During his sojourn here, both as Provincial of the Marist Order and Administrator of Thorndon, he has identified himself with all Catholic undertakings in this city. He is well known and respected by all classes of the community. He will take with him to his new appointment the sincerest wishes of a large circle of friends for his future welfare and happiness.

There was a large gathering of Hibernians present at St. Patrick's Hall on last Thursday evening to meet Bros. the Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook (district vice-president), D. Flynn (past district president), and M. J. Sheahan (district treasurer). Bro. P. D. Hoskins (district deputy) presided, and there were also present the Rev. Brothers Egbert, Emilian, Irenæus, and Luke. Bro. Hoskins, on behalf of the members of the Wellington provincial district, extended to the district officers a very hearty welcome. It was not often they had the opportunity of meeting such distinguished officers officially, and their visit would tend to go a long way to increase the members' interest in the society. He trusted that they would often have the pleasure of having a similar visit, and he could assure them of always receiving a hearty welcome.

Bros. Whitaker (president of St. Patrick's), Murphy (president of St. Aloysius'), R. P. Flanagan (trustee, Sacred Heart, Thorndon), J. J. L. Burke (president, Wellington district H.A.C.B. Society's Council), and J. P. Moye (a past officer of Denniston) also accorded the district officers a hearty welcome on behalf of their respective branches.

Bros. Flynn and Sheahan briefly replied, and thanked the members for the hearty welcome accorded them. They were pleased to note the progress of the Wellington branches. They gave an interesting account of the great event which was the cause of their visit to Christchurch—the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, and of the progress of the society in New Zealand. They had the opportunity of meeting many prominent members of the society, both in the south and here, and their interchange of ideas would tend to the welfare of the society. They were very pleased indeed to spend an evening amongst the Wellington members.

The remainder of the evening was spent socially, the following contributing items:—Rev. Brothers Egbert and Emilian, Messrs. Whitaker, O'Kane, and J. O'Brien.

The Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., assistant priest at Thorndon, will succeed the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., as Administrator, and the Rev. Father O'Leary, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, will take Father Smyth's place as assistant priest. The Rev. Father W. Goggan, S.M., is transferred from Meeanee to St. Mary's Novitiate, Greenmeadows, and will be succeeded by the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., from St. Mary's Christchurch. The Rev. Father Bowden, S.M., goes from Leeston to Wanganui, the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., from Temuka to Napier, whilst the Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., from St. Patrick's College, takes up duty at St. Anne's.

Mrs. A. H. Hindmarsh, a prominent parishioner of Island Bay, and wife of Mr. A. H. Hindmarsh, M.P., Wellington South, died last Saturday week, and was buried the following Monday. She was attended in her last illness by the Rev. Father O'Connor, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. Her illness was of short duration, and her death was totally unexpected, as she was at Mass the Sunday previous to her death. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Malachy Taylor, formerly of the West Coast. She leaves a husband and family to mourn the loss of a fond wife and loving mother. The interment, which was a private one, was preceded by a Requiem Mass.—R.I.P.

Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P., has received advice of the death of his eldest son, Lieutenant Harold Jennings. Lieutenant Jennings, who was an ex-pupil of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, left the service of the Bank of New Zealand at New Plymouth some five years ago and went to London, where he held a position in the National Bank of New Zealand. From London he went to Buenos Aires, where he was employed for two years in the British South American Bank. On the outbreak of war he and two other friends proceeded to London and joined the London Scottish. Later Harold Jennings obtained a commission in the R.F.A. He took part in the battle at Loos on September 25 and was wounded. When convalescent he was sent to Athlone (Ireland) and there contracted enteric fever. Of three sons who went on active service in the early stages of the war, Lieutenant Jennings is the second who has given his life to his country's cause, Lance-Corporal Edgar Jennings having been killed in action at Gallipoli.

The Rev. Father Herbert, S.M., of Blenheim, has been transferred to Timaru, the Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, succeeding him. The Rev. Father Stewart, recently ordained, goes to Waimate, and Rev. Fathers Cullen and Ryan join the professorial staff of St. Patrick's College.

The following Catholic schools and institutions have been given a grant from the annual distribution of the T. G. Macarthy Trust:—Lower Hutt, £75; Peafone, £90; Tasman street, £50; St. Mary's College, £250; St. Mary's Star of the Sea Preparatory College, Seatoun, £75; Feilding, £50; Convent of Mercy, Marton, £50; St. Patrick's, Masterton, £75; St. Matthew's, Marton, £50; Home of Compassion, £500; St. Bride's, Masterton, £100; St. Michael's, Waverley, £50; St. Anthony's, Pahiatua, £50; St. Joseph's Orphanage, £250; Convent of Mercy, Palmerston North, £100; St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington, £100.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 6.

The Marist Brothers' School team met Woolston on last Saturday at Lancaster Park in the primary schools' cricket contest, when the Marists scored 256 against 60 by their opponents. For the winners the chief scorers were—O'Donnell (141 not out), McCormack (19), Foster (17), Heslip, (15), and Goodman (11). Dunn (Marists) took seven wickets for 23.

The front of the Cathedral now presents a very attractive appearance. Extensive plots have been en-

closed by a low iron railing, and planted with ornamental shrubs. A large space directly in front has been asphalted, and large, artistically designed iron gates have been erected, providing space for the ingress and egress of motor cars. The concrete base and iron railings, constituting the street frontage, have been remodelled and extended the entire distance. A stately row of brick pillars, faced with concrete, are erected at short intervals, and the stages between these are filled in with panels of open iron work. The work gives the whole frontage a fine, substantial, and appropriate finish, and in reality it is the most effective of its kind in the city.

The appearance of the sanctuary of the Cathedral has been greatly enhanced by the placing in position of a beautifully carved oak throne and canopy, the addition being a particularly fine specimen of craftsmanship.

The whole diocese will learn with sincere satisfaction that the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., has again been appointed to labor in it. Although for a time separated from the diocese residentially, by holding high offices in the Marist Order, still he has ever been regarded as one of our own, and will be most cordially welcomed to the important charge of St. Mary's, Christchurch North.

The annual national entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's Day is to be given on the evening of March 17 in the Colosseum, and the proceeds are to be devoted towards providing free accommodation in the Lewisham Hospital for those in poor circumstances, and who require medical treatment and the careful nursing which is such a feature of the fine institution the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary have so generously raised in our city.

The first Pontifical High Mass of his episcopate was celebrated on Sunday last in the Cathedral by his Lordship Bishop Brodie in the presence of a large congregation. Just as the ecclesiastical procession was approaching from the episcopal residence, a Catholic contingent of 44 Territorials from the camp at Cashmere, under Lieut. Sampson, arrived for Mass after about a five-mile march. With thoughtful alacrity the troops were drawn up in extension in parallel lines fronting the main entrance, and thus formed an impromptu, though unofficial, guard of honor. Standing at the salute whilst the procession passed into the Cathedral and filing in behind to the front seats. The choir, under Mr. Spencer Compton (organist), sang the 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus' during the procession of the Bishop and assisting clergy to the sanctuary. Turner's Mass of the Good Shepherd was rendered, and at the Offertory Mozart's 'Ave Verum' was sung. The Very Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., was assistant priest, the Rev. Fathers Long and T. Hanrahan deacons of honor at the throne, the Rev. Father Murphy, M.A., deacon, and Rev. Father Berger,

S.M., subdeacon of the Mass, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. His Lordship briefly addressed the congregation, and most sincerely thanked all who had contributed towards the wonderful success of last week's ceremonies, specially mentioning the attention of the Mayor to their illustrious visitor, and the local newspaper press for their excellent and lengthy reports. At the conclusion he imparted the episcopal blessing. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed, and many attended in adoration during the afternoon. At half-past six in the evening there were Vespers, sung by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop. His Lordship preached an impressive discourse on the 'Divine Presence.' There was the usual procession, followed by Solemn Pontifical Benediction, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided, the Rev. Fathers Long and Berger being deacon and subdeacon respectively. The congregation was exceedingly large, all the seating accommodation being occupied.

His Lordship the Bishop is to celebrate the seven o'clock Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday at which the members of the Hibernian Society and men's division of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament are to approach the Holy Table. After Mass the annual Communion breakfast, in honor of the feast of St. Patrick, will be held. At Vespers in the evening his Lordship will preach a panegyric of the Apostle of Ireland.

A very pleasant time was spent in the Hibernian Hall on last Thursday evening, when Miss Gretta O'Connor, youngest daughter of Mr. David O'Connor, of Sydenham, was entertained at a social by some of her lady friends. Mr. James Curry (president of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society), on behalf of the ladies, presented Miss O'Connor with a beautiful dinner service in connection with her approaching marriage, and referred to the many ways in which the bride-elect had helped the different organisations in the parish. Mr. M. Grimes (secretary of the Hibernian Society) and Mr. W. Rodgers also spoke in eulogistic terms of Miss O'Connor. Mr. E. O'Connor, on behalf of his sister, suitably thanked the ladies for their gift.

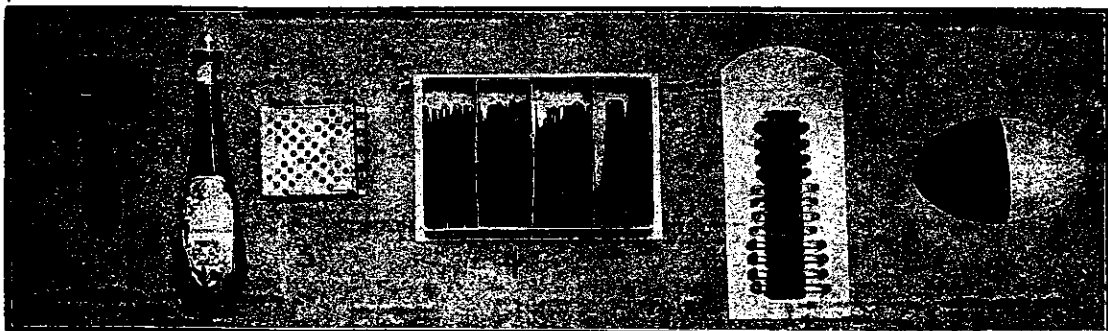
### Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

March 6.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place yesterday in St. Joseph's Church after the second Mass, and continued until the evening devotions, when the usual procession was held.

Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., who has been assistant priest in this parish for the last twelve months, leaves to-day for Napeir, to where he has been trans-



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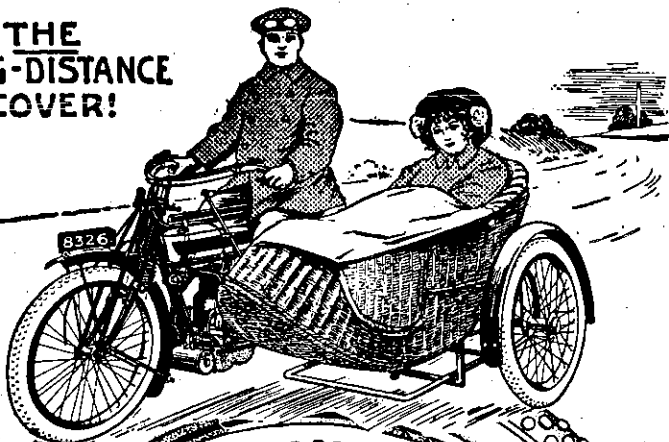


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## THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

### VISITS TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The duration of his Excellency's stay in this city was crowded with appointments. On last Monday morning the Apostolic Delegate (accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Dr. Ormond) celebrated Mass in the chapel of the Marist Brothers' Monastery. During the morning his Excellency, accompanied by Bishop Brodie and other prelates and priests, visited the convent of the Sisters of the Missions in Lower High street, and the Sacred Heart College, where he was presented with an address, beautifully bound in suede, and a large floral joy bell, carried by two little girls dressed as angels. Afterwards the children gave a short musical programme, which greatly pleased his Excellency, who acknowledged his reception in a few kindly words, and praised the work of the school. Afterwards the visitors dined at the convent.

On Tuesday morning his Excellency visited St. Mary's Convent and School of the Sisters of Mercy in Colombo street, where a pretty entertainment was given, and a streamer over the Collegiate School building proclaimed a 'welcome to Maoriland.' Later his Excellency visited Mount Magdala, accompanied by his Lordship Bishop Brodie and a large party of visiting priests. On arrival the party was met by the children from all classes, who lined the avenue and gave hearty cheers as the visitors drove in. The entrance was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The party was received in the main corridor by the Sisters in charge, and proceeded to the chapel, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given. Afterwards a number of children gave tableaux and musical items, and the party was entertained at luncheon. His Excellency in a speech of thanks for the welcome, expressed himself as most impressed with the organisation at Mount Magdala, and paid a high tribute to the work being done by the Sisters.

On Wednesday morning a visit was made to the Marist Brothers' School, where the boys lustily cheered the distinguished visitors, and afterwards gave a bright entertainment for which they were warmly complimented.

With a thoughtfulness that was exceedingly ap-

preciated, his Excellency next paid a visit to Mr. W. Hayward, sen., on Cashmere Hills, who is very seriously ill.

Nazareth House was next visited, where his Excellency gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and was entertained by the Sisters of Nazareth and children.

He subsequently dined at St. Mary's presbytery, Manchester street, as the guest of the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., and Marist Fathers, and left by the 5.20 p.m. train for Lyttelton, boarding the ferry steamer for Wellington. His Excellency was accompanied to the port by his Lordship Bishop Brodie, and a number of prelates, the latter going on by the same steamer.

His Excellency expressed his delight at his visit to Christchurch, and amazement at the advance made by the diocese.

The many magnificent institutions greatly impressed him, and he takes away the pleasantest possible recollections of his tour in New Zealand.

### A CATHOLIC WEEK.

Just as Saturday, February 26, which will be ever memorable because of the arrival in our city of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate on his first official visit, was essentially a Catholic day, so the ensuing week may be justly regarded as a Catholic week. Catholic clergy in their numbers were to be seen viewing the sights of the city, and seemed almost as numerous as the khaki-clad fighting men with whose appearance we have become so familiar.

