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Thou lendest e'er a gracious ear And pitying eye,

To soothe affliction's bitter tear And heart-wrung sigh.

How shall we marvel this is done If we recall

That thy sweet spouse and Fosterson In tender thrall

Of love's sweet fetters bind us fast: The one as Brother;

The other clasps us to her breast— Our loving Mother.

Do thou, whom thus we love to call Our Father fond,

Direct us safe through life's nightfall To Heaven beyond.

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NORA

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CHAPTER XVIII—(Continued.)

This pain was too much. She felt she had not deserved it, and the heart, thus trampled upon, rose against the injustice she had suffered. What was he that he should not have vouchsafed her one word, or granted her one look? Had he not broken the vow he had made to watch over her, to protect, and to save her from her cruel position?

And at the very first wave of misfortune he had left her to herself! Yes, thought she, in the bitterness of her heart, she had made it easy for him to break from her; she had instantly returned him his word, and freed him from every engagement. As for him, he had at once accepted the proffered liberty, and had not even held out his little finger to save her from her depth of misery. was she mourning? Why had she been mourning for him all this time? He had certainly greeted his liberty as a welcome event, whilst she had been offering up everything to the very shadow of his love. And now, forgotten, despised, why should she lay such severe restrictions upon herself? Why should she refuse entrance to every joy life still had in store for her?

Her blood rushed tumultuously and rebelliously through her veins, and the forsaken heart cried aloud for distraction, for something to forget, for something, whatever it might be, to fill the void.

Sho had often come across those light and butterfly natures, who flutter joyously through the world so careless and so free. Yes, she had met them, and after all, those were the natures best fitted to her position. Tis true that they often sank into the dust, but still they had been cradled amongst flowers, had feasted unconcernedly upon the sweets of life, had been happy, so long as it lasted. But she, she was also trodden in the dust, and had enjoyed nothing of the brilliancy of life.

What right had she to think herself better than those with whom destiny had placed her? Why should she wear herself to death, in order to attain that height she could, perhaps, never reach, and upon which, anyhow, the world would never suffer her to remain? Whatever might happen now, she was lost to every real happiness, and, yet, live she must, without this burning thirst after it.

They are wicked hours those in which our excited feelings gain the upper hand; but the purest of souls goes through such hours, when it is tossed too wildly about by despair, and thus comes in contact with the pitch which lies at the bottom of every earthly nature.

Long did Nora remain thus, until her excitement died a natural death. But it is only after an inundation, after the high waters have retired, that one sees how changed is the whole aspect of the earth.

When Nora arose, her face bore another

expression than it had borne the night before. It was no holy light which shone in her eyes, and the lips had a contemptuous turn which no longer spoke of calm and of retiring modesty. There was a new life, but what the Scotch would call an uncanny life, which seemed to animate her whole person. She was still arranging her hair, when a knock was heard at the door, and a beautiful bouquet was brought in to her. She was on the point of refusing it, according to her old habit, but immediately afterwards she accepted it. It was a beautiful assemblage of rare and costly flowers, perfuming the whole room with their narcotic scent. She seized hold of it, and pressed her face into it, inhaling its perfume, as if she hoped therein to find intoxication. She knew very well the offering came from a princely admirer who had pursued her for months with such-like gifts. She had disdained them until now, but to-day it pleased her, nay, it filled her with a wild joy, to think how many were sighing for a look of her.

"I can bring them all to my feet, when I choose," she said, and she tossed her head proudly back. "I can lead them all where I like by a look from these eyes, by a gesture of this hand. I can make these proud men as miserable as I have been made myself. And I will show him that I need only hold up my little finger in order to gain that which he refuses me."

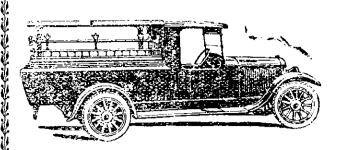
A few hours later when Nora went to her father to discuss the arrangements for that evening, she struck him as being much more accommodating than usual.

It soon became the talk of the whole town that Nora Karsten had gone through some mysterious transformation. She had never been so beautiful or so enchanting as this season. She had almost completely lost that calm and even stiff reserve of manner, for which one had found fault with her. This change was mostly attributed to a journey she had made in England and in France.

Nora no longer refused to appear in combined scenes, and a particularly romantic one soon became famous by the part she played in it. The subject treated of was Libussa, the famous man-hater, Bohemia's heautiful queen. The scene represented a combat between the army of Amazons and their antagonists of the stronger sex, and gave a full display of good acting as well as of good riding. It was, moreover, remarkable by the brilliancy of the costumes displayed. The victory of the Amazons, their wild chase after the flying, and, at last, Libussa left alone face to face with the brave Scharka, and fighting with her pride and her love; then the triumphal march and the sorrow of the Amazons, when Libussa, having pierced Scharka with her arrow, herself falls and dies. This was of itself an animated

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and attractive scene, such as had rarely been witnessed at the circus; but every one rushed to see, above all, the incomparable Nora Karsten in the character of Libussa.

A few weeks later, and the circus had moved on as usual to the Austrian capital. There, also, the representations were expected with great interest, considerably augmented by the report that some of Libussa's more fanatic admirers had followed the troop to Vienna. It was, however, maintained, that now as ever, and notwithstanding her change of manner, Nora had not changed her coldness to, and hatred of, men.

It was a fashionable and motley assemblage to be seen at the Karsten Circus on the evening of the first representation, and the director had been careful that none of the accessories of the scene should be neglected.

Beautiful, distractingly beautiful, was Libussa as she now rode in, surrounded by the light legion of her Amazons. She rode a black steed of the purest race, which seemed longing to be in the thick of the affray. A gilt coat of mail imprisoned her elegant and powerfully built form, and a skirt of heavy silver stuff flowed in rich folds from her lovely waist. On her head was a silver helmet, which left her features perfectly free, and from which her long, black locks fell beneath her waist. She sat there, so lightly on her fiery horse, that one might have taken her for some vision breathed there by poetry; and yet, firm and strong as iron, she was the very embodiment of that proud heroine.

The whole scene was magnificent, showing off in this cavalry skirmish the most artistic and most varied positions the noble animals could take; but all eyes rested alone upon Libussa, who, as if conducted by some charm, was always to be seen rising high above the others, ever conspicuous by her beauty, as well as by the masterly management of her horse.

One thundering applause followed upon another. Then came the still more dramatic representation of the chase after the flying, in which the Amazons seemed to be dashing forth wildly, headed by Libussa, with her lance held high above her helmet, her hair flowing, and her eyes flashing fire. The words: "Wallkyre Schild-Jungfrau," passed whisperingly round the ranks.

Now $_{
m the}$ moment was in come remaining which the last warrior himself courageously places before Lisurrounded by her triumphant Amazons. Libussa, on the point of shooting her arrow, suddenly stops; and her horse raising itself almost straight up into the air adds as much excitement to the scene, as the flashing look of triumph which its mistress bestows on the public. Her look now falls upon a group of men assembled in one part of the large circus. The audience breaks out into loud applause, but Libussa's eyes remain riveted to that spot as if she could never turn them away again. The unfortunate Scharka places himself in vain in the most daring attitudes before her, awaiting the death-blow; but she seems completely to overlook him.

A ghastly pallor suddenly overspreads her face, and she is seized with so convulsive a trembling, that her step-mother, who is one

of the Amazons, notices it, and hastening forward to her side, whispers a few words which bring her back to consciousness.

Nora then seems to awake as out of a dream, and with great self-control brings the scene to a close. The public has taken the little intermezzo for a masterly representation of Libussa's inward struggle, and her complete annihilation, as she glides from her horse into the arms of her weeping Amazons, lighted up by mystical and blood-red flames, crowns the whole.

But it is well for Nora that it enters into her part to be carried out as if senseless. It would have been impossible for her to remain standing. She does not see the wreaths which are showered down upon her, nor hear the thundering applause which accompanies her exit-for as soon as she has left the arena she falls into a violent and hysterical fit of sobbing. There, however, where she had evidently seen something like a ghost of happy times, there stood a man, clad in a long priestly coat, and who, surrounded by a number of brilliant uniforms, had followed the representation with a breathless attention and a meditative, almost a stern, look. He now seemed unconscious of the tumultuous rejoicings around him. "That's right, sir, I'm glad to see you don't quite despise our worldly pleasures," said a tall, thin officer, stroking his moustache. "Have you been brought to town by this eighth wonder of the world? Or have you any other reason for visiting us again? The countess has deserted us completely during the last years."

"The illness and absence of her son have been good reasons for keeping her away from society," answered the priest. "I am on my way to Count Curt, who has, unfortunately, fallen ill again at Göhlitz—Countess Lily's place."

"What! has Curt returned at last from his travels? and is he at Göhlitz, too? Well, I suppose his mother won't complain at his being kept a prisoner there. But what on earth is the matter with him?"

"His health seems to have been destroyed by that brain-fever in Pera; he has never been quite himself since then," explained the chaplain. "And I suppose that the fatigue of the journey has caused this relapse."

"That's too sad!" said the officer sympathisingly. "I always thought it an unlucky idea of his mother to send him away; she gave herself a deal of trouble about it too. Heaven knows why! Is he better now?"

"Yes, he is getting better, I am happy to say, and has expressed a great wish to see me. I am on my way there, and shall start to-morrow. Countess Degenthal has been staying there for a few weeks."

"Then I shall go also one of these days to see my old friend, and to pay my respects to the young lady. Where is the younger son, Count Nicholas?"

"With his regiment. He has grown very strong, and has really turned out very well during the last few years.

"Really!" But he will never be able to hold a candle to Curt; a capital fellow that was! There are few like him, and it would really be dreadful if he did not get well again! But come now, sir, the crowd has diminished, and I think we can get out."

They made a few steps forward, and a group of young officers joined the "Rittmeister."

"What an uncommonly beautiful girl that is!" cried out one of the youngest enthusiasts. "Upon my word, I have never seen anyone like that girl—anyone to be named in the same breath. And such riding, too! I've seen her over and over again, but I've never admired her so much as to-day; she has really made enormous progress."

"I don't know about that," said the Rittmeister drily. "I liked her better as she used to be. There was something which struck one as out of the ordinary line seeing her ride, as it were, for riding's sake, and leaving herself completely out of the question. Now, she's just like anyone else, and shows herself off as well as her horse. But just look, baron; there's Prince B., who, they say, has come over from the North only on her account."

"Ah! the tall gentleman with the bald head?"

"Yes, I've heard fabulous stories about all the trouble he gives himself in order to please her, but it's quite useless. She has a longstanding engagement with her father's agent, who watches over her with the jealous eye of a lynx."

The chaplain heaved a sigh as he heard this last remark, and the Rittmeister, turning to him, said: "But, surely, you will come with us a little way in order to refresh yourself after this suffocating air."

"Thank you," said the chaplain, "I have had enough worldliness for one evening. Moreover, I start somewhat early to-morrow, and shall, therefore, look forward to seeing you at Göhlitz." And with these words the two men shook hands heartily and parted.

CHAPTER XIX.

The next morning, at an early hour, a note was brought in to Nora. The gentleman who had brought it, her maid told her, was waiting for an answer. She had spent the night in feverish restlessness, and was now sitting at her writing-desk, trying in vain to word a letter, and tearing up one failure after another. She now tore the envelope open and found a card, on which was written: "Will you allow me to call upon you?" Nora hesitated a few seconds, and then, as if she could not help herself, she wrote on the same card a few words of consent. The servant had already taken the card, or else she would have recalled her consent almost as soon as it was written.

In a few minutes, the chaplain appeared. He extended his hand to Nora, who rose in an agitated manner to meet him. For a moment he held her hand in his, and looked gravely, gently, and sympathetically in her eyes.

This look brought all the remembrances of her childhood before her with an overpowering gush of feeling.

"And so, after all, you find me thus!" she cried in anguish. "A circus-rider! a horse-breaker!" and throwing herself upon a sofa, she covered her face and sobbed aloud.

"God be praised for those tears," said the priest, laying his hand upon her head. "My poor child, I thank heaven that it should be

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such a sacrifice to you. Yesterday I feared that you had grown accustomed to it."

"Oh, would that I had!" cried Nora bitterly. "Would that it were no longer a rerifice, and that I could forget everything From the first to the last. . . After all, I've a deal to make me happy: riches, admiration, and, as people say, beauty, all that which, in short, makes life pleasant. Why do I go on clinging to the old thought I should like to forget? And now, you have come too, to renew the combat! I wanted to ask you not to come, and to leave me to my fate. Oh, why did I not follow my first inspiration? Let me go my own way. As it is, nothing can be done, and I shall be perhaps less unhappy if left alone. Why, oh why did you come?"

She spoke with dreadful agitation—this poor, unhappy girl—rapidly, harshly, almost repellingly.

"Why did I come?" said the chaplain. "Simply in order to keep the promise I once gave your dying mother—that I would stand by her child so long as it lay in my power. Would to God I had been with you, and could have advised you at that moment in which you took a step which has brought so much misery upon you and upon others."

"Others! Who has been made miscrable by any step of mine, I should like to know?" Nora interrupted him in a quernlous tone. "Others have given up, without a pang, that which they had loved; have forgotten, and they now despise, her who evidently does not seem worthy of pity in their sight."

"We have never the right to judge others as to the amount of their sufferings," said the chaplain quietly, "for no one can tell the bitterness which may fill another's heart. Perhaps he was mistaken in you, as you are mistaken in him. Perhaps all this has taken place in order to lead you more surely although differently than you had hoped to the same great end."

"Oh no; I shall never reach that end now!" she cried bitterly.

"Not, perhaps, to the earthly one we had hoped for, but to the one to which all roads may lead; and, indeed, child, I think that God Himself is leading you by the hand; for His ways are always inaugurated by some great sacrifice, such as you seem to have made."

"Do you really think," she asked with a touch of satire, "that the road I have now chosen brings me so much nearer to the goal?"

"There exists no position we cannot sanctify," said the chaplain, always in the same quiet manner. "The greater the temptation the greater the glory of not succumbing."

"And do you imagine it so easy to conquer a great temptation?" she answered passionately. "Look there!" and she scattered about the tiny billets-doux which lay on the table, the very appearance of which was suspicious. "Look there!" and she petulantly tushed the wreaths and the bouquets which abalmed the room. "Do you think all that makes no impression in the long run? That it does not steal into one's mind, coax itself into one's heart, and bewitch one by degrees? Do you believe that we can hear for ever the loud and enthusiastic applause resounding in our ears, and remain for ever passive

and indifferent to it? Particularly when one knows that there is no other happiness in store for one... Since the last anchor is broken, since I know that he despises me, my heart yearns after compensation, and wants to taste at least of those joys the world

can offer. Oh, I feel it! I feel that I shall succumb. After all, I am not different from others. I shall learn to love and enjoy life as thousands better than I have done before me, as thousands will do after me."

(To be continued.)

The Irish Revolution and How It Came About

(By William O'Brien)
CHAPTER XXIX. —Continued)

By the spring of 1920 the Prime Minister who in July, 1919, had mistaken for the white flag of a beaten man, Mr. de Valera's offer of peace while he had still an undisputed power to enforce it, was casting about for negotiations upon more ignominious terms with Archbishop Clune, an Australian Prelate who, with the usual clumsiness of England's dealings with Ireland, was eagerly welcomed to Dublin Castle by way of administering another snub to his more authoitative colleague of Melbourne, all this time held in close custody in London, far from his native land and from consultation with the Sinn Fein chiefs with whom his word was law. Was the voice of Wisdom, which sitteth by the throne, to be heard even then? The concessions aunounced to Archbishop Clune were, it is certain, the same in substance as those embodied in the Treaty signed in Downing Street in December, 1921, after eighteen further months of official brutalities which were wholly unavailing except that they most dangerously increased the power of the military chiefs of the L.R.A. as the arbiters between peace and war. It was to be "Canadian Home Rule" under precisely the same conditions of a Canada robbed of its richest province and coerced into an Imperial tribute, which was the best Mr. Griffith and General Collins could obtain for Ireland in the Treaty of Downing Street. The one difference of any moment between the two offers was that Mr. Lloyd George still held out for the surrender of their arms by the LRA, as an indispensable preliminary. For the sake of saving Sir Hamar Greenwood's face by this paltry satisfaction, the chance of an agreement then and there which the pur sang Republicans were not yet strong enough to forbid was once more madly sacrificed. Sir Hamar Greenwood's face was not saved, because the condition then insisted upon was after another year of wanton bloodshed ignominiously dropped. The only result British statesmanship had to show for itself was that it arrayed the entire Irish race at the back of the Irish Republican Army in their refusal to surrender the arms by which they had brought Mr. Lloyd George to reason, and by which alone they could make sure he would not undergo a further sea-change before the bargain was honestly through, if he found himself negotiating with a disarmed nation. Another of the few remaining books of the Cumacan Sibyl was cast to the winds. On went the war with immeasurable loss

On went the war with immeasurable loss of blood and credit on both sides, and with ever multiplying obstacles to that enduring peace which Ireland had gone on petitioning for until her soul was sick. It was the unsurrendered arms that in the long run did it. It would, of course, be nonsense to

say the English armies were driven out of the country by the phantom levies of the I.R.A. The guerilla bands were nowhere able to meet in battle-array the exultant legions just returned from their dazzling victories on the Continent, but it is no less true that the I.R.A. achieved the still more amazing military feat of cutting up that tremendous English army of a hundred thousand men into helpless fragments, isolating them, torturing them and getting upon their nerves in small surprises by night and day until it grew to be the one desperate longing of that host of heroes to get their orders for England

Heaven defend me from doing any wilful injustice to Mr. Lloyd George, if only because he is a cousin Celt in qualities and defects alike, and there is a call of the blood which thrilled the whole Celtic breed with pride at the sight of the dauntless little Welsh country practitioner bestriding the narrow world like a Colossus, as for memorable years he did. It will not do to dismiss him as "a turncoat from Home Rule," as did one of the Hibernian leaders who had been for years swinging an abject censer before his altar. If Mr. Lloyd Georgo swopped Home Rule for Partition, so did Mr. Asquith and the rest of his "Home Rule Cabinet"; so did the Hibernian Party themselves, without a single exception. They were "turncoats" all, or none. My own conviction has been already avowed that had he occupied Mr. Asquith's place, with Mr. Asquith's majority, and did Parnell's spirit still animate the Irish Party, Mr. Lloyd George would have developed the clear sighteduess and imagination to carry a great Home Rule Act without any serious dissent from Ulster. He would have understood the Irish aversion to Partition as he would have died in the slopes of shadowy Snowdon rather than submit, had the since Disestablished Church of Wales (a minority proportionately more considerable than that of Unionist Ulster in Ireland) proposed by way of compromise to cut up his own high-spirited little country into two provinces of Church-goers and Chapel-goers at eternal cumity. now that "the Act on the Statute-book" with Ireland's own privity, was changed from a Home Rule Act to a Partition Act, Mr. Lloyd George, for whom there was no absolute truth in politics, but only a relative truth adjustable according to the reports of his Party whips, felt it a duty to try whether, as he was noisily assured from Dublin Castle, a Black-and-Tan settlement on that basis might not be the line of least resistance. The Black-andTans, the Whips now began to report, were not a success either in dragooning Ireland or in comforting the conscience of

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England, and the Prime Minister who had a foible for pushing his admiration for brave enemies to the length of despising friends down on their luck, frankly threw over the digreputable auxiliaries in Ireland and began to be an unexampled opportunity opening up before him of seeking an Irish victory in a precisely opposite direction, which was very likely more welcome to his heart of hearts.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1925

If he could not (in the pretty Black-and-Tan jargon of the day) "do in" Sinn Fein, he must e'en parley with it, and for that he had advantages unknown to any of his predecessors. To begin with, a King (it would be churlish to forget) whose yearning for an Irish appeasement was a factor of the first importance in mollifying the most ingrained English prejudices. Next, both Mr. Bonar Law and Sir E. Carson, who had made him Prime Minister, and made him their prisoner, were now removed from the active scene. That co-operation of English Parties, for which Gladstone sighed to no purpose was ready to his hand. Not altogether-may it sans immodesty be hinted?—without a share of influence from labors of our own for many an unregarded year, the liesitations of the Unionist Party in particular—of fine Elder Statesmen of the stamp of Mr. Walter Long. as well as of the rising hopes and brainscarriers of the Party like Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. F. E. Smith (now Lord Birkenhead) and Lord Robert Cecil himself had given way to bolder notions of Irish liberty. None but a pathetic handful of ancient Tory impossibilists any longer stood

On the Liberal side, Mr. Asquith, again at the head of his "Wee Free" following in the House of Commons, was arraigning the atroerry-mongers in Ireland with the noble eloquence which was always his, and was advocating, as with a father's pride, a most opulent measure of that Dominion Home Rule which he had quite overlooked in the days of his Premiership. The Labor Party were to a man for Ireland's deliverance, the more complete the better. The Irish Unionists outside the Six Counties, who might have been a political force of the first magnitude, had they asserted themselves before they were deserted by Sir E. Carson and contemptuously ignored by the Parliament of England, did at last find voice to claim kinship with the aspirations of their countrymen. Anti-Partition organisations of Irish Conservatives of capacity and high integrity like Lord Midleton and Sir Horace Plunkett, late comers though they were into the vineyard, did bring a substantial accession of strength to Mr. Lloyd George in the daring change of front he was meditating.

That he did not enlist the aid of Sir James Craig as well was the capital mistake of the Prime Minister in his new peace negotiations. The Ulster leader was never an incorrigible enemy of a modus vivendi with his Southern countrymen. Like so many of higher Orange type, if he was an irremsible being for half a dozen mad "anniversary" days, he was for all the rest of the year a kindly neighbor, a fast friend, more honest of heart than complex in the convolutions of his brain matter, but in all things, flattering or otherwise, as irredemably Irish as the granite ribs of Cave Hill.

At this moment, Sir E. Carson had gone off to the House of Lords, throwing the squalling baby Parliament in Belfast on his hands under circumstances which could scarcely fail to try the temper of the deserted Covenanters. Sir James Craig had besides been mellowing down into a popular officer of the King's Household, and would, we may be sure, have found more congenial work in gratifying the King's dearest desire than he had ever found in qualifying to be one of his Majesty's rebels. It would not have been difficult, with his good will, to enlarge the "National Council" of the Act of 1920 into some real bond of National Unity, such as would have made it the pride of Ulster to be represented in the National Parliament, while retaining in any desired measure the local liberties she cujoys in her Belfast assembly. That no objection would have come from the Sinn Fein side is made clear by President Cosgrove, who declares that had Ulster accepted the Treaty of Downing Street as it stood she would still be in possession of her particularist privileges in as ample a measure as the All-for-Ireland League had ever proposed.* Sir James Craig had already given proof by his perfectly courtcous conversations with Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith that he was not averse to those more cordial understandings that nearly always follow personal contact.

To leave such a man out in the cold while "the murder gang" were being welcomed to Downing Street was to invite suspicion among Sir J. Craig's touchy lieges and indeed to give it full justification. Yet this was what actually happened. The Ministerial plan of campaign, I am afraid it will be found, was first to favor Sinn Fein by cheating "Ulster," and next when that portion of the programme broke down to cheat Sinn Fein by calling in "Ulster." the Treaty of Downing Street was under discussion at the Dail there was held a secret sitting at which full shorthand notes of the conversations between the British Ministers and the Sinu Fein delegates were communicated to the members under the strictest precautions as to secrecy. Members were not only specially pledged to regard the information as confidential, on pain of an instant renewal of hostilities by England, but measures were taken to prevent any written notes on the subject from being conveyed out of the chamber. Until the full official record, which must be still somewhere preserved, sees the light, the truth as to the most important Irish transaction for a century must still remain obscure and any enlightened judgment regarding the responsi-

* "It is not generally understood," President Cosgrove said in the Dail, "by the man in the street that had the Northerns elected to remain with us they would be guaranteed in perpetuity every acre of territory that for the moment is under their control. They would have retained their Parliament of the Six Counties and their separate judiciary and their Governor, according to their pleasure . . . and would have had under the Constitution of the Free State, a representation of 51 members in the Free State Parliament, instead of 13 members who now represent them at Westminster."

bilities for the Treaty and for the Civil War that followed must be postponed until the secret part of the story comes to be divulged. My own information on the subject—derived though it is from three separate participants in the Secret Session—can only be made public under every reserve.

There are some details, bowever, which are not to be doubted. The first is that the Ministerialists contrived to shift the discussions at the Conference from the straight issue of the Integrity of Ireland by leading the representatives of Sinn Fein to believe that the same end was to be more astutely attained by means of a Boundary Commission. That, I think, will be found to have been the cardinal error of the capable but inexperienced Irishmen who found themselves pitted against the most subtle intellects the Empire could select. They allowed the debates to be diverted from the supreme rights of Ireland as one indivisible nation, on which nothing could defeat them , to paltrier controversies as to whether this or that county, barony, or parish might not be swopped from the Protestant to the Catholic side of the frontier and so ensuring that what remained of "Northern Ireland" must in the nature of things follow. The notion came (my information goes) from the ingenious brain of Mr. Winston Churchill whose position as Colonial Secretary gave him a more commanding influence than ever in his illfated incursions into the affairs of Ireland. He, with the express authority of Mr. Lloyd George, conveyed to the Irish delegates an assurance that the Boundary Commission would be so arranged as to ensure the transfer to the Irish Free State of the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, the City of Derry and the important town of Newry, and that "Northern Ireland" thus virtually restricted to three counties, would find itself compelled to throw in its fortunes with the Free State. In one of his impulsive moments General Collins blurted out in a public speech the announcement upon Mr. Churchill's authority that, under the Boundary Commission stipulated for in the Treaty "vast territories" would be transferred from the Six Counties to the Free State. This was the first news of the arrangement which reached Sir James Craig. He promptly and indignantly announced that with a Boundary Commission of such a character he would have nothing to do. Mr. Churchill, when brought to book by a question in the House of Commons, denied that he had ever promised "to Mr. Michael Collins" the transfer of "vast territories" by means of the Boundary Commission. The reply was technically true, but was essentially false. It was not "to Mr. Michael Collins" he had given the promise; it was to Mr. Michael Collins' intermediary. How responsible Ministers could ever have hoped that such a transaction could be secretly carried through, behind the back of Sir James Craig, in violation of the solemn pledge given to him by the Imperial Parliament of the integrity of his territory under the Act of the previous year, passes comprehension; but, unless three different testimonies which have reached me from trustworthy sources are to be discredited, the promise was undoubtedly given, and was only violated when General Collins'

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incautious disclosure roused Ulster up in arms against the chicanery.

Two of the five Irish signatories of the Treaty declared they only signed it under duress. The duress was, it is true, gross and unwarrantable. They were threatened that unless they signed before a particular hour of the night of 5-6 December, without being allowed time to communicate with their principals in Dublin, the dogs of war would be instantly let loose in Ireland and the order passed to the Black-and-Tans to set on. The threat was reinforced by the melodramatic announcement that a Destroyer had steam up to carry the news of the signing or of the break-off on the same night to Sir James Craig in Belfast, the Sir James Craig who had been kept for a month in total darkness as to how the negotiations were going. It is impos-

sible to believe that men of the superb courage of General Collins' and Arthur Griffith were daunted by stage craft of this They must have known that, even had these particular negotiations for a Treaty broken down, the Truce would still be in existence, and could only be denounced after full time for deliberation in England and after every resource of diplomacy for negotiations in some new form had been exhausted. Terrific as was the risk of replunging Ireland into a sea of blood and terror, the very nature of the intimidation employed against them would have placed the sympathies of all civilised men on the side of Ireland if they declined to be hustled by such methods into consenting to part with one-fourth of the population and one-fifth of the territory of their nation.

