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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 17, Sunday.	Third Sunday in Advent.
„ 18, Monday.	Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
„ 19, Tuesday.	Blessed Urban V., Pope and Confessor.
„ 20, Wednesday.	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr. Ember Day.
„ 21, Thursday.	St. Thomas, Apostle.
„ 22, Friday.	St. Deusdedit, Pope and Confessor. Ember Day.
„ 23, Saturday.	St. Columbanus, Abbot. Ember Day.

Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As we approach more nearly to the great feast of the Nativity, the Church redoubles her exhortations to prepare in a worthy manner for its celebration. To-day she urges us to join in the longing desires and fervent aspirations with which the Blessed Virgin hailed the approach of the happy day when she was to hold in her arms the Incarnate Son of God.

Blessed Urban V., Pope and Confessor.

Before his elevation to the Papacy, Blessed Urban was abbot of the monastery of St. Victor, near Marseilles, and as Pope he cultivated the same qualities which had distinguished him as monk. His virtues were in striking contrast with the corruption of the times in which he lived, and would have done honor to a better age. His pontificate lasted from 1362 to 1370.

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Josaphat, a native of Poland, displayed, while still in his boyhood, such piety and fraternal charity as to excite the admiration of all who knew him. After having been or some years a monk of the Order of St. Basil, he was raised to the dignity of Archbishop. The zeal and success with which he preserved his flock from heresy and schism drew upon him the hatred of some sectarians, who compassed his death in 1623.

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Give o'er your search, ye seekers! Ye are vain:
Pure gold gleams but above,
The riches that ye view with chill disdain,
The Gold of God—His love.

Nor toils endure, but lift the lowly heart;
Wring not the stubborn clod;
Lo! in a land from death and pain apart
Ye'll find the Gold of God.

Rev. W. Hendrix, S.J., in the *Ave Maria*.

Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we pretend and profess, to perform and make good that which we promise, and really to be what we pretend to be.

There are many roads through life; there is only one road that the wise person will take and keep. That one is the road to righteousness. And righteousness in terms of man's existence in this world, is right living, right thinking, right doing.

If we must know the right in order to do it, it is equally needful that we do it in order to know it. The habit of prompt and unquestioning obedience to whatever appeals to us as duty, puts us into the very best condition for learning more and higher truth.

Envy is rather a dangerous disease, for sometimes it develops into a secret feeling of rancor. Why give so much homage to wealth, power, influence, and luxuries? They are nothing compared with tranquil hours and a sweet little home furnished with harmony and joy. Moreover, envy gets you nothing but misery, of which nearly everyone has a sufficient supply.

The Storyteller

THE TOY AND THE PROPHET

From out the chaos of muddy waggons, shouting circus-hands, and lathered, straining mules, came Killeen's voice, high-pitched and angry. There was an electric crackle in it as if the lightning-flash had parted the lowering clouds that overhung the city.

Grayson!

Grayson lifted his head with a dull start. His eyes, under their heavy black brows, seemed to reach across the mud-coated field and clinch hard with the chief's. There was a light of sullen defiance in them, discernible even at that distance, which goaded Killeen to instant fury.

'Can't you see you're wanted, man!' he bel-lowed. 'Bring that elephant over here, and push us out of this mud-hole!'

Grayson's jaws set, and for a moment he did not move. Then he buttoned his coat tightly over his broad chest, and turned quickly to the big elephant standing at his side. With a firm but gentle hand on the animal's trunk, he led him through the sand and water to the imbedded waggon.

'Put him at it here!' growled Killeen, jerking his muddied sleeve away from the waggon-axle.

The man did not once raise his eyes to the thin, arrogant figure of the manager towering above him. He guided the half-blind elephant's trunk to the designated place and, with a low-spoken word or two of encouragement, struck the animal with the prod in his hand. Rajah's mammoth head raised, and the imprisoned wheel came slowly up out of the ooze.

'That'll do,' said the manager. 'And next time don't be so delicate with your good-for-nothing beast!' he added.

The man shut his teeth without retort. Killeen had remounted his horse, and the circus moved slowly towards the smoke-curtained city.

Grayson splashed doggedly along beside the elephant, his coarse clothing mud-spattered even up to the battered slouch hat that he wore. Killeen's treatment meant nothing to him. He had ceased even to curse with his fellow-toilers the disheartening combination of foul weather and the lack of money which was bringing ruin upon the show. It was with the crippled, half-blind elephant, ploughing painfully on through the mud, that the hopes and fears of Grayson rested.

The accident had occurred on the night, weeks before, when the circus-cars, in a nasty fog, had crashed into a stationary engine. Grayson thrown from his berth by the shock, had rushed to the front of the train where the overturned and broken animal-car was slowly beginning to burn in the debris. At the risk of his life, amidst the chaos of panic-stricken animals, he had worked like a maniac to save what he could.

It was Rajah he had assisted last—Rajah, blinded by hot steam and cinders, with a big, ironed timber across him that bit half a foot into the flesh of one leg. Nursed and watched over by Grayson, however, the elephant had lived but there was no hope that he would ever again take his old place in the ring. Half-blind, and limping painfully on the disabled leg, his active career was over.

But the loyalty of his keeper never faltered. Rather, it began to grow and ripen from that day forth. Grayson's trainership in years numbered just those that had slipped by since, as a lad of twenty-one, he had entered into the work. Rajah had come to him last, and it was with Rajah that he had shared fortune and misfortune during these latter seasons.

In many ways, and as far as animal can go with human, the two had nothing left to them but each other. It had been more of a partnership than the man had realised, until the accident struck its crushing blow at Rajah's usefulness. Yet even now, as he led the elephant across the fields to the 'lot,' with his watchful, faithful eyes upon the animal's progress, there was no thought of desertion in Grayson's heart.

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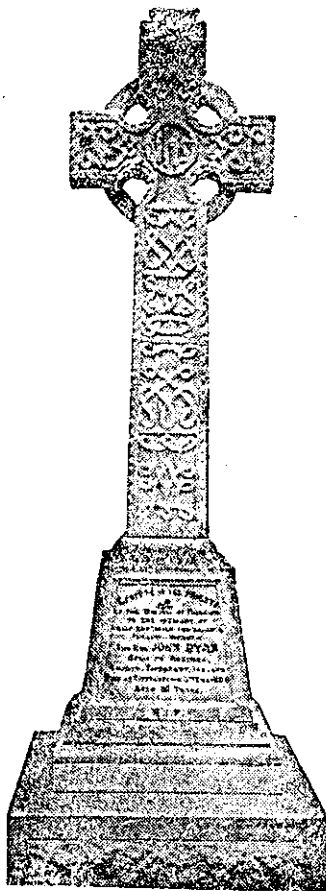
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Once, as the trainer raised his eyes to study the outline of the city, he saw that the assistant-manager, Carr, in boots and ulster, was galloping swiftly towards them. He reached Killeen, and both men slackened their pace until they were within easy hearing of Grayson and his charge.

'They've been here—Tuesday,' Carr was saying savagely. 'Cleaned out the whole town!'

'Hang them!' Killeen hurled back.

His face, as Grayson beheld it for an instant, was white with mingled rage and defeat. Vaguely, Grayson appreciated that some rival show had slipped in before them. He knew well enough what that meant. And, as if to cast a final damper on the gloomy prospect ahead, the rain began once more to pour from the pent-up heavens.

For just a moment, even Grayson pitied the despairing figure of the manager as he whipped up the collar of his coat.

'We're beaten, Carr—that and this weather!' Killeen's voice was almost a whine. 'I'll turn them back. We might as well sulk in the cars.'

He dug his heels into his horse, but Carr caught him doggedly by the coat.

'What's the use?' he demanded. 'They've got the canvas up. Give the animals a chance to stretch themselves. You might as well. As for—'

Their voices were lost to Grayson as they spurred a little ahead. The next he heard was from Killeen.

'Salaries! Salaries! Man, do you know I've little enough over the money to haul us out of here? We're done if the sun don't shine to-morrow!'

So it was that bad, Grayson reflected. He had known all along that they were scarcely making expenses. It was the old story of a poor outfit and worse luck. Salaries were already weeks behind. But now—to be stranded without a dollar, to have cast upon him the crippled elephant, with no time perhaps no chance, to hunt a new place.

The rain became a heavy mist, as if the skies were an immense, minutely-fine sieve under a deluge.

They were nearing the wet canvases when a little girl, wrapped in a pinned-up raincoat, ran out across the sodden field towards the men on horseback. It was Mary, the sweet, sunny-eyed, hisping little seven-year-old daughter of the manager; and, in her eagerness to reach her father, she darted through the long circus cavalcade to him, crossing heedlessly in front of the elephant and sinking ankle-deep in the thick mud directly in Rajah's path.

Grayson's hand shot out to guide the elephant aside, but he was an instant too late. Rajah, his film-covered eyes catching sight of the obstacle in his path, had lifted her gently in his trunk and swung her clear of his lumbering feet.

Killeen, hearing her little, startled cry, glanced up in time to comprehend the situation.

'Grayson!' he screamed. 'Grayson!' The trainer struck the elephant sharply with his prod, but Rajah had already deposited the tiny figure, unhurt, and was plodding laboriously on.

Killeen rode furiously up. 'Grayson, I've had enough of you and that worthless beast!' he stormed. All the bitterness, generated by the past weeks' disappointments, was loosened in his voice. 'You can clear out to-morrow—you and that elephant! Understand? I don't want to see you about after to-morrow night.'

Grayson lifted his dull, lethargic face. Now that the worst had come, he thought little of defence.

'Rajah didn't mean to hurt her,' he said dumbly.

'We won't argue that. I've done with you both. You can clear out!'

The trainer's muscles tightened tensely under his rough clothing.

'You'll give us our back pay?' he demanded doggedly, though he knew already the futility of asking.

The manager's eyes blazed. 'Pay?' he bellowed. 'You're lucky to get another meal for yourself and that hulk of worthless flesh.'

Grayson looked at him unflinchingly. 'D'you know, Killeen, that I ain't got a dollar in the world? I needed that money long before this. If you turn me an' Rajah out without a—'

'I can't help it! I can't help it! Heavens, man, sell him, and get him off your hands. He's useless. He's going blind. He'll be dangerous soon. You can't take care of him.' Killeen's sullen tone swelled suddenly with the flood of his recent adversities. 'You'll have to get out, anyway. I don't want to see you about this show after to-night!'

The hot words trembling on Grayson's lips seemed quenched by some inner struggle, already ended, in the man's soul. He turned his back on the manager, and strode uncaringly on.

The fight was over and done with—the fight that he and Rajah had waged together against the inevitable. He knew now that it had been over and done with when, all too late, he had found the elephant in that hissing burning wreck of the menagerie-car. All had been over as far as Killeen, or any other manager, was concerned, when Rajah's eyes began slowly to dim and weaken under the film whose presence and steady growth had meant surrender. Rajah had lost his own!

In the big, empty space in the far corner of the menagerie tent, Grayson himself drove the stake and buckled the chain about Rajah's sound hind foot. Despite the constant suffering and pain the accident had entailed, the elephant never made protest to the trainer's ministrations, though the other keeper's kept a respectful distance.

The rain was coming down steadily now. The canvases sagged more and more soddenly. Water trickled through tiny, unseen holes, and enveloped the centre poles in a fine, drifting spray.

Most of the circus hands had straggled back to the cars. There would be no afternoon performance. A group of keepers, huddled on a blanket in the driest part of the tent, cursed the weather and their luck. Grayson sat apart from them, over by the elephant. He did not seem to notice the wet.

One after another, they came to him making excuses—catarrh, sore-throat, rheumatism—all with the half-apologetic purpose of getting back to the cars. Yes, he would stay and keep an eye on things, he told them. They wondered at his dumb, apathetic nod, and went their way.

Grayson sat quietly on an old chest after they had gone, his head buried in his hard, horny hands, thinking. There seemed nothing to do—nothing to plan for. Ever since he could remember, he had known only this life. Even now, he might have shifted for himself in some other work—returned, perhaps, to the place he had filled in animal-training years ago—but for the helpless elephant, which in some mysterious manner, of which his blunt circus discipline could tell him little, he had come to love.

After awhile, he lifted his eyes with a sudden start of recollection. The elephant's great trunk was waving more and more restlessly back and forth. Grayson got slowly to his feet.

'I was thinkin' so hard about what was goin' to become of us, Rajah, that I clean forgot you'd been waiting this long time for your dinner!'

He hurried to the place where the elephant's allowance was usually dumped. The wind was rising outside, and the rain dashed against the belying canvas like blows from a rope strand. He took back all that remained of a bale of hay, and began to pitch it out within reach of the waving trunk.

'I wouldn't try to save my appetite, Rajah,' he said grimly. 'By all signs, your next meal is goin' to be slimmer'n this.'

He watched the elephant quickly gather up the food, and now and then, when the blinded eyes of the animal missed a wisp of hay he would push it up to him with something that was very near to tears in his own.

Poor old fellow! he muttered softly. 'I don't know what's goin' to become of us to-morrow. If Killeen had given us a chance to get another place—but you wouldn't expect that of him! Accordin' to his notion, I ought to sell you an' let you go anywhere, so long as I get rid of you. But,' Grayson reached out once more and patted the busy trunk, 'you stood by me, old fellow, an' now I'm goin' to stand by you. That's fair, ain't it?'

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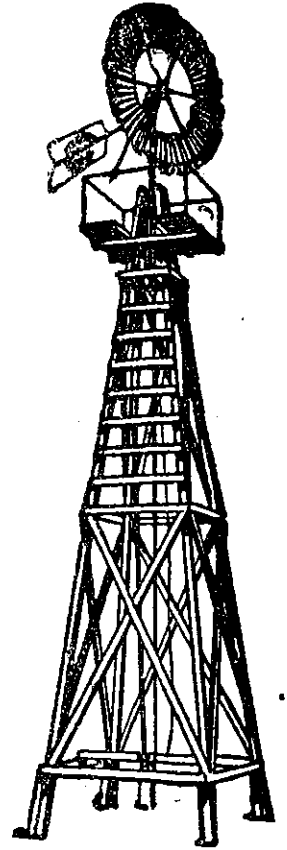
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Grayson laughed as he was set down again.

'You understand some things more than most people!' he declared, starting down the semi-circular row of cages on a tour of inspection.

He came back after a moment turning up the collar of his coat and flattening the brim of his hat over his eyes. The tent was leaking badly now, and the storm beat against it in straining gusts.

A blue chest of clown paraphernalia stood on the soaked earth by a quarter-pole. Mechanically, Grayson lifted the cover and peered in. A big top, spun by a string, lay on the upper tray. He took it clumsily in his hands. Then he shut the lid with a bang, and skipped like a boy back to his old position facing Rajah.

He held up the toy, as if the seared old elephant's eyes were taking special cognisance of his actions.

'Know what I'm going to do, Rajah?' he demanded. 'I'm just goin' to spin this top an' see where we'll go to-morrow.'

He took a big pencil from his pocket, and on the cover of another chest standing just inside the ropes, laboriously printed the names of several towns. Then he made a big, black dot in the centre.

'I'll just start it on that middle dot, and whatever town she stops on, we'll put up there till I get a notion of what we can do,' he explained, as if to an audience.

The big top sprang with a low hum from the string. The elephant's trunk ceased its constant motion, as the animal caught the red, shining blur of the new object. Then, while Grayson sat watching the steel pin move steadily from dot to dot in a dizzy oval, Rajah, apparently attracted by what appeared to his

uncertain eyes to be a sort of beet or carrot, swept up the plaything suddenly with his trunk.

'Here! here!' cried Grayson, springing from his seat and reaching out a hand.

But the elephant, already filled with dismay at the ugly, whirling thing in his trunk, had flung the wooden toy to the far side of the tent.

Grayson stared at him dejectedly.

'You've ruined our luck, Rajah--yours and mine,' he declared. He stopped abruptly, amazed at his thought.

'Rajah,' he demanded, 'did you mean that for a sign? **Maybe**—' He stared again and then laughed. 'If you're meanin' you're a prophet, and that somethin' is goin' to happen that we won't have to quit--but--but--I guess,' he muttered soberly, 'I guess I've been just a little quger in my head. You ain't a prophet. You just thought that there top was good to eat, an' you was hungry, that's all!'

For a long time afterwards he remained almost motionless on the chest, his grey head sunk in his arms. And, finally, he slept.

An hour later an assertive hand aroused him a bit roughly. He stumbled to his feet, blinking at the keeper who had awakened him. The storm had cleared away, and a hot sun was beating blindingly down outside the canvas.

'It's a wonder that elephant didn't take a notion to step on you,' Grenville, the keeper, was growling. 'You were laying almost under him when I got here.'

The show-folk had returned. All was bustle and hurry about the canvases. The promise of fair weather for the evening had plunged the circus into sudden life.

'I must have gone to sleep,' muttered Grayson. 'You needn't have worried about Rajah steppin' on me,' he added simply. 'It's the last thing Rajah 'ud do, if I'd been layin' there all night!'

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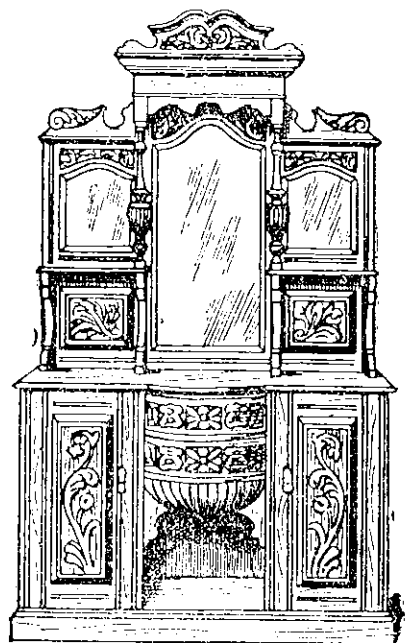
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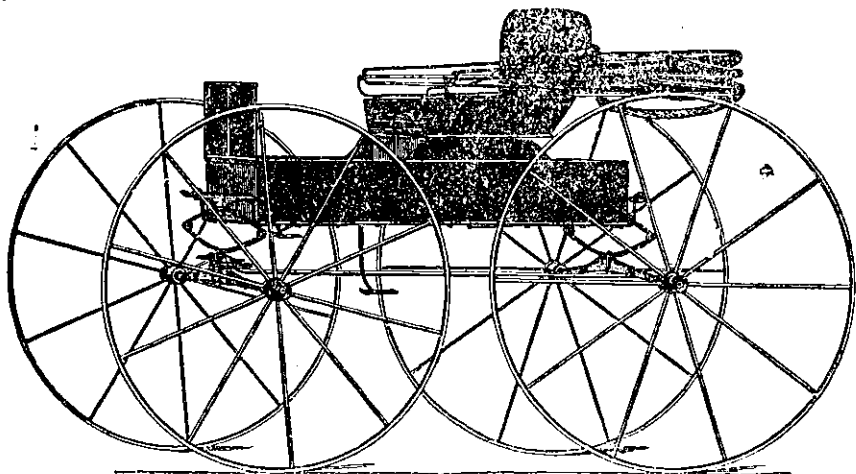
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Grenville laughed in a puzzled way. 'You must think a deal of that beast, Grayson,' he ventured. 'How long'd you had him before you come here?'

'It's nine years, altogether,' Grayson answered.

He leaned on the ropes with a far-away look in his eyes.

'When a man's got nothin' else, Grenville, he's bound to open up his heart to what's been his bread and butter, even if it ain't nothin' more'n an animal. Rajah stood by me faithful 'til he was hurt!'

The other shifted his position uneasily. 'We—heard down at the cars that you'd—that the old man had sacked you,' he said.

Grayson nodded.

'I don't know—we kinder figured it might come—Rajah's gettin' laid up an' all that. We didn't see how we could get in a mess ourselves howlin' about it, with all our salaries owing. But the boys decided to-day we'd get some satisfaction for you from Killeen. He was in a nasty mood—sent us all flyin' for inter-ferin'. Said you'd have to clear out to-morrow.