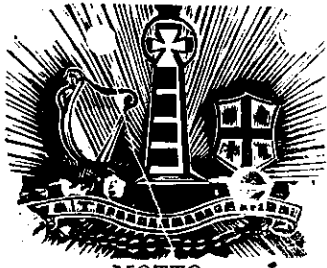
The daily newspapers have well earned our most sincere appreciation for the able and liberal manner in which they have kept the constantly succeeding events well in the forefront, devoting columns and columns of space to the chronicling of every detail. Our many distinguished visitors have been most favorably impressed with the liberality displayed in this regard by the newspaper press of this city, and are amazed beyond measure at the generosity exhibited, especially in these strenuous times with the amount of matter to be dealt with in so many connections.

The kindness extended by the citizens generally too, and the deep interest manifested in all our doings have all likewise tended to add great pleasure to the stay of so many visitors to our midst, and enabled them to carry away happy recollections of their all too brief sojourn in Christchurch.

On our own part, so much having to be recorded in a short space of time, and the most important features having of necessity to receive first consideration, many minor details were excluded from our last week's report.

To enumerate a few of these it may be stated that the reception to his Excellency was most cordial and enthusiastic, vociferous cheers greeting him on stepping from the train, on his appearance in front of the station, and along the entire route. At night the grounds of the Cathedral and episcopal residence were electrically illuminated, many pretty designs being effectively worked out with white and gold bulbs (the Papal colors), this phase of the decorations being carried out by Mr. A. Wedderspoon. The decorated archways were supervised in their erection and adornment by Messrs. T. Cahill and P. A. O'Connell, under the direction of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. A fine Papal ensign was hung near the entrance to the episcopal residence, whilst on the day of arrival the Irish national flag was flown from the Hibernian Hall, and the New Zealand ensign from the Marist Brothers' School. The Papal colors were everywhere in evidence, and at every function attended by his Excellency, probably the most prominent display being that at the Theatre Royal.

For the consecration ceremony on Sunday large numbers of chairs were obtained and placed in the galleries, aisles, and, indeed, in every vacant space in the Cathedral, and all were soon occupied, so dense



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were the crowds attending. Outside, the whole pathway from the episcopal residence to the Cathedral was carpeted. A word of commendation is due to the Marist Brothers' School Junior Cadets and their officers for the strenuous duties so capably performed. Out at a very early hour in full strength, the Cadets performed their allotted functions of the morning. They were called upon to parade again in the afternoon, and made a long march to St. Alban's Park to attend a patriotic demonstration, and here compensations fell their way, as they were singled out for complimentary references on their appearance and performance by both his Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Minister for Defence. Next day (Sunday) and on the following day they again paraded to form guards of honor.

The addresses to the Apostolic Delegate and to his Lordship Bishop Brodie from the clergy and laity were in book form tastefully embossed, illuminated, and bound; that from the Hibernians of the diocese to the Bishop was artistically inscribed, illuminated, and framed, whilst that from the Catholic Federation was in the form of a scroll. Several were the work of the Sisters of the Missions, and were produced in a style worthy of the reputation they have gained on many previous occasions. No report of all the important proceedings we have seen transacted during the past few days would be complete were mention not made of the episcopal domestic household, who, under their able directress (Miss Brophy), performed duties of outstanding merit, earning the gratitude of all for their tireless energy during a strenuous period, and especially at the luncheon, which was beautifully prepared and served.

Among the clergy present on the occasion whose names were not included in previous lists were the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M. (Rector of St. Patrick's College), Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan, S.M. (Napier), McDonnell, S.M. (Hastings), Delach, S.M. (Otaki), Aubry, S.M. (Waimate), Murphy, S.M. (Timaru), Ainsworth, S.M. (Temuka), MacCarthy, S.M. (Marist Missioner), Bowden, S.M. (Leeston), Hoare, S.M. (St. Mary's, Christchurch), Quinn, S.M. (St. Bede's), Bonnetto (Akaroa), Cronin (Darfield), O'Connor (Hawarden), O'Boyle (Rangiora), Very Rev. J. O'Neill (late of Western Australia), Liston (Holy Cross College), and O'Hare.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

W.A.Q.—Your letter is too indefinite for publication.

D.J.H.—The answers to the questions you ask would require a great deal more time than we have at our disposal. Most of the information you seek can be obtained by reference to back numbers of the *N.Z. Tablet*.

M. McD.—The matter referred to has been the subject of endless controversy. We are not in a position to decide the matter.

One of the good services the late Lord Burnham, the chief proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, rendered the paper was that he took care it was fair in dealing with Catholic matters and accurate in its reports concerning the Church.

#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 6.

The local Hibernians will make their annual Communion next Sunday at the Cathedral, in anticipation of the feast of St. Patrick.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary is now in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. On Friday last a successful operation removed a trouble which had been considerably affecting his health for some months past. His Lordship is now progressing rapidly towards recovery, and his medical advisers have promised a great improvement in his general health.

The Auckland contingent, comprising priests and laity, who attended the consecration ceremonies at Christchurch, returned at the end of last week. All are loud in their praise of the magnificent ceremonies so beautifully and impressively carried out. They state that it was worth while journeying to the North Pole to have witnessed such impressive ceremonies.

The committee entrusted with the arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations met on Sunday afternoon in the Hibernian Hall. Mr. M. J. Sheahan presided, and there were present Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Very Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Fathers Murphy, Kelly, and Bleakley, and a large number of representatives from the city and suburban parishes. Mr. Woodley (secretary) reported that a great amount of work in connection with the celebrations had been accomplished since the last meeting. It has been arranged that Mass is to be celebrated at noon on the cricket ground. A sports programme was drawn up and approved, and it was decided to hold an Irish national concert in the Town Hall in the evening. With fine weather the celebration should prove eminently successful.

#### HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP BRODIE

##### LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF AUCKLAND.

The Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, prior to his consecration, received the following letter from his Lordship Bishop Cleary:—

'My dear Lord Bishop,—I deeply regret that, having caught a feverish epidemic now prevalent among adults here, I am prevented by my medical attendant from going to Christchurch for the happy day of your consecration. I shall, however, be with you in spirit. In spirit I will kiss your dear consecrated hands; and, with all my heart, I will pray that the Holy Spirit of God may give you a fruitful career in the episcopate, and length of years filled to the brim with heaven's best blessings for you and for the priests and people of the diocese of Christchurch.

'I remain, my dear Lord Bishop,

'Always faithfully and affectionately yours,

'\* HENRY W. CLEARY,

'Bishop of Auckland.'

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Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over a considerable quantity of matter.

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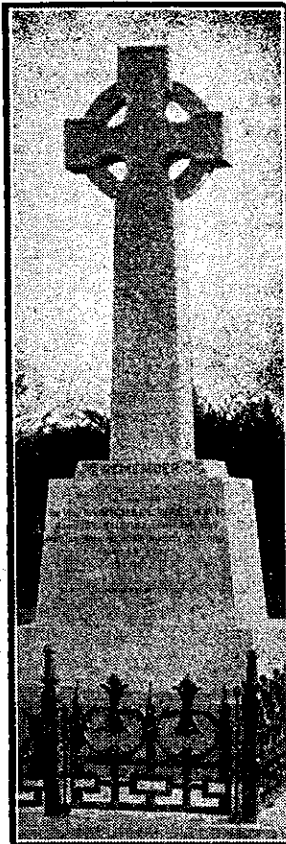
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**MARRIAGES**

**ALDERSON—WEAL.**—On January 11, 1916, at St. John's Church, Kihī Kihī, by the Rev. Father Lynch, Edward Wilfred, only son of Mrs. W. Alderson, to Mabel Alice, second youngest daughter of Mr. T. Weal, of Harini.

**MELVILLE—THOMPSON.**—On February 1, 1916, at the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, by Rev. Father Cooney, Lyttelton, Arthur, elder son of Mr. R. Melville, Merivale, to Olive, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. Thompson, Heathcote Valley.

**PERNISKIE—LOGAN.**—On February 16, 1916, at Oamaru Basilica, by Rev. Father O'Connell, Thomas, second son of Mr. Frank Perniskie, Dunedin, to Catherine, only daughter of the late Daniel Logan, Glenoamaru.

**DEATHS**

**MAHER.**—At East Gore, on March 3, 1916, Patrick Maher, of Wendonside, beloved husband of Hannah Maher; aged 58 years.—R.I.P.

**MULLINS.**—On February 14, at Wanganui, Catherine (Sister Mary Dorothea), youngest daughter of the late Anthony Mullins, Brunswick.—R.I.P.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CLUNAN.**—In loving remembrance of Matthew Clunan, who died at Cape Foulwind, March 6, 1915; aged 27 years.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we your prayers extol;  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

—Inserted by his loving father, mother, sisters and brothers.

**LAW.**—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear husband, Amos Law, who died at Wellington on March 9, 1915.

On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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

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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.



THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1916.

**THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION**

CERTAIN people would have us believe that we owe the origin and progress of elementary schools to the Reformation. Yet it was after the Reformation that Martin Luther acknowledged their collapse, writing in 1524 to exhort the civil powers to help to improve them. From that time the State began to interfere and usurp the natural rights of parents and the Church, and in the end to arrogate to itself full power over education. To the Reformation the origin and progress of this injustice is no doubt due. In pagan times a few private schools existed, and a very small percentage of the people were educated. With the growth of the Catholic Church schools multiplied and education spread among the populace in an ever advancing wave. Primary schools were necessary to the Church in the fulfilment of her mission. No sooner were the ages of persecution ended than schools were instituted by bishops, priests, and especially by religious Orders. They were under ecclesiastical supervision and often taught by the clergy, who, however, were aided by the laity in many cases. In the Middle Ages the schools were known as parish schools. They were built close to the parish church, and though reading and writing and kindred subjects were taught, their chief end was the religious upbringing of the young. The Middle Ages are often miscalled the dark ages: hardly ever did primary schools flourish as then. In 1124, the Abbot Guibert bears witness that there was scarcely a village in all France but had its school. In 1576 Claudius, Bishop of York, states that before the Reformation every parish of importance in his diocese had its own school. In 1378, there were in Paris 41 teachers of elementary schools. Cologne had 8 schools in 1400, and in the diocese of Prague at the same time there were said to be no less than 640 schools. Before the Reformation it is calculated that in all Germany there were as many as 40,000 elementary schools.

The Church's mission is to teach all nations. Radically the Faith of Christ and the moral and doctrinal lessons which are our Christian heritage are the objects of the Church's teaching. Literature, history, and science come within her scope of necessity, inasmuch as, apart from the guidance of the Church, the teaching of even secular subjects is usually fraught with grave dangers to the faith and morals of the young. Instruction cannot be separated from education, and the effort to separate them results inevitably in disaster. 'Education,' says Carmen Sylva, 'is the high school of the heart.' Mazzini calls it 'the bread of the soul'; an Oriental maxim runs: 'A man without education is like a body without a soul'; 'Woe

to the empire,' says Lacordaire, 'which confounds education with instruction, which believes that good comes from science and literature, of whatever sort they may be, and that the marking off of phrases for study is the preparation of the soul of a man and a citizen.' 'One is everything or nothing according to the education one receives,' says Pope Clement XIV. Sir Thomas More says: 'If you suffer your people to be ill-educated, and their manners corrupted from their infancy, and then punish them for those crimes to which their first education disposed them, you first make thieves, and then punish them.' Religion is the supreme factor in education. Every attempt to divorce religious training—without which there is no education—from secular teaching has ended, and, of necessity, must ever end in failure of the most appalling kind. Jean Paul says of the words of a father in the home apply almost equally to a teacher's, though not heard by the world, they go down as in whispering galleries and are clearly heard at the end by posterity. The Church has recognised from the beginning that it is only by the greatest vigilance over children in their plastic years of school life can characters be formed on right Christian lines, and that if the young are allowed to grow up without the restraining influences of religion there is small reason to hope that they will ever become good men or women, fit in their turn to mould another generation of worthy citizens. The Church therefore assumes the task of teaching the secular branches of science and literature in such a way that religion is always in the forefront, always 'the one thing necessary.' This she did down through the centuries in her humble parish schools, in her monastic schools, her cathedral schools, her chantry schools, guild schools, hospital schools, and city schools. In Ireland before the hordes of foreign invaders overran the country, the great schools at Muckross, Ardagh, and Clonmacnoise had a European reputation, and it used to be said on the Continent, when a person was away, that he had gone to Ireland in search of learning.

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The Reformation ended all that. Monasteries were confiscated, and the schools attached to them lapsed of necessity; the benefices on which the chantry schools depended were seized; cathedral and canonical chapters were abolished, and their possessions sequestered by the State. The destruction of this immemorial system of teaching took place in Protestant countries immediately after the Reformation; in France it began with the Revolution; in Italy, Spain, and Portugal it is still going on. So far from education owing its origin to the Reformation it is to that movement and to the wholesale plunder that followed it that the prevalence of godless schools and the tyranny of the State in our day is due. In Germany and England in the sixteenth century the reformed rulers proved their zeal by entering on a gigantic scheme of robbery. In New Zealand the same thing in another form takes place. Our enlightened statesmen recognise that, in the words of Leo XIII., Catholics abhor and detest the seminaries of unbelief which the Government foists on the public as centres of education. Catholics, by untold sacrifices, have in their comparative poverty instituted schools which, taken all in all, are, even as centres of secular learning, superior to the State institutions. And all the time Catholics are compelled to pay taxes for the support of the latter. On the whole the high-handed brigandage of Henry and Elizabeth was more above board than the New Zealand Government's way of perpetrating the injustice.

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A Greek philosopher has said that it is better for parents to leave virtue to their children than gold. The sacrifices made by the Catholics of this country in order that their children's souls might be adorned with all the Christian virtues are to their eternal credit. Yet they have but done their plain duty; for it is the duty of all, whether they have or have not children attending the schools, to help according to

their means the hierarchy in the arduous task of providing and equipping Catholic schools. Mindful of the Encyclical of Leo XIII. to the French bishops in 1884, condemning irreligious schools as fountains of unbelief and corruption, we are bound to keep on fighting until we get justice. When all the members of the Catholic Federation realise their duty we will be in the way of making a beginning. Remembering how many members in a certain centre recorded their votes in favor of a man who, at the last election, avowedly stood for the system of education condemned by the Church as un-Christian, it is sadly obvious that we have still a great deal to learn.

## DIocese OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Dean Darby, of Hamilton, who arrived in Dunedin on Saturday, celebrated Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday.

The Rev. P. J. O'Neill, of Riversdale, has been appointed chaplain to the New Zealand Forces, and expects to leave shortly for the front with the 11th Reinforcements.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until after Vespers, when there was the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Very Rev. J. O'Neill, lately of Mount Magnet, diocese of Geraldton, but formerly of Milton, arrived in Dunedin from the north on Saturday, and his many friends were pleased to see him looking so well, and gave him a hearty welcome back to New Zealand.