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Sheila's fingers tenderly caressed her violin.

"If only, if only I could get an engagement," she sighed, "how happy I should be! I should be spared—this!"

She gazed around the room, a little bedroom, shabbily furnished; with a dismal view at back, the window looking out on the yard, with a clothesline stretched across on which some garments were pinned, blowing in the breeze. But that was not the worst sight of all-the sight that offended Sheila. No, it was the bed in the corner with its occupant—a little old woman, shrivelled with age. She was over ninety and bedridden.

It was Sheila's turn to sit with her, and it vexed her heart. Her ardent spirit longed to soar to a brighter, more congenial life. There was so much to do at home, so little leisure; there were so many petty annoyances to put up with. Then she was fired with ambition; she longed to excel as a musician. She had already filled with success several minor engagements at small concerts, and she now longed to escape from her humdrum existence.

On these matters she pondered, seated by the old lady's bedside. Presently her gaze wandered to the little altar in the corner, where she often knelt to pray, whispering to the Sacred Heart, "Dear Jesus, help me to bear my crosses patiently!"

Sheila dearly loved the Sacred Heart. How many soothing moments in church had she spent with Him and how He had comforted her and lightened the burden! But not every hour of the day could she say, "Thy will be done!"-bending to the sweet yoke of Jesus. She often turned aside, longing to pursue her own path in life.

A letter came for Sheila some minutes later. It was from a musical agent, to whom she had written, seeking a season engagement at the seaside, in response to an advertisement in the paper. She now tore open the envelope and eagerly perused the typewritten message. The answer was favorable: the agent requested her to call next morning for a hearing.

She forgot her grandmother in her wild excitement, for the old lady was peacefully sleeping. She rushed downstairs to the kitchen, waving the letter in her hand. Two boys were sprawled on the hearth, painting picture postcards. A small girl, with hair bobbed, sat in a corner, reading.

"Whatever's the matter, Sheila?" asked, looking up. "How excited you are! Heard good news?"

"Oh, Cis, Cis! It's come! My dream!" And then a hasty explanation followed, and the younger girl shared in her sister's joy. Just then Mrs. Follard came in. She had been out shopping. On learning Sheila's news she looked perturbed and vexed.

"I am afraid I cannot spare you," she said pettishly. "There is such a lot to do here-what with the housework, the lodgers to wait on, and one thing and another. And then Gran needs attention, and I cannot do

"But I can help you, mother," volunteered Cissy. "I can do all Sheila's work. I am old enough-nearly eleven. Do let Sheila go; she wants to go badly."

Sheila hugged her, to show how she appreciated her words.

"Well, go and see the agent, Sheila, and see what happens-and I will think it over," Mrs. Follard said, with some reluctance; and Sheila kissed and hugged her, declaring that she was the dearest "Mom."

Next morning, she kept the appointment. To her joy she was offered a three months' engagement in a ladies' orchestra, at a fashionable seaside resort. The salary was excellent, and her mother could not but acquiesce. The money, she admitted, would huy many comforts for Gran. And she could get along with Cissy in Sheila's absence.

"We shall miss you, Sheila," she said. "Be a good girl. Good-bye-and God bless vou!"

Those were her parting words to Sheila, the morning she left home.

"Good-bye, mother, and God bless you all!" echoed the girl. "I will write lovely letters home, three times a week, and you must

read them to Gran. They will cheer her

Sheila's new life agreed with her immensely. It was like sunshine after rain. Silverstrand was an ideal holiday resort. Its wide beach covered with golden sand, its high cliffs and the scent of the rocks beneath, and the pleasant country walks in the vicinity appealed to her artistic eye.

"Oh, compare all this," she said, "to the dreary old home city of mine! I do not wish to go back; I could dwell here for ever."

But she found a still greater attraction in William Howson, who conducted the ladies' orchestra; he was a fine, handsome fellow, towering six feet high, fascinating in manner and flashily dressed. He took a great fancy to "the little violinist girl," as he called her. Sheila was very pretty, and Howson was a man who liked pretty faces. They soon became friendly. He walked home with her at night when the orchestra had finished, went for long strolls with her in leisure hours, brought her chocolates, nosegays, etc., and in fact, paid her every attention. Sheila was flattered; she liked her handsome admirer and indeed, fell in love with him.

Howson was not slow in declaring his passion to this pretty girl, whom he asked to be his wife. But there was one great drawback, the question of religion. Sheila frankly told him that, as she was a Catholic, if they married, he would have to make certain promises. She named them. She also said that they must be married in her own church. Howson, after listening, shook his head. He could not accept her views, he said; and they must marry before a civil iudge.

"I cannot," said Sheila. "I must obey my Church."

How pretty she was, how winning, he thought, looking at her. A few persuasive words would surely make her yield! And so he began to coax her, saying:

"I will go to church with you sometimes, when we are married. Maybe I shall be a Catholic myself, one of these days. But not yet awhile. I do not wish to be rushed into it," he added.

And so at last in her sinful folly she promised to be his wife, and to marry him before a judge.

The wedding was to take place on the morning following the termination of her musical engagement; that is, at the end of the season. Sheila gladly fell in with this arrangement. She told Howson that her mother would never consent to their marriage. When she became his wife she could not, of course, be interfered with. planned to spend the honeymoon abroad, and on their return would settle down in his own

All this was quite satisfactory to Sheila, though there were moments when her conscience bitterly reproached her. But she managed to hush it. The weeks slipped by. She seldom wrote home now. They wondered why her letters were so few. Her mother inquired the reason.

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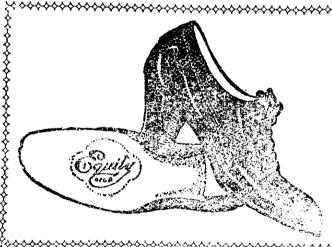


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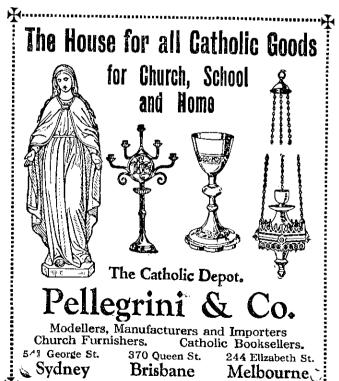
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The wedding day drew near. Now and then visions of the old home would rise up before her. She would picture her mother, sad-faced and weary, going about her endless monotony of work. And then she pictured how she would look when she knew all. She would recall the little altar in Granny's bedroom, with the picture of the Sacred Heart hanging over it, pleading for His child's return. Should she go back? But it meant giving up this man and that she could not do.

The wedding morning came at last. Sheila rose early. It was a heavenly day. The sky was deep blue without a cloud. She put on her best white costume, and tucked into her belt a little bunch of roses he had given her the night before. She took extra pains with her hair. Yes, she was pretly, she said, gazing in the mirror. And then she suddenly paused—her hand on her heart.

What was it that almost made it stop beating? Why, that fear -that strange uneasiness? What voice whispered: "You must give up this man; you cannot marry him?" Was it her Angel Guardian? Was it the Sacred Heart?

"You, a Catholic, will not be married if you go before a civil judge. You will be commencing a life of sin."

The Sacred Heart! Memory brought back those bright, happy days. The mornings she had received Him into her heart, and howed her head down and worshipped Him. Where now those fair promises of being always His faithful handmaid? Had she not broken her word? What blessing could result from such a marriage outside the Church? It was a grievous sin to be followed by a life of sin; for a Catholic, to have a valid marriage, must be married before the priest and two witnesses.

"But I have promised," she said, "and I cannot break from him now,"

Bright sunshine streamed into the room but it failed to cheer her. Her heart was heavy. She went downstairs and ate her breakfast without any appetite. On a small table in the window was a cage, with a canary hopping about. The little creature suddenly burst into loud song. Sheila rose and approached it.

"Ah! that is my Dickie!" eried the landlady, suddently bustling in. "He always sings best in bright weather. But it wasn't always so, Miss Follard," she went on, coming to the window. "Dickie was a poor singer till I put him in the dark. They say it's a grand way to teach little birds. Give them darkness and solitude, and they make fine singers."

"Was it not so with me?" Sheila's heart whispered to her. "Once upon a time, not so long ago, Jesus put me in the dark, so to speak. He sent me many trials: my life was a hard one—but I was at peace, for I loved Him, and my heart sang for joy when I knew He was near, cheering me. And am I now going to forsake Him for this man?"

She turned away and gazed sadly out of the window. She was sorely troubled. The landlady, thinking she had a headache, withdrew. She knew nothing of the proposed marriage.

A heavy stormeloud swept over the soul of

Sheila. It was the conflict. But the sun was hidden behind the cloud, waiting to shine down on her. She began to pray.

"Dear Sacred Heart, forgive me; I have done wrong, and now I am in terrible distress. Send me grace to do my duty. Help me!"

As if in answer, there came a loud ringing at the street bell. A few moments later the landlady announced a visitor.

"She says she wishes to speak to you. She would not give her name, Miss."

"My mother?" Sheila asked herself. Aloud she said, "Show her in,"

A stronge woman, middle-aged, coarse-featured, shabbily attired, came into the room. She gazed at the girl with contracted brows. Her eyes were heavy and sad-looking; she seemed in trouble.

"You wish to speak to me?" Sheila asked, "Yes."

"Will you be scated?"

Her visitor complied. There was a short, tense silence. Then she said, in a hard voice:

"I have heard from an acquaintance of Mr. Howson that he is to be married this morning, before the judge ——"

"So he had arranged."

"To Miss Follard."

"I am she."

"I am sorry to have to tell you that this marriage cannot possibly take place; the reman heing that I am Mr. Howson's lawful wife. I can show you my marriage certificate."

The cheek of Sheila did not flush, nor turn pale: nor was she greatly shocked. But she was surprised—and thankful. Here was an easy way out of the difficulty. She had no love for the man now, no desire to marry him. The Sacred Heart had relieved her of her temptation, and peace possessed her soul.

"I am most grateful that you have brought me this news," she said quietly. "I need hardly tell you that I knew absolutely nothing of Mr. Howson's previous marriage—until now. I thank you for opening my eyes to his true character. I thank God for it. My only regret is that I did not know it sooner." "I also regret it," Mrs. Howson answered in her same hard voice. "I am sorry that you have been so deceived. Mr. Howson and I have been married over six years. For the last eighteen months I have seen and heard nothing of him. Yesterday I managed to discover his whereabouts, from a person acquainted with him, who informed me of his intended—so called—marriage.

"To prolong my visit is unnecessary, I think. So I wish you good morning." She smiled. "I shall see Mr. Howson at the courthouse, at the hour he has arranged to meet you. Good-day."

She withdrew, and Sheila laid her head down on the table and shed tears of joy.

"Dear Jesus," she said, "how little do I deserve Thy kindness!"

Late that night Sheila arrived home, where she received a warm welcome from her family. She humbly confided to her mother the story of her engagement to her false suitor—and how it was broken off. She expressed her deep sorrow for her past folly, and was readily forgiven.

"Oh, Sheila, my darling," crooned the old grandmother, "I am so glad you have come back! I have missed you terribly. I have been praying and praying for your return. I am not long for this world, and I wish you near, when the Lord takes me."

She lifted her wrinkled hands above the girl's head.

Sheila was happy—after making a sincere contriate Confession and a fervent Holy Communion. She craved no other blessings than those which Our Lord sent her. Very often they were blessings in disguise. Hard work, sacrifice, the ups-and-downs of life she looked upon as fleeting clouds, dimming her soul's horizon. She knew that the heavens beyond were bright and clear.

Occasionally she obtained a musical engagement near home, which pleased her greatly; and she was thankful to the Sacred Heart. But above all she thanked Him for the wise lesson she had learned, namely, that the way of the Cross is best.—Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Observations of a Retreatant

(Contributed.)

'Far from the madding crowd,' the attractions and distractions of human life, there only can we pause to meditate upon the emptiness of life and the fullness of Christ's love—then only can we think on the wondrous mercy of God and realise the bitterness of the dregs of life's fleeting pleasures.

"Come unto Me," said Our Blessed Lord, "all ye that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

With these words in mind the men of Wanganui set out determinedly to hold a Retreat. It seemed rather a precarious move, for apparently no other parish, with the exception of those which possessed the necessary facilities, had yet embarked upon so excellent a scheme.

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In the meantime the "Villa" was the scene of great activity. The best room was secured by the chapel committee who descended thereon with hangings and drapings. After a week of tacking and carrying, the chapel with altar and sacristy complete, stood ready for the presence of the King of Kings.

In other rooms desks were being shifted to make room for tables and chairs, and in no time the dining room was prepared, and the lounge room, with books and papers scattered about, was ready for occupation. What if backs ached or arms were fired? When God is pleased then aches are naught.

On the day prior to the opening two well-known ladies of the parish, whose ability needs no testimonial, took possession of the Villa kitchen and labored unceasingly to provide for a large family of retreatants. Surely God will reward a hundredfold the generosity of these two women whose presence, whether at Retreat or social, is indispensable.

Soon everything was ready, and on Friday night came the retreatants, bearing along with their bedelothes the best of intentions. Forty men, from eighteen to eighty they came—all with the same desire to spend some little time alone with God.

It is not necessary to dwell on the different exercises of the Retreat for these have been enumerated so often, but sufficient it is to say that he who would be alone with God needed only to mount the tower of the "Villa," where, in the early morning, through a veil of pink mist, the sign of God's great handiwork appeared, and to the music of a thousand birds in the tall pines the earth was bathed in a flood of golden light. And at dusk, when God compassionates a foolish, wicked world, he could look upon the sleeping town shrouded in clouds of silver river mist, and realise that life is but a day and the future a night shrouded in a mist of doubt.

Ah! those golden hours of peace sublime, those moments fraught with the pure love of God! Would that we blind mortals could cease to barter that love for the cup of pleasure which when drained leaves naught but dregs of exceeding bitterness.

We should therefore seize with eagerness upon an opportunity of attending a Retreat, for there in truth can one say, "My God and my All."

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The writer of the historical notes on the Church in New Zealand, now running through the Tablet, having in mind the added interest imparted by illustrations, would be very grateful if those possessing photographs of priests who formerly labored in the Dominion—the early missionaries especially—would forward such (with name, etc., attached) to the Tablet office. After being reproduced, these would be carefully returned to the owners.

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Holy Virgin, we propose never to adopt any manner of dress displeasing to Thee. This means that upon every occasion, even when the devil tempts us and suggests that we pass the limits of holy modesty, we will remember our promise to Thee."

As the evil is already in our midst, shall not we Catholic women of New Zealand, as loyal children of Holy Church, and devout clients of Mary Immaculate, throw ourselves whole heartedly into this glorious campaign for the safe-guarding of womanly modesty?

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Pray carnestly that fifty earnest workers may be found among our Catholic girls to help in extending the campaign over the leagth and breadth of our fair land. Will you join, and get as many others as you can to join in carrying out this noble enterprise?

OUR LADY'S LEAGUE.

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BISHOP BRODIE'S APPROBATION

Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, February 17, 1925.

Dear Rev. Mother,

I cordially approve of the movement under the appropriate designation of "Our Lady's League." The aims and objects of the League seem to be in complete accord with the exhortation of our Holy Father Pope Pius XI on Christian modesty in dress, and consequently should commend themselves to the acceptance of all Catholics. The fact that his Holiness has given his blessing to such a movement enables me to rejoice that Our Lady's League is being established in my diocese. The movement has my cordial approbation.

Yours most sincerely in Jesus Christ,
** MATTHEW J. BRODIE,
Bishop of Christchurch.

His Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, has also given his cordial approval to the League movement in his diocese.

WEDDING BELLS

CLARKE-EGAN.

A very popular wedding was solemnised at the Catholic church, Gore, on February 3. the contracting parties being Miss Agnes (Reece) Egan, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Egan, Trafford Street, Gore, and Mr. Samuel Clarke, of Bluff, and formerly of Gore, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Clarke, Gladstone, Invercargill. Rev. Father Graham officiated. The church was tastefully decorated by girl friends of the bride with hydrangias and gaillardias. The bride, who was led to the altar by her father, looked charming in a gown of creme figured brochede-Chine, simply made and finished with a spray of orange blossom at the waist. She wore a train daintily lined with heliotrope, and her veil of creme tulle, beautifully embroidered, was caught with pearls and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white roses, sweet peas and maiden-hair fern, with touches of heliotrope scabias. The bridesmaids were Miss Hilda Egan (sister of the bride) and Miss Doris Hoffman (niece). Miss Egan wore a handsome frock of beliotrope marocain brocaded in silver, relieved with trimmings of shrimp-colored ribbon. veil was of heliotrope tulle with a coronet of silver leaves, and she wore silver shoes and stockings to match. Miss Doris Hoffman was daintily attired in a frock of creme lace and white shoes and stockings, and a wreath of silver leaves finished with streamers of heliotrope encircled her head. Both bridesmaids carried bouquets of heliotrope, sweet peas, scabias, and gypsophila. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. E. Clarke, as best man. During the ceremony Mrs. Poppelwell presided at the organ and played the "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. An adjournment was then made to Hoffman's tea rooms, when a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the customary toasts honored. After the wedding breakfast the guests proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egan, where they were hospitably entertained. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a seal coat, to the bridesmaids a gold "Nellie Stewart" bangle and an ebony brush and comb respectively, and the bride's present to the bridegroom was a silver-mounted walking stick. The newly-wedded couple left by the afternoon's express en route to the North Island, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride travelling in a navy three-piece costume piped with white, and a navy and white hat to match. During the afternoon a number of congratulatory telegrams were received from absent friends. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke

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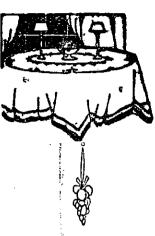
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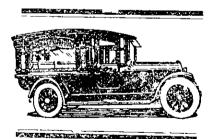
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received valuable presents, including a dinner set from the Railway staff at Bluff, and a tea set from the bride's fellow-employees. Prior to the wedding, Mrs. R. Tutty entertained Miss Egan, when a number of her friends presented her with useful kitchen articles. The bride was the recipient of a

presentation from the Children of Mary of the local church, of which society she was a valued member, and she was also entertained at an "afternoon" by the St Patrick's Tennis Club, when she was presented with a Doulton salad bowl and biscuit barrel mounted in silver.

St. Patrick The Story

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and have appointed you, that you should go and should bring forth fruit and your fruit should remain."-St. John xv. 16.

These words from St. John's Gospel were addressed by Our Lord to His Apostles who were to go forth and announce to the world the glad tidings of salvation. They may be regarded as spoken, also, to those great missionary saints who were sent by God to convert pagan nations, and, in particular, they may be applied to St. Patrick, who was chosen to preach the Gospel in Ireland, and who brought forth abundant fruit by making the inhabitants of that land followers of Christ: that fruit has, in a wonderful way, remained and increased till the present day, and will, with the Divine blessing, remain till the end of the world.

Patrick when a boy was taken prisoner in war, and was sold as a slave in the north of Ireland. The task given him was to keep sheep or swine in a mountainous region. He knew and loved God, and during the years of his captivity he did not murmur against his hard lot, but sought day by day to please his Creator more and more. Being much alone, he learned to walk in God's presence and to pray to Him continually in the solitude of his heart; and by means of that sweet communion with the Lord Whom he loved, he conquered temptations to impatience and discouragement, shunned sin, and advanced rapidly in virtue and sanctity. At last he escaped from Ireland and landed in France, where, as he wished to become a priest, Divine Providence enabled him to pursue his studies and obtain ordination. One day—he tells us the fact in his "Confession"-he had a vision in which an angel appeared and handed him a letter in which he saw the words, "The Voice of the Irish," and while he was reading it, he thought he heard the voice of people living near the western sea calling to him and saying: "Holy youth, come and walk again amongst us." And he adds, "The Lord many years after granted unto them according to their desire." For in that very region—the wood of Foclut in the west-he converted many to the faith of Christ. He felt that God wished him to preach the Gospel in the land where he had been a captive and had learned to speak the Celtic tongue. Accordingly, after long years of preparation for that dangerous and difficult work, he was consecrated bishop, and the holy Pope Celestine commissioned him to carry the tidings of Redemption to that beautiful western island.

Accompanied by some priests, he landed in the north-east of Ireland, and made there several converts; but he knew it would be

best to get the King's approval of his mission, and for that purpose, he went to Tara, where a great assembly was just then being held by the monarch. It was a national custom that no fire was allowed in the province during this assembly until the King's bonfire was lighted. During Holy Week Patrick arrived within sight of Tara, and he kindled the fire which is required during the ceremonies of that sacred time, the last days of Lent. King Laghaire was very angry, and determined to put Patrick to death. The pagan priests, called Druids, exhorted him to destroy the new religion; otherwise it would spread through the whole island. Yet when, by the king's command, Patrick was brought before him, he was so impressed by the bearing and preaching of the saint, that he not only forgave him, but, in addition, he allowed him to make converts of all who wished to accept the Christian faith. Though he was not himself converted, his queen and many nobles of his court became fervent Christians.

The Saint travelled everywhere throughout the island, and the land, which he found given up to the errors of paganism, he beheld before his death converted to Christ. Towards the close of his life he fasted and prayed during Lent on Mount Cruachan, which looks on the western sea. There he prayed that the Irish should never lose the faith. He was attacked by demons, but he put them to flight, and Victor, the angel that guarded him, brought him the message that Ireland should be faithful to Christ even till the Day of Judgment. He said:-

"Thy nation shall not walk Accordant with the Gentiles of this world, But as a race elect sustain the Crown, Or bear the Cross . .

. . .

-until the Day of Doom."

And soon after—when St. Patrick was dead-the Catholic faith grew like a mighty tree that with its protecting branches overshadowed the whole land; and everywhere throughout the island there arose churches and monasteries and convents and schools until Ireland became known among the peoples that filled the earth as the "Island of Saints and Scholars." When that golden age passed away, dark and evil days came, and the children of St. Patrick were asked by wicked men to deny and renounce the Catholic religion. But in spite of keenest suffering, "in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword," they clung to the faith and were faithful to it even unto death. And so we, too, my dearest, must be resolved to be ever true Catholics, and to honor our religion by leading virtuous lives in obedience to God's Commandments and the precepts of the Church. All this we are bound to do, because the blood of saints and martyrs flows

in our veins, and we must by a blameless life do honor to that glorious blood.—M. J. WATSON, S.J., in Pearls From Holy Scripture for Little Ones.

A REFRESHING TRIP

One cannot be said to have seen New Zealand if one has not been to the glorious Otago Lakes. It is not possible, of course, for everyone who takes a holiday to linger for weeks about the Lakes, enjoying the natural beauties and attractions of this superb holiday resort, but if one only went there in order to return through Central Otago by motor one would feel that life held many things worth while. Just imagine we are running along the western shore of Lake Wanaka, past the incomparable Glendu Bay, fording the Matatap and Matukituki Rivers right to the foot of Mount Aspiring. It is a district to linger in, but the car speeds across the grain-growing flats of Hawea, and we snatch a glimpse of the blue waters of the lake of that name as the road slips behind us on the way to Luggate, Queensbury, and Lowburn. Now we follow the mighty Clutha River on to Cromwell where meet the waters of the Clutha and the Kawarau. Cromwell is a quiet little town now, but there was a day when Cromwell and its Otago neighbors Iured thousands of seekers for El Dorado, possessed with the waking dream of giant fortunes easily made. But we must reflect as we go, for Central Otago claims us now. Spring, summer, and autumn the trip from here is one of surpassing beauty, for this is one of the principal fruit-growing districts of the Dominion. Mile after mile of orchards change their brilliant garb with the seasons from a maze of gorgeous colored blossoms to rich, rosy, luscious fruit and the tender, exquisite tint of autumn leaves. Clyde and Alexandra pass in quick review, and as we cross the river the discarded machinery and heaps of tailings which we see recall the great dredging boom and remind us of the things that were. We are still thinking of the golden buckets, and golden falls, and innumerable other golden things which are now but a memory as we slip through Fruitlands and into Roxburgh. Here, in this pleasant little orchard town nestling among the hills, we halt for lunch. Then on again in the early afternoon winding in and out among green, undulating hills, through Miller's Flat, and then a delightful run alongside the pretty reaches of the Clutha River. Soon we are in Lawrence, another busy little town, interesting too for its wealth of mining reminiscences; then on to Waitahuna, where the river again recalls those strenuous and adventurous gold-mining days. Manuka Gorge is a beautiful spot, rugged and unspoilt by the fortune seeker. The road now opens on to the Tokomairiro Plain, across which lies Milton and the rich Taieri Plain, dotted with well-cultivated farms. trice we are in Dunedin, and as we listen to the familiar sounds of city streets we ask ourselves if Fairyland is not a real place after all. If any our our readers wish to make this delightful trip we advise them to make enquiries from the White Star Motor Services, whose announcement appears in the front page of this issue of the Tablet. -Advt.

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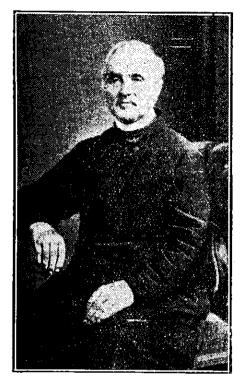
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THE CHURCH IN TARANAKI: A SKETCH PREPARED FOR THE JUBILEE OF THE PARISH OF HAWERA.

(Continued from February 25.)



THE LATE FATHER LAMPILA, S.M. Whose work in Taranaki was referred to in our issue for February 11.

THE PARISH OF HAWERA.

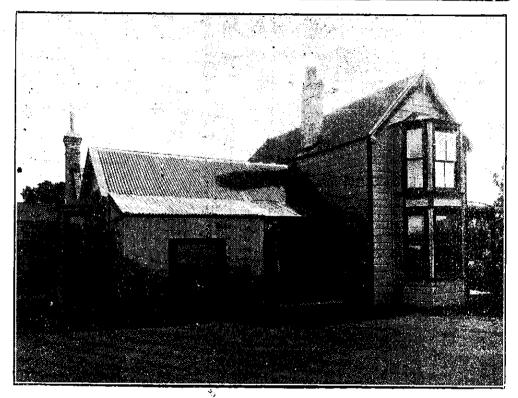
The people of Hawera boast that their town is one of the most prosperous in the Dominion, its dairying lands are certainly the finest. The Maori word Hawera means a burnt place. It was so called from the strategy of the Natives, who at dawn one day in the early 'sixties set fire to the fern and scrub on the windward side of the sleeping British army, hoping under cover of the smoke screen to rush the camp and surprise and capture the general and his staff. The scheme failed, but the place retains the name.

In the neighborhood of Hawera there are many historic spots. Te-Ngutu-O-Te-Manu, about ten miles distant, was the seene of the heroic death of the gallant Von Tempsky and of the heroism of Father Rolland. The honey-combed tunnels near the mouth of the Waingongoro, about five miles distant, inspire many of the thrilling reminiscences of our veterans. Turuturu-Mokau, not more than one mile from the site selected for the new railway station, was one of the most interesting spots in the Maori war. It has lately been declared a public park, and will soon be as remarkable for the scenic beauty to which it lends itself as for its historic associations. The late Lawrence Milmoc, a benefactor of the Church, signalised himself here, as did also many of his co-religionists.

