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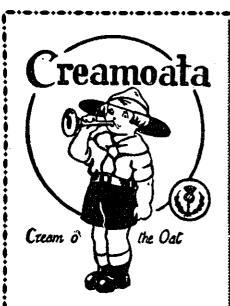
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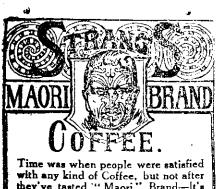
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" 30, Monday,-SS. Abdon and Senen, Martyrs.

,, 31, Tuesday.-St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor.

August 1, Wednesday.-St. Peter's Chains.

2, Thursday.—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

3, Friday.- Finding of the Relies of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr.

4, Saturday. - St. Dominic, Confessor.

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The sages have a hundred maps to give That trace their crawling cosmos like a tree, They rattle reason out through many a sieve That stores the sand and lets the gold go free: And all these things are less than dust to me Because my name is Lazarus and I live.

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CHAPTER XXIV.-"GOD BE WITH YE!"

The disappearance of the light was accounted for when, after shutting the door behind him, he saw Phil Lahy sitting at the fire reading a newspaper, and Billy Heffernan holding the candle for him.

"What's the news, Phil?" he asked.

"Tis an American paper I'm afther gettin' the lend of," replied Phil Lahy. "But I can't see much in id that we hadn't before, except that speech of Bishop Hughes's. That's a great man," said Phil, solemnly. "But I won't mind readin' the spee-spee-speech," he added, pronouncing the word with considerable difficulty, "till to-morrow."

"Wouldn't id be time to be goin' home?" Billy Heffer-

nan ventured to suggest.

"Yes, Billy. ' Home sweet home, there's no place like home.' I have a poor wife," continued Phil Lahy, turning round and looking straight in Mat Donovan's face, "that wouldn't say a word to me-no matter what I'd do."

"She is a good wife, sure enough," replied Mat, as he gently touched Phil's shin with the tongs, with the view of inducing him to draw his foot out of the fire, into which he had just thrust it.
"Billy," said Phil, after staring at him for a minute,

"you're lookin' very bad."

This was said with a solemnity that quite frightened Billy Heffernan.

"You ought," Phil Lahy continued in a fatherly way, "you ought to take a little nourishment. You'd want it."

"The divil cut the hand uv me," returned Billy Heffer-nan, recovering from his fright, "if ever I take a dhrop us anything stronger than wather. 'Tis little good id ever done me while I was takin' id.'

"That is, Billy, because you didn't take it in raison. I'm not takin' anything myself now in a public-house, on account uv a little promise I made. You'd say now," he added, turning suddenly to Mat, "that I was fond uv the dhrop?

He waited for a reply, but Mat only looked into the

"No: I wouldn't give you that for a pun-puncheon of it." And Phil laid the top of his finger on his tongue, and after looking at it steadily as if there were a thorn in it, performed the action known as snapping the finger. "Not that would I give for it," he repeated, "on'y for the company.

"An' why couldn't you have the company wudout the whiskey?" Nelly asked. "Many's the pleasant company I see where there wasn't either a pint or a glass."

"Nelly," said Phil, looking very seriously at her, but answering her rather wide of the mark, "I forgot thankin" you for the fresh eggs you sent to my poor sick daughter; an' our own hens stopped layin' this I don't know how long."

"Faix an' 'tis the same story we'd have ourselves," replied Nelly, "if Mat could have his own way, an' keep the hens out on the roost he made for 'em in the pig-house. We're gettin'—." Here Nelly stopped short. She was about telling him she was getting three-halfpence a couple for her eggs, when it occurred to her it would look as if she wished to let him see the extent of the favor he was thanking her for.

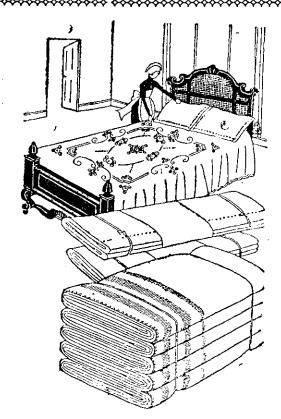
"Nelly," said Phil Lahy, with a politeness that was quite affecting, "I'll thank you for wan of them knittin'-needles to ready this pipe."

She plied her needles with increased nimbleness for a few seconds, and then handed him one of them.

Phil thrust the knitting-needle into the wooden stem of his pipe, but forgot to draw it out, till it came in contact with his nose, as he was putting the pipe to his mouth,

which made him start and look very much astonished.
"It never could be said of me, Mrs. Donovan," he proceeded—as he drew out the knitting-needle, which slip-

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a drunkard at any rate, Mrs. Donovan."
"Let us be goin'," Billy Heffernan suggested. But before the hint could be acted upon-supposing that Phil Lahy was disposed to act upon it -- the latch was again raised.

"I ran in to take my lave of ye, for fear I mightn't see ye again," said a young girl, who stepped lightly into the kitchen, forgetting to close the door behind her.

A gust of wind rushed in after her, and was met by another gust that rushed down the chimney; and both gusts joining together, whirled round and round Mat Donovan's kitchen, extinguishing the candle which Billy Heffernan had laid on the end of the bunch upon which he sat, and blowing the ashes and some sparks of fire into Mrs. Donovan's lap, causing the good woman to start to her feet and beat her aprov as if it were in a blaze about her; and, not content with this mischief, the two gusts of wind whirled up to the thatched roof, and so jostled Nelly Donovan's hens about, on the roost over the door, that their querulous screams at being thus rudely and unseasonably awakened from their repose were piteous to listen to; and then, by way of finishing their frolic, the intruders swept the old red cock himeslf from the collar-beam, where he reposed in solitary dignity, bringing him down straight upon Phil Lahy's head, who had just risen to his feet and was making an ineffectual effort to comprehend the state of affairs, and upon whom the sudden assault had such an effect that he staggered backward and was coming down in a sitting posture upon the fire, when Billy Hefferman caught him in his arms in time to prevent the unpleasant catastrophe. And the two gusts of wind, having fulfilled their mission, went out of existence as suddenly as they came into Mat the Thrasher's kitchen by the door and by the chimney.

Mrs. Donovan blessed herself several times. She had her own private opinion as to the nature of the two gusts of wind; and had not a doubt that the denizers of Maurice Kearney's fort were unusually frolicsome that night witness Ned Brophy's hat and the old red cock, who stood upon the hearth-stone looking quite dazed and foolish, as if he were just after receiving a box on the ear, which bothered him to that degree that he was deliberately walking into the fire till Nelly snatched him up in her arms. "Faith, you wor never in Dublin, whoever you are."

said Billy Heffernan, as with a vigorous swing he placed Phil Lahy in his chair.

"Oh, wisha!" exclaimed the innocent cause of the commemoration, "see how I should forget to shut the doore."

"Light the caudle, Billy," said Nelly Donovan. "I wondher who have we at all? Maybe its Judy Connell."

"Tis, Nelly," was the reply. "I'm comin' out from town, an' I didn't like to pass by wudout comin' in to see ye, as I don't know the minute or hour the captain's letter might come, an' maybe I mighn't have time to take my lave uv ye.'

"Sit down, Judy," said Mrs. Donovan sadly.

"No, ma'am, thank you," she replied; "Mary is wud me, an' we're in a hurry home, as there's a few friends comin' to see me."

"An' is id walkin' ye are?"

"No, Nelly; Joe Burke came wud us, an' brought his horse au' car.

As she spoke she ran to Nelly, and, flinging her arms round her neck, kissed her, we might say, passionately.

She also kissed the old woman, but more calmly.

They were all now standing around her, and as she gave

her hand to Mat she tried to smile.
"God be wud you, Mat," said she, "'tis many's the time we danced together at the Bush."

The recollection of those happy times was too much for

her, and the tears gushed from her eyes.
"God Almighty he wild ye all," she exclaimed in a choking voice, as slie hurriedly shook hands with Billy Heffernan and Phil Lahy.

And as she turned towards the door, which Nelly ran

to open for her, she pressed one hand on her bosom and the other over her eyes, and a cry so full of sorrow burst from her that the tears came rolling down Mat Donovan's cheeks before he could turn away to hide them under the pretext of placing the candle in its usual place on the little window. And a presentiment seized upon him at that moment that his own heart would one day feel the pang that wrung that cry from the heart of Judy Connell.

"I never thought," Nelly remarked, when the emigrant girl had left, "that herself an' Joe'd ever be parted."

"Tisn't Joe's fault," Mat returned; "his lase is out, an' he's expectin' the notice every day like the rest of the tinants on the property. As fast as their lases dhrop, out they must go."

"An' she tould me last Sunday," continued Nelly, "that on'y for her sisters sendin' for her, she'd never go. She has a sore heart to-night any way," added Nelly with a

"Short she'll think uv Joe, once the say is betune 'em," Billy Heffernan observed, somewhat cynically.

"Tis more likely 'tis short Joe'll think uv her," retorted Nelly, apparently nettled by the insinuation of female inconstancy which Billy's remark implied.

"May be 'twould be out uv sight out no mind wud the two uv 'cm," Mrs. Donovan observed. "Au' may be not, she added more seriously, after a pause.

"That," said Mat, who was gazing thoughtfully into the fire, "that depends on the soart they are. The round uv the world wouldn't put some people out uv wan another's mind. But there's more uy 'em," he added, with a shake of the head, "an' the cross uv a stubble garden would do id.'

"Wisha, would I doubt you for sayin' a quare thing," Nelly replied, with a mixture of surprise and contempt in her tone; "I wondher what put a stubble garden into your head? An' 'tis you're the lad that'd forget a girl before you'd be the cross uv a bosheen, not to say a stubble garden.

"The world is only a blue rag, Billy. Have your squeeze out of id," said Mat, shaking off the gloom that seemed to oppress him during the evening, and resuming his usual cheerful look.

There's more of id," returned Nelly. "Whoever called the world a blue rag before? I suppose 'tis because Kit Cummins came in for a squeeze of id a while ago, that put the blue rag into your head. I'd rather a man like yourself, Billy, that, wouldn't mind any wan, than a fellow that'd be goin' about palaverin' every girl he'd meet."

"I don't know," retorted Mat, with a shrug of his shoulders, "I had my fling among 'em, sure enough; but where's the wan uv 'em that ever had to say a bad word uv me?"

Mat gazed into the fire again, with that look of his which had in it such a strange blending of humor and sadness, likt the music of his country. The smile was on his lip, and the smile was in his eye. But for all that there was a melting something in big Mat Donovan's face, as he gazed into the turf fire, that made Billy Heffernan expect every moment to see the humourful eye swim in tears and the smiling lips give passage to a sigh. The sigh did come; but not the tears. And Mat Donovan, leaning back in his chair, and with a sidelong glance up at the collar-beams, relieved his feelings, as was his wont on such occasions, by chanting one of his favorite songs.

Now, if we were drawing upon our imagination we would give Mat the Thrasher amore suitable song than he chose to sing on this not eventful night-so far as our (perhaps) not eventful history is concerned—even if we were obliged to compose one specially for him. But being simply the faithful chronicler of the sayings and doings, joys and sorrows of Knocknagow, a regard for truth compels us to record that Mat the Thrasher's song was no other than that sentimentalest of sentimental lyrics, "Oh, no, we never mention her."

And furthermore, we feel bound to state that this song was second to none in popularity among the music-loving people of Knocknagow. How is this fact to be accounted for? Is there some innate good hid under the lackadaisical in this renowned effort of Mr. Haynes Bailey's muse? Or might it be that "the hawthern tree" brought the bush near Maurice Kearney's back gate, with its host of tender

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associations, to the minds of the singers and listeners? Or, to make another, and, probably, the best guess, perhaps the

> "Were I in a foreign land They'd find no change in me,"

came home to many a loving heart in Knocknagow? For some or all of these reasons, or for some reason unknown to us, this song, as we have said, was popular in a high degree, from the cross-roads at the foot of the hill to the cross-roads at the top of the hill; and indeed we might say as far as the eye of a spectator standing on Maurice Kearney's fort could reach all around.

> "Tis true that I behold no more The valley where we met, I do not see the hawthorn tree, But how can I forget?"

So sang Mat the Thrasher. And Nelly, who at first seemed disposed to be scornful, when he came to these words began to accompany him unconsciously, but in an almost inaudible voice. Billy Heffernan bent down with his elbows on his knees and his hands covering his face. Mrs. Donovan's arms dropped by her side, and a dreamy look came into her sad face, as if her thoughts went back to the far past. Yes! there was "a valley where we met" in her memory, and as she smoothed her grey hair over her temples, Mrs. Donovan stealthily wiped a tear from her cheek with the back of her hand.

And Mat the Thrasher's song reminds us that at the very last wedding we had the honor of being invited to in the neighborhood of Knocknagow, the two musicians, standing in the corner appropriated to them, commenced to play a "slow tune" during the interval between two dances; which slow tune so fascinated our good friend, Father Hannigan, who was a bigoted admirer of Irish music, that he left his place behind the mahogany table at the opposite side of the room, and, after pushing his way through the dancers, stood with folded arms close to the musicians, who flattered by the compliment, put their whole souls into their fiddles. And when we, at the suggestion of the bride's father, went to escort Father Hannigan back to his place at the mahogany table, and to the little comforts 'smiling' thereon-we borrow the expression from a wellknown song beginning-

"Let the farmer praise his grounds,

Let the huntsman praise his hounds," etc. -he laid his hand impressively on our shoulder and card in a whisper:

"That's a fine thing!"

"Why, that," we replied, "is the English sentimental song-"Oh, no, we never mention her." To which Father Hannigan frowned a scornful contradiction.

But we having reiterated the assertion, Father Hannigan listened again, and suddenly turning to us with a look of profound amazement, said;

"Begor, you're right!"

And then Father Hannigan made his way back to the mahogany table, rubbing the side of his head, and evincing all the symptoms of a man conscious of having been "sold,

So the music as well as the words of this much-abused lyric has been a puzzle to us.

And before dismissing Mr. Haynes Bailey, we must further record that another song of his, though "caviar" to the general," was a decided favorite with Mat the Thrasher. He was wont to chant with great feeling how "She wore a wreath of roses the time when first we met." and a "wreath of orange blossoms" on the second occasion. And when once again they met, the widow's cap had taken the place of roses and blossoms. Mat's rendering of this last stanza was quite heart-breaking. But the great triumph was a new reading of the last line but one. In the original it is, we believe,

"And there is no one near To press her hand within his own, And wipe away the tear,"

which Mat altered, whether intentionally or not we never could discover, to

> "But there was no one near To roll her in his arms, And wipe away a tear."

Mat Donovan sang on, with his eyes fixed on the collarbeams, and with a continuous wavy motion of the head, which had a softness in it in harmony with the humorously pathetic look which was peculiar to him when the themo of his song, or his discourse, or his thoughts happened to be that which we are assured rules the court, the camp, the grove, and even "makes the world go round."

"As long as the fox runs, he's eaught at last," said Mrs. Donovan, looking at Mat, as if she suspected he was in the toils, as long as he seemed to have kept clear of danger,

Phil Lahy had been taking a comfortable nap, with his head hauging over the back of his chair, unnoticed by everybody except Billy Heffernan, who gave him an occasional push when he showed symptoms of tumbling off.

"We must stir him up," said Billy. "Give him a shake, Mat, an' tell him to come home."

"Come, Phil," said Mat, shaking him, "get up and pay for your bed."

Phil opened his eyes and stared about him as if the whole place were quite strange to him. But, on recognising Mat, who was shaking him by the collar, Phil Laby commenced to laugh, as if he thought the proceeding the funniest and most side-splitting of practical jokes.

"Mat." said he, "you wor always a play-boy."

"The divil a much of a play-boy in id," returned Mat; "I'm on'y tellin' you to keep your eyes open."
"No doubt, no doubt." Phil replied, with the look of a

man that couldn't laugh if it were to save his life. "No doubt, Mat"; and he nodded so far forward that Billy Hefferman stretched out his hands with a start, imagining that he had taken a sudden fancy to dive head foremost into the fire.

"Let us be movin', Phil," said Billy Heffernan. ""Tis gettin' late an' I must be off, an' we may as well go home together.

"You know, Billy, I have a poor wife that wouldn't

say a word to me, no matter what I'd do."
"I know that," Billy replied, as if 'twas the most sorrowful thing he ever heard in his life. "Poor Nor it is comin' on finely," Nelly observed. "Tis

long since I see her lookin' so well as she did to-day."

The mention of Norah's name had an instantaneous effect upon her father, who seemed to become almost sober

Billy Hefferman expected this result, and yet he could not mention Norah's name himself.

"Billy," said Phil Lahy, looking at him as if it were be and not Nell who had spoken, or rather as if no one had spoken at all—"Billy, I have a daughter, an' the like up her is not in the world." He said this confidentially, leaning forward as if he were imparting a secret to him.

That affection of the throat which had prevented Billy Heffernan from at once complying with Norah's request that he would play "Auld Lang Syne," was now observed by Nelly Donovan, who was watching him very closely.

