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> 17, Monday.-St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop and Confessor.

18, Tuesday.—Dedication of the Vatican Basilica.

19, Wednesday .- St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.

20, Thursday.—St. Felix of Valois, Confessor.

21, Friday.—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

22, Saturday.—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul.

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St. Cecilia was a member of a noble Roman family. Betrothed by her parents, against her own wishes, to Valerian, a pagan, she succeeded in converting him and his brother to the Christian religion. On this coming to the ears of the Prefect of the city, the two brothers were beheaded. The same sentence was passed on St. Cecilia, but owing to the clumsy manner in which the executioner performed his task the holy virgin lingered for three days in great agony, A.D. 230.

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Teach us, dear Saint Cecilia, then, The secret of thy art, That in the harmony of life We well may play our part.

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CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

He had nearly reached the town when he was joined by the riding-pair on their way back. The lady's hat was suddenly caught by the wind, and began rolling rapidly across the road. Dahnow, as a connoisseur, noticed how well the rider stopped her horse in full gallop.

With more activity than we would have given the stout student credit for, he ran after the hat, and happily securing it, prevented its coming to grief in a ditch. He returned triumphantly with his booty, and delivered it to the owner. A small, gloved-hand took it, a blushing face, around which fell the dark damp hair in a state of great confusion, bowed gratefully, and a pair of blue eyes shone from beneath their dark eyelashes with such sweetness, that they went straight through his thick coat to his heart. The words of thanks were carried away by the storm, and as soon as her hat was fixed on again, the young lady sprang after the gentleman into the town, and had long disappeared when the student had reached it.

"Hang it! The youth is right! That was really a heautiful girl. If I were not in such a pickle, after this odious shower, I would go to the hotel and inquire about her," muttered the fat one to himself. "Anyhow, I must have produced a nice effect upon her," he added, dolefully considering his dripping attire.

"Well, not drowned yet?" said Count Degenthal's cheerful voice, as, a few hours later, he met his friend Dahnow at the entrance of the X Hotel.

"No, as you perceive. Indeed, I have had the good fortune of an adventure."

"Of course, fat people are always so lucky."

"You thin ones race them out of the luck again. Now, guess whom I saw? Quite the right beginning, too, for becoming acquainted; rendered a knight's service to the dame concerned.''

"The beautiful amazon! Did she fall from her horse? did you save her?"

"I regret to say that her hat alone had a fall."

"You regret to say, you abominable creature! Well, then, who is she?"
"That was not written in the hat."

"Then your acquaintance has not made great pro-But let us go in, the others are already waiting."

The youths had given each other rendezvous at a late dinner, in order to honor a guest, who wished to taste the joys of a student's life for a few days. Theirs was a merry corner at the table; and the laughing and talking was mingled with the popping of champagne corks. Dahnow recounted his morning adventure with the humor peculiar to him; that humor of which the Frenchman says, that it makes others laugh, but never laughs itself. Great merriment followed upon his recital, and numerous questions and suppositions were made as to the name of the beautiful rider.

All at once, Degenthal nudged his friend-"Look there! there he is," he whispered, showing him a gentleman who had taken a seat at another corner of the table. "I think I know him," added Degenthal reflectively. am sure I must have seen those features somewhere.

"There sits our hero, but without the heroine," said Dahnow, addressing the others. "Probably a tyrannical father or a jealous husband, who wishes to conceal the beauty from the world's unhallowed eyes."

The young men all directed their looks towards him.

"I should think so, indeed," laughed the stranger; "he does not show his ladies for nothing. That is Karsten, the famous circus director. I know him very well; I saw him a few weeks ago at Vienna, where he gave some representations."

"Hurrah! Karsten! Then we shall also get a sight of your beauty, Dahnow," exclaimed the others.



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"He has a young wife," continued the stranger, "and I have heard that she is very pretty; probably she was your heroine."

"No! It was Nora, little Nora!" exclaimed Degen-"How is it possible that I should not have recogthal. nised her at once! I must see her again!"

"Nora! little Nora!" said Dahnow, surprised. You seem to have made wonderful progress in your acquaint-

ance!''

"Nora Karsten!" said Degenthal again, without noticing the other. "That is the reason why the features struck me at once. How beautiful she has grown!"

"Our friend seems to be on the point of falling in love. Listen, Degenthal, a toast to your newly-recovered princess! She won't be so very prim as not to let us make her acquaintance."

The young men's light tone displeased Degenthal. "Gentlemen," he said seriously, "my mother, through a strange coincidence, once made the acquaintance of the Karsten family. Miss Nora Karsten was still a child, and as children we struck up a friendship. She spont some time with my mother; that is all."

The students looked at each other in wonderment. One of them, who had taken a drop too much wine, raised his glass and cried: "To our good Degenthal's charming

childhood's friend!"

An angry light shot through Degenthal's eye. seemed to be on the point of answering vehemently, when Dahnow touched him, and remarked that Karsten was on the point of going.

Degenthal arose and went up to him. "Director Karsten," he said, his voice still trembling with emotion, "will you allow me to renew our acquaintance? We have not met since those days at Geneva-Count Degenthal," he added, as the director seemed not to recognise him. "Count Degenthal!" he repeated. "That is indeed a

joyful surprise." The remembrance of past times overwhelmed him, and he could only hold out his two hands, which Curt shook heartily.

"I saw you this morning out riding," continued Degenthal, "and your face struck me at once as a well-known

"Sorrow has fallen upon my head since those days," said the director smiling. "I should not have recognised you, Count Degenthal; but at your age that is a compliment. And the countess, your mother, how is he? I always think of her with the most heartfelt gratitude," and his voice trembled again.

"My mother is quite well, thank God. We have lived almost continually in our Moravian home; I have only

left her for a few years at the university."

"So you wanted to enjoy a little of the German students' happy time. That was a good thought. Is your former tutor, the chaplain, still with you? He was kind enough to write to me now and then, but my travelling life makes me a bad correspondent."

"Oh yes! The chaplain is quite established at home; we cannot do without our kind friend. We have often thought of you and spoken of the days in Switzerland. It was Miss Nora, was it not, who was with you to-day?"
"It was my daughter," said the director; "she left

the convent in which she was educated about six months ago, and has returned to me. I was at last able to take my child to live with me again, as I have a second wife."

Degenthal's face showed that he was somewhat astonished at this piece of news, and as the director noticed it, a short and awkward pause ensued.

"One requires a home and hearth to come to now and then in a restless life like mine. And I am getting

old," began the director rather uncomfortably.
"Let me wish you joy," said Degenthal with good nature, in order to help him over this painful moment. "But may I not be allowed to renew my acquaintance with Miss Nora?"

"If you will do me the honor of calling upon us. At present I am staying at this hotel, but I intend to hire a villa, where my wife and daughter will be able to spend a few weeks. My wife must take care of herself, and my daughter has no part in my business."

"May I pay you a visit here?" asked Degenthal eagerly.

"If you will do me the honor," repeated the director with formality. It was easy to notice that he did not wish to move a step towards the young man.

"And when is the best time for me to find you at

home?" said Degenthal.

"The mornings are completely taken up by my business, but in the evenings I give no representations-I am with my family. To-morrow, for instance, I shall be at home in the evening."

"Then I will call to-morrow. Please remember me meanwhile to Miss Nora," added Degenthal, with a warm shake of the hand.

"My daughter would never forgive me, were I to rob her of meeting you. She has not forgotten your kindness, Count Degenthal, any more than I have."

Whilst this animated conversation had been taking place, the young men at the table had watched the two, and at last Karsten also gave a look at the group.

"I think," said he, "that I see there a gentleman who deserves my best thanks as well as those of my daughterthe stout gentleman at the corner of the table. May I ask you to introduce me to him?"

"My friend, Dahnow? Yes, he told us of his adven-Come with me. . . My dear fellow, Director Karsten wishes to speak with you. Director Karsten, Baron Dahnow-heavy Mecklenburg race!" Degenthal added jestingly.

"Unless I am much mistaken, Baron Dahnow, you are the person who this morning helped my daughter so kindly out of her difficulty," said the director, with the simple

and easy manner of the man of the world.

"My figure unfortunately forbids incognito, so that I cannot modestly disclaim the valorous exploit. Moreover, fortune favored me in allowing me to be of some use to "so lovely a lady," answered Dahnow gallantly. The director bowed. "If you will allow me," he then continued coolly, "I will go and fetch my thanks from the lady herself, by availing myself of a portion of the permission you have just given my friend Degenthal."

"I shall be delighted to receive you," said the director; "although my wife and daughter live very retired, it will certainly give them pleasure to become acquainted with

these gentlemen."

It was now Dahnow's turn to bow.

"Come, director! Do join our party, and let us drink glass at the pleasure of having met you again," said Degenthal.

"Indeed, I should like it of all things; but my .time is up. Moreover, my grey head is not fit to be seen amongst so many young ones; it is only at one time of life that we can be so happy and careless. Pray, excuse me, Count Degenthal."

Degenthal once more shook hands with Karsten, who then departed, after having sent a comprehensive bow to the whole group.

"What a handsome man, and how uncommonly wellbred he looks!" said one of the young men, following him with his eyes. "No one would be able to guess what he really is."

"He was much talked of at one time. Some thought he was the illegitimate son of some nobleman or other; then it was said that he was an officer who had been compelled to leave the army on account of debts; then, that he was a wandering Jew, who had learnt american hum-

"If he is a Jew, I am one!" exclaimed a broad-shouldered Westphalian, with a loud voice,—and certainly his pug nose and fair hair exonerated him from any suspicion of the kind. "Have you ever seen him on horseback? The man seems made of iron, and his talent is no humbug."

"Dahnow, you're not wanting in pluck, I must say," said another one, "going and inviting yourself like that! At all events, you might have had the good feeling of including us in your cool invitation of yourself; we might all have gone and paid our respects to the lovely creature."

"I thought a deputation en masse was not a bit neces-

sary," said Dahnow laconically.
"Never mind! we shall see the beauty all the same," cried the one whose hilarity was caused by the fruit of the vine. "Degenthal, you lucky dog! this glass to your

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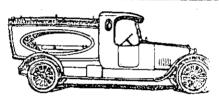
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Degenthal sprang up. His eyes shot fire, his forehead glowed, and his voice trembled with emotion, as he cried out, "Sir, you have not the right of using thus the name of a lady whom"—

But whatever he may have intended to say remained unheard, although every one had turned to him with astonishment, for at the same instant two freshly brought bottles fell upon the table with a great clatter. They wrought destruction amongst the glasses, and their contents flowed like a stream upon the table-cloth. There followed a moment of great confusion; every one inquired the cause of the event, and every one attempted to save his own glasses. Waiters hastened to clear away the shattered bits, and the sitting was interrupted.

Dahnow caught Degenthal by the arm. "Come with me," he said gravely; "we have had enough of it. A little fresh air and a glass of beer will do no harm after all this stuff. Come, before the others notice us."

Degenthal hesitated a moment, and then made up his mind to follow his friend.

"The bottles and the glasses you shall pay for," said Dahnow, in his dry short way, as they left the dining-room. "I have done enough by the friendly service of having broken them."

"You did it on purpose?" asked Degenthal astounded.
"How could I otherwise have put a stop to your display of oratory? A good cause is worth a few pieces of broken glass."

"Why did you interrupt me?" continued Degenthal eagerly. "It is too bad to make such public ill-use of a lady's name. I really cannot understand your reason for preventing my giving these people a piece of my mind."

"Firstly, because words thus spoken miss their aim; secondly, because I have too great a respect for any lady, in whatever position she may be, to bring her into a students' quarrel. Do you suppose that a duel between you and the 'Courländer' on her account would be of much advantage to her?"

Degenthal was silent; he could not but admit to himself that his friend was right. But he felt put out, and asked again: "Why do you lay such a stress upon the words, in whatever position she may be placed?"

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"For all that, my dear Degenthal, it is a difficult position for the poor girl," said Dahnow again. "And are you really going there to marrow?"

you really going there to-morrow?"

"Of course," answered Degenthal; "nothing is more natural. My mother also will be delighted to have news of the little Nora, in whom we all took such an interest."

Dahnow seemed rather doubtful of the countess's great delight on hearing this news, but he wisely held his peace.

"Anyhow, it is a complicated case, upon which I would certainly consult my mother, if I had one," he said in the half-ironical tone he often assumed when talking with his young friend.

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CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

The Six Counties, instead of being "left as at present," were, in fact to be erected into a separate State, ruled by a separate Secretary of State and an elaborate series of separate Departments, wholly independent of the Home Rule Governments in Dublin. So far from the arrangement only lasting, as the Irish people were jauntily assured "during this war emergency," the text contained no hint of such a limitation, and the very nature of the complicated and expensive machinery of government proposed to be set up in the Six Counties forbade any assumption of a mere stopgap contrivance to be cast aside after a few months in which the war might be concluded. Not to the country, nor to the Hibernian Convention in Belfastnor it may be surmised to the rank and file of "the Party" itself, was there any disclosure of this carefully-elaborated apparatus of Partition vouchsafed, until the authorised text of the "Headings of Agreement" was published by Mr. Lloyd George after the breakdown of the bargain.

There was another and not less reprehensible concealment of the truth. The Third Article in Mr. Redmond's summary was: "During that period, the Irish members to remain at Westminster in their full numbers." At first sight it might well read as a concession of the first magnitude. It was, in reality, for the politicians, the price of their surrender and it was the subsequent partial repudiation of this Article by the Government on which the Partition bargain was broken off. For what would have been the practical effect of the proviso? It would have established the existing members of the Hibernian Party for the rest of a Parliament which was not to be dissolved as long as the war endured, in the double capacity of members of the Imperial Parliament at Westminster, with the accompanying Treasury stipend of £400 a year, and in addition as the ipso facto majority of the mutilated Parliament in Dublin, without re-election, and without responsibility to the electors who were already hungering for the opportunity of dismissing them from their service. They would thus have obtained the control of an annual patronage of from £2,000,000 to £3,000,000 without the smallest danger of being brought to account by their constituents for a period of at least three years. In the meantime, all the spoils of Dublin Castle, of the Four Courts, and of the fifty Castle Boards, of the University, and of the Intermediate and Primary School Staffs, and in addition all the offices of profit of the local governing bodies of three provinces from a Co. Secretaryship or a Town Clerkship to the humblest Workhouse portership, would have been available for distribution among the partisans of the ruling politicians in the Dublin Parliament and an army of officials and office-hunters might thus be enrolled to garrison the three provinces in preparation for the inevitable if far distant day, when the Hibernian Bosses would have to seek a renewal of their powers. True, the volcano which was presently to burst was known to be already deeply burning. But the subterranean fires which the corrupt bargaining or incompetence of the Parliamentarians was doing more than Sir John Maxwell's firing-parties to accumulate, might still be held in check a little while longer. It was with this knowledge the tying the hands and gagging the voice of the constituencies while these tremendous changes were being plotted was deliberately organised, in order that honest opinion should have no chance of showing itself, until the country should be confronted with the fait accompli, and the Board of Erin Partitionists installed in sovereign power.

All this the only version of the "Headings of Agreement" placed before the country carefully concealed. It was a scheme of political profligacy more widespread in its sweep, more impudent in its defiance of all constitutional right or privilege in the people, than that by which Lord Castlereagh purchased the life of the Irish Parliament and which Gladstone thought he was not extravagantly describing as a system of "blackguardism and base-

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ness." It is not to be believed that the mass of the Hibernian Party—plain, blunder-headed men—realised much better than the bewildered people themselves the turpitude of the transaction; the record stands, however, to the shame of their intelligence, if not of their political morals, that of the 57 members who attended the Party meeting at which the project was disclosed all but two accepted the terms which were to be the price of their assent to the Partition of their country.*

Mr. Dillon's subsequent complaint against the Government was that "they did not rush" the Headings of Agreement "hot-foot" as a War Emergency measure through the House of Commons as soon as the nominal assent of Ireland had been extorted. He and his confederates were not certainly open to any imputation that they did not for their own part "rush them hot-foot" through Ireland with a haste as indecent and unconstitutional as the proposals themselves. Under the constitution of the United Irish League, a National Convention was the sovereign authority in all matters of National policy. No National Convention was summoned. It was, of course, because no National Convention, however sophisticated, could have been trusted to examine the text of the "Headings of Agreement" without rejecting them with horror. leaders refused to hold consultation in any form with the people of the three southern provinces, as though the projected mutilation of their nation was no business of theirs. The secret organisation of the Board of Erin alone was called into counsel, while the public organisation was ignored. The Party meeting was held on June 10. We have seen already on June 13 a special Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (B.O.E.) was held in Dublin so secretly that the news did not become known until the small hours of the next morning and at this gathering the influence of the Order was pledged in support of the Lloyd George proposals. But even within the ambit of the secret Order, a Convention was only to be risked in the six surrendered counties, where the ascendancy of the Board of Erin was complete.

The upshot of the secret proceedings of June 13 in Dublin was the summoning of a secret Convention of the Six Counties on June 23 in Belfast. Although this Assembly was ruthlessly policed by the Hibernian Order, and the admissions so manipulated as to exclude any but a derisory minority belonging to other organisations, it taxed the most desperate resources of Messrs. Redmond, Dillon, and Devlin to conquer the instinctive repugnance of these Ulster Nationalists to respond to the appeal to stand passively by while their country was being cut up on the dissecting table under their eyes and by their sanction. Mr. Redmond, who presided, found it necessary not so much to offer reasons for the surrender as to threaten the collective resignations of Mr. Dillon, Mr. Devlin and himself, if it were not tamely submitted to. So unnatural was the sacrifice demanded that, even amongst the most fanatical of the Hibernian faithful, the murmurs rose high, until nothing short of the menaces and the tears of the leaders could have prevented them from breaking bounds altogether. Mr. Redmond, whose only sedative for his angry listeners was the pitiful assurance that the Partition was to be only of a temporary character, found his only real argument in the solemn threat with which he concluded:

"It is the duty of a leader to lead, but if my own people refuse to follow my lead, I must decline absolutely to accept responsibility for a course of action that is against my conscience. I regard the acceptance of these proposals, in the conditions I have stated, as vital to the Irish cause. As leader I point the way. It is for you to say whether you will follow me or not. If, then, this is the last time that I ever can appeal to the people of Ireland, I will have done so in obedience to the dictates of my heart and conscience."

It will be observed that his appeal was not "to the people of Ireland," but to a secret society in one corner of Ireland, and at a secret meeting of which the country

*The two dissentient members, to their honor he it remembered, were Mr. P. O'Doherty (North Doncgal) and Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy (West Limerick).

would have heard nothing, had not a patriotic reporter, at the risk of a fractured head, jotted down his words. That the lead was not Mr. Redmond's lead, the Convention by a sure instinct divined, for it was Mr. Dillon whose speech was half-drowned with taunts and interruptions identifying him as the true author of the unhappy tactics. of which Partition was the miserable culmination. Dillon, however, continued to protest that "these proposals were a necessary measure to safeguard the National Cause" and promised to "execute himself," like his trusted leader, if the Hibernians thought differently. Even Mr. Devlin-and in Belfast he was in a small way Coriolanus in Corioli-found the accustomed pean of "Up the Mollies!" changed for an underswell of doubt and wrath from Hibernian throats. He, too, discovered that the threat of resignation offered the only chance of turning the tide and concluded with the heroic resolve that "if Mr. Redmond went down, he, too, would go down with him." faced with such an avalanche of leaderless chaos, the most reliable Hibernian Assembly that the Hibernian headquarters could furnish could only be induced to do the unnatural deed and approve the "Headings of Agreement" by a majority of 475 votes against 265. It was actually on the strength of the sulky majority of 210 Belfast Hibernians-the only body of Irish opinion anywhere that was not sternly denied consultation in any shapethat the Parliamentary Party hastened to demand that the separation from Ireland of the Six Counties should be "hurried hot-foot through the House of Commons as a war emergency measure."

CHAPTER XVIII.-HOW THE PLOT MISCARRIED.

It might well seem there was no further obstacle to be apprehended from Ireland. On the day (June 23) when the Belfast Convention was being coerced by the leaders' threats of resignation, the only public protest against Partition attempted in the South-a meeting called by my colleague Mr. Maurice Healy and myself in the Cork City Hall-was frustrated by the ludicrous misunderstanding already related. The Lord Mayor of Dublin refused the Mausion House to Nationalists who proposed to make the indignation of the Irish capital heard. But as week followed week and the consequences of the bargain began to make themselves understood, no machinery of suppression, however perfect, could altogether stifle the disquiet which was beginning to stir in the heart of the bewildered country. On July 20, the indignation of the Nationalists of the North blazed out at a meeting in Derry which struck the stoutest of the Partitionists with dismay. The speeches sounded like the first volleys of an insurrection. were prefaced by the reading of a letter from the Bishop of Derry (Dr. McHugh) inveighing against "Mr. Lloyd George's nefarious scheme" and adding:

"But what seems the worst feature of all this wretched bargaining that has been going on is that Irishmen calling themselves representatives of the people are prepared to sell their brother Irishmen into slavery to secure a nominal freedom for a section of the people. . . Was coercion of a more objectionable and despicable type ever resorted to by England in its dealings with Ireland than that now sanctioned by the men whom we elected to win for us freedom?"