The parish of Hawera was founded in June 1875, with Father Pertuis as priest in charge. It is easy to imagine the thoughts that filled the mind of this gentle son of the Church's eldest daughter as he came to take charge of a little flock in this the youngest of all

lands. As he topped the hill at Nukumaru and gazed upon the wide waters of the Tasman on his left, and the verdant fields to his right and on the foreground extending to the lordly mountain, whose sides swept down in perfect, unbroken curves, he must have rejoiced that his new home had beauties

altar steps would hear and feel nature accompanying him with antiphonal harmony. To those who love God nature is no blind, destructive force; in its every phase it is own brother to him who is religious with the religion of the gentle Saint of Assisi, and Father Pertuis was a man after St. Francis' own heart. He had his little flower patch very soon, and his white rabbits which he kept to the end of his life. Many must have been the little sermons he preached to them on the love of God; the flowers must send their fragrance up to Him, and the rabbits return thanks for the sweet herbs: "All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise



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even greater than that which he had left. A man of deep religious faith, he was in sympathy with nature; nature was to him no meaningless mystery. The verdant fields through which he travelled, the singing birds that made the air vocal with their welcome to him, the countless stars that sparkled like patines of bright gold when he arrived in Hawera that frosty night in June, the glorious mountain whose snows shone in the full moon, the meaning of the sea as it rolled upon the beach at Waingongoro, all spoke to him of the Immutable God Who was looking in love through the lightly covered veil on the first priest who would represent Him on the beautiful plains. No doubt he raised his voice on that first night and joined it with the voices of the waves and of the stars in humble praise and thanksgiving to his and their Creator. And when morning came, his first morning in Hawera, and Chanticleer had aroused the faithful to sing their hymn of Lauds, he arose quickly, set up his little altar, and gave to God the highest praise that earth could give, long before the rising sun had turned the top of Egmont into gold. Ever since that morning fifty years ago, the daily Mass has been offered on this beautiful plain, and every priest as he ascended the

and exalt Him above all for ever."

He began his pastoral work in a very humble way, for the Catholics in Hawera and the plains were few and far between. A small cottage, shifted from the Waihi cemetery, formed a combined church and presbytery, the whole measuring eighteen feet by sixteen. It was not rain-proof; the Archbishop on the occasion of his first visit had to be continually shifting the alter stone to escape the drip, drip as he was saying Mass. Father Pertuis soon built a beautiful little Gothic church, which was long an object of admiration, and much of whose timber still remaining is the soundest in the locality. I have said that on his first night he must have joined his voice to that of the stars in thanksgiving; he was a good astronomer and had a fine telescope. In those days it would appear that most of the Hawera settlers thought that all star-gazers were mentally unbalanced, and many jokes have been handed down, which, though they were meant to be at the expense of the priest, tell only against the teller. He had the habit of rushing into the neighboring houses and dragging out their members to gaze through his "spy-glass" at some wonder he had discovered in the heavens. I do not know how

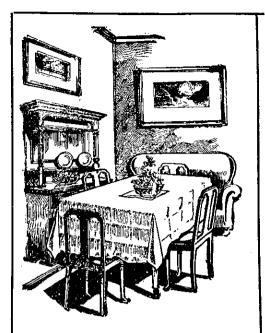
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many musical instruments he played-I have some faint recollection of a fife and drum band in the South Island later-but he cerainly was a master hand at the concertina, and often accompanied himself on it as he sang at Benediction. Many still laugh at the memory of it, and himself had to put up with much chaffing over it, but I have no doubt at all that the angels would rather join in the harmony of Father Pertuis and his concerting than in much of the music that is now called ecclesiastical, and with which our ears and our souls are assaulted in every part of New Zealand. He was not long in acquiring a fair grasp of the English language; he had an excellent tutor in the late Colonel Malone, who was himself a good Freuch scholar. The pupil sometimes startled the tutor, even from the pulpit. It was at Mr. Casey's house at Normanby he made all the children scream, when announcing a death, he said that such a one had "kicked the bucket." When their mother proceeded to rebuke them after the priest had left, and suggested what a poor attempt they would make at the French or even the Irish language, they protested that it was not at the slang they had laughed at all. but at the fright the dear priest looked when clad in their father's Sunday clothes. Getting wet through and through on many of his journeys, he had to change into whatever he could get, even into the clothes of a fall man like Mr. Casey.

The first name in the Baptismal Register of the new parish is that of John O'Keefe. born and baptised on the 13th of June, 1875. Of the 72 baptised within the next 24 months most are still living, but they are scattered far and wide. The first marriage recorded is that of Edward Collins and Margaret Cumpingham, which was celebrated on the 2nd February, 1877. Mrs. Collins, who survives her husband, is now living with her daughter in Disraeli Street. Mrs. Redding. the bride of the second marriage, does not look as if she had passed her eighty winters. She was received into the Church on Christmas Day, 1924. Patrick Gilligan and Ellen McNamara, who married young in 1878, give promise of seeing another quarter of a century; they are eagerly looking forward to our jubilee celebrations ...

Father Pertuis was not long in Hawera before he established a Catholic school. The first teacher was Miss Coakley, now the wife of Mr. Thomas Lloyd, the well-known barrister of Wanganui. She was succeeded by Miss Guerin, now Mrs. Austen Whittaker, of Auckland. After her came Miss Boylan, who later became Mrs. Kirk. These good ladies were responsible for much of the early training of Archbishop O'Shea, Father Malone, and of many others who are now excellent Catholics in various parts of the Dominion.

Father Pertuis was a saintly and zealous priest; his name is still revered in many homes, and many of us pray that he may still continue to help the parish of which he was the founder. After leaving Hawera he spent several fruitful years on the West Coast. He died in Wellington on February 28, 1906, at the Home of Compassion under the kind care of Mother Mary Aubert.

Father Ryan, from the American mission, was in charge during the greater part of

1878. He added a little two-storied building to what had been Father Pertuis' house and first church. This new building had two rooms on the ground floor, whose walls were only eight feet high. The walls of the upper rooms were five feet high with a slanting ceiling eked out of the roof. It was the finest building of its day in Hawera, and was said to be the cynosure of all eyes. It was sold some 25 years ago to Mr. John Findlay, who had it re-creeted on a beautiful site above the Waingongoro beach. When Mr. Finlay, who is a broad-minded and scholarly Irishmen from the "BlackNorth," was asked by me what he intended to do with it, he replied: "I mean to sanctify it by turning it into an Orange Lodge." Mr. Finlay dearly loves a joke, and his jokes are always good. He loves to be serious too, and he was quite serious when he organised a public function a few years ago to honor the memcry of Father Rolland. On that occasion he presented the parish, the Borough Chambers, and the public library with an enlarged photograph of the valiant priest, underneath which was inscribed the culogy from Von Tempsky which I have quoted in the beginning of this sketch

When accepting a tender for additions to the presbytery, Father Ryan seemed to think that promises were as good as actual payments—they should be, but seldom are—so be advanced from his own purse about one-third of the cost; but when, after several protracted enquiries, it was clearly shown that the promises had been made and not redeemed, he was on the eve of his return to America recouped by his successor and the church committee, who made the amount a parish liability.

The late Dean Grogan came in January. 1879, and remained five years. A man of powerful build and vigorous constitution, and like most Irishmen a lover of a good horse, he spent most of his time in the saddle. His predecessor travelled on foot and was much handicapped; the parish register shows that the second child baptized in Hawera, though the parents were excellent Catholics, had to wait six months for the Sacrament of Regeneration. This could not happen in Dean Grogan's time, for on his good horse "Tom," he would be in Kai Iwi and Oanui in the same week. The Dean acquired some of the present fine property in Hawera, enlarged the church, and built the beautiful little church in Patea, then one of the finest in the archdiocese. With voice and pen he was a valiant defender of the faith, and in many respects he might have sat for the portrait of "Father O'Flynn," A story is told of a certain hotel-keeper in Patea, who laid a wager at a late hour one Saturday night, that no one in the company would have the pluck to go to the presbytery and wake up Father Grogan. One took up the wager: it was ten pounds. Now, the Dean had long since retired for the night in view of the busy day that was before him. The sportsman called and called in a rather unsteady voice, for he had been imbibing somewhat, but the awakened priest would not answer. The voice still persisting, like the householder of the Gospel, he arose and came to the door, not with a loaf, however, but with the riding-whip which he always

kept in his bedroom; which, when the visitor saw, he said: "I have come, Father, to give you some money for the new church," much?" asked the Dean, throwing away the whip. "Five pounds," was the reply. "No, you rascal," said the Dean, "since you have given me nothing for six months I' won't take less than ten," and he looked towards the whip. The visitor handed over the ten pounds and went away quite pleased, he was no poorer and the Dean was the richer, the loss was his who had made the injudicious wager. Not many of us could get a subscription for a new church so easily in these days: I would gladly be aroused every night in the year at such a price. But it is too generally known that I was never the owner of a riding-whip,

The best years of the Dean's life were spent at Napier, where he left many memorials of his zeal, notably the fine church near the Railway Station with its commanding tower and steeple. I should like to write more on the character and work of one who had always been a good friend to me, though we were not of the same generation, but Father Hickson will do all this when he brings his excellent story of the Church in Hawke's Bay up to date.

Among the active canvassers for Church work during the pastorship of Dean Grogan, I find that Mrs. O'Shea was easily first. After her came, in order of merit, Mr. Milmoe, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Whittaker, and Mr. John Malone. There was also a very flourishing Confraternity of the Sacred Heart and Living Rosary. The attendance which was carefully marked shows that the members were faithful to their consecration promise. Mrs. O'Shea was head of the first guild, Mrs. Guerin head of the second, Mr. John Malone head of the third, and T. O'Shea head of the fourth. T. O'Shea must have been a very young boy then; that he was a good shepherd is seen from the fine record of attendance made by Guild Four. The heads of Guilds One and Three gave each a son and daughter to the Church. Sister Aloysious O'Shea has now for many years been head of an important branch house of the Mercy Order in Wellington; Sister Xavier Malone, who was for several years Reverend Mother of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Wanganui, is now head of their branch house at Hastings; Sister de Sales Casey, who was for several years head of her own convent in Hawera, is now head of the convent at Taihape; while a second daughter of Mr. Casev has now charge of the Hawera Convent School. The late Tom Malone gave two daughters to the cloister, Mrs. Brick gave two, Mr. McLoughlin gave two, and Mr. Tom Whyte, Mr. Roche, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hogan, Crompton, Mr. Dan King, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Hamerton, Mrs. Doyle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. McComsky, and Mr. Connell gave one each.

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To the Point

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First, improper home atmosphere; second, no religious training; third, automobile riding; fourth, love of luxury; fifth, liquor; sixth, movies of the wrong type; seventh, sex immodesty; eighth, boys with too much money; ninth, immodest dancing; tenth, trashy novels.

More Nonsense About Skulls

Oxford has just passed through a trying time. Sir Arthur Keith delivered a lecture there on the Rhodesian Skull, but we find it hard to believe that even a scientific romancer could make the subject a thrilling one. And yet Sir Arthur strained his powers of romancing to the utmost. He believeser says he believes-the Rhodesian Skull to be the oldest in existence. Its owner must have lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago. 'Tis but a little year ago, however, since this same scientific gentleman lectured on the skull of the Mousterian man, and he said that skull was the oldest in existence. its owner having been hale and hearty 350,000 years ago! Some scientists are deplorably loose in arithmetic! Quite recently we told of a skull (the Galley Hill Skull) that was submitted to a committee of experts in order to obtain their opinion as to its age. The committee reported that the thing was not a skull at all, but was only an oddlyshaped bit of stone. Well, according to the Catholic Herold of India, when that skull was found Sir Arthur Keith without a moment's hesitation declared its age to be 250,600 years, 50,000 older than the skull he was talking about the other day. Dean Inge in reported as saying that religion must fall into step with science. We wonder is this the kind of "science" his reverence was thinking of?

Mussolini

Mussolini is not a popular figure in Europe. Most of the newspapers are filled with forceasts of what is about to happen to him. Needless to say, the wish is father to the thought. The Rome correspondent of the Irish Weekly says that while no man in Europe prehably has more enemies than Mussolini. he has nevertheless done more solid good for Italy than all achieved by Salandra, Orlemio, and Giolitti, three ex-Premiers. They were ruled by Freemasonry; he has transoled upon this "State within the State." They were forced to annount three Freereasons to places in their Cabinets; he prohibit, army officers from joining the sect, and he has now a Bill making secret societies illegal. As soon as the Grand Orient heard of this Bill it held a sceret meeting. proposedings have not leaked out. But it is Commit that the Grand Orient will dissolve before the Bill has massed many stages. Like a Fon Mussolini faces all opponents. He puts strength and courage into his Party,

and bears all the abuse the Communists pour on him as if he had not noticed it. We can all understand why he has so many enemies.

France and the Vatican

When the news arrived by cable that the French Government had decided to withdraw its Ambassador from the Vatican we expressed the opinion that France herself would be the first to suffer from the event. According to M. Chauffier, writing in Le Figaro, the great Parisian daily, the prophecy was not long in being fulfilled. He says:—

"France has separated her interests from those of Catholicism. The result has not been long in coming. Our influence in the Orient is diminishing from day to day and is descending to zero. Our national Catholic power of missionary expansion, which constitutes almost our entire action in the Orient, is in danger of becoming exhausted. The Holy See, no longer finding in France the necessary means, is turning to other countries more wide-awake, more active, and more able, to solicit their valued co-operation. We must also realise that if the interests of the Holy See and those of France are in conflict, it is France that will always be the loser. The Holy See can get on without us. We have need of her. And it is we who create the conflict."

France is sorely in need of a Mussolini just now. However, the French Catholics are showing a bold front, and judging by the sample of courage displayed by the political lackeys during the war, a few savage grimaces from General de Castelnau will be sufficient to put them to rout. As Mr. Chesterton said of another political gang, "they are not very warlike vassals even of their unwarlike lords; they are not very bold bravoes even for hire; and a hearty protest will sometimes shake them." The protest has been made with considerable determination, and the song birds tell us that M. Herriot likes it not.

Progress

Those who believe that the Church will succumb to persecution will find but cold comfort in the statistics just published of the progress of Catholicity in the missionary countries of Europe and other parts of the world during the past hundred years. In Sweden and Norway the number has increased from 10 to 5547; in Denmark, from 100 to 8700; in Holland and Luxemburg, from 350,000 to 1,900,000.

In Indo China, in spite of the persecution and massacres, there are 1,200,000 Catholics. In Japan and Corea, where Catholicism has had liberty only for about thirty years, there are now 170,000 Catholics. In 1820 there were only 10,000.

In Canada from six bishops, 30 priests, 500,000 faithful in 1822, the number has increased to 38 bishops, six Apostolic Vicariates, and 3,000,000 of faithful.

In the United States there were in 1822 nine dioceses with 12 priests in each, and 400,000 faithful. At the present moment

there are 16 archbishops, 23 bishops, 24,659 priests, and 17,855,000 Catholics.

In Australia, where there was in 1830 only one priest to minister to the Irish exiles and not a single church, there is to-day in union with New Zealand a large Catholic population, comprising 1,200,000 faithful, nine archbishops, six bishops, 2200 churches, and 1306 priests.

In the Oceanic Isles there are 22 vicariates and six Apostolic Prefects, with 600 missionaries, and 270,000 Catholics.

These figures are eloquent.

The Jesuits Again

The Jesuits have been at it again. According to a somewhat shrewish publication known as The Protestant Woman, the irrepressible sons of St. Ignatius have been "carrying on dreadful" at the English town of Lower Edmonton, and the good ladies of The Protestant Woman record their disapproval as follows:-

"At Lower Edmonton the French Jesuits have recently built a large church (called St. Edmund's) and a big school, both built of stone. Now, on Sundays, they are marching about with processions of the most aggressive and idolatrous character. On occasions they have marched about here with a girl dressed up as if for a wedding; a priest lifting and carrying an image of Christ on a chair, holding it with both hands high above his head, another carrying a tall crucifix and nuns beside it, with hands over their eyes. Where are we now?"

Indeed, it ought not be hard to enlighten that lady as to her whereabouts. We know where she is but we are too polite to tell her. The Catholic Times is reminded of a king who was received by the mayor of a small country lown, but without the customary ringing of bells. Questioned by the monarch as to his default, the magistrate proceeded to give nineteen reasons why the joyous bells did not ring out. His nineteenth reason was that there were no bells. To reverse the process of circumlocution adopted by the mayor it should be said that there are no French Jesuits-or Jesuits of any other nationality--in the area known as Lower Edmonton. It follows logically that the story of the French Jesuits' recent erection of a "large church (called St. Edmund's) and a big school, both of stone," as well as the freakish description of the "processions of the most aggressive and idolatrous character," are without any foundation in fact. The reference to "a priest lifting and carrying an image of Christ on a chair, holding it with both hands high above his head, another carrying a tall crucifix and nuns beside it" suggests that the Protestant Woman lady must have been looking at a circus featuring professional strong men rather than at a religious procession. The Catholic Times investigated the matter still further. It interviewed the Redemptorist Superior of Lower Edmonton, who knew nothing of French Jesuits in that area; and the new church and school, both of stone, came as a revelation to him. contemporary concludes with this request: "Will the Protestant Woman be ladylike enough to withdraw the ridiculous paragraph? Someone has been-dare we say it? -pulling her leg."

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A company has been formed in England for the purpose of starting a weekly paper under the editorship of Mr. G. K. Chesterton. Mr. Chesterton thinks that the time is ripe for the new venture. "The political situation," he says, "is so far determined by the General Election that certain immediate prospects, which some regard as immediate perils, are removed. For the moment our national polities will not be Socialist. But they cannot remain content with being Anti-Socialist. The very fact that positive collectivism has in that sense failed prevents us from continuing a merely negative waruing against the success of something that has failed. The next few years will be emphatically a field for an alternative to Socialism. My friends and I have always believed in such an alternative to Socialism: and we now believe that our time has come." Mr. Chesterton goes on to say that he will endeavor in this paper to talk as men talk in the real world of to-day; that is, he will assume that politics are corrupt, that politicians are unpopular, that parliaments are everywhere menaced by a serious reaction, right or wrong. He conceives it his duty to defend the right of private property, which is menaced as much by the Capitalist as by the Socialist.

Defects in the Paper

Mr. Chesterion believes the paper to be defective in many ways. He thus points out a few of its shortcomings: -

"An exceptionally attractive offer to our readers, enabling them to obtain an insurauco against police persecution and a paper pattern of a fashionable pair of trousers, in return for solving seven hundred acrostics. will not be found on any page of this issue.

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"A short and same leader, consisting of a few wise words to the trade unionists, warning them against outraging public opinion by waging war and relying entirely upon force and violence, will be omitted regularly every week.

"All serious students of social conditions interested in the experiment of strongminded American heiresses refusing to live with their husbands, will search the paper in vain for anything about it.

"An Imperial Ode on the Wembley Exhibition, describing the complete security which the loyalty of Tasmania gives us against superior aviation in the English Channel, will appear in the waste-paper basket at the earliest opportunity.

"Arrangements for photographing Mr. Lloyd George's smile, Mr. Baldwin's pipe, Lord Birkenhead's eigar, Mr. Churchill's hat, and Lord Beaverbrook's coronet, are not yet completed and never will be.

"A firm and eloquent warning to France, pointing out to that nation the peril of being ready to fight when we have decided never to fight anybody, will be found in every paper except this one.

'An entirely New Religion, consisting of the older and more obvious portions of all the old ones, will be resolutely withheld from any seeker after truth who may be looking for it.

"Similarly, readers auxious to enter the competition to decide who has the most beautiful grandmother in the British Empire should not send in photographs after the end of last week."

Lotteries

The Dunedin Presbytery fears that lotteries will cause a "moral paralysis" in New Zealand. The panic was due to a statement that an art union embracing the whole of New Zealand was to be organised by a committee of Invercargill citizens for the purpose of raising money to improve the winter playing areas in the southern city. Presbytery, after having raged and wept over the appalling iniquity of "this kind of gambling," carried a motion to raise a cry of distress throughout the land and to seek an amendment of the law. We have heard all this from the same body over and over again whenever an art union is projected; but we have never been able to discover the precise grounds upon which the Presbytery condemns art unions. We must remember that the Presbytery is bound by a doctrine known as private judgment, a doctrine under which Jack is as good a theologian as his master. Surely the Presbytery does not believe that those who buy or sell a ticket in a lottery think they are committing a sinful act in doing so! those who take part in lotteries see no sin in what they do, why should the Presbytery complain so long as that body is not forced to contribute? The only moral authority recognised by the Presbytery is the Sacred Scripture, which each person interprets to his own satisfaction according to the Protestant doctrine of private judgment or personal opinion. According to this doctrine the opinion of the citizen is as good as that of the Presbytery. Then why does the Presbytery presume to ride rough-shod over the fundamental doctrine of Protestantism and attempt to set itself up as an infallible authority on morals? Private judgment cannot be taken to mean private judgment for the Presbytery and Presbytery judgment for the citizen. Let us be consistent at least. But if the reverend gentlemen search the Bible from cover to cover they will not find a single text that gives the faintest color to the theory that the drawing of lots is an immoral practice. They will find, on the contrary, that Almighty God commanded and sanctioned and permitted the use of the lot ("goral"), and that the Jewish people decided numerous questions by lottery. The Land of Promise was parcelled out among the various tribes, at God's express command, by the greatest land lottery ever witnessed on earth; and when the Apostles appointed a successor to Judas, the appointment was made by lottery. We freely admit that gambling is often attended by evils

with which we are not concerned here; but we fail to see how evils which might attend the poker school or the racecourse can be present in such a harmless, humdrum affair as an art union. But if the Presbytery wishes to be consistent in the matter, why does it not include the stock exchange in its motion? If we go a little nearer the bone we shall find that between the years 1894 and 1898 the Presbyterian Church conducted sixteen Church lotteries. This ought to wring the withers of the present protesting Presbytery. What was wrong with the Church during that period and prior to that period? Was the moral law changed after 1898? and if so, who changed it? Before the people of New Zealand are justified in paying attention to the dictum of the Presbytery in this matter, the latter body ought to be asked either for its authority to speak in the name of morality or to abandon the doctrine of private judgment as a pernicious error. In short, the Presbytery ought to be told that it cannot have its cake and eat its cake.

Straight Talk

Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States. recently told the nations what he thought of them. Part of his speech is worth quoting:-"There is no hope for peace so long as the great and powerful nations will that there be no peace. If every time an incident, great or small, arises the powerful nations resort to violence and force there can be no peace. Nicaragua, Vera Cruz, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Amritsar, the Ruhr, Corfu, Egypt—all save two of these incidents have occurred since the fearful lesson of the World War, and all were resorts to violence and force upon the part of the great and powerful nations against the unarmed and helpless. In all of these instances the aggressor nation was strong enough and powerful enough to have invoked conciliation, adjustment, and arbitration, and thus to have set examples and established precedents of more value to the cause of peace than any peace plan. We confine our love of peace to paper; our war spirit finds its expression in deeds. We profess tolerance and practise intolerance. We profess friendship and practise vengeance. Under such policies and practices leagues and courts not only prove ineffective but hope siekens, and the whole morale of the human family is broken and demoralised. I would rather have just now one ounce of practice than tons of profession in this cause of peace. Why talk of peace when there are excluded from all plans and all courts two hundred million white people and two of the most potentially powerful peoples in Europe? Let us establish the natural and orderly relationship which should obtain among a family of nations, restore trade relations, recognise existing governments, practise the tolerance we preach and use the friendship we profess, and this will constitute the first great movement for peace."

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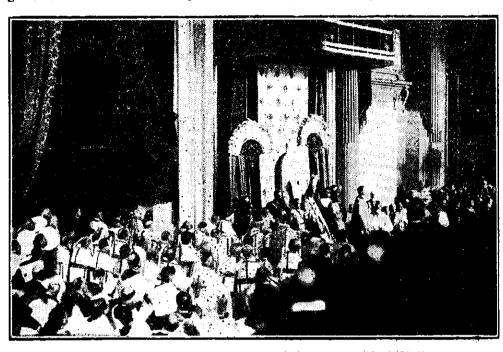
All roads lead to Rome, and already pilgrims from all quarters are pouring in for the Holy Year. To gain the Plenary Indulgence Romans must visit twenty times the Year, and certainly those of us who are en-

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joying a visit to Italy do not want to be banished.

On January the fifth I had my first aud-

ience with the Holy Father. Physically, he is well-built and active, but he has the eyes of a weary man, even though his face beams with good nature and kindness when he smiles. His voice is deep and musical even if it lacks the thrilling vibrations of the voice of Leo XIII. The present Pope maintains all the old ceremonial observances that befit the Court of the Ruler of Christ's children all over the globe. The Swiss Guards



OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR AT ST. PETER'S, ROME.

are there, in their picturesque uniform, designed by Michelangelo. Papal gens d'armes abound about the Vatican. And the princes of Italy delight to take their place in the ranks of the Noble Guard. The interest of Rome never wanes. Everywhere you go there is something to see-a church, a work of art, or a relie of the days of the Caesars. In these notes I have no intention of trying to tell the readers of

the Tablet about all the interesting people, places, and things, I see day by day. I can

do no more than hint at them.

four basilicas of St. Peter, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major. strangers ten visits are prescribed. All four to be taken in in each of the twenty or ten days.

Special trams are provided by the municipal authorities, and as one goes the rounds one hears English, German, and French spoken almost as often as Italian. St. Peter's stands alone in its colossal magnificence, but St. Paul's is a singularly beautiful church, with its shining marble floor and walls, and its rich altar of malachite, and its alabaster columns. St. John's, venerable and devotional, proud of its title of Mother Church of the Catholic World, now contains the tomb of Pope Leo XIII, whose bones lie in a noble monument erected to his memory by his own cardinals. St. Mary Major's contains the hallowed relics of the Crib, and it has a beauty all its own, with its Greek entablatures.

The political atmosphere is charged with electricity at the present moment. All Mussolini's enemies have united in an attempt to overthrow him, making the confession of di Rossi their chief weapon. The Prime Minister faced his foes on Saturday and created a sensation by delivering the boldest speech ever made by a politician. It was a speech of defiance in which he frankly assumed responsibility for the policy of the Fascisti and declared that he would stand by his ideals to the last even if force were necessary to solve the difficulties. people fear a revolution, but others are hopeful that things will gradually readjust







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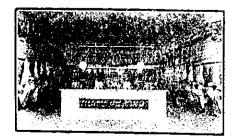
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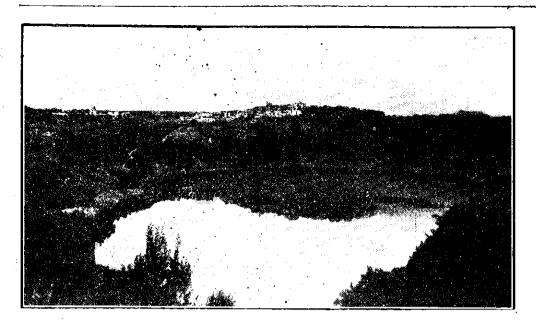
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After the Epiphany I took my New Zealand friends to the Castelli Romani, as the towns in the Alban Hills are called. We went first to Gengano and saw Lake Nemi, returning to Albanc, through Ariccia. At Albano we climbed the hill to the road by the Lago di Albano, and then walked round hy Castel Gandolfo and Marino to Grotta Ferrata. It was a clear winter day, and only that the woods were sombre it was ideal for seeing the magnificent scenery all along that lonely road. Below was the Campagna. Beyond it lay Rome, while, farther out, was the blue of the Mediterranean. Our way lay through immemorial groves of olives, élexes, and elms, and at every step we got new views of the lakes and mountains, and of the quaint old towns perched on the summits.

