

up with the rest, each confirming, suggesting, or illustrating another; all are members of the same family; and, though developed apparently by accident, without thought of general consistency, and by the play of so many different minds in a world that has passed through so many changes, all taken together exhibit so close a unity amidst so great a diversity, as necessarily to lead us to the conclusion that Christ has ever been the sleepless watchman of Israel, that He made good the promise of infallibility which He delivered in the solemn words: "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth. Going, therefore, teach ye all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . . He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned. . . . And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." (St. Matthew 28, 18; St. Mark 16, 16.)

## BOOK NOTICES

*The Encyclopedia of the British Empire.* Part I. Price 1/3. (To be completed in 24 fortnightly parts).

The first part of this well printed and profusely illustrated publication deals with Africa, particularly with British East Africa, Kenya and Uganda, Zanzibar, and the Union of S. Africa.

London C.T.S. Publications: *Convent of the Faithful Virgin, Norwood; Diamond Jubilee; The Supernatural Life*, by Rev. O. R. Vassall-Phillips, C.S.S.R.; *Modern Spiritualism*, by A. J. Anderson; *Why Believe the Bible?* by Rev. Hugh Pope, O.P. Price twopence each.

These recent C.T.S. pamphlets are worthy of study, especially Father Pope's admirable brochure on the Bible, and Father Vassall-Phillips's admirable little tract on the Spiritual Life.

*The Way Out: A Play in One Act*, by "Juliet." L. Gille and Co., Sydney and Melbourne.

*The Wander of Lourdes*, by John Oxenham. Price 2/3 post free. Gille and Co.

*The Round Table: A Quarterly Review of the British Commonwealth.* June number. Price, 5/-.

The interesting and calm survey of Irish affairs by a writer who is evidently well-informed and sympathetic continues in the June number. In an editorial article the history of the events leading up to the present crisis over the Ulster Boundary is clearly set forth. All parts of the Commonwealth receive due notice, and there is a good review of the position of Prohibition in Canada.

*The Ecclesiastical Review.* Twenty shillings yearly. June number. Per Linehan.

The June number of this useful Review contains even more than the usual number of good articles. Worthy of note are the papers on the Apologists of the Infant Church, on the Irish Origin of the Missa de Angelis, and on the Oath in the Declaration of Citizenship. Recent books are reviewed, and all the latest Roman documents given.

*Studies in Australian Crime*, by J. D. Fitzgerald. Two volumes. Angus and Robertson, Sydney. Price, 2/8 a volume, post free.

The success of Edgar Allan Poe's, Conan Doyle's and similar works of fiction that deal with criminals proves that the sadder and wiser part of humanity take a deep interest in the careers of criminals. To write a book about crime simply to pander to a morbid taste would certainly be criminal in itself, but the author of these volumes contends that such works as his serve a nobler purpose. No doubt there is much to be said on both sides of the question, and each is free to follow his own opinion in the matter. Personally we are not attracted by literature of this kind.

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## Parish of Whangarei

RECEPTION TO FATHER STEWART, S.M.  
FAREWELL TO FATHER O'DOHERTY.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good gathering of Catholic parishioners at the Convent Schoolroom last evening (says the *Northern Advocate* for July 1) to extend a welcome to the Rev. Father J. Stewart, S.M., who has been recently appointed to the parish of Whangarei, and also to bid good-bye to the Rev. Father W. J. O'Doherty, who has been stationed here for the past 16 months.

Father O'Doherty opened the proceedings and at the outset wished to apologise for the absence of Bishop Cleary, who had returned to Auckland on important business. He extended a welcome to Fathers Spiering and O'Callaghan of Dargaville, who had come over to join in the welcome to Father Stewart.

The object of the gathering, said the speaker, was to extend a welcome to their new priest, who was a member of the Marist Order, and his appointment was somewhat in the nature of a homecoming because it was in the early days that the Marist missionaries first started their labors in the North Auckland District in the year 1838. Father Stewart's family had given many laborers in the interest of the Church, one of his sisters being in charge of the Mater Misericordia Hospital at Auckland. Whangarei was indeed fortunate in securing the services of such a fine and zealous worker.

Mr. W. Woods, on behalf of the parishioners, extended a hearty welcome to Father Stewart, and said he was sure that all were pleased to see him in their midst. It was the duty of the parishioners to see that his stay with them was made comfortable. The number of presentations that Father Stewart had received on his departure from Christchurch proved that he was held in high esteem. Amongst those presentations was a gun, and the speaker hoped that the Christchurch Catholics did not think that he was coming up among a lot of savages. (Laughter.) He, the speaker, could assure him it was not so. His reverence would find that in Whangarei he would have a good home in a prosperous town which was situated in pleasant surroundings. Whangarei also was possessed of many great industries including the big cement works, and in this connection he reminded his hearers that this commodity would be greatly wanted in connection with the building of a new church. They were indeed fortunate in having a man of the calibre of Father Stewart assigned to the Whangarei parish. (Applause.)

Father Stewart, on rising to reply, was greeted with sustained applause. At the outset he thanked the various speakers for their kindly references, but he was sure that some of them "had kissed the Blarney Stone more than once." He specially thanked Father O'Doherty for what he had done for him since his arrival. The loss of Father O'Doherty to the district would be a big one but he wished to be disassociated with any blame in the matter. He had simply been told to come to Whangarei and as his first duty was obedience he had now made his appearance. He again thanked the parishioners for their splendid welcome and hoped that in the near future a new church would be erected. (Applause.)

Mr. Woods said his next duty was somewhat painful in that he had been deputed on behalf of the Catholic community to bid goodbye to Father O'Doherty. Since the reverend gentleman came here he had displayed a very winning way and had endeared himself to one and all. With Father Brennan he had been very attentive to their wants and had looked after them in every possible way. Father O'Doherty's work had been very arduous by having to travel over bad roads in all kinds of weather and so expert had he become in driving a car that he, the speaker, would back him to drive a "tin lizzie" anywhere. On behalf of the parishioners he asked Father O'Doherty to accept for himself a travelling rug and solid leather travelling case as a memento of esteem from the Catholic community. He also asked that he accept on behalf of Father Brennan a travelling rug and a case of pipes.

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