The Very Rev. Dean Power, of Hawera, who preached the occasional sermon at the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, as Bishop of Christchurch, arrived in Dunedin on Saturday, and preached at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening. Dean Power went south on Monday.

We are pleased to notice that Miss Kathleen Todd, a student at St. Dominic's College, secured a full pass at the recent Public Service senior examination. In the examination of teachers, Elizabeth Miller, also of St. Dominic's, passed in two subjects of Class C., and obtained a partial pass in Section 1 of Class D.

On Tuesday morning the solemn ceremonies of profession and reception took place in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin. His Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Verdon, officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. Father Delany, Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., being present in the sanctuary. The novices, who had the happiness of making their vows, were Miss Margaret O'Mahoney, Dunedin (in religion, Sister M. Paschal), Miss Ethel Clark, Dunedin (Sister M. Colombiere), Miss Mary Goble, Dipton (Sister Madeliene), Miss Julia Martin, Gore (Sister Nolasco). The young lady who received the holy habit of the Order was Miss Mai Fenelon, Carlow, Ireland (in religion, Sister Mary Dymphna). The incidental music was devotionally rendered by the Sisters' choir. After the ceremony the parents and friends of the novices were entertained by the community.

The committee of St. Patrick's Night concert, which will be held this year on Thursday, the 16th inst., have been successful in arranging a very attractive programme, and have every confidence that patrons will find it 'second to none.' Musically it contains the gems of Irish melody, which will be contributed by the following well-known artists: Mrs. R. A. Power, Misses Gardner, Dillon, Burke, Rings, Millow, Messrs J. Leech, T. J. Hussey, F. Perkins, D. Fogarty, and H. Poppelwell. The second part of the programme will mainly consist of what may justly be termed 'A tour of Ireland.' A splendid and varied collection of views, showing places of religious, historical, and sentimental interest, will be screened and described. The com-

mitted in deciding to arrange for these views, had in view the desirability of introducing some new features into the concert, and they feel sure that their decision in regard to 'A tour of Ireland' will meet with the approval of all Irish men and women.

At the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, the members took the opportunity of presenting Private H. Munro, recently returned from the front, with a soldier's writing outfit. Messrs. J. Swanson and B. Murninan, who are proceeding to Trentham shortly, were also presented with soldier's diaries. Rev. Father Corcoran, in making the presentations, wished the recipients good luck while on service, and a safe return. Sergeant Brady, who was on final leave, was also present. During the course of the evening musical items were given by Misses Murphy, Carter, and Brady, and recitations by Mr. Dunne.

#### HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

Messrs. P. J. Minogue, P. F. Cullen, D. McLaughlin, of the archdiocese of Wellington, and C. Ardagh, of the diocese of Dunedin, received the sacred Order of the subdiaconate on Quinquagesima Sunday at the hands of his Lordship the Bishop, the ceremony taking place in the chapel of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

#### 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 in March, 1908, for ten years:—

1. Flesh meat is allowed at dinner on all days in Lent, except Wednesdays and Fridays, and the Monday in Holy Week.

2. On fasting days a 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. Persons who are not bound to fast, may take flesh meat at all meals on those days on which flesh meat is allowed at the chief meal.

7. There is neither fast nor abstinence on Sundays in Lent.

8. St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is not a fasting day; but this year, as it falls on Friday, it is a day of 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 under twenty-one years of age, or over sixty, 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 persons who have arrived at the years of discretion are bound to receive Holy 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.

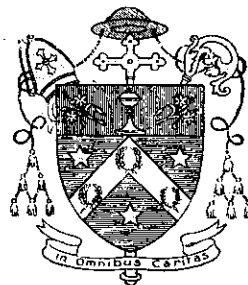
A collection for the Seminary Fund shall be made on the second Sunday in Lent in every church where a priest officiates, and in all other churches on some Sunday during Lent. The faithful are earnestly solicited to contribute generously to this fund.

The collection for the Pope shall be made in each church on some Sunday before the end of September next, and for the Aborigines on some Sunday before the end of November.

\* MICHAEL VERDON,  
Bishop of Dunedin.

Dunedin, February 2, 1916.

### BISHOP BRODIE'S COAT OF ARMS



The following description of the coat of arms of his Lordship Bishop Brodie has been supplied to us:—

Azure; on a chevron (silver), between three stars (5), gold, as many laurels, (proper).

On a chief (gules) a ciborium (gold), between two branches of lily.

Bishop Brodie's coat of arms is the escutcheon of the Brodie family, in which a ciborium and two branches of lily have been inserted.

The chevron indicates that the Brodies were the strong support and faithful guardians of the laws of Ireland, and their zeal in defending their country against its enemies had won for them the laurels that adorn it.

His Lordship has now become the guardian of the ecclesiastical law, a pillar of the Church. In his hands the laws will be well guarded and the Church safely protected. The laurels symbolise the eternal reward given to the true and faithful servant.

The three stars are an emblem of high motives, with purity of intention represented by the azure field. The number three, perfect number, shows the universality of their zeal, embracing every good cause. The five points indicate that their beneficial influence was felt all around them.

Those stars are now the emblem of the exalted position held by Bishop Brodie in the firmament of the Church, wherefrom he will shed beams of light on the clergy and laity of his diocese, and lead them safely on the way to the azure fields of heavenly happiness.

The ciborium is the emblem of love—everlasting, infinite, spiritual, divine. In these days of selfishness, and strife it is well to be reminded of our Lord's love for us, and of the great precept that overshadows all others—the love of God, showing its counterpart in the love of man. The love of the Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the Bishop's special devotions, and it is a happy coincidence for him to find his Cathedral dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. That devotion is a special guarantee of his zeal for the glory of God, the expansion of the Church, and the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of his flock.

Two branches of lily accompany the ciborium: one in honor of the Blessed Virgin, the other of St. Joseph. They are the symbol of modesty, purity, and fidelity, and the three combined represent the Holy Family; emblem of the greater diocesan family which is composed of Bishop, priests, and people.

The Bishop's motto is: 'In all things charity.' Charity is the bond of union, peace, and happiness. Under the Bishop's influence it will inculcate a new ideal in the minds of his people, and will be the means of tightening up the union between clergy and laity for the advancement of the Church and the greater glory of God.

With these few remarks on Bishop Brodie's coat of arms, we wish his Lordship—

*Vade, prospere, procede, et regna.*

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## COMMERCIAL

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**Rabbitskins.**—Owing to short supplies, the next sale will not be held until Monday, 27th inst. **Sheepskins.**—We held our fortnightly sale to-day, when we submitted a medium-sized catalogue to an average attendance of buyers. Prices for inferior quality were rather easier, but prime lines sold remarkably well, crossbreds bringing up to 12½d and halfbreds to 12¼d. We also sold lambskins to 11½d, and pelts to 9½d. **Hides.**—Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 9th inst. **Tallow.**—The market continues high, and all consignments are saleable at late quotations. **Wheat.**—Millers are not inclined to do business at present except at reduced rates, and in consequence the market is rather easier. The prices asked by vendors in most cases are still considerably higher than buyers are prepared to give. There is a good demand for fowl wheat at up to 4s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). **Oats.**—Consignments are now coming forward, and buyers are offering for prime milling up to 3s 2d; good to best feed, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra). **Potatoes.**—These show a considerable drop since last report, the best sorts being worth £5 10s to £6; medium, £4 10s to £5 5s per ton (sacks in). **Chaff.**—Prime samples have attention at £5 to £5 10s. Medium to good is hard to sell at £4 10s to £4 17s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PICNIC

The seventeenth annual picnic of the Catholic schools of Dunedin and suburbs was held at Wingatui on Saturday. The weather was ideal for such an outing, and consequently there was a very large attendance, especially in the afternoon, when the numbers were increased by many who came by road and rail. The excursion train left Dunedin at 9.30 o'clock, and stopped at Kensington and Caversham. The train arrangements were in charge of Mr. J. Hally, who was assisted by Messrs. J. Salmon, J. J. Marlow, and J. McCurdy. Rev. Brother O'Ryan had charge of the sports, and was assisted by Messrs. A. J. Fogarty, T. Walls, W. Bandy, and T. J. Brown. Mr. J. Airey made an efficient general secretary. Mesdames Jackson, Stone, and Skinner superintended the races for the smaller children, for whom the ladies provided a plentiful supply of toys. At Kensington the excursionists were joined by about sixty of the children from the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, in charge of Miss Staunton. The Mosgiel Catholic school children joined the others on the grounds. The following were present during the day:—Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Rev. Fathers D. O'Neill, Kavanagh, Morkane, Collins, Lynch, and Falconer, and the Christian Brothers. The Kaikorai Band contributed several musical selections during the afternoon. This is the first occasion on which the outing has been held on a Saturday, and the excellent attendance of the general public showed that it was the best day that could be selected for the purpose. A long programme of games and races was gone through, with the following results:—

100 Yards Race, 10 years and under (boys).—T. White 1, G. Clarke 2.  
 80 Yards Race (girls), 10 years and under.—A. Boreham 1, K. Golden 2, D. Piper 3.  
 Egg-and-Spoon Race (boys), open.—P. Traill 1, T. Metford 2, F. Toomey 3.  
 100 Yards Race (girls under 13).—T. Sullivan 1, M. McCleary 2, D. Fahey 3.

120 Yards Race (boys under 13).—A. Todd 1, Dan O'Sullivan 2.

Three-legged Race (boys under 15).—Fenton and McCallum 1, Donnelly and Kennedy 2, Layden and Pearson 3.

Tug-of-war (teams of eight boys, 14 years and under).—Winning team—Spain (captain), Stumbles, Cotter, Todd, Saddler, Todd, Moloney, and Yule.

Potato Race.—McAllen 1, Pearson 2, Donnelly 3.

Married Men's Race.—C. Hannigan 1, J. Forrest 2, G. Sommerville 3.

Married Ladies' Race, 80yds.—Mrs. Freeman 1, Mrs. Robson 2, Mrs. Morrow 3.

50 Yards Sack Race (boys).—Toomey 1, Meade 2, Andrews 3.

Girls' Skipping Race, 100yds.—T. Sullivan 1, B. Ruthven 2, M. Harrison 3.

Old Boys' Championship, 100yds.—L. McAllen 1, M. Kennelly 2, Roughan 3.

Young Ladies' Race, 100yds.—H. Y. Tohill 1, R. Rings 2, D. Whelan 3.

## OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK GLEESON, AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

March 6.

A well-known resident, in the person of Mr. Patrick Gleeson, died at his residence, Parnell, on Saturday afternoon, fortified by the rites of the Church. The deceased was born in Nenagh, Tipperary, nearly 80 years ago. At the age of fourteen years, he landed in Australia, participated in the Eureka Stockade riots, and came to New Zealand in the early 'sixties. He was at Gabriel's Gully rush, thence he went to the West Coast and Thames, afterwards settling in Auckland; from there he went to Napier, where he acquired much property. Of late years he had resided in Auckland, where his interests at the time of his death were considerable. He erected many fine buildings in Auckland, Napier, and Hastings. He was a devoted son of Ireland, and of his wealth he gave freely to the cause of faith and fatherland. The late Mr. Gleeson leaves a widow, one daughter (Mrs. Treston, Napier), and three sons (Messrs. Michael Gleeson, solicitor, Napier, and J. C. and P. S. Gleeson, Auckland). The interment will take place at Napier. He was a fervent and practical Catholic and a good Irishman, a devoted husband, and a loving father.—R.I.P.

## MANAGER'S NOTICE

Several sums of money have been received by post at this office within the past few months, without being accompanied by the names and addresses of the senders. Persons who have forwarded subscriptions, and have not received receipts for same, are requested to communicate with this office, and send particulars as to date, when sent, and amount forwarded, etc.

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## Irish News

### GENERAL.

Mr. Birrell, speaking on January 11 in the debate on the Compulsion Bill, said Ireland had done wonderfully well. 'Don't rush her,' he urged. If anybody had told him beforehand that Ireland would give 95,000 recruits for a British war he would have stared at him with a wild surprise—and he asked the House to remember that Ireland was still yielding 1000 recruits a week.

Mr. Patrick Bradley, formerly of Moville, Donegal, brother of Rev. W. Bradley, Greencastle, County Tyrone, has died in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He was a man noted for his great charity towards his fellow-countrymen wherever he met them. He went to America in 1860, and returned in 1879, having seen for himself the awful effects of the famine. On going back to America he collected over a million dollars for the relief of his distressed country.

The Rev. J. Killian, Tullow, writing to the conference of representatives of Irish colleges, concerning the proposed withdrawal of Department grants, stated 'the language movement depends largely on the teaching of Irish to Irish National teachers, and the teaching of those throughout the whole country would be, I imagine, well nigh impossible without the Irish colleges. That is the reason why the grants are withdrawn—in the sheer hatred of Irish that rankles in the minds of the authorities they seek to deal a death-blow to the language movement.' The lowering and proposed wholesale withdrawing of all educational grants in Ireland have evoked protesting resolutions from all quarters.

It is with feelings of deep regret (says the *Donegal Vindicator*) that we have to announce the death of Mr. Edward J. Gillespie, which took place on December 22, at the residence of his father, Mr. Edward Gillespie, College street, Ballyshannon. The deceased, who was only 18 years of age, was engaged prior to his death as a rural postman, and was greatly esteemed, not only by the post office staff, but also by the general public. The cause of his death was lung trouble. He received the best medical attention, but to no avail. He was constantly attended during his illness by the Rev. Fathers Kelly and McDaid, and also by the Sisters of Mercy. The remains were removed to St. Patrick's Church, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Rodgers, after which the funeral (representative of all classes) took place to the family burying ground, Rev. Father McDaid officiating at the graveside.

Mr. Swift MacNeill, M.P., in a letter to the press, deploras the dangerous indisposition which kept him from voting with the Irish Party against the first reading of the Military Service Bill. In his learned letter he recalls the fact that for many years Catholics were ineligible for enlistment in the British Army, and that when a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland proposed to raise seven Catholic regiments for service in Portugal the proposal was furiously resisted by the Irish Ascendancy Party and had to be abandoned. It was only in the last decades of the 19th century that Irish Catholics were silently admitted into the British Army, where their bravery in the wars against Napoleon was so manifest as to supply Wellington with his memorable argument for Catholic Emancipation.