The Irish College flourishes under the paternal rule of my dear old friend, Mousignor Hagan. It is a home for all the exiles from Erin in Rome. They drop in for dinner or for afternoon tea, and they are always welcome. I have said Mass several times in the old church which I learned to love in my student years. I have walked among

graduated in my dear Alma Mater, since its foundation in 1628. It is all a vita nuova. The past is always present in Rome, and time is nothing. And everyday I repeat

Eine Welt gar bist du, O Rom!

St. Brigid's Church, Feilding

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE BY ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, S.M., head of the Catholic Church of New Zealand (says the Feilding Star of the 2nd inst.), yesterday laid the foundation stone of the new church, which is being built in Feilding. Father Cahill, parish priest, presided at the gathering, which, in spite of the threatening weather, was a large one.

The new church is being erected on a site at the corner of Derby and Monmouth Streets. It is of ferro-concrete, of orthodox style, and when finished will be the most imposing sacred edifice in Feilding.

Father Cahill, in his opening remarks, said his first duty was to thank Almighty God for having given them a fine afternoon. He then gave a financial statement covering the scheme for the crection of the new building, saying how necessary the finances were in such a proposal. About five years ago a resident died, after having made provision in his will for a sum of £800 to be given towards the cost of creeting a new church building. This gave the people a start, but evidently the architect had been misled regarding the financial ability of the people, for when he (the speaker) came here two years ago he found that the plans had been prepared for a building to cost £15,000 or £16,000. This was unreasonable, and the They had people were most discouraged. altogether £3400 in hand then, and he urged them to raise £1500 and a friend of the parish would give £500 if they did so. In a sustained effort they had raised £1503, so that now they had £5500. He had had plans prepared for a building within the means the corridors and seen again the portrait of the people and suitable for their require-

ments. The architects had prepared a beautiful plan, and the contractors were carrying out the work in a very capable way, putting much more into it than they were required by the terms of the contract. Father Cahill warmly praised the overseer, the foreman, and the workmen employed on the building. Thanks were due to his Grace the Archbishop for coming to Feilding to lay the foundation stone. In the Archbishop they had the oldest living consecrated Bishop in the whole Catholic world. Father Cahill also thanked the Mayor for attending and promising to speak at the gathering. Mr. Tingey's name appeared on the foundation stone as Mayor of Feilding, a compliment which the speaker desired to pay the Mayor.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood read the offices of the Church appointed for the ceremony and laid the foundation stone.

Speaking to the gathering he was (he said) proud to be present to lay the foundation stone of such a beautiful building, which was an ornament, yet solid and durable. It was a monument to the faith, devotedness, and generosity of the people. The Church was the great centre and source of true Christian life. She was to continue the work of Christ. Christ came as the Saviour of men to teach us our duty to our fellow-men, to ourselves, and to God. We were here to save our immortal souls. That was the main business of our life-not money-making and the pursuit of an easy way of living. Man was here to believe what Christ teaches and to obey His commandments. In the Church they would receive the means of grace to help them to carry out the commands of God-health for the mind and strength for the will. This Church was to continue the work of Christ. The world was forgetting the commands of God. It was drifting back to Neo-Paganism. It had recently been said of England by an observant man that not one person in five thought of God, and his Grace believed he might say the same of New Zealand. If the white people lost their knowledge of God, in what way were they superior to other races? They would lose their superiority. The Church was to earry on the work of Christ in teaching the people the truth of God. He was glad, then, to lay this foundation stone of a building which would be the centre of worship and teaching for them and their children's children.

Mr. J. S. Tingey (mayor) said he noted with pleasure the fact that Father Cahill was taking a personal part in philanthropic and public affairs in Feilding. To the Catholic community of Feilding it was a matter of congratulation that they were so near the realisation of their hopes in having this Church building erected, and on having his Grace Archbishop Redwood present to lay the foundation stone. It was to be a church of beauty and substance, a monument to the faith of the Catholics of Feilding. In New Zealand there were various religious faiths, but not a State Church. That was good. It meant that the adherents of each faith had themselves to find the means for raising their own buildings, they had to make the sacrifices necessary. This the Catholics in Feilding had done, and they were to have a beautiful church. He congratulated them. (Applause.)

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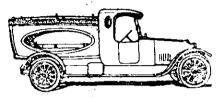
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Father Cahill added that the contract price for the building was £7250, to which had to be added £400 architects' fees, and then there would be the furnishing.

Afternoon tea was served all the visitors to the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a number of cheques and other donations were handed up to Father Cahill, the total amount received being £435.



MISS ETHEL WALLACE.

Miss Ethel Wallace, gold medallist, for the intermediate grade, local centre examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London. In 1924 there were 153 candidates for the intermediate grade, Miss Wallace being placed first, gaining 140 marks (violin). In 1921 she won a Junior Trinity College exhibition with 95 per cent. (violin), and in 1922 an intermediate Trinity College exhibition with 95 per cent. (violin). Miss Wallace is 15 years of age and has received all her tuition at the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, New Zealand.

For unity and peace and concord afford the highest pleasure, not only to faithful men who know the truth, but also to the very angels in heaven; among whom, the Divine word says, There is joy over one sinner that repenteth, and returneth to the bond of unity.—St. Firmilian.

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Diocesan News

Archdiocese of Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

March 6.

The Marist Brothers were entertained last night by the old boys of their schools at the annual reunion. The toast of "Catholic Education" was proposed by Mr. J. A. Scott, who set forth strongly the case for the Catholic schools, commenting on the excellence of their record in learning and sport, with special reference to the examination results which were not only equal to, but in some cases incomparably better than those attained by schools with all the advantages that the money of the country could give them. He emphasised the fact that no Catholic school, nor the Church itself was complaining of a "drift" as some other communities were doing. Mr. P. D. Hoskins proposed the toast of "Alma Mater." In a characteristic speech he showed what an advantage it was to any country to have an educational system like the system of Catholic education that brought such a great moral benefit to the country. Legislators, having the real welfare of the country at heart should recognise this at a glance. Instend of this, however, they found all sorts of obstacles placed in the way and millions of money spent in carrying on what was called free, secular, and compulsory education. Yet in spite of all Catholic education prospered more and more, and each year dawning brought a brighter view. Mr. M. Walsh preposed the toast of "The Hierarchy and Clergy." It was responded to by Rev. Father Murphy, who in turn proposed the toast of "The Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Sports Bodies." This was responded to by members of the Rugby, Soccer, and Cricket teams.

Much sympathy is felt for the relatives of Mr. James Beveridge, of Island Bay, who died this week. Requiem Mass was said at St. Francis's Church by Rev. Father Mark Devoy, who officiated also at the graveside.—R.J.P.

The Basilica choir is reinforced periodically now by the Wadestown and Northlands choirs, and when the epidemic regulations permit, the juvenile element, so well trained by the Brothers and the well-known Guilford Terrace singers will be added also on occasions. A fine volume should result.

Friends of Mr. Paul Cullen, formerly organist at the Basilica, will be interested to hear that he has entered Mosgiel Seminary.

Deep regret was felt generally at the sad deaths of the young sons of Mrs. Woods, of Christchurch. Mrs. Woods is well-known here, but the sympathy was not confined to her friends or those of Sir Joseph and Lady Ward. A tragic occurrence like that calls forth universal sympathy. The light of heaven to their souls!

An anniversary requiem will be held for Dean Lane at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lower Hutt, on Thursday, March 19. It is just a year since God called that dear old soggarth home, and his congregation and his friends will be glad to be able to pay this tribute to his memory.

The new presbytery at Johnsonville is to be blessed and opened this Sunday.

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Rev. Father Butler, formerly curate at

Kilbirnie, is appointed to succeed Father O'Donnell at Buckle Street.

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Condolences to Mr. P. O'Neill, of North-lands, who has just lost his father in Marl-borough.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Dillon, of Marton, is appointed curate at St. Anne's, Newtown.

Rev. Father Klimeck, of Upper Hutt, is appointed to Marton. He has endeared himself to the Upper Hutt people and will be much missed. His place at Upper Hutt will be taken by Father Vincent Kelly, in fact he is already in residence. Kilbirnie is sorry to lose him. His place is taken at Kilbirnie by Rev. Father Linehan.

Diocese of Christchurch

- (From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

The date of the garden fete, which is to be held in aid of Nazareth House, cannot be fixed definitely owing to the epidemic restrictions. The stallholders and their friends are busy holding functions to raise funds. The Sunday night concert, organised by Mr. F. McDonald, was very well patronised, as was also Miss Hayward's on Monday evening.

The Cathedral school committee are erecting recreation shelters in the grounds of the girls' school.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Home, Middleton, have let a contract for the erection of a new chapel, and the work will be commenced immediately.

Good progress is being made with the new convent building at Mount Magdala.

Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., preached to a crowded congregation at St. Mary's, Manchester Street, on Sunday evening last.

Rev. Father Healy is away for a short holiday to recruit in health.

Rev. Father Houlihan, lately arrived from Ireland, has just received the sad news of the death of his mother.—R.I.P.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wood in the loss they have sustained during the week by the sudden deaths of their two sons, aged nine and seven respectively. Mrs. Wood is the only daughter of Sir Joseph Ward. The funerals took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Rev. Father O'Connell, St. Mary's, Manchester Street, officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

A fairly large number of the visiting firemen attended the church parade at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, where his Lordship Bishop Brodie, before reading the Epistle and Gospel, extended a welcome to them and to all the members of the brigades at present in Christchurch.

Addington

(From our own correspondent.)

March 7.

On Sunday afternoon, March 1, the Children of Mary entertained at an "afternoon tea" Rev. Father O'Connor, their spiritual director, who has just returned from a trip to the Homeland. The schoolroom and tables were tastefully decorated with the sodality colors and beliadonna lilies. The president

(Miss R. McCloy) read an address of welcome and then presented Father O'Connor with a stole. The guest of the afternoon, who was greeted with a round of applause, thanked the girls for their gift, and he gave an interesting outline of his travels abroad. The girls are very grateful to Reverend Mother and the Sisters for their large share in making the afternoon such a pleasant one. The office-bearers and members of the so-dality wish to extend to Rev. Father Quinn their sincere thanks for the kindly interest he took in them while acting chaplain during Father O'Connor's absence.

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Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 5

Devotions are being held every evening during March, in honor of St. Joseph, and the Stations of the Cross made on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The national concert, usually held about St. Patrick's Day, has been postpoued to a later date on account of the infantile paralysis.

The tennis carnival has been postponed till after Easter.

A local in our Purish Magazine mentions that "Our schools are now quite ready for opening but have perforce to remain closed in obedience to the decrees of the Health Department. Experts who have visited the new boys' school pronounce the lighting and ventilation to be perfect, and there are two very essential features in a school. heating apparatus has been tested and found quite satisfactory, so that conditions in the school should be ideal. The desks embody the latest improvements, and the blackboards attached to three sides of each room are composed of a specially prepared linoleum and are practically everlasting." opening ceremony will probably take place just before the schools re-open.

The members of the executive of the Cathelie Club were present at the church doors last Sunday to accept the annual subscriptions and donations towards the club. The club deserves the support and encouragement of every person in the parish. All the parishieners should be pleased to see it flourish. and the young men should be eager to avail themselves of its facilities for recreation and mental improvement. There is much to be done in making the club-rooms at St. Patrick's Hall more attractive, and inducing our young people to spend more of their time there. The club, generally, has made splendid progress during the last three years, and it is earnestly hoped an increased interest will be shown in its welfare. Material improvements are being made, and in the near future the hall and appointments will be quite up-to-date.

The following results are supplied by Mr. P. W. V. Vine, local secretary of the examinations in theory of music, held in Timaru on December 9, 1924. The rudiments and art of teaching results are not yet to hand. Intermediate Division.—M. Evans 89, honors (teacher, Miss G. Spring); Olive Greenall 89, honors, and Mary Martin (Miss D. Mason, L.A.B.); Eileen Richardson 80

honors (Miss E. Dennehy). Advanced Junior.—Nyla Townsend 87, honors; C. Wilson 71; M. Hale 60 (Miss D. Mason); M. Baikie 60 (Miss G. Spring). Junior Division.—N. Chaplin 96, honors; M. McGrath 70 (Miss G. Spring); M. Pearce 92, honors; F. Cosgrove 66 (Miss D. Mason); P. Dewar 86, honors (Mrs M. J. Readdie); M. Russell 64 (Miss E. Dennehy). Preparatory Division.—

H. Campbell 95 (Miss B. Cain); Maurice Crowe 87 (Miss Mason); N. McIlluraith 75 (Miss E. Hoskins).

The members of the British Medical Association, to the number of 100, held their annual conference at the Hermitage, where they spent a very enjoyable and profitable week

Educative Value of History

(By John C. Reville, S.J., in America.)

In a well-known passage of his Allgemeine Pädagogik, Herbart analyses the effects produced by momentous historical movements and scenes on the formation of a vigorous character. Great moral energy (he writes) is the result of striking events and spectacles of what he calls unbroken masses of concepts and impressions. The man, he continues, who, owing to conditions peculiar to his own individual life, the life of his family or his country, finds himself, for any extended length of time, face to face with some great moral truth in action so to say before his very eyes, emerges, as a rule, with something of the here in his mould. The impression received may be so strong as to last throughout life. In the family circle, for instance, the children brought up at a fireside where they are daily witnesses of a father's struggles with poverty and suffering of soul and body, yet never yielding, ever making new sacrifices that his children may not feel the same pang nor be the slaves of the same grinding labor, live truly in the presence of such unbroken Herbartian masses of ideas and impressions. Such masses daily recording their action on their souls ultimately leave a salutary imprint there. This is still more true if such a family has to face a great moral crisis, a tragic sorrow, some financial or social disaster, in which honor and virtue rise superior to temporal misfortune and loss. In such circumstances the children become of a sturdier mould. They face the realities and problems of life with more earnes(ness and moral power.

This to some extent is "acting history." The same may be said of the young man born in that happy time when his country is fighting the battles of civilisation and liberty, as Greece fought them in the seafight of Salamis or in the contest of the giants at Marathon during the Persian wars: or when young America rivalled the spirit of Greece, if not the actual magnitude of her achievement, at Lexington and Concord, when the call of liberty sounded over the peaceful New England farms.

History Broadens Our Horizons.

In such historic scenes when the heart throbs to the drum-heat of victory, the soul grows, the intellect and the heart expand to high ideals and heroic resolves, the whole man undergoes a glorious transformation.

Those who cannot be the fortunate actors of some great historic movement can at least read history. Unable to react to mighty masses of lofty concepts actually realised on battlefield or in the councils of the wise, they may feel the power of such movements by

pendering over them in their written record, History is a great teacher. Not in vain did Cicero, in a trite but nevertheless expressive, passage, call it testis temporum, the witness of the ages, lux reritatis, the light, the radiant torch of truth, rita memoriae, the soul of memory and its vivifier, magistra vitae, the mistress, teacher, and guide of life, nuntia retustatis, the herald of the olden time, the chronicler and annulist of the past. But by history, neither Cicero nor the serious student who pores over the records of nations, understands the mere outward shell of history, its dates, its events catalogued and tabulated in lifeless chronological lists, its wars, successions of kings, presidents, or Popes, its changes of dynasties, its revolutions and restorations, its pomp, circumstance, and pageantry of war. Thus studied, history is mere information. It is only food for the memory. It does not form either the mind or the heart. To be really an educative force it must go deeper and embrace wider horizons. 'It will not be a science until it goes to the causes of events, appraises these causes in their just measure and depicts accurately and impartially the effects that naturally follow. It must give us knowledge not merely of facts, it must let us into the secret of the forces which contributed to the world's civilisation. There is no study more fascinating, none that gives a more philosophical east to the mind, and lifts it to a higher range of thought. It is a salutary task thus to contemplate how in the past nations have either fulfilled God's purposes in their regard or have wandered away from their appointed destiny. Our age so easily satisfied with a superficial view of life cannot be urged too earnestly to turn to such books as those that freat of the inner meaning of history, the philosophy of that noble science. Catholies especially should be familiar with such masterpieces as T. W. Allies' Formation of Christendom, The Key to the World's Progress, by C. S. Devas, Bossuet's Discours sur l'Histoire Universelle, St. Augustine's City of God, the European Civilisation of James Balmes. In all these the very soul of history is laid bare by a master hand. Stimulates Mental Powers

Stimulates Mental Powers.

We live in an age of scientific research. We too often confine the word and the studies it indicates, to research pursued in the chemical and biological laboratory. But the word in its broadest and truest sense means search after truth in all departments of life and knowledge. The noblest form which that research can take is that which deals with the investigation of man's life and man's

GENTS' OUTFITTER

Next door to Sadler's Garage, QUEEN STREET ... Waimate struggles, his sorrows, triumphs, crimes and glories, the forces which have barred his upward ascent to the mountain-crests of high emprise, the evil powers which have east him down into the glooms of defeat. Historical studies stimulate the love of writh in the highest form. The genuine student of past and present times wants to know them just as they are. As the chemist will not register his final verdict until he can give an account of every atom, acid, or alkali present in his retort, so will the historian refuse to pass judgment until he has all the elements for a just sentence under his control. He is therefore an indefatigable and merciless hunter after evidence. mental attitude is slowly formed by the student of history which little by little solidifies his judgment, calms his passions, humanizes his views of his follow-men, broadens his sympathies, clears his mind of the fogs of antagonisms and sympathies born solely of feeling, prejudice and emotion, and allientely unsound. The true historian is like truth itself, no respecter of persons. That truth is genuine charity and the historiaa's motto ought to be that of the Carthaganan queen who dealt in even-handed justice with her own Tyrian subjects and their former Trojan foes:

**CTros Tyrinsque mili nullo discrimine agritur."

This, in more popular, if less classic words, is the doctrine of the square deal.

History unites nations. History is man in action. The protagonist of this mighty drama is man himself. Whether history tells of the laws of the Medes and the Persians, of the heroism of the Machabees, or the lengthening windrows of Roman knights slain at Cannae by the Numidian horsemen of Hannibal, or paints Savonarola denouncing the crimes of Florence, or Luther nailing his theses on the church door at Wittenberg, or describes Rome tottering under the blows of the barbarians of the North, or Columbus summoning a continent from the mysterious depths of the western waters, or the day big with destiny when the Signers of the Declaration of Independence created a new nation, it is the story of men like ourselves that is brought before us. We can claim the glories as our own. In some way we must share the responsibilities of the blunders and the crimes. The defects and the vices which caused the downfall of the great and sapped the foundations of thrones and republics are to be found in our own hearts, just as there also may be hidden the seeds of the heroism of a Joan of Arc or the energy and daring of an Apostle. An increased respect for human nature should be the result, as well as a deepened sympathy for its inherent weakness and waywardness.

Our lives are thus closely linked with the lives of others. At the same time, we can easily see that the nations which play their larts in history, have a destiny allotted them. To Greece of old God gave the creative soul, the aesthetic taste, the sentiment and the love of the beautiful, the philosophic mind. To Rome, the sense of power, the executive ability to control the destinies of the civilised world. America is the exponent and champion of liberty guarded by law. Not

vainly does Providence mark out a nation's destinies. Only by remaining faithful to them can it thrive. There is such a thing as a nation's vocation. Under penalty of moral and spiritual barrenness, no nation can dare neglect it. History will teach its children that they must foster their racial traditions, be true to the set course kept in the past, preserve their national identity and yet be ready to answer the reasonable demands of that common humanity found in all.

Anticipates the Judgment of God.

if it teaches anything, history teaches the abuse which man makes of his noblest gift of freedom. On its canvas painted by the hands of truth's impartial artists, may be seen the triumph of injustice, the sufferings of virtue: innocence on the scaffold, tyranny on the throne, Paul in irons, Nero in the pomp and splendors of his Golden House. the true historian while impartial cannot be impassive. He acquits the innocent victim, he condemns the unjust and eruel fyrant. As God by His solemn verdict at the end of time will re-establish the equilibrium of the outraged and violated moral law, the historian, anticipating that just sentence will calmly and dispassionately without fear or favor, summon victim and tyrant to His bar. The verdicl He pronounces foreshadows that of truth and justice. The decisions of this Open Court are of the highest value for the fermation of the conscience and the heart.

DEGREE AND MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

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SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE, CHRISTCHURCH.

In the recent examinations the Sisters of the Missions, Ferry Road, Christchurch, secured the following successes: —

Doctor of Literature: One candidate—the first woman to secure this, the highest degree conferred by the University. M.A.: two candidates (second class honors). Diploma of Education: Two. B.A. completed: Two. Three other Sisters passed in degree subjects as part of their B.A. course.

Matriculation: Marjorie Leach, Nora Mahoney, Lily Lattimore (partial). Class D: Helen Mills; Partial Pass: Catherine Jones, Nora Flynn, Ita Lloyd, Dorothy McGilliculdy, Ena Gillespie. Pass or Partial Pass in one group: Labeby Fardell, Patricia Harrison, Lily Lattimore, Noreen McKendry, Nora Moriarty, Alice Morten, Hilda Young, Public Service Entrance and Intermediate: Lysa Hickey, Grace Green (credit), Iris Coulston, Ina Cullen, Helen Goldstone, Gertrude Lattimore, Julia O'Sullivan, Vera Petrie.

ADDINGTON CONVENT.

In the Theory of Music Examinations held last December, in connection with Trinity College, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions, Addington, were successful:—

Intermediate Honors: Nellie Harnett, Annie Ross. Pass: Pearl O'Donoghue. Junior Honors: Cecilia Barlass. Pass: Phyllis Cunneen, Eileen Cunneen, Alice Flannery. Brownie Menzies. Preparatory Honors: Caroline Eager, Margo Steele. Pass: Madge Pyke. All the pupils presented were successful

CONVENT OF MERCY, LYTTELTON.

In the Degree Examinations of the New Zealand University two members of the local teaching staff scored the following successes:

Final Section B.A., Advanced History (1st year) and 1st section B.A., Education and Economics. Teachers' C. complete (1); Teachers' C. 4 subjects (1); Teachers' D (singing class) (4). Intermediate Exam. (Canterbury Education Board). Freda Moir. Pitman's Shorthand Exams: Elementary, Theoretical, and Speed Certificates were gained by Lauris Mason.

Theoretical Music (Trinity College, London), held December, 1924:—

Intermediate Honors: Ivy Day. Junior Honors: Marion Costello, Doris Foster, Willie Norton, Winnie Wales. Preparatory Henors: Peter Mahar, Jack Labudde.

ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT, TESCHEMAKERS.

Teachers' D. two groups: M. Toomey, P.P. Intermediate and Senior Free Place: M. McLoughlin, N. McPhee. Theory of Music, junior grade, Trinity College: M. Hennaghan, 100 marks.

Commercial School, Sydney College examination: Typewriting: A. Gourley 94, N. Hunt 93, T. Blanchard 92, M. Harnett 90; Shorthand: N. Hunt 91, A. Gourley 89, T. Blanchard 88, M. Harnett 85; Book-keeping: M. Henderson 94, M. Harnett 94, N. Hunt 93, T. Blanchard 91, A. Gourley 90.

CONVENT OF MERCY, METHVEN.

In the Theory of Music Examinations held last December in connection with Trinity College, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Methyen-Rakain were successful:—

Advanced Intermediate Honors: Margaret Henderson, Advanced Junior Honors: Mabe! MacDonald, Junior Honors: Birdie McKendry, Preparatory Honors: Bella Beary, Jean MacDonald, Shona Mauger, Winnie O'Reilly, Sybit Reid, Preparatory Pass: Mouica Hatchard, Kathleen McAnulty, James McIntosh.

Hibernian Society

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Joseph's branch (No. 73) of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray Street, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the president (Bro. A. Gillick) presiding over a large attendance of members. Sick allowance and other accounts were bassed for payment and ordinary business transacted. The president spoke regarding the general Communion of the society which would take place on Sunday, the 15th inst., at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin; all memhers of the society being requested to meet in St. Patrick's Schoolroom at 8.30 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop Whyte will be installed by Bro. J. J. Marlow (District Deputy), as Grand Chaplain of the society for Otago and Southland on the occasion.

Let us not then be weary in giving aid to the departed, and of offering prayers for them.—St. Chrysostom.

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Selected Poetry

SWEET BREEZE.

Sweet breeze that sets the summer buds aswaying.

Dear lambs amid the primrose meadows playing.

Let me not think!

O floods, upon whose brink

The merry birds are maying.

Dream, softly dream! O blessed mother, lead

Unsevered from thy girdle-lead me! feed me I

I have no will but thine;

I need not but the juice of elemental wine-Perish remoter use

Of strength reserved for conflict yet to come! Let mo be dumb.

As long as I may feel thy hand---This, this is all-do ye not understand How the great Mother mixes all our bloods? O breeze! O swaying buds!

O lambs, O primroses, O floods!

-- T. E. Brown, in An Anthology of Modern Verse.

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HIS PILGRIMAGE.

Give me my scallop-shell of quiet My staff of faith to walk upon. My script of joy, immortal diet, My bottle of salvation, My gown of glory, hope's true gage, And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

Blood must be my body's balmer: No other balm will there be given; Whilst my soul, like quiet palmer, Travelleth towards the land of heaven, Over the silver mountains, Where spring the nectar fountains.

There will I kiss The bowl of bliss; And drink mine everlasting fill Upon every milken hill. My soul will be a-dry before; But, after, it will thirst no more. ...Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618).

THE MOORLAND ROAD.

Where there's scent of blossomed heather, far from city's dingy mart,

A grey, lone road goes wending like a snake across the bog.

There's little traffic on it save a country horse and cart,

Or the lithesome feet of fairies on their way to Tir-na-n-og. I can picture it now winding through the

heather and the mist; The broading hills beyond it silhouetted

gainst the sky, As the blushing hues of sunset fade to gold and amethyst

While across the quiet bog-lands sounds a startled curlew's cry.

A-winding through the heather, by many a dark loch's edge,

That old bog road's still waiting there, to ' feel my feet again;

Where scented winds are sighing through the ceanaban and sedge,

And neighbors wait to welcome me back to my native glen.

-Patrick Domerty in the Irish World.

ELEGY.

They are so sure of you now, The loving and cruel and blind. You are so frail and small Since the light dimmed out of your face. Death's ultimate commonplace Has given you back to them all: Now they can comprehend And afford to be kind.

You are so plastic now; So submissive and still. Your slender, rebellious hands Have been folded and hidden away. You, who were too brave to pray When your soul was scarred by the bands That they forged through the years On your youth, and your dream, and your will.

