

attacked by masked men, and we were told it was another Sinn Fein outrage. So it was—we mean another of the usual kind, made by press-liars. The Sergeant said that although he had no sympathy with Sinn Fein he felt bound to state that Sinn Fein had nothing to do with it. Don't forget that Judge Wakely recently said at Sligo that *most of the crimes in Ireland are committed by ex-soldiers*. BE BRITISH is the motto. The first "I" ought to be a "U," of course. Coote, the leader of the Orange gang sent to America to oppose Sinn Fein, is a nice sort of bird. He was castigated by a magistrate a few years ago for conspiring to drive a little Catholic girl from a position as school teacher. He is a fair specimen of his class. No doubt, another of the *Bc British* type, and sure to be a Tenore Robusto when it comes to *Nearer My God to Thee*. Even the Protestant parsons in America have aimed at him the boot, and told him that bigots of his kidney were not welcome in the States.

**BARNEY IV.**—Are you anything to Adrian IV.? The proper spelling of the name is "Micaela." See *Carmen*. Surveyor ran four furlongs with Torfreda in 45sec. Later he was just beaten over a mile, run in 1min. 37sec., by the Australian champion Cetigne. Micaela (we follow the mob) beat Surveyor. There are the data for one side of your dilemma. For the other: Amythas won a lot of races very easily, most of them were in very average class. He has done nothing to compare with Surveyor's two races just mentioned. Now permit us to leave the conclusion to yourself.

### BOOK NOTICES

Melbourne C. T. Publications—*Sunday Mass; Mary the Mother of God; The French Church and our Catholic Soldiers; For His Mother's Sake; Betty's Gift; The Leader, and the White House*. One penny each.

*The Story of a Battalion*. By Padre Devine. (Melville and Mullen, Melbourne.)

Father Devine has given us an interesting book. The story of this battalion is a true insight into the life of the Australian army at the Front. The illustrations by Daryl Lindsay are excellent. It is a book that all soldiers will read with appreciation.

*The British and Anglo-Saxon Period*. By Ernest Hull. S.J. (Examiner, Bombay. One rupee net.

Father Hull's name is known far and wide to all who are interested in the Catholic press. He has won his spurs as a controversialist and he has made the Bombay Examiner famous for the learned articles which he writes week by week in defence and explanation of the Catholic Church. The present volume is a reprint from the Examiner. In it Father Hull goes over the ground covered by historians of the early Church in Britain, correcting old errors and dissipating old prejudices. The book is invaluable for a controversialist and it is intensely interesting to all students of English history. Seldom have we seen a more important volume put in reach of students at such a moderate price. We recommend our booksellers to order a large stock for New Zealand readers.

Other publications received:—*Scrivens or Parliament*, by Bukharin (Russian People's Commissary), one penny. *Rebel Ireland: Thoughts on Easter Week*, by Sylvia Pauk-hurst and Patricia Lynch, price threepence. *Self-Education of the Workers*, by A. Lunacharski, price twopence. *Social Solidarity*, by P. S. Cleary, price one shilling. *A Catholic Social Platform*, by Rev. Joseph Husstein, price twopence. *Elements of Housing*, by Father Tiger, price twopence. *Souvenir of St. Patrick's Day* (Catholic Supplies, Wellington).

"To-day we face this situation: the moving-picture is a standing menace to the morals of our children. Catholic parents will at once admit the conclusion that they are strictly bound in conscience to guard their children against this danger. It must be granted that with cheap moving pictures at almost every corner, this is not an easy task. But the very prevalence of the danger makes the duty more imperative. Herod is abroad; the slaughter of the innocents has begun."—*America*.

### Hawea Flat

A most successful bazaar in aid of the Catholic church was held at Hawea Flat during the past week (writes a correspondent). Owing to the able efforts of Rev. Father Scanlan and Mr. P. McCarthy, assisted by many willing helpers, the goodly sum of £390 was realised. Mr. John Toomey, of Cromwell, deserves a special word of praise for the genial way in which he conducted the "hoop-la" table.

Rev. Father Marlow is at present a guest of Father Scanlan at Cromwell. It is to be hoped that the health of the visiting priest may be greatly improved by his stay in the sunny climate of Central Otago.

### Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

March 22.

On Monday evening the staff of the Locomotive Department assembled at the local depot to do honor to one of their members, Mr. E. Slowey, who has been transferred on promotion to Lyttelton. Several members having spoken in most eulogistic terms of Mr. Slowey, the foreman (Mr. E. Johnston), on behalf of the staff, presented the guest with a handsome suit-case as a mark of their esteem and appreciation. Mr. Slowey suitably replied, and thanked his fellow-workers for their handsome gift and for the good wishes accompanying it.

On March 9, the monthly meeting of the parish committee of the Catholic Federation was held at the Priory. The new president, Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., presided over a fair attendance. A very cordial welcome was extended to Father Hurley by the members present. In reply, the president outlined the progress of the Federation from its inauguration to the present time, and expressed his conviction of the value of the Federation provided that the rules of the constitution were adhered to. The main business of the evening was the delegates' report from the half-yearly diocesan council meeting held recently at Temuka.

### LORD FRENCH'S RULE IN IRELAND.

Lord French, in a message to the Town Council of Wallasey, Cheshire, recently, said that "he will not be deterred from the work of restoring law and order" in Ireland.

Lord French was appointed Viceroy of Ireland in 1918. During that year there were 2624 acts of aggression on the part of the English Government in Ireland. During the year 1919, there were 15,390 acts of aggression, including raids on private homes, armed assaults on civilians, courts-martial, suppression of newspapers, etc.

In the six weeks ending December 20, 1919, the forces of Lord French raided 2829 private houses, arrested 162 men and women charged with political offences, sentenced 126 of these men and women, dispersed at the point of the bayonet 27 peaceful meetings, issued 39 proclamations and suppressions and deported four Irishmen without trial or charge, making a total of 3192 acts of provocation for six weeks, as compared with a total of 719 such acts for the whole year 1917. The sentences passed on "political offenders" in these six weeks totalled 49 years and three months.

The first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice witnessed an inspiring ceremony at Lourdes. A great military pilgrimage was undertaken by the Allied armies in thanksgiving for victory. Long lines of uniformed soldiers knelt in prayer along the banks of the Gave. Twenty generals and thousands of men from France, the British Empire, Belgium, Italy, and America under the direction of the venerable Cardinal Luçon, the dean of the French Cardinalate, and Archbishop of Rheims, made their thanksgiving to God as He passed above them in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered up for the repose of the soldiers who have fallen. The amphitheatre of the Pyrenees resounded with the prayers of thanksgiving for victory, and with prayers for a lasting peace. It was an historic and dramatic occasion.

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