### THE GOVERNMENT'S ESTIMATE.

In the House of Commons on January 8, Mr. Mitchell Thomson asked the Prime Minister what was the Government's estimate of the unexhausted reservoir of single men of military age in Ireland after deducting those who cannot on national grounds be spared from their present occupations.

Mr. Birrell, who replied, said it was estimated that there were in Ireland at present something approaching 400,000 unattested single men of military age.

Of these it was estimated that 250,000 were engaged in agriculture, while another 25,000 were engaged on munitions and shipyard work, and 10,000 others on railways and seafaring occupations. All the figures were approximate. Necessary deductions amounted, it was estimated, to 320,000. So the final reservoir would appear to remain at about 80,000.

### DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN BROTHER.

It is with feelings of regret we (*Freeman's Journal*) announce the death of Brother J. A. Ryan, which sad event occurred on January 8, at the Christian Brothers' Monastery, Baldoyle. Brother Ryan was a native of Doon, Co. Limerick, and entered the Christian Brothers' Novitiate in 1889. After his training had been completed, he was sent to Dungarvan and was subsequently transferred to India, which was the scene of his labors for 21 years. As a teacher he was efficient, successful, and beloved by his pupils, to whom the news of his death will bring a keen sense of personal loss. He was for many years Superior of St. Joseph's High School, Calcutta, and later of St. Joseph's College, Naini Tal. In 1914 he was appointed Provincial Superior of the Christian Brothers in India. For the brief period of his Provincialship he did much for the welfare and extension of the Congregation in that country. Last autumn, owing to failing health, he resigned his office of Provincial Superior, much to the regret of his religious brethren, whom he governed so wisely, as well of his Superiors in Ireland, whose full confidence he enjoyed. Brother Ryan was a man of remarkably clear intellect, of great administrative capacity, and one whose opinions, in matters educational, were eagerly sought, and highly appreciated by the educational authorities in India. To those who had the privilege of his acquaintance, he will, however, be best remembered by his simplicity of manner and by his kindly and cheery disposition. Devotion to duty, great trust in God, and perfect resignation to His will, were the striking features in the life of this truly virtuous Brother.

### SOME PLAIN SPEAKING.

At a recruiting meeting held on January 9 at Ard-fert, County Kerry, Mr. R. D. Murphy, J.P., presided. The following letter of apology from Rev. P. Barton, P.P., was read:—'While thanking you for your invitation to attend your recruiting meeting and to preside thereat, I regret I cannot do so, as I consider it quite out of joint with my profession as a minister of the Gospel and peace. Allow me, at the same time, to record that no man admires more those valiant Irishmen who have gone out, and are going out, to the front without pressure. They are fighting for Ireland better than those who with spurious plea—at best a cover for cowardice—proclaim that they are only prepared to defend Ireland on Irish soil. Yes, and are prepared thereby to make Ireland a desert and a shambles for German butchers. To live to see the Allies beaten in this titanic struggle would be, for me at all events, one of the saddest moments of my life.'

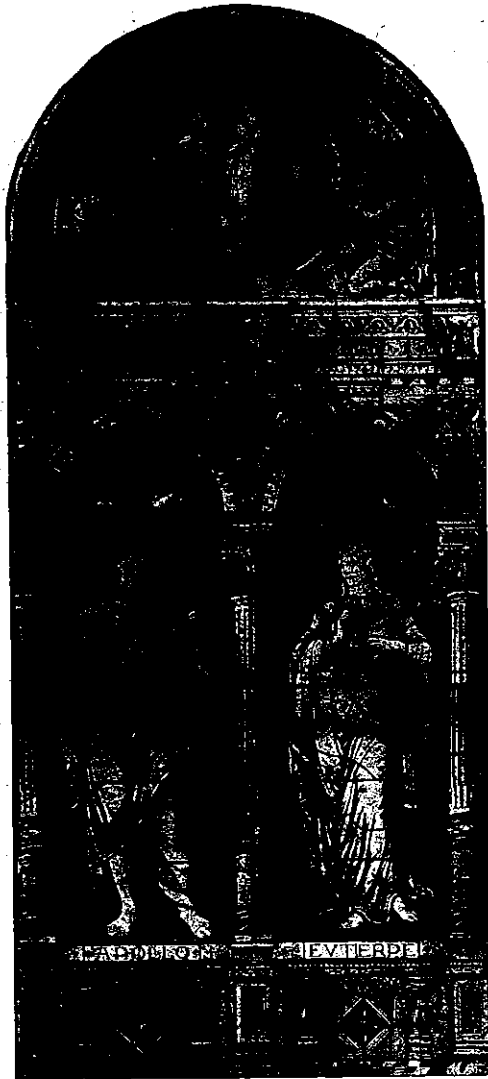
Mr. T. O'Donnell, M.P., said he came from London to attend that meeting, at the request of the Recruiting Committee, because he felt that, as an Irish Nationalist who wished to serve his country, he would be untrue to his country's interests if he refrained from speaking openly and plainly of what he considered to be Ireland's duty at the present moment. If Germans could pass the British navy and land in Cork, Dingle, or Waterford, where would we be, where would the farmers be, and where would their lands be? They would be worse off than the Belgians or the Serbians. If Germany won in this war, Ireland would be the first country to be taken over for German planters.

Lieut. O'Leary, who received a great ovation, said that anyone joining now would never see a shot fired in battle, for the Germans were exhausted, and would be wiped out before these men could be trained. But by joining they could release a million of trained soldiers to go out from Ireland and shorten the road

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#### CONNAUGHT RANGERS' BRILLIANT WORK.

The following account appears in the *Daily Mail* of the work in Gallipoli of what is described as 'one of the youngest battalions of the Connaught Rangers.' On August 20, the battalion was marched towards the left of the position held by the Indian Brigade. From here the next day the Rangers issued out to attack and capture the Kabak Kuzu wells and the Turkish trenches in the neighborhood. It did not take them long. The men poured out from a gap in the line shook out to four paces interval, and with a cheer carried all before them, bayoneting all the Turks in the trenches, capturing the wells, and even capturing some ground on the Kaiajik Aghala. All that night the position was consolidated, and in the morning it was still held by the Rangers. The next day we were thanked by three general officers and congratulated on the magnificent charge. On August 27 the Rangers were called on to capture another trench on the Kaiajik Aghala in conjunction with the Australians. The attack was begun in gallant fashion, but it was stern work. The regiment gained the end of their trench at last, but the troops on their right were held up by a machine gun, and, holding on until few survived, they were forced to give way about midnight, as a large force of Turks had broken in by a communication trench. The battalion was again congratulated on its gallantry by three different general officers, of whom one wired to the commanding officer as follows:— 'Heartiest congratulations from the New Zealand and Australian Division on your brilliant achievement this evening, which is a fitting sequel to the capture of Kabak Kuzu wells, and will go down to history among the finest feats of your distinguished regiment. Personally, as an Irishman who has served in two Irish regiments, it gives me the greatest pride and pleasure that the regiment should have performed such gallant deeds under my command. Stick to what you have got and consolidate.'

The death of Miss Ada Rehan robs the English-speaking stage of one of its ablest players and the Irish race of one of the cleverest actresses it has ever produced. Her real name was Charlotte Crehan, but a printer's error at the outset of her career rendered the name Ada C. Rehan, and so it remained. She was a native of Limerick. Her entry into stage life, as it so often happens, was casual and accidental. She took the part of an actress seized with a sudden illness, and did so well that she adopted the stage subsequently as a career. In America, where her girlhood was passed, she had attained considerable reputation when in 1886 that great Catholic impresario, Augustin Daly, in opening Daly's Theatre, London, included Miss Rehan in his company.

## People We Hear About

Ex-President Taft, who is very popular among the Irish-American clubs and societies, has accepted an invitation to address the Irish Fellowship Club, Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day.

Cardiff has decided to erect a public memorial to the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, M.P., who was its Parliamentary representative and had many close associations with the South Wales town.

Princess Clemence Bonaparte, who resided for years in London, and died in St. Joseph's Hospice for the Dying, Mare street, Hackney, in November last, left property in the United Kingdom valued at £994.

The death is reported of the well-known and clever writer, Miss Violet Martin ('Martin Ross'), which occurred at Ross, Co. Galway. She wrote many popular books, all relating to her native land. These include *An Irish Cousin*, *Naboth's Vineyard*, *Some Experiences of an Irish R.M.*, *All on the Irish Shore*, *Some Irish Yesterdays*.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen had a conference on June 14 with Cardinal Gibbons in the interest of the children of Ireland. 'The Cardinal received us very graciously,' said Lord Aberdeen, 'and offered his deepest sympathy for our cause. He also promised to write a letter endorsing the movement. We then had a pleasant chat with him, during which he related many reminiscences of our acquaintance.'

Sir Daniel McCabe, ex-Lord Mayor of Manchester, has received several hundred letters and telegrams congratulating him on his knighthood. These messages include good wishes from all sections of the community, and are representative in character. The Church, the stage, the House of Lords, the House of Commons, the Army, as well as local educational and commercial interests, were all represented, and all political parties.

Sir Henry Lucy has, after 35 years' service, retired from the literary staff of London *Punch*, for which he wrote under the nom-de-plume of 'Toby, M.P.' He was, previous to joining *Punch*, in turn connected with several of the leading newspapers in Great Britain. He was born in 1845. Many interesting publications dealing with the British Parliament and Parliamentarians have come from his pen. He also contributed a very interesting London letter to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and was a staunch supporter of Home Rule.

The death of Angelo Sarto, brother of Pius X. will revive interesting recollections of the late Pope. The father of Pius X., Giovanni Battista Sarto, was a postman, and his brother Angelo decided to follow the same calling. The Pope, who believed that a postman can be quite as happy as a man engaged in any other occupation, allowed Angelo to continue in that position, and the postman felt content and independent. On the rare occasions upon which he visited the Pontiff at the Vatican he was very affectionately received. A few years before the Pope's death Angelo called on him after seeing Government officials with regard to arrangements for a small pension to which he was entitled. He lived to the age of seventy-nine.

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(From an occasional correspondent.)

The sixth half-yearly meeting of the above was opened in St. Benedict's Clubrooms on Saturday evening, February 19. The proceedings opened with a dinner to the delegates at the Tiffin Tea Rooms, in Queen street, at the conclusion of which all adjourned to the meeting place. The meeting constituted a record for diocesan council meetings in Auckland, four sessions being necessary to deal with the business, whilst the attendance was easily the largest seen at such a gathering. The following were present:—Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., Rev. Fathers Kelly, O'Flynn (St. Benedict's), Bleakley (Ponsonby), Forde (Taurarunui), Westeinde (Tauranga), Schoonhoff (Hokianga), and Zangwell (Kaiti), and Messrs. A. J. Woodley, J. Wall (St. Patrick's), Rodgers, Lorrigan (St. Benedict's), Drager, McCarten (Onehunga), T. Darby, P. Darby (Ponsonby), Sievers, McGann (Devonport), Skinner, Burns (Parnell), Shanaghan (Remuera), Cullen (Otahuhu), A. E. Lovell, O'Neill (Eilerslie), D. Strong, P. Smyth, J. Brady (Howick), J. Costello, L. C. A. Potter (Pukekohe), Quinlan, A. Boyle (Tuakau), J. Foy (Ngaruawahia), T. Dromgool (Huntly), R. McVeagh (Cambridge), C. Dromgool, Pohlen (Waiuku), T. Dromgool (Te Kuiti), Murphy, McCabe (Avondale), A. Karl, J. Corbay, J. De Cock (Te Awamutu), L. O'Malley (Coromandel), Stevenson (Gisborne), Woods (Matamata), J. Wall (Karangahake), Connell (Taurarunui), J. Fannon, F. H. Campbell (Dargaville), Temm, Cann, Cahill (Rotorua), Gordon (Paeroa), Green, Flynn (Thames), Mullins, Walker (Waihi), J. C. Dromgool (Tauranga), and the members of the diocesan executive—Messrs. A. Rose (president), J. T. Fitzgerald, and G. Hanson (vice-presidents), F. G. J. Temm (treasurer), and P. E. Dromgool (secretary).

Apologies were received from Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, V.G. (Onehunga), Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett (Paeroa), Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, and Rev. Fathers Edge (Huntly), Dignan (Thames), O'Hara (Tuakau), and Smiers (Opotiki).

In a few brief words the president extended a warm welcome to the delegates, expressing pleasure at seeing such a large and representative gathering.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., in a felicitous speech, addressed the gathering, impressing upon them the importance of the work in which they were engaged, and wishing the conference every success in its deliberations.

Rev. Brother Benignus (Director of the Sacred Heart College, who was present by special invitation) also addressed the meeting, eulogising the good work the Federation was doing in the cause of Catholic education. He extended a hearty welcome to the delegates to pay a visit to the college on the following Monday morning to participate in the functions connected with the reception of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate to that institution.

On the motion of Mr. Temm, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the council recorded its appreciation of the invitation extended by Brother Benignus, and, in accepting same, decided to be present in large numbers on the day mentioned.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

After reading the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council, the following resolutions were carried by acclamation:—

It was moved by Mr. McVeagh (Cambridge) and seconded by Mr. P. Darby (Ponsonby)—'That this meeting of delegates to the Auckland Diocesan Council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation extends to his Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Cerretti, the warmest of welcomes on this the occasion of his first visit to the Auckland diocese, and offers to his Excellency their feelings of loyal affection as the representative of our Holy Father the Pope, and expresses the

hope that he may carry away with him the happiest recollections of his brief stay in our midst.'

In speaking to the resolution, the mover referred to the magnificent spectacle they had witnessed that afternoon. Never before had such a welcome been extended to any distinguished visitor, and the Catholics of Auckland should indeed be proud of the opportunity afforded them to publicly demonstrate their loyalty and affection to our Holy Father the Pope.

It was moved by Mr. T. Darby (Ponsonby), and seconded by Mr. Sievers (Devonport)—'That this meeting of delegates to the Auckland diocesan council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation extends to his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, the heartiest congratulations on his happy recovery from his recent serious illness, and prays Almighty God that His sustaining hand may preserve him in bodily health and strength for many a day.'