The Derry meeting came to a series of resolutions condomning "the proposed partition of Ireland whether temporary or permanent" pledging the Nationalists of the North "to oppose by every means any attempt to set up a separate Government for the Ulster counties," and "to resist the authority of such a Government if set up," and summoned the Hibernian members for Fermanagh and Tyrone "to oppose exclusion or resign their seats." The example of Derry was contagious. The Nationalists of Dublin, barred out from the Mansion House, ran the risk of holding a public meeting in the Phoenix Park-the first attempted since the proclamation of Martial Law in Easter Week-adopted the Derry resolutions, hooted the name of Mr. Lloyd George, and cheered to the echo the declaration of their Chairman (Alderman Richard Jones, a man of moderate opinions, who had been a steady supporter of Mr. Redmond) that the idea of the Cabinet appeared to be to bribe a whole Party, and that "if their Parliamen-

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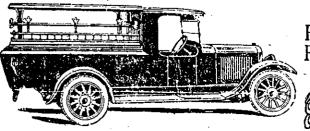


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insist on their resignation." The rising feeling of the nation was mirrored in a letter of the Bishop of Limerick (Dr. O'Dwyer) to a Committee belatedly formed in Belfast to resist the Lloyd George proposals:

"I can well understand your anxiety and indignation at the proposals of your own political leaders to cut you off from your own country. I have very little pity for you or yours. You have acquiesced in a kind of political servitude in which your function was to shout the shibboleths of what they call 'the Party.' You have ceased to be men; your leaders consequently think they can sell you like chattels. Our poor country is made a thing of truck and barter in the Liberal Clubs."

It was this unforeseen outbreak of national anger which frightened "the Party" into running away from its bargain and consigning the "Headings of Agreement" to the waste-paper basket. The nominal excuse for the rupturea speech of Lord Lansdowne, alloging that the separation of the Six Counties was not to be a temporary one-was, as will be seen in a moment, a wholly untenable one. The history of the breakdown is a deeply instructive one. On July 10 the Prime Minister (Mr. Asquith) openly avowed that the negotiations had proceeded "on the basis of immediate Home Rule, with six Ulster counties excluded." All his colleagues, he declared, were willing to share the responsibility of bringing in a Bill to legalise these proposals. It was then, also, he for the first time divulged the amazing news that 'the Irish House of Commons was to consist of the persons who were for the time being members returned by the same constituencies in Ireland to serve in the Imperial Parliament." The Bill was to be a provisional measure, but he added: "A united Ireland could only be brought about with the assent of the excluded area." This was a sufficiently clear repudiation of the assurances lavished in Ireland during the previous month that Partition was to be "a purely temporary arrangement," but Sir E. Carson took care to put an end to the last shadow of doubt on the subject. Fastening upon the Prime Minister's allusion to the arrangement as provisional, he asked if "the six Ulster Counties would be definitely struck out of the Act of 1914?" Mr. Asquith assented and added that "they could not be included hereafter without a new Bill."

*There was a subsidiary complaint-that in order to placate Mr. Walter Long and other Unionist members of the Coalition Cabinet, the proviso, maintaining the Irish Members in full strength at Westminster, was restricted to Irish Members in the existing Parliament only, but as this would still leave the Hibernian Party for three years the masters of the Dublin Parliament and retain them as paid members of the Imperial Parliament as well, the objection was not in itself a serious one.

(To be continued.)

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TAKING A CHANCE

None but members of St. Augustine's were to be asked to contribute towards the fund for the necessary enlargement of the church. But that all might be reached and given the opportunity of helping, lists of names covering the precincts of the parish were distributed to a committee of men who were asked to call personally upon those assigned them. As is usual in such cases, the men found much revision necessary; some members had moved into other parishes, and some living within the parish attended other churches; frequently new names were added, and occasionally names had been listed of those not of the faith. The "drive," however, was meeting with gratifying success, as everyone knew of the crowded condition of the church.

David Kenyon's list was a lengthy one, yet the day before the report on the work was to be made, the record was complete—with the exception of one name, Peter Howard. Twice he had rung the Howard door-bell, but no one had answered, and as he did not want to give in his list with even one name unaccounted for, he made a third attempt.

Mrs. Howard was at home and listened with sympathetic interest to the method of subscription.

"If you can call again I think my husband will be willing to give something towards the fund," she said, reflectively, "but we are not Catholics."

Apologising for the mistake, Mr. Kenyon explained that it was not the intention of the pastor to solicit outside of the parish membership, and that the error was due; possibly, to the zeal of the one who compiled that list.

"In addition to the pew rent list and other church lists, he must have used a street directory and have chosen names that to him, at least suggested probable membership. He took a chance and included Mr. Howard."

"I do not mind the mistake," she smiled, pleasantly, but I am sorry that our name having been included should make your list incomplete, although I can understand your pastor's wish to make it wholly a parish affair. A friend of mine has told me how much too small the present building is. I am sorry that Mr. Howard is not here."

Mr. Kenyon thanked her again for her interest in the work and withdrew. In a way, his report would be complete, and he was well satisfied with results.

There was a lesser degree of complacence in the Howard home when an account of the visit was related.

"Why should they have my name on their lists? Where did they get it?" Howard inquired .

"It's St. Augustine's," was the somewhat indirect reply. "You remember how amused Mrs. Taylor was last week at Mrs. Palmer's opinion of the congregation there. Mrs. Palmer lives opposite the church and says that she is not deceived by the crowds who go in and out on Sunday at the four Masses. She insists that they are not four different groups; that they are the same individuals who attend all four services, although Mrs. Taylor does not see how this accounts for the throng leaving the church while others are coming towards it. They certainly need a larger building, and—"

"Yes, yes. But what I want to know is why anyone should think that I belong there," he repeated irritably.

"Well, what difference does it make, dear?" she inquired, soothingly. "We all make mistakes, and surely in getting a list of all those that perplex poor Mrs. Palmer, one cannot expect absolute accuracy. It was probably as the man suggested, that one of those working on the lists had a street directory. He found we lived within a few blocks of the church; he did not know where we belonged, but not wanting to miss anyone who should be included, he just took a chance."

"Took a chance," he repeated. "Well, as a rule, I have no objection to that course. Sometimes it shows enterprise. But why take a chance that I belong there?" he continued. "I'm not a Catholic. Never was."

"Of course not," quietly reassured his wife. that."

"I am willing to give towards that subscription," he added, after a brief silence. "I think such work should be encouraged. I'll have to find out who the collector on this street is, and-"

"He told me that his name is Kenyon. He lives up this street, several blocks farther up. I have seen him passing here on Sundays. I'll call your attention the next

"I wish you would. Since they had my name I would feel better satisfied to give something, although I cannot see just why they—"

"And I cannot see just why you attach any importance to so natural a mistake," laughed his wife.

"Because it-well, I told you once, you remember, that my mother, before her marriage, was a Catholic."

'Yes, but you said she gave it up shortly afterwards." "She did. Father insisted upon that. I know only what he told me about it, as mother died when I was only two years old. My father was away on a business trip when my mother was taken suddenly ill. She was dead when he reached home, but he told me she died a Catholic. And that is why this classifying me as a Catholic struck me as singular, that's all. My father said he had refused to permit my mother to have me baptised; so the one who took a chance on me didn't pick a winner as far as religion goes."

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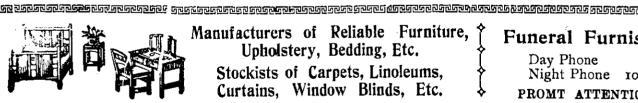
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"But you are not angry about it, are you?" inquired his wife, solicitously. "Trifling things do not usually disturb you like this. I am almost sorry I told you. Perhaps after you talk with Mr. Kenyon to-morrow your mind will be relieved."

On Sunday morning, when Mr. Kenyon was still a block away, Mrs. Howard called her husband to the window to see him.

"I am going out now to speak to him," he decided. "Might as well get it off my mind-and give him something for the fund."

Introducing himself, Peter Howard assured Mr. Kenyon that he was interested in the building that had been planned-he believed in promoting such work, but, he confessed, the inclusion of his name had puzzled him-annoyed him a bit at first. He laughed as he explained that he did not know whether his resentment was for his father's sake, who would have been greatly displeased at the classification, or for his mother's sake, who would have been grieved that his name did not belong there.

"You see, Mr. Kenyon, my mother was a Catholic. No, no," as he saw the question in the other man's eyes, "I didn't give up my religion. I never had any. I never was baptised, and--''

"I doubt that," said Mr. Kenyon earnestly. "You doubt-"

"I doubt that you were never baptised."

"Why, my father would not permit it," persisted Howard.

The other slowly shook his head. "He could not prevent it, Mr. Howard. A Catholic mother, no matter what the consequence to herself-if she is a real Catholic mother -always has her children baptised. So if your mother was a Catholic, Mr. Howard, there is almost a certainty that you have been baptised."

"I can hardly believe that," said the other, hesitat-

ingly. "And as there isn't any way now of-"
"It would be easy enough to find out," interrupted Kenyon. "If you write to the pastor of the church in the parish where you lived in your infancy, the record will undoubtedly be there."

"I had not thought of that. In fact, I have never thought of my mother's religion, one way or another-probably never would have thought of it but for your call here yesterday. I think I'll write that letter. Not that it would make any difference now, but just out of curiosity. I won't delay you any longer, now, but I hope you will accept this little addition to your fund," as he offered a liberal donation. "I suppose you are on your way to church, and I hope I have not made you late."

"That's where I am going," replied Kenyon, "and I have just about time enough to get there. I'd be glad if you would let me know the result of your correspondence, if you write that letter."

"Yes," laughed Howard, as he turned towards the house, "I'll let you know as soon as I have any definite information, but I think it will prove your theory wrong."

The baptismal records in the little church from which his mother had been buried gave indisputable evidence that Peter Howard had been baptised in his early infancy.

The knowledge carried with it a burden of sorrow. Has father had always spoken of Peter's mother with a depth of affection and reverence that had seemed strangely out of keeping with the occasional remarks he had made in regard to the practice of her religion. Had he in those later years realised his mistake?

And now it seemed, with the priest's letter in his hand, as if across the years, his mother was telling what she had done for him in scoret and at the risk of much unhappiness. He did not know, even now, that he wanted this gift that his mother had tried so hard to secure for him. Yet she must have thought it worth while; and surely the least he could do for her sake would be thoroughly to investigate the claims of that faith to which decades earlier she had pledged him.

He discussed the subject with Mr. Kenyon, and asked him to introduce him to his pastor, although, and he smiled quizzically as he added:

"He or his workers have already included me among his parishioners. I cannot yet say that I shall become a Catholic. I am looking for information and instruction and my mind is open to conviction. But stranger things have happened, so probably I did belong on your list, and as I had already been baptised, it looks as if the one who made that significant mistake on the list did not take such a chance, after all."-S. Waldron Carney in The Magnificat.

The Catholic Mission in Assam

The following letter has just been received from the Right Rev. Mgr. L. Mathias, S.C., D.D., Prefect Apostolic of Assam, Shillong:-The Editor, N.Z. Tablet.

Dear and Rev. Father,-I do not know how to express my gratitude and to thank you for giving publicity in the Tablet to the circumstances of our Mission. It has caused great hearts in New Zealand to send us help, which we are in great need of.

We arrived in Assam in 1922, numbering then eleven missionaries, young, full of life, and enthusiastic, and now we are 38 Salesians (priests, Brothers, clerics, and nuns), and are awaiting the arrival of a new contingent of 14 When we first arrived, we were struck by the or 15 strength of the Methodist Mission and the numbers of its proselytes but we felt that with the grace of God, and help of our Mother, the Help of Christians, we would do good work, and so we started at once. It is needless to recall all the difficulties we had in the beginning, and which we still have, but we are trying to push forward the work in our dear Mission, in spite of all adversities, contrarieties, poverty, sickness and death.

A few weeks after our arrival, Father Carbery broke his leg. A few days after, a school was completely burnt down. Another Father was dangerously sick. Going on tour with Father Lefebvre, we suffered so much that on our return to headquarters (Shillong), he got enteric fever and after a short week's illness, died. Then I also got enteric fever, and all sorts of complications, and had to lie idle for five months.

Now that we think that we have paid a good contribution of suffering Father Deponti has got a very dangerous sickness, and only by the help of our Lady, has he been saved, though he is still suffering and is in pain. Even while I write Father Hawber is laid up with malaria, and Father Gil from Gauhati is paying his contribute to fever.

But we have not lost hope. On the contrary, with the thorns we see the roses beginning to bud, and since our arrival, we have registered 1975 baptisms, 71,979 confessions, 315,308 Communions.

We have opened in a shed a small Industrial School in Shillong, and if we could manage to put up even a rough building we could look forward to some means of support. We have also commenced with a Novitiate which counts already 12 young novices, some from Europe, and some from India. We have 5 orphanages with about 300 orphans, 44 schools, and about 190 different stations to be visited by the missionaries, with about 50 churches or chapels. For the support of all these we depend upon

Our financial position is very strained. All alms coming from France and Italy, are reduced to nothing on account of the low rate of exchange, and we have had to ask already twice for loans hoping to get them refunded through good and zealous benefactors. Lately I have had to reduce considerably the stipend usually allotted for our missionaries who meet with such great difficulties, which include hunger, sickness, and exposure to all kinds of weather conditions, and occasionally even to wild animals. Being far away, and in a really poor province, we find it hard to get even Mass intentions, which would greatly help our good missionaries.

As you have been so good as to give publicity to our needs in the Tablet, may I ask you with all the strength of my heart, to help us in your own good way ..

Through your kindness God has inspired friends in New Zealand to send us Mass stipends and in the name of all who are working in Assam under these trying circumstances I do most heartily thank you and them.



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least offering means much where our needs are great, and to all who can help us to put up shelters and feed the orphans who are totally dependent on us, we promise a regular offering of Masses every mouth. We shall daily recommend all kind friends in New Zealand, whence help has come miraculously and just when difficulties seemed overwhelming, to the loving protection of Our Lady Help of Christians.

God bless them and especially you, dear Father, to-wards whom I feel to be,

Very affectionately in J.C.

L. MATHIAS,

Prefect Apostolic of Assam.

September 22, 1924.

Wellington Catholic Education Board

The following statistics appear in the report and statement of accounts, 1923-24:—

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS, WELLINGTON.

Name of School	Parish	No. of Teachers		Salaries which the State would pay if teachers were public officials	Cost of educating pupils if taught in Government schools at £11/9/3 p. pupil
Convent School	Thorndon	4	160	£1072	£1834
Marist Brothers	Thorndon	4 5	150	821	1719
St. Vincent's,		-		-	1,17
Northlands	Thorndon	2	.70	536	802
St. Joseph's C'ny nt	Buckle St		310	1608	3548
Marist Brothers	Buckle S	t. 6	320	1608	3668
St. Anne's Convent	Newtown		148	1072	1696
St. Patrick's C'ny'n		4	175	1072	2005
St. Francis' C'ny nt	Island Ba	ıy 5 3	140	1340	1605
Convent School	Seatoun	3	62	804	717
		37	1535	£9,916	$\overline{\cancel{\mathcal{L}}}17,594$

From the above figures it will be seen that the Catholics of Wellington are saving the Government the enormous sum of £17,594 per annum, and in addition, are taxed at the rate of £1 17s 3d per head of the population, per annum, to support the State primary school system.

STATISTICS THAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD STUDY.

Catholics should know what the State system of Education in New Zealand costs, and the quota they are contributing towards its upkeep.

It is true that the payment is not made direct and, consequently, some people are inclined to overlook the fact that they are supporting the State system. Through taxation on the necessaries of life, each man, woman and child in the Dominion is contributing the sum of £2 10s 5d per annum. In addition to this, Catholics are supporting, at considerable sacrifice and cost, their own system of education, because they cannot conscientiously avail themselves of the godless system which they are unjustly compelled to support financially.

The following figures are extracted from the annual report of the Government Education Department (E.-1) presented to Parliament during the present session. As primary education is the present concern of this Board, we will quote the figures referring to State primary education. The cost of educating a child in the State primary school works out at £11 9s 3d per pupil per annum. This is ascertained by dividing the number of children, 211,624, attending the State primary schools into the amount expended, £2,426,390.

The number of children attending registered Catholic primary schools is recorded in the same report as 20,749. If this number is multiplied by the cost of educating a child in the State primary schools £11 9s 3d) it will be found that the amount totals £237,835. This sum represents the amount which the State would be required to pay if the number of children attending Catholic schools were taught in State schools; or this amount represents what Catholics are saving the Government through providing their own system of Christian education. The Catholic population is estimated at 164,133, and the cost per head per annum for primary education is £1 17s 3d. If these figures are multiplied, the result, £305,699, gives the amount which Catholics are compelled to contribute through taxation, to the State primary system of education. If the cost per head for both State primary and secondary education, £2 10s 5d, is taken into consideration. Catholics are contributing the enormous sum of £413,752 to a system from which they receive practically nothing in return.

Summarised, the position is as follows: -

- 1. Cost of State primary education, £2,426,390 per annum.
- 2. Number of children attending State primary schools, 211,624.
- 3. Cost of educating a child in the State primary schools, £11 9s 3d.
- 4. Number of children attending Catholic primary schools, 20,749.
- 5. The Catholics of New Zealand save the Government, on primary education alone, the sum of £237,835.
- 6. The amount contributed by Catholics through taxation to State primary education, £305,699—this in addition to saving the Government the amount mentioned in (5) £237,835.
- 7. The Catholic population of New Zealand is, according to the 1921 Census, 164,133.
- 8. Cost per head of the population per annum for State primary education £1 17s 3d.
- 9. Cost per head of the population for education in all its branches £2 10s 5d.
- 10. The amount contributed by Catholics to the total cost of State education, including all branches, at £2 10s 5d per head, £413,752.
- 11. If the Government allowed Catholics the sum of £11. 9s 3d per annum for each child educated in Catholic primary schools—£237,835—there would still be left in the Treasury of the amount contributed by Catholics the sum of £175.917.
- 12. Number of teachers engaged in Catholic schools—Nuns 587, Brothers 39—total 626.
 - 13. Number of Catholic schools, 183.
- 14. Average salary of State school teachers, £268 per annum.
- 15. Amount of salaries which the Government would be required to pay the nuns and Brothers if they were State employees £167,768.

BLENHEIM NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

October 24.

The devotions of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced here last Sunday, and the church was hardly large enough to contain the congregations at all the services. Rev. Father Vincent, Marist Missioner, has been the preacher for the occasion, and his sermons have been listened to with great attention and appreciation. The devotions were brought to a close on Tuesday morning, when a Deposition Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Henry S.M.; Very Rev. Dean Holley being deacon; Father Vincent, subdeacon; and Father McCarthy, master of ceremonies.

Rev. Father Vincent is conducting a Retreat for the Children of Mary this week.

After the usual fortnightly meeting of the Hibernian Society on Tuesday the members met the Oddfellows in a friendly game of eachre and defeated them by 16 games to 14.

A contract has been let for a new convent school in Picton to cost £2000, and it will be a great boon to the pairishioners there. The contract has also been let for the painting of our own church, presbytery, girls' school, and St. Patrick's Hall, at a cost of £315.

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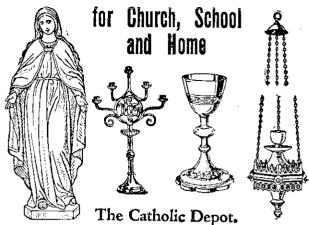
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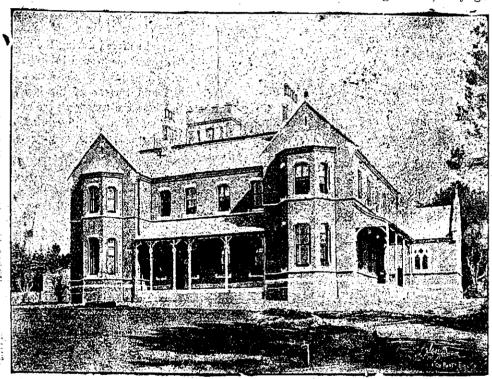
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The Church in New Zealand

AUCKLAND DIOCESE: SOME OLD-TIME RECORDS.