Grenville cleared his throat, and hurried on:

'We was disgusted at havin' stirred him up then, but the next best thing we could do was to help toward your expenses 'till you can find a place. We ain't made up much—we didn't have it—but the boys want you to take it. You've been one of us a good while.'

He stopped, almost embarrassedly, and pulled a handful of coins from his pocket, holding it out to Grayson.

'I can't take it, Grenville,' Grayson said slowly. 'You thank 'em, but—I can't use their money. Rajah an' I'll get along somehow. It ain't all Killeen's fault. It's circumstances. He's had to keep the show together.'

'But he had no right to sack you without a dollar!' protested the man angrily. 'He wasn't payin' you anything, and what you costin' him wouldn't hurt

anybody. You take that money, Grayson, else the boys 'll blame me. You've stayed here all day for us without a bite.'

Grayson hesitated, irresolute. Then he slowly took the coins, and put them carefully away in his coat.

'Tell them I'm much obliged,' he said, seeming scarcely to hear his own words.

Killeen's alert, magnetic figure was striding by the entrance, and the spark of a dying fire burned for an instant in the trainer's heavy eyes.

'They goin' to give a performance to-night?'

He spoke as if, already, he were no longer a part of the circus in which the last four years of his life had been spent.

'Goin' to try to,' assented Grenville.

His eyes had moved towards the entrance. Now, as he turned to go, the clear, full treble of a child's laughter drew his attention to the elephant, and he clutched Grayson's arm with a low exclamation.

'Grayson, she'll be hurt! Can't you get her away?'

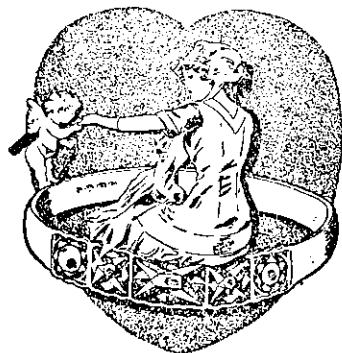
Mary, the little daughter of the manager, had slipped past them unawares, and was fearlessly feeding the big elephant from a bag in her hands.

'Wait,' urged the trainer quietly. 'No harm won't come to her.'

Rajah was continuing gravely to stow away the bread she lavished upon him with girlish gurgles of laughter. When she had emptied the bag, and had blown up and exploded it after the manner of youngsters, she made a motion as if to throw the paper at him. But the big elephant playfully caught her in his trunk, and swung her, still laughing, slowly to and fro, setting her down again carefully.

Grenville stared, as if the impossible had taken place before his eyes.

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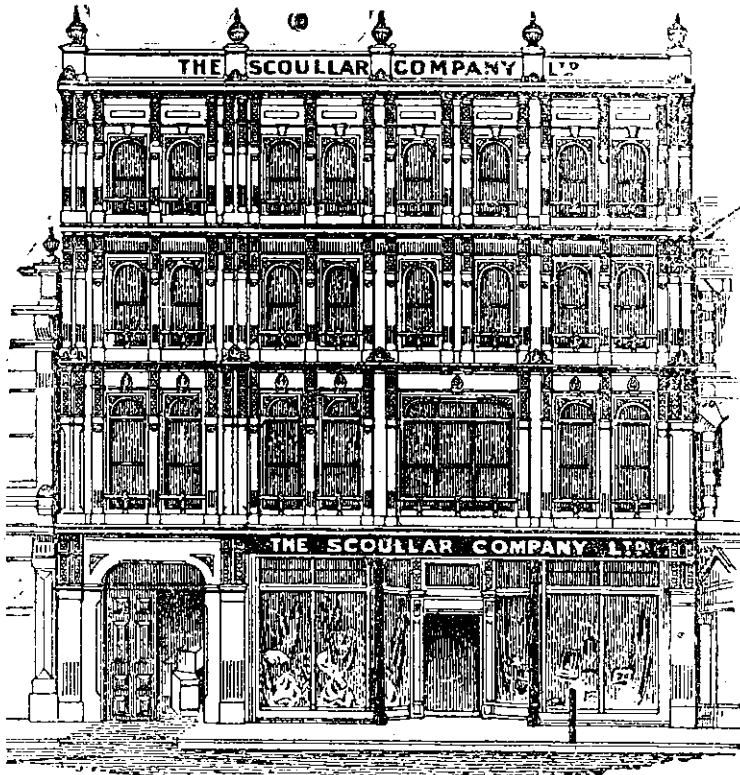
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Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 5.

The retreat given to the Children of Mary by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Eltham, commenced on Monday, and will continue until Friday next.

The Wanganui Junior Cadet Battalion paraded on Sunday morning, November 26, five companies from the different schools being represented.

The Marist Brothers' Company, sixty-one strong, under the command of Captain F. Bourke, attended the last Mass at St. Mary's Church, and were addressed by the celebrant, Rev. Father Holley.

There was exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Church on Sunday from the last Mass until Vespers, when the usual procession took place, the various parish societies taking part.

Mr. C. G. McCarthy, treasurer of the local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, has returned from a lengthy tour throughout the Continent and Great Britain.

Mr. W. Foley, a prominent member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in this parish, has left this town to take up a position on the staff of the Manawatu Standard, Palmerston North. Before leaving, Bro. Foley was entertained at a social gathering by the members of the conference, and presented with a suitably engraved sovereign case.

Mrs. C. Spillane, formerly Miss Lillian White, who, until a few months ago, conducted St. Mary's choir, held her annual concert in St. Paul's Hall on Tuesday evening, November 28. There was a crowded audience, among those present being his Grace the Archbishop, Rev. Fathers Holley and Moloney. The various items were listened to with rapt attention, frequent and hearty applause being given.

A distressing accident occurred at Messrs McLean, Green, and Beaven's factory on Monday morning, the 27th November, when Mr. F. McDevitt, a member of the local branch of the Hibernian Society, lost the thumb and first three fingers of his right hand by coming into contact with a circular saw. The sufferer, who bore his injury with much fortitude and calmness, was conveyed to the public hospital, and is reported to be progressing favorably.

The local Catholic authorities have taken advantage of the facilities afforded them under the Defence Act and have formed a Senior Cadet Company, to be known as the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Senior Cadets. The company, which is under the command of Lieutenants T. Roche and P. J. Lloyd, both ex-members of the Irish Rifles, has a membership of about sixty, but it is anticipated that there will be a considerable increase in numbers when the company is in full swing. The enrolment took place at the Drill Hall on Thursday, the 30th ult., and training operations are to commence with the New Year.

Waihi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 5.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday morning at the 10 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Wright, of Auckland, assisted the Very Rev. Father Brodie. There were very large congregations at the Masses and evening devotions, and all through the day of both Sunday and Monday large numbers of men spent some time in the church in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Great numbers received Holy Communion. In preaching his farewell sermon the Rev. Father Wright said that he was highly delighted with the way that the men had responded to the appeal of



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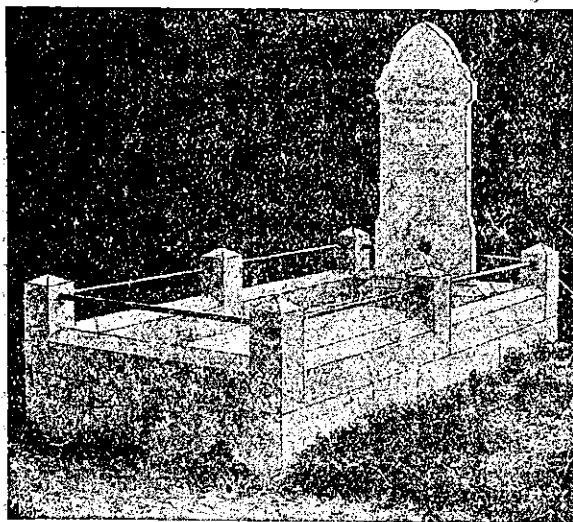
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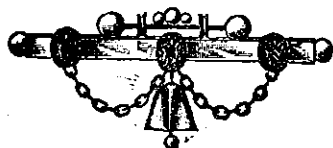
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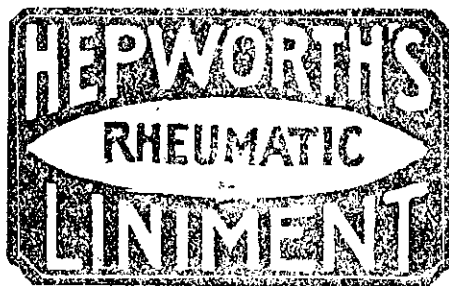
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Rangiora

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commenced on Sunday, December 3, in the Church of St. Mary and St. Francis of Sales, Rangiora. A Missa Cantata was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father Hyland, who preached an appropriate sermon on the nature and object of devotion. The church was crowded, large numbers having come from Kaiapoi, Loburn, and Cust. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the Children of Mary and the members of the other parochial confraternities took part. In the evening an impressive sermon on the 'Second Coming of Christ' was preached by Rev. Father Richards, of Hawarden. The sermon on Monday evening was preached by the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., of St. Bede's College, who gave an instructive discourse on the necessity and the advantages of frequent Communion. The clergy from the adjoining parishes helped in the confessionals, and at the Masses on Monday and Tuesday large numbers approached the Holy Table. It was a most edifying spectacle to see the great numbers that were constantly present as adorers during the devotion, many of whom came from remote parts of the parish. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Dix, sang in a faultless manner Turner's 'St. Cecilia's Mass in B.' Mrs. H. Dix presided at the organ throughout the Adoration. The altar was most tastefully and artistically decorated by the Sisters of the Mission. A word of praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Dix for the manner in which they have brought the choir up to their present standard of efficiency.

St. Joseph's Harriers, Dunedin

The annual presentation of prizes in connection with the St. Joseph's Harriers was held at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Jackson (one of the club's vice-presidents) on the evening of December 5. There was a full attendance of members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Musical items and recitations were rendered by Messrs Treacy, Coughlin, O'Gorman, J. Swanson, O. Swanson, and A. V. Dunne. Afterwards the members and ladies sat down to an excellent supper provided by Mrs. Jackson.

The following is the prize-list:—

One and a-half Mile Novice.—M. Hughes 1, W. Bryan 2.

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After the prizes were handed out by Mrs. Jackson, Mr. J. Swanson (captain) referred in eulogistic terms to the esteem in which Mrs. Jackson was held by the club and to the successful year the club had just completed, both in attendance and running. He pointed out that all present constituted a record for attendance at her house that evening, which went to show how highly they appreciated her efforts for the success of the club. Mr. A. V. Dunne replied on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, and gave expression to Mrs. Jackson's regard for the club. Mr. W. Butcher spoke at length on Mr. J. Swanson's success as club captain. After Mr. J. Swanson referred in high terms to the capable manner in which Mr. J. A. MacKenzie had carried out the duties of hon. secretary-treasurer, a very pleasant evening closed by giving three ringing cheers for Mrs. Jackson and singing 'Auld lang syne.'

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The tour of the Irish envoys in this State (says the *Southern Cross* of November 24) opened most auspiciously in Adelaide last week, when they were given a civic reception, in which representatives of all classes and parties took part, and addressed a great meeting in the Exhibition Building at which £350 was raised. The enthusiasm which marked their advent in Adelaide has followed them throughout the country, and highly successful gatherings have been held in Petersburg, Broken Hill, Jamestown, and other country centres. It was unfortunate that the envoys encountered a severe heat wave on their journey to the northern centres, which had the effect of disabling Mr. Donovan in Broken Hill and laying Mr. Hazleton aside with influenza at Hammond. As a consequence some rearrangement had to be made in the programme, and some of the centres will be disappointed at not hearing two envoys, as originally arranged. However, the central committee had to do the best possible under the circumstances, and it only remains for the local committees to second their efforts loyally and make the best of things. It is impossible to estimate yet the amount that will be raised in this State; but, judging by the splendid results in Adelaide, it will considerably exceed the sum raised during the tour of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan five years ago. On that occasion over £1000 was collected in this State and in Broken Hill, and the sum despatched to Ireland, after deducting expenses, was not far short of £1000. Since then two amounts of £100 each have been raised and sent to the trustees in Dublin on the occasion of the last two general elections. In proportion to population, South Australia has always done her fair share in raising money for Home Rule or any other good cause; and we feel sure that she will not be found wanting on this occasion.

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(From our own correspondent.)

December 9.

The Very Rev. Dean Hills, V.G., left here on Tuesday for Christchurch. At Mass and Vespers on Sunday Dean Hills thanked the various societies for their generous assistance during his time here. Rev. Father O'Sullivan will be in charge of St. Mary's, Blenheim, until a permanent appointment is made.

Last Sunday being the first Sunday of the month, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction was given by Very Rev. Dean Hills.

On Friday, November 24, despite the inclemency of the weather, the residents of Ward turned out in force to attend the concert in aid of the Catholic church building fund. The railway goods shed, which had been lent for the occasion, proved to be an admirable substitute for a hall, and was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. The programme, which was a fairly lengthy one, was contributed to by the following:—Misses E. and W. Strickland, Costello, and Daly, Mesdames Costello and Browne, and the Rev. Father McDonald. Miss McCabe played the accompaniments. Every item on the programme was encouraged, and the audience went away highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. As a result of the concert and social in October the church building fund will be increased by about £40.

The attention of Auckland readers of the *Tablet* is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Tanfield, Potter, and Co., Queen street, appearing elsewhere in this issue. A cordial invitation to call and inspect their large stock of fancy goods and Christmas presents is extended to all...

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Current Topics

A Hopeful Sign

Some few weeks ago we mentioned in our leading columns that if Parliament does not, in the immediate future, accede to the demand for Bible in schools legislation, there was good authority for saying that the Presbyterian body would take into serious and practical consideration a proposal for building and equipping its own schools. We find express and open confirmation of this statement in some remarks made during the Bible-in-schools discussion at the recent Presbyterian General Assembly. Unless we are mistaken they were not reported in the daily press, and we take our quotations from a full account of the discussion which appears in a recent issue of the *Outlook*. The Rev. R. E. Davies, in presenting a report favorable to the adoption of the New South Wales system in New Zealand, hinted at the possibility of the Government refusing to grant the desired referendum, and in connection with such a contingency made the following pointed remarks: 'They asked now for powers to get behind the boards and let the people decide whether their children were to receive an adequate religious instruction or not. The plea for secular education rested on a misunderstanding of the very nature of education itself. The fundamental work of education was to develop powers not only of the mind, but also of the heart and will and conscience. The foundations of our Western morality had in effect disappeared from our public schools. He quoted the statement of an authority that there was something fundamentally right in the German system, which included religion as a subject of study from the earliest stages of development.—(Applause.) In the public schools of America the child was being taught to be its own god, and the results were becoming patent. He failed to see how our teachers were going to teach morality except upon the basis of the Christian religion.—('Hear, hear.') If the State had undertaken education as it had done it had undertaken moral education and it was bound to give some coherent system of morals and some basis for moral teaching. They had no hesitation, as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, in saying that that basis must be the Christian religion. If the State could not do it, then it was high time the Church should face the question and consider whether it should not commence a movement and establish schools of their own.—('Hear, hear,' and applause),—schools permeated with a religious atmosphere from top to bottom.'

From the applause which followed, it is evident that the speaker carried the general body of the Assembly with him on this last point. After that, who shall say that if the friends of religious education were to get into touch with one another, it would be impossible to devise a *modus agendi* which would constrain the politicians to do all-round justice on this question.

The Sacramental Wine Question

The following communications—which explain themselves—constitute the final chapter of the sacramental wine controversy. The first, addressed to the editor of the *Dunedin Evening Star*, appeared in that journal on Wednesday, the night before the elections. 'Sir,—Referring to the telegrams published by you last evening as to sacramental wine, I was speaking to Mr. Hammond at the Dunedin railway station, along with another gentleman, one day last week, when someone, whom I afterwards learned came from the *New Zealand Tablet*, intervened. As a comparative stranger, I listened carefully to all that was said, and I most emphatically confirm the truth of the telegram despatched to Archbishop Redwood by Messrs. Hammond and Nicholls. Finally, the *Tablet* representative said that he was satisfied of the truth of Mr. Hammond's explanation to him.—I am, etc.,

H. EDWARD AUSTIN.'

As it would have been too late to make the necessary correction in the columns of next day's *Evening Star*, the following letter was addressed to the editor of the *Otago Daily Times*, and appeared in its issue of Thursday morning:—

'Sir,—I am very unwilling to be drawn into the maelstrom of prohibition and anti-prohibition controversy, but the published statement of one H. Edward Austin leaves me no option. In seeking an interview with the Rev. B. S. Hammond I had one object, and only one object. It was to ascertain whether, at a meeting at Ashburton on November 18, he did or did not make certain remarks to the effect that, as the doctors were abandoning the use of alcohol for medicinal purposes, and the Churches were dropping the use of fermented wine for sacramental purposes, after national prohibition had been in force for about ten years the present exemptions under these two heads would be non-existent.

'Mr. Hammond, who was at this interview perfectly straightforward, admitted that 'he did say something like that,' and that the report which had been supplied to me though incorrect on one other point, was, as regards these two matters, "approximately correct." He was frank enough to add that, in view of the lines on which education was advancing, he did not see how anybody could say anything else. In all the disclaimers and assurances as to the intention of the party which have been published, it is noteworthy that Mr. Hammond has never once specifically denied having uttered the specific words attributed to him. Your readers may have their own opinion as to the significance to be attached to the Ashburton utterance; but they may rest assured that every syllable which appeared in the *New Zealand Tablet* was carefully weighed, and that every jot and tittle of the *Tablet* account of the interview was absolutely and scrupulously correct. I am, etc.,

EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.'

December 6.

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We have only to add that we have received, both from priests and laity, many letters expressing approval and appreciation of the *Tablet's* action in drawing attention to a really serious danger.

The Elections

By the time these lines are read by most of our readers the thirty second ballots which remain to be taken will be completed; and in the meantime—until the full figures are known—it would be futile to make any detailed comment on the results. On the first ballots the state of parties appears to be:—Ministerial, 21; Opposition, 24; Independent, 2; so that already the Opposition have made a very substantial advance on their previous strength. The election so far has served to emphasise the stupendous blunder which the Government made in introducing their second ballot legislation. They suffered by it at last election; and in the present election, if there had been no second ballot, they would now have had a good working majority—for out of the 30 electorates in which second ballots are to be taken, Ministerialists or Independent Liberals hold the leading position in no less than 21, and Opposition candidates in only 9. On paper, and on all recognised principles of reasoning, the Government ought still to secure a sufficient proportion of the second ballots to give them a majority in the House; but so far in New Zealand, reason—or, at least, consistency—has played a very inconspicuous part in second ballots, and the friends of the disappointed candidates can be depended upon to do almost anything but that which they might fairly be expected to do.

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So far we have seen no reference to the historic 'block vote,' which so often figures in the columns of the press about election time, but which, unfortunately, never materialises anywhere else. The nearest approach which we have noticed to an allusion to this interesting but elusive entity, is the following brilliant and broad-minded paragraph which appeared in a southern

contemporary:—'The Roman Catholic vote goes largely to the Ward Government, for the reason that the Prime Minister is an adherent and strong supporter of that Church. Tapanui district *being largely Presbyterian* does not see eye to eye with the Government party, and is anxious for a change of Administration.' The italics are ours. The suggestion that the Presbyterians of Tapanui oppose the Ward Government because the Premier differs from them in religion, is a particularly stupid libel on the Presbyterians; and we can well believe the correspondent who writes to tell us that the local members of that body strongly resent the odious insinuation. The best answer to the statement was given the day after it appeared by Tapanui itself, when the town gave a very handsome vote, indeed, to the Government candidate in the election.

