

gave a direct and specific order for each of the acts of violence committed during his insurrection; but no one in his senses would deny that he was the 'author and head' of the rising of his day. (5) Even Mr. Archer admits that Ferrer was an Anarchist, but that his anarchism was not of the violent or virile sort that runs a personal risk. These points cover all the ground in dispute between Mr. Keogh and 'Reformer'; and it is apparent that the former has plenty to go on with if, as is not in the least likely, his preliminary challenge is accepted and disposed of.

History Without Tears

The late Mr. Justin McCarthy's colleague, Mr. Richard Whiteing, the novelist, has been telling once again, in the pages of the *Daily Chronicle*, the story of Mr. McCarthy's great work, *The History of Our Own Times*. 'His famous *History of Our Own Times*,' writes the novelist, 'exhibited his dominant qualities in perfection. It was kindly tolerant, and with a smooth flow in diction that made it a sort of "history without tears" for readers of every class. He flowered in that book; it was the height of McCarthy; the perfection of go as you please, when you know how to please as you go. It has a curious story, already told in part in these columns. When the commission was cancelled at the earnest request of the publisher, because the writer had gone into the unpopular politics of Home Rule, McCarthy consented to a forfeiture on fairly liberal terms of compensation. Then, still stroking his beard, he took it to another publisher, by whom it was accepted at once. It leapt into immediate popularity in both hemispheres; and in this one alone the author's royalties on it amounted to well over £10,000. Had there been copyright with America that sum would have been at least doubled. The publisher who had missed it was understood to have passed the rest of his days in tearing his beard and calling for sackcloth and ashes whenever he heard McCarthy's name.'

Since When

The New York *Evening Post* in a recent issue tells of a tired or tipsy Irishman who, walking up Fifth avenue, dropped into a Presbyterian church and fell asleep. After the services were over the sexton came and shook him by the arm. 'We are about to close,' said that functionary, 'and I'll have to ask you to retire now.' 'What talk have you?' said the Irishman. 'The Cathedral never closes this early.' 'But this is not the Cathedral,' said the sexton. 'The Cathedral is several blocks above here. This is a Presbyterian church.'

The Irishman sat up with a jerk and looked about him. On the walls between the windows were handsome paintings of the Apostles. 'Ain't that the Apostle Saint Luke forenust you?' he demanded. 'It is,' said the sexton. 'And Saint Mark just beyant him?' 'Yes.' 'And isn't that other wan Saint John?' 'It is.' 'Young man,' protested the Irishman, 'since whin, tell me, did all thim turn Protestants?' The *Ave Maria*, from whose columns we reproduce the incident, is of opinion that the age of the story is somewhat against it; but however old it may be it belongs emphatically to the class of stories which one would not willingly let die.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

READER OF LONG STANDING.—You have not sent the Commissioner's letter as promised, but on the facts you have disclosed it seems clear that you are bound to fill in the form as requested. You are not being assessed as owner of the land, but solely in respect to the mortgage of £3000, on which, up till 31st March last, you were presumably receiving income in the shape of interest. You should, however, we think, claim exemption for the £1400 deducted by the Advances to Settlers Department. We are returning papers as requested.

DIocese OF DUNEDIN

Rev. Father Hyland, of Rangiora, who had been to the South Sea Islands on a health trip, arrived on Tuesday in Dunedin from Melbourne by the Ulmaroa.

The Triduum in honor of the Blessed Sacrament was brought to a conclusion at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, when the 'Te Deum' was sung at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will begin on Friday morning at the Sacred Heart Church, North-East Valley, and will conclude on Sunday. The members of the Hibernian Society in regalia will approach the Holy Table in a body at the 8.30 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday.

Mr. C. Columb, Jun., late manager of the *Tablet*, who left New Zealand some months ago for an extended tour, writes to one of our staff from Rome that he has had a most enjoyable trip. He has visited Ceylon, Cairo, the Pyramids, and Naples, and was at the time of writing fully occupied in visiting the various places of interest in the Eternal City.

St. Patrick's Club, South Dunedin, met on Monday evening at the presbytery, Rev. Father Delany presiding. A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. Impromptu speeches were delivered by Messrs. Nolan, Bevis, Lee, Fitzgerald, Robinson, McAllen, Lovell, Dougherty, Shiel, Carr, and the Rev. Fathers Delany and O'Neill. Club members are looking forward with much interest to their annual debate with St. Joseph's Club on July 8.

A smoke concert formed the programme at the usual weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Monday evening. Rev. Father Buckley presided, and there was a large attendance of members. Items were contributed by the following:—Songs, Messrs. Anderson, Curran, Tarleton (2), Fogarty (2), and Haydon; a duet by Messrs. Swanson and Anderson; a quartet by Messrs. Swanson, Anderson, Tarleton and O'Connor, and recitations by Mr. J. Atwill. Mr. F. Heley played the accompaniments.

Mr. T. P. Laffey, prior to his going to Wellington, was on Wednesday evening of last week, the recipient of a handsome presentation from the Christian Brothers' Football Club. The Rev. Brother Moore, in making the presentation, which consisted of a solid leather suitcase and travelling-bag, said in wishing him every success in his new sphere, that he was sure Mr. Laffey would be as good a soldier as he was a sport. Messrs. Higgins, Ryan, and Tarleton also spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Laffey's devotion and self-sacrifice in keeping the club going. Mr. Laffey, who was taken by surprise, feelingly replied, and encouraged the younger members to cling together. He said he owed much to the fine company it was his lot to be thrown in with in connection with the Christian Brothers' Club.

On Sunday at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral about sixty children made their First Communion. His Lordship the Bishop, who was celebrant of the Mass, addressed the children on the solemn event in their lives, and referred to the reception some weeks ago by the Holy Father of 400 French children who had made their First Communion on the Feast of St. Joseph, and who presented to his Holiness albums bearing the signatures of 150,000 children who had received their First Communion on the same occasion. The Holy Father, in concluding his address to the children, made three requests, which he (his Lordship) would make to them that morning—That they would continue their studies of Christian doctrine, that they would receive Holy Communion frequently, and that they would be obedient to their parents, respectful to their teachers, and give good example both in their homes and in the schools. The children were afterwards entertained at breakfast in St. Joseph's Hall, at which his Lordship presided.

Despite the boisterous weather and the many counter attractions of Show week, the weekly meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club was well attended. The programme consisted of a mock banquet, in which the

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