A Tribute to the Early Catholic Missionaries
The actions of the early Missionaries attached to the Church Mission Society were very severely condemned by Augustus Earle, an English artist and traveller, in his book A Nurrative of a Nine Months' Residence in New Zealand in 1872. Looking forward with pleasure to receiving a warm welcome on paying a visit to the first mission station he met with on his initial tour, he wrote:-"As I had a letter of introduction from one of our own body, I felt not the slightest doubt of a kind reception; so we proceeded with confidence." After describing what he experienced, he wrote: -"I could not help thinking (within myself) whether this was a way to receive a countryman at the Autipodes. No smile beamed from their countenance, there were no inquiries after news; in short there was no touch of human sympathy, such as we of the world feel at receiving an Englishman under our roof in such a savage country as this!" "What credit soever the Missionaries may take to themselves, or try to make their supporters in England believe, every man who has

visited this place, and will speak his mind freely and spend the day. The captains of the two whalers then in harbor joined our party, and as everyone contributed his share to our picnic feast, the joint stock made altogether a respectable appearance." After describing the extensive native settlement situated on the top of a very high hill in the selected locality, the writer continues: "At the bottom of a hill and in a beautiful valley, the cottages of the missionaries are situated, complete pictures of English comfort, content, and prosperity; they are close to a bright, sandy beach, a beautiful green slope lies in their rear, and a never-failing stream of water runs by the side of the enclosure. As the boats approached this lovely spot, I was in an ecstasy of delight; such a happy mixture of savage and civilised life I have never seen before, and when I observed the white smoke curling out of the chimneys of my countrymen, I anticipated the joyful surprise, the hearty welcome, the smiling faces, the old Christmas compliments that were going to take place, and the great pleasure it would give our countrymen to meet us in these distant regions, at this happy season and talk of our relatives and friends in England. My romantic notions were soon crushed: our landing gave no pleasure to those secluded Englishmen; they gave us no welcome,



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disinterestedly, must acknowledge they had no share in bringing about this change of character (having reference to the courage and enterprise of the commanders of the whalers, who, from twenty years before, had worked the rapid change in these once bloody-minded savages, and to whom, and not to the Missionaries, the writer attributed the influence for the better which was being reflected in the every day life of the natives); but on the contrary they have done all that in them lay to injure the reputation of the whaler in the estimation of the natives. Hitherto they have not succeeded, their want of kindness and hospitality to their own countrymen raises a strong dislike to them in the minds of these unsophisticated people. According to their simple notions of right and wrong, they think the want of hospitality an unpardonable offence, and that the counsel or advice of a man who shuts his door against his neighbor is not worthy of being attended to.

"I will give the reader one more anecdote of these men, who are sent out to set an example of the Christian Faith to the unenlightened heathens. A few weeks since, the festival of Christmas took place, and Englishmen, in whatever part of the world they happen to be, make a point of assembling together on that day, our recollections then being associated with 'home' to spend the day in mutual congratulations and wishes for happiness. For some time previous to its arrival, the captains of two whalers and myself had been deliberating where we should spend the social day; and it was finally settled that we should cross the bay (at Kororareka, Bay of Islands) to To Puna, a beautiful and romantic spot, the residence of an intelligent native chief, and an Englishman, named Hanson. Near this was a church missionary establishment; and at this Englishman's house we determined we would

but, as our boats approached the shore, they walked away to their own dwellings, closed their gates and doors after them, and gazed at us through their windows; and during three days that we passed in a hut quite near them, they never exchanged one word with any of the party. Thus foiled in our hope of spending a social day with our compatriots, after our dinner was over, we spent the remainder of the day surrounded by generous savages, who were delighted with our company, and who did everything in their power to make us comfortable. In the course of the afternoon two of the missionaries came to preach; but the savages were so angry with them for not showing more kindness to their own countrymen that none would listen to them."

"I have visited many Roman Catholic Missionary establishments; their priests adopt quite a different line of conduct: they are cheerful and kind to the savage pagan, and polite and attentive to their European brethren; they have gained the esteem of those they have been sent to convert; they have introduced their own language amongst them, which enables them to have intercourse with strangers; and, however we may differ in some tenets of religious belief we must acknowledge the success of their mission. They have brought nearly the whole of the Indian population of South America into the bosom of their Church; and their converts are the greater part of the people. Notwithstanding the numerous Church and sectarian missionaries sent from England, I have never met with Indians converted by them. I have attended Mass in an Indian village, a native priest performed the ceremony, and the whole congregation (except myself) were of his cast and complexion; and, it is worthy of remark, that in Peru and some of the most populous provinces, a pagan is scarcely to be found."

Current Topics

Irish Protestantism

Says Bernard Shaw: "Protestautism in Ireland is not a religion; it is a side in political faction, a class prejudice, a conviction that Roman Catholics are socially inferior persons who will go to hell when they die and leave Heaven in the exclusive possession of ladies and gentlemen." There doesn't seem to be much to add to that.

A Growl from Overseas

Every Catholic journalist has good reason to remember the fable about the man who tried to please everybody and in the end pleased nobody. We used to think that it was written by a man who had some experience in editing the Tablet, but the Catholic Herald of India is convinced that it was written specially for its edification. It says: "We should and could have fifty thousand subscribers in India; but of those fifty thousand fifteen thousand do not want to read, fifteen thousand do not want to read, fifteen thousand do not want to pay, ten thousand read the Herald without paying for it, five thousand find the Herald not Imperial enough, one thousand not French enough, one thousand not Italian enough, one thousand not something else enough, and we carry on with the glorious and gallant balance who find the Herald Catholic enough."

A Bluff that Failed

No-Popery ranters seldom are willing to sacrifice hard cash in order to injure the Pope. Indeed, most of them adopt their ignominious calling because they have discovered that falsehoods about the Church are more potent than anything else to open the purses of the weak-minded busy-bodies to whom slander is as the breath of life. However, we learn from an American contemporary that the pastor of a certain Protestant Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, in support of a campaign of calumny against the Catholic Church, holdly announced that he would offer five thousand dollars against the same amount to be put up by Catholics, and select a committee to prove that certain unmentionable abuses exist in Catholic convents. Catholics immediately came forward with the guarantee of a deposit of five thousand dollars in any bank of the city that the charges could not be substantiated. Needless to say the reverend ranter has not since been heard of. We could not imagine people of his kidney parting with five thousand dollars. With that amount of capital he might turn respectable and become a bootlegger.

A Heresy Hunt

Bishop Brown, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, was arraigned recently by the authorities of that Church for heresy. The judges were faced with a most difficult task; not, indeed, to discover what Bishop Brown had done, but to determine whether his delinquincies could be termed heretical according to the tenets of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He denied the existence of God, the divinity of Christ, the inspiration of Holy Writ, the efficacy of prayer and of the sacraments, and after a denial of almost every article of the Christian religion, concluded by denying that he was a heretic or an atheist. The peculiar feature of the case is that he was right in denying that he was a heretic, because the Protestant Episcopal Church has never declared what the clergy may teach. If that Church does not know what it teaches it is in no position to accuse anyone of deviating from its teaching. If Bishop Brown is to be cut off he is entitled to know from what he is cut, and why. The weakness of Protestantism stands revealed. Not only is it without authority to teach in the name of Christ, but it is unable to formulate with precision and finality its own doctrines. That is what private judgment has done for it.

League of Soldier Priests

The Paris correspondent of the Catholic Times says that the Abbé Bergey, deputy for the Gironde, has founded a league for the defence of the rights of the Religious and priests who fought during the war. This league owes its existence to the anti-clerical policy of the Government. In the course of three days the abbé received 343 letters from 62 different dioceses. Five of his correspondents are "weeping willows on principle." They regret an initiative that "is of no use." "Since I was born," says the Abbé, "I have heard the eternal 'What is the use?" of these people." The 337 others are full of encouragement. They modestly, but with honest pride, state their experiences during the war. One young priest lost a leg; another had his two brothers killed at Verdun and at Craonne, and his father died of grief; another lost three brothers and, kneeling on the grave of the last one, he promised to do his best to make their sacrifices of use to their country. One writes with his left hand, having lost the other at les Eparges. Another young priest writes: "If you need money I will procure it; if you need work I am ready to give it, and to give my life." An old priest of 91 begs to be a member of the League, though now he can give only his prayers...

The chief object of the League is to win for the priests who fought and suffered during the war, nearly all of whom are decorated and mentioned in despatches, the right to be treated fairly and justly. The men who are now in power, the masters and tyrants of the hour, are many of them shirkers to whom the trenches were an unknown land. The Abbé Bergey's initiative will mark the difference between them and the priests whom they persecute in the name of liberty.

Disgraceful Journalism

It is a tragic truth that all the rottenness in humanity unds expression in that section of the press that exists for the first and final purpose of making money. Many of the Sunday papers pander to the most reckless sensationalism, and some of them publish reports and articles which exert a distinctly demoralising influence upon their readers. One paper which boasts a circulation of millions publishes detailed reports of divorces and other sexual scandals that no other paper in London ever admits to its columns in such naked outspokenness. Several Sunday papers recently devoted much space to articles and reports about two horrible murder cases, and dealt with them in a way that outraged every tradition of better class journalism. Articles by the murdorers themselves, communications from the wife of one of them, and letters from the women who had been companions in sin of both the criminals were featured in these papers. One paper, the property of a noble lord who plays a prominent part in political life, gave its readers the portrait of a titled lady who is the heroine of a much-discussed scandal, and with it her defence of her conduct. Here is a passage from the article which was sent out to be read by hundreds of thousands of people:-

The view of a woman like myself, who has defied and possibly outraged les convenances, and the view of a woman who has never done so and never in any circumstances would do so, will be different and naturally opposed to each other. But I maintain that each one of us has the right to whatever happiness we can get and to such happiness as we desire. Given my life over again, I would do exactly as I have done, and with no regrets in the doing. We each have our own ideas of right and wrong, our views of morality and our ideals, but primarily I believe in the right of the individual and in the individual right to happiness at any price.

This, says the Catholic Times, he the sermon on the new morality—or rather the new immorality—provided for hundreds of thousands of homes on a Sunday morning by what is supposedly a respectable newspaper.

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The Passing of Protestantism

The world has known many heresies since the Son of God gave the keys of heaven into the keeping of St. Peter and his successors; but one by one they passed out of human affairs and soon faded from the minds of men. Statistics in the mouth of Canon Alexander, an Anglican divine, declare that Protestantism is going the way of all heresies. The Canon was preaching in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and in the course of his sermon he said that in the last ten years the Anglican Church in England has lost three millions of communicants, of whom three hundred thousand belonged to the diocese of London. The Sunday schools, he said, had lost nine hundred thousand attendants. How does the Canon propose to recover the lost millions? He thinks their defection is due largely to the fact that Anglicans have been concentrating on the idea of religion as "organised and institutional" and the "emphasis" ought to be "shifted" and the "outlook" widened. The Universe curtly observes that ordinary people are tired of "outlooks" and "emphases," and they want something definite, something they can take hold of. If Anglicanism has not been able to supply this in the past it is hardly likely to make good its losses by presenting the public with something more indefinite still.

Law and Morals

It is part of the folly of freak reformers that they prefer gaols to religious schools. They look upon the criminal as a subject for medical treatment rather than as an example of the lack of systematic training in religion; and in the making of good citizens they place more reliance upon tooth-brush drill and flag saluting than upon a study of the Ten Commandments. "Religious training is altogether unnecessary," quoth they. "It occupies valuable time during which the child ought to be instructed upon the omnipotence of Mammon and be shown short cuts to Easy Street. Should be take his lessons too literally we shall make laws to restrain him; and then we can throw the responsibility for his good behaviour upon the policeman." That is the freak's way (we have multitudes of freaks in New Zealand) of making good citizens. In the United States the police resent having the care of spiritual guardianship thrust upon them. At the Convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. held at Montreal a couple of months ago, Captain Duncan Matheson, of San Francisco, expressed his views in no uncertain voice upon law and the cause of crime. United States, he said, was waterlogged with laws, but laws without teeth, passed at the instance of so-called reformers, social nuisances, professional parifiers, and ill-advised muddlers. Mr. George S. Dougherty, whose work as a detective has brought him face to face with crime in many countries, observed that the present day criminal is a sheik with his hair plastered down with glue. He is a dancing bug with a flask on his hip, and he begins his criminal career by stealing an auto to take his girl riding. America thus comments on the conclusions of the policemen: -- "Youth must be served, but it is a pity to begin by serving it with a sentence in the penitentiary. Americans are curious people. We carefully arrange to exclude from eighty to ninety per cent. of our boys and girls from any and all systematic training in religion, and then ask them to be lovers of virtue and haters of evil. Yet if we do not teach them to revere the law which God has made how can we expect them to revere the law which, they think, man has made?"

Spooks and Cables

Frequently we have found reason to complain that the cable people treat New Zealand as if it were a lunatic asylum. One yarn told us that when the Prince of Wales was visiting a mental hospital in England he insisted upon shaking hands with a violent lunatic, and a distinct improvement in the condition of the patient was observed "after he had experienced the Royal touch." The Prince,

however, appears to have become disgusted with the idiots who were boring him, ogling him, photographing him, and generally making of themselves what Artemus Ward would call an "emfatik noosance." But the cable man has found a news source that knocks the Prince into a cocked hat. Whenever a prominent man dies now he is interviewed at a séance by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Thus, a couple of months ago Sir Arthur got a line on Lenin, and for several weeks the cables carried the drivel supplied by a group of neurotic people whose imagination is greater than their store of common sense. The latest "interview" is with Lord Northcliffe, and for sheer unadulterated rubbish it cannot be beaten. Newspaper readers in this country will not object to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's hobnobbing with spooks if he enjoys that kind of company, but they certainly have a legitimate grievance against the newspaper proprietors for selling as news piffle like the following which appeared in all the daily papers:-

"A sensation has been caused in Psychic circles by a report that Lord Northcliffe is sending spiritist messages to Miss Owen, who was for twenty years his private secretary and confidential friend.

"Mr. Swaffer, editor of the newspaper, People, states that Miss Owen is practical-minded, and unlikely to imagine things. After hearing that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had spoken to Lord Northcliffe, she attended a scance conducted by Mrs. Osborne Leonard, of the London College of Psychic Science, who was unaware that Miss Owen knew Lord Northcliffe. Immediately the medium went into a trance her speech revealed Lord Northcliffe, who spoke for two hours. He referred to his relatives and members of his staff. He said he was distressed about the litigation over his will.

"Lord Northeliffe's voice continued: 'I met wonderful people from the earth. I was with Joseph Conrad when he passed over. I am as active here as I was on earth. I must be up and doing. I am glad that I passed over. I was disappointed at first because there were co many earthly things to complete.' He said he was so tired on earth that he was unable to think or write. Everything was confused and distorted, and if he had not passed over he would not have regained perfect health. His muscles which were flabby and floppy were now tight and firm. He added: 'I had an idea that we over here floated about wearing flowers and robes. I am wearing a grey flannel suit similar to those you often saw me wear, a soft collar, and a soft shirt. I have even finger nails. It is a wenderful feeling. I am always fit and never depressed. We have no money, and we work things out in kind. I have worked for my suit. I would not return to earth. I am quite happy here. I liked the pink flowers you placed on my grave. Keep plenty of flowers in your room in future, as I am often there. You will be glad to know that I have chosen a country home. I dislike great cities without sunshine. I have flower beds and even conservatories. Don't chew the end of your pencil when you write. Juicy figs are much better.' In concluding, Lord Northcliffe's voice said: 'The power is going, but I won't say goodbye. I will be with you again. God bless you."

ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR READERS

We are pleased to be able to announce to our readers that a series of doctrinal, apologetic, and spiritual readings, from the gifted pen of Right Reverend Monsignor Power, will now appear in the Tablet as a regular feature. The need of such a page has been felt by the Directors and by the Editor. For a time we tried to supply it by using books, but it was thought that the matter contained in them was rather too heavy and not sufficiently actual. It is for us all a matter of self-congratulation that Monsignor Power has kindly consented to undertake this laborious task for which he is so eminently well equipped by his wide reading and his gift of lucid and eloquent prose.

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BELOVED BEETHOVEN

By SOPHIE HALL for the "N.Z. Tablet"



(Concluded from last week.)

Again worried by money affairs and worn out with domestic difficulties, and with endless law-suits to obtain the pensions owing to him; or to retain the guardianship of a nephew, the son of his brother who died in 1815, Beethoven was "almost reduced to beggary" in 1818.

He was very poorly paid for his published weaks,—and the Quartets, op 127, 130, 132,—among his profoundest works, which Rolland says "seem to have been written with his very heart's blood," were written for Prince Galitzin, who neglected to pay for them.

Beethoven bestowed on this nephew all the love and devotion with which his heart overflowed. But he was repaid with cruel suffering; Carl proved unworthy of tho confidence and love of his uncle.

The more the uncle did for him, the lower the acphew sank, perpetually haunting taverns of ill-repute, and gambling dens.

The moral grandeur of his uncle instead of doing him good, exasperated Carl, impelling him to revolt. As he sank lower and lower, he gave expression to the words which so plainly show his miserable soul. "I have become worse because my uncle wished me to do better."

Finally he touched the very depths of degradation, the shock of which almost killed Beethoven, whose death it is said to have hastened in no small measure. Nor was the nephew with him at the hour of his death. "God has never abandoned me," wrote Beethoven to his nephew somo years before, "He will find some one to close my eyes."

From this time Beethoven seems to have become suddenly an old man, utterly crushed and broken of will. And now from the depth of this suffering he undertook to write his great Ninth Choral Symphony.

He had long wanted to chant his immortal "Odo to Joy"; it was the plan of his whole life. He wished to make "Joy" the climax of one of his great works, and to mirror in it a true picture of human life, setting forth faithfully all the great inexplicable secrets of life, and finally making that dream of man,-which he calls heaven, or happiness, and which he has always sought in vain,become reality.

Continually tormented with grief, poverty, and loneliness, the unfortunate Beethoven had always aspired to sing the excellence of joy, and from year to year he put off his task, held back by the whirlwind of his passion and his grief.

But he succeeded at last. This titanic work completed the object of his whole life. In it is sounded the triumph of the soul of man. None but the highest type of mind, none but a heart full of deep human sympathy, none but a vigorous militant spirit could have conceived and brought forth such a composition as this.

On May 7th 1824, the first performance of the Mass in D, and the Ninth Choral symphony, took place. success was amazing and overcame the indifference of the public; the frivolous crowds of Vienna were moved; and the greeting to Beethoven was almost of a seditions character, for when he appeared he was accorded five rounds of applause, whereas according to strict etiquette it was the custom to give three only for the entrance of the Royal family. The police had to put an end to the manifesta-

tions. Beethoven took his place by the side of the conductor, wearing a green coat, and a three-cornered cocked hat and holding a baton.

The Symphony raised frantic enthusiasm. Many of the players in the orchestra wept. At the end the audience rose in salvo upon salvo of such applause as had never before been aroused by any musical composition; and we are told that when the enthusiasm had reached its full volume, Fraulein Ungher who had sung the contralto part, touched Beethoven on the shoulder,—he was still standing with his back to the audience beating the time-and turned him round so that he could see the manner of his reception. He had heard nothing!

His turning round, and the sudden conviction thereby forced on everybody, that he had not done so before, because he could not hear what was going on, acted like an electric shock on all present; many of the audience, burst into tears, and a volcanic explosion of sympathy and admiration followed which was repeated again and again, and seemed as if it would never end.

Beethoven fainted with emotion after the concert; he was taken to a friend's house where he remained asleep all the night and the following day,-fully dressed, neither cating or drinking.

He had now completed the object of his whole life. He had tasted perfect joy. Dr. Spiker who saw him in 1826 said that his face had become smiling and jovial. In November 1826 he finished his last work, the new "Finale" to the Quartet op 130, which was very bright and gay; and he was planning a tenth symphony as well as a Biblical Oratorio and several other works.

This was four months before his death.

At the end of November 1826 he caught a chill which turned to pleurisy,-he was taken ill in Vienna when returning from a journey undertaken in Winter to arrange for the future of his nephew. He was far from his friends: He told his nephew to go for a doctor, but the miserable creature forgot his commission, and only remembered two days after. The doctor came too late and treated Beethoven unskilfully.

For three months his iron constitution fought against the illness. He had become very gentle and very patient. He remembered all his dear friends on the Rhine, and embraced them in his heart. Only for the generosity of some English friends the deep gloom of his last days would have been more accentuated by poverty.

On January 3rd 1827, he made his last will and testament, leaving his well-loved nephew his chief executor.

On his death bed on February 17th 1827 after three operations and awaiting a fourth, he wrote with perfect calmuess, "I am patient, and I think that all misfortune brings some blessing with it."

