

The stony road of unremitting wrong,
 The purple winepress of the wrath of God:
 Is then the Isle of Destiny indeed
 To grief predestinate;
 Ever fardoomed to agonise and bleed.
 Beneath the scourging of eternal fate?
 Yet against hope shall we hope, and still
 Beseech the Eternal Will:
 Our lives to this one service dedicate.

A STRANGER.

Her face was like sad things: was like the lights
 Of a great city seen from far off fields,
 Or seen from sea: sad things as are the fires
 Lit in a land of furnaces by night:
 Sad things, as are the reaches of a stream
 Flowing beneath a golden moon alone. . . .
 Lonely amid the living crowds, as dead,
 She walked with wonderful and sad regard:
 With us her passing image: but herself
 Far over the dark hills and the long sea.

TE MARTYRUM CANDIDATUS.

Ah, see the fair chivalry come, the companions of
 Christ!
 White horsemen who ride on white horses, the
 Knights of God!
 They for their Lord and their Lover who sacrificed
 All, save the sweetness of treading, where he first
 trod!
 These through the darkness of death, the dominion of
 night,
 Swept, and they woke in white places at morning
 tide:
 They saw with their eyes the Eyes of the Crucified.
 Now, withersoever He goeth, with Him they go:
 White horsemen, who ride on white horses, oh fair to
 see!
 They ride where the rivers of Paradise flash and
 flow,
 White horsemen, with Christ their Captain: for ever
 He!

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

May 26.

The bazaar organised by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., in the interests of the Thorndon parish, which commences on May 29, and to continue for a week promises to be a success. An attractive programme has been arranged for each evening.

The result of the bazaar held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall by the parishioners of St. Joseph's, proved a great financial success, and the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., and his energetic committee deserve congratulations on the results of their efforts.

Captain D. J. Gibbs, of the Wellington Harbor Board staff, and an old boy of the Marist Brothers' School, now on active service, has been promoted to the rank of Major. Prior to his promotion, Major Gibbs was mentioned in despatches by Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

The Brandon Cremer Dramatic Company is at present in Wellington. Mrs. Cremer and several members of the company are Catholics. During the week the company played "Mary Latimer Nun," a play which attempts to depict the noble and dignified work of the Sisters of Mercy in everyday life.

At the last meeting of the Dominion Executive of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, a motion was passed expressive of sorrow at the death of Archbishop Carr. The Catholic Federation in Australia was organised mainly through the late Archbishop's efforts, it being first established in his archdiocese.

A large and representative meeting of old boys of the Marist Brothers' School was held in the school-room on last Sunday to make preliminary arrangements

for the celebration of the centenary of the Marist Brothers' Order. An inaugural committee was formed to proceed with a programme outlined at the meeting.

The fortnightly meeting of the executive committee of the Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association was held in the schoolroom, Newtown, on May 17, Mr. J. Hayden presiding. The secretary reported that the meeting convened by the association of ex-pupils of the Marist Brothers' School for the purpose of arranging preliminaries in connection with the celebration in August of the centenary of the founding of the Order of Marist Brothers, was held on Sunday, May 13, and that a further meeting was fixed for the following Sunday for the formation of a committee to promote the celebration. Accounts amounting to £3 12s were passed for payment. Mr. W. Brady was elected assistant secretary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Pope, and Mr. W. Conroy was elected a member of the executive.

The end of the Catholic Federation financial year is June 30, to which date the current year's subscription covers. All membership must therefore be renewed for the ensuing twelve months. Each parish committee, with the consent of the priest in charge of the parish are expected to enter upon an energetic canvass for the renewal of subscriptions and the enrolling of new members. Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of organising our Catholic population. We have had some fairly recent examples of what would happen were we to allow ourselves to be ridden over, rough shod. We must be ready for any emergency, and the old saying that to ensure peace we must be armed for war applies just as much to the Catholic body as it does to the armament of a nation. This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Federation, and every effort is to be exerted to make Federation Sunday a day worthy of every Catholic, as an incentive to either renew membership or to enrol. The hierarchy has approved of the day being set apart for the purpose mentioned, and it remains for the parish committees to do their part.

In addition to their usual activities, the members of the Catholic Knitting Guild are busily engaged at present in preparing for Friday, June 8, the day on which they make provision and take charge of the Red Cross Shop, Lambton quay. Their former effort at the shop resulted in the creditable return of £107. It is earnestly hoped that this amount will be reached, if not exceeded on the above date. The various departments, consisting of (1) meat, poultry, eggs, and butter, (2) home-made cakes, etc., (3) fancy goods, (4) preserves, (5) sweets, (6) vegetables, are delegated to energetic and capable ladies. Many competitions are being held, including an art union, a Singer sewing machine, and many other valuable and useful articles being included in the list of prizes. Country sympathisers are particularly appealed to for produce, which should be addressed to the Guild, Red Cross Shop, 125 Lambton quay, and sent in not later than Thursday, June 7, or following morning. All Catholics resident in or around Wellington should make a point of supporting this effort by either giving, or buying at the shop on this day, and so help this fund on which our boys depend so much in their hour of sickness and suffering. Donations of money are solicited, and should be addressed to the secretary, Miss Wheeler, Wellington College.

The more you speak of yourself, the more likely you are to speak rashly.—Zimmerman.

Every moment you now lose is so much character and advantage lost, as, on the other hand, every moment you now employ usefully is so much time wisely laid out at prodigious interest.—Chesterfield.

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