The Licensing Poll

On election night the interest in the political contests—at least so far as Dunedin is concerned—was quite overshadowed by anxiety as to the No-license and Prohibition results. We use the word 'anxiety' advisedly, for no milder term can describe the feeling prevailing in each of the contending camps. The figures for Chalmers electorate—which now includes the Taieri, and which was confidently expected to go 'dry' on this occasion—were awaited with feverish impatience; and the results for Dunedin City—which so recently as a month ago gave every indication of steering straight towards No-license—were also the subject of more than ordinary interest. So far as No-license is concerned—as our readers are by this time aware—the position throughout the Dominion is absolutely unchanged. Not a single new district has carried No-license; and, on the other hand, in the nine electorates in which No-license already obtained, the effort to bring about restoration of licenses has been unsuccessful. In three of these—Ashburton, Ohinemuri, and Masterton—there was a majority in favor of restoration, but the votes fell short of the required three-fifths. Taking the Dominion as a whole, the feature of the Local Option poll has been the marked increase of the vote in favor of Continuance.

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In the poll on the Dominion issue there is a strong majority for National Prohibition, but a majority which nevertheless falls substantially short of the required three-fifths. At the time of writing—(there are still a few returns to come)—the figures are:—for National Prohibition, 255,262; against it, 203,201. The vote for National Prohibition is, in round numbers, over 20,000 short of the number required to carry that proposal. There is a fairly strong feeling amongst a large section of electors that a third alternative—that of State Control—ought to be submitted to the country. In any electorate in which this issue was carried the existing licensees would be bought out at valuation, and would then be installed as managers of the establishment on a salary from the State. Any political party which would have the courage to make this proposal a plank in its platform, would be assured of a very considerable measure of support.

Elections Then and Now

The elections last week were notable for their orderliness. Except for the carriages and motor cars busily plying the streets, there was practically no outward sign that a great political contest was in progress, and that other still more fateful issues were being decided for another three years. It is the great achievement of the secret ballot method of voting that it has gradually abolished the intimidation, the disorder, and the corruption to which the 'open' system was so liable. There are those who miss the tornadoes of 'fun' that whirled around the old open-voting single polling station for borough or county, with its hustings, its stormy oratory, the bantering of candidates, and the rough-and-tumble physical contests between the two parties; and even so gentle a soul as the late Dean Hole felt himself constrained to lament, 'with regard to the elections, that the mirth of the land is gone.' 'To a fighting nation like ours,' he says, 'the election fifty years ago was a crisis which evoked all the strate-

gies and energies of an offensive and defensive war. While potent landlords, clever lawyers, active agents, fluent speakers, and humorous satirists were coaxing and intimidating, the Blues met the Reds by torchlight, and lost no time in tearing each other's flags into ribbons and in punching each other's heads. The big drum of the Tories was first perforated by the trombone of the Radicals, and subsequently smashed by their ophicleide (large trumpet), and the drummer, after belaboring his enemies with the two sticks, retired a sadder and a lighter man. The mothers, wives, and daughters of the intelligent electors were occupied at midnight and in the early morning, like the armorers on the eve of Agincourt, with busy hammers, or rather with diachylon, closing up wounds and applying sponges and poultices, and bandages and slabs of raw beef, to the swollen faces of their warriors, who appeared next morning wearing on their countenances a combination of the colors of either party, purple and red, and manifesting a strong reluctance to renew the battle without pecuniary and alcoholic inducements.' But people with little taste for the gladiatorial side of life will welcome the peace and order and decorum which the ballot has thrown around this exercise of a grave citizen right and duty.

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The purchase and sale of votes which was so prevalent under the old-time system had occasionally its humorous side; and this is hit off by Dean Hole with his usual light and happy touch. 'As to bribery,' he says in *Then and Now*, 'there was neither secrecy nor sense of shame; the electors knew the market value of their votes, and where they could obtain it. Sometimes, when the contest was very severe, a few astute economists would abstain from voting until a few minutes from the close of the poll when they could name their price as masters of the situation. I remember an occasion when, under these circumstances, a coterie of a dozen of these free and independent electors, having been paid an extravagant sum for their votes, were assembled waiting for their conveyance to the poll. A carriage and four arrived, the horses and postillions being profusely decorated with the colors of their party. There was ample time for the brief journey, but the horses seemed to be under excitement, and at the crack of the whip they broke from a trot to a canter, and from a canter to a hand gallop, and instead of taking the turn which led to the polling booth, went past full speed, the coachman replying to the remonstrances of the voters, "Can't hold 'em; keep still, as you value your lives; they will stop at Highmore Hill." But Highmore Hill was three miles away, and they did not stop till they had reached the top opposite the Red Lion Hotel; and then the electors, having been paid their money before they started, and knowing it was too late to record their votes, refreshed themselves until the shades of evening fell, and they could escape on their return the derision of their opponents, by whom they had been so successfully duped. The coachman received a ten-pound note, which he well deserved, for he literally won the election in a canter.'

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

The following is the report of the Australian Catholic Truth Society for the year ended October 31, 1911:—

The report of the work of the Australian Catholic Truth Society for the past year, though it can claim no features of sensational interest, proves that the Society has grown in volume, developed in efficiency, and proportionately increased its responsibilities. It is mainly a record of persevering and increasing activity and of steady advance.

During the twelve months under review twenty-four distinct pamphlets have been published, the majority of which are of high merit. They are written by persons whose work could command a price in the open market, but that work has been done gratuitously for the Cath-

olic Truth Society. Of these pamphlets, 132,685 copies have been sold, as against 102,792 for the preceding year. The Society's Prayer Book is maintaining its popularity; 6206 copies were sold during the year, as against 5117 for the year 1910. Since the inception of the Society, seven years ago, 783,925 booklets, 48,224 Prayer Books, and 2000 copies of that monumental work, *Lectures and Replies*, have been published.

If we take the sales of the books as the measure of their appreciation, then they have been rated highly, as the sales have been considerable, and the demand for them has not been confined within our own shores. The International Catholic Truth Society of Brooklyn, America, sent an order for 10,700 pamphlets during the year, and the proprietors of the Angel Press, Boston, have requested, and have been granted, permission to reprint our pamphlets.

Our Society is thoroughly sound in its finances. All accounts are paid as they come to hand. There is a large stock of publications, the value of which is £580 17s 11d. Last year we had to report that our operations had resulted in a loss of £61 14s 6d; this year resulted in a profit of £26 11s 7d, which is more satisfactory.

We are thus minute in the examination of the accounts of the Society because, however excellent may be the objects of an organisation, and however well-intentioned its management, it will not command confidence, nor secure the support of the public, unless the management is financially sound. In the Catholic Truth Society the money subscribed is carefully and wisely spent upon the object for which it is given. Undoubtedly more might have been done had more funds been forthcoming, but the work of the Society must always be proportionate to its income, and especially to the amount received in subscriptions, on which its maintenance largely depends. One hundred and twenty-one names have been added to our list of members during the year, but we think that our members' roll might be still greatly augmented. The following table shows the number of our life and annual subscribers, and how they are distributed over the Commonwealth and New Zealand:—

Life Subscribers.		
	Clerical.	Lay.
Victoria	46	59
New South Wales	23	3
New Zealand	19	6
South Australia	11	7
Queensland	6	4
West Australia	5	—
Tasmania	1	—
United States America	1	—
British New Guinea	—	1
Total	112	80

Annual Subscribers.		
	Clerical.	Lay.
Victoria	25	328
New Zealand	20	33
New South Wales	10	26
South Australia	9	26
Queensland	5	18
Tasmania	7	18
West Australia	3	3
England	—	1
Total	79	453

This list makes a total of 724 subscribers, of whom Victoria can claim 458.

The zeal shown by Catholics in supporting the Australian Catholic Truth Society does not compare favorably with that shown by agnostics, materialists, positivists, and others, who look down on religious truth from the bad eminence of a spurious culture. Observe the activity of the Rationalist Press Association of England. This association was started in its present form in the year 1899. In that year it possessed 65 members and 29 subscribers, and its total income from subscriptions and donations amounted to £233 9s 4d. Last year it had on its roll 2150 members; its subscriptions

were £1611 19s 5d. It pushes its propaganda to the colonies; one of its paid lecturers made a tour in this country a year or two ago. Its activity, especially as a publishing agency, should give us pause. It issues large volumes by the thousand, shilling and sixpenny reprints of wily sophistries by some of the keenest and best practised intellects of the day, who so dress up and deck out error, that nine persons out of ten will take it for truth.

No observer with any experience of life can fail to see the terrible havoc that infidel and immoral books are causing, even amongst the children of the Church. Faith and Christian morality are threatened at the present day by dangers more subtle in their action and more fell in their design than the persecution of the Roman Emperors, the devastating incursions of the Goths and Vandals, or the barbarous tyranny of the Turks. Revolting publications, in which all the ordinary laws of decorum and reticence are set aside, and where vice appears naked and unashamed, the infidelity and godlessness that poison and contaminate so great a portion of the world's present literary output, the economic theories, vain and unsubstantial as phantoms of the night—all these are resorted to in order to rob the people of the priceless jewel of Catholic faith.

And with what arms does the Vicar of Christ, upon whose shoulders the solicitude of all the churches weighs so heavily in those days of stress and trouble, propose to encounter the evils by which the faithful are assailed? 'Against bad books,' he says, 'we must put good books; against error, truth; against the poison of bad literature we must provide the antidote, good literature; against newspapers of evil tendency we must put newspapers of high moral tone.' To translate into action those weighty words of the reigning Pontiff, the Church needs apostles, who, zealous for the cause of religious truth, will declare her teaching to the people. Amongst such apostles we must count the steadfast members and supporters of the Catholic Truth Society. Hitherto there has been a dearth of such apostles, but happily there are signs that some of our people are awakening to the necessity of aiding a work which might do much to stem the rising flood of rationalism, secularism, and lawlessness. We trust the following brilliant record of two lay co-operators will fire with zeal and enthusiasm not only many of the laity, but also many of the clergy throughout the Commonwealth, and stimulate them to do likewise. Mrs. Herlihy, Kensington, and a young lady from Watchem volunteered to make an appeal for subscribers to the Australian Catholic Truth Society. The result of this appeal was highly gratifying. They secured eight life and thirty-three annual subscribers. We have some 724 subscribers. What is there to prevent each of these getting five of his friends to become annual subscribers, and thus enable our Society to develop and extend its activities?

Another problem which clamors for solution is the distribution of our pamphlets amongst the thousands of men and women who would read them if they could be put into their hands. The task is beyond the means and power of the executive committee of the Society, and should be undertaken by the ordinary members and others as one of the Christian works of mercy. It should be taken up as the fulfilment of a duty, as a serious attempt to help our neighbor in his greatest needs, his need of the truth and the grace of God. A gentleman from South Australia, fired with laudable zeal for making Catholic teaching better known, and for extending the usefulness of our Society, submits the following plan:—Wherever there is a resident priest—or even where there is not—let a branch of the Australian Catholic Truth Society be formed. When there was a pamphlet printed, a copy should be sent to each branch, asking how many would be wanted, the number to depend on the class of pamphlet and whether it was suitable for distribution among Protestants. The branch, then, would order the number wanted, send the names and addresses of the Protestants they would like a copy sent to, and forward, at the same time, the cost of the pamphlets and postage. He considers that it would be better for our central office to do the posting, rather than the local branch. In this way the

cost would be trifling, there would be a large circulation amongst the better class of Protestants, and the way would be paved for a better understanding and a more friendly feeling towards Catholics. This plan is surely feasible, and we respectfully commend it for the consideration of the 'captains who take their marching orders from the Pope.'

In view of the urgent entreaties and directions of the late and present Pontiffs, we strongly appeal for greater support for the cause in which we are engaged—the cause of the Catholic press. It is now more than ever clear that the battle of the future is to lie between faith and infidelity. The Catholic press is the only power that can cope with the threatening evil. Let apathy towards this great cause continue, led the flood of the secular press carry our people with it, and the result would assuredly be the widespread ruin of religion and the degradation of morals. Under the guidance of the Church, our Society has raised the white banner of purity and innocence in literature, and we make bold to call on all Australian Catholics for support, bidding them to remember that the cause is vital and the need urgent.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS

STRENGTH OF PARTIES STILL UNDECIDED

The results of the general elections, which took place throughout the Dominion last week, have been indecisive so far as the strength of parties is concerned, owing to the necessity of a second ballot in about thirty constituencies. Of the 47 members elected the Opposition claim 24 and the Government 21. Five of the Ministers—Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Sir James Carroll, Hon. Roderick McKenzie, Hon. T. Mackenzie, and Hon. A. T. Ngata (representing the Native race) have been returned; whilst three—Hon. Sir J. G. Findlay, Hon. J. A. Millar, and Hon. D. Buddo have to go through the ordeal of a second ballot. So far only two or three well-known politicians have lost their seats. That old parliamentarian, Hon. T. Y. Duncan, has been defeated for Oamaru, and Mr. J. F. Arnold had to give place to an Opposition member for Dunedin Central. Mr. Jennings has also suffered defeat in the Tuamarunui electorate. Mr. Hardy, a well-known Opposition member in the last parliament, lost the Selwyn seat to a Ministerialist. The Opposition have so far won five seats from the Government—Auckland West, Dunedin Central, Oamaru, Taumarunui, and Waipawa; and the Government two from the Opposition—Egmont and Selwyn.

Twenty-seven candidates failed to secure the necessary proportion of votes, and consequently forfeit their £10 deposit.

In the following electorates second ballots are taking place to-day:—Kaipara, Waitemata, Grey Lynn, Parnell, Ohinemuri, Raglan, Pahiatua, Masterton, Hawke's Bay, Waimarino, Wanganui, Otaki, Wellington Central, Wellington East, Wellington South, Wellington Suburbs, Nelson, Wairau, Kaiapoi, Avon, Riccarton, Christchurch North, Christchurch East, Ashburton, Timaru, Waitaki, Chalmers, Dunedin North, Dunedin West, Invercargill.

The following have been elected:—Ministerialists—V. H. Reed (Bay of Islands), Sir James Carroll (Gisborne), Hon. A. T. Ngata (Eastern Maori), A. E. Glover (Auckland Central), A. M. Myers (Auckland East), W. D. S. Macdonald (Bay of Plenty), J. V. Brown (Napier), Hon. T. Mackenzie (Egmont), T. M. Wilford (Hutt), Hon. R. McKenzie (Motueka), J. Colvin (Buller), Sir A. R. Guinness (Grey), T. Y. Seddon (Westland), G. W. Forbes (Hurunui), H. G. Ell (Christchurch South), G. Laursen (Lyttelton), W. J. Dickie (Selwyn), T. Buxton (Temuka), T. K. Sidey (Dunedin South), J. C. Thomson (Wallace), Sir J. G. Ward (Awarua). Opposition—W. F. Massey (Franklin), F. Mander (Marsden), J. H. Bradney (Auckland West), J. Bollard (Eden), F. W. Lang (Manukau), C. K. Wilson (Taumarunui), W. H. Herries (Tauranga), G. Hunter (Waipawa), W. C. Buchanan (Wairarapa), H. J. H. Okey (Taranaki), G. V. Pearce (Patea),

J. B. Hine (Stratford), D. H. Guthrie (Oroua), D. Buick (Palmerston), E. Newman (Rangitikei), A. L. Herdman (Wellington North), R. H. Rhodes (Ellesmere), E. P. Lee (Oamaru), C. E. Statham (Dunedin Central), R. Scott (Otago Central), J. Allen (Bruce), A. S. Malcolm (Clutha), G. J. Anderson (Mataura), W. Fraser (Wakatipu).

Mr. H. A. Young (Waikato) is said to be an independent Oppositionist, and Mr. T. W. Rhodes (Thames) an independent Liberal.

The local option poll has made no alteration in the position of affairs existing before the election. With regard to National prohibition the votes give approximately the following totals:—For national prohibition, 255,262; against national prohibition, 203,201; total, 458,463. The number of votes necessary to carry national prohibition on that total is 275,078.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 9.

His Grace the Archbishop will open and dedicate a new church at Feilding to-morrow. It is stated that the new building is a beautiful and commodious one.

Miss Jessie G. Kerr, a pupil of St. Mary's Convent, was successful in the Royal Academy of Music theory examination, having secured 115 marks for advanced grade harmony.

Arrangements are well in hand for the annual combined parishes' outing at Khandallah on Boxing Day. Various sub-committees have been set up, and given fine weather it is confidently expected that the picnic will easily eclipse all previous ones.

On last Sunday evening the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., announced that the handsome statue of the Sacred Heart unveiled on the previous Sunday had been presented to St. Anne's by Mrs. Matthew Segrief, in remembrance of the occasion of her son (Rev. Father Thomas Segrief, S.M.) being raised to the priesthood.

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered on last Wednesday evening at St. Joseph's Church, Buckie street, by his Grace the Archbishop to a number of candidates from the Te Aro parish schools, and several adults. His Grace also confirmed a number of candidates at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, yesterday morning.

At St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, Mr. H. Flan, youngest son of Mr. F. Flan, Roseneath, was married to Miss Ellen Murphy, third daughter of Mr. Murphy, of Whittaker street. Rev. Father Venning performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Mabel Outrim being chief. Mr. Reuben Flan, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Mr. Harry Murphy, brother of the bride, was groomsman. A reception was afterwards held at Godber's, about sixty being present.

The Newtown Convent High School held the breaking-up ceremony on last Thursday afternoon, a good number of the parents and friends of the children being present, and also the following clergy:—Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Father Herring, S.M. An excellent programme was gone through by the children, and thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. The prizes were distributed in the successful scholars by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. For the younger children a huge Christmas tree was erected, from which toys, which gladdened the young hearts, were hung in tempting array, and afterwards distributed.

The new and up-to-date school which has been erected in the parish of Thorndon for the boys is all but completed, and will be ready for use after the summer holidays. A difficulty has arisen, however, in regard to the teaching staff. Heretofore the work has been carried on by members of the Marist Order, but Brother Paul, Provincial of the Order, finds the greatest

difficulty in providing sufficient Brothers for the work, and as the attendance at the new school is likely to show a very considerable increase in the next few months, it was considered advisable to put the position before the parishioners. This was done by the Rev. Father Hickson, Adm., at a meeting last night, and after careful consideration it was decided to recommend that the Sisters of Mercy carry on the work of the school until such time as arrangements can be made for the establishment of another Order of teaching Brothers from Australia.

The pupils of St. Anne's School, Wellington South, held their annual breaking-up concert at St. Thomas' Hall last Friday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and Rev. Fathers Herring and Mahony. The following excellent programme of items was presented by the school children, and all were received with well-merited applause:—Selections by the Drum and Fife Band; gathering flowers chorus, school children; club drill, senior pupils; sailors' song, boys; Scotch reel, C. Marshall, A. Delaney, K. Daley, and M. Hoare; dumb-bell drill, junior pupils; musical family, pupils; Irish jig, Lily O'Leary; duet, 'I wish I were a tiny bird,' M. Gamble and T. Ryan; infants' song, 'Fly away, birdie,' pupils; tambourine dance, pupils; chorus, 'Echoes in the orchard,' school children; selections by the Drum and Fife Band. Good work was reported by the school during the year. In the Sixth Standard all the pupils presented to the Government Inspector for examination obtained proficiency certificates. This record indicates that whilst imparting religious knowledge, our schools are also able to hold their own against the public schools, which devote their whole time to secular education. The concert also reflected the greatest credit on the Sisters, the singing and dancing being especially good, whilst the playing of the St. Anne's Cadet Drum and Fife Band, under Mr. Dean, was all that could be desired.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

At the last fortnightly meeting of the men's division of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament the occasional discourse was given by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, of Auckland, who delivered an impressive address.

At a meeting held after Mass on Sunday in the Marist Brothers' School of the committee in connection with the annual Catholic outing and picnic, the arrangements were reported to be in a very advanced state. A separate sub-committee has in hand the care of the small children of the school, whose amusement will be well catered for, a substantial sum being voted to procure prizes for their sports programme. In all thirty-one sports events are provided in the different sections. The Stanmore Band has been engaged, and also a piper for the step-dancing contests. Tea and refreshment rooms will probably be provided.

At Mass celebrated in the Chapel of Nazareth House by his Lordship the Bishop, who was attended by the Rev. Father Graham, S.M., on last Friday morning (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), fifteen of the little orphan children made their First Communion. At Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening the sodality of the Children of Mary was inaugurated, six aspirants being received by the Rev. Father Graham. His Lordship the Bishop addressed those present in appropriate terms on each occasion.