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Dromgool (Tauranga), and seconded by Mr. J. Foy (Ngaruawahia)—'That this meeting of delegates to the half-annual meeting of the Auckland diocesan council of the New Zealand Catholic Federation offers its warmest congratulations to the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie on the occasion of his elevation to the episcopal dignity, and trusts that Almighty God may give him every grace to carry out the work of his responsible office, and, further, that this meeting places on record its deep appreciation of the invaluable services rendered the Federation by Dr. Brodie.'

#### THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

which was as follows, was read by the secretary:—

During the past six months your executive has held seven ordinary and seven special meetings. All meetings throughout the period have been marked by a full attendance of the members of the executive. The half-yearly statement of the finances of the council shows that the remittances from some parish branches have not been satisfactory, and leaves much room for improvement. Your executive thanks Almighty God that our revered Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, has been sufficiently restored to health and strength to return once more to his diocese, and desires to express to his Lordship its deepest sympathy with him in the sad trial through which he has recently passed. We sincerely pray that he may soon be restored to the full vigor of health, and spared many years to champion the cause and promote the interests of the Church in our fair Dominion. Your executive notes with pleasure the visit of his Excellency Archbishop Cerretti to New Zealand, as it cannot fail to bring us into closer communication with our Holy Father, and also because it signalises a forward step in the Church government of these southern lands. Your executive desires to offer its congratulations to the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie on the occasion of his elevation to the high office of Bishop of the diocese of Christchurch. Whilst rejoicing at the distinguished honor conferred upon Dr. Brodie, it would ill become us to conceal the deep regret your executive feels at the loss of one who has been a tower of strength to the Federation in this diocese, and one who has been ever ready with his wise counsels to assist your executive when such assistance was needed. Your Council will be pleased to learn that the period under review has been availed of by your executive to promote and carry into effect a progressive policy in Federation matters. The council's remits, respecting Proportional Representation and the granting of free passes on the railways to all Catholic children attending the most convenient Catholic schools, were adopted by the supreme body.

The council will be pleased to learn that the question of providing a home for the accommodation of Catholic women in this city has during the past term received consideration at the hands of your executive. A provisional committee, representative of leading Catholics of this city, has been set up, and a scheme is under consideration, whereby it is hoped that such a long-felt want will be an established fact in the very near future. Your executive is grateful for the kindly

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help and co-operation rendered in this connection by all who have been approached in the matter, and in an especial manner desires to express its appreciation of the encouragement shown in this work by his Lordship Bishop Cleary. To the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie and Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan an especial word of thanks is due, for it is owing to their unflinching loyalty to the cause such good results have accrued.

During the recess much time has been given by your executive to organisation, and for the past four months, weekly visits have been made to the various branches in the city, suburbs, and country, and addresses delivered on Federation matters. In addition to this, advantage was taken of the annual holiday of the late diocesan secretary (Mr. F. G. J. Temm) to send this very capable officer through the country on an organising tour, and as a result of his self-sacrificing efforts, many branches were revived and others resuscitated. The following parishes have received official visits:—St. Patrick's, Grey Lynn, Ponsonby, Devonport, Onehunga, Ellerslie, Parnell, Pukekohe, Tuakau, Thames, Paeroa, Karangahake, Waihi, Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Matamata, Rotorua, Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, and Huntly—21 branches in all.

Your executive has had to face, from time to time, appeals made in regard to military matters, but regret that a lack of the sinews of war prevents much being accomplished. Donations, however, were made towards the debt on the Trentham building for Catholic soldiers, and comforts were provided for the Tunnelling Corps in camp at Avondale. A special appeal has been sent to branches to forward donations whereby a fund would be available to meet the many requests made, but the result has not been very encouraging. The lack of finance has prevented your executive discharging its obligation with regard to the levy of £40, made on the diocese towards the erection of the Catholic institute at Trentham. There is still a sum of £10 owing. Of the £30 paid to that fund, the various branches have contributed the sum of only £9, the balance being met from the general funds of the council. It is to be regretted that Auckland is the only diocese in the Dominion that has not fulfilled its promise to pay its share in the cost of the erection of this building. The diocese has, in the past six months, provided two chaplains to the Expeditionary Forces, in the persons of the Rev. Father Brennan, of Taumarunui, and Rev. Father Doyle, of Remuera. Your executive desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the keen interest taken in the Federation by them. The response to the appeal made to each branch for the names of the Catholic soldiers from various parishes in this diocese has been exceedingly disappointing, many branches having apparently entirely overlooked the request. It is due to our Catholic men now serving, and still more to those who have given their lives for their country, that their names should be held in honored remembrance. We trust, therefore, that parish committees will spare no effort to have this roll completed as soon as possible.

The present position of the Catholics of New Zealand with reference to educational matters is such as to cause grave concern. By the Education Act of 1914, students at the primary schools securing scholarships were allowed to avail themselves of approved secondary schools, other than those of the State, to pursue their studies, and it was felt that, at last, some small modicum of justice had been secured. But the concession given with one hand was taken away with the other, for, at the end of that year, instructions were issued that the 'leaving certificate' hitherto granted to scholars at our secondary schools, which enabled them to proceed to the University colleges at little or no expense, had been withheld, and no reason was given for this further disability inflicted upon the Catholic scholars of this Dominion.

Your executive has had under consideration the question of an official visitor to look after the interests

of Catholic children in maintenance or juvenile cases coming before our courts where Catholic parents or Catholic children are concerned, but on learning that his Lordship the Bishop had under consideration the appointment of a chaplain to the various Catholic institutions in this city, and that such work would come within the duties of the chaplain appointed for this purpose, it was decided that no further action was necessary. Your executive has on several occasions been called upon to deal with pictures of an immoral nature, or giving a false impression of the doctrines and practices of our holy religion, which were being exhibited to the public, and it is pleasing to be able to report that in every instance the executive's requests to have such pictures removed have been promptly complied with.

In conclusion, your executive desires to express to the clergy and to the parish committees throughout the diocese, its thanks for their work on behalf of the Federation during the past half-year, and it hopes that with their valuable assistance and support, the progress of the Federation in this diocese will be as marked during the next half-year as it has been in the portion under view.

The hon. secretary of the Catholic Immigration Committee reported in part as follows:—

The work of this society has been progressing steadily since its institution in 1914. As a matter of course, there has been a decrease in the number of immigrants arriving, owing to the war. Despite the war, however, a fair proportion of men and girls have arrived in Auckland from England and Ireland during the year, and they have been met at the boats or trains, and respectable homes found for them while awaiting situations. In all these cases suitable employment has been obtained for them, either directly or indirectly, by members of the society. Girls and women are also continually arriving from the country and various parts of the Dominion, often with letters from their respective parish priests to our worthy president, Monsignor Gillan, requesting the society to find Catholic homes, and suitable situations, for these girls. Very often the members have to receive and entertain them in their homes while awaiting results of inquiries, otherwise these lonely strangers in a strange land—speaking now of the immigrants as well—would find themselves temporarily stranded in the streets, or, as has been the case, over and over again, compelled to seek accommodation in Protestant hostels, or very much worse, directed, or rather misdirected to houses of undesirable notoriety. The secretary here cites a couple of cases to show how necessary such an institution is in a large city like Auckland, and then goes on to say:—There are quite a number of Catholic girls in Auckland at the present moment in Protestant hostels, who are anxiously awaiting the establishment of a good Catholic home.

The hon. secretary of the Catholic Women's Hostel Committee reported in part as follows:—

The need of a hostel for our Catholic women and girls has been created by the exigencies of the times; but never was it so vividly realised as when the Catholic Immigration Committee commenced its work some few years ago under the aegis of the Catholic Federation. This committee, which is composed entirely of ladies, with the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., as president, confines its attention to the care of Catholic women and girls on arrival at the port of Auckland from the Homelands. To such a friendly hand is ever extended, and, wherever possible, they are found accommodation in Catholic homes and boarding-houses. In the performance of this important function the committee has been considerably handicapped by having to depend upon the uncertain goodwill of boarding-house proprietors; and occasionally it has been unable to secure accommodation for some persons almost destitute, and without the prospect of early employment. The Immigration Committee approached the executive of

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the diocesan council, who, after giving serious consideration to the representations made to it, decided to place the proposal for a hostel before the people for final determination. Accordingly, a meeting of Catholics of the city and suburbs was duly held whereat the proposal was fully discussed and endorsed by an overwhelming majority. At the next meeting a provisional committee was elected, consisting of two representatives from each city and suburban parish, and a similar number of representatives from each parish society. As an essential initial step the finance committee authorised the circulation of an appeal throughout the diocese for voluntary contributions towards the hostel fund. The response to this appeal, while not generous, must, in the circumstances, be considered fairly satisfactory. The total amount received and banked to date is £60, and unredeemed promises total £57. We are still considerably below the minimum at which it would be wise to start the hostel. Some branches, in failing to estimate the widespread and beneficial results likely to accrue from the hostel, may at first repudiate all responsibility and obligations in connection therewith; but, once they are convinced of the necessity, will no longer hesitate to support the movement for the establishment of the hostel. In conclusion, the proposal is not premature, nor has it been given immature consideration. On the contrary, it has been scrupulously viewed from every aspect; and its practicability is demonstrated by the fact that similar institutions have been established in Christchurch and Wellington since the commencement of the war.

Matters arising out of the report were discussed as follows:—

**Insurance Scheme.**—On the motion of Mr. J. C. Dromgool, seconded by Mr. Lorrigan, it was unanimously agreed—That in view of the fact that no opportunity had yet occurred of consulting his Lordship the Bishop hereon, the matter be deferred for further consideration, and that the executive report to the council at its annual meeting.

**Organisation.**—Mr. J. C. Dromgool moved—That this conference tenders to the diocesan executive its hearty appreciation of the valuable work done by the members of the executive in the matter of organising during the half-year, and in an especial manner to Mr. F. G. J. Temm, who had conducted an organising campaign in the country districts.—Seconded by Mr. Darby, and carried with acclamation.

**Military Matters.**—Considerable discussion ensued relative to this matter and finance, the various speakers recognising the need that exists for funds to enable the Federation to serve the interests of Catholic soldiers in the concentration camps. Good results are likely to accrue as a result of the discussion.

**Remits.**—Mr. Hanson moved—That in future, all remits intended for the Dominion Council, and which failed to evoke discussion at diocesan council meetings, be either deferred for further consideration, or struck out altogether. This evoked considerable discussion, the result of which was the appreciation of the principle by the meeting.

At this stage of the proceedings, the meeting was adjourned until the following (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

#### VISIT OF THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

The third session of the delegates to the conference of the Auckland Diocesan Council of the N.Z. Catholic Federation was paid a very distinguished honor by a visit from his Excellency Archbishop Cerretti and the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary. This session resumed immediately after Pontifical Vespers at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday evening, February 20. Notwithstanding a strenuous day, taking part in the various ceremonies in his honor, his Excellency once more demonstrated his desire to get into personal touch with the various activities of the Church in this country, by graciously acceding to the request of the diocesan executive to visit the conference.

On arrival, the distinguished party were met by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, and the officers of the

diocesan executive, and escorted to the clubrooms. Here his Excellency was greeted with rounds of cheering by the large body of assembled delegates, his Lordship Bishop Cleary also being warmly welcomed.

The president (Mr. A. Rose) in a brief speech welcomed his Excellency to the conference, expressing deep pleasure at the high honor which his visit had conferred on the council. His Excellency had probably heard of the work that was being accomplished by the Federation in New Zealand, which, although, comparatively in its infancy, had exercised a powerful influence for good on the community. The speaker concluded by thanking his Excellency for the privilege he had conferred upon the council, one that would remain ever green in the memories of those who were present that evening. Mr. Rose also took the opportunity of welcoming his Lordship Bishop Cleary to the conference, and recalled in a few touching words the anxiety which his devoted people had felt during his Lordship's long and painful illness, and expressed delight and pleasure at having him once more well and strong in their midst.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, V.G., briefly extended a cordial welcome to his Excellency, explaining that the gathering before him was representative of almost every parish in the diocese, and told of the great good being accomplished in this country by the Catholic Federation.

At this stage, the secretary (Mr. P. E. Dromgool) read and presented to his Excellency the resolution of welcome, which had been passed at the first session of the conference.

Prolonged cheering greeted his Excellency on rising to reply. He expressed himself as delighted at being afforded an opportunity of being present to witness the work of the conference. He was well aware of the great good being achieved by the Catholic Federation in Australia and New Zealand. The work of the Federation had the blessing and approval of the Holy Father. All knew what the Federation had achieved in New Zealand on the education question with their champion, Bishop Cleary, at their head. He wished the Federation every blessing and success, and concluded by expressing the belief that under the wise and able guidance of his Lordship Bishop Cleary, the Federation could not fail to win success and distinction in the years that were to come. The best advice he could give them was: 'Follow your Bishop.' (Loud applause.)

His Lordship Bishop Cleary followed, and his reception was no less enthusiastic than his distinguished guest. His Lordship thanked them for the splendid reception accorded him, and also for the kind words and wishes to himself expressed by the president on their behalf. He was delighted that it had fallen to the lot of the Catholic Federation to extend to him the first formal welcome since his return from Australia. As a member and a leader of the Federation he was proud of the work achieved by it during the short time of its existence, and of the lusty and vigorous organisation which had already sprung from the small beginnings of three years ago.

Thus came to a close a memorable event in the history of the Catholic Federation in this diocese. On leaving the room the distinguished guests were again heartily cheered, and when the motor car drew away it was accompanied with further cheering and much enthusiasm by the large crowd that had congregated outside to await the departure of the party.

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A quiet but pretty wedding took place in St. John's Church, Kihikihi, on Tuesday, January 11, the contracting parties being Mr. E. W. Alderson, only son of Mrs. W. Alderson, of Kihikihi, and Miss M. A. Weal, second youngest daughter of Mr. T. Weal, of Harini. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lynch, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her uncle (Mr. H. Weal), was prettily attired in a creme silk striped voile, with the usual wreath and veil. She carried a handsome bouquet of sweet peas and asparagus fern. She was attended by her sister (Miss E. Weal), who wore a dainty pinafore dress of creme muslin and net, and pretty white hat relieved with pink roses. She also wore a pretty gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. C. J. Corboy, of Te Kowhai, acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bridegroom's mother, where the wedding breakfast was held. The Rev. Father Lynch proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The numerous and valuable presents received by the happy couple showed the esteem in which they are held. Mr. and Mrs. Alderson left by motor to catch the midday express *en route* for Rotorua, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a smart grey costume, and blue hat, relieved with floral ribbons.