They can be generous now, They who never have given. When they gave you a shaft Complacently branded "At Rest," I think that you paused in your quest Worlds away, while you laughed Your old danntiess laugh Through your startled new Heaven. -Dubose Heyward in the London Mercury,

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DREAM GHOST,

Hark! A creaking tread Across the ceiling overhead. I hold my quickened breath, And keep myself as still as death. The wall-clock loudly ticks. The bedroom handle clicks. Slowly, from stair to stair, the stealthy stride Carry me, helpless limbs; where shall I hide! No. no! You cannot move; stand taut. Erect, and stiffen; throttle thought. Now- now- it's at the open door; Now . . . A figure, eyes upon the floor, Sable-silvered, hunched and arms athwart, In flowing robe of red, as lost in thought, Glides slowly past, and leaves me rooted

You say you don't believe it; stand with me. Listen and watch the open door; you'll see. "I dare do all that may become a man," Hush! What was that? A creaking tread Across the ceiling overhead. I take my riding whip Within my steeled grip; We hold our quickened breath, And keep ourselves as still as death. The wall-clock loudly ticks, The bedroom handle clicks. Slowly, from stair to stair, the stealthy glide. Carry us, helpless limbs; where shall we hide? No, no; you cannot move; stand taut, Erect, and stiffen; throttle thought.

Now-now- it reaches now the open door, Now . . . waken, waken your limbs and will, Will that you strike it, will and kill, Smash goes the whip; I strike the air, Recover, strike again, strike there and there. But still the figure, hunched, with arms athwart.

Passes in gown of red, as lost in thought, And you stand still; now what say you? "You do it wrong, being so majestical, To offer it the show of riolence." Breath comes; limbs relax: I wake to sense.

-II. H. Arbott in the New Statesman.

FROM THE HILLS.

1.

ARTISTRY.

To bring this loveliness to be Even for an hour, the Builder must Have mined in the laboratory Of many a star for its sweet dust.

Oh, to make possible that heart And that gay breath so lightly sighed: What agony was in the art! How many gods were crucified!

2

A SACRED PLACE.

Be still: be still: nor dare Unpack what you have brought, Nor leosen on this air Red gnomes of your thought.

Uncover: bemi the head And let the feet be bare. This air that thou breathest Is holy air.

Sin not against the Breath, Using ethereal fire To make seem as facry A wanton desire.

Know that this granite height Can be a judgment throne. Dread thou the unmovable will, The wrath of stone.

3.

ABUNDANCE.

Liko grey mastodon Upon the mountain side Rocks lay as if to guard Its austere pride.

All stone unto the eye: Yet is the heart at rest As children happed in cradle Or on the breast,

All that earth is, Mountain or solitude, Was born out of pity And is milk for her brood. -AE in the Irish Statesman.

S. McBride

MONUMENTAL MASON, SOPHIA STREET

Timaru

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitice causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.

LEO XIII, P.M.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

TRANSLATION.-Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

LEO XIII., Pope. April 4, 1900.

The New Zealand Tablet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1925.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

YEW ZEALAND Catholics have made so many heroic sacrifices in the cause of Christian education that one hesitates to ask them to do even better in the future than they have done in the past. Although we view with admiration the splendid achievemuts which stand to their credit, nevertheless we must remind them that those who, though they have done much, might have done still more, have not yet done enough. There is no need to remind Catholic parents of their duty to give their children a Christian education. Their zeal in this respect is manifested by the schools which they have erected throughout the country. There is need, however, to urge them to complete their work as guardians, and give their children a chance in the Catholic secondary schools.

Catholics should never forget that their religion is God's remedy for the woes of the world. Hence, it is not exclusively their own, but it is intended to permeate all ranks. high and low; to save the world of tomorrow, just as it saved the world in the days when faith was young. Every state of society, be it good, bad, or indifferent, is dominated by ideas. The ills which afflict modern society are merely manifestations of the ideas by which modern society is ruled. The ills cannot be removed if the ideas from which they spring are permitted to remain. masses of the people, however, do not live according to their own ideas; they live according to the ideas of others; and those others are the product of the secondary schools and universities which, under modern influences, are dominated by materialism, cynicism, and intellectualism unrestrained. In these quarters religion is discouraged as a restraint upon the intellect. It is said to prevent men from thinking, when it prevents them only from thinking wrongly about

certain things. Without the restraining influence of religion the intellect soon leaves the realm of sound reason and floats away into the clouds of pitiable sophistry. Now, this kind of thing will not be counteracted by the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." It can be met only by the fixed determination of Catholics to train their children in the higher branches of education, and thus place them in positions in which they may exercise an influence in the world of ideas. The theology of the Catholic laborer may be quite as sound and complete as that of the Catholic doctor, barrister, or journalist; but it certainly will not have as much influence on those who direct the thinking of others. To make Catholic education as fruitful as it ought to be, Catholic parents must take an active interest in their children's education from the moment the little one toddles off to learn its letters until the school doors close behind it for ever. They must carry on in the home the traditions and discipline of the school, remembering always that the school training is not intended for school hours only. The fact that so many bright Catholic hovs drift into the ranks of unskilled labor is due in no small measure to the laxity of parents in the home. They often neglect to make the children study at home. times the child is kept engaged at houeshold tasks and is thus denied the necessary leisure to enable him to do the home work set by the teacher. For this reason such a child cannot hope to acquire the application for study necessary to gain success in school. Moreover, the boy may be punished by the teacher for the parent's fault or neglect. and smarting under the sense of injustice. he conceives a dislike for the school and all connected with it. Again, it happens not infrequently that parents capitulate to wayward children, and for peace sake permit the child to develop habits of sloth which will keep it at a perpetual disadvantage. Other parents do not insist upon their children attending school punctually and regularly, and these are usually the first to take offence when the teacher sends in an unsatisfactory report. All these negligences on the part of parents conspire to keep the Catholic population from exercising the influence upon the community which the importance of that influence warrants. They have the effect of closing the doors of the Catholic secondary school against the mass of the Catholic population of to-morrow. To see a boy eager to leave school when he ought to he thinking of entering a secondary school is to witness a tragedy. His home training has made him impatient of the restraint of the school, and he rushes into the world of industry confident that here he will find liberty at last. He finds instead a taskmaster who will tolerate no nonsense from him; and as he has not been restrained at home during his impressionable years, the new discipline will appear as an odious tyranny. In after life that boy will reproach his parents for their neglect, and he will lay all his subsequent troubles at their door.

We have the greatest of sympathy with those families who, compelled to live in straitened circumstances, welcome the day when the boy at school will be able to help the household by earning a few shillings a week for running errands; but even these we would urge to make an effort to give the boy a chance in the higher branches of education. What he earns will be very little indeed, and in a very short time he will drift into the same position as his parents; and when he is charged with the duty of rearing a family he will have to undertake the same sacrifices to educate them as his parents had undertaken in his behalf. By making a supreme effort it might be possible for the parents to place him in a position in which he could assist them materially and at the same time assist religion in the sphere of life which he entered through the secondary school. He would be able to give his children the advantage of higher education; and if many Catholic parents did that the day would not be long in coming when public ideas regarding the Catholic Church would undergo a radical change.

ACAINST THE STREAM

Some people think that because religion contains so many things which the world finds irksome religion is opposed to reason. They point to the world's tragedies as evidence of the failure of religion; whereas the world's tragedies are merely evidence of the world's failure to do without religion. Ever since Adam fell and his whole House, there has raged a conflict between Heaven and hell for the souls of men. The world, with its pomps and vanities, is the devil's weapon; religion, with its command to the soul of man to subdue the body, is God's weapon. The devil might win, but God can never be defeated. He has given free will to every human creature. Therefore, hell's victories are not God's failures; they are man's defeats. The devil wins so often because man finds it easier to float into hell on the stream of iniquity than to turn his boat about and resolutely pull up stream to the gates of Heaven. We always think of hell as a place below because it requires no effort to get there. We can fall into it. But Heaven is always above, signifying that resolution is needed to win the summit. This idea of above and below is well illustrated in the history of nations. The Church leads men slowly up the hill to Heaven. It is a tortuous journey, and centuries find the way still long. Then the devil comes and tempts the toiling travellers; and as they pause to listen to the voice of the tempter, they lose their foothold, and in a flash they have rolled down the hill of centuries into the pit again. This is what Materialists term the swift progress of a world unfettered by religion. It was the toilsome journey up the hill that brought humanity to that state of social and economic excellence which earned for the Medieval period the title of the Golden Age: But it was a sixteenth-century stumble that caused humanity to fall heels over head into the valley of chaos in which the Church originally found it. Those who look upon the world's follies as religion's failures are well answered by Mr. Chesterton when he says: "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting: it has been found difficult and left untried."

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NOTES



The Japanese and their Dead

Protestantism would cut us off from our dead ruthlessly, telling us that to pray for them, even to imagine we can help them, is superstition. Catholics know that the dead are not separated from them and that in the Communion of Saints there is a bond between living and dead that will last until all are united at the end of the world. However, Catholics as a rule are apt to be too unmindful of their duties to the dead, and in this respect they might well profit by the example of the Japanese, whose feeling for their dead is a wonderful thing. Lafcadie Hearn says:

"It is a feeling of grateful and reverential love. It is probably the most profound and powerful of the emotions of the race,-that which especially directs national life and shapes national character. Patriotism belongs to it. Filial piety depends upon it. Family love is rooted in it. Loyalty is besed upon it. The soldier who, to make a path for his comrades through the battle, deliberately flings away his life with a shout of Teikoka manzail; the son or daughter who unmuranting sacrifices all the happiness of existence for the sake, perhaps, of an undeserving or even cruel parent; the partisan who gives up friends, family, and fortune rather than break the verbal promise made in other years to a now poverty-stricken master; the wife who ceremoniously robes herself in white, utters a prayer and thrusts a sword into her throat to atone for a wrong done to strangers by her husband,—all these obey the will and hear the approval of invisible witnesses. Even among the sceptical students of the new generation, this feeling survives many wrecks of faith, and the old sentiments are still uttered: 'Never must we cause shame to our ancestors'; 'it is our duty to give honor to our ancestors."

If We Remembered

"Were there suddenly to arise within us," Hearn goes on, "the absolute certainty that our dead are still with us, -- seeing every act, knowing our every thought, hearing every word we utter, able to feel sympathy with us or auger against us, able to help us, able to love us and greatly needing our love -- it is quite certain that our conceptions of life and duty would be vastly changed. should have to recognise our obligations to the past in a very solemn way. Now, with the man of the Far East, the constant presence of the dead has been a matter of conviction for thousands of years; he speaks to them daily; he tries to give them happiness; and, unless a professional criminal, he never quite forgets his duty towards them. 'No one,' says Hitata, 'who constantly discharges that duty will ever be disrespectful to the gods or to his living parents. Such a man will also be loyal to his friends, and kind and gentle with his wife and children; for the essence of this devotion is in touth filial piety.' . . . The Japanese never think of an ancestor as having become only a memory, there dead are alive."

We too have the certainty that our dead live. But unfortunately our conviction lacks reality. If we are asked do we believe, we unhesitatingly say we do; but if anybody observing us without bias were asked if we believed he would say he did not see any great reason to think so, at least as far as the practices of most of us go. Our belief in the Communion of Saints, like so many of our beliefs, badly needs treatment-treatment by prayer and meditation on the Last Things.

"The Book of Worder"

The publishers of "The Modern Library" have included in their list Lord Dunsany's Book of Wonder. The volume is published at 85 cents. The new publication will help to make known to a wider circle of readers the magic, singing, delicate prose of the head of the House of Plunket. Here once more is the enchantment of those other works of his that have fallen into our hands. Passages like the following are stamped with his genius and as unmistakable as lines of Danto or Vergil:

"And many were moved to anger, for they hoped for some bloody quest; but the old lords chamberlain said, as they multered among themselves in a far dark end of the chamber, that the quest was hard and wise. for that if she could ever weep she might also love. They had known her all her childhood; she had never sighed. Many men hed she seen, suitors and courtiers, and had never turned her head after one went by. Her beauty was as still as sunsets of bitter evenings when all the world is frore, a wonder and chill. She was as a son-steicken mountain uplifted alone, all beautiful with ice, a desolate and lonely radiance late at evening far up beyond the comfortable world. not quite to be companioned by the stars, the doom of the mountaineer?

 $^{\circ}$ In the valley beyond Sidono there lies a garden of poppies, and where the pannies heads are all a-swing with summer breezes that go un the valley there lies a noth well strewn with ceean shells. Over Sidono's summit the birds come streaming to the take that lies in the valley of the garden, and behind them rises the sun sending Sidono's shadow as far as the edge of the lake. And down the path of many ocean shells when they begin to gleam in the sun, every morning walks an aged man clad in a silken robe with strange devices woven. A little temple where the old man lives stands at the edge of the path. None worship there, for Zornadhu, the old prophet, hath forsaken men to walk among his poppies."

Three Irishmen in recent times have had the gift of magic prose. You find it in Wilde's plays and in his "De Profundis." Padraic Pearse, whom Maxwell killed because he loved his country, had it too-there are pages in his plays that move the soul like fairy music. Dunsany is the last of them and without a rival in his own sphere. They are examples of what can be done with the

English lauguage when the Celtic magic is added to Saxon at its best. Do not forget that when Dunsany was asked the secret of his style he said that his mother made him read the Bible as a boy and forbade him to read the daily papers. The influence of the Bible is plain in his pages; and to its "sweetness and light" he adds the true Celtic glamor. In the works of English writers there stands alone but one passage that can compare with the prose of the Irishmen. In that description of Monna Lisa, which you will find in Pater's Rennaissance, there is the same ineffable charm, the same mastery over little words.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Last week the Children of Mary, South Dunedin, sent a parting gift to one of their number, Mrs. Reidy (nee Miss Rita Bree) who was married recently and has gone to reside in Laverengill. The gift was a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Lady and artistically illuminated eard bearing the sodality's good wishes for Mrs. Reidy's future happiness

The Sisiers in charge of St. Vincent's Orohanage desire to acknowledge a gift of 5]- from "A Client of St. Anthony," and tender their cerdial thanks to many friends who have sent douations of fenit for the orphans during the past month.

The ladies of the Orphaus' Sewing Guild will begin their charitable work for 1925 on Thursday afternoon in the meeting room of the Children of Mary, St. Patrick's School, South Dunedia. Honorary members may send their subscription to the Sister in Charge, St. Vincent's Orchanage.

At the Theoretical Examinations held in Perember the fellowing pupils of St. Philomem's College were specessful. Senior Grade, Mary O'Brica 61. Intermediate. (Henoes) Mary Brown 99; Mollie O'Malley 98; Annie Peegra 97; Ellen Brown 87. Preparefory. - Margaret Brown 98. Miss Annie MacGregor passed the Public Service Examin thom, and Miss Mary Meade was successful in the Intermediate Examination.

The perso of Roy, Brother Higgins was icodyczionily omitted from those constituting the committee of the Christian Brothers' Regby League Factball Club, given in our last week's issue.

Mr. John J. Neonan announces in this isone that he has commenced business as a baid agent in Dunedin. Mr. Noonan was educated at the Christian Brothers' School and has always taken a prominent part in Catholic activities. We are pleased to see cur voung men branching out for themselves, and trust that their fellow-Catholics will, wherever pessible, render them assistance.

The Christian Brothers' wish to thank the kind friends who have helped them recently. Danielin Cathelies are always prompt to assist the Brothers in their needs, and the Brothers assure them that their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Rev. Brother J. P. Doonan, Assistant to the Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, returned to Sydney last week. He had been some time staying with the local community. He was much impressed with our

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beautiful city, but was somewhat disappointed at not seeing young New Zealand at work in the school.

Members of the board of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Dunedin, will meet the parishioners of the North-east Valley, in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock, in the interests of the local conference of the Society.

The Misses Cartwright, Oamaru, have received information from the secretary of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, that Sheilah Brown has gained the highest number of marks in New Zealand in her grade—gaining distinction with 138 marks. Louise Tonkin and Roberta Hinkley also came very high on the list with 135 marks each. At the December Trinity College Theory Examinations Foss Shanahan and Jack Grant gained honors in the Junior Grade with 98 and 93 marks respectively.

The annual Irish national entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, to be given on Tuesday night next (the 17th inst.) in Burns Ifall and Town Hall, South Dunedin, should attract large audiences and prove thoroughly enjoyable. As the proceeds are intended to assist worthy causes the promoters hope for the success that usually accompanies this popular function. An excellent programme, containing the names of a number foremost in the musical profession, will be presented, thus enabling patrons to hear the sougs of the Old Land given in a manner at once pleasing and worthy of their appreciation.

CHILDREN OF MARY, SOUTH DUNEDIN

A successful eight days' Retreat was recently preached to the Children of Mary, St. Patrick's parish, South Dunedin, by Rev. T. A. Campbell, C.SS.R. The members of the sodality lead busy lives, yet, in full force, they assembled in the Convent Chapel at 5.40 each morning and again in the eventure. eager to take advantage of the spiritual exercises, the blessings of which are so helpful to them in their year's work. The sermons and instructions were well calculated to inspire those privileged to hear them with a greater love for their dearest Mother, and to foster that love by prayer, frequent reception of the Sacraments and the imitation of Our Lady's virtues. On Sunday evening the final ceremonies in the Basilica commenced with an impressive sermon by the zealous Redemptorist, who took for his text the words: "We fly to Thy patrinago, O holy Mother of God." Rev. Fatier Campbell, assisted by the Sodality's Spiritual Director (Rev. Father Delany), performed a consecration ceremony, sixteen members receiving the long-coveted ribbon, medal, and manual of the Children of Mary. Thirtyone young girls received aspirants' badges.

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OBITUARY

SISTER MARY BRENDAN (LANGFORD), SOUTH DUNEDIN.

After a lingering illness extending over two years, Sister Mary Brendan passed peacefully to her rest as the convent hell was tolling the mid-day Angelus on Thursday 5th inst. The deceased Sister, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Langford of Centre Bush, having passed with distinction through the Invercerail High School. entered the teaching profession under the Southland Education Board. Early in 1911 she resigned the position she held in the Nightcaps Public School and came to Danedin, where she was enrolled amongst the students at St. Philomena's College to prepare for the Teachers' C. certificate which she obtained in February, 1912. She then resolved to devote her life and taleats to the service of God and with this end in view began her term of probation in the Noviliate of the Sisters of Mercy. On December 10. 1914, she was professed by the Life Right Rev. Monsignor Coffey. For some years Sister Mary Brendan was engined in the work of education at the tiend House of her Order. Later she taught in the schools attached to the Branch Convents at Mosgiel. Gore, and Alexandra, until three years ago when failing health forced her to relinquish active duties. Strongthened by the groups and consolations hely Charch six a to her suffering children, the dear invalid have with exemplary patience and resignation the trialof a long illness; and, when all howe of recovery was gone, she cheerfully awaited the coming of the welcome Angel of Death,

At 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, when Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of the late Sister's soul, there was present in St. Patrick's Basilica a large congregation, including Mrs. Langford (mother), Mrs. Hamilton, Centre Bush, and Mrs. Robins, Gore (sister); Mr. Bringford (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (englord, South Hillend (aunt and upple of decoased). His Lordship the Bishop presided in the sanctuary; Rev. C. Collines (Woly Cross College) was celebrant; Rev. B. Kavency (St. Joseph's Cathedral) deacon: Roy, E. M. Rooney, subdeacon; and Rev. J. P. Delany. master of ceremonies. A choic of children from St. Vincent's Orphymics same the solemn incidental music. At 11 o'clock the funeral left the Basilica for the place of interment in the Southern Conselery: Dev. E. H. Rooney, Rev. T. Hally, Rev. Brother Murphy, Rev. Brother Higgins, Rev. Brother Hynes, and Rev. Brother Gogerius acted as pall-bearers, and Rev. Father Delany officiated at the graveside.—R.J.P.-

SISTER MARY IMELDA (O'NEULL), O S D

With sincere regret we record the death at the Dominican Convert, Teschemakers, of Sister Mary Imelda (O'Neill). The deceased Sister was born in Ireland 68 years ago, and entered the Order at St. Dominic's Priory, Dunedin, some years after coming to New Zealand. Her religious life, strongly colored, as it was, by an especial depotion to the Holy Rosary, was a never-ending

source of edification both to her sisters in religion and to those of the outside world who came into touch with her. It has been said, and truly, that a volume of marvellous beauty might be compiled on the death of a Dominican religious, and those who witnessed the death of this revered Sister assure us that there would be no more beautiful chapter in that marvellous volume than that which would record the circumstances of Sister Mary Imelda's last hours, fraught, as they were, with the promise of a peculiar blessedness. May she rest in peace.

Invercargill

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(From our own Correspondent.)

March 9.

The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held on Tuesday evening in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Rev. Father Warlin presiding. Members present were Mrs. Loughnan (vice-president), Mrs. G. W. Woods (secretary), Mesdames Fraser, Lenihan, Miller, Jackson, B. Ferry, Sheehan, Lister, and Gardiner. This society is progressing stendily, and thanks are due to those of the parishioners who have helped. There are still a number, however, who are slow in giving assistance. Smallest donations will be thankfully received, and as the winter is coming on, clothing suitable for making children's clothes will be most acceptable. Any ase where help is needed should be made known to Rev. Father Martin or any member of the committee. The society also wishes to thank Dr. Collins for his kindly help.

Vesterday being the second Sunday in the month, was the Communion Sunday for the body members of the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, a large number approaching the Holy Table at the two early Masses. It was also the monthly Communion day for the Children of Mary, and it was indeed most edifying to see nearly two hundred girls in choir dress approach the Holy Table. During the Mass some very beautiful hymns were rendered. His Lordship Bishop Whyte, who celebrated the first Mass, referred most kindly to the singing, which was so devotional, also congratulating the sodality on its large numbers.

During these Lenten days one cannot but admire the altars, which are most artistically decorated in the shades of pale heliotrope and purple asters. The young ladies in charge deserve every praise for their work.

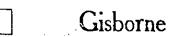
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A Page for Little People

My dear Little People,

Our Badges have arrived and by the time you read this letter of mine, at least 44 of the Members of the L.P.L.C. will be wearing their badges, because they will have been posted to them. I hope you will all be pleased with them, and wear them always so that you will know each other when you meet. But, what about our Members who haven't saved up for their badges yet?

Well, never mind, we'll all have badges soon, and I want you all to promise me that you will always speak to one another when you are wearing your badges, and meet each other. Particularly if you happen to be strangers to one another. It would make me very happy to know that all the members of the L.P.L.C. welcome a wearer of our badge, at all times and everywhere. Try and remember like sensible Little People, and let the L.P.L.C. Badge, in our Lady's colors—Blue and White—be enough to make you wish to speak to one another.

That reminds me. Some of the Members sent their money in CASH, and I got it quite safely, but it was what the Grown-ups call "a risk." And anyhow, it is forbidden by the Post Office rules. I know you hadn't stamps in the house at the time, or some other good reason, but next time it will be better to wait till someone gets stamps. It is best not to break rules, isn't it?

You will notice quite a number of letters from new members, and they ask for someone to write to them. Please write, Little People, and do your very hest to answer any questions that are asked. Now we'll get on with the letters, there is such a huge mail this week.

ANNE.

Thank you Margaret and Ivy Cuttance for badge money. You will like the badges, I'm sure, when you get them.—Anne.) Dear Anne.

This is my first letter to you. I hope you are quite well. I am 10 years old and in Std. 4 this year. My birthday is on the 24th of September. I have one sister and no brothers. We motored up to Christchurch for our holidays, then we went up to Warikihi and Waikaia. Then went to Lake Te Anau and Manapouri and Monowai. I think this is all the news. Your loving friend, Leta Robertson, Invercargill.

(Welcome Leta, wouldn't you like to join our L.P.L.C. Save up till you get six pence to buy a badge with. You are having lovely holidays indeed.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I have been reading your Little People's letters in the Tablet, and I enjoy reading about their pets. I have no pets, but I am fond of them. I will be in Std. five when school starts. I will be twelve on the twentieth of June. I went to Waikaka for a month of my holidays, but I am back home again. I learn music and I am interested in it, have you any Little People interested in music. Do you like reading

Anne? I do. Well Anne, I have told you all the news. Your new friend, Ann Francis, Nightcaps.

(Welcome dear Ann, we're glad to hear from you. Never mind if you have no pets, you'll have all the more time to read our page and write to us. Yes, I'm very fond of reading.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.

As it is a long time since I have written to you I thought I would write you a few lines. I have been away in Geraldine for a month's holiday, and had a lovely time. I made a lot of new friends and also learned to swim. Geraldine is a very pretty place, surrounded by a lot of bush and shrubs. When I returned from my holiday I was very disappointed to find all the Sisters from the Morven Convent had got a shift. There are three new Sisters in their place but I have not met them yet. Sister Brigid presented six of us for proficiency, and we all passed with honors. Morven Convent was the only school in Canterbury for the last two years that obtained one hundred per cent. I have a little black and white kitten, would you please give me a name for it. My hirthday is on the fifth of August. Well dear Anne, as this is all the news for the present I will close. Your old friend, Winnie McGrath, Morven.

(Glad to hear from you again Winnie. What a nice trip you had to Geraldine. Would you like to join the L.P.L.C.? You have a birthday mate, "Hilda Sloane, Onehunga." I think "Spot" would be a nice name for puss.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short letter to tell you I am enjoying my holiday on the beach. There are quite a lot of people spending their holidays here. They help to cheer up this little township. There are six children in our family—Jim, Molly, Billy, Eileen, Kevin, and myself. We keep mum very busy sewing for us. I think mum shall be glad when our holidays are over for she says we are a nuisance in the house. I shall close now as I am off to bed. Good-night and God bless you. Your little friend, Patricia Murphy, Fortrose, Southland.

(Wouldn't I just like to pay you a surprise visit away down at Fortrose? May be you are a bit of a nuisance to poor mum, but there isn't one of you she'd give away now, and you'll soon be trying to make your own clothes too perhaps. Love to all.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I hope this letter will find you quite well and happy. The holidays are nearly over and I have enjoyed myself very much, only for this sickness which is going about, and stops us from going to the pictures and other places of amusement. Last Sunday a black kitten wandered into the house and made its self at home, and I want you to give me a name for it. Good-bye Anne, for the present. I have got no more news for you at the present. I remain, yours truly, Noreen, Wellington.

Conducted by ANNE



(They say black cats bring luck Noreen dear, so call your kitten "Lucky." Yes, there are a great many children sick these days, pray for them dear and for their worried parents.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short note to tell you I have put all but two of the circus together. I am also sending some answers to riddles. It is raining to-day and it is nice and cool after all the hot days we have been having. Anne would you tell me where we have to send the scrap books. I will start writing the answers for the riddles and the escaped circus. I will close now. From your little friend, Irene Hanrahan, St. Bathans.

(You did well with the Circus Irene dear, only missing "Platypus" and "Cages" which was spelt wrong. I'm sending you a little picture. You'll see your riddles in the bin.

—Anne)

Dear Anne,

Just a line to wish you a happy New Year. We have three ponics and a ponyfoal. We call them Toby, Dollie, Trixie, and the pony-foals name is Bunty. I am in Std. III, and I am 10 years old. My birthday is on the 12th of July. We have 15 ducks and 5 bantams, 8 geese, 1 puppy (we call it Roy). My brother Willie has a pigeon. I have five brothers and three sisters. I think it is a good idea about the badges. Well I have no more news. From your little friend, Tessie O'Neill, Elderslie, Enfield P.O., via Oamaru. P.S.—I know some of the riddles; here is one of my own:-Long legs, crooked thighs, little head, and no eyes? Riddle, me, riddle, me, what is that over the head and under the hat?

Tessie dear, you've got two mates on your birthday. One is Ida Archer, Little River, and the other is Teresa O'Neill, Pukiuri. Tell me now is that yourself with a different address.—Anne.