Perhaps Nelly Donovan had her own reasons for watching Billy Heffernan; and possibly his presence had something to do with her forgetfulness a while ago, in reference to the leeks and "roasters." And when she said that she'd rather a man like him that "wouldn't mind anyone" than "a rag on every bush" like Mat, she had certain misgivings that her words did not exactly apply to Billy's case: and now as she looked at him she felt sure that they did not. But though her first feeling, on making this discovery, was one of disappointment, if not of pain, it soon gave place to admiration and sympathy at the recollection of Norah's pale face. And Nelly Donovan never cared so much for Billy Heffernan as now that she believed he cared for another. "Billy," said Phil Lahy, rising from his chair, "you

ought to be in your own house. A young man ought to keep regular hours."

"Well, I b'lieve so," replied Billy, getting up from the bench in the corner and stretching his arms. night to ye.

"Mat, I have somethin' to be talkin' to you about," Phil observed before he reached the door. "but it will do another time. Good-night, Mrs. Donovan."
Good-night, Phil. Nelly, hold the candle for 'em till

they get a-past the turn; I b'lieve the night is very dark." "There's great fear of 'em." returned Nelly in her S. McBride Monumental Mason @ Sophia Street

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good-humored way. "Here, take this in your hand," she continued, presenting a blackthorn stick to Billy Heffernan; "maybe you might meet the night-walkers. And 'tis the sitck you ought to get," she added, giving him a blow of her open hand as he stepped over the threshold.

"'Tis a shame for you," said her mother. "You'll never have a stim uv sinse." At which Nelly Donovan laughed her ringing laugh as she closed the door and fastened it with the back-stick.

"Heigho! heart—wan here an' another in Cork," she exclaimed, as she took the broom from behind the door and tucked up her apron, putting the corner under the string behind her back.

"Wisha, Mat," she continued, "how long you're about makin' thim couple uv brooms. These sally brooms don't hold a minute. Wan birch broom'd be worth a dozen uv 'em."

"I'll desire Barney to cut the makin's uv 'em," replied Mat. "the next time he's goin' over to Ardboher. I haven t time myself, if you don't want me to go in the night—or lose a Sunday for 'em."

Mat Donovan, we are bound to confess, would not have thought it a mortal sin to cut the makings of a broom on the Sabbath, and by 'losing a Sunday' he meant losing a dance, or the hurling, or the hunt, which he could only enjoy on the day of rest. As he spoke to his sister, he unfolded a crumpled ballad, and was just beginning to hum the chorus, when his mother reminded him that it was time to go to bed.

"Well, I believe so," he replied, rolling the ballad between his hands like a ball, and replacing it in his waist-coat pocket.

"What raison do you rowl id up that way instead of foldin' id right?" Nelly asked, "I thought 'twas goin' to play sent wild d you wor."

"You know nothin'," returned Mat; "if I folded id

"You know nothin"," returned Mat; "if I folded id right, as you say, "twould cut in my pocket; and now it won"t."

He was on his knees by his bedside without requiring another hint. And by the time his mother and Nelly had their prayers said, and the house swept, and the fire raked. Mat the Thrasher was sound asleep.

And so, for the present, we wish good night to the occupants of this humble little Tipperary home.

(To be continued.)

Pius XI, the Women's Congress and Divorce

The International Women's Congress, which met in Rome and in which the American suffragist, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, played a prominent part, was honored by the Pope to the extent of an audience given to a group of 25 French, American and British delegates. The Holy Father, with his usual broad-mindedness, spoke highly of the general aims of the Congress. He made it clear, however, that such parts of its programme as dealt with the divorce question, could not meet his approval. The position of the Catholic Church on the unity and indissolubility of the marriage bond explains the Holy Father's attitude. To absolute divorce, as a violation of the express command of Christ and subversive of the family and the State, the Catholic Church is inalterably opposed. While making this clear, Pius XI, approved other aims of the Congress, whose purpose was to better the condition of woman throughout the world.

True cheerfulness is a happy, harmonious combination of different parts; a sound, unspoiled character, clear judgment, and a natural calmness in feeling and disposition, a sincere love of our neighbor and a childlike confidence in God.

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Evening Memories

(By WILLIAM O'BRIEN.)
CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)

The part, too, of the miserable O'Shea-if one must not add of his instigator, Chamberlain-is not to be forgotten in endeavoring to account for the fatuity of the conductors of the Times. It will be remembered that in his evidence before the Parnell Commission, O'Shea swore that the forged letters were in the handwriting of Parnell, with which he claimed to be specially familiar. He also owned that it was through Chamberlain he was first asked to give information for the Times, and that he visited the Radical renegade in his own house before delivering the goods. It is not to be doubted that the complicity of O'Shea, who did not deny on cross-examination that he was thirsting for vengeance on Parnell, did much to encourage the Times to brazen out the Forgeries. Nor is there much risk of injustice in concluding that the man who was financed by Parnell until the rupture of relations as disgraceful for the one as they were tragic for the other, was henceforward financed by the Times in their campaign against a common enemy, and that the Divorce Proceedings in the following year, which wrecked the Irish Cause for a generation, were but another and more successful form of revenge for the failure of O'Shea in the witness-box, and of the Times and the Ministers in the closet, to compass the ruin of the Irish leader by saddling him with the authorship of the Forged Letters. No verdict less harsh than this is likely to be found by History, and must certainly not be looked for from the most charitable of the old colleagues of Parnell, who remember with what implacable savagery the great newspaper persevered in the attempt to satisfy its own grudges, and those of the basest of men, with the knowledge that it would be recouped by the Government every pound of the million of money spent in world-wide corruption and subornation of perjury, if it should succeed in establishing as truth and virtue the most impudent imposture to which a great country and its Government ever fell as victims at the hands of the most pitiful of scoundrels.

Parnell held with good reason that nothing except Pigott's suicide would have convinced England that the forged letters were not genuine. The truth would have remained obscured in the red cloud of suspicion and crime raised by the evidence of highly-paid informers like Le Caron and the tribe of minor miscreants sharked up by the lawyers and agens provocateurs whom Dublin Castle placed in the employment of the Times. Pigott's mere admission that he was the forger of the letters would have been dismissed as collusive and charged as a new count in the indictment against "Parnellism and Crime!" The death of the forger by his own hand alone could have been decisive. In Parnell's eyes, the suicide, wretched a creature as he was, got out of the transaction with less disgrace than his employers. The haunting anxiety that the truth could never be established beyond doubt did not, however, ruffle the sweet fortitude with which the Irish leader bore the interminable early stages of the Commission. He sat in court immovable as a fine statue of marble, while the procession of the most loathsome beings in the pay of the Castle or of the landlords came and went; the clearcut features often pale with illness, but never with an illness that suggested weakness; the least self-assertive figure in the chamber, and yet the figure of all others to which every eve turned as to a somebody in whose presence the greatest lawyers of England, and the three judges in their scarlet and crimine robes, had an unimpressive and almost petty

The one occasion on which the illness which was already visibly undermining him got the better of him even for a moment was during his own examination. In English Courts the witness is obliged to stand at the witness rail while giving evidence. He made no complaint during the endless hours of cross-examination, while the wasting disease from which he suffered was having the effect which can be imagined, but he told me that no more occasions than one his brain swam, and he found himself— it was the case of Savonarola on the rack—repeating as in a dream whatever words were put into his mouth. For example, the Attorney-General who, good plodding man, was intellectually a schoolmaster's ferule to his witness's Toledo



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blade, made great play of Parnell's assent to his suggestion that, in a certain debate he was "wilfully misleading the House of Commons," when what he really meant was that he was refusing to take them into his confidence in a way in which the average cautious Minister nightly follows his example. But all that he dismissed with the good nature, seasoned with a tiny grain of malice, with which he took the few humors as well as the oppressive abominations of the Commission Court. Asked what grasp of the case was shown by his solicitor, Sir George Lewis-one of the most skilled of court managers, and genuine of friends, but also oue of lordly prodigality in his schemes of law courts-Parnell would reply: "There is one part of this case Lewis understands better than us all, and that is the subscription lists of the National Indemnity Fund in the Freeman's Journal." One evening Parnell forgot, in the Court, the small black bag in which he was supposed by the newspapers to carry his most secret documents. The next day, when he was relating the mishap with the news that he had just been to Scotland Yard and recovered possession of it, Harrington cried out, in some dismay: "Good Heavens, I hope there was nothing very confidential in it." Parnell's reply was: "Yes, a pair of soiled socks, my night shirt. and my comb and brushes," adding with a chuckle, which was almost a laugh: "I should have liked to see the faces of the boys in Scotland Yard when they opened their prize."

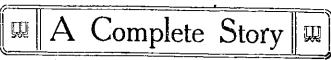
Parnell always maintained that the Nationalists made a profound mistake in taking any further part in the proceedings of the Commission Court after the dramatic exposure of the Forgeries in the witness-box and the dearn of the Forger. That was the only definite issue raised by the inquiry and it was disposed of in a way which filled all men of good faith with horror of the entire conspiracy and sympathy with the Irish Leader in the fortified and dignion with which he had borne himself against his enemies. All that came afterwards was an anti-climax. The months spent in enabling the Times to recover some show of respectability in endeavoring to mix up in the public mind extracts from stale speeches with the sporadic crimes which were the offspring and coercion, and against which the open and advised speaking of the national platforms was the best safeguard, produced nothing which might not have been got by searching old newspaper files, but did much to deaden the public recollection of the fate that had overtaken the one tangible attempt to engage the responsibility of the Irish Leader. Had Parnell's own advice prevailed and the counsel and witnesses of the Irish Party been withdrawn, there can now be little doubt that any further proceedings of the three Judges would have lost all hold upon public interest, and the Government would have been driven to the country staggering from the blow which involved their own disgrace in scarcely a lesser degree than that of the Times, as well as from the all but universal reprobation now felt for Mr. Balfour's policy of exasperation in Ireland.

(To be continued.)

Duke of Norfolk's Bequest

ENDOWMENTS FOR CHURCHES AND CLERGY.

According to the will of the late Duke of Norfolk, which the courts have taken considerable time to probate, the Church in England receives very generous benefactions. The beautiful church at Arundel, near the historic castle of the Dukes of Norfolk, and which was built by the late Duke, receives a legacy of £30,000, which will provide endowment in perpetuity for the church and its clergy. In the city of Norwich, the late Duke built a magnificent church in cathedral style, with the idea that this should become a cathedral if a bishopric of Norwich should ever be created by the Holy Sec. This church, which is incomplete in certain details, receives a sum of £30,000 for a perpetual endowment. The sum of £10,000 goes for the endowment of two county missions in the County of Sussex and for the schools attached to these missions, while a further sum of £10,000 is bequeathed for the education of candidates for the secular priesthood. The ancient town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, made memorable forever by Sir Walter Scott in the pages of Ivanhov, receives £13,000, which is to be devoted to the erection and endowment of a Catholic church in the town.



Alpha and Omega

(By Agnes Egerton Castle, in the London Month.)

The little Belgian child was making her First Communion in our oratory, while our dear old neighbor, the Surrey peasant woman, lay dying i nher cottage at the bottom of the lane. The beginning of one life and the end of another, both visibly, and each in its own way blest!

In these awful times—surely the days foretold when the devil shall be let loose—it is good to rest the soul upon such recollections.

It is a great feast in Catholic homes when a child is deemed fit to receive the mysteries. We are always very glad when our own little oratory is the sanctuary for such a touching, pretty, and holy ceremony. Yet this day it was not all joy, or rather the joy was not of this world; little Hélène took off the black she was wearing for her soldier father, for the first time since his death, on the morning of her First Communion.

The day before she went with great conscientiousness through the pious humiliation enjoined on Catholic children in preparation for the coming of the Prince of Peace. She sought each member of the household in turn, and asked forgiveness for "All the times I have been naughty and given you pain."

When she came to her little brother, just six, he broke into a passion of sobs, declaring that never, never had she done anything wrong; never, never had he been angry with her! He was found some time afterwards, still weeping, and could only explain that it was because "c'était trop beau!"

Far other tears were shed in the tiny house that evening. Hólène found her mother in bitter grief, and questioned her with almost kindred anguish; for she is a child with a capacity for love and sorrow beyond her government.

with a capacity for love and sorrow beyond her seven years. "Qu'as tu, Maman, qu'as tu? Oh! why do you cry?" Then the poor young widow lamented out of her bursting heart:

"To think of the happiness your father would have had to-morrow! To think that he will not be with us?" "Oh, but Maman!" exclaimed the child fervently.

"Oh, but Maman!" exclaimed the child fervently. "Papa is certain to be there; more certain than anyone else. Since he is in Heaven. It will be quite easy to him. Of course he will be with us. If it had been the year before, when he was at the front, then indeed we should have had to do without him."

Blessed little consoler!—who could grieve as those who have no hope, with the voice of such perfect faith in her ears, with such shining eyes, radiant through tears, upon her?

Hólène has the looks of a Botticelli angel; with an aureole of silver fair hair flying out from her sweet forehead in those delicious natural crinkles which the painter loved to draw. Her eyes are a golden hazel; they light up the whole small, pale, delicate face, with its pointed chin, and tender guileless mouth, always open as upon an eager word. To see her wreathed with white roses, the mist of her white veil floating about her, in her quaint, rather long filmy white dress, made us think of angels again .- and yet of humanity too, in a peculiarly touching aspect; childhood at its most appealing, motherhood at its tenderest and most desolate! They were so proud of her, so pierced with pain, those two stricken figures, the mother and grandmother, bowed behind her, in the immense craps wrappings of Belgian mourning! They wept pitifully while the child knelt, wrapt in a perfectly unselfconscious, exquisite simplicity of piety and joy, gazing up at the Roman crucifix above the Tabernacle; seeing only in that image of sacred agony, ele bon Jésus qui aime tant les petits

On the wall at the back of the little congregation a deep black-bordered notice asked for prayers for the Lieutenant de Guides, mort pour la patrie, in the thirtythird year of his age.

"Yes, he was there," said the widow afterwards, wiping her poor swollen eyes to smile down upon her little girl. "Yes, ma chéric, he was there. Je l'ai bien senti." "Maman," said the First Communicant as she drove



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away, tired and peacefully content, back to her own small home in exile. "Maman, will you always kiss me so much each time I go to Holy Communion? Because it will always be just as beautiful."

But while we were glad with the child, we did not forget the old toilworn life that was obbing out in the lane at the foot of the garden; and, when the little one had driven away in her bridal white, we met again in the oratory to pray for the passing soul.

She was not of our Faith, and we could not kneel about her bed and see the solemn rites administered which are the consolation of the flock of Peter in their last agony. But while we said our own prayers, we knew we were in communion with the mourning family in the poor room, for their belief as as fervent and guileless as little Hélène's own; and their love and sorrow such that we, who so well know what love and sorrow mean, could not but be linked hit them in their trial.

We had known Mrs. Heather ever since we bought the house on the hill-side; and we had seen with concern how in a few years illness changed her from a stalwart buxom matron to a dwindled old woman. Valiant to the very last, she would crawl out of bed to carry on her work; and we would find her, panting, beside a pile of the most snowy linen, being one who "would not like to miss my washing day." It was not that there were not plenty of willing hands to help her; for never have we seen more tender affection lavished upon anyone; and from her tall, handsome, greybeard husband to the youngest grandchild. she was the single thought or that humble home. But she had all her life "put out her hand to strong things"; sho could not give in to weakness.

A two-storied cottage, facing the great sweep of moor, this home attracted our attention on the first walk we took down the lane. The little place was so bright, so tidy, so well tended. The very strip of turf that ran along the road, outside the clipped laurel hedge, was as smooth and close-mown as a college green; the garden had plots of flowers, all through the different seasons, which we never ceased to envy; a clump of lilies, sheaves of carnations, the biggest pansies, incredible sweetwilliams; but the sweetest flowers that bloomed there were of spiritual growth: Faith, Love, Devotion, and, when the time came, a most fragrant Resignation.

"I am quite prepared, my dears," she told her daughters, when it grew clear that the long struggle was nearing the end, and the "Reverend" had been sent for to "read" beside her hed.

She died the day of little Hélène's First Communion, surrounded by her family, except a soldier son, ill in hospital; died, lying against her old husband's heart, smiling, and, as she said herself, "Quite content." Just before drawing her last breath she looked at each of her children in turn and lovingly spoke their names: "Milly, Bessie, Tom," and the rest.

When she had smiled upon the last quivering face she said, with a little sigh, "Heaven at last," and so, quite certainly we believe, went there.

Old Mr. Heather, the Broom Squire as we call him, since he lives by the trade he plies with heather-brooms from the moor, was heart-broken; in this instance the phrase, often so idly uttered, applies in its utmost symbolic meaning. They had never been separated. He was forlorn as a lost child; he mourned passionately as a bridegroom mourns his bride. When he came out from behind his stack of broom twigs to grasp our hands the day after the funeral, his fine old face worked; he could not speak. He went back to his task, the tears pouring into his great grey beard.

"You must have been a very handsome couple," we said to Mrs. Heather one day, admiring the undimmed vivacity of her brown eyes.