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A pretty wedding took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, February 8, when Miss Mary Uhlenberg, step-daughter of Mr. J. Zimmerman, Waipuku, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. Louis Schrider, son of Mr. F. Schrider, of Inglewood. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Maples, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with rich lace, and wore the usual veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her two sisters. Miss G. Uhlenberg was chief bridesmaid, and Miss Janie Zimmerman was flower girl, both being neatly dressed in white embroidered dresses, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Mr. J. Schrider (brother of the bridegroom) carried out the duties of best man, and Master T. Zimmerman acted as groomsman. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at breakfast by the bride's parents, and Rev. Father Maples proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple left by the mail train, *en route* for Auckland, where the honeymoon was spent.

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Thus welcome we your Grace to-day,  
And ask our Lord to smooth your way,  
Vouchsafe you health of body, mind,  
And gifts the rarest of each kind.

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With open hearts and welcome door,  
The aged folks who've run their race,  
Rejoice to see you face to face.

Hail thou, high Delegate from Rome!  
Where Peter sleeps beneath his dome,  
Yet lives in each succeeding Pope,  
Such is Christ's promise, such our hope,  
Abiding faith and trust divine,  
And thus with Rome our hearts entwine.

'Twas ever so with our brave sires,  
Who bore the persecutors' fires,  
And sword and exile for their God  
On Erin's verdant, blood-stained sod:

Thrice welcome to this Home of peace—  
Till death from life shall us release,  
We'll remember your great favor,  
And our minds 'twill whet and flavor.

Our hearts, replete with gratitude,  
Go forth to you in plenitude  
Of prayer and thanks and wishes best.  
Now, to be brief, as for the rest,  
We, your servants, ask your blessing,  
Apostolic, Papal blessing.  
And your Grace, we humbly ask you,  
Tell the great Pope our hearts are true;  
True to our Faith and Roman See,  
To Christ's Own Church will ever be.

The Sisters good, and inmates all,  
Thank God and Mary for your call,  
And Joseph gracious, good, and mild,  
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## Here and There

### THREE CATHOLIC SCIENTISTS.

The recent deaths of three distinguished scientists call marked attention to the fact that Catholicism does not hamper, as is so often and persistently claimed, any man's scientific ambition of labor (says an American exchange). Henri Fabre died in France at the age of 82, one of the world's greatest entomologists with the microscope. He was what Father Secchi was with the telescope. Fabre was a devout Catholic, a daily attendant at Mass and an honor to his country. Dr. Finlay, whose research in stamping out yellow fever in our southern countries, classes him with Pasteur, a great benefactor to humanity. Once he had traced the spread of his yellow scourge to the mosquito, the rest was a matter of cure, until to-day yellow fever has to a large extent disappeared from our southern States, Cuba and Porto Rico. Dr. Finlay was a fervent Catholic. The last of the trio was William Carr, of Washington, a son of a former Governor of North Carolina, a man of varied attainments in scientific pursuits, an authority on the X-ray and the properties of radium, who died as he had lived, a Catholic. Science and religion went hand in hand with these men, and their great learning did but emphasise their faith, beautify it and crown their lives with honor.

### A RACE VARIETY.

In no other nation is there gathered such a variety of races and languages as in the United States. In 1910 the population included more than 2,000,000 Italians, nearly 2,000,000 Poles, approximately 1,500,000 Swedes, more than 1,250,000 French, and about 1,000,000 Norwegians, all of these estimates being made upon a linguistic basis. In addition to these, there are divers other groups, some of them being—Bohemian and Moravian, 539,392; Spanish, 448,198; Danish, 446,473; Dutch and Frisian, 324,930; Magyar, 320,893; Slovak, 284,444; Lithuanian and Lettish, 211,235; Finnish, 200,688; Slovenian, 183,341; Portuguese, 141,268; Greek, 130,387; Serbo-Croatian, 129,254, including Croatians, 93,036; Servian, 26,752; Dalmatian, 5505; Montenegrin, 3961; Russian, 95,137; Roumanian, 51,124; Syrian and Arabic, 46,742; Flemish, 44,806; Ruthenian, 35,359; Slavic (not specified), 35,195; Armenian, 30,021; Bulgarian, 2366; all other and those whose mother tongue was unknown, 313,834.

### COST OF AN 'HONOR.'

The conferring of an honor by the Crown was at one time such a costly matter to the subject that it was by no means uncommon for it to be declined. There is the well-known instance of Lord Melbourne, who declined the Order of the Garter in a characteristic letter to Queen Victoria, in which he said: 'The expense of the Blue Ribbon amounts to £1000, and there has been of late years no period at which it would not have been seriously inconvenient to me to lay down such a sum.' 'Fees of Honors,' as they were called, were nearly all abolished in 1902, at the instigation of King Edward, the holders of vested rights to extract them being compensated for their loss.

### WHERE PANAMA HATS COME FROM.

When the summer comes lucky is considered the young man who can sport a 'genuine Panama' hat, and yet, though these hats have become extremely popular, few people know that the term is a misnomer. These hats are not made at Panama, but in Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia. It was because the great bulk of the export of these hats was shipped via the Isthmus of Panama that they got their name, which probably never will be corrected now. In Latin-America these hats are never called Panama hats, but 'jipijapa,' in honor of the town in Ecuador where they were first manufactured.

It is a popular error also to imagine that the straw out of which the 'Panama' hats are made is very

expensive. In South American countries the Panama hats are worn by rich and poor alike. The high prices we know are due largely to the import duties and to the fact that they pass through the hands of a number of commission men before they reach the ultimate purchaser.

During that Paris Exposition held during the reign of Napoleon III. two Panama hats from Ecuador were presented to the Emperor and to Marshal MacMahon. One of the finest hats ever made in Ecuador was presented to the late King Edward, and was so delicate and exquisitely woven that it could be folded into a package not larger than his watch.

The plant from which the straw for these hats is procured grows wild in the upper forests of the Amazon, in Peru. The shrub is fan shaped, and when cut it is boiled, put in the sun to dry, and then assorted for use. To make the straw white it is boiled in lemon juice.

In June, 1905, a school for Panama hat-making was opened in Panama, and the pupils, who are taught by Government officials, are obliged in their turn to teach the art of hat-weaving to others. The United States is the largest purchaser of Panama hats, the importation of jipijaps from Ecuador amounting to nearly £200,000 annually. Germany, Great Britain, and France come next in the order named.

The straw exported from Ecuador to Peru is shipped in bales weighing about 85lb each. Germany also imports a small quantity of the unwoven straw. The manufacture of a Panama hat often requires the labor of a skilled weaver working five or six months in the late twilight or early dawn, the only hours available for making the finer grades of hats on account of the temperature.

### AS IN THE DAYS OF THE CATHOLIC GUILDS.

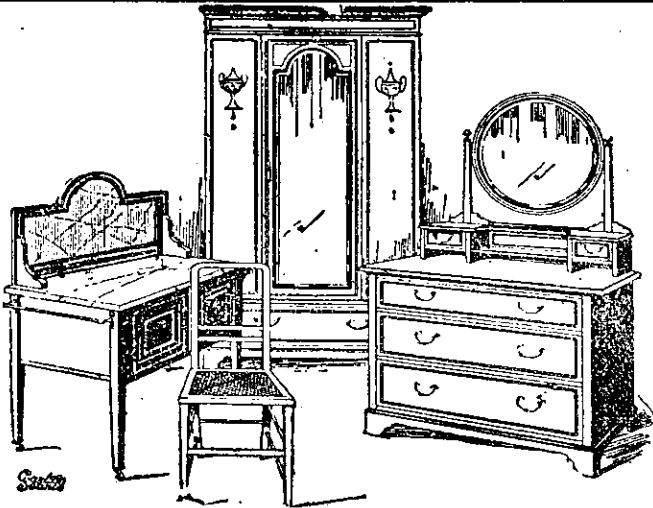
In the spacious days of the Middle Ages (writes the Spanish correspondent of the *Irish Catholic*, under date Madrid, November 26), the classic epoch of Catholic social organisation, Valladolid, boasted of its 60 artisans' Guilds. It witnessed a revival of its old-time glories on Sunday last, when the representatives of 103 Catholic Syndicates or Unions paraded through its streets, the occasion being the solemn inauguration of the new Social Centre of those Catholic organisations of the Province. From the old Catholic circle, their former headquarters, they marched in long files, each syndicate headed by its richly-adorned banner, to the Cathedral, where Solemn Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Jaca, assisted by the prelates of Salamanca and Segovia. The intervention of the Cardinal-Archbishop was limited, owing to the precarious state of his health, to blessing the Syndicates' banners. After this grand demonstration of the union of the Church and Labor, the procession, composed of from 7000 to 8000 unionists, directed its steps to the new social centre, a large edifice, with halls set apart for each of the unions, and all the facilities which its nature and purpose demand; here the edifice was blessed by the Bishop of Salamanca, and from one of the balconies the Bishop of Jaca spoke to the masses assembled outside. He contrasted the aims and ideals of Catholic organised labor with the wild aspirations of Socialism, the reasonable liberty of the one, submissive to the teachings of the Church and Jesus Christ, with the liberty of the other, leading to riot and anarchy, and compared the new social edifice to that Cenacle in Jerusalem whence went forth the Apostles to diffuse the Gospels throughout the world. From here, too, must go forth Apostles to save the country by the regenerating gospel of Catholic social action and organisation. His Lordship then blessed the assembled workmen, and they formally took possession of their new premises.

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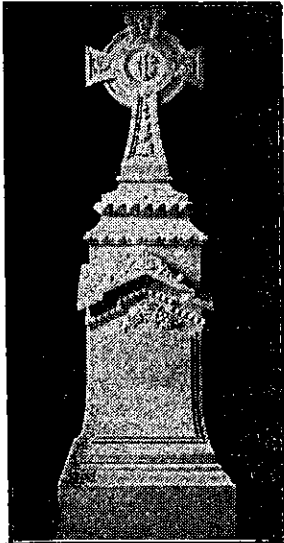
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## BELGIUM

### PROPOSED GERMAN CRUSADE.

That the German Catholic press has been disturbed by the publication in Germany of a book urging German Protestants and other German opponents of the Catholic Church to undertake a crusade against 'Belgian Clericalism' we (*Catholic Times*) cannot be surprised. The author is a certain Karl Zimmermann and the publication is one of a series on foreign nations issued by Diedrichs, of Jena. The object clearly is to destroy the Catholic faith in Belgium, if possible. It is due to the Catholic Church, Zimmermann says, that Germany hadn't the Flemings under her sway even before the war, and the question of the future of Belgium is to be solved by warfare against clericalism in that country. In the struggle against 'Deutschtum' the Church conquered in Belgium and 'Deutschtum' was crushed. 'Wash the dirt off the State's social countenance,' writes this elegant German, 'and you will find Jesuitism grinning at you.' A German Catholic paper, in noticing the production, states that out of respect for its readers it passes over a string of shameless insults to the Catholic women of Belgium. Zimmermann asks if Luther lived in vain, and he calls upon German Protestants, guided by no other than Nietzsche, to make an attack on the Catholic teaching by which the lives of the Belgians are governed. This typical German desires that Protestantism of the German type should take the place of Catholic doctrine in Belgium.

## ENGLAND

### A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

An enormous gathering of the Irish community of Manchester and Salford, and many others, filled the large and spacious dining saloon of the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on January 11, when Sir Daniel McCabe, D.L., K.S.S., received the congratulations of his many friends on his knighthood. In replying to the good wishes of his many admirers, Sir Daniel said he recognised that a great change had come over the Irish population of this country. When he came to Manchester as a child and lived in the Irish districts of Ancoats and Rochdale road, he remembered the attitude of the English people towards the Irish of that time. It was a cruel and un-Christian attitude. He remembered what the Irish people suffered. There were the Murphy riots and other attacks upon their people. That was more than forty years ago, and at that time outrages upon the Irish people were common in this country. He always felt indignation that such treatment should be allowed in a country which was democratic and which boasted of the liberties and rights of the people. It was said that 'England's difficulty was Ireland's opportunity.' He thought that was realised to-day in a different sense, and that the Irish people were willing to take part in the present war, and were contributing their share towards securing the glorious victory which they believed would fall to the Allies before very long. The Irish people had never liked the Germans and had never had reason to like them. Their sympathies had always been with the French, even whilst the Germans were the honored guests of Englishmen. He valued the honors conferred upon him (Sir Daniel said), not for himself, but because he believed it meant better things for the Irish in this country and at home. Irish people formed a large portion of the population of Manchester, and he thought they possessed as much civic patriotism and as much desire for the welfare of the city as any other portion of the inhabitants. He did not believe that Irishmen had ever been so united in the past as they were in the prosecution of this war.

## FRANCE

### MISCHIEVOUS ANTI-CLERICALS.

The French anti-clericals are still indulging in their mischievous tactics. M. Clemenceau, in *l'Homme Enchaîné*, accused the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul at the Hospital of St. Martha, Avignon, of favoring, to the detriment of others, soldiers who manifested religious sentiments. He also accused the hospital chaplain of having delivered a sermon containing heterodox doctrine. An investigation of the first charge was held. The evidence of five hundred patients was taken. They all praised the Sisters for their kindness and impartiality. The chaplain, the Abbe Lamande, has protested in a letter to M. Clemenceau's paper that in a report which appeared in its columns a sermon was attributed to him not a word of which he had uttered. The worst of these false charges is that their authors often succeed in depriving Catholics of liberty to which they are entitled. The authorities are too ready to listen to tales of the type published in *l'Homme Enchaîné*. During the Christmas holidays, in consequence of malicious rumors, they imposed in some places regulations which prevented French soldiers from attending religious services. The Catholic soldiers do not complain when their freedom of worship is restricted by sheer military necessities, but they naturally hold that they should enjoy such facilities for religious services as are granted to the Jews and Mussulmans.