On last Friday evening in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception the Sacred Heart Convent and grounds were beautifully illuminated as is the usual custom, whilst open-air processions and devotions were participated in by the Sisters and children.

His Excellency the Governor (Lord Islington), accompanied by Captain Shannon, A.D.C., visited the Sacred Heart Convent on last Saturday morning. He was met and welcomed by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Mother Provincial, and several Sisters. He was then conducted to the school, where the children were assem-

bled. As his Excellency entered they sang the National Anthem, and afterwards went through a short musical and elocutionary programme. At the conclusion, his Excellency thanked the children in very gracious terms, and asked that they should be granted a holiday later, to be called the Governor's day. Lord Islington also expressed the exceeding pleasure the visit had given him.

Speaking in the Cathedral and again in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at New Brighton on Sunday his Lordship the Bishop entered an emphatic protest against the crusade of calumny now disfiguring the political life of this Dominion. In olden times there was (said the Bishop) a native of Athens in Greece, whose name was Aristides, whose fame as a statesman and a warrior won for him the title of the 'Just.' But he had his enemies who were jealous of his growing popularity, and Themistocles, his great rival, growing still more jealous, gradually raised a strong feeling against him by representing how dangerous it was for a democracy that any individual should be allowed to gain such influence as that of Aristides. The Athenians, uneasy at this idea, banished him by ostracism in 483 B.C. On this occasion, an ignorant fellow who did not know Aristides, came up to him and, giving him his shell, desired him to write upon it the name of Aristides. The latter asked in surprise if Aristides had done him any wrong. 'No,' was the reply. 'I do not even know him, but it irritates me to hear him everywhere called the "Just."' Aristides made no answer, but took the shell and wrote his own name thereon. I am forcibly reminded of this anecdote in the life of the great Aristides (continued the Bishop) by what has been happening in this Dominion for some years past, and more especially within the last few weeks. The one at the head of the Government of New Zealand is deservedly looked up to as a man of great worth, of integrity, diplomatic skill, and cleverness, but there is just this one thing against him—he has the unpardonable fault of being 'just' a Catholic. I know many who have the greatest regard for him as a politician, a citizen, and a patriot, but, they say, "you know he is a Catholic." Because of this fact I have reason to know for certain that people stop at no expedient to lower him in the eyes of our fellow colonists. Vile insinuations, wicked aspersions, have been made against or flung upon him, cowardly, basely cruel, unjust charges are made against him, and the most brutal motives have been and are attributed to his mode of acting—insinuations, aspersions, charges, and motives unworthy not alone of gentlemen, but of upright Christians, loyal and patriotic citizens.' In conclusion, the Bishop adjured his hearers to regard the political situation as their own commonsense dictated, and to vote as their conscience bade them, having in mind always their duty to God, their country, and their conscience, and not to be swayed by unworthy motives, personal or otherwise.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Mary's Convent takes place on Tuesday evening.

The annual retreat of the diocesan clergy will be conducted by one of the Redemptorist Fathers.

Rev. Father Kerrane, recently ordained in Carlow for this diocese, is expected to arrive here next Sunday from Sydney.

The annual presentation of prizes to the pupils attending the Marist Brothers' Schools, Pitt street, takes place next Thursday.

His Lordship Bishop Carroll left for the South on last Friday. He proceeds down the Wanganui River, and leaves Wellington for Sydney next Friday.

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran left for the south last week. On his return to Auckland he will stay for a while as the guest of his Lordship the Bishop before returning to Sydney.

A musical and book evening was held in the convent school, and the following programme was presented:—Pianoforte duet, Misses J. Rist and E. Willis;

song, 'Garden of roses,' Miss M. McKenna; song, 'A song of sleep,' Miss McIsen; vocal duet, Misses M. and F. Cassin. Miss J. Rist and Miss E. Nicholson acted as accompanists, and Miss M. Simpson and Miss M. Gussy won the book prizes.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the convent schools takes place on Wednesday morning.

The annual meeting of the Irish Athletic Society will take place to-night. The following report will be submitted:—In presenting the 26th annual report and balance sheet, your directors regret that owing to adverse weather conditions the attendance at the annual sports was not so large as was expected. The Society is very unfortunate in having had bad weather for the last two sports meetings, but we trust that 1912 will provide us with a fine day. Once again the Society has enhanced its reputation with the public by providing an exciting day's sport, and also by the promptness with which events were got off up to the advertised time. As usual, the Sheffield was the star attraction, thirty runners taking part in this event, and almost every heat provided a race in itself. Large fields and close finishes were the order of the day in all the running events. The amateur events were fairly well patronised, but there is reason to believe that if trophies instead of medals were given for these events, there would be a substantial increase in the number of amateurs competing. The dancing attracted larger entries than in previous years, and the schools' relay race has now become one of the star attractions of our programme. During the past year the society has lost the services of some useful directors, viz., Mr. H. Crawford and Mr. J. A. Sheridan, and we wish to place on record our appreciation of their services. We have also suffered a loss through Mr. J. S. Murphy having left this district. Mr. Murphy has acted as sole judge of the Sheffield Handicap for years, and has always given the utmost satisfaction both to the competitors and the public, and we regret very much his having had to sever his connection with the society, and we wish him every success in his new sphere of life. Referring to the balance sheet, it will be noticed that, though the weather was unfavorable, we have netted a profit of £51 3s 2d over the meeting. We started the year with a credit balance of £27 5s 6d, and this has now been increased to £78 8s 8d, a most satisfactory result, and one that has been brought about a good deal through the efforts of the directors. In conclusion, we must place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by the Hibernian Band and also the Southland Pipe Band, both of which turned out voluntarily to give us a helping hand.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Friday evening, Mr. H. S. Searle, the popular conductor of St. Mary's choir, was the recipient of a handsome baton, the gift of the members. Very Rev. Dean Burke, in making the presentation, eulogised Mr. Searle's efforts in connection with the choir, and congratulated him on the able and painstaking manner in which he carries out his duties. Mr. Searle suitably replied.

The steamer Morayshire, which arrived at Auckland from Liverpool on Monday morning, brought 170 immigrants for various New Zealand ports, and a large cargo, including some fine pedigree cattle in first-class condition.

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VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

His Excellency the Governor, Lord Islington, accompanied by Captain Shannon, A.D.C. (writes our Christchurch correspondent), visited Nazareth House on last Saturday morning. He was met on arrival by his Lordship the Bishop, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and members of the community. Meeting first the old men, who accorded him a hearty welcome, his Excellency spoke to them in cheerful terms. He next met the little orphan children, who received him by singing the National Anthem, followed by a song of welcome. Little Kitty O'Shea, in clear and perfect tones, recited the following address to Lord Islington: 'May it please your Excellency, in the name of the Sisters and aged people, we, the Children of Nazareth House, fail to express in words the mingled feelings of gratitude and joy, with which we hail your Excellency's visit to our midst. Since the first intimation of that pleasure, we have been eagerly looking forward to this happy day, and now that our hopes are realised, and we enjoy the privilege of meeting your Excellency, our happiness is complete. We would gladly thank your Excellency in the most fitting manner possible, but as our best efforts to do so fall so far short of expressing our gratitude, we ask your Excellency to accept as a small token of the respect with which we welcome you to-day this bouquet of flowers. Happy should we be if we could offer your Excellency a gift more valuable, but though these flowers may lose their bloom and fragrance, be assured the respectful affection with which they are given, together with the pleasing remembrance of this event will remain unchanged. In conclusion, we fervently pray God to bless and prosper your Excellency, to grant you in fullest measure strength, health, and length of days, and to enrich you while life lasts with every happiness.

'We have the honor to be, your Excellency's most obedient and respectful Children of Nazareth.'

In graciously accepting the address his Excellency said the delivery of the text by the little girl was the best thing he had ever listened to. He had visited schools, and many at that, but nowhere had he experienced such a surprising example of native talent and brilliant teaching. The feat was all the more remarkable as his visit was a hurriedly arranged one, and but a few hours were available to make preparations. The address was, therefore, written, beautifully illuminated, and the text committed to memory practically in the course of one day. His Excellency, who was evidently greatly delighted, expressed his deep appreciation of all that had been done in his honor. He urged the children from the oldest to the youngest to do their utmost to respond to the very excellent training they were receiving at the hands of the devoted Sisters. A bouquet was presented to the Governor for Lady Islington, who was unable to be present, and little Mary O'Shea, a sister of the previous performer, recited 'The curfew' most perfectly, and was highly complimented by his Excellency. After his Lordship the Bishop had spoken in terms of welcome and appreciation of the Governor's visit, his Excellency spoke of his acquaintance with the mother house of the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth at Hammersmith, London, one of the greatest works of Cardinal Wiseman, a great power of the Church. He congratulated New Zealand on the establishment of a branch of the famous Order. After meeting the old women, his Excellency inspected the whole institution, expressing himself as charmed with all he had seen, but greatly pained when told that heavy rates and taxes were exacted from the institution, although wholly and entirely supported by charity and doing such a noble work for humanity.

Before taking his departure his Excellency gave the children a holiday to be remembered as the Governor's day.

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SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

At St. Benedict's Hall on Tuesday evening, December 5, the annual distribution of prizes took place. Their Lordships Bishops Cleary and Carroll, Monsignors O'Haran and Gillan, V.G., and several of the clergy were present. The following programme was ably contributed, and evoked much applause from the large audience:—Overture, Irish selections, Ewart's Orchestra; chorus, (a) 'Blow soft southern wind' (b) 'The leaves are falling,' College choir; violin solo, 'Pastorella,' Bernard Gallagher; debate—The Hackett medal, 'Robert Emmet,' Master R. Hanson; 'Home Rule,' Master R. McVeagh; vocal solo, 'Love's old sweet song,' Horace Jew; piano duet, 'Poet and peasant,' Masters B. Cottrell and Roy Jenkins; debate—'George Washington,' Master G. Bryant; 'Napoleon,' Master G. Colgan; 'God save the King.' Mr. Harry Hiscocks acted as accompanist.

The following is the annual report, which was read by Rev. Brother Clement, Superior of the College:—It is my pleasing duty this evening to present to you my report for the scholastic year just closed. I feel sure it will be gratifying to you to receive the same, as it speaks of the steady growth and development of S.H.C. In my report of two years ago, I placed a high ideal before the Catholic population of Auckland—all citizens of Auckland, in fact, for the growth of a Catholic College is of the greatest importance to every inhabitant of this great city. I placed before you the ideal of possessing the largest and best-equipped college in New Zealand. The developments that have taken place at college this year have been very decided steps in that direction. I can only express the ardent wish that the onward march may be uninterrupted, until our first ideal may be replaced by one higher still. We have had a most successful year from every point of view. Our numbers constitute a fresh record—for the emulation of succeeding years. This increase rendered it necessary to provide further accommodation, accordingly three new classrooms were built. The erection of a large and well-equipped gymnasium has added to the facilities for physical development; while, thanks to the generous co-operation of many Catholics, a hand ball court has been erected and tennis courts laid out, so that the pupils might have every convenience wherewith to build up the 'sound body,' so necessary to success in every sphere of life. Although but a few months in existence, our cadets, under the care of our late enthusiastic officer in command (Captain J. Paul Kavanagh), made such rapid progress as to secure high encomium for their marching and general smart appearance at the parades. We regret very much that Captain Kavanagh's change of residence has necessitated the severance of his connection with the cadets. His Lordship's pastoral solicitude urged him in the beginning of the year to name a resident chaplain for the college. That the choice of Rev. Father Smiers was well directed is sufficiently evidenced by the high moral tone of the students of 1911. Our examination results have been well above those of previous years: One Senior Civil Service, four Matriculation, four Solicitor's General Knowledge, nine Civil Service. If these results appear numerically small, it is in the power of the people to remedy that defect. Send us the boys and we will secure the results. Our percentage of successes for the various examinations was 75, 90, and 100. Old Boys: Very satisfactory reports reach us of the doings of our Old Boys in their various walks of life. In the University, in commerce, and in the Government service, they are busy making history for our youthful college. Their example is very stimulating to the present-day pupils, who regard them as elder brothers, by whose conduct and example they are to shape their own line of action. Our fullest sympathy is offered to those studying in the University. The out-of-date method of selecting examiners in England to pronounce on the fitness or unfitness of candidates for University degrees is as cruel and uncalled for in the three months' suspense and inactivity it causes the students, as it is uncomplimentary to the many

eminent men we have professing at our different colleges in New Zealand. If outside examiners are considered necessary, surely some persons sufficiently qualified for the work could be found within New Zealand. Thanks to the able and exhaustive brochure on education by his Lordship, we find that the interest of the public towards Catholic education has been greatly stimulated. We hope to reap as the benefits of that excellent pamphlet, *God or No-God in the Schools*, a very considerably increased school roll next year. Should we not reasonably appeal to you for this? Why, from Auckland's large and increasing population, should we not claim our share of Catholic children for our Catholic college? To have a fair percentage of patronage from Auckland Catholics alone, we should have a school of at least 400 pupils. When we have a Catholic college in a good locality, well equipped, giving good results, we have right to expect hearty support of all Catholics. Our ineligibility to participate in Government scholarships does great injustice to our cause, but with good will on the part of all, that circumstance should not be a bar to the entrance of any deserving candidate to our college. Why would not the wealthier members of the faith help the poorer by founding day scholarships, to enable the latter to receive the benefits of higher education? Two friends of the college have offered to found three day scholarships for the boys of the Pitt Street School, and three for those boys attending Catholic schools, who cannot attend the Brothers' school. Moreover, they are prepared to meet half-way any men of good will who feel disposed to contribute £5 5s per annum towards the founding of day scholarships. The effects produced by money spent in this way cannot be over estimated. The most intelligent of our Catholic children are yearly drifting from us to spend the most important part of their school life in an atmosphere that is altogether void of Catholic element. By the system of day scholarships this state of things would be brought to a close, we would keep our promising youth in a thoroughly Catholic atmosphere, build them up strong in intellect and strong in the faith, to be leaders of thought and champions of Catholic cause in public life.

His Lordship the Bishop afterwards addressed the assemblage, and in most eloquent and telling language spoke in favor of the excellence of the education imparted in our Catholic colleges and schools. He complained of the gross injustice imposed by a tyrannical majority on the Catholics of the Dominion. They were mulcted in the maintenance of a system of education to which they could not conscientiously subscribe, and were forced to maintain their own system as well. The time would surely come when means would be taken to obtain a redress of this wrong.

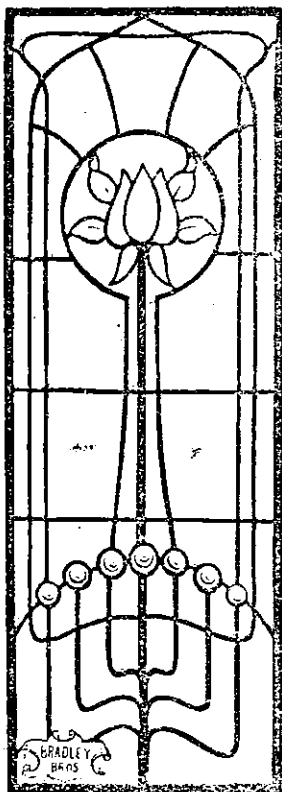
The following is the prize list:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct, 'Coolahan' gold medal, G. Colgan; Christian doctrine, Gerald Coakley; Dux of the school, Robert McVeagh; prize essay, Robert McVeagh; oratorical competition, Gordon Bryant; senior athletic championship, D. Kean 1, E. Burns 2; junior athletic championship, T. B. O'Connor 1, J. Buxton 2; handball championship, Cyril Brownlie; invitation race (220yds), R. Pittar (King's College); record high jump (5ft 4in), Cyril Brownlie.

Senior Class.—General proficiency, Latin and English, R. McVeagh; chemistry and French, G. Colgan; mathematics and mechanics, P. O'Sullivan.

Matriculation Class.—Latin, French, and science, L. Buxton; mathematics and English, A. Snedden; Christian Doctrine, L. Buxton.

Civil Service Class.—Christian Doctrine, F. Cody 1, J. Hally 2, H. Taylor 3; aggregate merit, J. Molloy 1, J. Russell 2, J. Hally 3; mathematics (special gold medal), J. Molloy 1, J. Russell 2, H. Taylor 3; English, J. Hally 1, F. Cody 2, J. Molloy 3; arithmetic, J. Molloy 1, J. Hally 2, G. Bryant 3; Latin, J. Hally 1, J. Molloy 2, F. Cody and H. Taylor 3; French, J. Russell and J. Molloy 1, G. Coakley, F. Cody, and G. Bryant 2; chemistry, G. Coakley 1, F. Cody 2, J. Hally 3; algebra, G. Bryant and H. Taylor 1, J. Molloy 2; geometry, J. Russell and A. Gibbons 1, J. Molloy 2; geography, E. Burns 1, W. Swift 2; elocution, F. Lavin 1; instrumental music (piano), R. Hanson.



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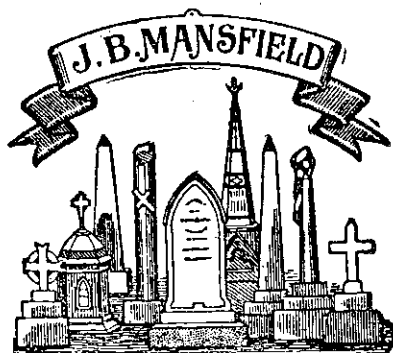
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CATHOLIC DISLOYALTY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—As a reader of your journal, I desire to make a few remarks on the above.

In recent issues you have devoted some space to correspondence dealing with Catholic support to candidates at the general election. The first ballot is over

and the deplorable fact is revealed that from one end of the Dominion to the other the Catholic voters as a body have been traitors to their own cause. The figures of six electorates where Catholic candidates stood for Parliament are before me, and in no case did the candidate receive the Catholic support. Two of the candidates were pledged from the platform to support Catholic claims to schools, and their opponents declared against recognition of their claims, and yet we find that in one electorate where 1600 Catholic voters reside the Catholic candidate polled 490 votes. In another electorate where at one booth 103 votes were recorded, 98 of which were Catholic votes, the candidate pledged to support the Catholic claims received 36 votes, his opponent, a recognised 'wowsèr,' polled 67 votes. This appears to be a sample of what is going on in the Dominion to-day. Therefore, what is the use of the Catholic vote at all. I am much mistaken if after next Thursday J. G. Ward's mana does not further exist. The 'wowsèr' whip will crack mercilessly on the Catholic people of the country and well have they deserved it.—I am, etc.,

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

[To allay any possible heartburn we may say at once that this letter—which once again shows that at least Catholic voters do not take religion into consideration in casting their votes—is *not* from Timaru. We are not in a position to question the correctness of our correspondent's statements; but from information received from many quarters we are able to say that better work has been done for the Catholic cause at this election than at any election for many years past. We quite admit that that is not necessarily saying very much. But it is a start; and we are hoping for better organisation and a greatly improved condition of affairs before next election.—ED. N.Z.T.]

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Wheat.—Fowl feed is scarce, and medium milling is being used in its place. Prime velvet, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; best Tuscan and velvet car, 3s 8½d to 3s 9½d; best whole fowl feed and medium milling, 3s 7½d to 3s 8d; broken and damaged fowl feed, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per bushel (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Best table sorts, £1 to £1 5s; medium and inferior, 12s 6d to 17s 6d per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—There is a good demand for prime oaten sheaf, but medium quality is not inquired for. Choice black oat chaff, £4 10s; good chaff, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium chaff, £3 5s to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 10s to £3 per ton (bags extra).