Mrs. Heather had a little self-conscious smile and conceded, "Well, Mr. Heather was counted very fascinating!"

We are glad to think now that we had made such friends. In those last weeks, when she lay propped up on the narrow little black horse-hair sofa, fully dressed, with, always, a spotless apron just fied on, she would be cheered when we visited her; and the Broom Squire used to watch for us down the lane and rush in to tell her we were coming. We only knew afterwards what store she used to set by these visits. And how she used to say: "There's our young lady," when the child of the Villino went by. Never would any of us have gone by without going in, had we known.

The soldier son, knotted about with so much red tape that the official untying of it successfully prevented him from being able to receive his mother's death-bed blessing, arrived in time for the funeral. It was his hands which used to keep the little garden so exquisitely neat and gay. A silent, earnest, steady, hard-working lad, he enlisted early in the war, and, unwilling to give in when the exposure of camping out brought on the first illness of his life-a violent attack of bronchitis-he struggled to drill and march with the rest, until, literally, his heart gave way. (It is perhaps irrelevant to these pages to state that, discharged from the Army a confirmed invalid, the War Office does not consider his case one deserving a pension.)

It was a very grand ceremony, that funeral.

"I'd like her to have everything of the best," said Mr. Heather many times, and his wishes were carried out. The soldier slept with his father that night, to keep

him company, and fought through a heart attack unaided rather than disturb the old man from his uneasy slumber.

It is pitiful to see the poor fellow crawl about the roads, scarce able to draw a breath; but Mr. Heather and the family have accepted this further trial with the uncomplaining and uncomprehending stoicism of their class. It is much to be feared that, such as these (the real salt of our English earth), bear many hardships and the injustice which causes them in too fine a spirit.

Old Heather finds comfort in his toll of daily strenuous work. Despite his age his figure remains as straight as a sapling. He would be a splendid model for a painter as he stands by the stack of purple broom-twigs. There is something of an antique and forgotten nobility about the severe lines of his face, in contrast with the childlike simplicity of his kind blue eyes. He is one of a generation fast passing away, and he can neither read nor write.
"I never had any book-learning," said he to us, the

other day.

"And I don't think you seem the worse for that," said we.

"No," he agreed; and then, "It's not the learning that counts," he added, and with a great gesture struck his heart. "It's what a man has here."

Our Irish History Competitions

Our readers will remember that our annual Irish History Competitions will take place this year in October. The period to be studied is from the coming of St. Patrick to the Batile of Clontarf. Special stress ought to be laid on the lives of SS. Patrick, Brigid, and Columcille, and on the great schools and the great missionaries of the era of Ireland's Golden Age. With a view to helping the pupils we have secured a large number of copies of Irish History for Primary Schools, by Rev. P. Carey. Every teacher ought to order a sufficient number of these little books as early as possible. The chapters on "The Three Great Patron Saints of Ireland," 'Ireland's Schools," "Ireland's Missionary Enterprises," "Irish Monks on the Continent," and "St. Columbanus" will be very helpful. As a more exhaustive work, for the assistance of teachers who want to supplement the lessons, we recommend O'Kelly's volume on early Ireland. It is a mine of information concerning the period with which we are dealing this year. Matter for secular and national aspects of the history may be collected from standard works, such as Sullivan's Story of Ireland. The Brothers' Irish History Reader has some excellent chapters also.

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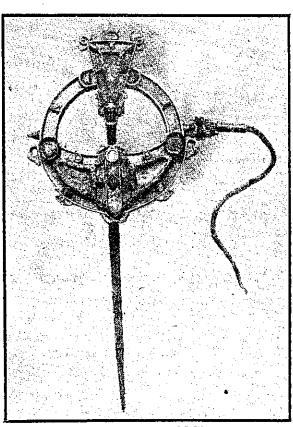
(By J. J. Buckley, M.R.I.A., Acting Director of the National Museum, in the Dublin Freeman's Journal.)

In the National Museum, Kildare Street, Dublin possesses a treasure-house which is invaluable as a tome to strengthen the Nation's self-respect. When one feels despondent at the destruction of works of art, and hears foreigners question the mental capacity of our fellowcountrymen and their standard of civilisation it is well to be able to turn somewhere to find evidences of the high culture and refinement of the race. These evidences we have in abundance in the National Museum. The treasures of art in gold; silver, and bronze in the magnificent collection formed by the Royal Irish Academy and entrusted to the keeping of the Museum are the wonder of all foreign visitors. Some years ago a distinguished foreign visitor on examining some of these specimens, with their chaste and wonderfully intricate ornamentation, asked were they really the work of Irish artists. He was shown the proofs, including the inscription in Irish on the Cross of Cong asking for prayers for the artist who made it, and he at once acknowledged the genius of the race that produced such artists. Hundreds of other visitors have come to admire these treasures, and all have gone away with enhanced respect for the Nation which produced them.

Foreign Interest: Irish Neglect.

Indeed, the interest of foreign visitors in these relies of Ireland's greatness is in marked contrast to the indifference of our own people. It must be admitted that relatively few of the people of Dublin, old or young, not to speak of the people of the provinces, evince any interest in these treasures, which if they belonged to many another nation would have their merits truntpeted over the earth. Not so with foreign visitors.

The Museum Photographic Department is kept fully occupied preparing prints of the objects in this collection demanded by students of early Irish art in all parts of Europe and the United States; whilst facsimiles in metal, made by Edmond Johnson, of Grafton Street, have been sent to several museums on the Continent and to many of the provincial museums in Britain. The facsimiles mostly in demand are those of the Tara Brooch, the Ardagh



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Chalice, the Cross of Cong, and the Shrine of the Bell of St. Patrick, all 9th and 12th century native Irish work, as well as the very much earlier gold torques, minns, gorgets, and fibulae.

The beautifully illustrated guide to the Celtic antiquities by the late George Coffey, Keeper of the Irish Antiquities Division, and the catalogue of the gold ornaments, by his successor, the late E. C. R. Armstrong, have been asked for by archaeologists all over the world. The reproach, "incuriosi snorum", may, indeed, be truly applied to us. Many of the objects in this collection, the product of Irish brains and hands, ought to make us proud to call ourselves Irishmen, and foreign visitors sometimes marvel at the neglect with which these beautiful national relics are treated by us.

Dublin Products.

Besides this priceless collection there are others of great interest and importance. For instance, the silver plate, the cut glass, the furniture, all 18th century Irish products—chiefly Dublin, of course.



THE ARDAGH CHALICE.

The general archaeology is reresented by a very good Egyptian collection and a highly educative Greek collection. The latter owes its importance to the addition lately of a very valuable collection of painted vases—both black and red figure. These were obtained chiefly owing to the energy and enthusiasm of the late Professor of Greek in University College, Rev. Henry Browne, S.J.

The Ethnographical collection is a very important one, the nucleus having been formed by objects brought from the South Pacific by Irishmen who accompanied Captain Cook on some of his voyages towards the end of the 18th century. It has grown steadily owing to the interest in it displayed by Irish travellers ever singe. The latest acquisition—one of outstanding importance—is a collection, added early this year, which was made by the son of an eminent Irish scholar, the late Major Mahaffy, during a long residence in one of the South Pacific Islands.

Growth of the Museum.

The rapid growth of the Museum idea in the latter half of the last century has resulted in specialisation, and now there are more than a dozen different classes of museum, cach performing functions peculiar to itself. A somewhat arbitrary enumeration of the subjects to which they are devoted is as follows: -1, Ethnography, e.g., the Pitt-Rivers Museum, Cambridge, and the Dresden Ethnographical Museum: 2, General Archaeology, e.g., the British Museum; 3 National or Local Archaeology, e.g., the Museum of the Royal Irish Academy (now incorporated in the National Museum): 4. National or Local History, e.g., the Carnavalet Museum, Paris; 5, Decorative or Applied Art, e.g., the Victoria and Albert Museum; 6, Fine Art (Painting and Sculpture), Historie, e.g., our own National Gallery; 7. Fine Art, Contemporary, e.g., the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art. Harcourt Street: S, Local Industry, e.g., the Landesgewerbe Museum, Stuttgart, and the Dublin Industrial Development Exhibit in O'Connell Street; 9, Techbology, e.g., the Science Museum, South Kensington.

Besides these there are others more highly specialised and more restricted in their scope, such as the Postal Muscum (Berlin), the Museum of Casts of Sculpture (Stuttgart and Paris—Trocadero), Anatomical Museums, etc.

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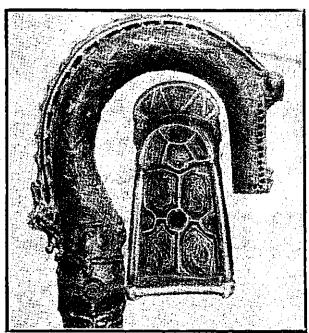
and Tobacconist NEW PLYMOUTH more or less completely all the subjects enumerated above. Numbers 6 and 7 are illustrated very efficiently by the National Gallery and the Municipal Gallery. Since the dispersal of the collections in the galleries of the old Royal Colege of Science, St. Stephen's Green, some 25 years ago, Technology has not been illustrated in Dublin, if we leave out of consideration a few working models of looms still on exhibition in the annex of the National Museum, and a few models of steam engines and other machinery removed thence a few years ago to make room for some industrial exhibits of a different character.

Educative Influence.

The visitors to the National Museum number, per annum, some 300,000—more or less. They include a very moderate proportion of Dublin citizens and a large number of visitors to the city. Of the latter quite a good number are from abroad. This does not necessarily constitute a reflection on the citizens of Dublin, however much it may be regretted. It is probable that similar conditions obtain in all large cities. A visit to the British Museum, for instance, or the Victoria and Albert Museum, or the London National Gallery, will convince one that but a small proportion of the crowds eagerly viewing the objects displayed in those treasure houses are Londoners.

The question of increasing the educative influence of Museums has been under discussion for many years. The "docent" system, first adopted in the United States, has been in existence in some of the London museums for some years. Under it persons are appointed to lecture in the Museum apartments in the presence of the specimens at fixed hours each day. The results, however, do not appear to justify the expectations that were entertained of it when it was established. The expense involved in the working of a really sufficient decent service is prohibitive except for very richly endowed museums.

For this reason it does not exist in Dublin. True, some twenty years ago it, was tried here in a very modified form, and was continued for a few years, with the aid of voluntary workers—members of the staff for the most part, but supplemented by a few outside specialists. The lectures were given in the museum rooms, amongst the



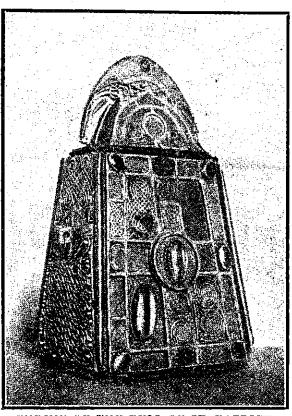
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OLD ECCLESIASTICAL ART.

specimens, in the afternoons, once or twice a week, and attracted a limited number of leisured people; but they were eventually discontinued, as it was considered that the results were not commensurate with the time and trouble expended in their preparation. Later on the experiment of lantern lectures at some branches of art or archaeology and natural history, alternately, on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock was initiated. These lectures were given in a small hall with a scating capacity of about 150, and they attracted audiences which generally filled the hall, often to overflowing. The experiment was apparently successful, but, unfortunately, it was interrupted by the demolition of the lecture hall to make room for development in connection with the new College of Science buildings.

The Fauna of Ireland.

Within the limits of a paper such as this it would not be possible to describe all the important features of the Museum Collections. The fauna of Ireland, gathered together in one large hall, has been described in a booklet just issued, the work of the late Keeper of the Natural



SHRINE OF THE BELL OF ST. PATRICK

History Division, Dr. R. F. Scharff. Students of our native language will be glad to learn that he has spared no trouble to obtain, whenever possible, the Irish name of each animal in the collection. The Botanical Section is of high educational value, and the same may be said of the mineralogical, geological, and palaeontological collections.

It is hoped that the comparatively trifling sum necessary for the development of these valuable collections may be forthcoming when we seriously turn to the development of our country.

Equality for Catholic Schools

Mr. T. P. O'Connor's motion in the House of Commons, for compdete educational equality for the Catholic and other denominational schools in the country, came up for a hearing, recently, after having been snowed under in a previous debate. The resolution asks for no more than the denominational schools may justly expect before the law, and declares that the present system of obliging the Catholies in England to build their own schools is contrary to religious and economic equality. There was a slight formal objection to the motion, but as the objection was not persisted in, the motion was carried without further discussion. Whatever objection there was did not come, strangely enough, from the side of the Conservatives. Mr. O'Connor himself says that the Conservatives are with him, practically to a man. The slight opposition, such as it was, appears to have chiefly come from the rump of the Non-conformist Conscience, which, as a political force has sunk very much into the background. It has long been a notorious grievance that parents and others believing in a definite Christian education, have not only had to pay their taxes for the building and upkeep of the State schools; but have had to put their hands deeper into their pockets to provide the buildings of their own confessional schools. The acceptance of Mr. O'Connor's resolution by the House is thus a step towards abolishing believers in Christian education having to pay twice over.

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Current Topics

Hands Across the Seas

The editor of the great American Catholic weekly review, America, writes:

The New Zealand Tablet, published at Dunedin, comes to us in a holiday cover. It is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, and well has it made good the high hopes its wise founder and first editor, Bishop Moran, entertained when he penned his first editorial. The present editor, the Rev. James Kelly, Ph.D., writes:

Fifty years is a long span in the history of Christianity in this Dominion. Bishop Moran's paper has now lived through more than half the age of the Catholic Church in these islands. When the Tablet was founded the good seed had indeed been sown and the fields were green with its promise of a rich barvest, but during the half century that followed the promise became fulfilment.

The first article in the jubilee issue is by Robert A. Loughuan, who, with Ignatius Loughuan, had been the first to ask Bishop Moran's permission fifty years ago for the establishment of this paper. Its first canvassing promoter among the tents of the New Zealand gold fields was the poet Tom Bracken. "Alas," writes the veteran Mr. Loughuan, "my eyes are dim, for they are looking into the place that knows my friend no more." But, facing forward with him, we wish the Tablet "a future even more splendid, with much love of friends, wholesome respect of enemies, and gratitude in the hearts of the children of God."

We were ungrateful, indeed, did we not acknowledge cordially this and many other expressions of goodwill from contemporaries, and from high authorities in the Church, in many parts of the world, some of whom, whose judgment and sincerity we respect, have assured us that as an all-round Catholic paper the Tablet was never better than at present. One does not work for human praise, but it is human to feel satisfaction when our humble efforts to keep the spirit of Bishop Moran alive in his old paper meet with such recognition.

Science and Religion

A Mr. McCabe, in a lecture delivered in Dunedin, tried to disqualify religion. In order to do so he first disqualified all dead men of science. Knowing that against his ignorance people would set the expert knowledge of Berzelius, Liebig, Sainte-Claire Delville, Chevreul, Fresnel, Fraunhofer, Fizeau, Mayer, Joule, Levverrier, Laplace, Pelletier, Laennec, Schonbein, Pasteur, Roentgen, and other men famous in every branch of science, this travelling lecturer coelly disqualifies them and says, in so many words, that as they are dead he will not have them quoted against him as good Christians as well as good scientists. It is indeed amusing to the public to read such nonsense, but at the same time it is an insult to the public intelligence.

One cannot help thinking that the ex-President of the Queen's University College, Cork, Sir Bertram Windle, has earned by his researches, by his honers, by his works, a better right to be heard on science than Mr. McCabe. Learning and science made of Windle a firm believer, as they did of Pasteur, of Roentgen, of Fabre; and Windle still lives. Knowing how Mr. McCabe's pretensions have been ridiculed in London, it would seem that, whatever else it was, it was not science or learning that led him to unbelief. And comparing McCabe and Windle, one recalls Bacon's well-known saying: "A little learning leads men from God: a great deal of it brings them to Him."

Mr. McCabe refers confidently to the Java man. Surely he is not ignorant of the fact that men of science, who know what they are talking about, are by no means as certain as Mr. McCabe is that the Java remains belong to one and the same skeleton. Very divergent

views are set forth by men of eminence—of much greater eminence than Mr. McCabe. Thus, Krause, before the Berlin Anthropological Society declared that the skull-cap belonged to a large ape, and on another occasion said he considered it to that of a hylobates. Professor Cunningham said it was undoubtedly human. Sir W. Turner and A. Keith said it was a human remnant. Rudolf Martin was of the same opinion. Hamy, Manouvrier and Verneau said that it could not be human. Thus, eminent scientists are uncertain while Mr. McCabe has no doubts. Is there not an old saying about certain beings who rush in where angels fear to tread?