Shindler tells us that when he went in to see Beethoven on the morning of the 24th March, he found him so weak that with the greatest effort he could only utter two or three words.

The Doctor arrived and after watching him for a few moments, said to Shindler: "Beethoven's end is rapidly approaching." Sometime later Beethoven signified his Sometime later Beethoven signified his wish to partake of the Sacrament for the dying, and the religious ceremony took place in the most edifying manner. And now for the first time he seemed to feel that his end was approaching,—turning to his friends by his bedsido he said with a pitiful attempt at joviality: "Applaud my friends, the comedy is finished!"

Schubert was among the last visitors, but the older master, was too ill to do more than motion to him.

He died in the climax of a violent storm, a tempest of snow heavily punctuated with terrible thunder claps. strange hand closed his eyes, March 26th 1827.
Beethoven wrote in all the musical forms. His works

include besides the 9 symphonies,—the greatest of which are the 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 9th Choral symphony in which there is the great choral setting of the poem "Ode to Joy" by Schiller; and the 35 piano sonatas, 9 violin sonatas, dramas, 250 sougs, 2 Masses, 1 opera "Fidelio," and an Oratorio "The Mount of Olives; 5 piano concertos, 1 violin concerto, 12 beautiful overtures, 5 'cello sonatas, 16 string quartets, trios quintets, and septets etc.

Beethoven's sonatas as a whole have been not inaptly termed the "New Testament" of music, in distinction from the "Old Testament" of Bach's "48."

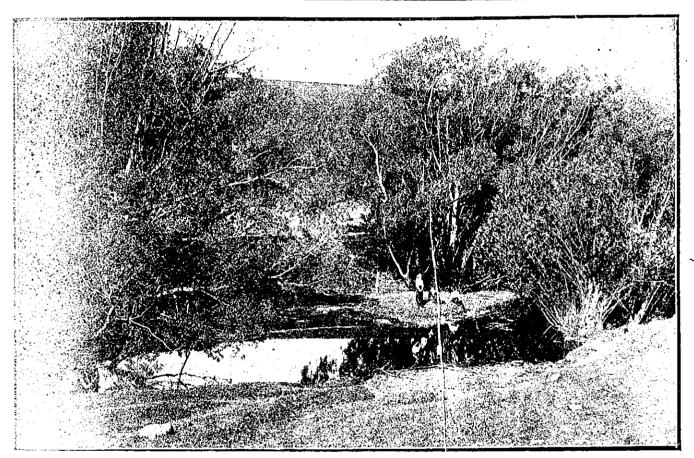
No more appropriate ending to this humble appreciation of Beethoven can be found than in the verbal imagery of the great French critic, Romain Rolland, who says of Beethoven: -

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"JOY THROUGH SUFFERING."

Central Europe Distress Fund

(Contributed.)

It will be remembered that in 1921 the distress in Central Europe caused by the war was brought under the notice of the world and an appeal made for assistance. Collections were made in New Zealand, but the special collection made in the Wellington archdiocese was sent to the Westminster Catholic Federation by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea. This amount-£871-was supplemented by the sum of £48 19s 10d, being the balance held by the Westminster Catholic Federation on behalf of the N.Z. Catholic Federation, bringing the total of New Zealand's contribution to £919 19s 10d. The report of the Westminster Catholic Federation's Central Europe Distress Fund is now to hand, and in the receipts New Zealand's contribution compares more than favorably with the other coutributions received. For instance the total collection from all of the dioceses in England came to £1570 11s ld, Scotland £467 18s, Ireland £11. The British Treasury grant of £1 for each £1 collected brought the total of the fund to £6890 17s 11d.

With this amount the Westminster Federation, through the agencies of his Eminence Cardinal Piffl, the Vienna Emergency Relief Fund, and the Friends' Relief Mission in Vienna, was able to render aid to 4400 Viennese children and 443 nursing and expectant mothers.

The relief principally took the shape of nourishing food and the following quantities were distributed: -1485 cases of condensed milk (about 70,000 tins), 11,673 half-pints of fresh milk, 11,046 eggs, 4426lbs of butter and fat. 6248lbs of potatoes, 242lbs of apples, 12,210lbs of cocoa, 37,786lbs of sugar, 9926lbs of bread flour, 65,463lbs of fine flour, 7530lbs of rice, 2404lbs of soap, and 4951 pairs of boots. 1500 letters of thanks were received by the Westminster Federation from the recipients, expressing gratitude for the assistance rendered.

Those in New Zealand who contributed to this fund will have much pleasure in the knowledge that the donations which they have made have been the means of relieving untold hardship and misery amongst Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

BULLER NOTES (From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

Despite the adverse weather conditions on Thursday, the Oriental Fete, held in Warwick House Grounds in aid of the convent building fund, proved to be very successful. There was a large attendance and brisk business was done, with the result that a goodly sum was realised.

I regret to state that Mrs. J. O'Callaghan is seriously

With sorrow the sad news was received on Thursday afternoon of the death of Mr. Thomas Norris after a brief illness. Deceased was a member of the well-known Loopline Sawmilling firm, and was born at Charleston 17 years

Death has been a frequent visitor to the Norris family of late, it being only a few months since deceased's brother, Arthur, passed away. The late Mr. Norris was a man of singularly fine disposition, honest and unassuming, and sincere regret is felt at his untimely death. In reference to the funeral the Westport News says: - "Attending the funeral of the late Thomas Norris were most of the survivors in the district of that grand old band of Charleston pioneers who so ably assisted to lay the foundation of this country, of which we are so justly proud. They held the late Mr. Norris, one of the whitest men ever raised in the community, in the highest responsible assembled in their numbers to pay their tribute to his memory. The mortal remains were reverently carried from the house to the hearse and later from the hearse to die graveside by members of the Hibernian Society of which deceased was an honored member. Rev. Father Secondly conducted the burial services at the Church and geracide. and so passed to his long rest the worthy son of vorthy pioneers." Sincere sympathy is extended to the somewing widow and three brothers.—R.I.P.

The death occurred at the Reefton Hospital recently of Miss Selina M. de Phillipi, daughter of Mr. Prophano de Phillipi, of Three Channel Flat. Deceased was laid to rest in the Orawaiti Cemetery.—R.I.P.

VALEDICTORY: REV. FATHER BOWE.

St. Canice's Club was packed to its utmost canacity on Sunday evening, when the parishioners assembled to large well Rev. Father Bowe, parish priest, who is leaving on an extended holiday in Ireland. Mr. J. Ahern presided, sud culogised the good work done by Father Bowe during his four years' in Westport, and extended best wishes for a pleasant trip and safe return. Rev. Father Sweeney and Messrs. J. J. Malony, J. H. Enright, T. Regan, and M. Reedy also paid their tribute to the sterling qualities of Father Bowe. Mr. Molony, on behalf of the parisitioners. then presented the departing guest with a substancial monetary gift. During the evening musical items were rendered by Misses Doyle, McLaughlin, McCubbin, Mc-Padden and Hamiltonian McCubbin, Mc-Padden and Hamiltonian McCubbin, McC Padden, and Hansen. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

NEW PLYMOUTH NOTES (From our own correspondent.)

November 4.

Bazaar functions still hold pride of place in the social life of the New Plymouth parish. On October 13, the Hibernians' cuchro party and dance realised £11. children's fancy dress dance, organised by Mrs. Connell and Miss Barry, added £16 to the West End stall fund. On October 20, a euchre party, under the control or Mrs. Jones, was well attended, while the young men by means of a dance on October 21 helped to swell the West End stall funds. The various stallholders with their committees are very energetic, being ably supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. Clarke), who has had a good experience in bazaar work.

Another pleasing feature in connection with the raising of funds has been the private house parties given by supporters of the various stalls. These, as well as bringing in substantial amounts of money, are desirable in that they bring people together to spend a pleasant—even if somewhat strenuous on the pocket-evening. Viewed in the light of present activities, it seems quite possible that Father Lynch's aim of a £2000 bazaar will be gained, if not exceeded.

Preparations are well in hand for the holding of the sports and picuic on December 13, at the recently purchased school property on the South Road. At a meeting presided over by Father Lynch and attended by the stellholders and representatives of the Hibernian Society. matters in connection with the picnic were discussed and sub-committees appointed to make arrangements for the various cutertainments and other matters. Mr. L. Cana was appointed secretary, and Mr. G. Grace, freasurer.

Our representative in the All Blacks, Mr. Gus Tiert, has been in good scoring mood of late, being well near the top of the list as regards total points scored.

Miss D. Brosnahan, of the telephone exchange Christchurch, has been transferred here. She took up her now duties last week,

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What the Church Has Done for Science

CATHOLICS IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD.

The following paper was read at the last quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dunedin:—

It is fushionable among a certain class to talk of the Church and science as opposed to each other. Certain pseudo scientists, white scoffing at our doctrine of Papal Infallibility—a thing too absolutely absurd to be entertained by any reasonable man—trumpet forth as infallible their own petty and inconclusive deductions; and because the Church does not pat them on the back, they generalise about the warfare of Science and Religion, about the persecution of scientists by the Church and her hampering them in their investigations; about the ignorance and

superstition of the people during the so-called Dark Ages, when the Church was powerful; and so on.

This state of opinion is easily explained. We must remember that in everything relating to the Church before the Reformation, there came into existence a definite body of Protestant Tradition, the creation of the Reformers, who wished to blacken the memory of the old Church in order to justify their own apostacy. They perverted historical facts and exaggerted the significence of historical details in order to create this impression. Subsequent generations were deceived rather than deceiving, but they passed on the tradition and intensified it; so that Compte de Maistre was able to say:

History for the past three hundred years has been a conspiracy against the Church.

He made that statement about the year 1800. About one hundred years later the Editors of the Modern Cambridge History re-echoed his opinion. They speak of "the long conspiracy against the revelation of truth"; they say, "The honest student finds himself continually deserted, retarded, misled by the classics of historical literature, and has to hew his way through multitudious transactions, periodicals, and official publications in order to reach the truth, and so far as documentary evidence is at command, conventional history may be discarded."

You can understand then, how it is that there are so many false ideas of the attitude of the Church on certain questions, and among them of her attitude towards science.

Why Scientists Attack the Church.

Scientists attack the Church because she does not espouse and boom their latest fad. But she has the inherited prudence of the ages, and is wary of accepting any new theory as an established fact; and if scientific men themselves would follow her example in this, they would very often spare themselves the ignominy of having to swallow their own words. Glaring examples of how they have had to do this in modern times are found in connection with Darwinism, now discredited owing to the experiments of Abbot Mendel, with the theory of the Simplicity of the Elements, exploded by the discovery of radium by Madame Curie; and with some of the laws of Newton, falsified by the discoveries of Einstein.

We may note here in passing that both Abbot Mendel and Madame Curie were Catholics, and still there does not seem to be any record of their having been refused absolution if they did not give up their horrible scientific ways.

No man, least of all a scientific man, who is supposed to act in a scientific way, should parade a mere theory as an established fact. As Bertram Windle, a shining light, himself among men of science, says: "A single glance at the scrap-heap where rusting wrecks of bygone theories have been cast, should prevent any man of science from taking up such an attitude." So many scientific theories have been scrapped that the Church in the method she adopts only shows herself more scientific than the scientists themselves.

Nor is there anything in the charge that in the Dark Ages (which, by the way, historians are beginning to admit, were not so dark after all), when the Church was powerful, superstition took the place of science. It is true that superstitions did exist then, as they existed before then,

and since, as they exist even now amongst our own enlightened scientific selves. We still have the man with us who carries the potato in his pocket to cure his rheumatism; we still have the crowd who support the Madame this and Madame that in decent comfort (half-crown for cards, five shillings for the crystal ball), and there are even some who pay their shillings for the platinum combs, and rub the tips of their fingers together to make their hair grow. Superstitions existed in spite of the Church. Her teaching on the subject was exactly what it is to-day, and you may be sure that the little scholar in the Dark Ages, conning his Catechism, learned just as you learned, that these "and all such like fooleries" were wrong.

Merely Generalities.

As I have hinted already most of these attacks are generalities of the most general description, and a very good first line of defence would be to ask our opponents for an example-for a concrete case of the Church's opposition to science. Most of them would be tied up in an instant, but the more clever ones would become extremely glib about one or both of the two stock examples which they are always falling back upon to prove their point. These are the Bull of Boniface VIII. forbidding Dissection, and the famous case of Galileo. Of course, we don't admit that even in these cases the charge they make is true, but even if it were, the whole thing would amount to this: The Church has been in existence for the whole twelve months of every year for over nineteen hundred years and the only instances her opponents can produce of her opposition to science is one in the 13th century and one in the 16th. As Professor Augustus de Morgan, an authority not likely to be suspected of Catholic sympathies, says, in the English Encyclopedia: "The Papal Power must upon the whole have been moderately used in matters of Plilosophy."

But, as I said, we do not admit that even in these cases the charge is true. About the case of Galileo I shall have something to say later on. The other case is a beautiful example of how this kind of a lie is manufactured and propagated.

Sometime ago a Dr. White, a man of influence in educational circles in America, published a book entitled The Warfare of Science With Theology in Christendom. He was handing on the tradition that the Church was opposed to science. He mentioned the Decree of Boniface VIII. condemning the mutilation of the human body and consequently hampering the progress of anatomy, and he stated definitely where the decree was to be found; namely, in the Sixth Book of Decretals of Boniface VIII.; and he quoted the Literary History of France as his authority for this. The Literary History of France was written by the Benedictines and they were not likely to make a false charge against the Church. His case seemed very strong.

A Case in Point.

Now here was a case, if an answer was to be made, of having to "hew a way through multitudinous transactions, perodicals, and official publications" that the Editors of the *Modern Cambridge History* spoke about, and the ordinary reader, not being able to do this, trusts to the circumstantial details and authorities of Dr. White, and swallows the lie.

However, some nasty inquisitive person did take the trouble to make the search. He went through the Sixth Book of Decretals of Boniface VIII., but the decree was not there. So the Literary History of France was wrong. He found it, however, in the third chapter of what is known as the Extravigantes, which contains the decrees published by Boniface after 1298. The actual date of the decree is 1300.

As soon as he read it he knew why those who so often referred to it never published the text of it. It contains not one word against dissection. It is entitled De Sepulturis (Concerning Burials), and is directed against a rather repulsive custom prevalent at that time. During the Cru-

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sades, numbers of the nobility who died at a distance from their own homes in infidel countries were prepared for transportation to and burial in their own lands by being dismembered and boiled. The remains of Louis IX. of France, and of many others who perished in the ill-fated crusade of 1270 are said to have been brought back to France in this fashion. The body of the famous Frederick Barbarossa, who was drowned near Jerusalem, was prepared in the same way for transportation to Germany. The custom was widespread and was spreading and the Pope condemned it. As the Americans say, that is all there was to it, and poor Boniface, instead of being extolled for condemning an insanitary practice has been made to suffer all sorts of reproaches as an enemy of science.

Some of you may be uneasy in your minds because our opponents can quote in support of their charge the Literary History of France, which great work bears the name of the Benedictine Monks of St. Maur, men who were well known to be remarkably critical and correct. If the monks said that the Church hampered dissection, there must be something in the charge. That is perfectly true; but they did not say it. The Literary History of France was begun by the monks of St. Maur but their labors were interrupted by the French Revolution. Afterwards the Institute of France decided to carry on the work, and different men had a hand in it. The sixteenth volume, in which the charge against Pope Boniface is contained. was written by a man named Daunou, a Gallican, antipapal writer who during the conflict between Napoleon and Pius VII. did everything he could to curry favor with the Emperor. So anti-papal was he that in 1857 one of his works was published in America as a Protestant text. There is the whole thing. That is how the lie was born and how it was nursed. From what has been said you will understand how it is that there is the impression abroad among non-Catholics that the Church is opposed to science. (To be concluded.)

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(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

St. Patrick's Hall was crowded on the 28th and 29th inst., on the occasion of the annual concert by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School. The school is to be congratulated, not only in possessing such talent, but also on the manner in which it has been developed. It will be seen from the programme that the items presented were of a high standard, and were rendered with ease and simplicity; special attention being paid to expression. The Brothers and the youthful performers deserve to be complimented on the excellent entertainment which was greatly enjoyed by the large and appreciative audiences. Following was the programme:—Choruses—"Zealaudia," "The Irish Maiden's Lament," "A Boy's Best Friend," "Welcoming Pa," "Oft in the Stilly Night," "Let Erin Remember." "Lullaby," "Where the Shamrock Grows," "The West's Awake," and "God Defend New Zealand." Pianoforte solo, "Impromptu" (Schubert), John Albert Murphy (10 years of age). Recitations, "Not Understood," R. Sutherland; "The Angels," J. Murphy and F. Taylor; "A Digger's Tale," J. Ketts; "The Shandon Bells," Maurice Crowe. Humorous dialogue, "Lord Pepicone's Dinner," D. Cosgrove (as Molly) and T. Hertnon (as Larry). Master T. Hertnon sang "She Is Far From the Land" in splendid style, and Master F. Taylor danced the Sailor's Hornpipe excellently. The statue drill, club swinging, and dumb bell drill were well received as also was a short play entitled the "Magic Wand" by Masters L. O'Brien, J. O'Connor, C. Hall, J. Laws, F. Cosgrove, B. Gilmore, W. Kyle, J. O'Leary, G. Murphy, and P. Sullivan. The accompaniments for the vocal numbers, dumb bell and statue drill were efficiently played by Mrs. J. G. Venning and Miss P. Lynch, L.A.B., and Miss M. Sullivan, L.T.C.L. for the hornpipe and club swinging.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday the 26th inst., at the conclusion of the High Mass, when a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in the church. The Rev. Father McGrath, Marist Missioner, preached at all the Masses, and at the devotions on Sunday and Monday night. Very large numbers attended the devotions and practically every parishioner approached the Holy Table. The church was througed with worshippers during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The altar and sanctuary were most tastefully decorated, and the choir rendered appropriate music.

At the A. and P. Show held here on 29th and 30th inst., Mr. M. O'Connor (who has been a very successful exhibitor for many years) secured a number of prizes-1st for milking shorthorn cow, 4 for produce, 3 for roots, and 2 for apples. Mr. Wm. Hall received 2 firsts and a second for dessert and cooking apples; Carl Hall also receiving a second prize. Mrs. Venning and Miss Dwan secured prizes in the cookery section. In the roots class for three pasture plants, accompanied by one page essay, open to children under 16 years, B. Gilmore (of Marist Brothers' School) received third prize and commended. The Marist Brothers' School was awarded first prize for best collection of farm and garden produce from school gardens, which made a highly creditable display. It comprised twenty exhibits including a dozen well-grown grasses, some green peas, and other seasonable vegetables all wellgrown.

November 7.

A number of children made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, the 2nd inst., and were afterwards entertained by the members of the Altar Society in the Girls' Hall. In the evening Rev. Father Barra preached on the Saints. Two reliquaries containing relics of a number of saints were exposed for veneration.

The Gazette contains the official results of the examination for teachers' certificates held in August and September. The following South Canterbury names appear in the lists:—Passed in Class D.—F. L. Cassidy (Timaru). Passed in four subjects for Class C.—E. Slattery (Timaru). Obtained partial pass Class D.—S. A. Angland (Timaru), M. C. O. Barron (Temuka), M. U. Callaghan (Timaru), G. S. Maloney (Timaru), W. M. O'Connor (Timaru), E. M. O'Reilly (Timaru). Obtained pass in one group for Class D.—J. M. O'Connor (Timaru).

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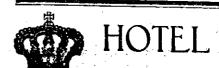
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

MIDNIGHT MASS.—The fast does not begin till midnight.
G. O'G.—The remarks made by you in a recent letter to one of the staff may suggest why we ignore your later communications.



Bishop Whyte at Lawrence

IMPORTANT CEREMONIALS.

His Lordship Bishop Whyte visited the Lawrence parish on Sunday, the 2nd inst., for the purpose of unveiling a stained glass window of the Holy Family erected by the relatives of the late Martin and Johanna Ryan, pioneers of Waitahuna, in the new Church of St. Bridget at Waitahuna, and also to erect the Stations of the Cross in the same church. His Lordship was accompanied by the Rev. Father Farthing, parish priest, and was met by a large concourse of people. After the Mass the Bishop performed the double blessings, and made the way of the Cross with the congregation.