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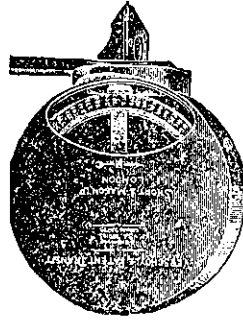
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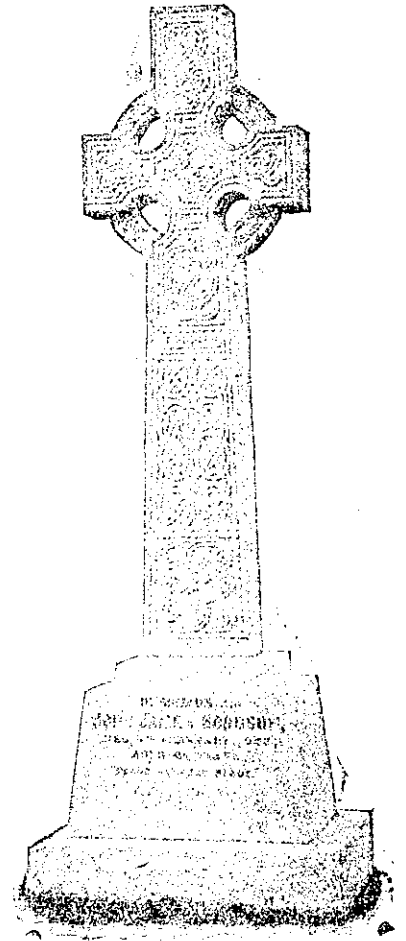
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Wheat.—Fowl wheat is in fair demand, good whole fowl wheat preferred. Prime milling velvet, 3s 10d to 3s 11d; Tuscan, etc., 3s 9½d to 3s 10d; medium, 3s 8½d to 3s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 7d to 3s 8d; medium, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; broken and damaged, 2s 10d to 3s 3d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Only best lots of old potatoes have any demand. These sold to-day at 22s to 24s.

Chaff.—A limited export demand exists, but most of the late consignments have been taken locally. Prime oaten sheaf is the only class wanted. This sells at £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; choice black oats, to £4 10s; medium to good, £3 15s to £4 2s 6d; light, etc., £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL

Mr. M. T. Kennelly, 217 Crawford street, Dunedin, reports as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does, 17d to 18d; second does, to 16½d; prime bucks, to 16d; incoming and early winter, 14d to 15d; autumn, 12d to 13d; racks, 7½d to 9d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6d to 8d per lb; fine crossbred, 5½ to 7d; coarse do., 5d to 6½d; pelts, 3d to 5d.

Hides.—Sound ox, 6d to 8d; do. cow, 5d to 6½d; damaged ox and cow, 3d to 4½d; calfskins and yearlings (sound), 6½d to 9d. Horsehides, 8s to 14s each.

Tallow.—Best in casks, to 26s per cwt; do., 24s; mixed, 18s to 20s; rough fat, 16s to 20s.

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Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at yesterday's sale to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was very keen, and all good winter does and bucks sold at slightly increased prices. Seconds


and off-season skins were also more inquired for. Prime winter does, 20d to 22½d; bucks, 16d to 17½d; second winter does, 14d to 16½d; second winter bucks, 12½d to 15d; autumns, 12d to 14½d; racks, 8½d to 9½d; light racks, 7½d to 8½d; outgoing, 11d to 14d; incomings, 13½d to 15d; hawk-torn, 6d to 9½d; winter blacks, 18d to 20d; seconds, 14d to 16d; fawns, 14d to 15½d; horse hair, 18½d to 19d.

Sheepskins.—We offered an exceptionally large catalogue of very good skins at our sale to-day, when there was a small attendance of buyers. Bidding was not brisk, but prices were slightly higher than at the preceding sale. Quotations: Prime half-bred, 7d to 7½d; medium to good, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best fine crossbred, 6½d to 6¾d; coarse crossbred, 5½d to 6½d; inferior, 3d to 4½d; hoggets, 5½d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; best merino, 6d to 6½d; medium to good, 4½d to 5d; pelts, 1½d to 3½d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale at our stores on the 7th inst., when we submitted a large catalogue. There was keen competition, and we cleared the whole catalogue at prices fully up to last sale's rates. In ox hides our top price was 8½d for one weighing 74lbs, and in cow hides 6½d for one weighing 64lbs. Calfskins were in very keen demand, and our top price was 10½d. The following are actual prices paid at our sale: Prime stout heavy ox hides, 7½d to 8½d; stout heavy, 7d to 7½d; medium, 6½d to 7½d; light weight, 6½d to 6¾d; staggy and inferior, 4½d to 5½d; best heavy cow hides, 6½d to 6¾d; medium weight, 6½d to 6¾d; light, 6d to 6½d; inferior, 4½d to 5½d; yearlings, 6½d to 6¾d; best calfskins, 9½d to 10½d; good, 8½d to 9½d; inferior, 7½d to 8d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report, the local buyers being very keen to snap up all consignments coming forward.

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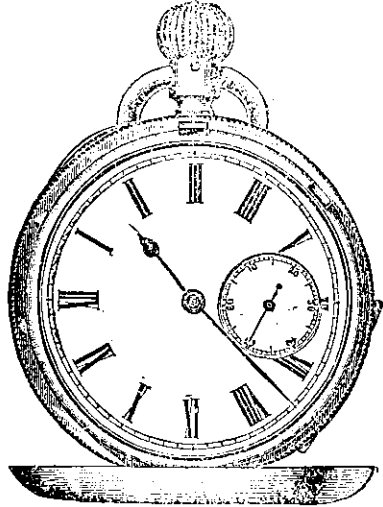
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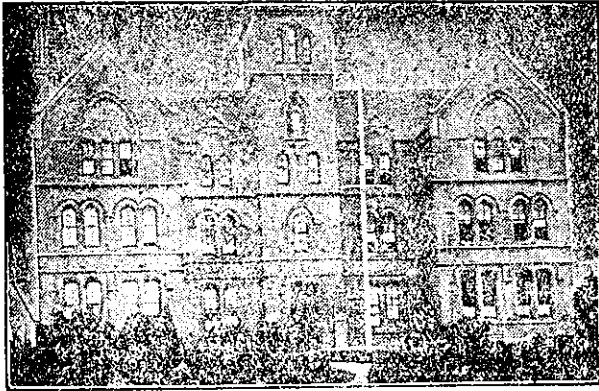
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In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I Hereby give Public Notice that at the LICENSING POLL taken under the provision of the said Act the number of votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the proposal that licenses be granted in the district	2743
For the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district	3457

The total number of votes recorded at the poll was 6200, and, as the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of votes recorded, I Hereby Declare that proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 12th day of December, 1911.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
Returning Officer.

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

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, DECEMBER 14, 1911.

BISHOP CLEARY ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION



THE annual distribution of prizes of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, on December 5, the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary dealt in some detail with the education question, and a portion of his remarks were included in the report of the proceedings supplied to us. They contain however, such an altogether admirable vindication of the Catholic position, and such a weighty and timely exhortation with regard to the future, that we have felt it a duty to give them the added prominence attaching to this column. His Lordship spoke in part as follows:—

In the course of his report, the Brother Superior has laid his index-finger on the aims of the Catholic education imparted in our primary and secondary schools. It is to surround our Catholic youth with a Catholic atmosphere, to build them up sound in body, strong in intellect, and strong in faith. Here we have the true ideal of the education that educates; it develops every faculty, it prepares youth for complete living—fits them for every phase of duty and right endeavor in this life, and leads them to their true place in the wider and greater life into which we pass through one or other of the thousand doors of death.

In this system of the complete training of the faculties of the child, we Catholics pursue the opposite course to that lop-sided and experimental secular system which a political majority has forced upon the State-supported schools of New Zealand. The secular system first rose with the French Revolution, as one phase of the war against Christianity. Though not themselves generally hostile to religion, a majority of our politicians followed the deceptive lure of "French principles" in 1877. We Catholics stand firm where we have ever stood. We stand to-day for the training of the heart and will and moral conscience of the child, as we stood up to 1877, when our schools formed an integral part of the State system. We did not withdraw our schools from the State school system. They were driven out of it—driven out of it, not because of any verdict of educational experts, but by a combination of politicians who had neither knowledge of, nor skill in, the principles and methods of education. But that is not all. Our schools were driven out of the public school system on what was, in effect, a religious test—driven out of it on a question of religious dogma, driven out of it because we could not then, as we cannot now, subscribe to the sectarian French dogmas on which our Education Act is based. These underlying doctrines are chiefly the two following: first, that religion has no necessary or useful part in school-training. The second is, that a political majority has the moral right to banish religion from the place which it has occupied from immem-

orial ages in the school. Take away these dogmas, and you sweep aside the whole foundation on which our Education Act is built. We Catholics repudiate these State doctrines; we know them to be educationally unsound, historically false, and morally indefensible.

'But the State goes further than the implied formulating of a dogmatic view of religion. It rewards with free instruction the children of those who can in conscience accept the State creed. It penalises conscientious dissenters in one of two ways: (a) it places many in the position where they are forced to accept a system which their conscience disapproves; (b) the only other alternative is to pay for the system which their conscience demands—and at the same time pay for the system which their conscience utterly rejects. This is how the Catholic parent is treated in a democratic country in which dogmas regarding religion are supposed to stand on an equality before the law. I have said these things before. It is well that you should say them, too, and say them often and loudly, so often and so loudly that people will hear you, and say them, moreover, in such a way as to convince them that you are no longer going to lie placidly down under so great a wrong.'

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'We Catholics believe, as much as the politicians do, in helping youth to surmount the difficulties arising from adverse environment. We believe as much as they do, in storing the intellects of our pupils with human knowledge and wisdom, and in pushing the conquest of nature to further and fuller triumphs. But we know that there are other ends to be achieved in the school besides the sharpening of wits and the extension of material power. We know that the highest values in human life are moral values, and that no school training can increase real happiness unless it makes for truth and justice and moral restraint—in a word, unless it makes for sound character. You may sharpen the intellect without sharpening the moral sense; you may train the hand without strengthening the will; and unless you train a child to be morally better, as well as mentally brighter, his intellectual attainments will be little better than Dead Sea apples in an idle hand. For (in Tennyson's phrase) a youth or man may be "gorged with knowledge" and yet be really uneducated; for mere instruction is not ethical; it is not enough to form even the intellect, much less to mould the heart and will and form the character, which is the real end of education.

'Schools without God tend to make children without godliness. You cannot get either out of an iron bucket or out of an education system more than is put into it. You cannot gather figs from thistles, nor grapes from brambles. An Eastern philosopher said to his servant Lukman: "Go into the field and sow wheat." But he sowed oats. At the harvest time the master angrily cried: "Did I not tell you to sow wheat there? Why then, did you sow oats?" "I sowed oats in the hope that wheat would grow up." The master said: "What foolish idea is this? Have you ever heard of the like?" Lukman replied: "You yourself are constantly sowing in the field of the world the seeds of evil, and you expect to reap in the after-life fruits of virtue. Therefore I also thought I might get wheat at the harvest by sowing oats in the springtime."

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'Politicians are—some of them—men of much promise and of great expectations. There are probably among them Lukmans who expect to reap the wheat of sound morality where its true seed, its only firm principles (those of religion), have never been set; they may expect to gather in Christian virtue where they have thrown spiritual and religious development over the wall, and where they have established what is, in effect, a dogmatic form of State agnosticism. But wiser heads knew better than they. After a long experience of the first system of godless public instruction, so great a statesman as the first Napoleon found it necessary to reintroduce religion into the schools of France. Holland tried the secular system and sickened of it. So did Belgium. The Duke of Wellington deprecated the purely secular system as "a scheme of

social destruction." And Washington, "The Father of his Country," left to his people the sacred legacy of these weighty words: "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." And (as Humboldt remarked) "whatever we wish to see introduced into the life of a nation must first be introduced into its schools."

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'These Christian principles we seek to instil into the minds of our youth—to mould therewith their intellects and hearts and wills and consciences. Our Great Teacher has said: "This is life everlasting, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." (John, 17, 3.) It is indeed the highest wisdom "to know Christ and Him crucified," "in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (I. Cor., 2, 2; and Col., 2, 3.) In this knowledge, in these truths and principles we have the only sure foundation of morality. Any system of public instruction which excludes these truths and principles from its operations, can only lead to national disaster. "I am satisfied," said Disraeli (Earl of Beaconsfield) "that a system of national education which either relinquishes religion, or makes it subordinate, will be the greatest failure that ever occurred—but more fatal to the State than to the Church."

'For us the school is, as it ever was, sacred ground—sacred like the Bush of Horeb or the Temple of God—one of the ante-chambers through which the soul of the child passes on its way back to God. We Catholics make sacrifices for the children, simply because we know what true child-training involves, because we know the perils and the possibilities of youth, and because we know that the future is with those who secure the children of to-day.

Long, on my recent visit down the East Coast,

"Out seaward hung the brooding mist,

We saw it rolling, fold on fold,

And marked the great sun alchemist

Turn all its leaden edge to gold.

Look well, look well, O friend of mine,

The grey below, the gold above:

For so the present life may shine

All golden in the light of love."

'The grey thick mists of doubt, of unfaith, and of unstable moral principles are rolling in, fold upon fold, upon a social system grounded upon the material absorption created by a dogmatic secular system. But a great sun alchemist "turns all its leaden edge to gold." That great alchemist is the light and warmth of our Catholic love of the "little ones" of Christ. "The grey below, the gold above"; below the dark heavy drift towards unbelief; above is the serener heights of Christian education. Our present and our future alike shine "all golden in the light of love."

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'It would be an evil day for the Faith in New Zealand if the love of Catholics for the souls of the children cooled off, if the zeal for religious education lost its fire and motive force. But we need new zeal, new fire, new force, in that sacred cause. We need more earnestness in the struggle for the right; we need a hearty union in pressing the constitutional effort for the removal of the cruel wrong inflicted upon us just because we cannot in conscience accept the pernicious State dogmas on which our Education Act is based. We must, then, fight for justice by every legitimate means at our disposal. And, until justice is done, we must tread patiently our accustomed path of sacrifice, confident that what we sow in tears to-day, we shall to-morrow reap in joy.'

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondence intended for our issue of December 28 should reach this office not later than the morning of December 23. Only brief items of news received up to Wednesday morning, December 27, can be inserted.

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Bishop Julius Speaks

The following Press Association message, in which Bishop Julius defines the Church of England attitude in regard to the sacramental wine question, appeared in Monday's dailies:—'The following letter has been received by the Press Association from the Acting Primate (Bishop Julius): "My attention has been called to a statement attributed to the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond to the effect that when national prohibition is carried the Churches will cease to use fermented wine in the sacrament of Holy Communion, 'as his own had already done.' As this ambiguous statement has been very widely circulated, I think it right to say that the use of unfermented wine in Holy Communion is absolutely unlawful in the Church of England, and no action of the State will be allowed to invalidate this blessed sacrament. It is fair to Mr. Hammond to say that he distinctly repudiates the statement attributed to him, and that he is fully aware that the use of fermented wine in the Holy Communion under national prohibition is expressly provided for.'"

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., Rector of Mount St. Mary's Scholasticate, Greenmeadows, is at present on a visit to Dunedin, and is the guest of his Lordship the Bishop.

At a special meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., acting on behalf of the members, made a presentation of a terra cotta art design flower pot to the president (Mrs. Jackson), in recognition of the very deep interest she had taken in the club during the past season. Miss Laffey (secretary) was also the recipient of a presentation—a ladies' handbag—as a token of the members appreciation of her work.

On Friday at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, his Lordship the Bishop raised to the priesthood the Rev. E. Lynch, and ordained as subdeacons Revs. D. O'Connell and W. Skinner. On Sunday the Revs. D. O'Connell and W. Skinner were raised to the diaconate, and the latter will be ordained priest at the 9 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday. He will celebrate his first Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, on Monday.

A dramatic and musical entertainment by the students of St. Philomena's College will take place in St. Patrick's School Hall, South Dunedin, this (Thursday)

evening. A very fine programme has been prepared for the occasion. The Sisters of Mercy invite the parents and friends of the students to visit this afternoon the principal study hall of St. Philomena's College, where the work executed in the art studio and needlework classes will be displayed.

On Saturday, December 9, Rev. E. Lynch, who had been ordained the previous day at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, celebrated his first Mass in the chapel of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, South Dunedin. Father Lynch was assisted by his brother, Rev. James Lynch, of Wrey's Bush, and Rev. John Lynch, of Palmerston, was also present. The beautiful music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by a choir of the Sisters of Mercy, the Elevation piece, 'Quid Retribuam,' being particularly touching. After Mass the 'Te Deum' was sung, and the nuns and the boarders of St. Philomena's College, whose privilege it was to be present, received the young priest's blessing.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, have been notified by the secretary of the Navy League that prizes have been allotted by the executive (Messrs. Goyen, Darling, Morrell, Moore, and Jeffery) to the following students of St. Philomena's College who competed successfully in the League's Essay Examination held in September:—Senior subject for high and secondary schools, 'How may England maintain her supremacy at sea?'—First prize, Miss Kitty Langford. Junior subject, 'Story of the Armada'—Misses Alix Austis, Winifred Kaveney, Josephine Nolan, Mary Monaghan, Sadie Langford, and Mary McCormack. This year the Otago essays were forwarded by the Education Board to Mr. Andrew Spence, of the *Dominion* newspaper, Wellington, for final adjudication. He speaks highly of the general average of the papers, and of some he speaks with admiration. So good were those that they were passed on to Admiral King-Hall and his officers for their perusal.

The concert in aid of the Sacred Heart School funds, which took place in the schoolroom, North-east Valley, on December 1, was a great success from every point of view. It began with a tasteful violin duet by Misses Zita Venning and Vera Hannan. This was followed by Miss Grace Paton's song, 'Farewell to summer,' with violin obligato by Miss Minnie Paton. Miss Paton has a very fine voice, and uses it to the best advantage. Miss Elvino Milow's item, a pianoforte solo, was well played for such a young performer. Miss Taylor was heard to much advantage in the song, 'I hid my love.' In response to an enthusiastic encore she contented herself with bowing her acknowledgments. Miss Howden sang very sweetly 'Hush, my little one.' The item, however, that proved the gem of the evening was an operetta, 'The Dolls' Hospital,' by a large number of children. Miss Tessie Hannagan as the fairy queen danced very daintily. The dancing, singing, and acting of the children, including a boy in sailor's costume, three ideal nigger boys, and a contingent of girls in Japanese costume, afforded the audience the utmost delight. The principal for the smaller children, Miss Josephine Toomey, acted and sang most successfully. The second part of the programme was opened by Masters Botting, who played a piano duet in capital style, and had to respond to an imperative encore. This was followed by a beautiful violin solo, 'Heyre Kati,' artistically played by Miss Z. Venning. A song, 'A perfect day,' by Miss K. Carter, with 'cello obligato by Miss Z. Venning, was enthusiastically encored. The concert concluded with a grand action song, 'Caller Herrin,' by the children. The entertainment on the whole was most enjoyable, and the singing, acting, and dancing of the pupils were deserving of great praise, and reflected much credit on their teachers, the Dominican Nuns.

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

December 11.

The following candidates have successfully passed the examinations in Rudiments of Music, held locally

under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music (London):—Any Gilligan (Dominican Convent), 96 marks; Margaret Twomey (Dominican Convent), 96; Margaret Ward (Dominican Convent), 96.

The elections passed off quietly in Oamaru, and general regret was expressed at the defeat of our veteran member, Mr. Duncan, after 30 years of faithful service. The result is almost wholly accounted for by the altering of the electoral boundaries, whereby all, or nearly all, of Mr. Duncan's friends and supporters were excluded from his district.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

After the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening devotions, when the usual procession took place.

The annual retreat of the Children of Mary began in St. Patrick's Church on last Tuesday night, and terminated this morning with a general Communion at the 7:30 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Costello preached the retreat.