As Mr. McCabe is advertised as an enlightener, may we ask on what grounds he poses as an cuthority on science? Where did he win his spurs? In what branch is he competent, not to say expert? Is he not the person of whom a reviewer in Vature scathingly remarked that in translating Hacckel he was manifestly hampered by not having the least idea what his author was talking about? Did not a writer in the Month, published in London, describe our lecturer in the following terms: "This fourth-rate amateur, this palpable outsider, does not seemingly deem himself debarred by his lack of education from assuming a magisterial position in regard of science sundertaking to answer Hacekel's critics all and sundry, sneering at Balfour Stewart for upholding the indissoluble atom, as did all men of science a very short time since, and at Lord Kelvin for presuming to express his belief in God! What prevents these Rationalists from seeing themselves as others see them?"

Mr. McCabe's airs may afford amusement in London but it is too bad to have him posing in New Zealand as a person of the slightest pretensions to science. It is not fair to the sort of uneducated people who are willing to take at his own valuation a "fourth-rate amateur" and a "palpable outsider."

Sir Francis Bell and Facts

From a correspondence published in the Dominion, presumably by the Government, it appears that the Rev. J. Kelly posted to the Minister of Justice, who at the time was Sir Francis Bell, a pamphlet circulated at a meeting held in Dunedin by a Christchurch minister of the gospel of charity. The pamphlet asserted that the Pope and his priests were murderers and robbers. Accompanying it was a letter asking if the Government was going to allow this sort of thing to centime, or did it expect the people attacked to defend themselves by treating the attackers as they deserved. Note here that when a deputation of No Popery agitafors waited on Mr. Wilford, when he was Minister of Justice, he told them plainly that he had no symapathy with them and that if they went round the country attacking people they might blame themselves if there was trouble. How different was the attitude of Sir Francis, who conveyed that not only did he see no reason why parsons calling us murderers and thieves should be restrained, but even made it seem that an assertion of the right of those attacked to defend themsolves was in his opinion as violent as the conduct complained of! The Rev. J. Kelly replied that it was only to be expected that a Government which allowed armed police guards to make it safe for parsons to calumniate Catholics should refuse to protect Catholics. The Minister asked for an instance in which the armed police guard was provided for such a purpose, and he was at once informed that such a guard was sent through Central Otago for such a purpose. He then replied that he had made inquiries with the result that he could assure the Rev. J. Kelly that he had been misled and that his statement was "quite contrary to face." The latter expressed his regret that he could not accept this denial, and asserted that a policeman named Hamilton, presumably armed with the usual baton, was sent to make it safe for the parsons to carry on their Ne Pepery campaign in Central Otago. The Dominion, in publishing the correspondence, headed it thus: "Extravagant Accusation Exposed." The essential and substantial accusation was this: The Government which refused to prevent parsons from

calling us murderers and robbers, allowed a police guard to make it safe for parsons to vilify Catholics. this is true is readily proved. First, Father Hunt assures us that he actually travelled in the same train with the police-protected party and saw the guard himself. Again, according to the Otago Daily Times, the party protected admits as much. In view of that evidence, we may be permitted to wonder what Sir Francis Bell means by the words "quite contrary to We may also be permitted to ask the Dominion fact." where is the extravagance of the accusation, and to point out to it that the public seems to have no doubt as to who and what has been exposed by the correspondence. Perhaps Sir Francis hopes to justify his denial of substantial facts by a quibble on the word armed. The statement that the guard was armed was only a secondary matter in importance; but it was true. unless it be untrue to say that a policeman armed with a baton is not armed at all. In justice to the Minister named, be it said that the guard was not given in his time, but during the benign reign of a person whom a lee lurch has washed overboard the Ship of State. A gift of an English dictionary would not, however, be inopportune for Sir Francis Bell or the Editor of the Dominion.

The Pulverisation of Potter

As our readers have manifested deep interest in the annihilation of Mr. Potter, M.P., by Father Gondringer, we now put before them the final letter in the controversy which so utterly discomfitted the "Honorable Member" whose blind bigotry led him into such a disgraceful situation. The extract from Hansard, contained in the letter, will open the eyes of many Catholics and give them a fair idea of the sort of stuff on which poor Protestant laymen, parsons, and even Members of Parliament are fed by certain unscrupulous schemers and forgers. Father Gondringer's letters deal with the matter so satisfactorily that further comment is not necessary:

Sir,-To my repeated challenges Mr. Potter has given three evasive answers, which I beg to quote in order to make the issue clearer:

(a) "Whether Mr. Gondringer or any other priest in New Zealand has signed this particular form of oath or any other form I know not." (Mr. Potter, through his substitute, Evening Post, July 3.)

(b) "It has already been pointed out that I did not charge anybody with signing an oath which has never existed." (Mr. Potter, Evening Post, July 7.)

(c) "Again I say that I did not allege that Father Gondringer or any other priest in the world signed a conglomerate oath, such as I am reported to have said."

(Mr. Potter, Evening Post, July 14.)
These repeated attempts to escape from my challenge sent me to Hansard, from which I beg to quote the following extracts from Mr. Potter's speech (second

session, 1923, No. 3, pp. 263-266):

"I will deal first of all with the Roman Catholic priests' oath. This is taken from Foye on the 'Romish Rites, etc." who is a great authority on the subject. Before Roman Catholic priests can come to this country they have to take this oath. They have to take it before they can become priests. . . Let me say that I have three or four oaths here. I cannot use them all, but here is one, and I ask any loyal Britisher to say what he thinks of it. It reads: 'I do renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any Protestant king, prince, or State, or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrines of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots, and other Protestants to be damnable, and those to be damued who will not forsake the same. further declare I will help, assist, and advise all or any of his Holiness's agents in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Pro-testant doctrines and to destroy all their pretended power, legal or otherwise."

This oath Mr. Potter declared to be the priest's oath, for, later on in his speech, he quoted the three other oaths, which he apparently did not at first intend to read. When, after reading the Jesuit oath and the

Sinn Fein oath, he came to the oath of the Knights of Columbus, he said: 'It is the last of the four I have here."

It is, therefore, clearly established that Mr. Potter had four oaths, all of which he quoted. The first of the list, quoted above, called the priest's oath, and of that oath he said: "Before Roman Catholic priests can come to this country they have to take this oath. have to take it before they can become priests."

That statement is perfectly clear, and my challenge

concerns that statement.

There can be no question here of "an oath which has never existed," for Mr. Potter states definitely that we have to take this eath before we can become priests. Nor will it avail his substitute to say "whether Mr. Gondringer or any other priest in New Zealand has signed this particular form of oath, or any other form, I know not," for Mr. Potter deliberately states that we have to take that oath before we can become priests. Nor can Mr. Potter's words stand: "Again I say that I did not allege that Father Gondringer or any other priest in the world signed a conglomerate oath such as I am reported to have said," for, I must repeat, for the third time, Mr. Potter deliberately stated that we have to take that oath before we can become priests.

Now that the issue is clear beyond any possible misunderstanding, I repeat my statement to your readers: (a) The oath mentioned by Mr. Potter has never been taken by any Catholic priest; (b) the sentiments contained in that oath are abhorrent to Catholics, and directly opposed to the teaching of their Church; (c) the entire cath-every word and every syllable of it -is a base and abominable forgery, and the most shameful and atrocious falsehood that has ever been invented against a religious denomination.

To Mr. Potter, who has had the good taste to question the honor and truthfulness of the Catholic

clergy, I have this to say:-

Our honor is not in your keeping—and we thank God for that! Whether we should be reliable witnesses in a Court of law is beyond your competence. Not even your abominable insinuation that we should tell lies under oath will draw from me one word impugning your own truthfulness and honor. But I would remind you that civilisation has guarded itself against the crime which you impute to us (in advance) by the law of perjury, as it has guarded itself against the crime which you have committed against us by the law of Our Courts are ready and qualified to apply those laws. In the ability, the impartiality, the integrity of our Judges I assume that we have the same unhesitating faith.

Therefore, Mr. Potter, let us leave alone for the nonce the many side issues you have raised, and appeal to the Courts to settle the great, central subject of our quarrel. You have stated in Parliament that we Catholic priests of New Zealand have taken the oath mentioned above. I appeal to you once more, for the sake of your own honor and the honor of the New Zealand Parliament, to stand by your words, and to attempt a proof of those grave charges. Name any priest you like, and we will serve von with a writ for libel. What have you to fear? If you are convinced that we have taken that oath, you must also feel convinced that you would win your case. And what a glorious vindication of your action in Parliament such a victory would be! If, on the other hand, you have a doubt on that point, then ten times more are you bound to take this step, lest it be written over your grave: "He slandered the innocent and would not retract.''—I am, etc.,

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Roman Interview with Right Rev. Dr. Whyte

THE BISHOP'S PLEASANT EXPERIENCES.

Long before the arrival of Bishop Whyte here in the Eternal City, we who dwell by the banks of the yellow Tiber had been hearing something of his progress through the United States. There is one of his priests here, Father O'Neill, who kept us informed of the various phases of the journey. The Bishop, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Dunne and Walsh, arrived here on the morning of Sunday, May 13, just in time for the ceremonies in connection with the Solemn Beatification of Blessed Robert Bellarmine. As soon as he had settled down I called and asked for an interview for the Tablet; wherefore one sunny morning in the soft springtime of Rome in the middle of May. I met the Bishop by appointment at the Irish College, where he was staying as the guest of the College authorities.

"Suppose we begin at the beginning, my Lord. I should like to have your impressions of the United States, and especially of the spiritual vigor of our Catholic people there."

"Well, I thoroughly enjoyed that part of the trip. In San Francisco I met the Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Hanna, who was kindness itself. The city there is very beautiful, and Catholicism is making great strides. I arrived in Chicago on the morning of Holy Thursday and immediately went to the Cathedral for the ceremonies. I was very much edified with the exactness and devotion with which the stately liturgy of Holy Week was carried out; and the great number who received Holy Communion there on Easter Sunday morning, especially the number of men, was a feature of Catholic life in Chicago that I could not help noticing. I was very glad to meet Archbishop Mundelein, who is a charming host. We were also at Ningara Falls, and my friend Father Walsh here spoke over the telephone to Toronto to the priest-poet. Father Dollard. The Catholicism of New York was very edifying indeed. In three churches in the city Mass is celebrated each Sunday morning at 2.30 a.m., and the three churches are crowded on every such occasion. The Masses are arranged for that early hour with a special view to the convenience of printers, postmen, policemen, and all others whose Sunday duties might conceivably prevent them from attending Holy Mass at later hours in the morning. Talking about the postmen reminds me that they had a General Communion there; some 2500 men atfended and the parade was accompanied by the Postmen's Band. About the same time, the policemen of New York. nearly 3000 strong, received Holy Communion in a body one Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This idea of organising sodalities and religious associations on the basis of trades or professions was a feature of Catholic organisation that impressed me very favorably during my trip through the United States."

"It is hardly a fair question, my Lord, in the circumstances, but I wonder how our Australasian Catholicism compares with Catholic life as you saw it in the States. Are we behindhand in the matter of organisation?
"It is a fair enough question, and it has been answered

before now by one who was in an excellent position to form a good judgment on such a point. It has already been answered by Archbishop Cerretti, who was Apostolic Delegate in Australia some years ago. He lived for several years in the United States, he knows Italy as only an Italian prelate can know it, and he is now stationed in Paris. Well, I found in the States that he was largely responsible for an impression broadcasted among many of the clergy there, the impression that our Australasian Catholicism has the finest organisation in the Catholic world. The systematisation of Catholic effort, the loval co-operation of the laity with the priests, the strictly business lines on which every diocesan or parochial movement proceeds to its ordained purpose, all this is something in which the Catholics of New Zealand and Australia have little to learn from any other Catholic body in the world. in little details we may liave to learn. For instance, 1 was very much with the thoroughgoing organisation struck the Catholic Charities' Drive in the archdiocese of New York. I was impressed also with the way in which they

are able to build up and maintain their great sodalities. Another point I noticed was the apostolic generosity of the American laity. They give without stint and they give all the time, wherever there is question of helping the Church. This characteristic reminded me very forcibly of the generosity of our own people in Australasia. I should not omit to mention that Archbishop Hayes of New York and Archbishop Curley of Baltimore, with both of whom I had some pleasant chats, are keenly interested in New Zealand and Australia.

"Did your Lordship learn anything from their school system?" $\,$

"Indeed that is one of the things that I missed, and I very much regret it. I had not sufficient time to make an adequate study of the organisation of the Catholic schools. The system there seems to be the same as with ourselves. The Catholics support their own schools, and at the same time they support the public schools which their children cannot use. One little point that struck me about the public schools was their insufficiency to cope with the great and growing demand for education. Indeed I was fold that, so crowded are they in some places, half of the children attend the morning classes and the other half the afternoon classes. I had no opportunity of verifying this statement, but I learned enough to be able to assert that if the Catholics were to close their schools to-morrow the various States and Municipalities would find themselves in a very bad way as regards school accommodation for the children of the citizens. What I saw of their High School system impressed me very favorably, and I found that their universities are reared on a broader and more democratic basis than I could have supposed possible. They go in greatly for evening classes in the universities. I was told that the Jews avail themselves very much of this opportunity for academic advancement. Indeed more than one authority told me that the Jews bid fair to control the whole system of university education in the States before many years. The Catholics are doing good work in this direction. They are steadily organising their own university system along lines that will run parallel with the teaching of the Church. Another point I should like to call your attention to is the organisation of the Catholic hospitals. But there again, we in Australasia have nothing essential to learn in that regard. Our only difficulty about Catholic hospitals in New Zealand and Australia is that we have not enough of them.

"Did you meet the new Apostolic Delegate, my Lord?" "Oh yes! you mean Archbishop Fumasoni-Biondi. Yes, I duly paid my respects to him and found him very much interested in Australasian Catholicism. That reminds me to tell you that I met Archbishop Cerretti in Paris. You see, after leaving New York we went to Cherbourg and thence to Paris. In that city we ran across two friends from Sydney, Mgr. O'Gorman and Mr. Cotter, of the Hibernian Society. Archbishop Cerretti was very gracious, and recalled with pleasure his Australian years; he spoke to me of the welcome the New Zealand people had given him when he came to them officially during his term at the Apostolic Delegation in Sydney. I taxed him with being responsible for the very fine reputation our Australasian Catholicism enjoys among the bulk of the American elergy. He admitted the soft impeachment and paid a glowing tribute to the people of New Zealand and Australia. In spreading this opinion outside Australasia he has been ably seconded by our present Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cattanco.

"Of course, my Lord, you will tell me something about the Holy Father?"

"Oh! he is graciousness itself. I had to have the usual audience and tender my official report, but of course you are not going to ask me to tell you anything about that part of the interview? I found him deeply interested in our school problem in New Zealand. He seems to be very well posted as to the work that our people are doing in that direction. He was also very keen about the progress of our seminary. But there now! you must excuse me from talking business. I may tell you, however, that after the business part of the interview had been completed I found him very willing to talk about New Zealand in general. Our people may be interested to know that he inquired particularly about the mountains and

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their altitudes, etc. You know his heart is ever with his own beloved Alps. I presented to his Holiness a little party of priests who came with me. This party included my two dear old friends, Father Dunne and Father Walsh; also my own diocesan, Father O'Neill, who is just about to finish his post-graduate studies here. And there were present, too, a couple of Dublin priests who happened to be in Rome on holiday at the time."

"Your Lordship intends staying here for some time?" "No. My programme allows me just a couple of weeks. The time scens all too short, for Rome is so very attractive to a priest. Then I have found several new friends as well as some old ones. Father Matthew Smith, who was well known in New South Wales some years ago as an energetic missionary, is here now in the responsible position of Assistant-General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He has been uniformly kind to me during my visit to Rome. My usual cicerone is Father O'Neill, whose knowledge of Rome and things Roman is delightfully extensive. I have met the Irish Franciscans here in their beautiful cloisters at St. Isidore's; they have an Australian student there, a young cleric from Richmond outside Melbourne. I was entertained also at the headquarters of the Carmelites, where I met Fathers Magennis and Ronayne. The former is the Father-General and the latter is the Assistant-General. Each of those gentlemen has Australian experiences, as they both have worked as priests for some years in South Australia and Victoria. Speaking of the Carmelites reminds me of a very pleasing function at which I was present, namely the taking possession of his titular church of Santa Maria in Traspontina by his Eminence Cardinal Nasalli-Rocca. You know that a new Cardinal is appointed by the Holy Father to what is called the title of a Roman church. When the Archbishop of Bologna was made Cardinal he asked the Pope for the title of this particular church of the Carmelites. At the ceremony of induction as titular of the church, the new Cardinal was warmly welcomed by the Father-General in an impressive address, and his response was strikingly eloquent. The Italian language seems to lend itself easily to eloquence, for it is evidently very musical. Speaking of languages, do you know that I have been agreeably surprised at the progress of the Irish language here, especially among the students? In the Irish College and in several other Irish establishments in the Eternal City, the dear old tongue seems to be the ordinary mode of communication among the rising generation."

"May I ask your Lordship to tell me what you think of the present state of affairs in Ireland?"

