

mortis, may be applied for the expiation of the stains and penalties of the departed.

(5) In addition to these favors, We wish that members of this association who are priests be gifted with special privileges, consequently, to priests who are on the roll of the association as well as to those who afterwards shall be enrolled, We grant the faculty, *servatis servandis* of blessing with a single sign of the Cross, Rosary Beads, crosses, crucifixes, sacred medals, and small metal statues, and of applying to all these objects the apostolic indulgences (enumerated in the catalogue edited on the 5th of September, 1914), not excluding, as far as Rosary Beads are concerned, the Brigettine indulgences, nor those of the Crosier Fathers; also we grant the faculty of blessing crucifixes, and of applying to them the indulgences of the Stations of the Cross, so that members legitimately impeded from going round Stations of the Cross canonically erected may be able to gain the indulgences of the Stations, provided they carry in their hands the said crucifixes, and recite with a contrite heart, 20 times, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be the Father, etc.

Moreover, to priests who are members We concede as a personal privilege, twice a week, that Masses celebrated by them at any altar whatsoever may benefit that soul for which they shall have been offering exactly as if they had been celebrated at a privileged altar.

Finally, graciously considering the spiritual profit of the members of the aforesaid association who have departed from this life, We wish that all Masses which may be offered now and hereafter, on behalf of a departed member may benefit that soul as if they had been offered at a privileged altar.

The present privileges to hold in perpetuity, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Moreover, We wish that transcripts or printed copies of this letter, signed by the hand of some public notary, and confirmed by the seal of a person of ecclesiastical rank, may be received with the same trust that would be accorded to this letter if it were exhibited or shown.

Given at Rome at St. Peter's, under the seal of the Fisherman on the 13th of September, in the year 1922, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

(Signed) P. CARD. GASPARRI,
Secretary of State.

Archbishop Mannix Replies to Critics SYDNEY'S UNDESIRABLES.

In the course of his address when blessing and laying the foundation stone of a new school for girls at South Melbourne, which will cost £6000, and be in charge of the Mercy Nuns (says the *Freeman's Journal* for February 8), Archbishop Mannix gave a trenchant reply to newspapers of the *Argus* brand, and a certain "Liberal Catholic," who, if wise, will think twice before running their heads against a rock that will crush them.

The Archbishop referred to a paragraph which had recently appeared in the *Argus* newspaper, headed "The Debacle of Mannixism." It was taken from an English review, whose political extravagance and whose racial and religious rancor were notorious, and it was supposed to be written, and he was believed was written, by an Australian who, to the benefit of Sydney, had gone to London. This was the same review—and probably the writer, anonymous in both cases, was the same also—which had published a libellous statement about him while he was in England. The libellous statement was reproduced in an English newspaper. He had instructed his solicitor to demand a public apology. The matter was shown to be such a gross libel that the paper promptly made the public apology shortly before he left England. (Applause.) The review, however, entered into a lengthy correspondence with the solicitor, which was not over at the time he left England. He was more anxious to get back to Melbourne than to go to law in London. (Laughter.) He had not given a thought to the matter since he saw the extract from this same disreputable review reproduced in the kindred columns of the *Argus*. He might mention in that connection that, long after his return to Australia, he learned by accident that the *Argus* also had reproduced the same libellous statement of this precious English review, on account of which a public apology had been tendered to him in England. As

the libel was forgotten here by the time he heard of it, he took no action against the *Argus*.

He had no idea what "Mannixism" was. But, whatever it was, it had suffered a final disastrous and well-merited defeat, it appeared—(laughter)—and, on the other hand, that lovely and beneficent thing that might be called "Argusism" had scored heavily and brilliantly in recent years. (Laughter.) For example, it had won hands down at the first conscription issue—(laughter)—it won even a more brilliant victory at the second conscription issue—(laughter)—but, to pass over many intermediate triumphs, its latest victory, at the Federal elections, beat all previous records. (Laughter.) It was, just now, like a Ford mechanic, "trying to sort out and build up the battered fabric of its shattered political machine. (Laughter.) The task was not easy, for many of the parts were missing—(laughter)—and the motor-man was sticking to his place at the wheel, though he was unable to drive. (Laughter.) The *Argus* had his best wishes for success, and his congratulations upon the brilliant series of victories which had attracted the notice of its worthy London contemporary.

WEST COAST NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

February 14.

The chief topic of all at present is the visit of his Lordship Dr. Brodie (Bishop of Christchurch), who arrived from Christchurch on Saturday and laid the foundation stone of the Dean Carew Memorial School on Sunday afternoon. This is his Lordship's first public visit to the West Coast since his return from Rome. He will be here for some days, and it is his intention to make a thorough visitation of all the parishes in this part of his diocese. He will solemnly bless the Runanga church on Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Kennedy, parish priest at St. Mary's, Hokitika, intends to make an extended visit of America and Europe. He will leave New Zealand early next month with his brother, Mr. Frank Kennedy.

The Bevilacqua medals presented to the Catholic schools by the late Mr. Bevilacqua, were won this year as follows:—Marist Brothers' School, Master Fred Bayley (winner) 1, Master Greaney 2, and Master Anisy 3; Convent School, Miss Kathleen Newman (winner) 1, Miss J. Blanchfield 2, and Miss G. Orr 3. The award is based on the highest number of marks in Standard VI.

The boundary of St. Patrick's parish, Greymouth, was, at the diocesan Synod held in Christchurch last month, extended to Otira. This adds considerably to the work of the Greymouth priests, but is a much more convenient arrangement for the Catholics of Otira, who were formerly in the Kumara parish.

Now that the Dean Carew Memorial School is on the way to completion, thoughts are once more being turned to the convent re-building proposal. It is hoped to put the work of erecting a new convent into operation as soon as possible this year.

Master Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, gave evidence last year of rather unusual brilliance by securing two scholarships—one for St. Patrick's College and another for the Sacred Heart College. He was third in New Zealand for the latter scholarship and second in the South Island. Just after his parents decided to send him to St. Patrick's College, news was received that owing to the withdrawal of the South Island winner, Master Gilbert, as runner-up, was eligible for a four-years' scholarship at the Auckland college.

After attending the Retreat in Christchurch, the Rev. Brothers Herbert (Director) and Hendrick, who were with us last year, have made a welcome return for another term. The parishioners learned with regret of the transfer of the Rev. Brother Evrard, who has gone to Tasman Street, Wellington. His place is filled by the Rev. Brother Leonard.

O could we once pronounce the Holy Name of Jesus from our hearts, what sweetness would it diffuse to our souls.—St. Francis of Sales.

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