The Rev. Father Joseph Herring, who was ordained to the priesthood on December 4, celebrated his first public Mass in St. Patrick's Church this morning. He preached on the Blessed Virgin to a very large congregation in the evening, after which the whole of the congregation approached the altar rails and received his blessing.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

I, HENRY MAXWELL, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin Central, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes Polled.
STATHAM, CHARLES ERNEST ...	4042
ARNOLD, JAMES FREDERICK ...	2498
MACPHERSON, DUGALD ..	1452

Total number of valid votes polled ... 7992
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 83

I therefore Declare the said CHARLES ERNEST STATHAM to be Elected.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

H. MAXWELL,
Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, ROBERT PERCY WARD, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin West, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes Polled.
BEDFORD, HARRY DODGSHUN ...	3,635
MILLAR, JOHN ANDREW ...	3,958
MUNRO, JAMES WRIGHT ...	778

Total number of valid votes polled ... 8,371
Absolute majority required ... 4,186
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 79

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th

day of December, 1911, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., between

BEDFORD, HARRY DODGSHUN,
And
MILLAR, JOHN ANDREW.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

R. P. WARD,
Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, DAVID LARNACH, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin North, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes Polled.
DOUGLAS, ROBERT RUTHERFORD ...	2420
LOUDON, JOHN ...	1751
THOMSON, GEORGE MALCOLM ...	3793

Total number of valid votes polled ... 7964
Absolute majority required ... 3983
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 74

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1911, between

DOUGLAS, ROBERT RUTHERFORD,
And
THOMSON, GEORGE MALCOLM.

The Hours of Polling will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

DAVID LARNACH,
Returning Officer.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, GEORGE GALLOWAY CHISHOLM, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Chalmers, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

Candidates.	Votes Polled.
CLARK, EDWARD HENRY ...	2850
DICKSON, JAMES McCOLL ...	1376
JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS ...	1476
MCCARTHY, ARTHUR PETER ...	578

Total number of valid votes polled ... 6280
Absolute majority required ... 3140
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 64

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1911, between

CLARK, EDWARD HENRY,
And
JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 11th day of December, 1911.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
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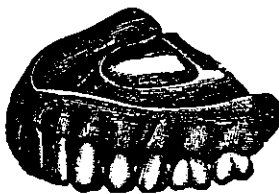
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Irish News

ANTRIM—The Insurance Bill

A great meeting of the men and women workers of Lisburn was held on October 20, when resolutions were carried welcoming the State Insurance Bill, and urging the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to exclude Irish workers from the working of the measure. The principal speaker was Mr. Wm. Walker, J.P., of Belfast.

ARMAGH—Detrimental to the Interest of Labor

Mr. McKeown, an organiser of the Transport Union, at a meeting held in Dundalk on October 16, made an attack on Cardinal Logue for the course he took in connection with the recent railway strike, and stated that the resolutions of the Irish Bishops were directed against the workmen alone. This attack is resented by all classes in the town, but by none more than by the thirty-five unfortunate workmen who have not been reinstated, and on whose behalf his Eminence has written to the directors of the Great Northern Railway Company, a letter urging them to be merciful and take back their late employees. At a meeting they held a few days later, the following resolution was passed unanimously: 'That this meeting of all grades of railwaymen now out of employment, recognising the efforts of his Eminence Cardinal Logue on our behalf, most strongly protest against the uncalled-for references to his Eminence made by Mr. McKeown in his speech; that we thoroughly recognise that his Eminence is only a trustee for the shares held in his name in the Great Northern Railway Company, and as such derives no personal benefit therefrom; that we hereby gratefully acknowledge what his Eminence has already done and what he is at present endeavoring to do on our behalf to secure our reinstatement; that such language and such attacks as Mr. McKeown has made are detrimental to the interest of Labor and calculated to injure our cause.'

CORK—Protestants Give Testimony

In view of the campaign of calumny which has been set on foot against Catholics, for purely political purposes, it would be well if Irish Protestants who are living in amity with their neighbors came forward and gave publicly accounts of their experience. Some few have done so already, and with good results. Mr. Green, C.E., a Protestant, at the quarterly meeting of the Youghal Rural Council, said he had been officially connected with that body and with the Board of Guardians for the last twenty-five years, and during that time he had received nothing but kindness and good-will, not alone from the members of the public bodies, but from everybody with whom he came in contact. The secretary of the Clare Council, in a letter to the press, bears similar testimony.

DOWN—Serious Fire in Newry

Over £10,000 damage was caused by a fire which broke out on the morning of October 24 in the premises of Messrs. Redmond and Co., Ltd., Newry. Adjoining the timber yard is a boxmaking factory. Owing to the inflammable contents of the concerns involved the Fire Brigade's task was from the outset hopeless, the flames spreading with remarkable rapidity, and both premises were gutted.

DUBLIN—Praise for the Christian Brothers

At the meeting of the Protestant Diocesan Synods of Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare, Archbishop Peacocke presiding, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that their diocesan schools were doing useful work, but the Protestants had no such teaching facilities as were afforded by the Christian Brothers for Catholics. One of the pupils of the Christian Brothers had just been gazetted to the Indian Civil Service. What Protestant in humble circumstances could hope to have his son educated so as to be able to pass such an examination? A long debate followed, in the course of which some of the speakers complained of the want of subscriptions from Protestants for educational purposes in Ireland. The oppor-

tunities provided for education were so great for Catholics that it was to be feared that in Ireland the Protestants would become the hewers of wood and the drawers of water.

KERRY—Muckcross Abbey

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, the new owners of Muckcross, are effecting extensive changes in the old Abbey (says the *Daily Chronicle*) since they acquired the romantic estate from Lord Ardilaun in the spring of this year. The most approved method of electric lighting will replace the old paraffin lamps so long in use at the Abbey, and spacious stables and garage are being added. Mrs. Vincent is the daughter of a Californian millionaire. A great sportswoman, she has seen a good deal of life on the prairie, and has tamed some of the wildest bronchos.

LOUTH—Civil and Religious Liberty

The president of the Dundalk Division of the A.O.H. has received the following letter from Mr. Joseph Loudon, assistant-secretary, Louth County Council, and a well known member of the Methodist Church: 'As president of the A.O.H. Division 566, will you kindly convey to the members my kind appreciation and warmest thanks for suspending the band practices during my recent long illness, and also for their kind and best wishes for my recovery, which I fully and deeply appreciate? This is the second time since your division came to this locality that I have experienced their true spirit of Christian charity towards members of other religious persuasions. When your division first came to their present hall (next the Methodist church) your then president called upon me to ascertain the hours of Divine worship, so as to make arrangements not to disturb the services in any way. This, to my mind, has the true ring of civil and religious liberty, which we hear so much about nowadays. As a next-door neighbor, I may be permitted to say of your division that I never saw a better-conducted set of young men. I wish your division every success, and may your membership increase, as it deserves.'

The New Lieutenant of the County

It is not often (says the *Glasgow Observer*) that one Catholic succeeds another as the King's Lieutenant in an Irish county, but such is the case in County Louth, where Sir Alan Henry Bellingham has been appointed in succession to the late Lord Bellew. Sir Henry, whose younger daughter is married to the Marquis of Bute, is a convert to Catholicism, and an M.A. of Exeter College, Oxford. His family hails originally from the North of England; and on a window of Levens Hall, their old seat in Westmoreland, is to be read the quaint inscription, 'Amicus amico Alanus Belliger belligero Bellinghamus.' Sir Edward Bellingham was Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1548, and his descendant was granted the Gormanstown estate in Louth, which he re-named Castle Bellingham. The present house was built to replace the old castle, burned to the ground a few days before the Battle of the Boyne. Sir Henry's first wife was a sister of the present Earl of Gainsborough, and he married after her death the Hon. Leigarde Clifton, daughter of the twenty-third Baroness Grey de Ruthyn. He was a Private Chamberlain to both Pius IX. and Leo XIII., and is well known for his devotion to Catholic interests. His elder daughter is a nun of the Order of the Holy Child.

MAYO—Neither Privileges nor Disabilities

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy dedicated the new Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Claremorris, County Mayo, early in October. The Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin preached on the occasion. At a banquet held subsequently, the Bishop of Elphin said that some people were afraid that Home Rule meant Rome Rule. They wanted under Home Rule no privileges, but neither would they tolerate any disabilities.

TIPPERARY—Consecration of an Abbot

The Rev. P. Justin McCarthy was solemnly consecrated Lord Abbot of Mount St. Joseph's Monastery, Roscrea, on October 18, in the presence of a large gathering of clergy and laity. The consecrating prelate was Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, who

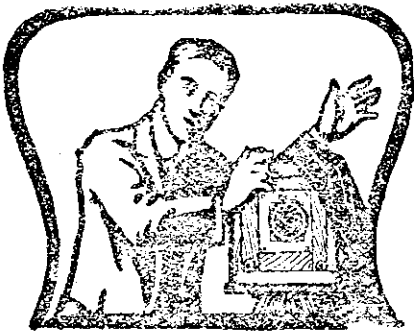
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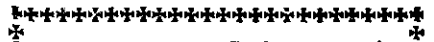
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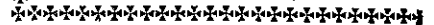
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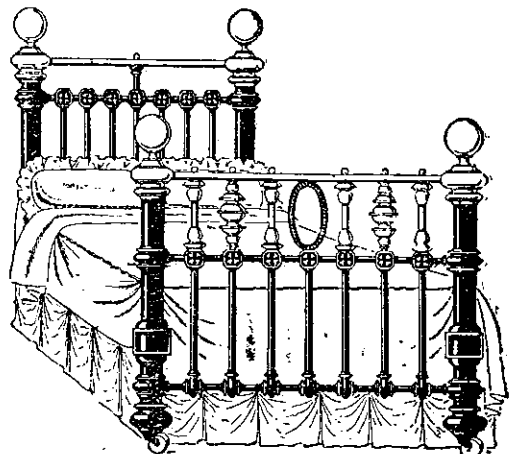
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was assisted by Fathers Boniface and Francis. The Abbot-elect was assisted by the Right Rev. Abbot Maurus, of Mount Melleray, and the Right Rev. Abbot Edmond, an American religious. The ceremony, which was deeply impressive, lasted two hours, and was followed throughout by the congregation with the closest attention. At its conclusion Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty conducted the new Lord Abbot to the throne, where he intoned the 'Te Deum,' the entire community joining in it.

WEXFORD—A Memorial to Michael Davitt

Mr. J. L. Doyle, at the U.I.L. meeting near Enniscorthy, said that he trusted the first public function that the Ministers of the coming Irish Parliament would be called on to perform would be to unveil a fitting memorial to Michael Davitt, that noble but humble peasant, the founder of the Land League.

WICKLOW—The Campaign of Calumny

At a public meeting held in Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, on October 22, Mr. John Redmond said the Home Rule Bill was not only in course of preparation, but was almost completed. Both in its principles and in its details it would be a Bill satisfactory to Ireland. He clearly understood the conditions that were necessary to make a final settlement from the financial as well as from the political point of view, and he would ask his colleagues to refrain from criticising until the moment came, from which they were now separated only by a few weeks, when the Bill in all its details would be before the Irish public. He asked the Nationalists of Ireland to help to wreck the campaign of calumny which had been started. If he found a case of religious intolerance on the part of Catholics anywhere he would denounce it, and he requested the members of the United Irish League to send him particulars of every case which had been used in England to prove that they in Ireland were an intolerant people.

GENERAL

Remarkable Longevity

The death is announced of Patrick Gillespie, of Glenngivney, Lower Merville, Innishowen, who had attained the patriarchal age of 120 years. For the first nine years of his life he lived under the authority of the old Irish Parliament in College Green.

The death took place about the middle of October of Mrs. Dolan, mother of Mr. Andrew Dolan, Stonebridge, near Clones, at the age of 110 years. Deceased spent a life of industry, and was blessed with good health, and had a vivid recollection of all the stirring events of the past century.

The death has occurred at Bangor, Co. Down, of Mrs. Christie, at the great age of 103 years. During the early part of October seven old Bangor residents passed away. Their ages aggregated a total of 652 years.

In Favor of the Voluntary Principle

Speaking at North Shields, Mr. T. P. O'Connor said that if, in the coming Home Rule Bill, provision was made for safeguarding Protestant civil and religious rights in Ireland, the Irish Party would support it. The Irish party would also support a provision against the establishment of the Catholic or any other Church, because they believed the voluntary principle was the life-blood of religious fervour and spirit.

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People We Hear About

Mr. John Cassidy, whose design for a statue of King Edward has been accepted by the Manchester memorial committee, is a native of Slane, Co. Meath. Mr. Cassidy now occupies a prominent position among the sculptors of England. When completed the memorial will be the largest bronze statue in the United Kingdom. Mr. Cassidy executed the Statue of Queen Victoria which now stands in front of the Royal Jubilee School in Belfast.

A prominent light of the Irish revival is Mr. Shane Leslie. He is all, perhaps, that his antecedents and ancestry might have precluded him from being. For generations the Leslie family have been landlords in County Monaghan, Protestant in religion and Tory in politics. Shane was born heir to the old estate and of an English mother, through whom he is related to that most brilliant of all rising statesmen in England to-day—Winston Churchill. Of all English families of the passing generation the Churchills have produced the most remarkable galaxy of talented men and women—especially women. Shane may have inherited something of this from his mother; but she in turn must have been one of those who became 'more Irish than the Irish themselves.' Thus born a Protestant, a Tory, and a landlord, he was sent to the English University of Cambridge, of which he is a graduate. On leaving Cambridge he was engaged on Anglican Social Missions in the London slums, and became a convert to Catholicism while working among the Irish poor.

The success of the rebels in China reminds us that the Celestial Empire, one of the oldest of nations, is ruled, if the expression may be allowed, by the youngest of sovereigns. He is a nephew of the late Emperor, and until his accession bore the name of Pu-yi, although the royal astrologers have selected as his official title, Hsuan-t'ung, which means 'General Proclamation.' The boy is delicate in health, and the Chinese are inclined to attribute this to his birth on the unlucky thirteenth day of the first moon. In order to escape the evil influence as far as possible, it has been decreed that his birthdate shall be celebrated on the fourteenth of the month. Further, he is to be brought up more hygienically than his predecessor was. He will have plenty of fresh air, and will not be expected to appear at the midnight audiences which are the fashion at the Chinese Court. His first appearance in public—at his enthronement—was not a success, for he cried loudly; and henceforth his father, the Prince Regent, will attend all official functions alone, will receive dignitaries of State, and offer up the required prayers for snow or rain. But the little Emperor, although relieved from these duties, will not be allowed to forget that he is an official baby. He may no longer live with his own family, or see his parents except in the presence of the whole Court.

The new Solicitor-General for Ireland, Mr. Ignatius O'Brien, K.C., was, in early life a reporter on the staff of the *Freeman's Journal*. The journalist in Ireland certainly gets his share of the honors in the way of judicial preferment, and Mr. O'Brien's promotion continues the usage of years (says the *Catholic Herald*). In due time Mr. O'Brien will no doubt become a Judge in Ireland, and he will not be the first Judge O'Brien who graduated from the Press table to the Judicial Bench. The late Mr. Justice William O'Brien, a Judge of the Irish High Courts, was also a journalist on the *Freeman* in his early years. Mr. M. Bodkin, Mr. George MacSweeney, Mr. E. H. Ennis are other names that readily occur in connection with promotion from the *Freeman* staff to the ranks of Irish Justiciary. There is a double reason why such transitions are rather common in Ireland. In the first place, Irish barristers are prone to journalism. In the second place, Irish journalists are specially keen to become barristers. A former editor of the *Irish News* in Belfast is now Mr. P. J. Kelly, Resident Magistrate, and his successor in the editorial chair in Belfast, Mr. T. J. Campbell, is now a barrister in large practice, who will no doubt come in for valuable legal preferment in due time.

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Inspector, in June, and his general report was as follows:—'Excellent work is being done in a number of the subjects of the curriculum, notably reading, recitation, writing, drawing, singing, history, and composition. A fine spirit of earnest effort prevails among both teachers and taught. The pupils are under good control, their manners and general behaviour being excellent. Bright, alert, and responsive, they acquit themselves well under oral examination. The primer classes are under efficient instruction. Sound methods are employed, and the little ones appear bright, happy, and interested, the prevailing atmosphere being such as to ensure good progress being made under excellent conditions.' Term competitive examinations have been held during the year, and the following prizes were gained by the high school:—Matriculation Class, Kassie Turner; Civil Service Class, Lizzie Gill; Standard VI., Susie Dromgool; Standard V., Eileen Murphy; Standard IV., Doreen Pengelly; Standard III., Claudia Slattery; Primer III., Lulu Haydon. In connection with the same examinations, certificates of honor pass were gained by Kassie Turner, Monica Page, Edith McDonald, Maria Banfield, Amy Erck, Teresa Mannion, Verda Wilson, Doreen Pengelly, and Phyllis Turner. Certificates of credit pass were gained by Kassie Turner, Julia Steinmetz, Nellie Martin, Lizzie Gill, Una Comesky, Monica Page, Mary Mills, Susie Dromgool, Mary Strouts, Vera Erck, Cissie McElroy, Mollie O'Malley, Kathleen Haydon, Joan Poff, Eileen Murphy, and V. Emerson. The following are the results of the other examinations:—Teachers' C. Examination—Two candidates were successful. Teachers' D. Examination—Five candidates were successful. Matriculation and Solicitor's Knowledge—Lucy Toner. Matriculation Examination—Katie Kerr and Ellen O'Donnell. Civil Service Examination—Kassie Turner and Amy Payne. Senior Free Places—Mary Mills and

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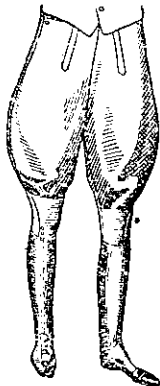
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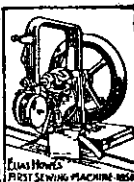
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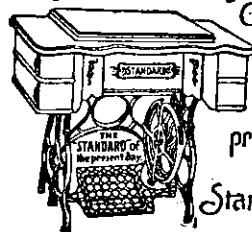
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Julia Steinmetz. The Sixth Standard examination for this year had not taken place when this report went to print, hence we are unable to give the results. Commercial Classes—In these classes shorthand, typewriting, and book-keeping are taught, and in the shorthand examination results published in March, the following pupils obtained certificates from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, England: Katie O'Connor, Doris Amyes, Annie O'Neill, and Mattie Hood. Music examinations, higher practical, L.T.C.L. (singing), M. McGlone; L.T.C.L. (singing), M. Wilson; A.T.C.L. (pianoforte), F. Storey; certificated pianist, A. Thomas; singing (honors), senior class, singing (honors) junior class higher local pianoforte), honors, C. Kiddey; senior (violin), V. Erck; senior (pianoforte), honors, M. Higgins; senior (pianoforte), H. Woodward and N. Cronin; intermediate (pianoforte), honors, M. Brandon and I. Baunton; pass, M. Mills, S. Dromgool, and M. Quinn; junior (pianoforte), honors, N. McGurk; pass, M. Rainton and P. Turner. Associated Board examination of R.A.M. and R.C.M., London—Advanced grade, Amy Payne and Connie Erck; higher school, A. Erck and A. Luscombe; lower school, Rene Mahon, Daisy Osley, and Monica Turner. Theoretical examination—Senior advanced, Cissie Moroney; intermediate grade (honors), A. Payne; intermediate (grade 2), F. Storey, H. Woodward, K. Moroney, M. Strouts; junior (honors), K. Turner, K. Haydon; (pass), L. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Malley, C. McElroy, M. Murphy, M. Quinn, V. Erck, and A. Erck; preparatory (distinction), M. Brandon, H. Haydon, A. Hill, N. McGurk, D. Otley, W. Sullivan; pass, E. Bryan, M. O'Shaughnessy; rudiments (Associated Board), A. Payne and C. Erck. The doctor's lectures—Dr. O'Brien, M.D.B.S., Lond.; M.R.T.S., Eng., has very kindly given to the senior pupils most interesting and instructive lectures on physiology and general hygiene. The pupils were indeed fortunate in having the privilege of lectures from such a skilful and experienced physician, and the lessons will certainly prove invaluable to them in after life. The school debating society—This year saw the inauguration of the school debating society, which was presided over by the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., who deserves special thanks for the help and encouragement he gave the

girls in their initial addresses. Elocution—Lessons were given regularly, and besides the usual technical exercises, some beautiful pieces were learned, and the following girls made great progress during the year: Monica Page, Mary Mills, Kassie Turner, Nellie McGurk, Kathleen Hannan, and Kathleen Haydon. Dress-making—This class has been a greater success than usual this year, and this useful branch gains in popularity with the girls each year. Painting, fancy work, and wood carving have received the usual attention, and the pupils of these classes have a very fine display of work on show at the Exhibition in the high school class room. Cookery class—As usual, lessons were taken during the year at the Technical College in cooking, and four prizes were awarded, the winners being Mary Higgins, Madge White, Susie Dromgool, and Muriel Rainton. Recreation and physical exercises—As it is a generally admitted truth that a healthy body means a healthy mind, special attention has been given to outdoor games and physical exercises. A sports' committee, consisting of several of the senior girls, was formed early in the year and did good service in promoting such games as basket ball, cricket, rounders, and tennis, and as regards the latter game, the girls are very much indebted to Rev. Dr. Kennedy, who very generously supplied them with the racquets, net, etc. In general we must say that an excellent spirit of piety and earnestness has been shown by the girls throughout the year, and this undoubtedly has been due in no small measure to the large number of daily communicants.

