

THE ORIENT AND ROME.

The Rome correspondent of the *Catholic Times* (London) writes:—"Professor Iakir Behar, secretary-general of the Israelites' Society of the Benè-Behar at Constantinople, fulfilled the mission upon which his co-religionists on the Bosphorus had sent him—i.e., to thank Pope Benedict for the aid and protection which he had afforded the Jews in the Turkish Empire during the war. The Jews had performed this duty already through the columns of their newspapers in Constantinople, but they did not feel content with this, and accordingly delegated Professor Iakir Behar to come to Rome to express the gratitude which they feel for the kindness of the Vicar of Christ.

On the same day the Holy Father received in audience a group of Greek journalists representing the chief newspapers in Greece. In the course of a brief address his Holiness said:—"We encourage Greek culture, and not only by words, but by facts, have we shown our benevolence towards the Orient. We are glad to have manifested it by choosing a Greek as Assessor of the Sacred Oriental Congregation. I have no doubt but the Greeks will appreciate this fact at its true value. The name of Athens has ever been united to that of Rome. May God bless your country."

The Greek to whom the Pope referred is the Right Rev. Isaiah Papadopoulos, Titular Bishop of Graziopolis.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S CLUB,
DUNEDIN.

A large number of members attended the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on last Monday evening. The president (Father Ardagh) stressed the necessity of increasing the membership, and hoped that all the young men in the parish would join the club. A mock banquet was held, the principal speakers being the president, Rev. Brother Bowler, Messrs. G. Brown, F. Donnelly, V. Sheehy, M. Miller, J. P. Dunn, A. Tarleton, E. Sandys, J. Toomey, and W. Kennedy. A debate has been arranged for next Monday, and the club will be pleased to welcome any new members.

RIGHT REV. HENRY WILLIAM CLEARY, D.D.
BISHOP OF AUCKLAND.
AS CHAPLAIN WITH THE NEW ZEALAND
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary, whose name appears in the birthday list of honors as being appointed by the King Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.), for services rendered in connection with the war, served as chaplain with the New Zealand Forces in the firing and support lines on the Western Front, during part of 1916 and 1917, and returned to his diocese at the end of October in the latter year.

What you keep by you, you may change and mend:
but words once spoken can never be recalled.

Honesty is one of the foundation stones of character, but honor is finer than honesty, because it transforms honesty into a spiritual quality by lifting it above all considerations of policy or advantage.

There is no limit in the demands of the Christ when character is at stake: everything else is mere dross. Life itself does not count in the balance when character is in the other scale. There are great joys by the way in this life, but society will become safe only as it becomes just and merciful and self-sacrificing.

To recognise a duty and fail to do it means the decay of the sense of obligation and results in personal ruin. One ought to be afraid of not doing what he ought to do.—Selected.

A humble prayer, made with confidence and true love, obtains for us the grace necessary for the present moment, and it is then easy to sanctify all that we offer to the Divine Heart of Jesus.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*