



Miraculous Picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel, in the Chapel of the Shrine in Gennazzano.

beach at Spezzia, in the calm waters of whose gulf a sudden tempest destroyed the young atheist who mocked at God. The cemetery is shaded with cypresses and yews, beneath which sleep the bodies of many famous foreigners who died in the Eternal City.

Another morning was spent walking through the Vatican Museums, now newly arranged and ordered for the benefit of the sightseer. What can I do but recall the names of some of the wonders seen in that walk—the Laocoon, the Apollo, the Antinous, the Stanze of Raphael, the vast Library, and the Sistine Chapel with its glowing walls, made immortal by the genius of Michelangelo! It all recalled the days of long ago, when as a student I learned to know and love these wonderful masterpieces which must be seen again and again to be appreciated.

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### WANGANUI NOTFS

(From our own correspondent.)

March 17.

To-day is St. Patrick's Day, but excepting that the banks and some public offices are closed, there is no holiday making. Impossible to have the annual concert, owing to the universal restrictions, even the usual nine o'clock Mass was dispensed with as the children could not attend. The early Mass was availed of by a great many, and, beyond doing this, receiving Holy Communion, and wearing a bit of green, the day is much like any other. The infantile paralysis is worse than ever it was, in numbers and intensity, and some of our parishioners are among the afflicted. As there is no chance of starting school, we, like other people, are setting homework for the children and undertaking to correct it, in the hope of keeping the children interested, happy, and on nodding terms with schoolwork. In regard to this question of loss of time by the students, some of us cannot help thinking that the system of personal handling of papers in such a wholesale manner is a distinct mistake, from a sanitary point of view. The germs we're hearing so much about, for all we know, may be enjoying many a free trip at the cost of parents, pupils, postal officials and teachers. Is it

not possible to publish lessons in the newspapers, follow them up with answers and an instruction, and let the children play up to the spirit of "do your best, the situation is serious"? After all, what is the value of a few sums, an essay or two, or anything else, if served up with germs. Funny, how impatient we are, and how we detest waiting quietly, even when occasion demands resignation and precaution.

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Crotty, just returned from England where he has been studying Optics and has succeeded in gaining his degrees of F.S.M.C. and F.I.O. Mr. Crotty intends going into business somewhere—may or may not be Wanganui, but wherever it is we wish him plenty of customers for horn rims and every other style with which he proposes to embellish or comfort us.

Left this week for a glad two months' holiday in Sydney. Mrs. Sidford (Wellington). Mrs. J. Kennedy (Karioi), and the Misses M. and N. Kennedy (Moumahaki). Good wishes from their many friends for a joyous trip and a safe return.

Mr. Arthur Benefield ("Bunny"), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Benefield, of Wanganui East, has gone to Greenmeadows to join the lay Brothers there. A great favorite, he managed to slip away quietly, although he was farewelled by his companions at the Railway Workshops. Two of his cousins went last year, and he was gone before we knew it. Our prayers and good wishes are his just the same.

Aramoho seems to be setting the pace for vocations, among the young men anyway. Was surprised to see, the other night, how full the church is, even for evening devotions. This Lent, the folk up at St. Joseph's are having Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Sundays, and they do attend well. Of course, Aramoho is an important industrial centre—Railway Workshops just over the river; big Casein Factory; Woollen Mills; and the promise of Kempthorne's Fertiliser Works up the road a bit. Fortunately, there are big gardens too in that locality, and the scent of the roses is a great relief at times.

Heard casually that the boys' club is likely to be very much alive this winter, also that the Marist Football Club has made a brand new start for the season. However, I'm afraid both these clubs are "secret societies" maybe, even branches of the much-talked-of Ku Klux Klan, for it is impossible to get any sort of information out of them. Fortunately for all concerned, and the rest of us, Detectives Gourlay and Revell are both interested, so, as a community, we're fairly safe. More later—perhaps.

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