Distribution of Prizes.

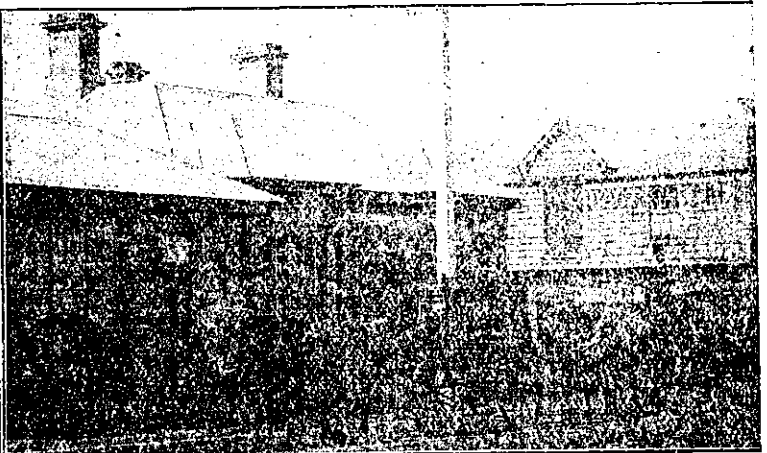
The prizes this year have been worked for on a new plan, hence they are not so numerous as in former years. Marks were given in the different subjects each week throughout the year, and on the marks thus gained, together with those obtained at the test examinations, the prizes have been awarded as follow:—

Gold medallist (dux of school), Kassie Turner. Good conduct, boarders (prize presented by Right Rev. Dr. Grimes), Katie Barnett. Good conduct, day pupils, Kathleen Gouding. Politeness, Monica Page. Devotedness, Kathleen Hannan. Christian doctrine (senior division), K. Turner, K. Barnett, and C. Gill. Christian

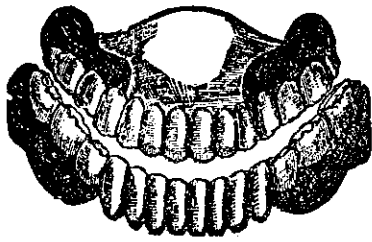
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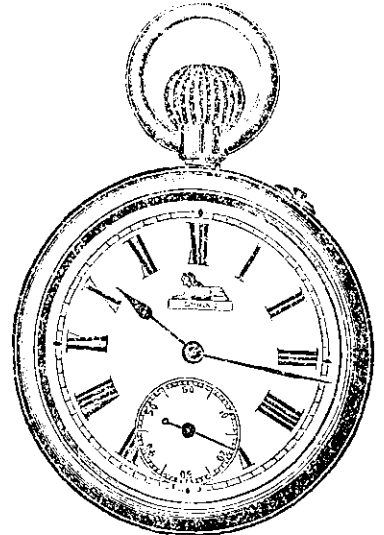
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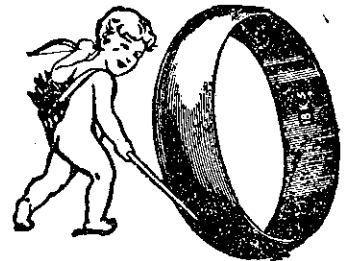
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Matriculation Class—First place in class (dux), K. Turner; Latin, K. Turner; French, K. Turner; algebra, K. Turner, arithmetic, K. Turner, history and geography, K. Turner; literature, M. Page; botany, M. Page; English and essay, M. Page; geometry, E. McDonald.

Civil Service Class—First place in class, L. Gill; literature, L. Gill 1, K. Goulding 2; English, L. Gill 1, U. Conesky 2; arithmetic, A. Hill 1, E. Hourigan 2; algebra, A. Hill; Latin, N. Martin; French, M. Wall; botany, L. Gill; geometry, A. Hill; history and geography, K. O'Brien.

Standard VI.—First place in class, M. Banfield; arithmetic, M. Banfield 1, C. Gill 2; English essay, N. Bowler 1, M. Banfield 2; special essay prize, A. Erck; reading, recitation, and spelling, E. McGrath 1, K. Haydon 2; writing and drawing, K. Haydon 1, T.

Mannian 2; geography, M. Edwards 1, C. McElroy 2; history, L. McArthur.

Standard V.—First place in class, M. Turner; arithmetic, I. Hucks; English and essay, J. Poff 1, E. Murphy 2; reading, recitation and spelling, J. Poff; geography, E. Flood; writing and drawing, R. Bradford; history, M. Turner.

Standard IV.—Good conduct, K. Hartigan; Christian Doctrine, V. Wilson 1, D. Pengelly 2; first place in class, D. Pengelly, V. Wilson, P. Turner (equal); English, K. McArthur; drawing and history, M. Priestnall; arithmetic, M. Powell; reading and dictation, D. Steinmetz; improvement, M. Neill and K. Cronin.

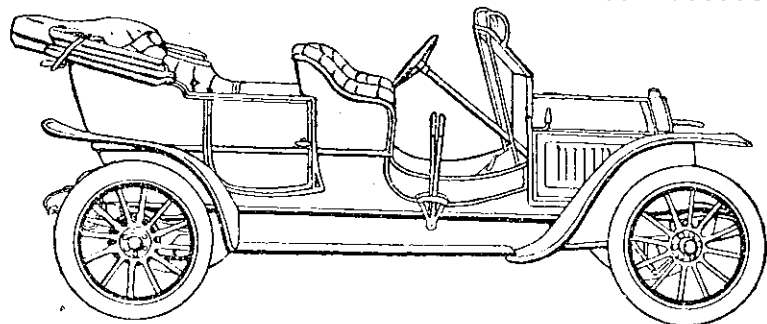
Standard III.—First place in class, C. Slattery, A. Stewart, S. Rundle, K. Hartigan, V. Emmerson, M. Banfield (equal); reading, V. Bustin; English, G. Dudderidge; arithmetic, E. Kicly; improvement, E. O'Connell, F. McInnes; needlework, S. Chisnell.

Standard II.—First in class, D. Crapper, D. Bustin, K. Connery, A. Clinton, L. Haydon, M. McGrath, V. Main, M. O'Brien, C. O'Malley (equal); arithmetic and writing, D. Gill; dictation, M. Gill; geography, E. McAloon; arithmetic, M. O'Connell; nature study, E. Wall; geography, F. Williams.

Standard I.—First in class, F. Cotter, Lulu Haydon, K. Mannion, O. Steinmetz, A. Stanly (equal); reading, M. Rodgers, P. Dudderidge; English, M. Woods.

Primer III.—First in class, D. Brittenden, E. Kicly, R. Mallouk, R. Shanley, K. Wilson, H. Sloan, D. Walsh, Huia Sloan (equal); arithmetic, J. Bain; improvement, V. Grainger.

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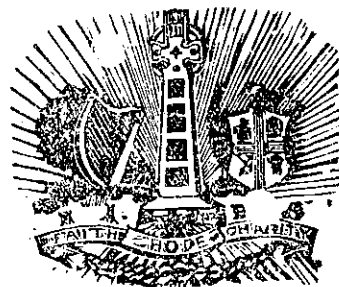
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Following is the programme of the entertainment: Duet, 'Husarenitt,' Misses R. Mahon, A. Erck, G. Wilson, C. McElroy, G. Baker, M. Brandon. K. Haydon, M. Rainton, T. Mannion (harmonium), W. Brick, C. Coakley, V. Erck (violins); song, 'There is not another daddy,' Junior pupils; recitation, 'The leak in the dyke,' Miss D. Pengelly; orchestral selection, 'Sunset,' Misses V. Erck, C. Coakley, W. Brick, P. Badham (violins), R. Isherwood ('cello), C. Erck (harmonium), S. Ansen (harp), A. Erck (piano); song, 'All among the barley,' the pupils; duet, 'Qui vive,' Misses A. Payne, M. Wall, C. Erck, N. Cronin, M. Higgins, S. Dromgool, H. Woodward; E. Stewart, (violins) V. Erck, W. Brick, C. Coakley; hoop drill, Junior pupils; recitation, 'The ringing of the chimes,' Miss N. McGurk; song, 'Do come and play,' Misses Verda Wilson and Doreen Pengelly; orchestral selection, 'Rendez vous,' Misses W. Brick, C. Coakley, V. Erck, P. Badham, N. Bowler (violins), R. Isherwood ('cello), C. Erck (harmonium), A. Payne (piano), S. Ansen (harp); cantata, 'Our news,' the pupils.

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Kaikoura

(From our own correspondent.)

December 6.

The remains of the late Mr James Garrett (says the Kaikoura Star of December 1) were interred in the

Catholic cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The esteem in which the deceased was held, and the widespread sympathy felt at his early demise, were shown by the lengthy cortege that followed the hearse to the graveside. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Kaikoura. At the graveside the Rev. Father Johnston delivered a most impressive address.—R.I.P.

Mrs. P. Keenan, a much-esteemed resident of Kaikoura, passed away at her home a few weeks ago, after a short illness. The deceased was of a kind and generous disposition and a sterling Catholic. The funeral was exceptionally large and representative, and the fact that such great numbers came from long distances to pay a last tribute of respect goes to show the esteem in which deceased was held. The Rev. Father Johnston officiated at the graveside, and also delivered a feeling address.—R.I.P.

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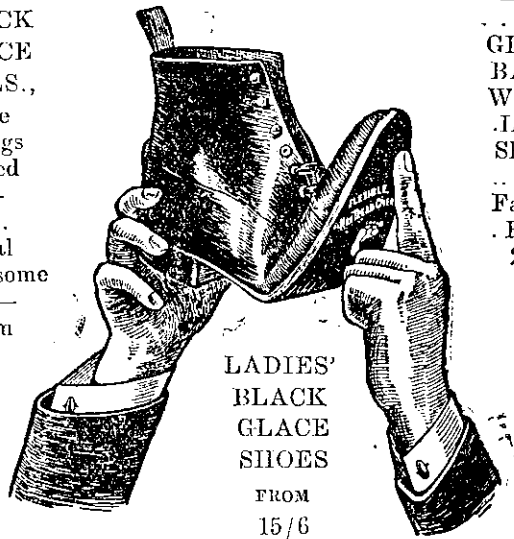
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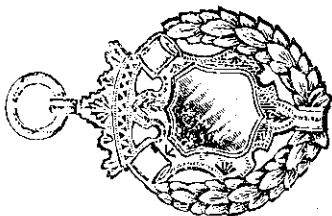
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ENGLAND

DEATH OF A VENERABLE NUN.

With regret we (*Catholic Weekly*) announce the death, which occurred at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, in Grove End Road, St. John's Wood, of Mother Anastasia, who was in her 86th year, and was one of the few survivors of that band of English ladies who went out with Miss Florence Nightingale at the time of the Crimean War to nurse the wounded soldiers in the hospital at Scutari. Mother Anastasia, on her return, was one of the Sisters who, with the assistance of Cardinal Wiseman, founded the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth. In 1887, at the time of her jubilee, Queen Victoria recognised Mother Anastasia's work by bestowing upon her the Order of the Royal Red Cross.

THE CATHOLIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The movement known as the Catholic Missionary Society, initiated by Father Chase, and now conducted by the Rev. Father Herbert Vaughan, is spreading apace. The object of the Society is chiefly the conversion of non-Catholics to the true Faith, and the work already accomplished in this direction has amply justified its existence. Their Lordships the Bishops of England have blessed the movement and are anxious to extend it in their respective dioceses. In order to propagate the work in the large and important diocese of Liverpool, the Rev. Dr. Downey and the Rev. Father Joseph Howard, both of whom, after their ordination, went through a course of study in Rome, recently left the diocese at the desire of the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Whiteside, for the Mission House, Brondesbury Park, London, there to prepare for their future work among those who are yet without the Faith. The Missionary Fathers, in the prosecution of their labors, will give fortnightly missions in the churches of the Liverpool diocese where required, the first week of which will be devoted to the Catholics of the parish, and the second week to the non-Catholics of the district. The address to non-Catholics will be of an expository character, and nothing that could wound their religious susceptibilities will be advanced. Questions will be invited and answered, and for this purpose a 'question-box' will be placed at the end of the church, and the queries replied to on the following evening.

GERMANY

COMMEMORATION OF A CENTENARY.

On December 25, the Catholic people of Germany will commemorate the centenary of the birth of one of the greatest and noblest sons of that land, William Emmanuel Baron von Ketteler, Bishop of Mayence for twenty-seven years. He was a leader among his fellow-religionists in the dark days of the Kulturkampf.

ITALY

THE HOLY FATHER AND THE WAR.

The *Osservatore Romano* has at last set at rest any lingering doubts as to the attitude of the Vatican towards the war. In view of several unofficial, ecclesiastical, and lay pronouncements about the Tripoli campaign, which might give color to the notion of the Tripolitan enterprise being a holy war, undertaken in the name of Religion and with the support of the Church, the Vatican organ (says the *Catholic Weekly*) is authorised to declare that the Holy See does not assume any responsibility for such interpretation, but, while remaining outside the actual conflict, cannot approve of it, but rather deploras it. If anything were needed to emphasise the Vatican's definite pacific policy, we have it here, in this maintenance of the traditional policy of peace that our present Holy Father has so con-

sistently maintained throughout his pontificate—a policy which he world will remember was pursued by his illustrious predecessor. Your readers will, after this, take cum grano the absurd statements made by unauthorised journals concerning the line taken by the Sovereign Pontiff, in a question which is entirely outside the religious domain. It is a commercial war waged for commercial ends, and cannot be viewed as anything else.

ROME

RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP OF DERRY.

The Holy Father on October 24 received in private audience the Right Rev. Dr. McHugh, Bishop of Derry. His Holiness listened with great pleasure to an account of the state of the diocese, and warmly congratulated the Bishop on the work done, remarking that such a result was just what was to be expected from a country which he affectionately styled 'Ever Faithful Ireland.' The Pope gave Bishop McHugh the Papal Blessing for his people.

SCOTLAND

PROTESTANT TRIBUTES TO THE CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Scottish Reformation Society, held in Edinburgh on October 19, Rev. Dr. W. M. McGregor made some interesting references to the work of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Contrasting the conditions of North and South Uist, he said that in the former, which was mainly Protestant, the proportion of lunacy was very much greater than in the latter, which was wholly Catholic. He merely stated this as a fact and did not offer any explanation. It was to the credit of the Catholic Church in Scotland, he said, that it was much more carefully shepherded now than it had been a generation ago. What attracted men and women to the Catholic Church was the note of authority. —In a paper read recently to a gathering of ladies in Glasgow, on the Mormon propaganda, Mrs. George Carden, said that what was wanted was clearer and more definite religious teaching. The Mormon missionaries had little success among Catholic women.

UNITED STATES

IMPRESSIVE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

No greater public manifestation of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament has ever been given to the United States than that which found expression in the fifth national Eucharistic Congress at Cincinnati. Nearly two score members of the hierarchy, five hundred priests and seminarians, and an immense assembly of the laity participated in the event. Amongst those present was the Right Rev. Bishop McSherry, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Notable sermons were delivered and papers read by Archbishop Ireland and other distinguished men.

GENERAL

FACTS ABOUT TRIPOLI.

The province of Tripoli contains 1,260,000 inhabitants, and of this number 5541 are Catholics, who are served by 23 Capuchin Fathers, 16 Franciscan nuns, 16 Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph, and a number of Marianist Brothers. In the city of Tripoli there are 4400 Catholics, a church and two schools, one for boys under the Marianist Brothers, and the other for girls under the Sisters of St. Joseph. At Mexria, near Tripoli, the Franciscan nuns have a church, a hospice, an orphanage, and a school; there is also a resident population of 600 Catholics. At Koms, Bengas, Barcas, and Derna there are small congregations of Catholics, each with its school taught by nuns.

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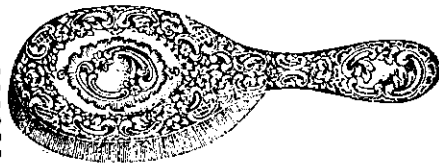
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His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide has issued his fourteenth report on the liabilities of the archdiocese. 'The facts recorded in table No. III. (says his Grace) are of interest to the whole archdiocese. The tale they tell speaks volumes for the generosity of our people. That tale is concerned only with the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, and the support of charitable institutions. It takes no account whatever of the maintenance of our priests (63), or the maintenance of over 300 Sisters, or 20 Brothers engaged in educational work, besides eight others laboring in the interests of religion. Nor does it take account of the expenditure of religious institutes, for which the archdiocese is not directly responsible. I make careful estimate, and my figures can be taken as substantially correct. These items have absorbed, since 1895, £325,000. For the mathematical accuracy, on the other hand, of the figures in my tables, setting forth our expenditures on buildings and charities, I can vouch absolutely. The sums raised by our people for the 16 years reach the total of £373,016. Add the two figures together, and we have an aggregate raised for purposes of church and charities of £698,016. And yet we number, women and children included, within the limits of the archdiocese, only something over 40,000. We started in 1895 with a debt of £56,968. But we have been ever buying, ever building, and ever extending. Despite our having raised for the purchase of land, for the building of churches and schools, for the maintenance of our charitable institutions, £373,016, we were still, in March last, £55,982 in debt. The difference, however, in our position in 1895 and our position in 1911 peremptorily forbids misgiving. We have acquired land, we have erected buildings in very many places. Against our debt our assets may be fairly set. They came to in March last:—Insured value of buildings, £268,339; assessed value of land, £33,236; estimated value of land not liable to assessment, at least £20,000; total, £321,575. The properties we hold are therefore about six times the value of our liabilities, and at the back of our assets there is the generosity of our people that is ever to be relied upon.'

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Jelly Hint.

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Discolored Potatoes.

When potatoes are inclined to go black after boiling the following is a good plan to improve the color and make them floury. Pare an hour before cooking, and put into enough cold water to entirely cover. At the right time place in fresh cold water with some salt and a tablespoonful of milk, let them come to the boil, and then simmer for the rest of the time required for cooking.

To Cook Asparagus.

Asparagus should be largely used in the spring; it is both appetising and medicinal. If tied together in bunches and set up in a kettle with the green ends out of the water, the tougher lower ends may be thoroughly cooked without boiling the tender tops to pieces. The kettle must be tightly covered, that the upper ends may be cooked by the steam. Asparagus should always be put into salted boiling water and cooked quickly for 15 or 20 minutes, or till the large ends are tender.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS.