"Well, I scarcely feel myself to be in a position to give any sort of adequate reply to that question. You see, it seems to me to be primarily a domestic question for Irishmen actually living in Ireland. I have lived so much out of Ireland that, although I love it with all my heart and desire to see it happy and prosperous, I hesitate to pronounce a verdict or to give a definite opinion as to the rights or wrongs of the present dispute. I believe that we Irishmen who live abroad may possibly serve Ireland best by our prayers before the throne of God."

With this the interview closed. His Lordship left Rome on Monday, 28th May, for Lourdes *en route* to Ireland.

-Stannous.

Five Cures at Lourdes

The first great national pilgrimage of the year to Lourdes has gone and returned (says Catholic News Service, London), and of the 106 sick cases, eight of them so severe that stretchers had to be used for the whole journey, five authentic cases of cures are reported. These cures have not been accepted and certified by the Bureau des Contestations at Lourdes, that deficiency, however, is merely technical; since the persons concerned bear all the outward marks of relief from their infirmities. The most remarkable, and authentic, of these cures is that of an Irish lady living in London. For seven years and a half she had not walked, her affliction being spinal trouble and neurasthenia. After bothing in the piscinas she was able to walk, and even if the cure is not certified the fact remains that this lady walks after having been bed-ridden for seven and a half years. Another Irish pilgrim, from Clacton-on-Sea, left behind her at Lourdes practical signs that her infirmity had departed from her. A leg iron and crutches, which enabled this pilgrim to walk, were shed at Lourdes, the

leg iron at the Grotto and the crutches after the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Again, the Bureau des Contestations has not certified this cure; but the pilgrim went a cripple to Lourdes, and returned to London able to walk without any surgical aids. A man from Dover who had suffered ten years from deafness, declares his hearing returned after bathing in the waters at Lourdes.

Answers to Correspondents

ORIENT.- Short story hit the first fence badly.

GIROFLEE.—Thanks for sending us your verses. We cannot improve on the sound advice given by Dr. Johnson to a young poetess, who, while he was reading her effort, remarked hopefully "I have other irons in the fire too, sir." "Put this with them, my dear!"

Anxious.—We do not run a medical department, so that we really regret that we cannot recommend a gargle likely to help your singing. Personally we should be glad to get a prescription that would keep other people from trying to sing within ten miles of us.

SACERDOS.—We have more than once said that we know no better works on early Irish history than Dr. Eoin MacNeill's two volumes on early Irish history. But they are not easy reading. However, do not pretend that you know anything about the subject unless you have read them. As for the best book of the later revival, we hold it is Pearse's volume of plays and stories.

H.M.—There is certainly no disgrace attached to receiving the old age pension. We only regret that our own haptismal certificate is an obstacle to securing it for the present, as the Government does not take into account that an editor travels towards old age at the rate of a year per week. In the Dunedin climate the speed is even more terrific.

BOOK NOTICES

Tulankhamen, by G. Elliot Smith, F.R.S. Per Augus and Robertson, Sydney. 4/6 net.

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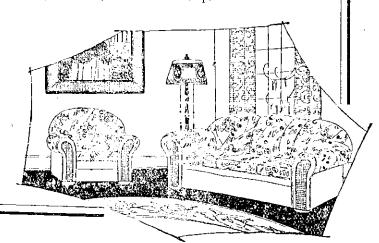
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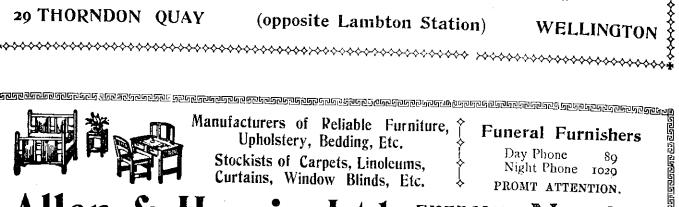
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The Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, assisted by Rev. Father Smiers (assistant priest), Rev. Father Byrne (deacon), Rev. Father Shore (subdeacon), Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook (master of ceremonies). The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, presided. An efficient choir rendered, with much sweetness, the music of the Mass. The church was crowded, numbers being able to find only standing room. After the Gospel, the occasional sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Liston.

Bishop Liston's Sermon.

We summon up to-day the shades of the past-60 years of home-life and nation-building, and material achievement and soul service in this settlement of Puhoi by apostolic priests and a faithful, virile people. It is fitting that the closing of this period should be marked by solemn ceremonial, in which we praise God for countless temporal blessings, and even more for the rich harvests of grace, and in which we take to ourselves the holy resolve that the harvests of the future shall not be unequal to whose of the past in beauty and wealth. It is fitting that here. on this spot, where the pioneers of Puhoi-your fathers, mothers, friends, neighbors -worshipped God, did their day's work, were strengthened, consoled, and sanctifiedit is fitting that here we should express our gratitude to the Most High for the wonders that have been wrought. And may we not fancy that the souls of the pioneers who have passed from the scene of their earthly life's work, to the safe keeping of God, look down on this gathering and, mingling their joys and thanksgivings with yours, pray that the reward which is theirs may one day be yours?

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by the industry of one whose priestly heart beats with warm love of Puhoi and its people, and whose own priestly labors justly entitle him to the affectionate esteem which his people so gladly give him. But the author would be the first to confess that he has not told—that he could not

tell-the full story of the years now closed; for the full story is buried in many honored graves and written only in the hearts of the survivors. Three fine monuments have been raised by the priests and people of Pulioi—a church, a Christian school, and Catholic homes. Every board and nail of this church represents sweat of brow and sacrifice of heart, and yet it is no sacrifice, because it is a monument of love. The Christian school teaches Christian children the wisdom of the higher, the Christian life, as well as the wisdom of material progress. The Convent home beside it affords a shelter to the Sisters, who belong to a body of skilled teachers and, like other similar bodies, their Christ-like work and life makes the blindest of men feel there is another and better world. Around these precious jewels --the Church, the Christian school, the Convent home-is the glorious setting of Christian homes. If we find in this sheltered corner of God's earth fidelity to duty, justice, charity, worship of the Almighty, credit is chiefly due to the brave men and valiant women who have lived their simple lives here in this parish of SS, Peter and Paul, Search land and sea and you will find divine wisdom and goodness and patience in the smallest atom that gives its strength and beauty to the building up of the universe, So, too, the pleasing beauty and enduring value of the 60 years we recall to-day are to be found in the little, nurcmembered acts of love and work and fidelity and sacrifice that men and women have fashioned here in the workshops of their homes. It is homes such as these that make a nation truly great. We lay at the feet of the builders-those who, through God's mercy, are with us to-day and those who sleep well in yonder cemetery after life's fitful fever-we lay at their feet the tribute of our praise. On bended knees, and from the depths of grateful hearts, we bespeak for them all the reward in God's home for which they have toiled.

At the close of the Pontifical Mass, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Bishop Cleary, and a solemn *Te Deum* of thanksgiving for the blessings of 60 years was sung by the choir.

BLESSING NEW CONVENT.

Immediately after the ceremonies in the church, a procession was formed and bishops, clergy, and people proceeded to the new convent of St. Joseph (architect, Mr. Charles Becher). The ceremony of blessing was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Cleavy. (The new school—of which Mr. T. Mahoney was architect—had already been blessed and opened and in active and beneficent operation for several months.)

School and Convent: Helpers, Finance.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of blessing, the Rev. Father Silk made a short address. After welcoming the hishops and other visitors, the speaker described the various steps taken by his predecessors and himself (with the encouragement of the two bishops) to open a Catholic school in Puhoi. He also briefly referred to some of the misconceptions that arose for a time locally from lack of knowledge of the scope of the Catholic school, and the noble work and worth of the teaching Sisterhoods, and the greatly exaggerated fear of the overhead expenses of conducting one of these homes of religious education rejoiced in the sudden popularity of the Sisters, and the veneration and affection in which they are held in the parish. He spoke in terms of warmest commendation of the work of the committee on behalf of the school and convent, singling out for most special and particular praise the secretary, Mr. William Schollum, whose zealous and indefatigable labors (he said) no words of his could adequately describe.

Turning to the financial side of the matter, the speaker gave the following information: The new school and convent, both furnished, had cost £2350. The following gifts had been received from persons not connected with the parish: from Bishop Liston, the munificent donation of £100; from Mr. and Mrs. Halliday (Warkworth), the leadlights in the convent; from Messrs. McNab and Mason (Auckland), the inscribed marble slab on the school. All the rest of the donations, in money and kind, had come from the generosity of the people of Puhoi parish and their relatives. At the moment of his address, the amount due upon both buildings was only £800. Of this amount, £500 had been promised by January 1, 1924; and he (the speaker) knew that the promises of the people were their

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bond. Thus, the money in hand, or in sight, at that moment, would leave a debt of only £300 upon the school and convent, and he asked them to wipe out that balance before the sun went down upon the day of their diamond jubilee.

ADDRESS BY BUSHOP CLEARY.

His Lordship Dr. Cleary then delivered a fine discourse on Education, in part, as follows:---

The Church's Way.

All down the ages, the Church of God has had one, and only one, solution of the problem of religious instruction and religious training. She brings religion into the school, as well as into the home, and into the church. She makes religion from the beginning, what it should be: a part of life; not something added to life, not something tacked on to life, like a feather to your cap, or an extra ribbon to your wife's bonnet. Religion is more than the mere imparting of knowledge. A few hours (perhaps even an hour) a week might give the average intelligent child all necessary knowledge of religion. But religion does not end with the catechism. It is a discipline, a training of mind, will, heart, moral conscience. It must go through and through every hour of the child's school life. At should enter into all the processes of education. This is, substantially, what Catholics mean by the "religious atmosphere" to which we attach so much importance. This does not, of course, imply the continuous direct teaching and practice of religion. It means (in the words of Pope Leo XIII.) that children's "training must be permeated by religious principles." And this atmosphere is created not alone by religious instruction and worship, but also by the presence of the Sisters, by their demeanor, by their religious habit, by the pictures on the walls. All of these things do a silent work of moulding the character of the pupil; they make the whole fabric of the child's education religious and Catholic. And their influence does not end at the school door. People engaged in the perfume facctories on the French Riviera carry away with them the scents of rose and thyme and jasmine that are in the very atmosphere of the place. And children educated in our Catholic schools carry away with them, to their homes, the sweet odor of faith and piety that pervades the very atmosphere of our whole educational system.

Au Artesian Fount.

This is the work which these devoted Sisters are doing here in this parish. They will train up your children to the high level of secular knowledge. They will train the young minds and hearts and wills in the grand realities in the most important things of all: the knowledge and practice of the rules of conduct upon which final and permanent happiness depends. In a dry and arid region in Mexico, I once saw a great artesian fountain rising above the soil. It was conducted through irrigation channels and turned a great and once sterile area into a Juxuriant garden. This convent and school will be a fount of good. spreading the fruitful grace and blessing of heaven through the length and breadth of this parish. The Sisters and their work will be a spiritual tonic to the whole countryside. With all my heart I bless the house, the Sisters. their work, and the people among whom they have come as true angels or messengers of God.

The religious celebrations at the new convent were brought to a close with a brief address by Bishop Liston, felicitating the people of Puhor on past achievements and giving happy auguries for the years to come.

SOCIAL CELEBRATIONS.

The large Town Hall of Puhoi was tastefully and gaily decorated for the social celebrations connected with the diamond jubilee of the settlement. Right opposite, inside the church grounds, stood an exhibit which attracted a great deal of attention during the day. This was a crude, earth-floored hut of nikan palm, such as the early settlers erected to shelter themselves and their families against the inclemency of the first winters passed by them under southern skies.

Lavish hospitality was extended to all comers in the Town Hall, which was arranged as a dining-room, capable of seating about 200 guests at a time. First in order came the pioneers, the bishops and clergy, and other visitors.

At the close of the first session, a speech of welcome was delivered by the chairman, Mr. Ernest Barker. An enlivening reply was made by Mr. Hogg, a shipmate (though not a fellow-settler) of the first group of Bohemian immigrants.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

During the afternoon the Town Hall was again scated as an assembly room and densely filled for the second phase of the social celebrations, over which the jubilee chairman, Mr. Ernest Barker, presided. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the following: His Excellency the Governor-General; the Archbishop of Wellington (Dr. Redwood); the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington (Dr. O'Shea); the Bishop of Christchurch (Dr. Brodie, formerly rector of Puhoi); the Right Rev. Mgr. Mahomy, V.G., and many others of the Catholic clergy; the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph; Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and others.

A roast to "our spiritual and temporal rulers" was given by the Rev. Father Silk, and duly honored. By request, Bishop Cleary then spoke of

The Pioneers.

In the course of his remarks his Lordship said: --

Here are a few samples of what men, women, and children many, happily, living to-day—had to endure among the tangled virgin forests that then clothed the hills and valleys now cleared and dotted over with prosperous shops and farms.

"The early settlers built themselves nikau palm lims, kept spottessly clean. For five years they had no candles. Their lights were the hearth-fires and torches of kauri gum.

There was no road for six years, no horse for ten years (ill 1873); no wheeled vehicle for many years. The new colonists wen; barefooted. For years they had to carry their supplies of tea and flour from Anekland over mud-tracks, a double journey of 60 miles. Frequently they had not sufficient to pay for their lodging in the little town of that day, and so they had to trame straight back again with their burdens, sleeping in the fern or tea-tree on the way. Worse still, they had to carry their sick and injured for treatment to Anekland. There is an old story about the Greek hero, Aeneas, carrying his aged father on his shoulders through the flames of captured Troy. To my mind, a far more heroic figure was that of Mrs. Russek carrying her broken-legged child upon her shoulders over 30 miles of wild tracks from the Puhoi settlement to the hospital in Anekland. And then

The Food

of these sturdy and patient settlers: For the first year, largely bread and water, varied by boiled sorrel and uikau palm leaves; for the second year, mainly bread and tea; during the third year potatoes were added to the rigidly simple fare. And the bread must have often been scanty indeed in those early years, for flour cost C2 a ewt, and the settlers' earnings (from shingles) often about 5s a month. So we are not surprised to learn that those magnificent pioneers had, at times, to stifle the pangs of hunger with hoiled grass, and that their clothing was in good part made out of flour bags. The first cow did not arrive for years, and then it took its owner three years and four mentls to pay for if with the proceeds of posts, rails, shingles, and charcoal sold for a trifle in the Anekland markets. Under such conditions of

Acute Misery

and hardships, these great-hearted men and women, and the numerous children, from far-off Bohemia, began the seemingly hopeless task of taming the wilderness and turning the dense virgin forests into the smiling farms we see to-day stretching on every side for miles. For the women toiled as valiantly as the men-all of them some 12 to 14 hours a day-- and with equally unconquerable hope and courage. And this, even though (having no explosives) it took about a week to remove one of the numerous large trees. Scores of Victoria Crosses have been won for for less grit and bravery and dogged endurance. Those splendid pioneers conquered the deadly uphill by never turning back. They had the high courage which is the result of high faith and hope, and an essential element of high character. They carried a hard task through in the spirit of a great leader of Israel, and many of them, like him, died knowing that, not they, but others, would gather

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the fruits of their toil. They 'passed through glory's morning gate and walk in Paradise.' But they are not dead; they are only gone before. They live in their descendants. 'They live in their pioneer labors, which remain to this day. They live in the inspiration which their work and worth and example will be to New Zealand for generations yet unborn."

At the close of his speech, the Bishop distributed a series of badges to the surviving members of the early pioneers present in the hall.

CONCLUSION OF CELEBRATIONS.

The third and final stage of the social celebrations was a social evening in the Town Hall, the early pioneers inaugurating the social by performing one of the fine old Bohemian peasant dances, to the strains of their national bagpipes. The remainder of the music of the social evening was supplied by Mr. Albert Schollum's family orchestra from Big Omaha, and by the Puhoi Band (founded in 1913), which also performed outside the Town Hall during the day.

New Convent School at Eltham

BLESSED AND OPENED BY ARCHBISHOP O'SHEA.

The new Catholic Convent School recently established in Eltham, was officially opened at noon to-day in the presence of a large gathering of the public and school children (says the Eltham Argus for July 11). Archbishop O'Shea officiated in connection with the dedication ceremony, which commenced at 11 a.m., with Solenn High Mass in the church, celebrated by the Rev. Father Outtrin, of Wanganui. This was followed by a procession of the convent pupils and the Archbishop and clergy towards the school, where his Grace performed the ceremonies proper to the occasion.

