

## Mr Massey's Cabinet: A Gross Scandal

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, at Devonport on Saturday evening week, referred in detail to each of his Cabinet Ministers, and extolled their respective capabilities. There is one of them to whom objection may very well be made. During the first session of the present Parliament, in *Hansard* No. 39, page 667, the following appears:—"I remember reading a statement," said Mr. W. E. Parry, Auckland Central, "in one of the daily papers published in the North just prior to the last shuffling of the Ministerial cards. I think it was made by the Minister of Agriculture, and he said that one thing he was determined to do was to prevent any member of the Catholic Church from becoming a Minister of the Crown; that it would be a disgrace to the Parliament of the country to permit one of the Cabinet positions to be filled by a member of the Catholic Church." The Hon. Mr. Nosworthy: "Quite right. If the honorable gentleman will give way for a moment I will tell him what I did say. I said that I would never take a seat in a Cabinet that held anyone of the Roman Catholic faith, or anyone with German blood in his veins. That is what I said, and I repeat it." Now, does Mr. Massey approve of such a statement, or does silence give consent to it? Is one-seventh of the population to be thus wantonly insulted, and, above all places, from the Ministerial bench in our Parliament? It is certain that only in one other of the many Parliaments scattered over the nations composing the British Commonwealth would such an outrage be allowed or tolerated. In this Dominion such crass ignorance and intolerance appear, in the higher councils, to be considered the highest form of patriotism.

M. J. SHEAHAN.

## MOST REV. DR. O'SHEA ON HIS TRAVELS

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

Latest advices concerning his Grace Archbishop O'Shea's movements are to hand. His Grace left Liverpool by the Adriatic on September 30. The vessel called at Queenstown on Sunday, October 1, and took up passengers but no mails on account of the Irish postal strike. This was on all the time that his Grace was in Ireland and caused great inconvenience. Some of Dr. O'Shea's letters from beyond seas were still in the bags in Dublin when he sailed, could not be got out, and consequently he will not receive them until the next mail reaches America. Advice was received when about to sail that the strike was over and the Irish Government had won. This his Grace considers is a very important victory, and is but a presage of, what he believed, still greater victories. The Free State Government and Parliament he considers have begun well. To the surprise of many people the members are workers not talkers. The people are with them and it is, in the opinion of his Grace, only a question of time when Belfast, too, will come in under one Government. Then Ireland, united and prosperous, will be one of the best countries in the world. The Archbishop is impressed with the personnel of the Free State Ministry which contains some very able men. He spent nearly three weeks in Ireland, and despite the disturbances, saw a good deal of the country motoring several hundred miles. He found inconveniences, of course, and he could not carry out his original programme. But he was full of hope for the future. A lot of senseless damage had been done by foolish people, some of whom no doubt are sincere, but others are only criminals. The absence of an adequate police force will explain a lot of the trouble as well as the unemployment in country parts. Altogether his Grace had a glorious trip, and he is in splendid health. He intended to visit New Orleans and other southern parts of the States and part of Canada. Dr. O'Shea is booked to return by the Maunganui which leaves Frisco on December 8, and is due in Wellington on December 30.

## New Plymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

November 22.

The local branch of the Catholic Federation held a very successful concert last week to raise funds for prizes in connection with the "breaking-up" of our convent schools.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday last. Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, of Wellington, preached the opening sermon; Father Kelly (Patea) preached on Sunday night, and Father Maynard on Monday evening. A very large number approached the Holy Table during the devotion.

The parishioners are very pleased to learn that Very Rev. Dean Thos. McKenna is making rapid progress towards a complete recovery to health after his very serious illness some few months back, and hopes to be with them about Christmas.

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## Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

We have had a spiritual carousal for three weeks. A mission started with the children as usual. Their enthusiasm soon spread to all ranks and in four days the Catholic community was gripped. The daily communicants gathering strength every morning rose from 200 to 400, 600, 800 till on the closing Sunday at St. Patrick's over 1000 approached the Holy Table. Many of your readers believe to a certain extent in auto-suggestion as compounded by you. But they pin their faith absolutely to the potted "auto" of Fathers McCarthy and Herring. The local papers stated it took five tons of auto-suggestion to rouse five Napierites out of their five lairs at 5 a.m. for five mornings and a double dose on the Sabbath! They were at a loss to account for the throngs at St. Patrick's every morning of the mission. At the close the Hibernians catered for some 300 men at the Communion breakfast. Tables and chairs, and the ladies in attendance and the good fare of Hawke's Bay succeeded in catering to all wants. Speeches short as Scotch bread sparkled. Eileen Duggan was quoted as if she were dead at least a hundred years. Frank Mahony, a doughty exponent of Rugby in the past replied for M.B.O.B. He advised all the "boys" to stick to the old school and wear only "green and black." He was amazed to see in the locals the names of the sons of men true as steel and just as tough, figuring in every team of Hawke's Bay except his own. There was something sacred in the *esprit-de-corps*. And some unintentionally began by being unfaithful to their school, and were faltering to their Church. Hanging together they would emulate Dunedin and Christchurch, and win through on the field or off it. He deprecated the bankrupt tactics of Dunedin Rugby, who loading the dice yet claimed the patronage of their victims. In the amended rules of that benighted Union one might expect "prayers," "church parade" to the tune of Sankey-Moody hymn. "Well," he concluded, amid rounds of applause. "Well! if we hang together we can pray, too, so Father McCarthy tells us, and we can keep the step also: and 'Faith of our Fathers' and 'God Save Ireland' would be an improvement on the 'Rogues March' any day and anywhere." (Applause.)

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## St. Vincent's Orphanage Fair Notes

Mrs. J. Hally and Miss A. Heley, who are in charge of the Sweets Stall at the carnival, desire to thank their many helpers who have so generously provided confections, and will be grateful to receive similar donations for the few remaining nights of the carnival.

The orphanage carnival, which is now nearing its termination, has been wonderfully well patronised during the past week. A supreme effort is now being made to realise before the close on Saturday night the highest expectations of the promoters, who have been so splendidly supported by the many devoted workers and the public generally. It is hoped that the many country people who will be in town for the Show will generously patronise the carnival, and thus assist the good Sisters of Mercy to not alone provide for their very numerous charges but also for other orphan children when additional accommodation is erected. The keenest rivalry is being experienced in connection with the queen competition, the positions of the six candidates at the time of going to press being—Miss Stewart, 1; Miss Blaney, 2; Miss McDonald, 3; Miss Dawson, 4; Miss Inder, 5; Miss Spiers, 6.



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