

ARCHBISHOP DELANY'S CHALLENGE.

At a recent meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society, Tasmania, reference was made to the proposal in the Federal Parliament by Mr. Palmer for an inquiry to be held into the management of all convents, and to the challenge thrown out by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, which is as follows:—"He wished to throw out a suggestion or proposition, and it was this: Let the Federal Government or the State Governments, if they liked, appoint a board, or boards, consisting on the one part of 50 per cent. Catholics and on the other part of 50 per cent. made up of the blackest Orangemen, or other men of black, white, or yellow color, and empower this board, or these boards, to investigate the whole internal workings of every convent and Catholic institution and Catholic benefit society, and every other

Catholic society, and also all the Freemason organizations, Orange societies, and every other society in the Commonwealth, and let the result of the investigations be placed before the public of Australia." It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. P. Gannon, J.P., that the branch endorse the challenge as submitted by his Grace, and invite any inquiry into the working of the Catholic societies and institutions under the conditions contained in that challenge.

The pure hands of Mary are as a precious channel through which God bestows His graces on all His children, of whom she is the Mother. Beg her to have pity on us, that in her maternal tenderness she may allow us and the entire world to feel the effects of that incomparable favor which she has found before God.—*Mother M. of the Sacred Heart.*

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