Addressing the crowded congregation, his Lordship congratulated the people of Waitahuna on the subject chosen for the memorial window, viz., the Holy Family (the child Jesus, His Mother, Mary, and His foster-father, St. Joseph). He asked the parents to regard the scene as a mirror wherein might be seen their care and love for the spiritual as well as the bodily welfare of their children. He asked the children to copy the love, and trust, but chiefly the obedience of the Holy Child to His parents. The Bishop also spoke eloquently on the necessity of upholding the sanctity and stability of the marriage tie. He greatly deplored the prevalence of divorce and its menace to all unity in the home life. He spoke of the low status of women in Pagan times and of the dignity to which they had been raised through Christianity. The facilities for gaining divorce were spreading throughout the world and thus aiming at the destruction of all home life. He asked the parents and children to follow in spirit the Holy Family to the humble home at Nazareth and there to learn the lessons of peace and love, unity and obedience. He concluded by asking that Almighty God might grant those present spiritual union in this life and finally union for all eternity hereafter.

Miss Hannah Sinclair, A.T.C.L., presided at the organ, and the choir rendered the music of the Mass very effectively

In the afternoon the Bishop journeyed to Roxburgh for the purpose of unveiling the memorial (a magnificent Pieta) to the late Father D. O'Neill, formerly parish priest of Roxburgh. The beautiful Church of Our Lady of Peace, Roxburgh, was well filled for the occasion. His Lordship was assisted at the blessing by Father Farthing and Father Fenton. After the blessing the Bishop preached.

Taking as his text, "O all ye that pass by the way attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.' He complimented the priests and the people on their kindly, generous action in erecting the beautiful Pieta to the memory of Father O'Neill. When all were stunned by the news of his tragic death, he (the Bishop) felt that, outside the sisters and brothers of the deceased, none would be more deeply grieved than the Catholics of Roxburgh. While the memorial would stimulate them to pray more fervently for the eternal repose of their former pastor and friend, it would also arouse their pious sympathy with Our Saviour in His sufferings and with His Holy Mother. His Lordship then spoke of the sorrows inseparable from life on earth and pointed out that we are unable to understand why God permits them. Sometimes, indeed, we can fairly explain advantages arising from poverty and from ill-health, as, for instance, when we see the genuine happiness, which was denied to people in the days of their prosperity and strength, granted to them when God permits them to be deprived of both. But if we could comprehend all God's dealings with us, it would be tantamount to saying that our intellect is not finite. The inspired writer tells how God reproved Job for presuming to question His wisdom. His Lordship quoted some of the saints who suffered in their own lives, and in their books extolled suffering and patience in suffering. He dwelt on the prevalence of grievances whether real or imaginery, and instanced some devout writers who claimed that humility is a cure for many sorrows of both kinds. The Christian should find great assistance in adversity when he contemplates the sufferings of Our Lord in His Sacred Passion and the sorrows of His Blessed Mother who stood at the foot of the Cross and afterwards nursed the bruised and broken body of Her Son and Saviour. The beautiful Pieta would remind them of those sufferings as well as urge them to continue praying for the soul of the good pastor to whose memory it was erected.

The Bishop, assisted by Father Farthing as deacon, and Father Fenton as subdeacon, then gave Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Waigth, jun., sang most effectively the music for the occasion; Miss Cromar presiding at the organ.

The beautiful decorations of the church were the work of Mrs. Murphy and Miss Cromar.

Diocesan Mews

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 7.

Rev. Father Kelly, of Newtown, sails with Rev. Dr. Kelly and Rev. Father Bowe by the Arawa on Tuesday next. Rev. Father Kelly has been the recipient of several presentations. His own parish of St. Anne's presented him with a wallet of notes. Rev. Father Fallon, presided, and Mr. Giles made the presentation. Both made speeches eulogising Father Kelly's faithful untiring work in St. Anne's. The Children of Mary presented Father Kelly with a beautiful writing outfit. Last night at Petone he was the recipient of a handsome presentation from the priests of the archdiocese. The host of the gathering was the genial Father Quealy, and a pleasant evening was spent. On Sunday night last Father Kelly received a presentation of a handsome wallet from the Irish Club to which he has been a faithful and honored friend. He is hearing Godspeed on all sides, and when he returns it will be a great welcome he'll get.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood is returning by the Tahiti, and should be here by November 24. His Grace's wonderful vitality has upborne him during the tour. Doubtless Thorndon will hear some of his experiences from the pulpit of the Basilica. Rev. Father Smyth will be glad to know that a carnival, a successful one let us hope, has just preceded his return. And he must visit Buckle Street and see that Penny Box.

A day of wind and sun for St. Patrick's College Sports and some records broken. R. Anderson is a wonderful athlete for his age. While one is on the college one must mention the fine concert its orchestra gave on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul. The items were mainly instrumental and well executed. Mr. P. Cullen was musical director.

A choir social was held at Kilbirnie this week and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves greatly. Kilbirnie has in its porch a chart of progress for each room in the new school. St. Antony has outdistanced every other, so his room may be the first to be provided for. The foundations of the school are already laid. The position is central, just off a main street in the heart of Kilbirnie, and everything seems to be progressing well.

Lower Hutt is holding a little carnival of its own this week. Wellington friends who can afford the time and the money are requested to remember one of the oldest of the parishes during these days.

The Forty Hours' at Buckle Street this week. Buckle Street has an interesting collection of drawings and snapshots in its porch—one guesses the hand of Mr. J. J. L. Burke. One depicts the workers on the Tasman Street playground. A small bird told me the other day that that

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playground would have cost £2500 if given over to a contractor. The voluntary workers have done wonders. One has to see the hillside to realise the full extent of their labors. The social nights of the men's sodality are very popular. Sometimes they take the form of a lecture, sometimes of an entertainment. Recently Mr. P. J. O'Regan lectured to them on Proportional Representation, a subject on which he is one of the few authorities in this country. The lecture was much enjoyed.

Her many friends regret the death of Mrs. Williams, of Ghuznee Street. Another of the fine old generation of Catholics that can never be replaced. The light of Heaven to her soul!

The Trentham tea-kiosk presented a very pretty scene on Friday evening (says the N.Z. Times for November 4) when a plain and fancy dress ball and entertainment was given by Mr. R. Taylor's orchestra, and St. Joseph's Concert Party (both from Wellington). The attendance was small, and the fancy dresses were few, this of course being due to the heavy rain that was falling; still, those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The orchestra and concert party comprised the following: -Misses D. Carroll, Phillis McMillan, A. Flan, Lorraine Melton, "Billie" Murphy, Una Smith, Messrs. R. Taylor, W. Conroy, J. Jones, H. Keys, F. Whitaker, and the arrangements were capably carried out by the secretaries Messrs. H. W. Todd and R. S. Dwyer. Mr. L. Murphy made an excellent M.C. The proceeds of the function are to be devoted to the new Catholic Church at Trentham, intended as a memorial to New Zealand soldiers who were killed in the Great War. In connection with this a bazaar is to be held at the teakiosk. The Rev. Father Klemick expressed great appreciation and thanks to all those who helped to make the evening enjoyable.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND (From our own correspondent.)

October 30.

In the presence of a crowded congregation at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday, the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary stated the attitude of the Church with regard to Catholic children attending religious exercises in secondary schools. The Bishop quoted three chief objections to the presence of Catholic children at these exercises. (1) The religious exercises described were to them "essentially sectarian"; (2) Attending such exercises was at variance with well known doctrines and disciplinary laws of their Faith, and (3) because of the evil history and oppressive effects of the onscience clause in use. Examples were quoted of the use of the terms "unsectarian" and "undenominational" to describe various reformed denominations, and to cover von the most violent forms of aggressive "No Popery." There were vital differences between these secondary school eligious exercises and the forms of religion authorised for Catholic children. The school exercises were drawn inly from ritual and other books intended for reformed Higious purposes, and not approved for, nor permissible, to Catholic children or adults.

All instructed Catholic children (said Dr. Cleary) know perfectly well that their attendance at such religious worship, etc., is forbidden to them by the principles and discipline of their faith. They have not alone a moral right to refuse attendance, but they are bound in conscience to refuse attendance, even on their own account, and in the absence of any specific directions from their parents. And no teacher has a right, unless by express authorisation of the parents, to restrict or interfere in any way with these pupils' full freedom of conscientious refusal to attend.

I most heartily approve (said Dr. Cleary) of both religious instruction and religious worship in State schools for the children of the religious denominations, or individuals requesting them, provided that the rights of conscience of other children and of teachers be properly safeguarded. The rights of dissident children were not, however, safeguarded by the oppressive Irish conscience clause. It had, no doubt, been used in good faith in our secondary schools without any proselytising intent, and owing to misconceptions regarding the facts of Catholic doctrine and discipline. The Bishop called for the "frank and full abandonment of the mischievous Irish conscience clause" long ago

abandoned in Ireland, and suggested one or other of the following clauses be substituted: Permit attendance at worship, etc., only to children whose parents request it in writing, or perhaps better still exclude all children except those promoting or adopting a particular scheme of Bible-in-schools.

What proved to be one of the most successful sales of work yet held in the Cathedral parish took place at St. Patrick's Convent School rooms, Hobson Street, recently. In two nights the zealous workers of the parish raised £750, a magnificent tribute to the organisation responsible for this splendid result. Many ask the question how do the Catholics achieve such outstanding results? It is simply by the combined efforts of our people, who throw their whole energy into good works for the Church, which is the great part of their life. With regard to the function under notice, a "popular girl" competition was held, and candidates were nominated by the children's committee. following were candidates: Miss Alma Petricevich (Children of Mary); Miss E. Ryan (Guard of Honor); Miss M. Tristram. The competition created widespread interest, and was finally won by Miss Petricevich, resulting in the sum above named being raised.

The Sisters of Mercy, who are promoting and taking charge of the plain and fancy dress stall at the forthcoming bazaar, held a concert in the Epsom Library Hall. programme was contributed by the children, and the entertainment drew a very gratifying house. Considering the merit of the programme, the price of admission was more than reasonable. The whole of the items were keenly enjoyed by those present, and the arrangements reflected great credit on Mrs. Cooke, who supervised the entertainment. Each item received its due measure of appreciation. The programme was opened with a pianoforte solo delightfully rendered by Miss Winnie Cooke. The senior pupils of the convent school sang a "Welcome Song" and "Golden Days," and Mrs. A. Dickenson gave a vocal number very effectively. "Merry Woodcutters" by the junior pupils was excellently rendered. Miss O'Leary contributed a charming dance. Capital recitations were given by little Miss Joy Reardon ("Cheerfulness"), C. Malloy ("Little Raindrops"), and E. Berridge ("Who Am I?"). Miss Eva Finch captivated the audience with her rendition of "Please Give Me a Penny," which brought a contribution of coins to help to swell the funds. Ethna Cork recited cleverly "Butter-fly" and "Willow Patten Plate." An action song entitled "Tiresome Little Dollies," by junior pupils was a pleasing item. Misses M. Florence and H. Brown opened the second part by contributing a pianoforte duet, which was well received. Miss O'Leary favored the audience with a vocal item. The senior pupils appeared in an excellent melody entitled "Smiling Geisha." Miss E. Furness' elocutionary item was well rendered, and the ballad sung by Mrs. Cooke was an excellent item. A dance performed by little Miss Graham lent additional charm and variety to a splendid programme, which was concluded with a violin solo rendered with great expression and taste by Mr. P. Dimery. The result of the entertainment will substantially augment the Sisters' funds for their stall.

The names of ex-pupils of the Sacred Heart College are particularly prominent in the recent list of results of examinations held by the Auckland University College. Three of the students secured premiums out of a total of 16 granted. Considering the number of pupils at this college in comparison with those from other educational institutions who attend the University, Brother Borgia, B.A., director of the Sacred Heart College, has every reason to feel proud of the outstanding results of his brilliant scholastic work, and I have great pleasure in congratulating him on attaining such a high standard of efficiency. The college has never enjoyed such a run of continued success as it has done in recent years. The ex-students who achieved distinction in the examinations are Mr. E. E. Bailey (last year's pupil) who was awarded the premiums in English and Jurisprudence. The brilliancy of this boy's scholastic career indicates that he should become a distinguished New Zealand scholar. Mr. F. Sweeney won a School of Commerce Scholarship. This student also attended the Sacred Heart College last year. Brother Clement was the third successful candidate. He secured the premium for French (second year-advanced).

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet,
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April 4, 1900. LEO XIII., Pope.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12,

ALMSGIVING



HE obligation of loving our neighbor, which Christ laid upon us, implies the duty of giving alms to those in need. Throughout her history the Church has always impressed upon her children the necessity of fulfilling this duty from proper motives. The gift from the hand must be a manifestation of charity in the heart. The love of God comes first, the

love of our neighbor comes next. If that two-fold duty were generally observed the fierce international hatreds which agitate the world would disappear as the morning mist fades before the rising sun. Without charity we can please neither God nor man; without charity it is impossible for nations to trust one another; without charity it is impossible to abolish the bitter class war which is raging in every country throughout the world; without charity it is impossible for individuals to deal with one another in a manner calculated to promote their common welfare; in short, charity must be in the forefront of all our transactions with our fellows. Almsgiving is not charity, though the two terms are often used synonymously. Charity is love. Almsgiving might be a manifestation of charity or it might be a manifestation of vanity, ambition, or love of ostentation. It might be used as a means of getting rid of beggars, or it might be due to a purely natural sympathy with distress. The point we wish to emphasise is that almsgiving, to fulfill the law, must be inspired by the pure motive of the love of God and of one's fellowmen. Then, and then only, do we obey the precept of charity. "When thou dost an almsdeed sound not a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Amen I say to you they have received their reward."

Although we are obliged to give alms we are not bound to bestow them indiscriminately. Indeed, to do so might easily constitute an offence against charity by encouraging idleness, for sloth is the beginning of all vice. The Didache says: "let thine alms sweat in thine hands until thou knowest to whom thou art giving". St. Ambrose tells us to give to the innocent before the guilty; but he warns us not to forget that the misery a man brings upon himself through his own fault is also a misfortune. The fact that charity is often abused does not absolve us from the duty of relieving real need, regardless of whether the needy are

suffering with or without their own fault. The ingratitude of the poor, of which complaint is often made, is not a sufficient reason to warrant our abstention from giving alms. Ingratitude is frequently the result of the method of giving. Alms must not be thrown to the needy as a bone is thrown to a stray dog. St. Gregory the Great says that when we minister some necessary things to the unfortunate we do not give them what is ours but we give them back what is theirs, thus complying with the obligation of justice rather than performing a work of mercy. "If you give to a poor man," says St. Ambrose, "you do not share with him what belongs to you, but you return to him what is his. For you have usurped what was given for the common use of all." Seneca avers that if we wish gratitude from the poor we must not only give, but love. Right reason, of course, demands that we give alms only from that which legitimately belongs to us. Servants must not give away the property of their employers. A wife may, with her husband's consent, give alms from their common property, and she should do so if the husband does not give in accordance with his means; but she may not give away anything that belongs exclusively to her husband. Guardians or administrators of property belonging to others may give alms out of that property, but only to the extent to which the owner himself would or should do so. It is said that in our day charity has become a sport. Concerts, balls, bazaars, dances, theatrical entertainments are arranged for the ostensible purpose of helping the poor, but mainly for the sake of amusement. Ratzinger points out that this sort of charity does not reconcile the poor to their dour lot, but, on the contrary, embitters their minds. The rich are reminded that they cannot acquit themselves of their duty to the needy merely by attending charity balls. We must give alms voluntarily and gladly, not reluctantly and because we are commanded to do so. A gift exacted by force is not alms but a tax or tribute. We must furthermore give them in a spirit of genuine charity and not so as to make the recipients ashamed of themselves or hurt their feelings.

The best way for the Catholic to give alms is through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This society, founded by Frederic Ozanam, is an inexhaustible source of good works both of the spiritual and corporal order. Its work throughout the world is of the greatest possible service to the Church, and the best possible antidote to those cults of infidelity that deny Revelation, the supernatural, the authority of the Church, and exalt the Seven Deadly Sins into civic virtues. The members in their visits to cases see that the children are baptised and attend Mass and catechism on Sundays; and on leaving school they are drawn into Catholic societies where their spiritual as well as their temporal interests are zealously guarded. Pope Pius X said that he saw this society at work in Mantua and in Venice, where it rendered invaluable service to the poor by distributing alms, but still more so by bringing them spiritual aid. New Zealand Catholics would do well to remember that this society is at work in their midst and if they wish to have their alms distributed wisely and promptly they cannot do better than contribute to its funds. The society was created to be a vindication of the Church by the exercise of charity in its widest sense-charity for mind, charity for heart, charity for the body, charity for the whole man, full and perfect service to our neighbor by charity of the spirit. Let no one fear that almsgiving will impoverish the giver. "Almsgiving never yet made a man poor," says an ancient proverb. The true Catholic does not worry, for he knows from Divine Revelation that God rewards every act of mercy and kindness. Almsgiving, moreover, belongs to the good works par excellence and is a means by which a man can make satisfaction for his sins. **♦**

Mighty of heart-mighty of mind-"magnanimous"to be this is indeed to be great in life; to become this increasingly is indeed to advance in life.

NOTES

Hilaire Belloc

In order to understand Hilaire Belloc it is necessary to remember the influences that moulded his character. By race he is a Frenchman with Irish blood in him. As a youth he served as a French soldier. Out of the army he went into Oxford University, where he had as contemporaries the most brilliant statesmen and scholars of our time. He won high honors during his university career, distinguishing himself notably in history. Later, he drifted into journalism, and when politics engaged his attention he was elected M.P. for Salford. The chicanery of political life, and more than all, British bigotry, disgusted him so much that he shook from his feet for ever the dust of the House of Commons, and set himself to plough a lonely furrow as a champion of England. Underneath all, he is a Catholic—French and Irish in his faith and sincerity. He has the Latin mind, its clearness, its order, its logic; he has the Celtic combativeness and dare-devil courage which supports him when he faces such odds as were arrayed against him during his exposure of the Marconi scandal or when he publicly accused Lloyd George of being a traitor to England during the recent war-a charge that there was no attempt to disprove.

Belloc as a Writer

History, as we said, appeals to Mr. Belloc. He has the true historical sense. He sees things in their broad perspective, and unerringly traces the connection between causes and effects. Facts for him are not dry lumber; they have their due associations, their romance, even. He has written brilliant essays on countless topics. He has scored successes with many novels. He has written several real poems which deserve to live. He has won spurs as a journalist, as a lecturer, as a political economist, as an apologist for Catholic Truth. Among works of his that are well known to serious readers, we might name: The Life of Danton; Marie Antoinette, The Path to Rome; The Party System; The Free Press; The Servile State; Mr. Clutterbuck's Election; Pongo and the Bull; and Europe and the Faith. The Path to Rome is a delightful book of travel, full of fun and humor, and containing many pages of deep thought on matters historical, artistic, and political. The Party System is a trenchant criticism of the corruption of British politics. The Scrvile State is a scientific and closely-reasoned exposition of the trend of England towards a condition of things in which the domination of the plutocracy will become more secure and the serfdom of the worker more real, even though his chains be velvet. In Europe and the Faith Mr. Belloc defends the bold thesis that only by Teturning to the Catholic Faith, on which her whole civilisatoin was founded, can Europe be saved from shipwreck. There are people who will tell you that Belloc and his friend Chesterton are mad. It is surely an eloquent sign of British civilisation when men who have the courage to denounce wrong-doing in high places are regarded thus.

Father Tabb's Poems

Father Tabb will never be a popular poet, just as Alice Meynell will not. Her classical perfection and her emotional calmness bore the ordinary reader of to-day, while they win the admiration of the few great critics. Father Tabb, too, makes no appeal to passion. His poetry is intellectual; and intelligence is not common among readers just now. The man in the street would pass by indifferently a rare bronze medal which the expert would rejoice over for a week. The average woman would select a plated salt-cellar, made in Birmingham, in preference to an age-

worn and time-stained one carved by Cellini. Father Tabb's verses are gems for the cognoscenti but caviare to the general for the same reason: they demand understanding and taste of the reader. Here is a poem of his not widely known but sure, we hope, of finding favor among all our readers:

Christ's Little Sister.
Little Sister of the Poor,
Asking alms from door to door,
Ever on you go;
Clothed in the garb of meekness,
Finding strength in others' weakness,
Soothing others' woe.

Little Sister of the Poor, Rich in patience to endure Stern Redemption's load; Cold and rain and parching heat Hinder not heroic feet On the Royal Road.

Little Sister of the Poor, When your weary day is o'er Rest there may not be; For the aged, sick and needy Vigils claim and succour speedy, Turning unto thee.

Little Sister of the Poor, Narrow is the way but sure, Heavenward leading on; For the Master's word thou knowest, "What unto the least thou doest Unto Me is done."

Some of his saddest verses were written when blind. Here is one pathetic little stanza:

Back to the primal gloom
Where life began,
As to my mother's womb
Must I a man
Return;
Not to be born again,
But to remain;
And in the school of darkness learn
What mean
"The Things Unseen."