## ROME

### A GOLDEN JUBILEE.

With due solemnity the many friends and admirers of Cardinal Falconio, and particularly the Order of Friars Minor, of which he is a member, celebrated in Rome the golden jubilee in the priesthood of his Eminence. From all over the United States messages of congratulation reached his Eminence; special functions were held in the International College of the Franciscan Order in honor of the occasion; and, best of all, an autograph letter, cordial in the extreme, was sent to him by Benedict XV. 'On the eve of the day which signalises the sacerdotal jubilee of your Eminence,' writes the Holy Father, 'it is dear to my heart to unite with you in thanking the Lord for having preserved you to this day in florid health. I also think of the great services rendered by you to the Church during the ten lustres of your sacerdotal life. The chief standard of the episcopal office is the crozier. I take pleasure, therefore, on the occasion of your jubilee, in making a present of a crozier to your Eminence. You know that the Popes do not use croziers. But your Eminence will have frequent occasion to use one. When this happens may you remember him who put it into your hand. Meanwhile, I pray the Lord to heap heavenly favors upon you.'

### NEW BURIAL-PLACE FOR POPES.

A special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* telegraphs from Milan: To overcome the grave difficulties connected with the removal of the bodies of Pontiffs across the city of Rome to the Lateran Basilica, which is the true cathedral of the Popes, a new burial-place is being prepared for the reception of the present and future Popes in the Chapel of Presentation in the left transept of St. Peter's. A kind of catacomb is now in the course of construction in the right wall, the lower part of which will contain niches for coffins, leaving the upper portion free for monuments, so designed as not to clash with the harmony of their surroundings. Pope Leo XIII's wishes will, nevertheless, be respected and his body conveyed to St. John's at Lateran as soon as a public funeral can be conveniently arranged. Cardinal Merry del Val, as president of the Special Commission, has selected the spot temporarily occupied by Pope Leo's remains in the wall outside the choir chapel for the new monument to Pius X.'s memory. The design for the monument will be definitely chosen at the Easter reunion of Cardinals, from a large number of projects presented by Catholic artists in various countries.

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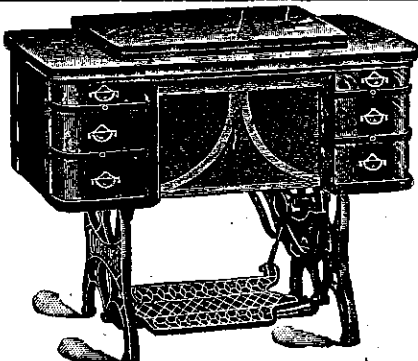
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## OBITUARY

### MR. E. BRENNAN, GORE.

Death has removed one of the oldest inhabitants of Gore, and a pioneer who was well known from end to end of the district, in the person of Mr. E. Brennan, at the age of 75 years (says the *Mataura Ensign*). Mr. Brennan left Ireland in 1857 for New South Wales. In Sydney Mr. Brennan worked as a carter on the wharf for some years and then went ploughing for a Mr. Hill, who owned a large estate. This Mr. Hill owned property in Southern New Zealand, and in 1862 Mr. Brennan brought over for him a shipment of stock per the ship Bengal. The cattle were landed at the Bluff, and Mr. Brennan went back to New South Wales for another year or two, finally settling in Southland in March, 1864. Mr. Hill's two sons then owned the Croydon Run, near Gore, and they engaged Mr. and Mrs. Brennan to proceed from Australia to Croydon. It was not long before Mr. Brennan's energy was manifested in this district, as soon after he came in 1864 he ploughed up some virgin land. He continued to work on the Croydon and Wantwood Runs until 1868, when he took over possession of the old Otamatea accommodation house. Here he first came in contact with the travelling public by whom he was so well and favorably known for many years, and where he gained the title 'Old Ned Brennan,' which was a household name for over 40 years. In 1871 the deceased bought the Longford accommodation house and erected a one-storey hotel of 14 rooms, roofed with galvanised iron instead of the customary shingles. It was on January 20, 1872, that Mr. Brennan came to live at Gore, and since that date he had been associated with Gore, and prior to his death had the longest continuous residence here of any man then living. In 1874 Mr. Brennan acquired a farm at Jacobstown on the outskirts of Gore, and this is said to have been the first farm fenced in this district, and after he left the hotel in 1887 he made the farm his residence practically up till his death. After leaving the hotel Mr. Brennan still maintained his reputation for generosity and hospitality, and many a swagger calling in at his farm has experienced his renowned kindness of heart. Mr. Brennan's wife predeceased him some nine years ago, and he is survived by his daughter (Mrs. Thos. Ambrose, Gore) and Messrs. James (Gore) and Alexander Brennan (Invercargill). The funeral, which took place at the Gore Cemetery, was very largely attended, especially by old residents of the district. Rev. Father Farthing officiated at the interment.—R.I.P.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

February 26.

The fortnightly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society took place on Wednesday evening, and was presided over by Bro. F. X. Jans. One new member was initiated. After the usual routine business was transacted, the question of arranging for the annual St. Patrick's night concert, to be held at the Opera Hall, was considered. An excellent musical programme was drawn up. All members are urged to use every effort to make the concert a success.

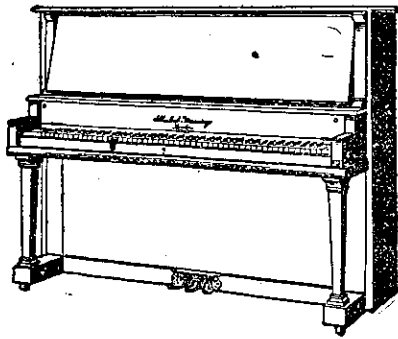
The collection for the Catholic institute at the Featherston Camp was taken up to-day (Sunday), the amount realised being £42 8s, which will be supplemented by the various conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who have donated £5 5s.

Regret was felt at the news of the death at her residence, Wickstead street, of Mrs. Annie Veronica Proctor, wife of Mr. N. C. Proctor, and second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Meehan, of Wanganui, who passed away at the age of 26 years.—R.I.P.

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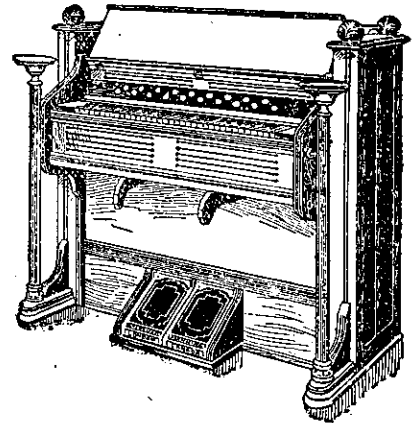
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## Domestic

(BY MAUREEN.)

### Tomatoes with Macaroni.

Boil in salted water as much macaroni as needed. Peel and slice ripe tomatoes, or use tinned ones. Butter a baking dish, place it in a layer of macaroni, then a layer of tomatoes, adding seasonings of bits of butter between alternate layers. When the dish is filled, add two teaspoons Chili sauce, cover with buttered crumbs, and bake in slow oven.

### Egyptian Pears.

Peel and core 1lb cooking pears, place dates well washed in the centre of each pear. Put pears in jar with a few extra dates. Pour about a wineglass full of flavored syrup over, and stew in a very slow oven for a long time, till soft. Serve with whipped cream or custard.

### Butterless, Eggless, and Milkless Cake.

Put two-thirds of a breakfast cupful of lard into a saucepan, add two cupfuls of brown sugar, two cupfuls of water, one and a-half cupfuls of sultana raisins, one-half cupful of seeded raisins, one level teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful each of powdered cinnamon, cloves, mace, allspice, one-half teaspoonful each of grated nutmeg and ginger, and boil for twenty minutes. Cool and add four cupfuls of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, and two teaspoonfuls of carbonate of soda dissolved in four tablespoonfuls of warm water, then add two cupfuls of chopped nuts. Turn into a greased and floured cake tin and bake in a moderate oven for one and a-half hours.

### Sausages in Mashed Potatoes.

Mash smoothly one and a-half pounds of cooked potatoes, then mix in one heaped tablespoonful of melted

butter, seasoning of salt and pepper, and three table-spoonfuls of boiling milk. Have ready boiled one pound of sausage—they take a quarter of an hour to boil, putting them in boiling water—mould round each sausage some of the mashed potatoes to give it the appearance of a roll, put a piece of butter or dripping on each, and bake in a hot oven or before the fire until a golden color. These rolls can be fried, but require care taking them out of the smoking-hot fat, or the potatoes will fall from the sausages.

### Salmon Croquettes.

Mix one well-beaten egg with one cupful of bread-crumbs, one tin of salmon, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two tablespoonfuls of milk, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and form into neat croquettes. Roll in fine bread-crumbs, then in beaten egg, and again in bread-crumbs. Fry in smoking hot fat to a golden color, drain and serve hot.

### Cookery Principles.

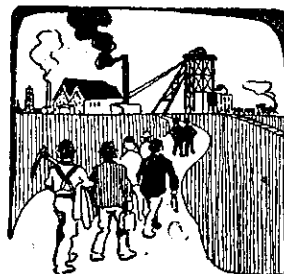
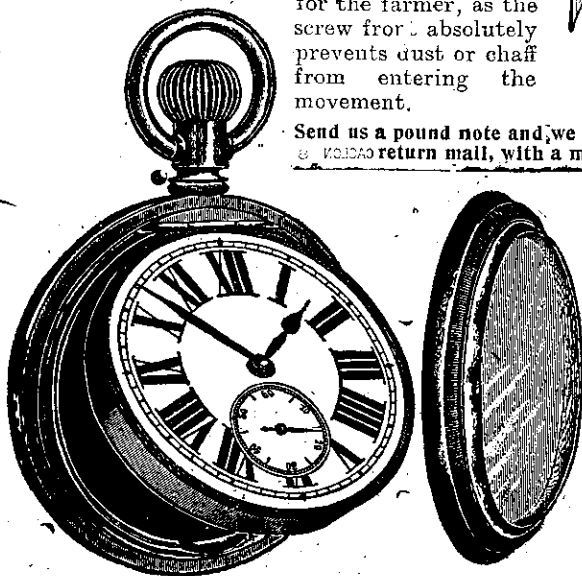
There are certain broad principles of cookery which should be learnt by rote until in practice they become almost instinctive to the cook. For instance, it may be taken as a general rule that to simmer is better than to boil fast, the exception (a large one) being the case of green vegetables, which require fast boiling all the time. When a joint is boiled it also needs to be put into thoroughly boiling water at first in order to harden it outside and prevent the escape of the juices into the water; but after the first few minutes it should be cooked slowly. In the case of baking meat, the oven should be kept very hot for ten minutes in order to harden the outside of the meat. In frying, the fat should nearly always be at what may be called boiling heat before the food is put in; that is to say, there should be a faint bluish smoke rising from the fat. If, however, there is much smoke, the fat is overheated, and will spoil the food.

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## On the Land

### GENERAL.

Lands set apart for selection by discharged soldiers in Hawke's Bay, Wellington, and Auckland districts, amounting to some thousands of acres in each district, are gazetted.

The Waverley Co-operative Dairy Company has again put up a fine record (says the *Wanganui Herald*), suppliers having received the large amount of 19d per lb for butter-fat, and in addition five-eighths of a penny is now being paid out as a bonus.

A serious epidemic has broken out among horses in North Canterbury. Animals are being fatally attacked with paralysis in the legs. They fall down, and do not rise again. There is pain in many, and the symptoms are those of tetanus, without the lockjaw. The disease is highly infectious. Animals should be isolated when attacked.

The milk supply at the Edendale and surrounding factories is being well maintained and records are certain to be established for the 1915-16 season (says the *Southland Times*). The sugar of milk factory is reported to have received several large orders—one of 100 tons—for its produce. Should the present weather conditions keep up no difficulty is expected in fulfilling the requirements.

Complaints have reached the Government that dealers are reducing the price of fat cattle by 2s per 100lb on account of the embargo on the export of hides. Producers claim that there is no justification for so substantial a reduction, and contend that they are being exploited by dealers. The Prime Minister stated that he asked Mr. Reakes, head of the Stock Division of the Agricultural Department, to report on the subject. Mr. Reakes points out that at the Wellington hides sale day, after the prohibition had been gazetted, prices really showed a slight increase, and at Auckland, 11 days later, good prices were obtained. Mr. Reakes says that the market conditions so far do not warrant any reduction. It is worthy of consideration in the prices for fat cattle on the hoof, even in the extreme case of a possible, though unlikely, fall of values to the extent of 1½d per lb for hides, the consequent reduction of the value of a 900lb bullock on the hoof would only equal 1s per 100lb.

At Addington last week there were larger entries of sheep, especially stores, and average yardings in other departments. Fat cattle were in keen demand at advanced rates, and fat lambs were very firm, while store sheep sold at late rates, the demand being keen except for inferior sorts. Fat sheep were a shade easier, and store cattle were in fair demand, while pigs sold better. Fat Lambs.—Extra prime, to 25s 9d; prime, 20s to 23s 10d; medium, 18s to 19s 6d; lighter, 15s to 17s 9d. Fat Sheep.—Prime wethers, 25s to 28s; others, 16s 2d to 24s 6d; merino wethers, 18s 7d to 21s 1d; extra prime ewes, to 32s; prime, 24s to 29s; medium, 19s to 23s 6d; lighter, 15s to 18s 6d; merino ewes, 17s 6d. Fat Cattle.—Extra prime steers, to £19 10s; ordinary, £10 5s to £13; extra prime heifers, to £14 5s; ordinary, £6 10s to £10; extra prime cows, to £15 7s 6d; ordinary, £6 to £10—price of beef per 100lb, 32s 6d to 50s, and extra to 55s. Pigs.—Choppers, 60s to 124s; extra heavy baconers, 100s to 105s; heavy baconers, 75s to 95s; light baconers, 60s to 70s—price per lb, 6½d to 6¾d; heavy porkers, 46s to 52s; light porkers, 38s to 44s—price per lb, 7¼d to 7¾d; best stores, 45s to 50s; medium, 28s to 40s; smaller, 16s to 26s; weaners, 7s to 12s.