Addressing the gathering from the school steps, the Archbishop expressed pleasure at being able to officiate at the opening ceremony of such an imposing school, which was that day being dedicated to the great cause of religious education for the Catholic children of Eltham. The prayers offered up and ritual performed, he said, implored the blessing of the Almighty not only on the school and teachers, but also on all who were taught within its walls. The principal reason for the establishment of private Catholic institutions was the belief that religious training was all necessary in the proper education of the children, and they believed that education not associated with religious teaching was not effective. Throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand the Catholic community were building private schools and equipping them on a scale that rated them second to no other institution in the Dominion. In other countries, such as the United States and Australia, in addition to paying the taxation imposed for the maintenance of the State schools, the Catholic people there contributed liberally towards the upkeep of splendid private institutions that permitted of religious training in a worthy manner. While realising that these private schools meant considerably more expenditure the people in those countries and in New Zealand were prepared to make a big sacrifice in order that their children should receive proper education and be brought up in the faith. The training of the conscience was an important factor in determining the character of the future citizen, and it was to impress on the child-mind that religious teaching and education went hand in hand that these schools were being built. That was one reason why the Catholic people were prepared to make such sacrifices-it was for religion and education. He could well understand the unbelievers and Bolsheviks attempting to do away with religious training when they neither believed in God nor the hereafter. That was only to be expected from a nation which had lost its Christian civilisation when it had refused its religion. The present Christian civilisation, in his opinion, could not persevere, and must fall sooner or later if Christian education was not' adopted. One result was to be seen in the chaos in Russia, where religion was persecuted, and the Government had taken stringent measures to prevent religious teaching among the children. Again, if there was only one class of school in New Zealand, they would have a monopoly of the educational facilities, which according to the Archbishop, would not be to the benefit of the country nor the children, as the system would be inclined

to degenerate in standard for lack of competition. The Catholic institutions had set a high standard which was maintained, consequently the competition was keen. In contributing to these schools they were assisting greatly towards progress and efficiency in the community. were people with strange ideas-bureaucrats and bigotsconcerning denominational schools, which they desired to abolish. The bureaucrat disliked free thought and consequently objected to the liberty allowed in the education of the children, while the bigot held narrow views and could see nothing beyond his particular ken. However, as long as they had a representative Government the bureaucrat could be checked by appeal to the politician, if not to the latter's sense of justice, then to him personally at the election poll. The decline in morality and the Christian civilisation generally had been commented upon by newspapers and writers recently, but he pointed out that it was impossible to regain mental balance so long as the people refused religious teaching. Secular education was destroying the influence of the Church on the children of to-day, and if the schools did not give religious teaching they would in years to come have a country without religion, which in time would mean the loss of every vestige of civilisation handed down by their fathers. New Zealand, at least, did not mean to be accused of failing to give its school children religious instruction, and the Catholic people_he knew were prepared to make big sacrifices in order that their children should be so educated. All over the Dominion school buildings such as the one being opened, were being established, and, although there might be a clashing of interests at present he was sure that their fellow-countrymen would in future bless the Catholic people for the excellent work. In conclusion the Archbishop congratulated Father Moore, the parishioners, and all who had contributed towards the construction of the building, which was worthy of the highest praise and commendation.

Father Moore intimated that a contribution of £50 had been received from an anonymous subscriber, for the building, and announced that he would supplement that with a further donation of £50.

RECEPTION AND CONCERT.

A reception and concert in the Eltham Town Hall was tendered to the Archbishop in the evening. With his Grace on the platform were Fathers Moore, Outrim, Edge, and the Deputy Mayor, Mr. J. Carter, who, on behalf of the people of Eltham, extended to their distinguished visitor a cordial welcome. He referred to the splendid new schools, erected at a cost of £3000, which large amount was practically paid up already owing to the generosity of the local people, non-Catholic as well as Catholic.

Father Moore, the moving cause of Eltham's educational and cultural progress, rising amidst prolonged applause, expressed, in his usual felicitous style and with his own inimitable eloquence, his gratitude to all who had helped to make the functions so successful. On behalf of the parishioners of Eltham and Kaponga, than whom none under the starry banner of the Southern Cross were more loyal and devoted to their Faith, he welcomed the Archbishop to this part of the archdiocese, and thanked him for coming amongst them to open their new schools. Already, at Kaponga, the parishioners had erected schools which were admired and praised even by critics hard to please. Now Eltham had raised another such eloquent monument to the devotion of the flock and to their determination to provide for the children an education worthy of their Catholic traditions. Indeed, Taranaki was the place to come to see what was being done for Catholic edication. There was a magnificent school opened recently close to the mighty murmur of the ocean billows that break on Opunake's iron beach; no motor could bear a tourist so rapidly over the perfect roads round Kaponga but that he would be brought to a pause when he noticed the fine scholastic institution which as surely as the snowy mountain pointed the way to God; and now in the prosperous town of Eltham another link had been added to this chain of Catholic schools which in the present and in the future was going to bind the children of the Province in golden bonds about the feet of God. He thanked them all; he was proud of them all; and he regretted that he was rendered speechless by his emotion. (Cheers.)

An address of welcome from the convent pupils was

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then read to the Archbishop, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause as he rose to speak. He congratulated them all on the progress, but it was expected of Eltham where people had the knack of doing things. He deeply appreciated the harmony of all creeds and classes of which the new schools are a lasting proof, and he hoped it was an omen of the peace for all mankind for which they all prayed at the present time. He appealed to them all to do what in them lay to promote this peace by promoting better understanding amongst all.

An enjoyable concert followed, the selections being the following: Orchestra (under the baton of Mr. Beesley): songs: Mrs. Godson, "The Vale of Avoca"; Mr. Castles, "Songs of Araby"; Miss Molly Green, "To a Miniature": Father Outtrim, "Mary O'Neill"; Miss Uniacke, violin solo; Miss Moron, dance.

St. Mary of the Angels,' Wellington

(CONTRIBUTED.)

It was during a business trip to Wellington. The second day of my stay left me with a couple of unoccupied hours, which, in their turn, brought me the happy inspiration to visit the new Church of St. Mary of the Angels'. It had suddenly burst upon my view the day before as the motor car was swinging round from Manners Street into Willis Street. My eyes had been attracted to it again as I rode past in more plebeian fashion—in a tramcar. At that bend of the city—with a hundred bends and a thousand winds—at Wellington's busiest corner, St. Mary's rises, soars, and challenges. It challenges, if forces your attention. In my tram-rides I noticed that well-nigh everyone cast a swift glance to the left. A few Catholics there may have been who did so out of devotion—yet the majority must have been here, as in other things, impelled by curiosity, an interest-curiosity in a work of art, of which, so far as I was able to discover, all Wellingtonians, irrespective of creed, take great pride.

There are many kinds of pride, and of them all perhaps the most laudable, is pride in a work of art, which, while glorifying the Creator, adds charm, or dignity, or beauty to one's city, one's country. It is an impersonal sort of pride, which thousands can share. It is a pride that humbles, while it exalts the human heart. For man, rejoicing in the tribal part of his nature over the glory added to his country, must yet sorrowfully reflect that he will pass, but the monument will remain.

As I went up to the main entrance memories came to me of the old St. Mary's, in which I had attended Mass in many a visit to Wellington in younger days. It was a dear, levely, I would almost say homely, church-small and humble compared with the minster that now soars above its ashes. Hallowed by age and incense and prayer. it had in abundance what church-goers call by the word "devotional." It was easy to pray in it, and it was hard to leave it. At least I found it so, even in my younger days. And as I recalled the impressions I was suddenly struck by the words graved in deep bold characters on the perron in front of the new church: Sub Marine Nomine -Under the Name of the Mother of God. The words as challenging in their briefness as the thin, skypiercing pinacles, twine around the arms of the Society of Mary. The familiar coat of arms with the morning star that surely betokens this lovely morning land of ours-the first jewel in the diadem of the Society of Mary-held me spell-bound with a flood of memories. Memories which for me were the children of memories, for I had learned them at my mother's knee: of the brave days of old, the tangled hush, the pathless swamp, the swollen mountain-torrent. and a son of France, rejoicing in the name of Marist, tramping up and down this land, seeking to convert it to Holy Mother Church.

I mounted the steps and entered. What a fairy vision was here! It was as if a beautifully moulded shell, with a thousand lines perfectly drawn upon its grey and rugged cover had suddenly opened before me and revealed the immaculate whiteness of the interior. For within all was smooth, snowy, satin-like splendor. The splendidly proportioned arches, the rows of fretted windows, the perfectly moulded pillars, the lofty, soaring vault—these I did not see at once. My mind was taken up with my first impression, and I involuntarily exclaimed: a fairy shell without a precious pearl within. As I advanced up the church

and was able to take in details, the heart of the pearl (if I may use that word) was revealed to me in the beautiful High Altar of Gothic design, carried out in Carrara marble, a miniature replica of the great church which encloses it. It stands beneath the purple shadows of the great Crucifixion window,—altar and window alike unequalled in New Zealand. What a striking contrast is here between the almost dazzlingly white marble altar, and the rich yet mellow tones of the stained glass! A contrast and yet a harmonised combination, reproducing in stone and glass the traditional vesture of her in whose honor the church is built.

It is fitting that in such a church the Lady Chapel should be invested with special splendor. But the Lady Chapel of St. Mary's makes one almost forget the splendor of the great church around. For here, dimly lighted by stained glass windows depicting the fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary, of the most exquisite coloring and craftsmanship, rises a majestic altar of alabaster, of delightful tint, with a border of lapis lazuli. And on that altar, resplendent even amid the variegated hues of the noble stone, stands a singularly beautiful statue of Our Lady, in which the motives of mother and maid so effectively mingle that young and old alike can indeed call her their very own protectress.

The corresponding chapel on the left side of the apse is dedicated to St. Joseph. The stained glass here represents the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and both the altar and the statue are of unusual beauty, inferior only to those in the Lady Chapel.

A marble statue of the Sacred Heart, a Pieta (a reproduction of Michelangelo's), are a beginning of the interior decoration of the church. Not all the threads are woven in this magnificent vesture, but month by month, if funds allow, new threads are added to the old, until the completed fabric promises to become a queenly coronation robe, to which hundreds have brought their share, as in the tapestries of old.

Casting a last look around and taking in the beauty of the whole once more, I could not help thinking of the sacrifices made by pastor and people alike, when in the most difficult times experienced in our generation, they saw themselves faced with the necessity of building a new church, and boldly determined to build like the great builders of old, for centuries to come. My mind went back to that day in May, 1918, when the news was spread, bringing sadness to many hearts, that St. Mary's had gone up in flames, and I imagined that I saw Father Mahony standing by the glowing embers, sad but undaunted, with the prophetic words on his lips:

"Our Mother of masterful children shall sit on her throne "as of yore,

With her old robes of purple about her and crowned with the crowns that she wore,

She shall sit at the gates of the South, where the nations shall gather and meet,

And the East and the West at her bidding shall lie in a leash at her feet."

His dream has come true, his prophecy has been realised. To his Mother and Queen he has built a glorious temple. And high upon that temple he has set her statue with her face turned towards the East, overlooking that great waterway of Poneke, o'er which will come the immigrants of the future. With arms outstretched she reaches out as it were to welcome them in. Prosit Omen!—Viator.

Monsignor Coffey Memorial Fund

Contributions to the Mgr. Coffey Memorial Fund have been received as follows:—Rev. P. J. O'Neill, South Duncdin; Miss M. O'Neill, Dunedin, £1; Mrs. J. B. Grave, Oamaru, £1; Mrs. B. Molloy, Oamaru, £1 1s; Dr. Morkane, Christchurch, £2 2s; total, £15 3s. Further contributions may be forwarded to Rev. Father Foley (treasurer) or to the secretary, N.Z. Tablet Co., Ltd.

Month's Mind for Dean Thomas McKenna

Just as we were going to press we received a telegram stating that the Month's Mind for the late Dean Thomas McKenna will take place at St. Anne's, Newtown, Wellington, at 10 o'clock on August 8.

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FRANCE AND GERMANY



HE whole world looks on with anxiety while the question of French demands and German reparations remains unsolved. America stands aloof; England has a furtive sympathy with Germany; France stands to her guns; accounts of harsh treatment and of atrocities committed by the army of occupation are broadcast; and, owing to this result of the godless Peace Conferences,

the European Powers are all more or less on a steep slope at the foot of which is an abyss of unfathomed depth. Representatives of the British Labor Party who visited Cologne, Dusteldorf, Essen and Bochum, hold that, bad as conditions are now, they will become worse if drastic measures are taken by the occupying forces. The Labor delegates submit a series of suggestions of which the following is a summary:

(1) A settlement cannot be reached by attempting to dismember Germany or to keep her permanently "in a state of economic vassalage." (2) The total amount of reparations should be fixed at once and international loans secured on German resources floated so that France and Belgium could be paid at once. (3) A special meeting of the League of Nations should be called to admit Germany as a member and to settle questions of national security, debts and indemnities. The British Government should be ready to be generous in regard to debts, mandates and forfeited property, both on moral grounds and because present conditions ruin trade, are likely to cause war, and endanger civil liberty and reform. (4) The German proposals offer a basis for negotiation. (5) Troops should be removed from the occupied territory, and, if this is not agreed to, British troops should be withdrawn independently and at once.

Interference with the liberty of the German workers, they declare, will lead either to famine or widespread disorders.

Germany's note, of June 7, states that she has already made known her sincere belief as to her capacity to make reparations payments, and that to promise more than she could do would be folly. In proof of her determination to discharge her debts she invites the decision of an impartial international body, for whose information she will throw open all her financial records and furnish any details that may be desired concerning the resources of German industry and business. As precise indications of the kind of guarantee she can offer, the following proposals are made as part of a definite settlement:

(1) The railway system of the Reich, with all its appurtenances, will be detached from the other State property and held as a separate fund, the accounts of which would be independent of the general financial administration and under its own control; and obligations will be issued up to the amount of 10,000,000,000 gold marks, with a direct first charge on the assets of this administration and carrying interest at five per cent. as from July 1, 1927, thus securing an annual payment of 500,000,000 gold marks.

(2) To secure a further annual payment of 500,000,-000 gold marks, as from July 1, 1927, the German Government will at once subject the entire business, industry, banking, trade, traffic, and agriculture of the country to a guarantee in the form of a first mortgage of 10,000,000,000 gold marks on the real estate, whether buildings, dwellings, lands, or forests. annual dues of 500,000,000 gold marks will be levied either indirectly in the form of a general tax on all classes of property or on the specific objects of the

mortgage.

(3) In addition the German Government will pledge as security the customs on imports of consumable articles other than necessaries, the excise on tobacco, beer, wine and sugar, and the receipts of the spirits monopoly. On the average of the years preceding the war these customs and excise receipts reached about 800,000,000 gold marks. Their yield in gold marks has now fallen to one-quarter on account of the loss of territory and population and reduced consumption. With the recovery of the economic activity of Germany it will automatically increase.

In conclusion the German Government explains that in so vast and complicated a matter real progress cannot be made by the mere exchange of written documents, but only by word of mouth at the conference table:

A method of payment can only be arranged in direct consultation with those who are to receive pay-The guarantees can only be worked out in detail with the collaboration of those whom they are intended to serve. For the solution of all these questions oral discussion is essential. Germany acknowledges her liability to make reparation. The German Government repeats its request that a conference be summoned to decide how it may best discharge it.

While England seems auxious for more moderate measures than France is willing to concede, the United States Government, according to the New York Herald, is willing "to give whatever aid it can in a final and workable settlement, and would, if agreeable to all parties interested in the reparations payment, participate in any conference of experts that the Powers decided on." In the meantime, the most disturbing factor in a very threatening situation remains un-settled, and the future looks dark. One looks around the world to-day and asks what has become of all the fine promises made by our press and politicians when they wanted men to rush forward for sacrifice in the war that was to end all wars and make the earth safe for democracy. Surely, seeing how terribly the policy of banishing Christian principles from their councils has recoiled on the Powers, the peoples of Europe ought to have common sense enough to give justice and charity a chance at present.

Determined Stand Against Evil Literature

 Λ vigorous fight is being waged against evil literature in Limerick. This zealous work is being performed under the auspices of the Catholic Literature Guild of Limerick, which is making a determined stand against the pest of bad literature. The formation of the Catholic Literature Guild has given encouraging impetus to this form of activity. The object of the guild is to endeavor to shame the purchasers of wares that rock with moral putridities, and to deter the purveyors and vendors of such matter as is contained in certain so-called Sunday papers, and also to make easy the obtaining abundant supplies of good reading matter and of sound Catholic reading in general. The guild has done excellent work in selling good literature.



Bad Books

One is often asked whether such or such a novel is on the Index, and as a rule the question is not asked concerning books that are forbidden. There are few English books named in the Index of Prohibited Books, and the majority of these few are books that most people are not likely to read. People who speak without knowledge sometimes tell others that Marie Corelli's books are forbidden but, on the contrary, we remember recently seeing them praised by a sound Catholic critic who knew what he was writing about. Beyond the books that are contrary to faith and the books that treat directly about obscenities, the badness of a book may be said to be relative: a book that might well be described as a good book could easily be dangerous for young readers, and, in fact, a book that is positively a good book, nay, even the best of all books, the Bible itself, may be relatively bad reading if we consider what parts of it are read and who reads them. For instance, a Principal of a Protestant college testifies to the fact that tradition handed down from one generation of students to another certain parts of the Sacred Book which were read with prurient minds and corrupt hearts, by no means to the spiritual benefit of the youths. Shakspere is a good book in the hands of mature and educated readers, but it can easily be a cause of great scandal to inexperienced and impressionable persons. The same thing is true of many of the great classical works. On the whole, perhaps, they may be described as good, but for some persons they are certainly bad. Among modern novels, there is a class of light, erotic, suggestive books which can tenthfully be described as bad in every sense; they are bad from a literary point of view, and bad from a moral point of view.

