

**Loyal Co-operation.**

Most Rev. Dr. Finegan (Kilmore) recalls the Bishops' teaching on the people's duty to the legitimate Government. The Government, he says, should get loyal co-operation on the part of the citizens especially in the prevention of crime. When these knew that crime was about to be committed they should, for their own and the common good, do what they could to prevent it, even to the extent of apprising the civil authorities, who might take cautious and prudent action to prevent it. A crime of appalling cruelty had been committed in a district some distance from Cavan. A mother was ruthlessly slain beside her infant child; her husband, riddled with bullets, was left for dead; the child was spared because it could not give information. The murderers, with diabolical intent, endeavored to leave evidence to show that the woman first murdered her husband and then committed suicide. The husband survived to make a dying statement describing the merciless killing of his wife and the attempted murder of himself. He earnestly appealed to the people to pray that the perpetrators of the crime might be brought to repentance and justice.

**Civic Duties.**

Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty (Killaloe) says that the importance of civil Government, both for the National well-being and individual security, was a big truth that many of them had yet to learn. They had, he feared, yet to realise civic duties of obeying the law of the land, of maintaining public order and of contributing each one his just share to taxation to meet the common burdens. Ireland had her own independent Government, such as their forefathers hardly dared to hope for, and in the hands of able upright, and courageous men that would be a credit to any country in the world. Instead of factiously hampering them in their efforts to build up the nation to the fulness of its power they should endeavor, by loyal co-operation, good sense, and honest work, to facilitate their efforts and make them successful.

There was no use in saying "Give us another Government of this or that kind and we will be all right." What was that but the old contemptible and cursed spirit of faction that had been the shame of their history.

It was childish and unworthy of them to be looking to the Government for every fiddle faddle. The Government was not a Father Christmas with a sack of wonders on its back.

**Reason for Progress.**

Most Rev. Dr. Cahalan (Cork) says that the heart of the country is sound and its conscience was clear and clean before God, and that partly was the reason why such progress had been made, in a short time, at the restoration of political and social order. All should work together, forgetful of the differences of the immediate past, at the complete stabilisation of order and at restoration and reconstruction.

Most Rev. Dr. Hackett, C.S.S.R. (Waterford) says that everyone who loved Ireland must rejoice at the happy change that had taken place during the past few months. By degrees conditions had become more normal and the observance of the Divine law had become more evident. A most encouraging feature was to be found in the determination of the people that the criminal, no matter what political camp might claim him, could not ignore with impunity his obligations or bring discredit and disgrace upon the fair fame of Ireland.

A great political revolution had left them in the enjoyment of a greater liberty than was hitherto possessed. If development was to enrich Ireland in the truest and highest sense of the word, it must proceed on Christian lines, guided by and influenced by these principles which charity, justice, and purity demand.

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**Social at Leeston.**

The Catholic Hall, Leeston, was packed to its utmost seating capacity for the euchre tournament and dance held on Tuesday evening, the 15th ult. Eleven games of euchre were played, Mrs. J. Greenan securing the first prize for ladies (11 games) and Mr. R. Burgess annexed the gent's prize (10 games). The second prizes went to Miss A. Stapleton and Mr. Lee. The result of the Easter hamper competition was announced, Mrs. E. McIntyre being the winner. After supper a dance was held, to music supplied by Mrs. R. Lambie. Patrons pronounced the social one of the most successful ever held in the hall. Mr. W. O'Boyle officiated as M.C. for the dancing also assisting with the card arrangements.

**St. Joseph's Ladies Club, Dunedin****BISHOP WHYTE ENTERTAINED.**

The members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club assembled in their meeting room, St. Joseph's Hall, in record numbers on Wednesday evening, of last week, to entertain the club's patron, the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, on the occasion of his first visit since his return from Europe. Others of the clergy present included Rev. Father Foley, Adm., Father Spillane (chaplain) and Father Tylee. A concert party composed mainly of club members presented a delightful programme of instrumental, vocal, and elocutionary items, the latter being of more than average excellence. Piano solos were artistically given by Mrs. G. Mitchell, Misses K. Whelan and I. Woods. Misses A. Brady, S. McCready, K. Tipping, N. Spillane, E. Meade, and E. Legal contributed songs; Miss N. Dunn a musical monologue; and Misses A. Heley, M. Yates, and Williams recitations.

His Lordship the Bishop took advantage of an interval before dainty refreshments were served to very warmly thank the club members for the exceedingly pleasurable entertainment they had provided. He eulogised the performers on their rendition of the various numbers which constituted a really high-class programme. Not the least praiseworthy of the different pursuits of the club was (he said) the cultivation of the arts of music and elocution, and, after thoroughly enjoying the entertainment, he would strongly recommend the vocalists who were not already members, to join the Cathedral Choir, where they would be a great help, and he felt sure the senior members of the choir would be very pleased to welcome them there. Although present as an invited guest that evening his Lordship said he would drop in uninvited to their meetings when opportunity offered (a remark which occasioned much hand-clapping among the large assemblage). The duties of accompanist were shared in by several of the young ladies present.

**Children's Farewell to Monsignor Cahill**

On Friday, the 11th ult., the children of St. John's Convent School, Parnell, Auckland, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, tendered a farewell to their much beloved pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. Cahill, prior to his departure on a holiday tour to Europe. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a varied programme of songs and dancing, also elocutionary items, was very creditably rendered by the pupils. At an interval in the entertainment, an address to the Monsignor from the children was read by one of the senior girls, after which a presentation in the form of a "gentleman's travelling set," suitably inscribed, was made to their revered departing guest. Mgr. Cahill replied very feelingly to the children and expressed his regret at leaving them even for the short time he expected to be away. He thanked them sincerely for their beautiful and useful gift and for the sentiments conveyed in their delightfully worded address. During his absence they would be under the pastoral care of Very Rev. Father Brennan, who would take a deep interest in them and in the welfare of their school. In wishing the children good-bye he expressed the hope that the Sisters would have a very successful scholastic year.

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