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Saturday, Feast of All Saints, sixty little children of St. Patrick's parish, South Dunedin, made their First Holy Communion at the half-past eight o'clock Mass in the Basilica.

The Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin, gratefully acknowledge a donation of 10s for St. Vincent's Orphanage, from "A Client of St. Joseph."

The Sisters in charge of the St. Vincent and Mount St. Joseph Orphanages, desire to thank the ladies of the South Dunedin, Mosgiel, Kaikorai, and Gore Orphans' Sewing Guilds for contributions of clothing for the children of both institutions. Thanks are also tendered to "A Friend" (Gore) for a bag of clothing.

At the residence of Mrs. D. Heffernan, Kaikorai Valley, a number of her old friends assembled on Friday to bid her bon voyage on the occasion of her taking an extended trip, and of recognising her genial hospitality during her stay of forty-five years in the district. On behalf of a number of admirers, Mr. Taylor presented Mrs. Heffernan with a handsome Roslyn rug as a slight token of the esteem in which she is held, and expressed the hope that she would return, benefited in health, to again live amongst those whose respect she had gained by her acts of kindness and consideration. Quite a number of those present also referred in flattering terms to both Mrs. and Miss Heffer-

nan's genial disposition and to the high respect which was entertained for them by their neighbors amongst whom they had for so long lived. Mention was made of the pleasant times they had all spent together, the memories of which would ever endure.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

ORDINATION CEREMONY.

His Lordship the Bishop officiated at an impressive Ordination ceremony at the 9 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 9, in the presence of a very large congregation. The Rev. Francis McMahon and the Rev. Thomas Hally, both of Dunedin diocese, were raised to the Priesthood. His Lordship was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Morkane (Rector) and the Rev. Dr. O'Neill, of Holy Cross College, where the two young priests completed their studies. Rev. Father Andersen, of the college, assisted the young priests. Father McMahon owes his early training to the Dominican Sisters, Oamaru, where his parents still reside. Father Hally, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hally, Dunedin, is another in the long list of priests who owe so much to the Christian Brothers, Dunedin. On Sunday evening Father McMahon gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral, and Father Hally officiated at St. Patrick's, South Dunedin. On Monday morning Father McMahon said his first Holy Mass in the chapel of the Dominican Priory, and Father Hally in the chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Anderson's Bay.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARTICULAR SOCIETY OF DUNEDIN.

The quarterly meeting of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dunedin, was held at St. Joseph's Hall, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst. His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Fathers Delany and Kaveney, Adm., were present, and the meeting was attended by representatives of St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's, and the suburban conferences of the society. Besides the council's report and statement of accounts, reports from all the conferences, and also from the District Nurse were read. The balance sheet gave receipts (with £59 3s 11d carried forward from the July quarter) as follows:—Otago Rugby Union Charity Match, £35; Blakeley Trust, £82 10s; Commercial Travellers' Bag Day, £65 2s 10d; total, £241 16s 9d. The expenditure included nurse's salary, £30 5s; medicine, £1 3s; printing, 17s 6d, and sundry expenses, 12s 11d; leaving a credit balance of £208 18s 4d.

The president in reviewing the business brought before the meeting stressed the importance of the work of visiting ships—an outstanding feature of the society's activities during the quarter. The duty of visiting all ships arriving in Otago Harbor is undertaken alternately by the various conferences, an arrangement which has been found to work satisfactorily and with very gratifying results. The reports from all the conferences showed that a great amount of good work was being done.

An excellent paper on "The Church and Science" (the first portion of which is given on page 25 of this issue) was then read. In proposing a vote of thanks to the writer, his Lordship the Bishop very warmly complimented him on the fine statement of the case he had presented. The subject (he said) had been treated in a most instructive, learned, and entertaining manner. The paper was excellent in every way and all were delighted in listening to its delivery. Several others spoke in support of the notion which was enthusiastically carried, and the contributor suitably replied.

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ OAMARU NOTES (From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

The Catholic Girls' Club held another of their pleasant socials at St. Patrick's Hall on October 24, and with excellent music as an accompaniment the dancers spent a very enjoyable time. The more staid patrons at the gathering who seek relaxation at euchre also seemed to pass a very agreeable evening.

Father Howard; of Milton, journeying North on a health recruiting trip, broke the journey at Oamaru, one

of his earliest stations when he arrived fresh from Ireland. All his old friends who learned to value his many estimable qualities while curate here a couple of decades ago are delighted to hear that he is recovering from his recent illness, and a sincere wish is expressed that he will return South thoroughly restored to health.

The annual sports for all Oamaru schools, held on the 25th, revealed some ability among Catholic school pupils. L. McKinnon, of St. Thomas's Academy, annexed first prize in the half-mile cycling handicap, and the same lad appropriated the one mile cycling handicap. In the schools' relay race St. Thomas's team came second, and in the wheelbarrow race proved victorious. In the three-legged race McCarthy and Hodgson, of St. Thomas' came second. While in the dancing events E. Shanahan won the sword dance and her brother Pat danced himself into second place in the Highland Fling.

In the recent Trinity College examinations, pupils of Catholic teachers figure prominently. In the intermediate division Misses E. McTaggart and R. Gudsell (pupils of the Misses Cartwright) passed with honors; while in the preparatory division the same teachers' pupils (S. Brown and L. Tonkin) both passed with honors. In the junior division D. Carrodus (a pupil of Miss Duggan's) passed, and in the first steps another pupil of Miss Duggan's (G. Hampton) secured a pass.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration at St. Patrick's Basilica which commenced on Sunday, the 19th inst., terminated on Tuesday, the 21st. The attendance throughout was steady, and the procession at 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday was very impressive. The altar decorations reflected the greatest credit on the two members of the Altar Society responsible for them, the work entailing much skill and long hours in attendance.

At the recent Dunedin Competitions Misses Ella Patterson and Rita Jacobson (pupils of the Misses Cartwright) gained first prize for piano duet out of 17 couples competing. A pupil of the same teachers (Miss Edith Baikie) gained the Licentiate Diploma, L.T.C.L. (complete) with the highest marks out of 23 candidates, at the Trinity College examinations at Timaru.

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DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 8.

Owing to unfavorable weather the Addington garden fete had to be postponed till the first Saturday in December.

Confirmation will be administered at St. Bede's College, and Sumner on the third Sunday of this month, and at the Cathedral on the Sunday following.

A mission, conducted by Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., at Papanui, is being very largely attended.

The enlargement of St. Bede's College is nearing completion, and the opening has been deferred until early in the New Year.

The contract for the building of the school-churches at Beckenham, Riccarton, and Dallington, has been let to Mr. J. McCormick, and will be proceeded with immediately.

The new church at Marshlands is nearing completion, and will be ready for opening before Christmas.

The design has been finally decided for the new school

for the Marist Brothers, Barbadoes Street, and tenders will be called for same in about two weeks' time.

The conference of the ex-pupils of Sacred Heart Girls' College and their annual Communion will be held on Sunday next, the 16th inst.

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Father, have mercy on her soul.—Inserted by her loving daughter (Margaret Doyle).

GUINEY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Edward, beloved husband of Ellen Guiney, native of Tipperary, Ireland, who died at his residence, Courtenay, on October 21, 1924; aged 86 years.—R.I.P.

McNAMEE.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Anne, relict of Patrick McNamee, who died at her residence, Garston, on October 15, 1924.—On her soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

MUTRHEAD.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Nellie, wife of John Muirhead, who died at 635 Castle Street, Dunedin, on November 8, 1924.—

635 Castle Street, Dunedin, on November 8, 1924 .-Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

STANTON.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas, dearly beloved third son of Thomas and Mary Stanton, who died at his parents' residence, Richmond Grove, Invercargill, on Friday, October 10, 1924.—May his soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

CUNNINGHAM.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Cunningham, who died at Winton, on November 7, 1920.—Sacred Heart of Jesus, have

on November 7, 1920.—Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him.

FAHEY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Fahey, who died at Lawrence, on October 31, 1921.—Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul.—Inserted by her husband and children.

O'MALI EY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Francis O'Malley (late 25th Reinforcements), who died at Christchurch, on November 12, 1918—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.—Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

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ST. PATRICK'S, PALMERSTON NORTH

THE ASCENT OF THE CHURCH SPIRE (Part I)
(From our own correspondent.)

The spire was completed on October 15; would you like to climb right to the top before the scaffolding is removed? Come along then and we'll have a great old time. Well here we are at the door, but it's locked. "Coo-ee Mr. Hickey," you know who he is don't you? foreman of works on week days and "guide" on Sundays; and a "jolly good fellow" all the time. Here comes Mr. Hickey and he anticipates our request: "Want to go up?" The door is unlocked and off we go up the concrete steps to the choir. "Do you wish to ascend on the inside or the out?" asks the guide. "The inside is safe but decidedly "tame"; and the outside—well you can't go up if you're the "giddy" sort."

"The outside Mr. Guide, we're not at all "giddy"; and the more "thrills" the better" is the decision of all. A ladder in the choir takes us out through the windows on to the scaffolding; now be careful and don't break your neck; Mr. Hickey doesn't carry "spare parts" in his pockets. There's Father Doolaghty down on the footpath; and it's worried he's looking." Cheer up Father! we'll be alright." Rather breathless with the unusual exertion we reach the top of the first ladder; we are now at the base of the niche which will soon be occupied by a life-sized statue of Saint Patrick. Ladder no 2 ends at the top of the niche and the finish of the tower; the spire begins here; and as we go up the next ladder we pass what is already christened the "bell-room." Up, up we climb; the bell-room is beneath us now. Another ladder—the last long one, brings us a series of "thrills" for it wobbles and bends at every step. About three parts up this ladder we come to the end of the spire proper; it breaks up now into what we'll call three "spireties" (hear Mr. Hickey's voice "smiling" at our crude description of architecture). They are made of solid concrete and the centre one is much higher than the two outer ones. Finishing the wobbly ladder we come to a nice little short one; putting it beneath us we arrive at the top of the crosses on the outer "spirettes." Another short ladder brings us to our journey's end—the summit of the centre cross; it is 175 feet from the foundation and 160 feet from the footpath level. The cross itself is 8 feet high and has a span of over 5 feet. Well, how do you feel? as though you were standing on the crest of Mount Everest? or perhaps Cacsar's words suit the occasion: Vani, vidi, vici! But honestly don't you think the spire looks much higher than it really is? one would enjoy a climb three times as high. It is not a good day for a view but we can see every part of the borough; how small and quaint everything looks! The sight of these three crosses towering so high above the town must bring a thrill of pleasure to every Catholic heart. All good things come to an end and we must start on the downward journey; it only takes a few minutes and here we are at the church door again. All is over; and there's Father Doolaghty still standing by the fence. "We didn't get anywhere near to heaven, Father." "Well it's a mighty long time you were coming back; and I've been waiting all this time in case you fell off the ladder and I'd be "needed." "Faithful priest! a martyr to duty! we didn't need you this time, but thanks, all the same." Let's move a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. M. Hickey for acting as "guide"! and off we trot to our homes. The climb was worth the trouble wasn't it? How nice it will be when the conturies have slipped by and this church is falling into decay; and "when some traveller from Mars stands on the broken arch of Fitzherbert Bridge and sketches the ruins of Saint Patrick's "to tell how" once upon a time" we ascended the spire of that historic building. But we'll be pretty "historic" ourselves by that time.



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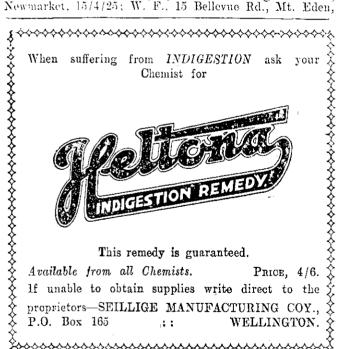
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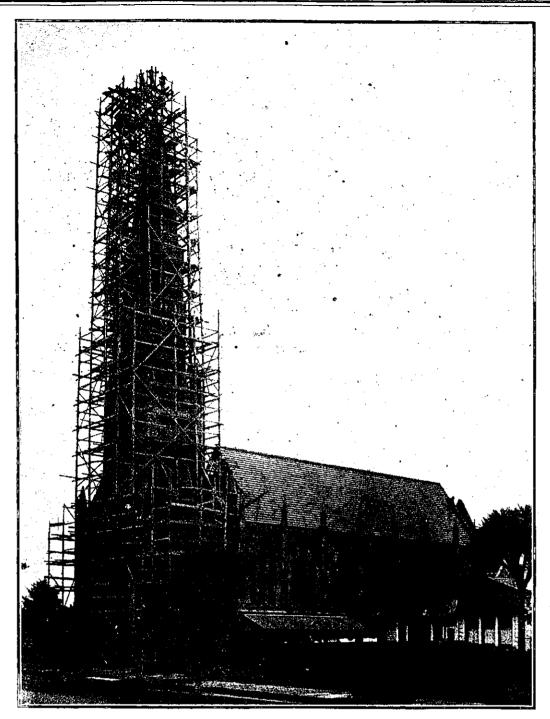
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WEDDING BELLS

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on July 30, when Mr. John Joseph Noonan, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Noonan, Dunedin, was united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony to Miss Phyllis Winifred Pullar, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pullar, Dunedin. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Delany, who also officiated at the marriage ceremony assisted by Rev. Father Tylee. Mr. A. Vallis presided at the organ, and during Mass Mrs. S. Footo sang Gounod's "Ave Maria." The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of her father, wore her Child of Mary's cloak, placing it at the foot of Our Lady's shrine on approaching the altar. Her frock of ivory georgette was tastefully arranged with one sleeve of silver lace caught at the low waist line with orange blossom and forming a side panel falling almost to the ground; the other sleeve and waterfall being heavily embroidered with crystal beads. The veil was arranged in place with guipure lace and orange blossom, and she carried an early Victorian bouquet of spring flowers and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Mildred Pullar (sister of the bride) and Miss Cissie Noonan (sister of the bridegroom); the former wearing a frock of peach taffeta and silver lace, and the latter amethyst taffeta with silver lace. Both wore grey georgette hats to tone, and carried early Victorian bouquets. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. J. Foley, as best man, and Mr. J. V. Toomey (Invercargill) as groomsman. After the ceremony the guests were received by the bride's parents at the Strand Salon, where the Rev. Father Delany presided, and proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. Congratulatory telegrams were received. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. S. Foote and were much enjoyed, Miss Cissie Noonan acting as accompanist. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a fur coat and ivory-bound prayer book and the bride's present to the bridegroom was a solid leather suit case. The first bridesmaid received a gold wristlet watch, and the second bridesmaid a gold brooch The wedding presents were set in rubies and pearls. numerous and costly, including several cheques. Later Mr. and Mrs. Noonan left by motor for the North, the bride travelling in a fawn frock heavily embroidered and trimmed with fur, and smart spring hat to tone.

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MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

CONVENT OF THE SISTERS OF THE MISSIONS, PETONE.

Following is the list of successful candidates from the Convent, Petone, at the music examination conducted by Mr. Mallinson, F.T.O.L. (Examiner for Trinity College). Teacher's Diploma, A.T.C.L.—Kathleen Anderson 76 marks. Higher Local-Eileen Bradley (winner of the gold medal presented by the Bristol to the candidate obtaining highest marks in the Wellington centre). Senior Honors-Eileen Ryder 85; pass (singing), Leone Wright 77; pass (piano), Raymund Ryder 73. Intermediate Honors-Jessie Mc-Arthur 83, Mary Farley 82. Junior Pass-Gladys Mills 78, Gwen Ford 75, Rhea Evison 76, Joyce Pointon 70. Certificates of Special Merit—Rene Ward and Marion Crooks.

Theory results for examination held on June 7.—Junior Honors-Jessie McBride 98, Rhea Evison 97; pass, Eileen Ryder 74, Frances Glossop 74, Raymund Ryder 68. Preparatory Pass-Mary Farley 79, Marjoric Jones 60, Allister McKenzie 60.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, AUCKLAND SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT BY PUPILS.

(From our own correspondent.)

The children of St. Mary's High School, Ponsonby, gave a splendid entertainment the other night to a crowded audience in the Scots' Hall. The programme opened with two very fine orchestral items—"Athalie" (Mendelssohn) and "Funiculi Funicula" (Denza). These were followed by the harmonised choruses-"Spinning Song" (Wagner) and "Shannon Bells" (Moore)-in which the children's welltrained voices blended admirably. The vocal trio "Beauteous Morn" (E. German), beautifully rendered by Misses D. Mudford, R. Nicholas, and D. Bransgrove well deserved the generous applause accorded to it. Liszt's paraphrase "Rigoletto" was beautifully executed by Miss W. Cooke. Other pianoforte items were the duos "The Carnival" (Giraud) by Misses M. Hoffman and E. Jones; "Belisario" (Donizetti) by Misses N. Adye and A. Thompson, which pleased the audience greatly. The "Babes in the Wood" was a most effective and charming item-every movement of the little ones being graceful and fairy like. The operetta, "The Egyptian Princess", was then staged in magnificent style; the Eastern costumes being most elaborate and effective. Miss Molly Green, the possessor of a remarkably fine voice, ably took the part of the Princess Aida, and as her favorite slave, Miss R. Nicolas delighted the audience. The queen's part, taken by Miss L. Maher, left nothing to be desired, and her sister, the Princess Tabubu, created much merriment. This part was played by Miss R. Hoffman, and the parts of Nyssa and Thila-the merry companions of the Princess Aida-were most pleasingly performed by Misses M. Overton and B. Little. Miss D. Bransgrove (as Grania, the captive queen) in her exacting part displayed a capacity for dramatic work of a high order, and the recitative work revealed the rare quality of her voice.

Much credit was reflected on the teaching Sisters by the high standard of the instrumental and vocal items, while in the dramatic performance the keenest critic could find nothing faulty in the enunciation and grace of movement. The dancing also reflected a high degree of technical skill.

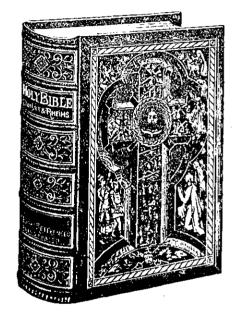
The entertainment on the whole was one which gave evidence of the high standard of that artistic training that has for three quarters of a century been characteristic of this old established school.

Hibernians Farewell Father Devlin

On Monday evening (writes our Masterton correspondent, under date October 31) the members of St. Michael's branch of the Hibernian Society assembled to bid farewell

to Father Devlin, and to wish him God-speed on his departure for Westport. Bro. N. L. Curry proposed the toast of the "guest of the evening" and sincerely thanked Father Devlin for his whole-hearted endeavors in the interests of the Hibernians whilst associated with them as chaplain to the local branch. Bros. J. Connors, F. Treder, P. Hynes, G. Hunter, D. O'Loughlin fully endorsed the sentiments of Bro. Curry, and eulogised their departing chaplain on the fine services be had rendered to the branch. The president (Bro. M. G. McArley) then, on behalf of the society, read and presented a handsome address. Father Devlin thanked the members of the branch for their kindly recognition, and said it was a pleasure for him to associate with the true Irishmen ho had found in the local Hibernians. Several of the members contributed musical items during the evening, and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent.

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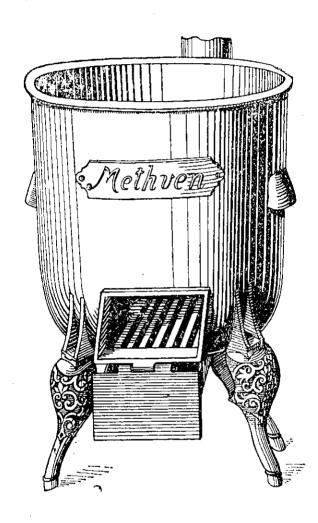
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MOSGIEL NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The ceremonies in connection with the Forty Hours' Adoration on 24th to 26th ult., were most impressive. Our parish priest (Rev. Father Collins) was assisted by the professorial staff and students of Holy Cross College High Mass was celebrated on each of the three mornings. The students' clioir sang the music of the Mass on Friday and Saturday and the Benediction music on Sunday evening. The choir of St. Mary's sang the Mass on the Sunday morning and the Benediction music on Friday and Saturday. Each evening there was Rosary, sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Father Tylee (St. Joseph's Cathedral) preached on Friday night, and Rev. Father Kaveney, Adm., on Saturday. The members of the congregation approached the Holy Table each morning in large numbers. The sanctuary decorations were very beautiful. This work was carried out by the Sisters of Mercy and the Children of Mary. The procession at the closing ceremonies on the Sunday night, was very impressive and edifying, and was taken part in by the priests and students, numbering about seventy; by the Children of Mary and the other sodalities of the congregation, and he Hibernians.

THAMES NOTES (From our own correspondent)

October 24.