New Books

A word about some new books which came under our notice recently. First and worst, Landon, by the author of Adam of Dublin, is a novel by a clever writer of perverse mind and of huge conceit with his own importance. That it is a reflex of the mind from which it emanated can be said without paying a tribute either to the book or its author.

Two Shall Be Born, by the author of The Butter-fly Man, is good reading. It is a fine wholesome story, well written and intensely interesting. The adventures of the little exiled Polish Countess, who finds herself involved in serious political intrigues, and the story of her love for and marriage with a big New York Irish boy, will keep the reader who takes up the book awake until it is finished.

Rooted Out, by Dorothea Conyers, is one of the best novels this popular lady has written. Dorothea Conyers has among writers of hunting stories no superiors, except the Sommerville and Ross ladies, who perhaps surpass her in some respects and are inferior to her in others; in Rooted Out she has given us of her best. The story of Desmond Moore's adventures in Ireland and England never wanders far from the sound of the horn, and you cannot read the descriptions of the hunting days without being convinced that they were written by a lady who has first-hand knowledge of what an Irish hunter can do; whether across a country fit for a Point-to-Point race or behind hounds that follow a hot scent over gorse-grown boundary fences as big as ramparts, savage stone fences on the slopes of a mountain, and banks that loom high and wide between deep ditches filled with dark bog-water.

We deem unworthy of mention by name a novel of anti-clerical tendencies which describes a bishop as being dressed all in white! and gravely informs its i readers that priests were not allowed to have mirrors

in their rooms! Probably that is why all the clergy wear long beards in all countries. Why don't these people tell a lie with some color of truth about it?

Cards Discarded

A contemporary notes that the time-honored and fatuous custom of visiting cards (irreverently called 'shooting pasteboards") has practically died out, and that stationers and printers mourn the loss of revenue which used to come from the extravagant use of the meaningless little slips. It was certainly as silly an observance as fashion ever imposed on human beings, and if there is an end to it no man or woman endowed with common sense ought to be sorry. There was an entire ritual surrounding the right use of cards. In Society it was deemed more wicked to ignore the ritual than to break some of the Ten Commandments. For generations the silly business was kept up without protest from the victims of convention. While many of the laws which decree what is good or bad form are based on right reason and on good breeding, there was no reason whatever in the eard custom, and it had no more to do with good breeding, or true courtesy, than with horse-breeding. If indeed it is gone let it go, unwept, unhonored, and unsung. In its wake we would be pleased to see departing a few other almost equally nonsensical things which still conquer common sense. True politeness is inspired by sound Christian principles. Its test is how you consider the interests of others rather than how you conform to ridiculous and vain observances.

Conrad in America

Joseph Conrad's visit to America has been a universal topic for the principal papers of New York recently. There was a genuine note of welcome for the ex-sea captain, who although a Pole by birth and a stranger to English prose up to his twentieth year, is at present in the very front rank not only of novelists but of stylists. In America there is a great deal of extremely shoddy writing in our day. The average novelist in the United States writes poor English and has no prefensions to style. Hence it is a good sign that in the enthusiastic recognition of Conrad's gifts a tacit appreciation of noble prose is expressed. Noble, indeed, his prose is. It would be hard to name a contemporary English writer who has such magic power over words. His taste is faultless. There is music and poetry in his descriptive passages. When reading his books one has the indefinable feeling of being in contact with a classic. Withal he is clean and as wholesome as the free breezes and the sweeping billows of his beloved ocean. We venture to say that Conrad's novels are excellent tests of a reader's critical sense: to enjoy them is almost a guarantee of good taste; to fail to see anything remarkable in them is condemnation without appeal. His works are nearly all pullished at moderate prices nowadays, and if you want to learn what nervous, lucid, logical, and imaginative prose is, you cannot do better than buy them and study them. If you fail to respond to the stimulation of such books as The Mirror of the Sea and Rescue, abandon all right to express your opinion on the merits of English prose.

The Church and the Nation

If to-day we ask wherein lies the proof of the Church's special capacity for the promotion of a world peace, what is the answer (asks Cardinal Fischer, of Munich). proof of the Church's capacity lies in the fact that she is a great moral power. Peace cannot come in our times if individual men and peoples are not first morally renovated. No effectual and lasting peace can spring where hatred and the desire for annihilation prevail. Everything that produces hatred and popular egotism provides fuel for the flames of war. The Catholic Church stands before us as the only religious society which grapples with the inward sentiments of the soul, which can effect the moral conversion of the soul, which reforms men of violence, undermines force, and creates a moral current in which right and justice, hymanity, charity, and honesty thrive in the relations between nations.



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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, who is on a visit to Ireland, was (says an exchange) voted the Freedom of the City of Kilkenny, of which he is a native. This honor was conferred on the late Cardinal Moran on the occasion of a visit to his old cathedral city many years ago.

Sister Mary Xavier Hart, who celebrated her silver jubilee as a Sister of the Dominican Order, on last Sanday, was the recipient of numerous messages of congratulation from friends throughour New Zealand. We congratulate the jubilarian and wish her a cordial ad multos annos.

A substantial Dunedin business man, on holiday in the Old Land, writes to us that everything in the garden is lovely in Munster. He is touring Ireland in a Ford, and having sport go lear. "I am not an expert driver yet," he says "but I am getting on. Vesterday I carried away a pier going into Barry's Avenue; the day before I landed in a bog; I have killed four ducks; and an old woman climbed a tree when she saw me coming. But the country is the finest under the heavens, and the people are the kindest and best. From pulling your car out of a ditch to making ready an elaborate meal; there is nothing they would not do for you."

Obituary

MR. THOMAS MONAGHAN, RIVERSDALE,

The death is recorded of Mr. Thomas Monaghan, eldest son of Mrs, and the late Patrick Monaghan, old settlers of Croydon Siding, who passed away at Gore on the 9th inst. The deceased was for a time a purpil of the Sisters of Mercy, Gore, and after leaving school was employed on his father's farm. He eventually entered into occupation of the Stanley Hill farm near Gore, and after disposing of it he purchased a farm near Riversdale, which he held up to the time of his death. He was very popular amongst the younger generation of the farming community, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral, which left the church for the Gore Cemetery, was largely attended. Rev. Father Kaveney officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 20

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea returned on Wednesday from an episcopal visitation of the Taranaki district.

The ladies branch of the Hibernian Society hald a most successful social last Tuesday, at St. Peter's Schoolroem.

The quarterly meeting of the Catholic Education Board was held last Tuesday evening, Rev. Father Cullen, Adm., presiding in the absence of his Grace Archhishop O'Shea. Mr. P. J. O'Regan, solicitor in the estate of the late Mr. M. J. Morrison, wrote advising that Mr. Morrison had bequeathed one quarter of his estate to the board, and enclosed a cheque for the amount due. Accounts totalling £250 were passed for payment. The secretary (Mr. P. D. Hoskins) reported that profits from the annual schools' social realised £148. This sum, with the profits from the St. Patrick's Day and Boxing Day functions added £400 to the education fund. A vote of condolence with the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna and the other relatives of the late Very Rev. Dean McKenna was passed. Dean Mc-Kenna was for several years a member of the board, and was also a kind benefactor, having subscribed liberally to the fund, whilst stationed in Wellington.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society was held last Monday evening. Bro. P. J. O'Neill (president) presiding. A vote of condolence with the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna on the great loss he and the Church have sustained through the death of the Very Rev. Dean T. McKenna was passed by the members in respectful silence. The late Dean was an enthusiastic supporter of the Hibernian Society, and when stationed at Pahiatua formed two branches—one at Woodville and the other at Pahiatua. The following office-bearers were

elected after a keen contest:—President, Bro. Michael Walsh; vice-president, Bro. A. Kelly; treasurer, Bro. J. J. L. Burke (re-elected); warden, Bro. P. J. O'Rourke; guardian, Bro. A. McQuillan. The newely-elected office-bearers were installed by the retiring president (Bro. P. J. O'Neill).

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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(From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

The silver jubilee of the Rev. Father O'Hara, parish priest of Waihi, was celebrated on the 29th ult. Right Rev. Dr. Cleary and Right Rev. Dr. Liston journeyed to Waihi to take part in the celebration.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration opened at the chapel of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Ponsonby, on Friday, the 20th inst., with Pontifical High Mass sung by his Lordship Bishop Liston. Rev. Father Buckley was assistant priest; Rev. Fathers O'Connor and Mansfield, deacon and subdeacon respectively; Rev. Father Bradley, Adm., St. Patrick's, was master of ceremonies, and Father Murphy assistant master of ceremonies. The Mass was beautifully rendered in Gregorian Chant by the Sisters, assisted by some of the members of the institution.

On Sunday, July 8, his Lordship Bishop Cleary presided at a meeting held at Onehunga to consider the proposal to creet a new day school. The parishioners decided to have constructed a building to cost about £4000, and to accommodate about 200 pupils. Its completion is hoped for before the end of the year.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

Rev. Father Healy, of the Cathedral parish, is at present relieving Father Seward at Kumara.

Rev. Father Price (Methyen), whose health of late has been very satisfactory, has left for an extended rest and visit to the Old Country. He spent a few days in Christchurch prior to his departure. Father Price carries with him the very best wishes of the Cathedral parishioners and a large body of other friends in the city for a speedy recovery and a safe return to New Zealand.

Mrs. T. P. Fogarty, who is to control the Sweets Stall in connection with St. Mary's big carnival, held a social evening in the Memorial Hall on last Monday evening. It was well patronised, and conducted in a thoroughly efficient manner. Sutherland's Band supplied the music, and an excellent supper was served. Messrs. E. Daly and C. Barnett conducted the programme.



Timaru (From our own correspondent.)

July 23.

The annual meeting of the Children of Mary Sodality was held recently, when the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Miss N. McAteer; vice-president, Miss K. Collins; secretary, Miss M. O'Sullivan; treasurer, Miss B. Cosgrove; councillors, Misses Knight, Venning, and L. Knight. The report, which was considered and adopted, referred to an increased membership and to the old-established custom of two members visiting the public hospital every Sunday.

A progressive move is being made in connection with our educational establishments. Tenders have been called for the erection of a class-room at the girls' school, Craigie Avenue, and tenders will shortly be invited for the erection of a new school in Brown Street for the Marist Brothers.

Instead of holding the annual social in aid of the school funds, it has been arranged to take up a special collection at the church doors next Sunday. The penny collection which has been in vogue for several years is the chief source of revenue for our schools, and is being generously supported.

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DEATHS

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MONAGHAN -Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Patrick Monaghan, who died at his mother's residence, Crombie Street, Gore, on July 9, 1923; in his 39th year.—R.I.P.

BUTLER .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Michael, husband of the late Mary Butler (late of Grove Street, Musselburgh), who died at Dunedin, on July 22, 1923; aged 84 years - Sacred Heart of Jesus, have merey on his soul.

McMULLAN.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Maria, dearly beloved wife of Wm. John McMullan, who died at her residence, McMaster Street, Invercargill, on July 12, 1923; aged 64 years.—Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

MACKIE .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Agnes Mackie, who died at Crescent Hotel, Port Chalmers, on July 19, 1923,---R.L.P.

FITZGERALD. Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget, beloved wife of W. D. Fitzgerald and eldest daughter of Mary and the late Simon Coughlan (and sister of Sisters Germaine and Clive, O.S.J.), who died at Riverside, Kerrytown, on July 19, 1923; in her 48th year.--R.I.P.

POWER .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel, relict of Mary Power, New Plymouth, and beloved father of Mrs. Duller, who died on June 10. 1923.- R.I.P. (Native of City of Limerick, Ireland.)

HANNAGAN .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann, dearly beloved wife of Charles John Francis Hannagan, who died at her residence, 618 King Street, Dunedin, on July 14, 1923; aged 58 years. R.I.P.

TOHILL -- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Augustus Tohill, who died in France from wounds on July 25, 1918,—R.I.P.—Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brothers.

IN MEMORIAM

VAUGHAN .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Sabina Ann Vaughan, who departed this life July 9, 1920.—R.I.P.

TAYLOR .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Father James Taylor (Marist Missioner), who died at "Townsville," Queensland, on July 28, 1919,--Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

McEVOY .- Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McEvoy, who departed this life on August 6, 1921. Sweet Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.-Inserted by her sorrowing husband and family,

WHAJAMS. Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Lily, beloved daughter of Mrs. C. Williams, Palmerston North, who died July 25, 1920. - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

BROSNAHAN, "Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Brosnahan, who died at Pleasant Point on July 25, 1921.—On her soul sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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Our Sports Summary

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Auckland.—In the primary schools' Rugby competition, Vermont Street, has still been very successful. In the A grade Vermont I. defeated Avondale, 29-0; Maungawhau, 30-0. Vermont II. (A grade) has not been so successful, losing to Avondale, 12—0; to Newton East, 17—0. The lightweights have still their line uncrossed, having scored 136 points nil against. In the last week they accounted for Edendale, 43-0 (Little ½ scoring 7 tries, converting 2); Maungawhau, 19-0. All the boys show exceptional keenness, this doubtless contributing to the teams' successes.

Christchurch -On Saturday, the 14th inst. (writes our own correspondent) Marists seniors defeated Linwood by 9 to 0, and on the following Saturday had a draw against 'Varsity. The game, under the conditions in which it was played, was simply marvellous, the ball travelling at a rapid speed from start to finish. Each side scored 6 points. The junior team suffered its first defeat for the season, at Kaiapoi the score being 9 points to 6.

Ashburton.-On Saturday, the 7th inst. (writes our own correspondent), Celtic seniors journeyed to Methyen and played the Methven fifteen in the opening game of the 2nd round of the Rugby competition, Methyen proving victors by 6 points to 0. The juniors, playing the Rakaia team, were defeated by 18 points to 0.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., Celtic met and defeated the Old Boys senoir team by 5 points to 3 in the 2nd round of the senior competition. By the previous defeat by Methyen Celtic are now 1 point behind the leaders in the rompetition.

-000-A Popular Sport Honored

On Thursday evening (says the Timora Herald for July 7) the members of the local Celtic Football and Cricket Clubs tendered a farewell social and presentation to Mr. P. F. Roach. The gathering was a large and representative one, including members of the South Canterbury Rugby Union, Referees' Association and kindred clubs. Rev. Father Hurley presided, and in making the presentation, which consisted of a handsome gold medal, suitably inscribed, spoke of the sterling qualities of their guest and of the loss that would be occasioned by his departure. Mr. Roach had always taken a keen interest in sport, and the successes attained on the field by the Celtic Clubs were in no small measure due to Mr. Roach's enthusiasm and ever-ready assistance, which he had willingly rendered ever since he came to Timaru some 16 years ago. During that time he had filled with credit the highest offices of both clubs—that of president—and he (Father Hurley) was pleased to see that Mr. Roach's efforts were not allowed to go unrewarded by the large and representative gathering who had assembled to do him honor. In wishing Mr. Roach a pleasant sojourn in his native land (Australia) he hoped that he was only saying au revoir, and that he (Mr. Roach) would soon be back amongst them. Rev. Brother Palladius and Messrs. J. B. Crowley, M. Augland, A. Clements, W. Cumming, P. Stapleton, Z. Beri, and others also spoke in eulogistic terms of the departing guest's outstanding qualities and of the loss that will be sustained in his departure. On rising to reply, Mr. Roach was greeted by rounds and rounds of applause. He said that he wished to thank all for the honor they had done him and the good things they had said about him. Whatever he had done for the parish and the Celtic Clubs had always been a pleasure, and the success that had crowned his sfforts was made possible by the whole-hearted support he had always received, right from the head of the parish (Rev. Father Hurley) downwards. He thanked one and all for their handsome gift and the sentiments which had accompanied it, and in conclusion expressed the wish that he might again come back and settle in Timaru, as he had spent the best years

of his life here, and he had always looked upon Timaru as his true home. A lengthy toast list was then gone through, and the remainder of the evening was spent in music and song.

400 An English View of Dublin in 1776

"Having lived more than two months in Dublin, I am able to speak to a few points which, as a mere traveller I could not have done. The information I before received of the prices of living is correct. Fish and poultry are plentiful and very cheap. Good lodgings are almost as dear as they are in London; though we are well accommodated (dirt excepted) for two guineas and a half a week. All the lower ranks in this city have no idea of English cleanliness, either in apartments, persons, or cookery.

"There is a very good society in Dublin in a Parliamentary winter-a great round of dinners, and parties, and balls, and suppers every night in the week, some of which are elegant, but you almost everywhere meet a company much too numerous for the size of the apartments. They have two assemblies on the plan of those in Londonin Fishamble Street and at the Rotunda; and two gentlemen's clubs-Anthry's and Daly's-very well regulated. I heard some anecdotes of deep play at the latter, though never to the excess common in London.

