

indeed a curious and interesting position. We were still only a tiny minority in this country, and the greater part of our co-religionists were exceedingly poor. Of course, we knew that all the world of religious opinions prided itself since the sixteenth century on what it called thinking for itself. As time went on, he was convinced that it soon ceased to think at all. (Laughter.) He believed that in the beginning it did think, and think hard; but there was a fallacy in the idea that freedom of thought led to thinking. It had led, as a matter of fact, to freedom from thought. Every Protestant controversialist would say: "Look at the awful state of the Catholic countries." In the next breath the same critic would refer to Mussolini and Italy and wish well to Ireland, now it was free. It was no use making lists of Catholic nations and, after praising or envying them or fearing them, to turn round and say "Look at their pitiable and deplorable conditions." The psychological explanation of these outbursts was the silent growth of the logical conversion of the people to Catholicism, and it had taken these critics by surprise. The whole thing could be related to the psychology of surprise, and he thought those people would be very soon much more surprised. They had never really realised that Catholicism could be and was a powerful thing. Catholic emancipation was, no doubt, due to great and noble men like Daniel O'Connell; but, paradoxical as it might sound, in so far as the pagan aristocrat accepted it he accepted it because he assumed the Catholic faith was a dying faith. Contempt for the faith produced Catholic emancipation. He thought it was not at all impossible that respect for the faith might produce persecution.

OLEVITANI FOR ENGLAND

An interesting Benedictine development is expected in England before long—this is the introduction of the Olivetan branch of the Benedictine Order.

Although during more than a thousand years Benedictines of many Congregations have flourished, at one time or another, in England; the Olivetani have never had an English house. Founded in the year 1313, the Olivetani have their chief house at Milan, governed by the Abbot-General Dom Maurus Parodi.

The plan which is now being worked out will entail English vocations going to Siena for the novitiate, and when a sufficient number of professions and ordinations have been made, these monks will return to England to found new houses.

The Reformation made a clean-sweep of the monks, but even to-day the Benedictine Order is well represented. Pride of place belongs to the English Black Monks, so called from their black choir cowl, who have a monastic ancestry going back to St. Dunstan, and no doubt to St. Augustine who brought the Order from Rome. There are also two houses of the Congregation of France in the south, these being the lineal descendants of the Cluniacs, who were called aliens. The Congregation of Monte Cassino is represented by St. Augustine's Abbey at Ramsgate, while another French reform, that of Père Muard, is represented by the important community at Buckfast Abbey in Devonshire.

MONTH'S MIND

The friends of the late Dean Lane are invited to attend his Month's Mind, which will be held at

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWER HUTT,

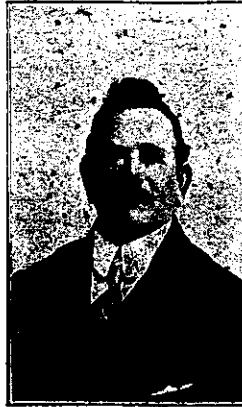
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30,

at 11 a.m.

Obituary

MR. CORNELIUS RODGERS, DUNEDIN.

All connected with the *Tablet* Office, as also the members of his family and numerous friends, were stricken with the deepest sorrow when it became known that Mr. Cornelius Rodgers, chief of the machinery department of the *Tablet* Printing and Publishing Company, had passed away after a



brief illness. Enjoying, apparently, his usual good health till a few weeks ago, when he found it necessary to seek medical aid followed by a short sojourn in hospital. Mr. Rodgers, after treatment there returned home on Saturday with buoyant hopes of being on the fairway to recovery. A sudden seizure during the night, however, occasioned a return to hospital, death supervening on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was born in Lawrence Central Otago, 50

years ago, was a son of the late Jeremiah Rodgers, a pioneer settler of that district, whose family consisted of eight sons and three daughters. He was educated at Lawrence and joined the *Tablet* Company as an apprentice. He was the oldest hand in the employ of the Company, and during the 36 years of his faithful service became an expert in printing machinery. His death occurred but a few days after the Company purchased new machinery to be installed in its new building now in course of erection, and his last work before being laid aside was to go North to inspect the proposed plant. The following personal reference to the late Mr. Rodgers appeared in the jubilee issue of the *Tablet* on May 3 of last year:—"Mr. Rodgers has had charge of the printing machinery for many years, and the Company, as well as the editorial staff, have learned by long experience that as long as he remains at his post the wheels of the business below stairs will run without friction. He knows his machines and his business like a master and his long years of service have made him a vital factor in the *Tablet's* success. Not the least of his qualities is his unflinching bonhomie which carries him smiling through every day's work from year's end to year's end." A keen sportsman, the late Mr. Rodgers took a lively interest in football, and as a youth was connected with the Zingari Football Club. Always of a genial and obliging disposition he was very highly esteemed by his fellow-employees in the *Tablet* Office, as also by all who were acquainted with him. We tender our condolences to his bereaved widow and family of two sons and four daughters, who will, too, receive the sympathy of a very wide circle of friends. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday by Rev. Father Foley, Adm., who attended Mr. Rodgers during his illness. The funeral, which was numerously attended, left after Mass for the Southern Cemetery, Rev. Father Tylee officiating at the graveside. The directorate of the *Tablet* Company was represented by Mr. J. J. Marlow at the obsequies. In the absence of the editor (Rev. Dr. Kelly) from Dunedin, Mr. J. J. Wilson (sub-editor) represented the editorial dept. The office was closed out of respect to the memory of the deceased, and the manager (Mr. J. P. Walls) and the whole of the employees of the company attended the Mass and funeral.—R.I.P.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD

Our Wellington correspondent telegraphs as follows:—

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