Dear Anne,

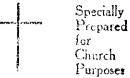
This is my first letter to you. I am in Std. 4 and am 10 years old. We are having very long holidays through the infantile paralysis. I am hoping we will soon be able to get back to school. Dear Anne my sister Colleen and I want to be members of your L.P.L.C. I am enclosing stamps for two badges. We have finished harvest. I am sorry because it was good fun driving out with the dinner and lunches. I will write you a longer letter next time and tell you about my pet rabbits. I will now close. With best love from your new friend, Erin McNeill. Lauriston.

(Welcome Erin and Colleen, hope you'll like your badges when you get them in a day or two. I'm sure you had a lovely time during the harvesting, Wish I could have been with you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to tell you that I think the Scrap Book Competition a very good idea. Please put my name on the list of competitors for it. I have started my book but have not done much of it yet. When do our books have to be finished, Anne? I

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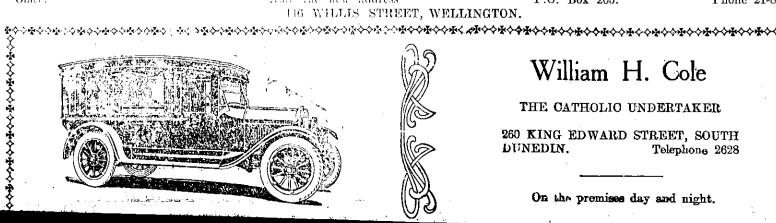
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think every L.P.Ia.C. member will be pleased to wear a badge. Please find enclosed money for one. I should like somebody about 13 or 14 to write to me. Would you kindly ask if some one will do so. Well, deer Anne, as there is nothing more to tell I will close. Your loving friend, Ursala Bracherie, Akaroa. P.S. I would like to see my letter in the Tablet. Toy has just told me that she wants a ladge so please soul two.

(Thank you for stamps Urada, hope you and Joy will like your badges. Aid you get your Scrap Book finished? Semeone is sure to write to you when your lefter is on our page.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I join your letter page? I will be nune years of age on the sixth of June and I am in Std. I. I have two pet lamba and a dog called Dick. My sister and I drive the lunches out to the harvesters every day. We are having a long holiday from school on account of infantile paralysis. We have a pony and a little gig in which we drive to school. I am sending sixpence in stamps for a badge as I think it would be nice to have one. From your little friend, Mary Callaghan, Palmerston South.

(Glad to have you with as Mary, hone you'll like your badge. Did you get the harvesting all done safely, and do you drive the pony your own selves?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am not one of the members of the L.P.L.C. but we have been getting the Tablel for two years or more. What I want to do is to ask you if I could join it and also I am sending 6d for a badge. I am living on a farm, and we have cows, pigs, and many other animals. I will close now, hoping to receive my badge soon.—Norah Kenealy, No. 3 Road, To Puke, Bay of Plenty.

(Nora dear, you're just the very sort of girl we want, because you went us. Hope you'll like your badge and will find a letter mate soon.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I have been anxiously waiting to see my first letter in the Tablet, but it did not appear. I am eleven years of age, and I will be in Std. five when school starts. My hirthday is on the twentieth of June. I am sending six stamps for a badge. I went to Waikaka for part of my holidays. I went for a dip yesterday and had a splendid time. I learn music and I like it very much. I would like to write to some Little People, about eleven or twelve years of age. Please print my letter Anne. Your new friend, Anne Francis.

(You will have seen your letter by this time, my dear little namesake. Thank you for the sixpence, hope you'll like your hadge. Someone is sure to write to you, but you have no birthday mate yet. Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I am nine years old and in Standard 2 at school. I live on a farm and just now we are harvesting. I milk one cow every night. I have 2 pet lambs. My sister is going to write to you. I am enclosing sixpence in stamps and I want you to please send me a badge. From

your new friend, Cecilia Callaghan, Palmerston North.

(Welcome Cecilia, you'll be pleased with your badge I'm sure. Write again soon and you'll get a letter mate one of these days. When is your birthday?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is the first time I have written to you. I am stepping at my nucle's and I have a good time. My nucle has ten children, seven loss and three girls. Every night I go and help them to milk the cows, they are milking 77. This letter is not very long, but all the same I do not think it will be the last. I would like to join the L.P.P and I would like to have a badge so I am sending you the money. From your loving new friend, Mary Dowman, Kaimata.

(Welcome Mary, I hope you'll get some new members for us when you start wearing your badge. I just bef you had a fine holiday. Wish I had been among you all. But I can't milk.— Anne.)
Dear Anne.

I was very pleased when I saw my letter in lash week's Tablet. Do the badges only cost sixpence Anne? I will send you sixpence anyway and if it is more will you please tell me how much they are. Anne will you please give me names for four kittens—two fluffy blue ones and two grey ones. We have lots of lovely red apples ripe now. Well dear I have not much news to-night. I will close now hoping to see my letter in the Tablet. Love from Dympna Agnes O'Brien, Te Wae Wae.

Oynopus darling, is it only four kittens we want names for. What about these—Beauty" and "Dainty" and "Fluffy" and "Trip"? Are they Persian pussies? How pretty they must be. Yes, sixpence is quite enough for the badge, you'll get yours in a few days, hope you'll like it.—Anne.)

Dear Anne

This is my second letter to you. My birth-day is on December 24. I am eleven and i would like some girl my age to write to me. I have a lamb and his name is Bunty, we have a kitten too will you give us a name for it Anne? I have three brothers and four sisters. My little sister says she is going to write to you. We have twelve cows to milk. I am sending the stamps for a badge. Well good-bye Anne. Your little friend, Irene McAnulty, Convent School, Rakaia.

(Thank you for the stamps Irene, I'm sure some of the girls will write to you. Perhaps one of your birthday mates will. They are—Josic Blanchfield and Katic Mullany. Call your cat "Tibby."—Anne. P.S.—Will someone please write to Irene?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Please find sixpence enclosed in stamps for a badge. Isn't it hot? I thought I was going to die with the heat these last three days. Didn't you Anne? My word I would not like to be living up north where that terrible disease infantile paralysis is. Has there been any cases in Dunedin yet Anne? I hope it does not come down south. My sister was around at our place for a holiday. She came on February 3 and went away on February 4. During her heliday the mill

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was at our place. It pulled in on Saturday at dinner time. It rained on Sunday, so it was not able to work until after dinner on Monday. Just as they were going to start the packing of the engine busted. started to work again about 3 o'clock and worked for about an hour, when suddenly it went again. They hadn't steam up next time when it went. On Tuesday at lunch time (morning) it went again, but that one was the last, as Mr. Gerard went to Winton to get new packing. They finished at halfpast four. My youngest brother (Willie) made his first Holy Communion last month, and Father Hunt gave him a beautiful prayer book called the "Pocket Manual." Well, dear Anne, I must close now. From your old friend, Mary Donaghy, Dipton.

(Thanks for the stamps Mary dear, hope you'll like your badge. My, but you had a real thrilling time with your Mill. What about Willie writing to "Anne" too.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I am sending sixpence for a badge. I am eight years old and go to St. Mary's School, Christchurch. I have one brother, Jack. My birthday is on the 9th November; best love from Mary Gorman, Bishop Street, Christchurch.

(Welcome little eight-year-old Mary, and thank you for your nice letter, also the six-pence. I hope you'll like your badge and will find a letter mate, but you have no birthday mate yet, dear. Perhaps one will grow.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It is a long time since I wrote to you, but as I am thinking of having a badge I thought I should write now. We get the Tablet regular every week, and I always read the "Little People's Page." I often go for a swim in the river. We have two cows, two pigs, and two pet lambs. would like someone to write to me. I would like my name to be put in the L.P.L.C. list. I received four prizes at the break-up. My birthday is on 18th August. I have two sisters and two brothers-their names and ages are: Frank, 16; Mary, 10; Eileen, 9; Leo, 4. The weather we are having up here at present is not very nice. I enclose six penny stamps for a badge. Well, dear Anne, that is all the news at present, so I will close with best wishes from your friend, Veronica Ryan, Wangaehu, via Wanganui.

(Thank you for the sixpence Veronica, I hope you'll like the badge. Someone is sure to write to you, but tell me your birthday, perhaps you have a mate.—Anne.)

I'll put in the list of new members next week--no room this time. Good-night.

-Anne.

P.S.—I may not be able to announce the results of the Scrap Book Competition on the 18th March. If not, it will be on our page on the 25th March FOR SURE.

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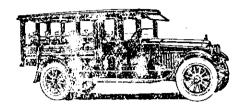
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Our Sports Summary

ATHLETICS

At the Otago Provincial Championships held at the Caledonian grounds the other Saturday, J. Cameron won the 3-mile and T. McAllen was second in the 1-mile walk. A. Brown won the ½-mile cycle handicap. All three are members of the St. Patrick's A.A. Club.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' CRICKET CLUB, DUNEDIN:

The 2nd grade team had no difficulty in defeating Albion on Saturday, the 28th ult. Toomey (25) and McCarten (20) batting well; Brooks and McCarten sharing the bowling honors

The bad wicket provided for the 3rd grade permitted of but poor cricket, but the Brothers' team showed their superiority over Albion 3rd to the score of 59 to 32. For the winners Toomey (15), Roughau (14), O'Connor (11), and Ryan (10) batted well. O'Connor (3 for 0), O'Neill (5 for 10), and Cusack (2 for 8) bowled well. For Albion Holden 6 wickets and Duncan 4 were the only successful bowlers. None of the Albion players reached double figures; Silver being top scorer with 8.

By defeating Carisbrook the 4th grade surpassed all expectations. This game was the most exciting one of the season, Christian Brothers' just managing to better their opponents' score by 2 runs. Rae (34), Paul (29), Sheehy (13), and Parsons (12) were the only batsmen to reach double figures; while Sheehy (3 for 20), Paul (5 for 34), and McKewen (1 for 28) were the most successful bowlers.

DUNEDIN FOOTBALL CLUB. ANNUAL REPORT, 1925.

In presenting the 54th annual report of the Dunedin Football Club, the committee have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the improved status of the club in the Rugby world, gained by their added interest in all club affairs and their keenness on the field. The active membership has increased from year to year during the past four years. and this numerical increase has strengthened the club both on the field and in its financial position. The recent very successful tour of the All Blacks has had the effect of increasing Rugby football interest amongst all classes of the public throughout New Zealand, and the Dunedin Club, together with other clubs, can look forward during the coming season to increased public support.

On comparison with 1923 season all teams showed distinct improvement in their various grades. The 5th grade are to be congratulated on their winning the banner in the grade; their record:—Played 12, won 11, lost 0, drawn 1, points for 176, against 18; being a very fine one. This team also won two matches played with a Palmerston junior team; one match being played at Dunedin, and a return match at Palmerston. Mr. J. Bond, as coach, is deserving of all thanks from the members of the team for the very active interest he took in them

During the year the club suffered severe losses by the transfer of Mr. St. J. J. Dunna and Mr. J. O'Sullivan from Dunedin. Both

of these gentlemen took an active interest in club affairs, and while being sorry to lose them we wish them success in their new spheres.

The social side of the club has not been neglected during the past year. The several dances were well patronised and the final dance in particular, was a highly successful function. A smoke concert was also held and this proved a very enjoyable evening, representatives from the O.R.F.U., Referees' Association, and sister clubs being present. The annual picnic for junior members was again held at Company's Bay, and favored by perfect weather, a record attendance of over 100 boys resulted. During the day, races were run off and the winners presented with prizes, kindly donated by several of the club supporters.

It behoves all members to put the best foot forward at the commencement of the coming season and endeavor to advance their club still further up the football ladder in Dunedin. This can be done by the introduction of new members and by consistent training. The erection of proper are lights by the Caledonian Society on the grounds, provides greater facilities in this direction.

The thanks of the club are due to the many generous supporters who materially assisted with donations; to Mr. F. Carter for the use of office for meetings, to Mr. R. Maxwell (caretaker of the Caledonian ground), to the Referees' Association, the O.R.F.U., and the press.

TIPS FOR THE RUNNING TRACK. (Concluded from last week.)

Away back in pre-war days New Zealand athletic sports meetings were attended by the speediest performers in Australasia. Menlike McLachlan, McManus, Morris, and Hourigan, put up some of their finest performances on New Zealand tracks, and these men were living examples of the value of massage. They were for ever searching their bodies for hard spots. Deft fingers would burrow into the firm, springy flesh until the hard spot was located and isolated. It would then be kucaded like dough till the Lardness disappeared. Of course, they used oils and embrocations, but when men have been running for months upon all kind of tracks and exposed to all kinds of weather they very often had to use artificial means to patch themselves up quickly pro tem. And even when using the liniments they always insisted that the benefit was derived from rubbing.

The Shoe.—The runner should always be very particular about his shoes. He should see that they fit him. His best plan is to have his shoes made to measure by a shoemaker who knows the requirements of the running track. Slop-made shoes are usually made of a material that stretches easily. Consequently, after a run or two they are useless. To give satisfaction the leather must be stretched before the shoe is made. It must fit very tightly on the foot, as there must be no slipping and sliding inside the shoe. It must be made so that it will fit

very tightly without giving pain, and the leather, though very thin and light, must be strong enough to withstand the strain put upon it by a strong runner in a sprint race. McLachlan used to say that a runner was a four-yards better man over a hundred in a well-made shoe than he was in one of indifferent make. The shoe should be fitted with six spikes, each gin in length. There are no heels, of course, to these shoes. For distance running (four-fortys, half-miles, and miles) the spikes should be much shorter. It is inadvisable to wait until a pair of shoes is worn out before ordering another. The better plan is to have the new pair broken in long before they are needed. The old professionals, while they were very carcless about the condition of other parts of their running gear, were always scrupulously exact about the condition of their shoes. should not be worn in running shoes. A man always runs better if he can feel the grip of his spikes in the track.

The Catholic Parent: Needed Co-operation With the School

It is a complaint by no means uncommon among Catholic teachers (says an exchange) that the best efforts of the school are often checked, or even destroyed, by the influences which exist at home. This complaint, generally made with good reason, is found among teachers in all institutions from the primary grades to the college.

Once the child is entrusted to the Catholic school, there need be no fear that the teachers will fail to do their duty. They are teachers, but they are also, for the most part, religious, whose work and institute have been approved by the Church. Yet they must be able to count upon the sustained and intelligent interest of the parents of their pupils. This lacking, they cannot hope to succeed. They understand, as many parents do not, that a school-year does not consist of twelve months, but of fewer than 200 four-hour days. About 800 hours only are controlled by the school; during the remaining 7960 hours of the year the child is, or should be, under the supervision of the home. If the influence there exercised reinforces the plan and purposes of the school, success is almost certain. If it does not, failure can hardly be avoided.

The man who invests £100 without careful consideration, or who is not concerned to guard his investment once made, has only bimself to blame in the day of disaster. Were the same principle to be applied to the school-disasters we must occasionally deplore the burden of blame and responsibility would be lifted from the school and placed where it belongs, namely, upon careless and negligent parents. By legal assumption, the child is the father's most precious possession. Actual fact usually verifies the assumption. But the exception which may prove fatal is the parent's lack of interest in the school-life of his child.

These are obvious reflections, but it is the obvious which too often is neglected or altogether forgotten. Not the least important resolution for every father and mother at the beginning of the new year is to know the school to which they have entrusted their child, and to co-operate with it.

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Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Rev. A. J. Martin, chaplain to the Australian Navy, who for the past year has been cruising round the world on H.M.S. "Adelaide," was in Rome on December 30. He had the privilege a few days later of an audience with the Holy Father, and was the first Australian to have that privilege in the Year of Jubilee, 1925. Father Martin also had interviews with Cardinals Bourne and Mercier.

In our issue of the 11th inst (says the Catholic Press for February 26) it was stated that the Broome branch of the Holy Name Society, happily inaugurated by his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Coppo, S.C., was the first to be established in Australia. We are informed that the society was introduced some years ago into the Commonwealth by the Dominican Fathers. A flourishing branch exists in St. Laurence's Church, North Adelaide. Branches are also to be found in the Melbourne archdiocese. There is a branch in Helensburg, N.S.W. The Hely Name Society, a Dominican affiliation, is centuries old. It has achieved notable success in U.S.A., the membership aggregating nearly 2,000,000 men. **TWe** print this paragraph owing to the fact that the statement referred to was extracted by us from the Press.

Speaking at Lithgow the other afternoon (says the Freeman's Journal) his Grace Archbishop Kelly said Australia was essentially an agricultural and industrial country. This meant that energy must be expended if developments were to occur. Those who merely looked for gold would not do much for their country. Lithgow was distinctly an industrial centre, for God had given the district a wealth of minerals which Australia needed. But Lithgow's industries would not flourish as they should, and the amount of money that would circulate in wages and thus give employment to others would not be as great unless everyone in the industry was prepared to make it a success. Every working man and woman should be a capitalist, should save some of their wages and employ those savings in producing more. It was upon the proper employment of their wages that prosperity would depend, and upon the manner each endeavored to improve himself and herself. He would not have a man at the head of a union, or even an official who had not been a prosperous man in other things, who did not own his own house, or who was not capable of advising and planning for the improvement of his fellows, and of carrying out those plans. A man without any stake in the country was not the man to lead or advise others who had. They were like clouds which scattered in the time of drought. Mere words were nothing. Like the tree that did not bear fruit, they were not of any valuevery often not even for firewood. Every man who lived within his wages was a capitalist, and as a capitalist he should use his money wisely, and every man who worked in an industry should have the success of it at heart. That was the spirit they got from the Catholic schools.

VICTORIA.

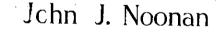
Mandeville Hall, Toorak, which a few decades ago was the palatial residence of a wealthy landowner, and was lately acquired for a convent by the Loreto Nuns, was blessed and formally oponed on a recent Sunday afternoon. His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate officiated, and was attended by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Rev. Father M. I. O'Brien, P.P. (Toorak), the Very Rev. Father J. S. Bourke, S.J., and the Rev. Father J. Foster, S.J. Over a thousand people assembled in the spacious grounds, where the St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage Band played appropriate musical selections. Father O'Brien, P.P., on behalf of the Mother Provincial and community, cordially welcomed his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate and his Grace the Archbishop. The establishment of the Sisters of Loreto in the parish had the warm approval of his Grace, and the parish was indeed blessed in having the Sisters, who were capable of giving the highest education to their pupils. His Excellency said he did not know how long he would be left in Australia, but he was delighted that his sojouru had been long enough for him to be present on that memorable day, to have the privilege of blessing such a beautiful building. The Archbishop, who was greeted with sustained applause, said that though perhaps he had more words in English at his command than his Excellency, he failed in regard to gesture. His Excellency was able to convey with a gesture more than he (the Archbishop) could do in the course of a long passage. In addition to thanking him for his address, he had to thank his Excellency for the privilege he had conferred on the Sisters by coming at such inconvenience to bless and formally open the new Loreto

"Having heard many boys' bands in England and on the Continent, I maintain that St. Augustine's Boys' Band, Geelong, can still, with justice, lay claim to being the best boys' band in the world," said Mr. A. H. Baile, conductor of the fine Newcastle Steel Works Band, which has only recently returned from a successful tour abroad. These remarks were made on the occasion of a visit lately paid to St. Augustine's Orphanage by the members of the Newcastle band at the invitation of Rev. Brother Crowley. Amongst the visitors were the Mayor of Geelong (Cr. Ritchie), Mr. W. Brownbill, M.L.A., Cr. J. A. Thear. After St. Augustine's Band had rendered several musical items, the party was shown over the institution. Refreshments were served in the library. Brother Crowley, in welcoming the bandsmen, referred to the kindly. spirit shown by the Newcastle band to the St. Augustine's boys when they had met in competition two years ago at Ballarat. Newcastle bandsmen then offered to assist the St. Augustine's Band with a concert in Newcastle if the Geelong boys should make a tour. It was gratifying to know that St. Augustine's had two of their old boys present who had assisted the Newcastle band in obtaining great honor abroad.

mayor said they were proud as Australians of the success of the Newcastle Steel Works Band. The band had made a wonderful impression on those who had heard it. These remarks were supported by Messrs. Brownhill, Thear, and Percy Jones. Mr. Baile said the band was delighted with its reception in Geelong. He referred in complimentary terms to the ability of Mr. Percy Jones, and paid the above high tribute to St. Augustine's Boys' Band, with which Professor Beard was enraptured, and which Mr. Ord Hume pronounced "the best boys' band in the world," saying: "If this band would travel the world it would paralyso the world." Besides winning the A grade championship contest and Quick Step in Australia, St. Augustine's Band permanently holds the Sutton Shield, the Boosey Cup, and the Sutton Cup.

******* QUEENSLAND.

With a view to providing for the future needs of the Church, his Grace the Archhishop, with his usual foresight, has just purchased a charming elevated site on the Brisbane River, a few miles above the property recently acquired as a site for a college (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the Catholic Press). This latest site contains 49 acres of excellent land, yielding fruit and vegetables of many varieties. The principal portion of it is a glorious hill immediately over the river, and known as Mt. Hominey. The view from this hill is really incomparable. It was regarded by its discoverer, Dr. Simpson, as the finest elevation on the banks of the Brisbane River. The vistas of scenery make a truly delightful picture, while the isloation and solitude give a sense of peace, not always to be found within eight miles of a capital city. It is not unlikely that this site will later be used for a novitiate. By purchasing it now his Grace has secured it for the Church at a figure that would not probably purchase a tenth part of it five years hence. Mt. Hominey overlooks the 700 acres of land on the opposite bank of the river, which were the princely gift of a leading Brisbane Catholic (Dr. J. O'Neil Mayne), to the University of Queensland, in connection with the Chair of Agriculture, which is just about to be established.





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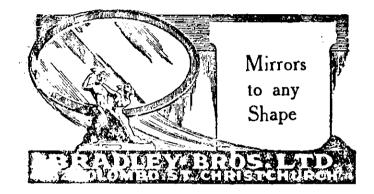
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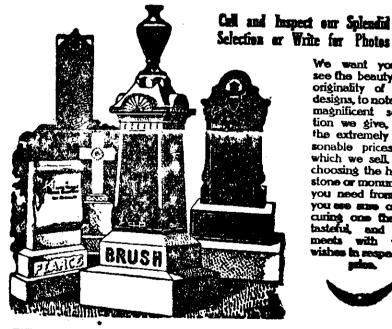
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Here and There

Praise for the Osservatore.-The Osservatore Romano, the official organ of Vatican, and on that account to he supposed of little moment, is declared by the Morning Post to be the only really independent newspaper in Italy to-day. After saying that a great deal too much has been made of Mussolini's methods with the opposition press, the Tory organ goes on to say: "Meanwhile it would appear that the only really independent paper published to-day in Italy is the Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, which presumably shares in the extra-territoriality of the Pope. It is, as is fitting, a serious little paper, well written and not at all biassed, and it is indispensable even in normal times to the student of Italian affairs. Unfortunately it comes out about 9 p.m., at an hour when despatches for the English papers have already left Rome, and its influence on opinion here can be but small."

Mount Everest.—The death of the two daring mountain climbers Mallory and Irvine, while attempting to ascend Mt. Everest, again called the public's attention to the world's highest mountain. This famous Himalayan peak takes its name from a British officer, Colonel Everest, to whom its first discovery by Europeans is generally attributed. In Col. Howard-Bury's account of the preliminary expedition of 1921, this claim is repeated, but in another book, Mount Everest, Sven Hedin disagrees with this finding and proceeds to show that the mountain was seen and described by Europeans more than 200 years ago. "It is absolutely incorrect," he says, "to say that Mount Everest was the discovery of the English Colonel Everest; . . . the Mount, with only slight inaccuracies, is found under the true Tibetan name, 'Tschomolungma,' on maps made by French Jesuits in Peking in the year 1777. These maps were first engraved in Paris and published in 1733." Hedin further recalls how the two Jesuits, Grueber and D'Orville, left Peking in 1661, and made their way through Tibet, visited Lhasa, its capital, carrying scientific instruments with them. This was probably the first European expedition to this "forbidden" country, and an account of it is preserved in Kirchner's China Illustrata. Nor is this the only expedition of the kind. Some forty years later. or in 1703, to be exact, six Capuchins left Rome for Lhasa, where they arrived in 1707, being later reinforced by other missionaries. Not to be outdone, two Jesuits. Fathers Desideri and Freyre, reached Lhasa a short time afterwards, and an account of their journey was published in Rome in 1904 by the Italian Geographical Society. these missionaries, Mount Everest, as it is now known, could scarcely have been other than a familiar object, since it towers almost over Lhasa itself. Sven Hedin goes on to describe other expeditions to Tibet in the same century. In 1738; the Capuchin Father, Orazio della Penna, with eleven others, left Rome for Tibet, and reached Lhasa in 1741, passing through Tingri and

Schikar, which places Col. Bury (undoubtedly in good faith), asserts he was the first European to visit. And from that time on other missionaries, braving the opposition that was undoubtedly made to them, penetrated the forbidden land, and even had audience with the Grand Lhama himself. This fact by no means undermines the credit due to Celonel Everest, to Colonel Younghusband, or to the personnel of the expeditions of 1922, 1923, and the one of a few months ago in which the intrepid Mallory and Irvine lost their lives.

Egypt's Apostolic Delegation - Recently in the charming island of Ghesireh, on a branch of the River Nile, at a little distance from the bridge of Bolacco that joins the levely island with the city, the Delegate Apostolic blessed and laid the first stone of the residence of the Apostolic Delegation. The ceremony had a very intimate character and was of an importance that cannot be overestimated in this far-distant region. A numerous and distinguished gathering witnessed the function. The bishops of Egypt, the Vicars, and a large number of the clergy, representatives of religious institutes, and other notables were present. The great plot of land on which the new edifice rises was decorated with gaily-colored banners in honor of the event. Conspicuous among them were the papal banners. An artistic parchment printed in Latin by Mgr. Nuti, Apostolie Vicar of Egypt, and in French by Mgr. Aziz, Bishop of Caldeo, was enclosed in the stone, telling to posterity that the monument has been placed under the protection of St. Mark Evangelist, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, and all the saints of Egypt, in the reign of the Pontiff, Pius XI, and of Fouad I sitting on the Egyptian Throne. After the corner-stone was blessed. the Apostolic Delegate addressed his great audience in moving sentiments. "It is not without profound emotion," he said, "that I have blessed this corner-stone of the residence of the Apostolic Delegation. The Divine Blessing has come to confirm the most noble and worthy propositions which testify to the great filial devotion of the Egyptian people toward the Holy See. building of a house is in itself not an important thing. But the significance of this house is grand and sublime. It will perpetuate those eternal principles of charity and faith which have always been the force and the vaunt of the Catholic Church through the course of centuries."

Novitiate for Negro Priests and Sisters.—The Catholics of Holland are engaged in an effort to raise funds necessary for the establishment of a seminary for the training of negro priests and a novitiate for negro Sisters in the Uganda protectorate. The project has been organised by friends of the Right Rev. Joseph Biermans, a native of Holland, who is now Superior-General of St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions,

Mill Hill, England. Bishop Biermans spent 28 years as a missionary in the Upper Nile region-sixteen years as a priest and twelve as Vicar-Apostolic. His recent selection as the Superior-General of the Congregation founded by the late Cardinal Vaughan to carry the Gospel abroad, cut short his plans for the establishment of a seminary and novitiate in the Vicariate over which he presided. The task was taken up by his friends, and it is hoped the necessary funds will have been raised by March, 1925. At that time, in accordance with the Dutch custom, Bishop Biermans will celebrate a jubilee to mark the twelve and a half years of his episcopal service. It is planned to make the presentation of funds for the Uganda seminary and novitiate a part of the jubilee celebration. More than 150,000 persons have been baptised in the Uganda vicariate during Bishop Bierman's term of service as a missionary there. Of this number, more than 15,000 were baptised in 1923. It is this steady progress of Christianity in that territory that in the opinion of Bishop Biermans and his friends, justifies the erection of a seminary and novitiate to take care of religious vocations among the natives.