Queen's Christmas Pudding (very rich).—Ingredients—1lb of stoned raisins, 1lb of sultanas, 1lb of currants, 1/2lb of candied citron cut into strips, 1/2lb of flour, 1/2lb of breadcrumbs, 1/2lb of finely chopped suet, 1lb of castor sugar, 1/2lb of fresh butter, yolks of ten eggs, whites of two, 2 glasses of brandy, 1 nutmeg grated, 1 pint of milk, one teaspoonful each of powdered cloves and cinnamon. This pudding is mixed a little differently to the usual method. Mix together in a basin first the fruit and citron, and then the flour; after which, when the fruit is well coated with the flour, the crumbs may be added with the suet. Now, put the butter in another basin, and slightly melt it; stir in the sugar, and beat both until creamy, add the yolks of eggs to this one by one, and beat well; mix contents of the two basins together with the other ingredients, finally adding the whites of eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Turn the pudding into a greased basin, and boil for five hours. The best ingredients should be used.

Christmas Pudding No. 2.—This is not nearly so rich as the foregoing recipe, but for all that is particularly good. The ingredients required are—1 1/2lb of raisins, 1/2lb of currants, 1/2lb of breadcrumbs, 1/2lb of flour, 1/2lb of beef suet, nine eggs, one wineglass brandy, 1/2lb of citron and orange-peel, half a nutmeg, a little ground ginger. Chop the suet as finely as possible, and mix it with the breadcrumbs and flour; add the currants, washed and dried, and citron and orange-peel, cut into shreds, and the raisins stoned and divided. Mix it well together with the grated nutmeg and ginger, then stir in the eggs well beaten, and the brandy, and mix well so that every ingredient may be moistened; put into a buttered mould, tie closely, and boil for six hours. This pudding may be made now, boiled in a cloth, and hung in a dry place. When required, boil for 2 1/2 hours longer, turn out, and serve with brandy sauce.

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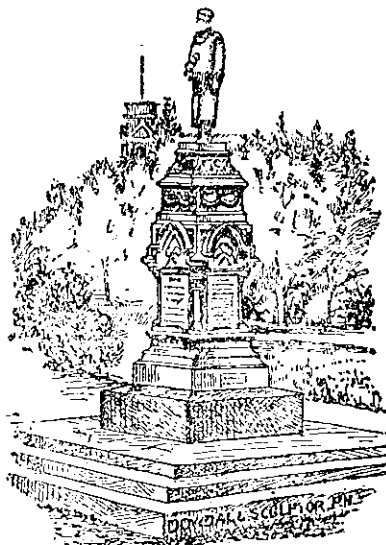
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Work of the Honeybee.

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A Gun that 'Fires' Cement.

The cement gun is not a new weapon for the navy, but a machine for squirting concrete mortar in stucco form upon a surface of any kind. The apparatus consists of a compressor, with gasoline engine and two tanks, mounted on an automobile truck. One tank carries the dry mixture of cement and sand, and the other contains the water, and both are under pressure. A novel feature is that the dry cement mixture and the water are pumped separately to within an inch of the nozzle. At this point they are mixed, and so thoroughly that a very perfect combination is discharged upon any surface, rapidly building up a very solid concrete structure.

Machine-made Lace.

A machine has been invented in Lyons for manufacturing net and lace, the liquid material being poured on one side of a roller and the fabric being reeled off on the other side. One factory is now producing a thousand yards a day, and the process seems capable of indefinite extension and application to various sorts of woven knit and reticulated goods. The raw material is cotton waste and the finished fabric is a good substitute for silk. As in the process of making artificial silk the cellulose is dissolved in a puproammoniacal solution, but instead of being forced through minute openings to form threads, as in that process the paste is allowed to flow upon a revolving cylinder which is engraved with the pattern of the desired textile. A scraper removes the excess and the turning of the cylinder brings the paste in the engraved lines down into a bath which solidifies it. Tulle or net is now what is chiefly being turned out, but the engraved design may be as elaborate and artistic as desired, and various materials can be used. Since the threads wherever they cross are united, the fabric is naturally stronger than the ordinary. It is all of a piece and not composed of parts.

Tall Trees.

Tall stories and tall trees are in a sense closely related, but the Conservator of Forests in Victoria, Mr. H. Mackey, seems to have thought it worth while to lay out a few cold official facts on the question. 'Where is the tallest tree in the world?' He approaches his task in a 'hedging' manner by remarking that it is likely the tallest tree has not yet been discovered. Then, growing somewhat bolder, he declares his belief that it is improbable that any exists of much greater altitude than some already measured. The chances, he says, are that there are scores of trees about 300 feet in height, and not one that reaches 350 feet. Mr. A. D. Hardy, an officer of the department, states that the greatest height actually ascertained by experts in Victoria was 326 feet 1 inch. This tree was of the eucalyptus amygdalina regnans species, and was found on a spur of Mount Baw Baw, in Gippsland. Its girth at six feet from the ground was 25 feet 7 inches. A tree of the same species discovered at Neerim, also in Gippsland, while only 227 feet high, had a girth of 55 feet 7 inches at 6 feet from the ground. Mr. Hardy quotes writers who refer to trees as high as 480 feet having been found in Victoria, but the records were not authenticated. In referring to American forests, he mentions a redwood tree recorded as measuring 340 feet.

Intercolonial

Mr. T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G. (Vice-Consul for Spain), has returned to Sydney after a holiday trip in New Zealand, where he visited the chief tourist centres.

The Very Rev. Father O'Gorman, of East Maitland, has been granted 12 months' leave of absence by the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, and early in March it is his intention to leave Australia on a visit to Ireland.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have acquired the beautiful Bishop's Court property at Randwick, hitherto owned by the Anglican Church and used as the episcopal residence. It will now be employed as a novitiate for the Good Samaritan Order.

The Presentation Nuns celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their arrival in Lismore recently, everyone helping to make the occasion a fitting recognition of the grand work they have accomplished on the Northern Rivers.

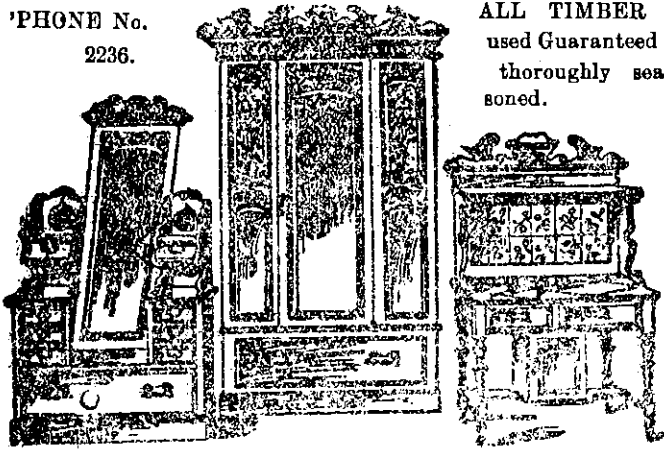
The Melbourne *Advocate* reports the sudden death of Captain John Lynch, C.E., a highly respected resident of Smythesdale, where he had resided for 36 years. He was 55 years of age and unmarried. The deceased gentleman was a native of Ballarat, and a graduate of the Melbourne University. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Lynch, who was captain of the pikemen in the Eureka Stockade fight. He was a brother of Mr. Arthur Lynch, M.P. for West Clare, and Dr. Peter Lynch, of Carlton, Dr. Maurice Lynch, Melbourne, and of Mr. Thomas Lynch, of the Government Civil Service, Western Australia.

His Grace the Archbishop, who was accompanied by Dean Phelan, V.G. (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*), opened a garden fete in aid of St. Andrew's Orphanage, Bendigo, on November 22. Nearly £15,000 has been expended on this institution, which is conducted by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The Bishop of Bendigo, Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., and a large gathering of the clergy, public men, and laity were at the function. Public men enlogised Catholic charity in providing for the wants of the orphan, the aged, and infirm. The fete is an annual fixture and realises about £1000 for the maintenance fund.

The Registrar of Friendly Societies has issued his report for the year 1910 (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Sydney Freeman's Journal*). The record of the Hibernian Society, which now consists of three separately registered districts, show the following sound position: Membership, 3943 males, 273 females; capital, £54,050; benefits paid, £11,871; capital per financial member, £13 6s 5d. The three districts are not connected with each other, and the record of the Brisbane District, which extends from Mount Perry on the north to Stanthorpe on the south and to Charleville on the west, shows a very satisfactory result for the year's operations, there being an increase in membership for the period of 219 males and 52 females. The membership at the end of the year was 3303 males and 216 females.

On Sunday, November 26, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 350 candidates at St. Michael's Church, North Melbourne. After the ceremony his Grace delivered an address to the parishioners, in which he urged them to support the movement for the introduction of healthy Catholic literature into their households, in view of the fact that so much current literature was pernicious, and often specially anti-Catholic in its tendencies. The Archbishop suggested in this matter North Melbourne might well follow the example of Malvern, a parish which had been systematically canvassed by zealous workers in the interests of pure reading generally, and more especially of the publications of the Catholic Truth Society. Their pastor, Father Norris, was secretary of the society, and what had been accomplished in this direction in Malvern, therefore, could certainly be repeated in St. Michael's parish.

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GOSSIP

First somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it,
So the busy tongues rolled it,
Till they got it outside;
Then the crowd came across it,
And never once lost it,
But tossed it and tossed it,
Till it grew long and wide,
From a very small lie, sir,
It grew deep and high, sir,
Till it reached to the top of the sky, sir,
And frightened the moon,
For she hid her sweet face, sir,
In a veil of cloud lace, sir,
At the terrible disgrace, sir,
That happened at noon.

THE BOASTFUL DONKEY

Once upon a time there was a Donkey who lived in a field where there was no pond; so he had never seen his own image, and he thought he was the biggest and strongest and handsomest creature in the world.

One day a Lion came through the field, and, being a polite beast, stopped to greet the Donkey. 'Good-morning, friend!' he said. 'What a fine day this is!'

'Fine enough, I dare say!' said the Donkey. 'I never think about the weather. I have other things to think about.'

'Indeed!' said the Lion. 'May I ask what things?'

'None of your business!' said the Donkey rudely; and he set up a loud braying, thinking to frighten the Lion away.

'Why do you bray?' asked the Lion.

'Bray!' cried the Donkey. 'That was not braying—it was roaring!'

'If you think I don't know braying from roaring,' said the Lion, still politely, 'you are mistaken. That was a bray.'

'Very well!' shouted the Donkey. 'If that was, this shall not be!' and he uttered a long and loud 'Hee-haw!' and kicked up his heels in angry pride. 'What do you call that?' he asked proudly.

'I call it a bray,' replied the Lion; 'and a very ugly one. You see, after all, you are a Donkey; look at the length of your ears!'

'How dare you?' cried the Donkey. 'My ears are the finest in the world—everybody says so. And as for roaring, if I have not scared you yet, just listen to me now!' And flinging up his heels again he bellowed till his own long ears tingled with the sound.

He expected the Lion to be terrified, but the Lion merely smiled.

'You certainly can make a most hideous noise,' he said; 'but when all is said and done it is only a bray. If you really wish to know how a roar sounds I shall be happy to oblige you.'

The King of Beasts then began to lash his tail and pretended to fall into a great passion. His eyes flashed fire, his tawny mane bristled; he opened his great mouth, and a roar like thunder filled the air. The Donkey, after one terrified look, took to his heels and scampered off as fast as he could go, tumbled into a ditch, and lay there all day, not daring to move for fear.

The Lion went on his way smiling. 'It is a pity,' he said, 'for a person to live in a place where he cannot see what he looks like.'

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Of course it's all a fable. A donkey does not know his own shadow when he sees it. Still there are a lot of foolish people, who, like the donkey, think they are 'the only pebble on the beach.'

'O. K.'

When the Civil War broke out and the late Cornelius Kendall enlisted there was a large bakery in Chicago, of which his father, Orrin Kendall, was the founder and head. The organisation of the armies made a tremendous demand upon the bakeries for 'ship bread,' or 'hardtack.' The firm of O. Kendall and Sons was one of many bakeries that launched extensively into its making, and they stamped 'O. K.' upon the army bread, just as they had always done upon their crackers. The opinion quickly spread among soldiers that 'O. K.' hardtack was a little better than the average. The letters thus became current army slang for approval, and when the war was over the slang symbol, O.K., was carried into civil life and occupations.

THE CONCLUSIVE TEST

Writing from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., to the *Freeman's Journal*, 'S.J.' says:

'I think the following incident which really happened is too good to be forgotten:

'I have sometimes heard it said that the Celt was more Catholic than the Pope. I took the statement to be a Celticism. But the other day I came upon a case in which the Irishman was actually a surer test of the faith than all the Supreme Pontiffs. Here is the fact as it happened less than a month ago in one of the Catholic hospitals of St. Louis.

'A poor Greek had been carried all mangled and torn from a mining accident into the hospital. When the chaplain came to his bedside, the following conversation ensued:

“Are you a Catholic?” (in English and Greek).

“I am” (in Greek).

“Are you a Greek Catholic or a Roman Catholic?”

“I am a Catholic and I am a Greek.”

This sounded bad to the chaplain.

“Do you believe as the Pope of Rome believes?”

“I believe as all the Popes do.” (As the Greeks often call their priests Popes, this reply was worse than the former.)

The chaplain was about to retire, not being able just then to think of any other simple test of the faith, when the Greek seeing him moving away, rose on his elbows and called after him: “I am a Catholic, like an Irishman.” That was conclusive. The glad priest administered all the Sacraments, and the Greek going off was full of consolation.'

THE STATIONMASTER'S REQUEST

A stationmaster at a country station, when making the usual monthly requisition for stores, amongst other things applied for a new sweeping-brush.

When the goods arrived he found there was no brush among them, and on referring to the list he saw that his request for this article had been crossed out at headquarters.

The following month he made a similar application, but with the same result.

Not to be outdone, however, he then forwarded an old brush, which was absolutely devoid of hair, with the following note:—

'As it seems you cannot grant me a new brush, please rub a quantity of "hair-restorer" on the accompanying article, and return to me when it has taken effect.'

THE WORD 'CROWD'

Do you know how many words in the English language mean 'crowd'?

To a foreigner, anxious to master the language, it was explained that a crowd of ships is termed a fleet, while a fleet of sheep is called a flock. Further, a flock of girls is called a bevy, a bevy of wolves is called a pack, a pack of thieves is called a gang, a gang of

angels is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is called a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, and a heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whales is called a school, and a school of worshippers is called a congregation, and a congregation of engineers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of bees is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd.

ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND TELEGRAPH POLES

When telegraph poles were first set up they had a most disquieting effect upon various species of animals. In Norway, for instance, at the time of the introduction of these useful articles, the bears were much perplexed to determine their purpose.

The Norwegian bear, hearing the moaning of the wind in the wires, such a buzzing as he had somewhere heard before, proceeded in the ursine fashion to 'put two and two together.' Such a buzzing must mean the presence of a sweet morsel; the poles must be gigantic hives; so the bear set to work to root the poles out of the ground.

The strange humming attracted the attention of the woodpeckers, which concluded that innumerable insects were concealed in these tall poles. Therefore the birds went to work to find the treasure, burrowing holes to attract the insects.

In time, however, they all became wiser, and the telegraph poles or wire came to be used by more than one species of bird as a safe place for its nest. There is a small bird of Natal that used to build its cradle-shaped nest in the branches of trees, but as soon as the telegraph wires were set up it changed the location of its housekeeping and built on the wires so that snakes could not molest its treasures.

The new position was found so secure that the bird added a second door to the nest, which had hitherto possessed only a small opening on the side farthest from the overhanging branch.

THE PARROT SCOLDED

If parrots seem ill-natured it is not always their fault. They say ill-natured things, but they say nothing that has not been taught to them. So Mrs. Watkins' parrot must not be blamed for speaking ill-naturedly to the burglar. The burglar got in Mrs. Watkins' house and was trying to steal something or other that Mrs. Watkins would have preferred to keep, and in looking around the house he woke up the parrot. You know how grumpy you feel if you are awakened before you have had enough sleep. It was just the same with the parrot, and she scolded the burglar. She told him that he was a bad man and that he must get out, and the burglar, who did not know that it was a bird that was talking to him, got out as quickly as he could. He probably thought that he had been visiting a ghost.

FAMILY FUN

An Interesting Experiment.—Spread out a cloth or napkin on the table. Place a sixpence on the cloth and over it put a glass turned upside down. You can draw the coin from beneath the glass without touching the glass or slipping anything under it. Simply scratch the cloth near the glass with the nail of the forefinger, and the elasticity of the material communicates the motion to the sixpence, which will move slowly in the direction of the finger, and finally come out entirely from beneath the glass.

The subscriptions to the Home Rule in Queensland stand at £4341, of which the sum of £4000 has been remitted to the leader of the Irish Party.

On the Land

At Addington last week there were moderate entries of stock and a good attendance. Store sheep values were firmly maintained. Fat lambs and fat sheep sold at advanced rates, and fat cattle were easier. There was practically no change in pigs, and store cattle met with an improved demand. There was also a small mixed yarding of fat sheep, the quality being mostly medium. The market opened rather firm, and prices showed an advance of fully 1s per head. The range of prices was:—Prime wethers, 17s 6d to 22s 3d; lighter, 15s to 17s; woolly ewes, 15s 10d to 18s 9d; prime shorn ewes, 16s to 20s 3d. There were 520 fat lambs penned, and they were of good quality. Owing to the small yarding there was good competition, and prices were firmer than previous week by 1s per head. There was no business done for export. The bulk of the lambs made 15s to 18s, and smaller 11s to 14s 9d. There were 250 head of fat cattle penned, of which a large portion were from the North Island. The tone of the market was easier, values ranging from 25s to 33s per 100lb. Steers made £8 17s 6d to £12 12s 6d; heifers, £5 15s to £9 7s 6d. A medium entry of fat pigs sold at about the previous week's rates, porkers if anything selling rather better. Choppers made 50s to £4 18s, large baconers, 60s to 72s; lighter, 50s to 57s 6d (equal to 5½d to 5¾d per lb), large porkers, 37s 6d to 47s; lighter, 30s to 35s (equal to 6d per lb).

Grease is a very common skin affection of horses, which attacks the heels and fetlocks, especially of the hind feet. It is usually due to neglect, in not keeping the feet and legs clean of mud, urine, watery dung, or leaving them to dry themselves after washing. In many cases, however, it is constitutional, and horses of a soft, sluggish temperament are predisposed to it. Old age is a contributing factor, as is also want of exercise. Exciting causes are, sudden changes of diet, improper food, too much grain food without exercise, etc. The removal of the cause, with a dose of physic, such as aloes, will usually prove effectual in this case. The inflammation of the skin is followed by an exudation of a greasy and foetid nature. By washing with soft soap, and applying an ointment of zinc sulphate and vaseline, this can usually be overcome. Sometimes the disease is so severe as to crack open the flesh, and blood oozes out. A crust then forms, and becomes painful and disagreeable. In this case a poultice of bran, or linseed, changed two or three times a day, will remove the scurvy part. At each change of poultice the part should be washed with warm water and carbolic acid. After poulticing, an ointment of four tablespoonfuls of oxide of zinc and eight tablespoonfuls of vaseline should be applied. A saturated solution of bluestone—i.e., as much bluestone as the water will take up, is a good application for indolent grease.

At the Burnside stock sales last week 272 head of cattle were yarded, this being the largest number for some considerable time past. There were no extra prime animals penned, the yarding being one of medium quality. Best quality bullocks brought up to £14 per head. The sale (says the *Otago Daily Times*) opened with prices showing a reduction of 10s per head as compared with previous sale, and as the sale progressed values receded to the extent of £1 per head. This was due to the large yarding and the fact that several of the local butchers had purchased their requirements outside, and were not operating. A total of 1692 sheep were yarded, and at the commencement of the sale there was a sharp rise of from 1s 6d to 2s per head on the previous week's prices, but the sale weakened somewhat toward the close. The bulk of the sheep were shorn. Unshorn wethers made up to 24s, shorn wethers up to 21s, and shorn ewes up to 22s. There was a yarding of 350 lambs, of fair quality, and they made up to 17s 6d per head, and although for the greater part of the sale prices showed an advance equal to 1s per head on previous sale they receded towards the close. In consequence of a small yarding, pigs brought high prices, porkers making equal to over 6d per lb.

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