The many friends of Miss Tot Mellett gathered together in the schoolroom the other evening to hid her farewell on the eve of her departure for Te Aroha. The large airy rooms which adapt themselves so well for a function of this kind had been tastefully decorated, and when thronged with the guest's many friends presented an animated appearance. Progressive euchre and dancing were indulged in during the evening, interspersed with musical and vocal items. Songs were rendered by Misses Twohill, McPike, N. and S. Kelly, Messrs, O'Neill, Alexander, and Doherty; Masters W. and J. Langdon contributed a pianoforte duet, whilst the Waikiki Hawaiians were very pleasing in several numbers. After all had partaken of a dainty supper, Rev. Father Dignan, in a few well-chosen words, spoke of the guest's many activities in parochial work, wished her success in the future, and presented her, on behalf of the parishioners, with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. McEnteer also spoke of the esteem in which Miss Mellett was held. Mr. Hoult, on behalf of St. Francis's Tennis, Club, expressed regret at the departure of so valuable a member, and extended to her the best wishes of the club. Mr. Coakley suitably replied on behalf of Miss Mellett.

Miss E. Kelly and a concert party which she had organised, journeyed to Turna last week and gave a very successful concert. Everything passed off very well, the items being all enthusiastically received. Father Doherty thanked all who had come from Thames to assist and made the evening such a success. The financial result of the venture was very gratifying to the promoters, and the church fund will be considerably augmented thereby.

The annual meeting of the Tennis Club was held last week, and judging by the enthusiasm displayed the season should be a most successful one. Mr. K. Jones was appointed secretary, and the official opening was decided upon early in November.

About twenty little children made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. The Communion breakfast was held in the new schoolroom, and the little tots had quite a happy time in celebration of the day.

Now that the Church property has been newly painted the block presents a very smart appearance and is much admired. The thanks of the parishioners are due to our energetic pastor (Rev. Father Dignan) who has the interests of the parish so much at heart.

The last of the parish socials is to be held on November 4, and the committee under Miss Mollov are working hard to make their final effort the most successful of the year.

Another of our parishioners, in the person of Mrs. mowling, has left to take up residence in Auckland. Mrs. Snowling was a valuable member of the choir, and was always needy to help with any social functions in the parish. A presentation took place in the presbytery last Sunday, when Rev. Father Dignan asked Mrs. Snowling to accept on behalf of the choir members a handsome bowl as a token of their esteem and appreciation of the services rendered by her to that body. Mrs. Snowling thanked Father Dignan for his kindly references saying that she would never forget her happy associations with the members of St. Francis's Church Choir.

WAIMATE NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

Dr. J. Warriner, F.T.C.L., representative of Trinity College of Music, London, recently visited Waimate, and all the pupils presented by the local convent passed and quite a large number gained honors. The examiner was highly delighted with the work of the candidates, which reflects credit on the care and attention the Sisters give their pupils. At the same examination Miss O'Brien, A.T.C.L., Miss Delahunt, L.A.B., L.T.C.L., and Miss Brosnahan, A.L.C.M., also presented a number of pupils with good results.

The Rev. Fathers Bartley, S.M., and Seymour, S.M., were recent visitors at the presbytery for a few days. Father Bartley, who is slowly recovering from his serious illness, is now on his way to Australia to recuperate. His many friends will wish him a pleasant trip and a complete restoration to health.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Rendal in the loss of their little daughter, Marie, who passed peacefully away at the Waimate Hospital on the 26th ult., after a lingering illness.

A rather novel function took place in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday afternoon. Shortly before the inspector's examination of the school a little competition was inaugurated amongst the girls of the sixth standard; the conditions being that the one gaining the highest honors at the examination was to be crowned queen of the school for the year. The examination having been held, Miss Marcela Whelan proved to be the successful candidate and was duly crowned queen. A procession headed by the school band was formed, and after marching around the grounds proceeded to St. Patrick's Hall where the crowning ceremony took place. The queen, accompanied by her maids of honor and pages, was seated on a raised dais nicely decorated, and a large number of parents and friends were entertained by the pupils to a programme which included songs, step dances, pianoforte music, and selections by the school orchestra.

NORTH AUCKLAND NOTES (From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

Whangard parishioners are looking well ahead. A site of 100 feet frontage and 107 feet depth has just been purchased. It adjoins the presbytery and convent, and the parish now owns an area of four acres in an ideal central position. The intention is to sell the property where the church now stands and to build on the new site.

Hikurangi parishioners have just completed the purchase of half an acre for a church site, so we may look forward to a keen building programme in the district.

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REEFTON NOTES (From our own correspondent.)

November 3.

The Catholic social and cuchre party, held on October 28 was, as usual, largely attended and an enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided. The prizes for the cuchre were won by Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Johnston. Miss Farrel provided the music for the dauce, and Mr. R. Roberts was M.C. During the evening the Rev. Father Herring thanked all present for their attendance during the winter months, and announced that the "aggregate" prizes given for the season were won by Mrs. Brooks and Mr. R. Heslop. Later on, he said, another social or two may be held, but the present one completed the series for which the aggregate prizes were being offered.

Mrs. R. Kirwan, who has been a resident of this district for the last 40 years, left during the week for Christchurch, where she intends in future to reside.

Rev. Father Devlin passed through here last week, and celebrated Mass in the local church on All Saints' Day.

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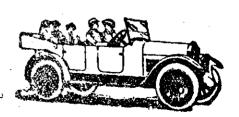
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Sunday Afternoon Readings

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I.—A QUIET HOUR WITH GOD.

Activity is not everything in human life, time must be found for rest. If the day is holy, the night is holy too-the night that gives repose to our tired eyes and wearied limbs, the night that folds her great wings about our face and sings her lullaby in cars that have been troubled by the noise and turmoil of the street. Now, if there is wisdom in bodily rest, spiritual rest has its wisdom too, for it is in spiritual rest that Heavenly voices whisper, even as gentle, wholesome dreams croon around the couch of the faithful toiler. Rest is necessary to the soul that it may have time for silent thought and reflection. Why are many of us so shallow, with little of high romance or spiritual adventure in our lives? It is because we seldom, or never withdraw ourselves from earthly surroundings to have a quiet hour with God. That was sound advice given by Thomas a'Kempis:

"Shut the door upon thyself, and call to thee Jesus thy Beloved. Happy are they who penetrate into internal things, and endeavor to prepare themselves more and more by daily exercise for attaining to heavenly secrets. In silence and quiet the devout soul goes forward and learns the secrets of the Scriptures."

The secrets of the Scriptures are the promptings of God under which our lives are ennobled.

God speaks to those who wait for Him and watch. Read in your Holy Bible about little Samuel and Zaccheus! "The world is too much with us"; but God would wean us from its fretful and unprofitable fever, and lead us at times into a place of retirement with Himself: "Come into a desert place, and rest with Me awhile"! Come, and renew your wasted spirit and recover your kindred with Heaven! A quiet hour with God has inexpressible charms. Those who have never had many of them, have missed one of the purest joys of life. There are many who never have a whole hour alone, many who will not think; in them there is no reserve, no repose; their moods are like their movements; they are in the rush of worldliness, absorbed in the news, the gossip, the tidings, the counsels of the world, which are so petty beside those which the strong-sighted discover in the high regions of the soul.

Consider the restlessness, the freak parties, the dresses, the dances, the animal sensations that are invented to fill up the time of the empty-headed who are unable to think! See the vulgarity of wealth parading itself in shameless extravagance; watch the middle class, jackdaws in peacock's feathers, entering upon the same parade; behold the poor ambitioning a display in which they will never be able to take a poor part! God alone can save the people from this pervading wickedness. He will hide them in the secret of His countenance from the distractions of men, and guard them in His tabernacle from the strife of tongues. His tabernacle is the Heart of Jesus, within which is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaias:

"He will make the desert as a place of pleasure, and the solitude as the Garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the sound of joy."

What Ernest Psichari found in the solitude of the African desert we may discover in the solitude of a quiet hour with God:

"A holy exaltation of mind, contempt for earthly goods, knowledge of those things that are essential, discrimination of that which is in reality good from that which in reality is evil; the kingly ecstacy of an intellect that has thrown off its chains and learnt to know itself."

Our Lord Himself spent thirty out of the thirty-three years of His earthly life in the quiet of Nazareth, and now when He dwells again amongst us, it is from the quiet and silence of the Tabernacle He would radiate His unction and His power. So must we prepare

for the combat of life, so must we strengthen ourselves for any influence we would exercise over our fellowmen. And it is the vocation of all Catholics, "a royal priesthood," to exercise this influence—to save their fellows from the wide-spread evils of worldliness, to be in their regard "the light of the world and the salt of the earth." Grace and strength and wisdom for this must be sought in frequent quiet communion with God. The Apostles were eager to return to the work of evangelising, but their Master knew what they needed more: "Come into a desert place, and rest with Me awhile"!

This quiet hour with God is not meant to be an idle hour, its silence is not the silence of the tomb. The great constructive forces of Nature are silent. Who has ever heard the dawning of the day, or the march of the sun through the heavens, or the silent processes of growth? Yet, beyond computation are their marvels of light and life and majesty. Mighty was the temple of Solomon, richest and grandest the world had so far seen, yet it went up in silence. So with us who are building a house of the soul, our hour of quiet must be an hour alive with spiritual labor, with labor lovingly undertaken and cheerfully performed under the kindly eye and gentle exhortation of our Master. The inward eye must be active, must search out every nook and erevice of the soul, must discover what is dangerous that we may cut it off, were it even our right hand; must find out what is necessary for our spiritual welfare and our last end, that we may take it up and do it, no matter what the danger or the difficulty may be. There must be an earnest reality in the study and pursuit of divine things after a clear and honest discrimination between them and those of this passing show, for, the quiet hour is for the purpose of the grand decision and the grand rejection.

In this quiet hour we must place ourselves unreservedly in the hands of God, and let Him do His will in us. The block of marble is in the hands of the sculptor that he may fashion it into a preconceived image. Let God fashion us into new beings; "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us"! Finally we must pray, that, corresponding with God's designs, we may receive all the graces He has in store for us. It is to peaceful, silent prayer that the delight of God's presence comes: "My heart grew hot within me; and in my meditation a fire shall flame out." Let us lift our eyes from the sordid things of earth, and fix them on the Hills from which our help shall come. Let us ask God to speak to us in our hour of quiet, and give ready hearing to our ear. Habitual communion with Him will enable us to eatch the faintest whisper of His Voice:

"Let not Moses, nor any of the Prophets speak to me; Thou rather, O Lord God . . . they, without Thee, will avail me nothing. They may indeed sound forth words, but they give not the spirit. Most beautifully do they speak; but if Thou be silent, they inflame not the heart."

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There is the morning; innocent; the moon, with splendor glowing;

The quiet evening, with the fire on hearthstone burning low,

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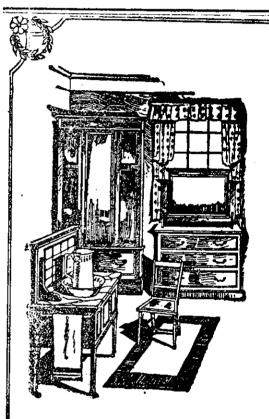
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IRISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME—NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION—BRITISH M.P.'S IN DUBLIN—CABINET CHANGES—THE CUMANN NA N-GAEDHEAL.

The Dublin correspondent of the London Catholic Times writing towards the end of September, says:—

The National Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place in a few days. More than four thousand persons, including many invalids, will travel from Ireland to Our Lady's famous Shrine; some by the overland route, others-and this is an innovation-from Dublin to Bordeaux by sea. His Eminence Cardinal Logue had hoped to accompany the pilgrims, but the condition of his health unfortunately forbids him to undertake a lengthy journey at the present time. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh, will, however, go to Lourdes, where he will present the Bishop, in the name of the Irish people, with a bronze cross and crown for the adornment of the Rosary Church. The pilgrimage, this year on a much larger scale than heretofore, has brought to light, in a striking manner, the unchanged devotion of the people, many thousands in every county, who cannot go to France, having hastened, in conformity with the exhortations of the Hierarchy, to associate themselves through appropriate devotions with the prayers of those who go on the great voyage of faith.

The Northern Cabinet's decision to adhere to its resolution not to appoint a representative to serve on the Boundary Commission caused no surprise in the Free State, when it was recognised that Sir James Craig had committed himself too definitely to the extremists to change his tactics in deference to moderate Conservative opinion. As things stand, it is difficult to see how the boundary controversy can be carried further, or how any rapprochement can be reached, until the Commission has reported. Then, provided "powerful sanity." to recall Lord Morley's phrase, informs the conduct of the Imperial Authorities, it may be possible to hammer out some formula of peace. But even should ultimate accommodation prove impossible, to speak as if an award favorable to the Free State might lead to civil war between Ulster and the rest of Ireland, is, of course, unworthy of a schoolboy. Assume, for the sake of argument, that the Commission decided that Fermanagh and Tyrone ought to be detached from the excluded area, and that subsequent negotiations between North and South were barren of result. The Free State, in that case, would not-unless its rulers suddenly became dementeddrive, or try to drive, the "Specials" from Omagh and Enniskillen. It would rest with the British Government to see that the contested territory was peacefully transferred, for, until the transfer actually took place, the Imperial Authorities would remain, as at present, primarily responsible for the maintenance of public peace. Thus, if Belfast felt moved to use its guns, it would be compelled to use them against British troops, not against soldiers of the National Army. When that was realised, the war spirit would not survive for long in Orange breasts. Loyalty, indeed, might not act as a restraint; but a surer restraining force could be relied on-the desire to avoid hostile contact with soldiers trained in France.

A number of British M.P.'s—representative of the various parties in the House of Commons—spent a recent week-end in Dublin, where they had interviews with several leaders of opinion. Their presence did much to counteract the unfortunate impression created by the visit of Viscount Curzon's party to the border, though the letter published by the tourists to the North on their return from Ulster played, perhaps, an equally important part in dissipating Southern suspicion. Rapid political tours have not, in general, much to recommend them, but the Dublin venture has done good, I think, quite apart from its connection with the boundary dispute. It brought, for instance, num-

bers of Conservatives to Dublin, who might never, otherwise, have braved the perils of the Irish Sea, the unknown terrors of life in the Free State. That, in itself, justified the visit, for our guests, having seen us as we are, will recognise, no doubt, the weight that ought to be attached to the utterances of propagandists who write as if "Here Be Dragons" might be marked appropriately on the maps of the Free State.

Rumors of impending changes in the Cabinet persist, inspired by the knowledge that members of the National Group, tired of exile in the Opposition benches, are auxious to return to the Ministerialist fold. The relations between Mr. J. McGrath and his erstwhile colleagues have lately formed the main topic of conversation in political circles in this country. Mr. McGrath has stated, it is true, that he has no intention of resuming the responsibilities of office "for the present," but his protestations have merely added a new zest to gossip in the Dublin clubs. Sensation in this dull season is, apparently, required, so Mr. Mc-Grath is named Minister for Defence; General Mulcahy. Speaker of Dail Eireann, while Mr. Grattan-Esmonde is included in the Cabinet. It is all very thrilling, and must cause Deputies whose names are mentioned in connection with the formation of quaint and unlikely coalitions considerable amusement. But, in dismissing random gossip, one must emphasise that Ministerial changes may quite possibly occur when Dail Eireann reassembles. It would be premature, of course, to speak dogmatically, as yetfor nobody can foretell what political realignments may take place before November. A summary of the "cleav-ages of thought" by which the Cumann Na n-Gaedheal (the official Ministerialist party) has been troubled may, however, help to elucidate a tangled Parliamentary situa-

In Dail Eireann, as constituted at present, the Cumann Na n-Gaedheal occupies a position of commanding strength—no Government could possibly be formed without its sanction and support. But Parliamentary security, as was inevitable, perhaps, has led to the growth of well-defined differences within the party. Though these differonces originated in the days of the Republican campaign, they did not become acute until last spring, when a number of officers attempted, it will be recalled, to establish a thinly-veiled dictatorship. All sections of the party were united in opposition to the militarist claim, but very different views were held as to the strategy by which it should be countered: Mr. McGrath believed that the mutineers could be persuaded back to their allegiance; General Muleahy thought that exemplary firmness was required; Mr. O'Higgins and the President felt that compromise was necessary. The counsels of Mr. O'Higgins and the President prevailed, and, as a result, Mr. Me Grath went over to the Opposition, while General Mulcahy resigned from the Cabinet, though he remained, as he still remains, a member of the Ministerialist party. Since then the Cumann Na n-Gaedheal has been divided on another issue, viz., the attitude it should adopt towards Mr. McGrath and his supporters. A majority-a large majority-is anxious, it is said, to facilitate their return from opposition; but, then, this difficulty presents itself: Would a rapprochement with the National Group lead to the withdrawal of other elements from the Ministerialist party? Supporters of General Mulcahy could hardly be expected to welcome an alliance with Deputies who rejected their interpretations of the military crisis, but, paradoxically enough, they are not the strongest opponents of reunionmuch more decided opposition comes from the Right wing of the party, which is represented in the Cabinet by our most energetic Minister of State.

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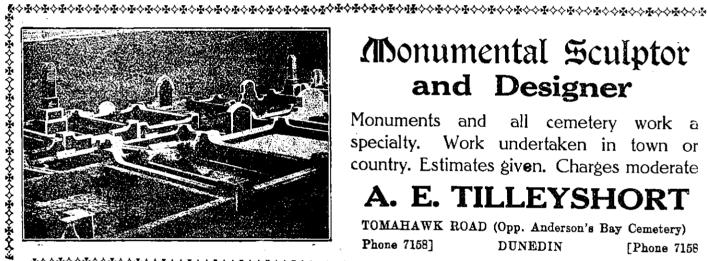
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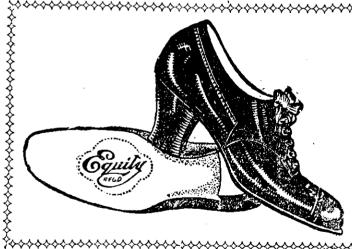
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Last week's sale at Addington was a double one, in consequence of no sale being held on the following week (Carnival Week). The market drew smaller entries than were anticipated, and the sale was therefore a good one. Fat Sheep.—Ten races were forward, compared with eight and a-half on the preceding week. A few lines were from the North Island. The quality was mixed, but not sufficient went forward to meet the requirements, therefore a good sale resulted. The prices on the average were from 2s to 3s in advance of late rates. Woolly wethers 66s 9d, extra prime 56s to 60s, medium 50s 6d to 55s, light 44s to 49s 6d, prime shorn 43s 6d to 48s 6d, medium shorn 39s to 43s, light shorn 32s 6d to 38s 6d, extra prime woolly 63s, prime 50s to 56s, medium 44s to 49s, light 37s to 43s, extra prime shorn, 39s to 46s, medium shorn 30s to 38s. Fat Cattle.—There were 690 head penned, as against 490 on the previous week. Included in the entry were 250 head from the North Island. The quality was good, and prices on the whole were on a par with those of the preceding week. The prices per 100lb were: -Extra prime mediumweight beef to 50s, prime medium weight 44s to 47s, prime heavy-weight 41s to 44s, medium quality 38s to 40s 6d, light 34s to 37s 6d, rough and inferior 32s 6d down to 22s 6d. Show bullocks to £26 10s, extra prime weight steers £23 10s, prime medium-weight £18 10s to £20 15s, medium £16 to £18, light £12 to £15 10s, rough £9 to £11, extra prime heifers £17 12s 6d, prime £13 to £15, medium £9 10s to £12 10s, light £5 to £9, extra prime cows £15 7s 6d, prime £12 to £14, ordinary £8 to £11 10s, old £4 10s to £7 15s. Vealers.—Good vealers sold well at an advance on late rates. Runners £7 15s, good vealers £5 5s to £6 15s, good calves £3 5s to £5, small calves 15s to 45s. Fat Pigs.—Choppers £2 10s to £7, light baconers £3 15s to £4 10s, heavy £4 15s to £5, average price per lb 7d to $7\frac{3}{4}$ d, light porkers £2 7s to £2 15s, heavy £3 to £3 12s, average price per lb $7\frac{3}{4}$ d to $8\frac{1}{4}$ d.

***** TAKING TROUBLE.

Nothing was ever accomplished in this world without taking trouble, and trouble really over details. In fact the chief thing that strikes you about the management of a great business concern, a factory or commercial organisation, is the trouble that is taken over what appear to be details, and it would be a good thing if we could get a bit more of this spirit into the ordinary routine of farming.

When you hear a man say that he thinks milk recording is a very good thing, but it is too much trouble for him to bother with (says a writer in a Home paper) you will understand what I mean, as in the case of another

who dismisses any suggestion that cows' udders and milkers' hands should be washed at milking time because it takes up too much time or is too much trouble.