Orders of Deaf Mutes and Blind Sisters .-The celebration of the jubilee of a deaf-mute who entered a Religious Order in 1864 and who is now 83 years of age, has called the attention of the public to the Order to which she belongs, and which is composed entirely of deaf mutes (writes a Paris correspondent). It is the Community of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, founded in 1851 by Abbe de Larnay at Poitiers. Since that time fifty deaf mutes have entered the community. Half of this number have alrealy passed to their reward. Twenty-four religious and one novice remain. The Sisters of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows have, at several times, received as pupils young girls who are still more unfortunate than themselves, for they were blind in addition to being deaf and dumb, belonging to the class of unfortunates known as "the souls in prison." There is also, in France, an order of blind nuns, the Sisters of St. Paul.

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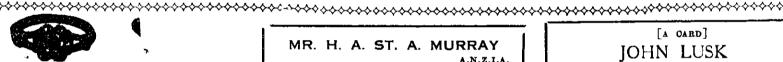
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—THE OATH.

The president of the Irish National Fishermen's Association has issued a call to all Irishmen to contribute to the Association. It is pointed out that the wealth of the sea is not a wealth which has to be discovered or even made, it is there waiting to enrich the whole country if the fishing industry is properly fostered and developed. Already the campaign conducted by the Association has resulted in steps being taken by the central authorities to suppress illegal trawling.

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A movement is afoot in support of the preparation of an authoritative and impartial history of Ireland, compiled from the original records in Irish and foreign libraries. Through the destruction of the Public Record office, Four Courts, Dublin, many documents of historic interest were lost. Some of those documents. went back to the days of the Anglo-Norman invasion and embraced State papers of all classes, including many autograph letters of English monarchs, of Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, and other Irish chieftains. They also included the marriage license of the Duke of Wellington and portions of the wills of Swift and Daniel O'Connell.

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A Trade Commissioner for Canada has come to Dublin, to develop and increase trade between Canada and the twenty-six counties of Southern Ireland. He intends to call on Irish importers to advise them of the address of the Canadian office in Dublin and to furnish them with statistics. If a Canadian exporter of, say flour, wishes to establish a market for his product in Southern Ireland he will communicate with the Dublin office and the Canadian Trade Commissioner there will put him in touch with desirable importers. A prominent Irish manufacturer fears that the function of the Canadian office in Dublin is to push in the 26 Counties the sale of Canadian goods, most of which Irish manufacturers and producers are able and willing to supply. He asks what steps are being taken to increase Irish exports to Canada. For the ten months, January to October, the value of the imports from Canada into the twenty-six counties was over \$5,000,000. In the same period exports from the twenty-six counties to Canada represented only \$100,000.

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In his message to the nation on the third anniversary of the signing of the Treaty, Mr. Kevin O'Higgins has had the courage to dispense with comfortable commonplaces (says the Weekly Freeman). He does not disguise the fact that the Free State, like every European nation, is condemned to a stiff struggle in the teeth of wind and tide. Its opponents would like us to believe that the ordeal is an inevitable consequence of

the Treaty. This is about as sensible as if a section of the crew of a ship in the thick of a gale should argue that everything would come right if the captain consented to change the ensign. No revolution in the form of government will cut Ireland out of the European system, and so long as we are part of this system, so long must we be subject to reactions from economic upheavals that have shaken the whole Continent to its foundations. Under the Free State we possess the power, not indeed of averting these evils, but of mobilising our best energies to grapple with them. Judge Cohalan, who sees our problems from the outside, is emphatic that conditions in the Saorstat are immeasurably better than they were a year ago. "Liberty," he says acutely, "does not consist alone in the possession of free institutions, but in the exercise of power under those free institutions." The Saorstat provides the fullest scope for this exercise of power on the part not only of its statesmen, but of its citizens. Under it we are learning to eliminate our weaknesses, as well as to develop our strength. The reign of terror has been broken, and with security once more established the country is in a position to face its urgent social and economic problems. These are serious enough, but they are by no means so grave as those which confront the majority of European nations. Energy and honest endeavor, to quote Mr. O'Higgins, are the main qualities required to secure a happy solution, and the greatest achievement of the men who won the Treaty is that their exertions enable Irishmen to bring all their energies to bear in dealing with their own difficulties.

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Ireland has experienced one of the most boisterous of Christmases, both as regards family festivities and in the matter of weather (writes a correspondent to an exchange). A gale has been blowing over the country since Christmas night, bringing thunder, lightning, snow, sleet, and tremendous rain. Rivers all over Ireland have burst their banks, and from Belfast, Cork, Galway, and Dublin, representing the four points of the compass, come reports of flooded streets and houses made uninhabitable by water. Along the coast there has been serious damage. At Lahinch, a favorite seaside resort in Co. Clare, the promenade was practically destroyed by heavy seas, while the gale stripped houses of their roofs and blew in their windows. In one case sea and gale between them brought a whole house down. At Waterford, a heavy railway truck was blown along the track by the gale, its change of position nearly causing a firstclass railway accident. In Kerry, lightning carried away a church belfry; at Monaghan, a haycart was blown off the road, two men being injured; while at Derry and Belfast boats are being used as street vehicles. Huge tracts of land are under water in many counties.

Dublin recently witnessed the spectacle of the leaders of the warring Irish sections united at the Congress of the Gaelic League in an attempt to revive the Irish language. The movement was seriously embarrassed by the political dissensions of recent years.

It was surprising to see many men, including Eamon de Valera himself, who had been gaoled by the Saorstat Government, sitting in the same room with the Cabinet Ministers, and to see the generals who faced each other in the recent fighting assembled together to promote a movement of which all approved. Not a word of English was spoken throughout the proceedings.

There were men present, too, like Lord Ashbourne and Douglas Hyde, who have long been identified with the language movement, and yet who are aloof from the controversies which divide the Free Staters and Republicans.

The general criticism was that the Gaelic League has been ruined by politics, and the articles written by its president, Mr. Mc-Ginley, and printed in American newspapers, were condemned by Michael Hayes, Speaker of the Dail. It was also complained that the official organ of the league discussed controversial political topics.

The main purpose of the meeting was to raise funds, and the Free Staters feared the funds might be used for anti-Free State propaganda. The suggestion was made by a Free Stater, Professor McEnri of Galway, that there was plenty of money available in the funds collected for the Dail Eireann in America, which might be devoted to the language movement. This brought de Valera to his feet. He offered, on behalf of the Republicans, to abandon his American litigation provided the money was devoted to the economic reconstruction of Irish-speaking districts and administered by an independent committee drawn from the universities, including that of Belfast.

Patrick O'Maille, Deputy Speaker of the Dail, welcomed this proposal, but General Mulcahy, supported by Generals O'Murthuille and O'Sullivan, described it as highly controversial, and urged that it be dropped in the interests of unity. This course was adopted, and the Congress limited itself to the appointment of a mixed commission of 15 to investigate the condition of the language movement, and to make recommendations to the national convention.

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At the moment (says a Home paper for January 24) there are frantic efforts being made by the rank and file of the Anti-Treaty party to persuade the leaders to enter An Dail and take the oath to the Saorstat. There is not the remotest chance of their succeeding in this. The reason for the change of outlook on the part of the rank and file is caused by the well-known intention of the Government, at as early a date as is convenient, to declare the 46 seats held by the Anti-Treaty Party vacant. Discussing this matter with a member of the Cabinet during the week, he told the writer that he was fully satisfied that when the election for these 46 seats takes place, the Anti-Treaty Party would not be able to win more than ten of them at the outside.

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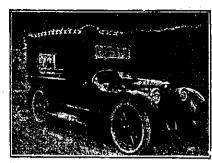
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By the time this appears in print (writes a Rome correspondent to the Boston Pilot, under date January 8) the opening of the Vatican Missionary Exposition will be history, and as I sit here surrounded by buildings seething with eleventh-hour activity, I try to anticipate what the great exhibition will mean for Cathelicism.

The Holy Father has just driven by a few yards from the China pavilion in which I write and has alighted and entered a nearby dell cloistered with hedges. About two years ago (March 20, 1923), the preliminary meeting for the exposition was called at his word, and a month later, on April 24, he gave the order to begin. Millions of lire have been expended on the project and a large group of scholars and administrators have given the best portion of the intervening two years to the innumerable details. His Holiness must feel gratified to see the realisation of this effort to intensify the mission interest of Christendom.

On December 21, his Holiness, accompanied by his Cardinals and the diplomatic corps, entered the Exposition from the Vatican. A special door was prepared for him entering on a vestibule containing castings of all the continents and leading to the twenty-two exhibit halls beyond. Surmounting the entrance is a huge cross with an ivory Corpus, a gift to his Holiness Pone Leo XIII.

"The place of honor must be reserved for the Head of all missions," remarked his Grace Archbishop Marchetti, who, as Secretary of the Congregation of Propaganda, and president of the Exposition, has been on the grounds for months from morning until evening directing the preparations.

Roads Trodden by Our Lord.

The logical starting point for a tour of the Exposition is the Hall of the Holy Land. If you have the privilege of visiting Rome this year make the first object of your attention the large raised model of Palestine six metres by three metres in size, which holds the centre of this hall. Here you may trace the roads the Saviour trod.

From Palestine one passes to the Hall of Mission History. Students of missions have overseen its preparation although they have made no pretence at completeness. The Christian advance is divided into four periods: from the Apostles to St. Benedict: from St. Benedict to St. Francis of Assisi; from St. Francis of Assisi to the discovery of America; and the great period of modern times.

Paintings of great apostles are on the walls, charts give the story of the centuries, while glass cases contain valuable records. The full-size model of the remarkable Nestorian tablet of Si-Ngan-Fu, North China, which was presented to the Vatican by its discoverer, is one of this hall's objects of outstanding interest.

If you would linger for a while among the mountain peaks of the Church's glory, pass into the Hall of Mission Martyrs. No one has counted Catholic martyrs, for no records

except the Book of Life can give them all. Here is a hall in commemoration.

Beautiful paintings, some from the Lateran Galleries, 25 supplied by the Franciscans, and others from various countries of Europe, tell of torture, death, and glory. A sculpture in the centre of the hall shows Pope Gregory sending forth the apostles of England and Germany. This work has just been completed by an artist brought here by the Benedictines. Glass cases about the walls hold relies, instruments of torture, and records of martyrdoms.

Contribution to Knowledge.

A few steps will bring you to an entirely different phase of mission activities: The Hall of Ethnology and Linguistics. This hall reveals what missioners have contributed to the world's deposit of knowledge. The hand of scholars is evident here. Large display cases contain carefully arranged specimens and the walls are covered with charts and diagrams.

Opposite the Vatican hall of entrance is the Mission Library. This will be in every sense a library and doubtless holds a special measure of the affection of the Sovereign Pontiff. Tiers of steel shelves enough to accommodate over 30,000 volumes, are in place, and glass-top steel shelves for valuable mission book exhibits promise to make this the finest library of its kind in the world. Thousands of volumes have already been gathered from every continent.

Beyond this had are the mission field exhibits. The Hall of North America is certainly a credit to the societies that planned it. Beautiful castings of great Indian chiefs and bas-reliefs of Indian life are some of the decorative features. A copy of the statue of Father Marquette which stands in the United States Capitol makes a fitting centre-piece.

The Hall of South America holds a commanding figure of Don Bosco. The Halls of the Near East and India are crowded to the very roofs with models, specimens, and splendid photographic collections, some of great value and all of interest to the lover of missions and to the student of peoples.

An Exposition catalogue has been prepared A monthly review will be published during the Exposition under the direction of scholarly editors and an official photographer will make a camera record of the Exposition's treasures.

A Notable Painting.

The mission-field exhibits finish the first group of specially constructed buildings and lead into the Cortile della Pigna, a court of the Vatican Palace which the coming spring will make a landscape delight and in which are a group of native huts from far scattered parts of Asia. Due to the unforseen extent of exhibits the Vatican Museo di Chiaramonte has been converted into the Hall of Mission Institutes, and the Egyptian Museum holds for the year the Hall of Europe, the Hall of Civilisation and Pro-

gress, and the Hall of Mission Aid Societies.

We pass from the "Court of the Pine Cone" to a group of six pavilions devoted to the missions of Africa, Eastern Asia, and the South Seas. All of these halls were not ready on the opening day, due to transportation difficulties, but soon they were to be groaning under trainloads of cases built with incalculable effort from the mission fields. The exhibit of the Jesuits in the China section alone filled forty great boxes. The Parish Foreign Mission Society has almost 400 cases of specimens from forty fields stretching from the torrid to the frigid zones.

Returning to the entrance we find the Hall of Medical Missions. Here again is the thorough hand of the scientist with a story of acute suffering among unchristianised millions and of loving devotion on the part of missioners and medical workers.

Above the exit from the Hall of the Holy Land is a painting entitled "E Passato Gesu," "Jesus has Passed." The great stairway of an Eastern street occupies half the canvass. At one side of the stairway is a group of people kneeling. Jesus has passed and left the impression of His life on them. This is the lesson of the Exposition.

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XVIII.—THE MASS PERPETUATES CALVARY.

The angels sang their song of praise near Bethlehem the night Our Lord was born, but their music died away into stillness as they gazed with the shepherds into the manger to see its lovely Tenant, and in that stillness they heard the breathing of the gentle peace that was falling like dew from Heaven upon the earth. The Host is raised above the altar at the moment of consecration, and once again the angels are awed into silence as Christ comes with His fragrant graces to purify the hearts that come to see the beloved sign which each new morning brings to pass. The same mystery surrounds the altar and the manger, it is the same Jesus that comes and dwells amongst us. St. Bonaventure writes -

"Not less doth God seem to do, when He deigneih to descend daily from Heaven upon the altar, than He did when He assumed human nature and became incarnate."

"Who can doubt," St. Gregory says, "that at the moment of immolation, when the priest utters the word, the heavens open, and that the choirs of angels are present at that solemn act of Jesus Christ—that Heaven and earth intermingle and that the Highest is joined with the lowly?"

No wonder that the Mass occupies so large place in the life of every good Catholic! No wonder that the enemies of God went by a certain diabolic instinct against the Mass when they wished to wreck the Church. It is the Mass that mattered to both, for the Mass is the test of Catholic brotherhood. binding priests and people into the one Mystic Body of Christ. It was to strangle the Mass that rack and rope were requisitioned by Elizabeth, and it was to cast it out as something vile that the mummers were sent through the country, in the hope that mockery might succeed where rack and rope had failed. But all these wicked agencies have failed, and the Mass abides to be the centre of Catholic life and the source of Catholic strength. Always threatened, always mocked, always attacked, it is fated not to die, for He whose word fails not has decreed that the Clean Oblation shall be offered to the Lord of Hosts from the rising to the setting sun.

Bethlehem, Calvary, and the Altar, beloved trinity of names, their music will never cease to beat upon our ears and thrill our inmost hearts. At Bethlehem the atoning Victim of our sins is born. The work of His priesthood began at Bethlehem, it is for this priesthood He was born. The sacrifices of the Old Law—of Aaron and Melchisadech—were only figures and symbols, "weak and needy elements," acceptable to God only because they represented that which was to come. It was the Divine decree that the God-Man should offer Himself in sacrifice. St. Paul in his Epistle to the Hebrews tells us that upon His entrance into the world Christ

accepted this decree of His Father and made the voluntary offering of His Body to be immolated on the Cross.

"For," he writes, "it is impossible that with the blood of oxen and goats sins should be taken away. Wherefore when (Christ) cometh into the world, He saith: Sacrifice and oblation Thou wouldst not; but a body Thou hast fitted to Me; Ifolocausts for sin did not please Thee. Then said I: Behold I come; in the head of the book it is written of Me, that I should do Thy will, O God. . . In the which will we are sanctified by the oblation of the body of Jesus Christ once. . . For by one oblation He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

What He accepted in Bethlehem He fulfilled on Calvary. "Father, not as I will but as Thou wilt." Then the great High-Priest took up His Cross and on it took away the sins of the world in His own Blood, shedding the last drop of it as was the law for holocausts. "It is consummated," the One Oblation" that would for evermore perfect those who would have a participation of it.

This participation we have through the Sacrifice of the Altar, which is a reproduction or perpetuation of the Sacrifice of Calvary. In the Holy Mass Christ still renews His Sacrifice through the ministry of men. He still shares with us through the Mass the inexhaustible fruits of the Cross, His "corn of the elect" and His "wine springing forth virgins." It is to perpetuate these gifts that He, Who has an Eternal Priesthood, gives His unction, His dedication, His consecration, a participation of His Priesthood to every priest.

But since the priest is ordained for men in the things that appertain to God, he must in his turn not only bring the people around the altar, but must also show them how they too may participate and are bound to participate in the offering, in the Sacrifice; how they too in their measure should voluntarily make themselves both priest and victim. It is true that priests alone have the right to consecrate and officially offer to the Father the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. but by a lesser title, but in a real manner, the people can offer the Host though they cannot consecrate it. Study the prayers with which the Church accompanies the Divine Sacrifice. And here it will not be out of place to urge upon my readers the beauty of the consecrated prayers of the Roman Missal; they are full of inspiration, and should be more desirable than the fifty, or one hundred and fifty methods of hearing Mass that are found in too many sentimental manuals.

When the priest is about to enter upon the most sacred part of the Mass he turns round to the people and says: "Orate fratres—Brethren, pray that my sacrifice AND

YOURS may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty." At the commemoration of the living he says: "Remember, O Lord, Thy servants of both sexes, and all here present for whom we offer or who themselves offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and those belonging to them." Again at the Hane igitur, when just before the consecration he spreads his hands over the chalice, you will notice that he asks God to accept the oblation not only as his, but of the whole parish, that is of the spiritual family assembled around the altar. priest then consecrates and offers Christ to the Father, but the people make the offering with him. So that in a certain real sense the people do participate and were meant to participate in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. If we only remembered this, how we should love to gather around the altar.

But Christ is not the only High Priest in the Mass, He is Victim also, in which character we must also share, all of us, both priests and people. Thus, our union with Christ in the Mass becomes one of the closest possible nature. A little water is mingled with the wine at the Offertory, then both are offered unto God "as a sweet odor for our salvation." The wine represents Christ and the water the people, so that we unite ourselves with Christ in His offering, in His immolation, we become victims with Him. we offer ourselves with Him. In one of the Masses of Pentecost, in the secret prayer after the offering of the bread and wine, the Church puts these words on our lips: "Vouchsafe, O Lord, to sanctify these gifts. and receiving the oblation of this spiritual victim, make US an eternal sacrifice to Thyself." It follows from all this that when we assist at Mass, we should, in imitation of Christ, give ourselves entirely up to God. The High Priest at the sacrifice has full power over the victim; we should place ourselves without any reserve in His hands that He may do His holy will in us. That hely will is our sanctification and strengthening in grace, our identification with Christ in His Mystic Body, our participation of His Priesthood, the bringing about of that great consummation expressed by St. Paul: "I live now, not any longer I, but Christ Jesus liveth in me." This is the real fruit of the Mass, so close an identification with Christ that the lowliest and the weakest among us may say with St. Peter that "we are partakers of the Divine nature."

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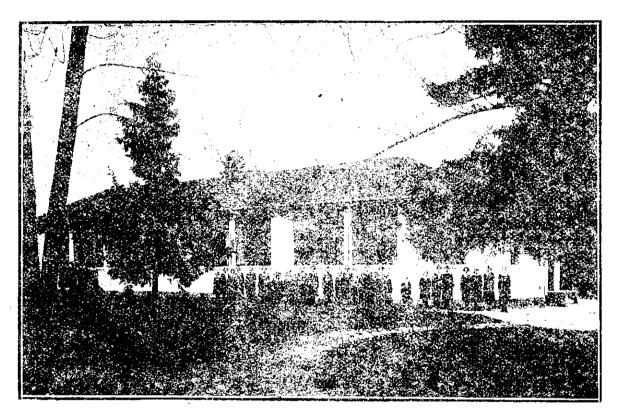
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MARKET REPORTS.

There was a large yarding of fat cattle at Burnside last week, 276 coming under the hammer. There were not a great many pens of extra prime heavy bullocks, the bulk of the yarding consisting of well-finished medium-weight bullocks and a large number of cows and heifers, some of which were very good quality. There was keen competition, a number of country butchers being in attendance, and prices may be quoted at from 10s to 15s per head above the previous week's rates for all good beef. Prime heavy bullocks made £15 to £18 12s 6d, medium from £11 10s to £14, lighter sorts from £8 10s to £10 10s. Prime heavy heifers and cows made to £13 10s, prime heiters and cows £7 to £9, medium £5 10s to £6 15s, old and inferior from £3 10s to £5. Fat Sheep .--The number yarded consisted of 2528 head. There was a large number of ewes, amongst which there were some pens of very nice quality. The balance of the yarding was made up of a number of prime mediumweight wethers, with odd pens of extra beavy. The sale opened with prices much on a par with the preceding week's rates, and as it progressed gradually improved, until prices were, if anything, a shade better than those of the previous week. Extra prime heavyweight wethers sold at from 45s to 49s, prime 42s to 44s, medium 37s 6d to 40s 6d, lighter 32s to 35s. Extra prime heavy ewes sold to 41s 6d, prime from 32s to 35s, medium 27s 6d to 31s 6d, old and inferior 20s to 25s. Fat Lambs.-About 830 came forward, the quality taken all round being of a medium description, as there was not an extra large proportion of prime lambs forward. There was keen competition for everything fit for freezing, while graziers competed for the others at late rates. Prime lambs 40s to 43s 6d, medium 33s to 38s, unfinished and small 20s to 27s 6d. Pigs.—There were 150 fats and not many stores. The entry consisted mainly of baconers. There was a good attendance of buyers, and a fair demand, prices going up to 4s or 5s.

Lower yardings were the rule last week at the Addington market. Store ewes and wethers sold up to 2s per head better, and fat sheep were 1s 6d to 2s easier; fat lambs 10s 6d easier, and fat cattle a shade better than on the previous week. Fat Lambs.-There were 3470 penned, of very mixed quality. On account of the waterfront trouble and an under-strength board of butchers at the freezing works, the market was under the export schedule prices by 1d per lb. Prime, under 36's made 121d per lb, light seconds and overweights from 111d to 121d. Extra prime lambs made 45s 10d, prime 38s 6d to 41s, medium 36s to 38s, light 33s to 33s 6d, store lambs 29s to 32s 6d. Fat Sheep.—There was 🗴 slacked sale, and exporters bought much less freely than usual, and wethers were down y 1s 6d and ewes by up to 2s a head. Extra prime wethers made 45s 10s, prime 38s 6d to 42s 6d, medium 35s 6d to 38s, light 33s to 35s, extra prime ewes 44s 1d, prime 33s to 37s, medium 30s to 32s 6d, light 26s to 29s 6d, old 22s to 25s. Fat Cattle.—There

was a smaller entry, comprising 432 head. There is a steadying up of prices, cow and heifer beef being 20s per head better than on the preceding week. Good serviceable beef averaged from 33s to 38s per 100lh. Extra prime steers made £16 17s 6d, prime £14 10s to £16 5s, medium £12 to £14 5s, light £9 10s to £11 10s, rough £7 12s 6d to £9. Extra prime heifers made £13 2s 6d. prime £9 5s to £11 5s, ordinary £5 15s to £9, extra prime cows £13 17s 6d, prime £8 10s to £10 15s, ordinary £5 10s to £8 5s, old £3 7s 6d to £5 7s 6d. Vealers.- There was a large entry of small, handy-weight calves which sold well. Runners made £5 15s, good vealers £3 to £4 15s, good calves £1 15s to £2 15s, small 15s to 30s. Fat Pigs. -Porkers were a shade better, baconers being about the same. Choppers made £3 to £6, light baconers £3 15s to £4 5s, heavy £4 10s to £5, extra heavy £5 5s. The average price per lb was 6d to 7d. Light porkers made 50s to 57s 6d, heavy £3 to £3 8s. The average price per lb was 7d to 8d.

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FARM BUILDINGS

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CONCRETE FLOORS ON THE FARM.

It may be useful here to point out that concrete floors for sheds, barns, and houses, can now be more cheaply down than wood wherever shingle and sand are reasonably close at hand. concrete lasts for ever-a distinct advantage over the use of wood, which must be renewed from time to time.

To illustrate the method of laying down such floors, let us suppose that we require one the dimensions of which are 18 feet x 36 feet, and 4in in thickness or depth.

Materials Required .- To find the requisite quantity of shingle and sand, then, multiply 18 x 36 x \frac{1}{3} (4in equals \frac{1}{3}ft) and divide by 27 to get result in cubic yards.

$$\frac{\times 36}{27} \times 1\% = 8 \text{ cu. yds.}$$

Each bag of cement contains approximately 14 cubic feet, then assuming the strength of our mixture to be 6 to 1, a bag will suffice for 8 cubic feet.

... Cement required = $8 \times 27 \div 8 = 27$ bags.

In clean river shingle the right proportion sand may often be found intermixed with it, but where coarse shingle or broken rock is employed sufficient sand must be added in order to fill up all voids, and thus make of the finished concrete a compact solid

Where quantities are mixed separately, about 5 parts shingle or broken stone, 2 of sand, and 1 of cement will suffice.

Putting down the Sereeds .- Having got ready our quota of materials, the next thing to do is to fix our screeds or guiding rods in position. An expeditious way of effecting this is to drive pegs into the ground at all corners on the outer margin of the area which it is desired to lay down in concrete, and then, by the aid of the carpenter's line, more intermediate pegs are driven, to which

straight 4in x 2in scantlings are affixed and levelled by means of a spirit level. Straight screeds or guiding rods are absolutely indispensable where a level surface finish is desired; any bumps or deflections in them will produce corresponding rises or depressions in the finished floor.

The pegs to which the screeds are nailed should not be driven too firmly into the ground-just sufficiently rigid to keep them in correct alignment and also withstand the pressure of levelling off with the straight edge, to which they will be subjected during the work

It will now be advisable to put down another screed through the centre so as so divide the space of the prospective floor into two areas of 9ft by 36ft. The levelling of the whole floor (18ft x 36ft) in one section would entail heavy and strenuous work, besides a long straight edge is prone to sag in the centre.

The Gauge-Box .- When using concrete at strength 6 to 1, frequently 3 bags of cement are considered sufficient to mix with I yard of shingle and sand.

In actual practice the average bag does not contain 1½ cubic feet, but falls a little short about 13 cubic feet is more correct.

If the gauge box be made 4ft square (inside measurement) by 6in high, it will just contain 8 cubic feet and strength 6 to 1 maintained

Gauge-boxes may be made in various shapes and to suit any strength; the height (6in) was here set down with the idea of convenience when tipping the wheelbarrow.

By the proper use of these boxes and a little calculation waste may be reduced to the minimum.

