

Phonetic Spelling

English as it is spoken is a very different language from the written word. Italian, Spanish, German, Maori, and, in a less degree, French, are written as they are pronounced, but there is some foundation for saying that in English when one says Timbuctoo it may be written Jerusalem. Notwithstanding this, we unhesitatingly vote for the old, vexatious spelling rather than have anything to do with the Americanese of which here is an awful example:—

“The fact iz that moest peopl fail tu grasp the wun leeding prinsipl, viz, that it is the spoecen wurd that reali matters.”

Nothing New Under The Sun

We have heard it urged against Tennyson's claims to greatness that he was a skilful adapter of beautiful thoughts from old writers. It is astonishing how the great thoughts of literature are repeated from age to age, taken up and carried on from generation to generation as the torch was taken from the wearied runner in the Olympic games. Here is an instance of a thought common to many ages and many climes. The text of Scripture which tells us that nothing is hid that shall not be revealed is like Horace's

Quidquid sub terra est, in apertum proferat actus.

which is an echo of two lines of the Greek poet Sophocles, repeated again by Marcus Aurelius, and again by Shakespeare in the lines:

“Beauty, wit,
High birth, vigor of bone, desert in service,
Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all
To envious and calumniating time.”

In the same way every student of philosophy knows how frequently old errors are revived and put forward as if they were entirely new discoveries, whereas they had been refuted and interred centuries ago. There is hardly a philosophical system of modern times which has not had almost an exact counterpart in pagan ages.

Hymns of Hate

A correspondent asks us if hymns of hate are all made in Germany. They are not. They are a peculiarly jingoistic product, and Jingo and Junker are brothers under the skin—to borrow the expression of Kipling the High Priest of all Jingoese and Junkers. Kipling has recently added another enormity to this abominable sort of literature. Here it is—and we suppose there are people who call it poetry:—

“It was not part of their blood,
It came to them very late,
With long arrears to make good,
When the English began to hate.

“It was not suddenly bred,
It will not swiftly abate,
Through the chill years ahead,
When time shall count from the date
That the English began to hate.”

You will get a thousand people to write such doggerel as that in Germany or England or any country in which it has been forgotten that charity is the real mark of a true follower of Christ. Indeed, it would appear that only the absence of rhyme is wanting to make some of our journals one long-drawn hymn of hate of the same exalted level as Kipling's drivel.

HELD OVER

Owing to extreme pressure on our space we are obliged to hold over until next week, obituaries, “Gardening Notes,” “Roll of Honor,” several articles and reports. Also a lengthy list of resolutions passed throughout the Dominion on the conscription of the clergy, religious students, and Brothers.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The many friends of Lieutenant Augustine P. McCormack will be pleased to see his name in the latest list of New Zealand honors.

St. Joseph's ladies' hockey team defeated Waiata by 3 goals to nil, the scorers being J. Murray (2) and A. Holt. St. Joseph's B grade lost to Konini by 9 goals. St. Joseph's played two short.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the eleven o'clock Mass on last Sunday. In the evening after Vespers there was the usual procession followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On next Sunday the annual collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taken in Dunedin. While we are all so generously contributing to the patriotic funds and doing our part in allaying the misery caused by war abroad let us not forget the poor at home for whom the zealous members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society labor.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran on Saturday from the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay. The pack, under Captain J. Burke, led past the Anderson's Bay Cemetery, encircling the lagoon, returning home via the High road. The members were afterwards entertained by the Sisters, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated. The members to represent St. Joseph's Club in the interclub three-mile race are J. Burk, L. McAllen, W. Lucas, G. Fitzgerald, and R. McCaughan.

The Christian Brothers' football team last Saturday drew with Normal School after one of the most exciting games seen on the Oval for some time. There were many spectators, who took a keen interest in the match. It was thought that this was the final, but it is rumored that another round is contemplated. The Greens will have to practise very hard in order to finally secure the cup. In the B grade the Brothers drew with High Street. P. Roughan scored for the Greens. The No. 2 team in the C grade continued their victorious career by defeating Caversham by 3 to nil. The scorers were J. Brennan, J. Cantwill, and J. Farrell.

Lyttelton

A very impressive ceremony took place at the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, on Thursday, July 26 (writes a correspondent), when Sister M. Francis Daly made her Act of Profession, and Miss Margaret Hackett (in religion, Sister Mary Benignus) received the holy habit of a Sister of Mercy. His Lordship Bishop Brodie officiated and preached, taking for his text, “What shall it profit a man,” etc. (St. Matt.). His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm. Rev. Father Cooney and Rev. Father Morkane were also present. The music of the Mass and ceremony was sung by the Sisters.

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