At Burnside last week 156 head of fat cattle were yarded. There were few prime heavy bullocks forward, but the majority were medium and light-weight steers, and a few well-finished cows and heifers. Prices at the start of the sale were about 10s to 15s per head below the previous week's values, and a good number of cattle were passed. Later on the demand improved, and at the end of the day values were almost on a par with the previous week. Best prime bullocks sold at from £17 10s to £19; extra prime heavy bullocks to

£20 15s; medium do, £15 to £16 10s; best cows, £8 to £10; extra prime, to £11 10s; best heifers, from £9 to £10 10s; extra prime, from £12 17s 6d to £16 5s. Fat Sheep.—1860 penned. The quality was very mixed, only a few pens of prime heavy wethers being forward. The sale opened with prices almost equal to those ruling at previous sale, but towards the end of the day, when the trade's requirements were filled, prices began to recede. Taken all over, prices were easier than previous week. Quotations: Best wethers sold at from 26s to 29s; extra prime, at from 30s to 36s; medium, 23s 6d to 25s; light, 21s to 22s 6d; best ewes, 25s to 29s; extra prime, 29s 9d to 32s. Lambs.—870 penned; small yarding. The usual export buyers were operating, and a clearance was readily effected. Prices much the same as at late sales. Best lambs realised from 20s to 25s; extra prime, 25s 9d to 36s; medium, 17s to 29s; stores, 12s to 14s. Pigs.—There was a medium yarding of fat pigs, and the usual attendance of buyers. Everything was readily cleared under the hammer. Quotations: Prime baconers, 65s to 80s; light baconers, 55s to 65s; prime porkers, 40s to 50s; lighter, 32s 6d to 42s.

### THRUSH IN HORSES.

Thrush in horses is really an inflammatory state of the secreting membrane of the frog, and is usually a result of the continual standing in wet and dirt in a filthy stable. In some cases there appears to be a tendency to it; thus it is more often seen in badly-bred cart horses, whose legs are inclined to be greasy. Treatment in the first place (says an exchange) consists of removing the cause. Keep the animal under clean, dry conditions. The feet should be attended to, and all the loose horn pared off the foot. Poultice the feet for a couple of days to get them clean. Bran, in which a couple of handfuls of powdered charcoal has been mixed, is as good as anything. Then wash the feet thoroughly, and when dry apply calomel to the parts, working it into the cleft of the frog and dusting it over the other parts. Then pack with tow, and keep it in position by two narrow strips of iron wedged crossways between the sole and the shoe. Change the dressing every day, and keep the feet perfectly dry. A few dressings are usually sufficient to arrest the discharge.

### EXPORT OF FOODSTUFFS.

Since the inception, one year ago, of the scheme for the Government purchase of New Zealand meat there have been shipped to Great Britain 484,407 quarters of beef, 2,596,477 carcasses of mutton, 3,688,454 carcasses of lamb, 52,917 bags of beef, 297 pieces of beef, 9004 bags and crates of mutton, and 197,175 legs and pieces of mutton. The steamer *Clan Mactavish*, reported sunk by the enemy, carried meat valued at £4755. Payments made by the Imperial Government's supply branch for meat purchased in New Zealand during the year totalled £7,326,841. This represents shipments from districts as follow:—

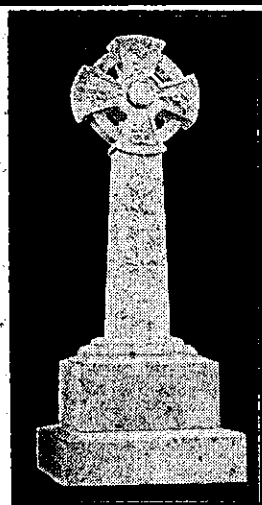
Auckland, £534,968; Poverty Bay, £802,040; Hawke's Bay, £758,250; Taranaki, £304,255; Wellington, £1,985,776;—total, North Island, £4,385,290.

Marlborough, £47,669; Nelson, £26,947; Canterbury, £1,712,608; Otago, £602,281; Southland, £552,044;—total, South Island, £2,941,551.

The quantity of meat in store at the inception of the scheme was 1,383,781 carcasses. This gradually increased to 2,187,659 carcasses on July 3. The supply of insulated tonnage then began to overtake the killing, till, on November 13, the stores held only 102,932 carcasses. Now the season is in full swing, and the stores were holding on February 12 (the latest stock-taking) 1,411,364 carcasses. Six steamers are loading, six more will load this month, and eight others are due during the next six weeks, for later loading.

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It somehow makes me think of spring,  
Though it is snowing.

A little sort of chirp comes first,  
And then a gentle drowsy humming,  
That seems to say, 'We're through the worst!  
Yes, spring is coming!'

I know quite well, outside the room,  
What isn't snowy must be icy,  
And yet I dream of fruit and bloom  
In islands spicy—

And little running, laughing streams,  
And dear green woods, with vines and mosses,  
And sunny places full of gleams,  
When the wind tosses

The leafy branches all about  
Make just another sort of singing;  
And little flurry things come out,  
Leaping and springing.

And always, when I get to this,  
And feel a sort of pleasant creepy,  
My mother wakes me with a kiss,  
And 'Oh, how sleepy!'

### AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

The following story of canine intelligence comes from the United States:—

Rax was one of the most intelligent dogs I ever knew.

Now you may wonder what his real name was, and will laugh when I tell you it was 'Borax.' Wasn't that a strange name for a dog?

He was a nice, clean-looking dog, all white, with very expressive brown eyes.

He used to come from Boston, his home, down to the beach every summer with his owner, Mrs. Aldrich. She was very deaf, and 'Rax' used to be 'ears for her,' she said. When anyone went to the cottage to call, Rax would inform his mistress of their presence by barking loudly, and if she didn't go to the door at once he would go where she was and bark louder still, as much as to say, 'Hurry up, they will be tired waiting.'

He seemed to understand that he must look out for her very carefully, and always followed her wherever she went.

At night when he went upstairs to bed it was his custom to go to the bureau where the pocketbook was kept and bark till she gave it to him, then he would take it in his mouth and go upstairs, and lie down with it until his mistress came up to bed. No one could get it away from him but his mistress, either.

One night his mistress sent him upstairs, and, as usual, he had the pocketbook between his teeth. When she was ready to go to bed she went out into the kitchen where the stairs led up to the chambers, and said, in an ordinary tone of voice, 'Rax, bring my pocketbook down here. I want some change for the milkman.' She waited a moment and then said, 'Are you coming?' As she spoke the words she turned around and there was Rax with the pocketbook.

I was a frequent visitor at the cottage, and often did the errands for Mrs. Aldrich at the store. When I went to inquire if I could do anything for her, Rax would jump up and put his paws on the bureau and bark and whine till he had the pocketbook, then he would come to me and ask, as well as a dog could, if he could go to the store with me.

One night Rax was lying on the foot of his mistress's bed as usual, and although apparently asleep, yet was on the alert for any disturbance. Just then there rang out on the air the old bell, clanging wildly the alarm of fire. Rax heard the noise, and rushed downstairs, but was driven back by a cloud of smoke which was pouring up the stairway.

He jumped around wildly and barked trying to arouse his mistress, but she was a heavy sleeper and did not awaken. Then he quickly jumped on to the bed, and gently put his paw on her face. She started up quickly and, realising her danger, hastily threw some wraps on and, opening the window, tried to crawl out on the roof. Rax was there before her, and, jumping down to the ground, ran around the corner of the avenue as quickly as his four paws would carry him. By this time the firemen came rushing along and, guided by the dog's frantic movements and barking, rushed to the room, and in a few minutes had rescued Mrs. Aldrich from the burning cottage.

They soon had the flames extinguished, and found that there was not much damage done to the cottage.

Rax was the hero of the hour, however, and seemed to understand what he had done, as he went to his mistress and lapped her hands and face and looked at her with those expressive eyes. All agreed that if it had not been for his efforts, Mrs. Aldrich would have been burned to death.

### BOYS THAT SUCCEED.

'A new boy came into our office to-day,' said a wholesale grocery merchant to his wife at the supper table. 'He was hired by the firm at the request of the senior member, who thought the boy gave promise of good things. But I feel sure that the boy will be out of the office in less than a week.'

'What makes you think so?' inquired his wife.

'Because the very first thing that he wanted to know was just exactly how much he was expected to do.'

'Perhaps you will yet change your mind about him.'

'Perhaps I shall,' replied the merchant, 'but I do not think so.'

Three days later the business man said to his wife: 'About that boy you remember I mentioned two or three days ago. Well, he is the best boy who ever entered the store.'

'How did you find that out?'

'In the easiest way in the world. The first morning after the boy began to work he performed very faithfully and systematically the exact duties assigned him, which he had been so careful to have explained to him. When he had finished, he came to me and said: "Mr.—, I have finished all the work. Now, what can I do?"'

'I was a little surprised, but I gave him a little job of work, and forgot all about him until he came into my room with the question, "What next?" That settled it for me. He was the first boy that ever entered our office who was willing and volunteered to do more than was assigned him. I predict a successful career for that boy as a business man.'

### DUMAS AS A COOK.

Cooking or the compounding of salads and sauces has the authority of historic precedent as a suitable hobby for French gentlemen of distinction. It was fashionable among the aristocracy in court circles before the Revolution, and became of essential service to more than one noble fugitive from the Terror during his exile. One young gentleman, rather narrowly escaping the guillotine, hid his name under an alias, and served for several months as an assistant in a famous London restaurant, where he was soon given the entire responsibility for the minced meats, entrees, and ragouts. After the partial restoration of his fortunes, he delighted in telling the story of his adventures, always concluding with a phrase that may perhaps best be rendered:

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So, you see, I disappointed them finely—the Sans-culottes. By the chopping knife they would have had me die, and behold! By the chopping knife I lived!

Frenchmen of more than merely aristocratic distinction—authors, artists, and scientists—have also yielded to the clinking lure of little pots and pans, and the bright beckoning of kitchen fires. But among many who learned to cook a little, or even to cook creditably, there was only one who really became a cook. That was Alexandre Dumas, the elder, and for his qualifications we have the word of his chef.

The chef, Monsieur Edouard, after some months in Dumas' service, came to him with a very gloomy face to give notice of his departure.

'But, my dear Edouard, why?' expostulated Dumas. 'If it is a matter of money, you shall have more. I do not wish to let you go; you cook admirably. Your omelettes, especially—'

'Ah, monsieur!' cried Edouard, with outflung hands. 'So I have always thought myself; yet it is because of a little matter of omelettes that I depart. Monsieur will remember that we had omelette for breakfast both yesterday and to-day. Yesterday I prepared it: an omelette with parsley and little marrow balls, on which I pride myself. Monsieur approved it, and so did the two gentlemen, Monsieur's guests. But to-day it was monsieur's fancy to make the omelette himself, after a recipe of his own, with chicken liver and small red peppers. I myself, passing by the door, overheard monsieur's guests cry out in ecstasy: "But, good heavens, Dumas, this omelette is exquisite! It is divine! It is surpassing! Even the omelette of yesterday is as nothing to this!" There was a little left. I slipped in! I tasted; they were right!

'I must, monsieur will understand, depart at once, to refresh my art by study and experience. I am willing to admit that monsieur is no ordinary amateur; he may rank with professionals; still I cannot remain tranquilly in his kitchen, permitting myself to be surpassed. I depart with homage and regret—but I depart.'

#### AN INQUISITIVE YOUNGSTER.

'Carry yer bag, sir?' said an eager urchin to a man in Rattray street, as he was hurrying toward the Dunedin Railway Station.

'No, thanks!' replied the man shortly.

'I'll carry it all the way for a penny,' persisted the lad.

'I tell you I don't want it carried!' retorted the man.

'Don't yer?'

'No, I don't!'

The lad broke into a quick trot to keep up with his victim's hasty strides, as he asked in innocent curiosity:

'Then what are you carrying it for?'

#### TOO MUCH OF AN EFFORT.

A charming English girl she was, but she could not see the point of a joke. Her classmates at college, jolly, fun-loving girls, regretted this serious defect in their dear friend and determined upon a reform.

So they made a little joke to spring upon Evelyn that night. Accordingly, when they had all met in Evelyn's room, Doris propounded the joke, which was really a riddle.

'Maud,' she said, 'can you tell me the best way to make a Maltese cross?'

'No,' replied Maud, after due thought. 'How do you make a Maltese cross?'

'Pull its tail,' said Doris, promptly.

The other girls tittered obligingly, but Evelyn sat solemn as an owl, with a puzzled frown on her classic brow.

'What's the matter with you, Evelyn?' cried the girls, justly indignant. 'Can't you see the point?'

Evelyn shook her head. 'I know it's awfully stupid of me, but I can't for the life of me see how anyone could make a Maltese cross out of a pullet's tail!'

#### A NEW DESIGNATION.

A workman employed in street scavenging by a corporation when filling up his National Registration form was doubtful how to describe his occupation, and consulted a better-educated neighbor, who was also a bit of a joker.

'Oh,' said the wag, 'that's easy enough. You're in the Highways Department; put down "highwayman."' And as a highwayman he was entered.

#### GIVE YOUR BEST.

A gentleman was walking up the street carrying in his hand a bunch of beautiful white water lilies, which he had gathered as he returned from a pleasant sail on the bay.

'What lovely lilies!' exclaimed an acquaintance, a young girl, as she inhaled their fragrance and looked longingly at the bouquet in his hand.

'Yes, they are rather nice,' he replied. 'Take your pick if you care for one.'

'May I? You are very kind,' she said as she reached out and selected a medium-sized flower from the bunch.

'How modest you are; I do believe you have chosen the smallest one you could find. Here, take this one,' he said, as he detached the largest and finest flower from the rest and handed it to her.

'You are generous, indeed,' she said. 'You have given me the best among the lot.'

'Well, it is a pleasure to give, and still more of a pleasure when we give our best,' he replied.

Is not this sentiment worthy of thought? It may not always be easy to give our best. Selfishness says 'Keep the best for yourself and give what is less valuable to your companion or friend.'

#### A GOOD REASON.

The teacher was trying to make his pupils understand that all good comes from one source.

As an illustration, he told them of building a house and putting waterpipes with taps in all the rooms, these pipes not being connected with the main in the street.

'Suppose I turn on a tap and no water comes, what is the matter?'

He naturally supposed that some of the boys would answer that the water was not turned on at the main; but they didn't. On the contrary, one boy at the foot of the class called out:

'You didn't pay your water-rate!'

#### DRESSING A SCARECROW.

'I can't get any old clothes to put on the scarecrow,' said Farmer Wurzel to his wife.

'You might use some of the alleged latest fashions that our girl brought from the city last week,' suggested Mrs. Wurzel.

'Good gracious, woman! I want to scare the blackbirds, not to make them laugh.'

#### THE SCARCASTIC INSTRUCTOR.

The cavalry instructor was lecturing severely a particularly wooden-headed recruit.

'How many times have I got to tell you,' he asked, 'never to approach horses from the rear without speaking to them? One of these days they will be kicking you on the head, and then we shall have a lot of lame horses on our hands!'

#### LADIES!

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