Mixing .- A large sledge such as is frequently used in grass-seed saving will make a good substitute for a mixing board where no special board is kept for this purpose, and no existing floor near at hand which might be similarly utilized.

Care should be taken to mix thoroughly. The usual way is to measure out the shingle and sand in quantities convenient to suit the size of the mixing board; spread the coment uniformly over the heap, and then turn twice dry and twice when wetted.

When mixing or putting concrete in the wheel-barrow always begin from the bottom of the heap and turn the shovel over when emptying it; moreover, in the case of mixing the shovel when turned should be drawn backwards through the heap. Be careful not to throw on too much water and, as it were, drown the cement, causing it to run off the board. A water-ean will serve well for a sprinkler. In very cold weather beware of mixing up shingle and sand before the frost with which it may have been covered the previous night has completely melted away.

Concrete made from frosted shingle may blow out or crack soon after being placed. For floors of large areas a concrete-mixer operated by an engine may be advantageously used to speed up, mixing, and consequently the placing—an important factor of success in this class of work. (To be continued.)

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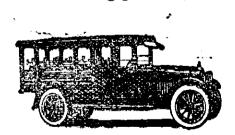
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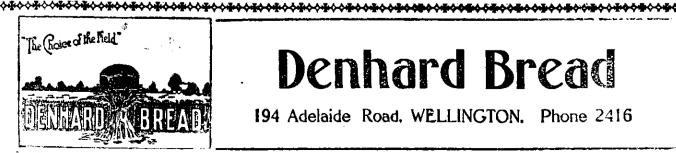
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DEATH OF A SPANISH BISHOP.

The historic diocese of Salamanea is widowed by the death of its Bishop, Dr. Angel Regueras Lopez, who died at the royal monastery of the Escorial, whilst on a visit to the capital (says Catholic News Service, London, for January 12). The last moments of the Bishop were consoled by a telegram from Cardinal Gasparri, conveying the Apostolic Benediction from Pius XI.

The late Bishop was born of humble parents at Benaventa, in Zamora. In addition to ruling the See of Salamanca, the Bishop was also Administrator Apostolic of the vacant See of Plasencia.

The funeral offices were recited in Madrid, and afterwards the body of the Bishop was taken to Salamanca, where it has been buried in the cathedral church.

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SLOVAK CHURCH UNITY MOVEMENT.

A very interesting religious service was held in the Holy Cross Church in Prague, a short time ago, under the auspices of the Church Unity Movement. This movement has its headquarters in the episcopal city of Olmütz. The Auxiliary Bishop of Prague presided at the function, which was attended by Russian Catholics of the Russo-Greek Rite and the Ukranians and Ruthenians of the Graeco-Slav Rite.

In addition there was a triduum, organized to promote the reunion idea amongst the Czech Catholics. Sermons on unity were preached, and on one of the days the Russian office was chanted by the Russian Catholic priest, Father Trophim. His Excellency the Nuncio was present on the first day of the triduum.

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FRENCH CATHOLICS ARE MOBILISED.

Every French Catholic, whether priest or layman, who is endowed in any way with the gift of public speaking, has been mobilised. In every part of the country they have been called on to denounce the antireligious policy of the Government, and to organise an effective resistance against it.

And in all the towns and villages, where they are carrying their message, they are drawing immense audiences, and enthusiastic audiences at that. It is becoming more and more rare for them to fail in getting practical resolutions passed; and they are succeeding in drawing together a united people.

Some of these are not content only with speaking, they are writing as well. They give their impressions to the newspapers, and those who read and listen swell the number of those who are struggling for religious freedom.

Mr. Jean Guiraud, the editor of La Croix, has been writing his impressions. "Have confidence" (he says). "I have seen the bishops who, as the true pastors of their people, have given the faithful the order of the day in unmistakable terms, gathering them into groups, and placing themselves at their head. I have seen whole populations respond to the appeal of their bishop—18,000 at Roche-

sur-Yon, the chief place in the Vendée; 10,000 in a single suburb at Cholet." Mr. Guiraud has not, however, seen everything. He was not present, for instance, when 50,000 Basques and Béarnais assembled under the leadership of the Bishop of Bayonne, now when the 72,000 Bretons of Finistère met in response to the appeal of the Bishop of Quimper.

There is that other militant, the Abbé Desgranges, a master of crowds, who was present at the Quimper demonstration, and this is what he had to say: "The Catholic Deputies now present might tell me that last May they received on an average 65,000 votes, and that many who voted then could not undertake the journey now. Well, that may be. But there is not the slightest doubt that vast numbers of the electors who then voted for the Deputies who support M. Herriot, are to-day manifestly against his Ministry."

And the Abbé Desgranges added that each week, since last July, he has gathered from all parts of the country information that bears out his contention.

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CHURCH AND STATE IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

The Catholic Church in the Czecho-Slovak Republic is passing through great difficulties, part of which is an inheritance of the old days when Church and State were bound up very closely together.

Five years ago the young Republic entered entered into friendly relations with the Vatican, a Legation to Holy See was established, and Rome sent its Nuncio to Prague. First of all Mgr. Micara, now Nuncio at Brussels, and Mgr. Marmaggi, his successor. These prelates have carried out their mission with fidelity and dignity; but nevertheless, their mission has lacked its fullest fruitfulness on account of certain relations between Church and State.

Up to the present neither concordat nor convention with the Holy See has been ratified by the Government, though the Popular Party has done all in its power to bring about ratification. From the very beginning the dominant parties, the Radicals and Socialists, have worked to bring about a radical separation between the Church and the State, which, in effect, would be nothing more than a policy of suppression and confiscation.

Two years ago the Popular or Catholic Party agreed to co-operate in the Government. It was understood that the question of relatious between Church and State should be submitted to an understanding, and regulated by a special decision. Nothing since then has been done officially to create tension, but at the same time nothing has been done to put matters on a proper and equitable foundation.

Recently the Socialists have judged the time opportune for reviving the question of Church and State, in the form of attacks on the Holy See, on the Prague Nunciature, and the Catholic population generally of Czecho-Slovakia.

The obvious aim of the Socialist parties is to provoke a rupture between the Government and the Holy See. For example, the separatist movement in Slovakia, which aims at an autonomous parliament and self-determination, is declared to be fostered and kept up by the instigation of the Holy See. This, it should be unnecessary to add, is far from the truth. The Slovaks are Catholics, and their political leader is Father Andrew Hinka; but the Holy See has nothing to do with Slovakia, apart from its proper interest in the episcopal sees.

Again, the Holy See appointed an Apostolic Administrator of the Slovak diocese of Trnava; but the work of the Administrator has been thwarted by an official refusal to accord him recognition, so that he cannot, in fact, administer the property of the see at all.

There are two vacant sees in Slovakia, for which Rome has nominated bishops. Time after time the Holy See has intimated its candidates for these sees; but the Government takes no notice whatever, refuses either to accept the candidates, or to submit other names to Rome.

Last of all, the Socialist parties, evidently taking the French Radicals as their model, are demanding that the vote for the Vatican Legation shall be withdrawn from the next Budget and the Legation itself suppressed. The whole position is thoroughly unsatisfactory, and were it not for the fact that separation is only another word for spoliation, the Church would be better off if its relations with the State were severed.

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JUBILEE OF PORTUGAL'S PRIMATE.

Braga, which is Portugal's Rome, has been celebrating the silver jubilee of the episcopal consecration of its Archbishop, Mgr. Vieira de Mattos. The celebrations lasted several days, and in spite of the efforts to suppress religion, religious enthusiasm has been the most prominent feature of the celebration.

The admirers of the Archbishop are numerous. Almost all the Portugese bishops came to Braga for the jubilee, as did the Nuncio, and the auniversary has left the Portugese Catholics with a feeling of great satisfaction.

Religious conditions have been very difficult. But the Archbishop is not a man to be overawed by politicians. He saw to it that the Catholic congresses continued to meet at Graga, and one of the most notable of them was the National Eucharistic Congress, which met not very long ago.

The Archbishop of Braga, whose See dates back to the 4th century, is Primate of Spain, but he also has the honorary title of Primate of the Spains, and he is seigneur of Braga. When the monarchy was overthrown and a republic set up, a great deal of church property was confiscated. Among this were the two diocesan seminaries; but the Archbishop has since then provided himself with two fine seminaries, which take the place of the two buildings which are now used as government offices by the Republic.

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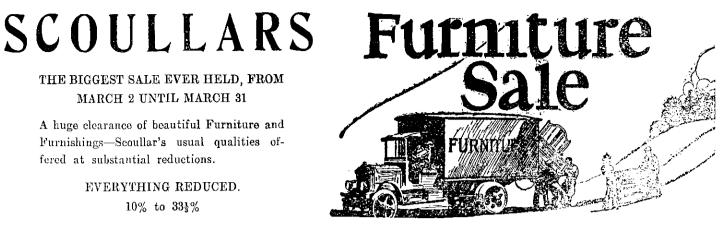
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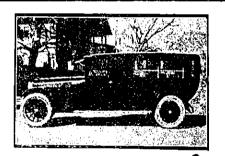
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DEATH OF THE VERY REV. CANON CARRIGAN, D.D., P.P., DURROW.

We deeply regret to announce (says the ence to the fact that in writing, and pre-Kilkenny People for December 20) that the Very Rev. William Canon Carrigan, D.D., P.P., M.R.I.A., died on Friday, December 12, from pneumonia contracted at the beginning of the same week. His death is not only a loss to the Catholic Church in Ireland, of which he was a distinguished ornament, but it creates a gap that cannot be filled in the attenuated ranks of the students of Irish archaeology on which he was perhaps the greatest living authority.

His Magnum Opus, the History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory, will make his memory immortal. His great learning, his inexhaustible capacity for research into, and elucidation of, the evidences of Ireland's ancient pre-eminence in church architecture and in everything relating to the history of religious development in our country have shed lustre on his name and adorned our national annals.

The publication of his History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory, was the fruition of 21 years of untiring and wisely directed energy. He never spent a holiday but in archaeological research work either among historic ruins in the diocese and elsewhere or in the study of manuscripts in the Royal Irish Academy and the Record Office. He possessed many valuable copies of manuscripts destroyed in the Four Courts when that beautiful public building was laid in ruins. Those best qualified to judge recognised in him one of the most eminent authcritics, if not indeed the greatest authority. on Irish archaeology.

Mr. S. Lloyd in his preface to Post Seanachus, refers to Canon Carrigan in the following terms: -

"In compiling this Post Scanachus I got considerable assistance from Rev. W. Carrigan, Durrow. This learned priest is the last word as an authority on Irish place names. Not only does he possess a complete, accurate, and scholarly knowledge of the districts of Ossory and Leix but he has in addition a thorough acquaintance with the place names mentioned in ancient manuscripts and texts. I may say indeed that in this important branch of Gaelic study he is the only worthy successor of John O'Donovan. If it were not for his invaluable assistance we would have but very scant knowledge of the topography of Leix and Ossory."

He had a marvellous memory for anything connected with this branch of study.

Some short time since the Archaeological Society of Trinity asked him if he could locate Cill Corbain, the ancient burial place of the Kings of Leinster. Not alone was he able to furnish the desired information stating that Cill Corbain was now the old burial ground at Naas known as Cill Nais, but he actually from memory was able to refer them to a particular poem in a certain manuscript in the Academy (giving the number) in which Cill Corbain was mentioned as being identical with Cill Nais.

It is only right in any memoir of this very distinguished Ossory priest to give promin-

paring for publication, his great history Canon Carrigan received the most sympathetic help and encouragement from, and was given every facility for pursuing his devoted and learned labors by the venerable Bishop of the Diocese, the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, to whom Canon Carrigan, for his enthusiastic approval and never failing support, was under a debt of gratitude which he felt he could never adequately repay.

Canon Carrigan was a native of Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny, where he was born 64 years ago. He was educated at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and at Maynooth. He was ordained in February, 1884, and was Professor in St. Kieran's for about a year. He was afterwards curate successively at Templeorum, Rathdowney, Conahy, Ballyragget, and Durrow, and was appointed to pastoral charge of Durrow in 1909 in succession to the late Canon Shortal.

A frequent and learned contributor to the Irish Press over the signature "K." has written the following touching appreciation of Canon Carrigan which was published in Wednesday's Irish Times:

There has just passed away, to the sorrow of all that knew him, a good man and a great antiquary. The Very Reverend William Canon Carrigan, D.D., died last Friday evening, after a few days' illness, at Durrow, where he had lived for more than twentyseven years, first as curate and afterwards as parish priest. He said Mass on Monday, a holy day, but on the next day pneumonia

As so often happens in Ireland, although quite well, he went lately to see all his kinsfolk and old friends in the County Kilkenny, and on the very day week before his death he marked the spot where he wished to be buried. The poor of his parish will miss him to whom his hand was ever open: "He hadn't what would bury him left," it was said. His curates, past and present, are in grief for him, who was always sincere and kindly and cheerful.

He would spare no pains in giving information asked about antiquarian and genealogical matters, copying lengthy documents, and all done so kindly and willingly. He was sixty-four.

"I would give a good deal," he wrote a couple of years ago, "for a glimpse of the congregation I used to see at my native chapel of Ballyfovle (between Castlecomer and Kilkenny) fifty-five years ago-the old men all dressed up in the Irish style, even to the riding coat, and the married women in their picturesque hooded cloaks; and almost all of them Irish speakers. changes have occurred since then, some for the better, no doubt, but the old homeliness and simplicity have been to a great extent lost."

Thirty-two years ago, when Father Carrigan was curate of Conahy, there were still some good old Irish speakers there who could give the old names of townlands and families for miles around. He took copious notes from

them and from many Irish speakers all through the County Kilkenny. These notes are of great value and should be carefully preserved.

"Alas and alas," he wrote, "that the Public Record Office should now be no more, with its millions of records? I feel its loss intensely, having spent my vacations for the last thirty-seven years there. And now to find that all the precious documents are gone for ever! I copied much Laoighis and Kilkenny matter there, and in return I mean to leave all my MSS, to the new Record Office in case the authorities will think them of any value.

He copied a good many extracts from the old Register Book of Durrow Parish, which was afterwards burnt in the Record Office, and he noted the curious fact that there was not a single will of the old Cullenagh family of Barrington-Sir Jonah's family-in the Record Office.

Canon Carrigan was a member of the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Society of Antiquaries and the Kildare Archaeological Society. His History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory, will be a lasting memorial to him. More than a quarter of a century ago a doctor who is now long dead spoke of him as being "most estimable in every relation of life." The time that could be spared from his duties were given to his beloved books. None could be readier for the call hence than he, and none could be more missed here; for of him it may truly be said, "We shall not look upon his like again."

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Bread Pudding.

ilb bread, 4 ounces currants, 2 ounces sugar, 2 ounces finely chopped suct, 1 egg, a good pinch of nutmeg, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, mixed with the bread. Soak the bread in cold water until soft, then squeeze dry and beat out the lumps with a fork. Mix all the ingredients gether, and if necessary add a little milk. Pour into a greased pie-dish, and bake about 1 hour in a moderately hot oven.

Bread and Butter Pudding (Steamed).

3 or 4 thin slices of stale bread (buttered), 2 tablespoonsful cleaned and picked sultanas, 1 dessertspoouful moist sugar, 2 eggs, 3 pint milk, cut the bread in small strips or squares; place a layer in a well-greased basin, sprinkle on a little sugar and a few sultanas, repeat until the basin is nearly full. Beat the eggs, add to them the sugar and milk, pour over the bread, and put the pudding aside for at least 1 hour. Have ready a saucepan half full of boiling water, put in the pudding, cover the top with a greased paper, and steam gently for about an hour.

Brown Bread Pudding.

6 ounces brown bread crumbs, 3 ounces butter, 4 ounces sugar, 2 ounces mixed candied peel, 1 teaspoonful ground cinnamon. ½ pint milk, 3 eggs. grated nutmeg, a pinch of salt, 1 glass sherry (if liked). Boil up the milk and pour over the bread crumbs; add the cinnamon, caudied peel finely chopped or shredded, and a pinch of salt. Work the butter and sugar to a cream, add the eggs, one at a time, mix in the soaked bread crumbs, and add a little grated nutmeg. Put the mixture into a well buttered mould, cover with a buttered paper, and steam for about two hours. If wine is used, it should be added last of all. Unmould the pudding on a hot dish, and serve with fruit syrup or custard sauce. This pudding is equally nice served cold.

Whole Meal Bread.

Allow $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds flour to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds brown meal; one ounce salt, 14 ounces yeast, and about one quart liquid-say one pint milk and one pint water; the introduction of about one teacupful of fresh buttermilk is an improvement. To ensure a crust which is neither hard nor tough, work about half an ounce butter and two or three ounces good dripping or lard into the flour; and to procure an attractive brown color add about two tablespoonsful of black treacle. dough should be well worked, and chilliness, as well as extremes of heat, should be guardd against. When the dough has risen sufficiently shape portions into tins or cotge loaves and let another rising take place in a warm place before putting the loaves in the oven. The rising process in the kneading pot should not be unduly prolonged, as then an undesirable sourness ensues.

Scotch Buns.

Put one teaspoonful salt into 2lb flour, and rub into it 3lb butter; add a little warm water and two tablespoonsful fresh yeast (or baking powder if yeast is not obtainable), and knead into a light paste. about one-third of this paste, and work into the rest 121b currants, 21b stoned raisins, 4oz blanched almonds (chopped small), 11b candied peel, and 4oz each ground cinnamon, white pepper, and ground ginger. When these are all worked in form into a cake the shape of a cheese. Roll out the paste which was set aside, and put it round the bun so as to form a sort of case. Prick some holes in the top, and run a skewer from the top to the bottom in two or three places. Flour some thick paper, wrap the bun in it, tying it well with thick tape to keep it in shape. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour and three-quarters. If the quantities are too large, they may be halved or even quartered.

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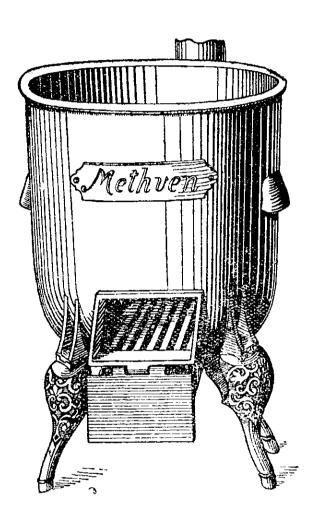
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And the trace will be seen
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That's an excellent thing he can do.

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He can keep his thoughts white.
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He can do with his might
What is good in God's sight;
Those truly great things he can do.
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If he keeps himself true,
He can march in the queue
Of the good and the great,
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And won through;
That's a wonderful thing he can do.

And in each little thing

He can follow the King—

Yes, in each smallest thing

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He can follow the Christ, the King.

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LYING.

Lying is a sin against society and an of-It attacks the very fence against God. foundations of society. Men can live together and make progress only so long as they can trust one another. Civilisation is based on mutual dependence, and mutual dependence without mutual confidence is unthinkable. The more flagrant violations of this trust-the criminal class-society pats behind bars. Nor does society fail to runish the liar. He who is forever making lying excuses, who is ever ready with a denial cr a plausible explanation when detected in or accused of wrong-doing, soon finds himself charged with things of which he is innocent. and his denials and excuses rejected. He has destroyed the confidence which his fellows should be able to place in his word. "romancer" and the chronic exaggerator soon find even their lightest word, their most moderate statement disregarded and themselves treated with contempt more or less lightly veiled. He who pretends to virtue or to eleverness which he does not possess, receives no credit.

THE BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD.

The Blessed Mother of God is, naturally, most dear to Christ; and to love Him is to love her. But she is also a part of the environment of the Incarnation. That God should have had a Mother, according to the flesh, is one of the most striking and astounding circumstances of His coming. It is also a circumstance which gives rise to far the greater number of those touching details which make the Incarnation so well fitted to captivate human attention and affection.—Bishop Hedley.

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THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

(From the Writings of the late BISHOP HEDLEY.)

The late Holy Father Pope Leo XIII told us a few years ago that he was convinced that nothing will tend more to check the spirit of worldliness and of licentiousness, to make men contented with their lot and to bring back Christian faith and charity than the contemplation of that Holy Family of Nazareth, which was divinely established to be the model and example of all families. And, on the other hand, a pious and tender devotion to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph could not fail, he said, to draw down on every family which consecrates itself to them, that help and those graces which will make them worthy of such glorious patrons and protectors.

All pastors know and feel what the Sovereign Pontiff so emphatically says is true. If you sanctify the family, you sanctify the community; whilst, if family life becomes corrupt, you may despair of the life of the nation.

The father and mother and the children make up that divine and sacred institution of God which is called the Christian family. In the family we have the most primary of human relationships, arising out of primitive nature itself; a "society" on which all society rests, a society and relationship which God has sanctioned and blessed in a thousand ways, and which ought to be the strongest, the sweetest, and the holiest on earth.

In the fear of God the young man and the young woman join their hands before the altar of God, promising each other perpetual trust and truth. They henceforth belong to one another and to God. They have their home apart-their bed and board, a door to shut out the world, a fireside to call their own. The father shares his earnings with his wife and children; the wife labors for all; the children look at the hand of the father and the mother for all their wants and all their enjoyments. If prosperity blesses them, all rejoice alike and equally partake of it; if bad times come and adversity visits the home, they meet it together and bear one another's burdens.

As the years go on, they do their best to keep all together, facing the world in unity and affection, knowing one another, trusting one another, standing each by the other.

The husband and father has to toil with his head or his hands; it is the thought of his wife and children at home that makes him brave and patient, and it is his best reward to be welcomed back by those to whom he is more than all the world beside.

The wife, the mother, with all her troubles and striving, never forgets who it is to whom she gave her heart in the early days, and she is ready to sacrifice herself for him, to believe in him to the last.

Together they watch their children grow in body and develop in mind—happy yet anxious; thanking God for the wonders of life and intelligence, yet fearing for themselves in the responsibility which it laid upon them. Thus the little community lives through a generation, till the years as they pass on bow the father's back and and dim the mother's eyes, and the children whom God gave them are fathers and mothers themselves, with a roof-tree of their own, and God's dispensation to carry out in their turn as their parents before them.

The beauty—and we may add the sanctity—of the Christian home, which ought to beautify and sanctify the whole world and every generation of the world's history, are too often marred and spoilt. This we all know too well. But we are at no loss to understand what is the reason why sometimes the family is so noble and worthy a sight for men and angels, and at other times so lamentable and miserable a failure.

No home can stand unless it is built on a solid foundation. No family can be worthy of God and of Jesus Christ unless it stands upon religion. Religion must be first and foremost, or else there is no order, no fidelity, no dignity, no success. The family of an unbeliever may be successful in the world's eyes and outwardly prosperous. But the day is coming when the tide must ebb, and the souls who lived for earth and for time will realise their, loss, when time is no more and earth has passed away.

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Some auswered "White" and others "Black." But little Mary replied: "Please, sir, I would be streaky!"

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CHEAP ADVICE.

A prominent city man who is as mean as he is wealthy is fond of getting advice for nothing. Meeting his doctor one day he said to him:

"I am on my way home, doctor, and I feel very seedy and worn-out generally. What ought I to take?"

"A taxi," came the curt reply."

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THE TEACHER BLUSHED.

It was a lesson on punctuation, and Jimmy was almost asleep at his desk.

'Now,' said the teacher, "if I say, 'I must leave, as I have an engagement - . By the way, what is the time?' I place a 'dash' after 'engagement,' because the sentence is breken off abruptly."

At that moment she caught sight of Jimmy. "Now then, Jimmy, you are not listening. What was I saying?" she asked him.

"Please, Miss Smith," said Jimmy, with a start, "you were telling us you said 'dash' because your engagement was broken off abruptly!"

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SMILE RAISERS.

"Hallo, Maggiel How are you getting on at school?"

"Splendid! Top, I suppose?"

"No; right at the foot, near the hot-water pipes."

An absent-minded man was strap-hanging in a tramcar. He swayed to and fro, and finally the conductor said to him: "Can I help you, sir?"

"Yes," said the man; "hold on to this strap while I get my fare out."

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"The last time I was in camp," said Private Jimson, "the temperature on three successive nights dropped to zero."

"That's nothing," said an old soldier; "that's nothing."

"What's nothing?" asked Jimson, indignantly.

"Zero!"

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The Deepest Sea.

The discovery of a spot in the Pacific Ocean, south-west of Japan, 32,636 feet deep, will not greatly astonish oceanographers, for the Pacific has long been known as the deepest of all the great seas of the globe.

Nowhere else has any depth been reached as great as 30,000 feet, but in the Pacific as many as ten soundings have been made exceeding that figure. In the Atlantic only two places are known with depths greater than 24,000 feet, the deepest being a spot north of the West Indies, where the lead found bottom at 27,972 feet.

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Weather Wisdom.

"Red at night is the shepherd's delight, Red in the morning is the shepherd's warning."

This is the old English rhyme, but the idea it expresses is known in nearly every country in the world. Even the ancient Egyptians and Greeks had sayings similar to the above. Furthermore, it is scientifically true. Red skies are really weather forecasts.

If the atmosphere is clear in the evening or morning the sun's light is red, because the blue, of which the ordinary white light of the sun is made up, has been absorbed by the great length of atmosphere through which the slanting rays of the sun have to pass.

In the evening the rosy light of the sunset illumines the clouds on the eastern side of the sky. This shows that the clouds have gone by and are taking the rain with them. Thus we get red at night, indicating fine weather. In the morning, the rising sun being in the east, the light illuminates the western horizon and its clouds, which are on their way to us. We need not be shepherds to know that if the sky is red and lowering

in the morning we are in for a good "soaker" before lunch-time comes.

A Wood Lighter than Cork.

"What is the lightest wood in the world?" asked Edison in his famous questionnaire, and few were able to answer off-hand. The distinction of superlative lightness belongs to a tropical American tree known as the balsa. Its wood is lighter even than cork, which is only a bark. "Balsa" is the Spanish word for raft, and the tree was so named because the Spaniards who conquered Central America found the Indians using its rough-hewn trunks for rafts. According to the botanists, the balsa tree is akin to the mallows, the hollyhocks and cotton.

Balsa is rapidly finding many commercial uses. During the World War thousands of mines in the North Sea were attached to balsa floats. Its extreme porousness makes it a most efficient non-conductor of heat, and so it is being employed in the manufacture of refrigerator plants. It is competing with cork in many of the latter's functions. As in its normal condition the wood decays rapidly, for commercial employment it has been found necessary to treat it chemically to preserve it.

"It is interesting to note," writes R. N. Davis, curator of Everhart Museum, in Nature Magazine, 'that in the tropics there are great extremes in the density of woods. While we have no wood that will sink in water when seasoned, many of the woods ofthe tropics have a greater specific gravity than water when green. Among them are the quebracho, ebony, and lignum vitae. In our temperate latitudes the trees do not go to such extremes. Our lightest wood is considered the arbor vitae, with a weight of twenty pounds to the cubic foot, while our heaviest is hickory, which weighs fifty-two. (Water weighs 62.5 pounds per cubic foot). Some specimens of the balsa weigh only seven pounds to the cubic foot, whilst some of the heavy woods run into the eighties. While there are extensive forests yet in the tropics, the trees are either extremely light and soft or else are very heavy and hard to handle. The tropical forests are made up of numerous species mixed together, and few of the trees are adapted to general purposes like our conifers and hardwoods."

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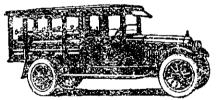


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