But this is not the attitude of the man who gets there, either in farming or any other business. He aims rather to find out whether a thing is worth while, and having satisfied himself on this point the trouble counts for nothing.

THE VALUE OF SALT.

All grass or grain-feeding animals, with the exception of the pig, require a certain allowance of salt, and, though horses are mostly supplied with it in the form of rock salt or salt licks, which are specially made for this purpose, cattle do not as a rule get sufficient.

One should remember that salt is essentially an article of food, and should be either included in the daily ration or supplied so that the animal can obtain it as it wishes. In proper doses it is restorative, digestive—in fact, most digestive powders contain some of it-stomachic, and antiseptic, and if it were an expensive, scarce drug it would be used more extensively than it is. In large doses it acts as an irritant cathartic (that is, a violent apericut); externally, in the form of a lotion, a stimulant, antiseptic and refrigerant. In the words of Prof. Finlay Dunu, "It is so essential for the maintenance of health that animals, especially vegetable feeders, in the state of nature instinctively travel many miles to saline springs, the sea shore, incrustations, or salt beds to obtain it."

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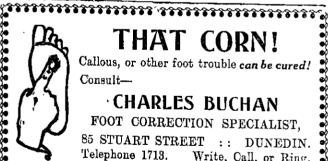
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THE POPE AND THE LEAGUE.

There appears to be a widely growing body of opinion that the inclusion of the Holy See in the counsels of the League of Nations is vitally necessary, if the League is to have any real and effective moral force (says Catholic News Service, London, for September 22).

Lord Parmoor is credited with having very definite views about this, and as he holds an important post in the present Government, there is good reason to believe that his opinion is shared by some, at least, of the members of the English Cabinet.

Support of this plan for including the Holy Sec in the League now comes from Germany, where at the recent German Catholic Congress at Hanover, Prince Alois Löwenstein declared that: "I believe I am speaking in the name of all the Catholics in Germany when I call upon the German Government to make Germany's entrance into the League of Nations dependant on an invitation to the Holy See to send to it a representative endowed with all rights. That is eminently a demand of politics and of humanity which will and can be accepted by every thinking friend of peace. To the Catholics of the whole world we address a request to work with us for the fulfilment of this condition, the object of which-we say it with all frankness-is the erection of Papal arbitration. Not to raise the power of the Pope, whom God placed on a throne which is inaccessible to mundane ambitious, but for the sake of poor humanity, which needs a peacemaking judge, if it is to escape condemnation to bloody extinction."

TWO REMARKABLE CURES AT LOURDES.

Two remarkable cures are reported amongst the members of the Italian National Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which are veuched for by the medical officers attending the pilgrimage.

One case, that of Maria Chiappa, is that of the cure of tuberculosis of the bones; the patient being reported as having been completely cured. Artemia Zacarelli, the other cure, suffered from an affliction of the spine, which made it impossible for him to turn his head. The cure in this instance is reported to have taken place after the pilgrim first bathed in the waters at Lourdes.

KING GEORGE AND THE FRIARS.

A loyal telegram was sent to King George by Cardinal Bourne and the Franciscans from Canterbury, on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the coming of the friars, as follows:

"The members of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi, celebrating at Canterbury, under the presidency of Cardinal Bourne, the seventh centenary of their arrival in England, September 10, 1224, humbly salute your Majesties and earnestly beg God's blessing on your Majesties and all your Royal House."

Replying from Balmoral Castle King George, through Lord Stamfordham, replied:

"The members of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi, Canterbury,-I am commanded to express the sincere thanks of the King and Queen for the kind message of greeting and goodwill which Their Majesties have received from the members of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi who to-day are celebrating at Canterbury the seventh centenary of the arrival of the Order in England on the tenth of September, 1224."

ALSACE OFFERS ASYLUM TO EXPELLED RELIGIOUS

Religious opinion in Alsace and Lorraine, both Catholic and Protestant, already exasperated by the anticlerical proposals of the Government, has been further deeply stirred by the expulsion of the Poor Clares of Alencon, and the threatened expulsion of the nuns at Evian.

To cope with circumstances of this kind a committee

has been formed in Alsace, with the definite aim of offering a home in the Province to all those religious who may be dispossessed of their homes under the expulsion laws.

The Poor Clares of Evian have not yet been evicted, though they have been warned that they must go. The Bishop of Annecy, in whose diocese the Evian convent is, says quite definitely that the nuns will refuse to obey the expulsion order. In the event of the order being enforced a delicate situation will arise; for the population generally is indignant at this threatened harsh treatment meted out to a purely contemplative community, that asks for nothing more than to be left severely alone.

UKRANIANS READY FOR UNION WITH ROME.

According to Professor Lossley, of the University of Lemberg, the time is ripe for the union of the Independent Church of the Ukraine with the Apostolic See of Rome.

Professor Lossley was a delegate to the Church Unity Congress that was held recently at Velchrad, in Slovakia, when important discussions took place on the return of the Oriental Churches to communion with Rome.

In the event of union with Rome, Professor Lossley declares, the chief wish to the Ukrainians would be to have their own liturgical language conserved in their religious worship. It is understood that a commission will be appointed to go into the whole question, and to make proposals to Rome, particularly in the matter of the use of the national idiom in the liturgy.

NOTES FROM ROME.

Rome, September 15.-The officers and naval cadets of the Argentine battleship, the President Sarmiento, were received in special audience in the Throne Room by the Holy Father, although the audiences are not generally granted at this time of the year. The men were introduced by the Argentine Ambassador to the Holy See, who, speaking in the name of the Argentine Navy, offered an address of humble loyalty. His Holiness replied in a very happy speech, and as on the occasion of the audience to the English sailors, told his hearers that he also was somewhat of a sailor, since the Supreme Pontiff is called upon to navigate the barque of the Catholic Church through troubled waters. After presenting his hand to be kissed, his Holiness presented each of his visitors with a Stella Maris medal.

During his lifetime the late Pope, Benedict XV, promised a mosaic for the church of the Catholic University of Washington. Pius XI is desirous of carrying out the wish of his predecessor, and work has been begun on a splendid mosaic. The work will be a copy of one of Murillo's Madonnas. It will take probably two years to complete the mosaic, which will be of rather generous proportions. The composition is being made in the Pontifical School of Mosaics, under the care of the Director.

The Eucharistic Congress of Palermo was inaugurated with brilliant ceremonies in Palermo Cathedral, when an eloquent discourse was pronounced by Mgr. Luuldi, Archbishop of Palermo. After the inaugural Mass the body of the congressists repaired to the oublic buildings where the sessions of the congress were held. At the inaugural session addresses were delivered by MgF. Paino, Archhishon of Messina, by Bishon Bartolomassi, President of the Covgress. and by Comendatore Pericoli, who represented the Central Council of the Italian Catholic Action. Last of all, there was an inspiring speech from Cardinal Granito di Belmonte, who was present as Cardinal Legate of his Holiners. The congress of Palermo was a great success; particularly striking were the religious delegations that come from all parts of Sicily to take part in the congress. More than forty bishons were present, among them the Apostolic Nancio at Munich and Archbishop Cieplak, formerly of Russia.

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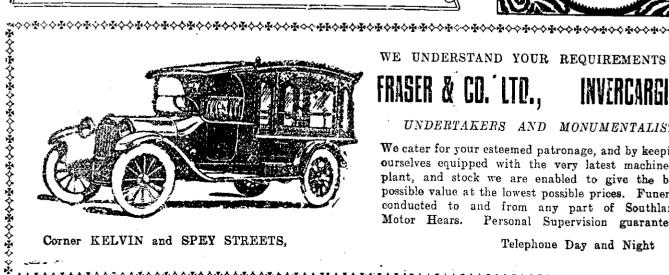
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Scottish Potato Scones.

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Irish Potato Scones.

Take 2lbs good potatoes, peel, and boil them until they are well-cooked. Let them cool, add some salt, and mash until quite free from lumps. When cool, knead, adding a little flour at a time, until a light dough is formed. Roll out thinly, and cut into rounds. Prick with a fork, and cook on a griddle.

Oat Meal Scones.

Half pound medium catmeal, alb flour, 20zs butter, 1 saltspoonful salt, 1 teacupful milk and water mixed. Mix the salt, oatmeal, and flour together, and rub in the butter. Add the milk and water, make a stiff dough and knead for five minutes. Roll out, cut into round cakes, and bake in tins in a good oven for about twenty minutes.

Plain Rolls. One pound flour, 1 saltspeenful salt, 1 desertspoonful baking powder, milk and water to mix. Mix together the baking powder, salt, and flour, then sift them. Add 1 teacupful milk and enough water to form a soft dough. Turn it on to a floured board, and form into rolls. Put them on hot tins and bake at once in a hot oven about 20 minutes. Put them into the oven quickly as possible after the milk and water has been added.

Marrow Chutney.

Three pound of vegetable marrow, alb of shallots, 11b of onions, loz of ground ginger, 1/2 tenspoonful of cayenne pepper, 11b of brown sugar, 11 pints of vinegar, 1oz of salt. Peel the marrow, remove the seeds, and weigh. Cut it into cubes. Peel and mince the onions and shallots. Place all on a large dish and sprinkle the salt over. Leave all night. Next day put all into a pan, add the sugar, ginger, pepper and vinegar, stir until boiling, then simmer gently for two hours. Stir often, especially after the mixture begins to thicken. Put into bottles and cork securely. Cover the corks with parchment paper.

General Rules for Baking Cakes.

Grease the tins well, by making the fat liquid and brushing over every part, or line the tins with well-greased

Most cakes need a hot oven to start with and then a moderate heat until through. Cover with greased paper as soon as they are brown.

Do not open the oven door more than is absolutely necessary while the cake is cooking, and never shut the door with a bang.

When cakes contain carbonate of soda or baking powder, put them in the oven as soon as they are mixed, if they are kept waiting the effect of the baking powder wears off and they will not rise.

To test when a cake is done, insert a clean bright skewer in the centre, if it comes out clean and not at all sticky the cake is cooked. Turn it carefully onto a sieve or wire tray and leave until cold. Then keep in an airtight tin.

Household Hints.

Hairbrushes that have become limp may be stiffened by dipping them in a strong solution of alum and water.

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When making jam, warm the sugar before adding it to the fruit, as cold sugar checks the boiling and prolongs the cooking.

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Athens in white marble Says it's worth the pains And white daisies marching Down the country lanes, Candles and brief babies, The brittle wares of home, Greek tales of gods unaging, And that high town called Rome. -ROBERT P. TRISTRAM COFFIN in the New York Nation.

DIALOGUE

It is my own door that is shut, Shut fast within am I, Since you, who were a guest, are but A passer-by.

Was I your guest? Oh, long ago I did come hurrying by; We did exchange a word or so-How the years fly!

You visited my heart, and took Welcome I could not spare-Once only. Did your casual look Find the house bare?

By no means! You were more than kind, But I was called away; Youth, and the world, and love to find-How could I stay?

Youth called you once, and it was I, Ashamed to call so loud, Just once-for you made no reply, And I was proud.

Were you indeed? Ah, if again We had our lives to choose! I thought a voice was calling then, I wondered whose,

Oh, why insult the heart you broke? Where love was, well you knew Even then the liar in you woke, The traitor grew!

Quite right, my fault, as I recall; Bitter it is but true! Reason to hate me-none at all For loving you. -John Erskine, in Voices (Boston).

THE SPANISH DANCER

She moves, a wave upon the sea, Her fingers are the running foam; Her body is a shaken tree, That holds a rifled honeycomb.

The merry wind runs laughing through The shaken tree, the silken shawl; Her feet are little doves that woo Beneath the boughs, and flit, and fall.

Her tresses are a gusty spray That tumbles on the marble sill That is her brow. But, look and pray! She is a shrine now she is still. -WILFRED THORLEY in Life and Letters (London).

THE DREAMER

Another shall furrow and plant the spring; Another shall sow the seed, And I shall rise up an-hungering, Pressed by a mortal need.

Another shall nurture the frail green through The mellowing tilth of the waking mold, But I shall have eye on the farthest blue, Where the mounting wing of the finch burns gold.

Another shall husband the grain, and wrest From the browning stalk the rust and the blight, But I shall make song on the highest crest Of the hills that run to the rim of light.

Another shall garner and bind the wheat— Another shall come to reap; But I shall not rise and pluck and eat-I shall be fed with sleep. -Howard McKinley Corning in The Buccaneer.

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Perhaps our badger goes Grunting between the trees and moony sky, Where the owls call and softly flurry by. I know the yellow rose.

Nods on the wall; but here Harmonies sound and rush of violins; Or it's a play by Molière that begins And speaks into my ear.

Drenched in their drowsy calm, Outside the flowers in moon-dipped garden-walks (Tall shining flowers that sway upon their stalks) Are scented like sweet balm.

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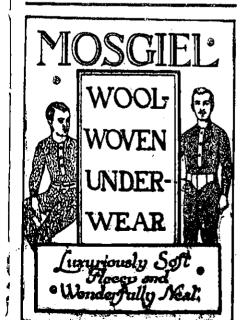
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When athwart the drousy fields summer twilight falls, Through the tranquil air there float elfin madrigals, And in wild November nights, on the winds astride, Fairy hosts go rushing by, singing as they ride.

Every dream that mortals dream, sleeping or awake, Every lovely fragile hope—these the fairies take, Delicately fashion them and give them back again In tender limpid melodies that charm the hearts of men. -Rose Fyleman, in Anthology of Modern Verse.

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A PAGAN ON TRUE HAPPINESS.

True happiness does not consist in base subservience to money, ambition, and vanity. It can be found in the mind and in the energy and effort that purify the mind. It mes from stainless living and will develop a worthy character. The words of the old philosopher Anaxagoras apply here, when he answered a question as to who, in his opinion, were the men favored by life. "No one is happy among those whom you think to be happy," he said. "You will find happiness among those who seem unfortunate to you; not in the midst of riches and honors, but among those who, with persevering and loyal heart cultivate their acre of ground or the fields of useful knowAUTHORITY: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CLAIMS TO TEACH AND TO COMMAND WITH AUTHORITY-

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2. Because He invested His Apostles with this same authority.

"As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you" (St. John xx. 21). "He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Mo" (St. Luke x. 16. Cf. St. Matt. xviii. 18).

This authority was given without restriction of time, place, or people.

"Going therefore teach ye all nations . ing them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" (St. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20. Cf. St. Mark xvi. 15).

3. Because the Apostles understood Christ in this sense. So the first council of Jerusalem claimed to settle disputes with divine authority: "It hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay no farther burden on you" (Acts xv. 24, 28).

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that he is empowered "to bring into captivity every understanding unto the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. x. 5). St. John declares: "He that knoweth God, heareth

He that is not of God, heareth us not" (1 St. John

4. Because a supreme, living authority alone can declare with certainty the revelation brought by Christ.

There are two possible alternatives:-

A. The Bible.—But this itself needs an interpreter. By private interpretation men have derived from it different and even contradictory doctrines.

Further, who is to guarantee the Bible? It is not one book, but a selection made from numerous documents known to the early Church. The collection we receive as the inspired word of God was not definitely fixed before the 4th century A.D., and, when fixed, it was fixed by authority.

Lastly, the Bible itself nowhere claims to set forth the whole of revelation; but expressly points to tradition. "Stand fast, and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by our epistle" (2 Thess. ii. 14. Cf. 2 Tim. ii. 2 St. John xx. 30).

B. Personal Infallibility, i.e., the Holy Ghost in every man, guiding him unerringly in his interpretation of the Scriptures. But again the contradictions arrived at by individuals left to themselves show that God has not in fact chosen this course. Truth is not self-contradictory.

5. Because Christianity is meant for all mankind. If the acceptance of it depended on merely personal investigation, by far the greater number of men would be unable to attain it, for want alike of ability and leisure.

For these five reasons, the Catholic Church maintains that she holds a commission to teach and to command with the authority of Christ Himself, expressly delegated to her, "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth" (1 Tim. iii. 15).

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FOR A CHURCH BELL.

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"Forty miles an hour? Why, I haven't been out an

hour," said the woman.
"Go ahead!" said the officer. "That's a new one to

OUT OF ACTION.

An inspector was examining a class in geography, and addressing a small boy in the back row, he asked: "Now, sonny, would it be possible for your father to walk round the earth?"

"No, sir," replied the boy, promptly.

"Why not?" asked the inspector.

"Because he fell down and hurt his leg yesterday."

TWO REASONS.

"When one meets one of the modern women one must be careful how one expresses oneself," remarked Binks. "How do you make that out?" asked Smith.

"Why," replied Binks, "I was proposing to Ethel the other night, and I said, 'My dear, I would go to the ends of the earth with you!'

"She said, 'No, you wouldn't. I inquired why not, and she added, 'One reason is that I wouldn't go, and another is that there aren't any."

SMILE RAISERS.

Teacher: "Now, children, what is 'above par'?"

Johnny: "Please, sir, ma!"

He: "My love for you is like the deep, blue sea." She: "And I take it with the corresponding amount

"You told me to put my tongue out, doctor, but you have not looked at it."

"No; I merely wanted time to write your prescription."

Mrs. Gabb (reading): "Do you know, my dear, that there are approximately 700,000 words in the English language?"

Mr. Gabb: "Only 700,000! Why, I thought you used a great deal more than that every day!"

Mamie: "Father, why don't you grow some hair on your head?"

Father: "Why doesn't grass grow on a busy street?" Mamie: "Oh, I see! It can't get up through the concrete."

Two little girls coming from Sunday school, where reference had been made to his Satanic Majesty, were discussing the lesson.

"Do you believe there is a devil?" asked one.

"No," said the other. "It's just like Santa Claus; it's your father.

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Above the Snowline.

That animal life ascends the mountains far beyond plant growth is one of the discoveries of the Mount Everest expedition.

"The highest growing plant observed was blue vetch at 18,000ft.," writes Lieut.-Col. E. F. Norton, leader of the expedition. "Yet animals possess permanent habitations as high as 22,000ft. A minute and inconspicuous black spider hops about on the rocky cliffs and hides beneath stones in those bare places which happen to be swept clear of snow by the wind. I cannot think on what it lives at such a height.

"In these altitudes there is no other living thingnothing but rock and ice. This little spider is worthy of note, being the highest permanent inhabitant of the earth. We therefore find life on the highest mountains far above the permannt snowline."

Romance of Quinine: Valuable Medicine for 300 Years. Despite the seven-league strides of medicine, quinine, whose powers have been known to civilisation for 300 years, still is the leading curative for malaria and similar fevers (says an exchange). The Countess of Chinchon, wife of a Vicercy of Peru of the early years of the seventeenthcentury, lying desperately ill with malaria at Lima, determined to take a native bark solution recommended by a subordinate official. He must have obtained the quinine bark from a tribe of Incas. Unlike many unfortunate Spaniards in South American dominions, the Countess survived her malaria attack. Soon the story of her recovery Jesuit missionaries got the bark from Indian tribes and took it back to ague-ridden Europe. Indeed, it was first called "Jesuit's bark," and it is sometimes called Peruvian bark to-day. Quinine's properties made it as valuable as Inca gold. Once it sold at £4 an ounce. To-day the world receives its quinine from Holland, not Peru, and the Dutch get it from their mine of tropic wealth, Java. Ninety-nine per cent. of quinine now comes from Java plateau groves.

Quinine went to the front in 1914. Living in a damp trench is one of the world's easiest way to get fever. The Government liberally supplied men on the line with quinine. They even exhorted them to take the medicine, French posters contrasted the poilu who took quinine with the poilu who did not. The latter was the sickest-looking individual imaginable, with chest caved in, sallow drawn cheeks, ominous circles under his eyes. The poilu who took his quinine wore a smile that told the world he was "fine as a fiddle," as he stepped off down the street with his sweetheart on his arm.

In naming the tree from which quinine comes, the Countess of Chinchon was remembered. Swedish botanist, who is responsible for the Latin scientific names assigned to so many plants, labelled it the cinchona tree, through an error in spelling the Countess's na Cinchona is also the trade name for the tree and ba now. The cinchona tree is a seeker of high altitudes. In Java, as in Peru, it grows on slopes 3000 feet to 9000 feet above sea-level, where it can get ample rainfall. Oxidation, of the peculiar alkaloids in the bark makes the surface a brilliant red. High Java hillsides are often distinguished with the trees rising 20 feet to 40 feet high with cherry bark, shiny green leaves, and, in blooming season, white blossoms.

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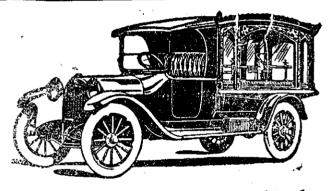
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