"An ill-judged and unsuccessful attempt was made to establish the Italian opera, which existed, but with scarcely any life, for this one winter; of course they could rise to no higher than a comic opera. 'La Buona Figliuola,' La Frascatana,' and 'Ill Geloso in Cimento' were repeatedly performed, or rather murdered, except the parts in 'Sestini.' The house was generally empty and miserably cold. . . Before I conclude with Dublin, I shall only remark that walking in the streets there, from the narrowness and populousness of the principal thoroughfares, as well as from the dirt and wretchedness of the 'canaille,' is a most uneasy and disgusting exercise.' Arthur Young's Tour in Ircland (1776-1779.)

Miss Amy Castles

Miss Agnes G. Murphy (author of The Life of Mclba), writing in the Sydney Bulletin for April 22, 1923, says :-The Herald, the Sun, and others have lately been discussing whether Amy Castles' voice is that very rare thing a pure dramatic soprano or a phenomenal mezzo. The Bulletin's Sundry Showman plumped for the Victorian as of dramatic quality and said Amy's voice is comparable to that of the great Destinn. I side with the Bulletin, but I go one better and say the Castles' voice is superior to that of Destinn, for the organ of the famous Bohemian has a certain reedy quality which is entirely lacking in the perfect sound box of the genial Australian. During the last 20 years I have heard all the great vocal stars in Europe and America and I have never heard any dramatic soprano to approach Amy Castles in either quality or reserve power. Alfred Kalisch said that by tone alone, without any physical movement whatsoever, Amy Castles' voice could express all the human emotions. The Amy Castles Concert Company, now on a triumphant tour of the Dominion, will shortly visit Dunedin,

The Strasburg Clock

The heautiful working model of the famous Clock of Strasburg is now on exhibition at Mataura, and will after wards be shown at Wyndham and Invercargill. Explanatory lectures, which are most interesting and instructive, are given at intervals during the working of the model, thus adding very considerably to an exhibit that is well worth viewing.

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Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Bishop-elect of Rabaul, his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Vesters, M.S.C. (says the Freeman's Journal for July 12), is to be given a much-desired opportunity of meeting the Catholics of Sydney at a complimentary conversazione in St. Patrick's Hall, Church Hill (kindly lent by the Marist Fathers for the occasion), on Tuesday evening, 24th inst., the eve of his Lordship's departure for New Guinea, where he is to be consecrated by his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Federation, Catholic Club, Catholic Women's Association, Catholic Immigration Aid Association, Catholic Debating Societies' Union, and other bodies are co-operating in honoring yet another missionary Bishop of the Sacred Heart Order, and the latest addition to the prelates of Australasia. Dr. Vesters is at present in Melbourne, having left Sydney last Friday for the southern capital.

The Very Rev. Father J. Sullivan, S.J., Rector of Xavier College, succeeds the Very Rev. Father William J. Lockington, S.J. (at present in Ireland) as Superior of the Jesuit Order in Australia. The new Superior will celebrate his 46th birthday on the last day of the year. Born in Melbourne, he attended St. Patrick's College and matriculated at the Melbourne University in 1893. In the following year he entered the Order and spent a period studying at St. Ignatius' College, 'Riverview, in New South Wales. Studies in philosophy took him to Stonyhurst College., England, and in 1909 he proceeded to Mill Town Park, Dublin. Two years at Innsbruck, Austria, several visits to Switzerland and Vienna, a year at Naples and a return visit to Ireland completed his travel before his return to Australia, where he was appointed to the position of Prefect of Studies at his old school in Riverview. Succeeding Father Jas. O'Dwyer, he became Rector of Xavier in 1917, and from then has been a member of most of the educational boards in Melbourne.

On June 28 there arrived at Fremantle the Most Rev. Father Murray, C.SS.R., General of the Redemptorists. He is (says the Catholic Press for July 12) about to pay a paternal visit to the houses of the Australian Vice-Province (which includes New Zealand). Needless to say, this event means much to the Redemptorists in these parts, who rejoice to have in their midst the successor of their hely founder, St. Alphousus de Lignori. Most Rev. Father Murray is an Irishman, having been born at Termon, in Donegal, in the year 1865. He studied for the priesthood in Maynooth, and amongst his contemporaries there were his Grace Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, his Lordship Dr. O'Farrell, C.M., and the Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M. (Rector of St. John's College). Father Murray entered the Redemptorist Novitiate at Bishop Eton, Liverpool, in 1888, having previously received the Order of Sub-Diaconate at Maynooth, professor in 1889, and ordained in the following year. He was appointed to the important office of Prefect of Students, in the House of Studies at Teignmouth, Devonshire. At this time, Ireland was part of the English Province. Iteland became a separate Province in 1898, and in 1903 Father Murray was made Rector of the important house at Clonard, Belfast, 1906 he became Provincial of the Irish Province, and in this capacity attended the General Chapter of the Congrega-tion, held at Rome in 1909. Before the opening session, Most Rev. Father Raus, General of the Congregation, resigned through ill-health, and subsequently Father Murray was elected to succeed him. During his stay in Sydney, where he will arrive on Monday, the 16th inst., Father Murray is to be the guest of his Grace Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Archbishop of Sydney.

***** QUEENSLAND.

During his tour of the North (says the Freeman's Journal, Sydney), his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate performed the ceremony of investing Monsignor Byrne with the dignity of Domestic Prelate, in St. Mary's Church, Ipswich. His Grace Archbishop Duhig was among those present, and paid a tribute to Monsignor Byrne. "I have been working with Monsignor Byrne for practically a quarter of a century, and I know pretty well the outstanding characteristics of his life," said the Archbishop. "It has been

an unselfish life. It has been a life lived entirely for his people. He is beloved of his present flock, and you have no greater affection for him than the people of Brisbane, among whom he labored for many years before he was appointed to a parish. He had done much materially, in the building of schools and thurches, and he had embellished and completed the interior of that which he believed was the noblest parish church in the Commonwealth. He had endeared himself to everyone in the parish, whether rich or poor. The Holy Father did not lightly confer the honor that had been conferred upon Monsignor Byrne. the Monsignor had seen the Holy Father he had not asked for anything for himself. All he asked was that he should be allowed to convey to his people the blessing of the Holy Father. But the Pope had decided that he should get more than that. He (Dr. Duhig) was pleased that he had received this great honor, and he had many reasons for being pleased. The Vicar-General held the highest office in the diocese next to the Archbishop himself. He was delighted that the parish, wherein he had labored as a young priest for seven years, had been selected for the distinction at the hands of the Pope."

The students of Nudgee College gave a warm welcome to his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate on his recent visit to the institution. His Grace the Archbishop was also received with ringing applause, and joined in the welcomo to his Excellency, especially as the representative of his Holiness Pius XI., who took a very special interest in the progress of the Church and the welfare of the people of His Excellency thanked his Grace, Brother Ryan, and the College for the warmth and sincerity of the welcome. "This Feast of the Sacred Heart," he said, has been the most joyful and the happiest of my life. This morning I celebrated Holy Mass and gave Holy Communion to a crowded assembly of Christian Brothers' boys in St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the evening is made most impressive and joyous for me by the grand sight in your beautiful chapel. The ceremony thrilled me in a very unusual way, and made me feet wonderfully happy. Then you have tendered me a concert, and his Grace and Brother Ryan have welcomed me in a most hearty way, and really I feel very pleased and very happy. I have a favor to ask you, boys, and it is that you will show your kindness and regard for your teachers by asking them to take one holiday from teaching on account of my visit to Nudgee,' The significance of this request was at once grasped by the boys, and they cheered and gave the College "war ery' as his Excellency, with the Archbishop and the other distinguished guests, left the hall.

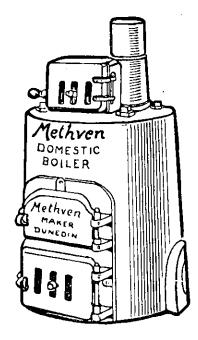
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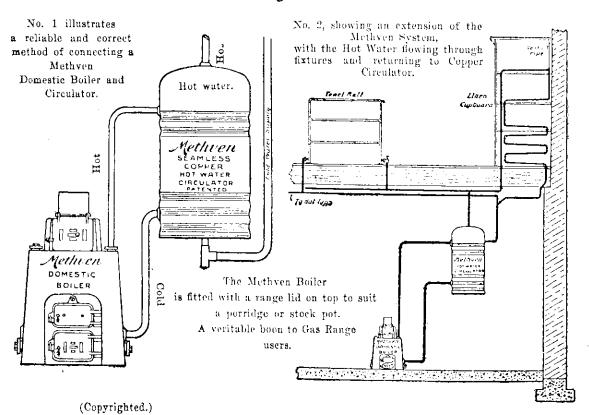
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Honors for a Jesuit Missioner.-Private advice (says the Catholic Press) has been received that the name of the Rev. Father van der Schueren, S.J., who is attached to the Belgian Mission in India, appears in the list of Birthday Honors, the King having conferred the Kaisar-i-Hind Medal (first class) upon him. This is the highest honor bestowed in England. The present recipient is not the first Jesuit missionary in India to receive the Kaisar-i-Hind. Father van der Schueren is visiting Australia, and is now in Melbourne.

Irish Priest Honored in London.—Cardinal Bourne has conferred a signal honor on the Very Rev. Thomas Carey, Rector of Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington, which was the Pro-Cathedral of Cardinal Manning and of Cardinal Vaughan before the Westminster Cathedral was built. As Rector of so important a church, and in recognition of his splendid work there and in Holloway, Father Carey is raised to the dignityof Honorary Canon of Westminster. Canon Carey was ordained in 1884 for the archdiocese of Cashel, and received his early training for the priesthood in Thurles College. He studied theology in the Irish College, Paris, and in the famous University of that city he was, all through his course, a first prize man. He began his missionary career as a "lent priest" under Cardinal Manning in Westminster, and was appointed curate at Holloway, succeeding to the rectorship of it in 1900. Here he acquired freehold land for schools which he erected at a cost of £8000, and reduced a debt on the church by £3000. The prisoners of Pentonville and Holloway claimed much of his time as chaplain, and many notable prisoners had reason to thank him and bless him. It was he who instructed Sir Roger Casement in the faith, and attended him at his execution. A ripe Gaelic scholar and fluent linguist, he is gratefully remembered by Sinn Fein inmates of these institutions. He has travelled extensively and visited most of the capitals of Europe and said Mass as a pilgrim on the banks of the Jordan. Two years ago he was promoted to the rectorship of Kensington Church, and in that time he has decorated the church, iustalled electric light, and carried out improvements at a cost of about £3000.

Bigots Hard Hit... By a plurality of more than 10,000 Mr. William E. Denever was elected Mayor of Chicago in April last. Judge Denever is a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus. A determined fight was put up against him by bigots on that account. Cards were circulated with the following legends: "Do you want the Pope for Mayor?" "Denever is a Catholic-an enemy of the public schools," and such like. The bigots got badly buffed in the election of Mr. Denever for Mayor and two other Catholics for the position of City Clerk and City Treasurer.

German University: Chair of "Catholic Opinion."-Chairs for several new branches of scientific learning, in conformity with the spirit of the times, have been established in many German universities. The University of Breslau recently established a "chair of Catholic opinion," with Dr. Romano Guardini as its first occupant. The chair of social science, first established in the University of Munster, where it was sponsored by Dr. Hitze, the celebrated priests of the Volksverein, has become familiar to many German universities. Munster was also the first German university to establish a chair of "mission science."

Famous Jesuit Scientist .-- From Madagascar to Paris comes news of the death of Rev. Father Elie Colin, of the Society of Jesus, director of the Tananarivo Observatory. The works of this scholarly religious have been recognised as authoritative by scientists for the last 35 years. Arriving in Madagasear in 1888, Father Colin at once built an observatory himself. After the insurrection in 1895, he was forced to rebuild it entirely and had to endure many privations to carry on his work. Sometimes, in the course of official geodetical surveys he went 18 days with no other food than stale biscuits and water. The first meteorological, magnetic, astronomical and cartographical work ever done in Madagascar was done by Father Colin. He has published 27 volumes containing the results of his meteorological and magnetic observations, and many other works. It is said that his knowledge of cyclones and atmospherical

disturbances in the Indian Ocean and his forecasts of tornadoes have saved the lives of many thousands of people. Father Colin was an artist of parts, and every Saturday he left his observatory to go down to Tananarivo, where he played the Cathedral organ. In his solitude at the observatory he found relaxation from his strenuous work by improvising on a little organ which he had built him-

The Case of "Katie King."—In the third of a valuable series of papers on "The Problem of Materialisation," the London Month, Father Herbert Thurston, S.J., discusses the famous case of the soi-disant "Katie King," which Sir William Crookes investigated in 1874. King" was an alleged spirit materialisation, produced on various occasions by a medium, Miss Florrie Cook. Sir William Crookes was the principal witness in the manifestations, but he was by no means the only one. Spiritualist for 1873 and 1874 contains many independent accounts of Miss Cook's séances contributed by persons who were present. Father Thurston, after a careful examination of the available evidence, says: "Two conclusions, I think, may be drawn without further discussionfirst, that the 'Katie King,' who showed her bare arms and feet, walked about, conversed, sang, stamped her foot, was handled, embraced, had her pulse felt, and was successfully photographed, on two occasions in 1873, and some half-dozen times by Mr. Crookes in 1874, was not a mere subjective hallucination of the mind. She had for the time being a real independent existence. Secondly, she was certainly not an automaton or any sort of lay figure. There remain, then, only four possibilities: first, that Katie was simply the medium herself masquerading; secondly, that she was an accomplice; thirdly, that her part was enacted sometimes by the medium and on other occasions by an accomplice; fourth, that she was, as she purported to be, a materialised spirit form. I must confess that of these alternatives it is the last supposition which seems to me to be the least in conflict with the evidence available." Father Thurston does not ignore "sundry suspicious incidents in Miss Cook's early career," such as that, in 1873 and 1874, she was rather compromisingly associated with two very unsatisfactory mediums, Mrs. Bassett and Miss Showers, and that, in 1880, an exposure of fraudulent practices took place, from which her reputation never recovered. But he says this is "no conclusive proof that other phenomena were not genuine."

Anglicans and St. Joan.—When it is considered that St. Joan of Are was canonised by Rome since the end of the war, and has consequently none of the glamor of the Primitive Church, the extraordinary fascination which the new Saint has for Anglicans has to be accounted for (says Catholic News Service). The High Churchmen have for some years had shrines of St. Joan in their churches, with martial statues of the Saint, and the usual array of lighted candles and votive offerings of flowers. The devotion is not exactly wide-spread, but it exists nevertheless. But General Seely, who was Minister for War in the Asquith Cabinet, and who handed over the statue of St. Joan the other day to the authorities at Winchester Cathedral, is not exactly a High Churchman, yet his references to the Saint were full of significance. The life and death of St. Joan, he said, was a Christian epic. In her were the highest Christian virtues, faith in God and in Christ, and in the efficacy of prayer; undaunted courage, simplicity and purity. The Saint-he concluded-was an inspiration leading them into the paths of justice, of mercy, of sacritice, and giving them courage to endure to the end. There is something very stirring in the spectacle of this Protestant Englishman speaking thus of the Maid of Orleans, while immediately before his eyes was the magnificent tomb of that Royal Cardinal Bishop of Winchester who had sat with the French bishops to pass the judgment of death upon the Saint.

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The Little People's Page

My dear Little People.

I was beginning to think it was "all up a tree" with my letter to you this week, because I've had our old friend the 'Flu! Am better enough to write just a line or two, but, oh! dear, you should see the pile of letters waiting to be answered. And some of the children are wondering why their letesrs are not in our page yet. My dear Little Folk do not write to me for the next three or four weeks so that I can get you all answered up to date. If you keep on writing I'll have to make a list of names like I did once before, and I didn't like it a bit. How are you all enjoying the snow and ice? Are you doing any skating out of doors?- Anne.

Dear Anne,—This is my second letter to you which I intended to write before this. I am ten and in Std. 3. We have three cows, two pigs, fifty hens, and one call. Dear Anne I read the Little People's letters in the Tablet. I have only one sister she is in class three. I had two brothers but they both died when they were very young. I go to St. Patrick's School, Lawrence. I like it very much. I will close now dear Anne as it is near tea time. Your loving friend, Margaret O'Gorman, bawrence.

(What a fine collection of animals Margaret. How did

(What a fine collection of animals Margaret. How did you enjoy the snow?—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—This is my first letter to you and I would like to be one of your friends. I am eleven years of age, and am in Std. VI. at the Marist Brothers' School. I here to get my proticioner this year. My brother is captain of the school football team and they have won the two matches that they have played in the Primary School Competitions. Mr. Allen Doone, through our Director, Rev. Brother Egbert, very thoughtfully gave us free passes for two of his plays "Old Donegal" and "Molly Bawn." They were betutiful, Did you see any of them Anne? As there are others, I must ma irespass further on your valuable some. Yours sincerely, Vincent de Paul Carnoody, Wanganni. Wanganui.

Carnouly, Wanganni.

(I don't get many letters from Wanganai so yours is very welcome. Am sure you enjoyed the plays, I did. Good wishes for your proficiency exam. Anne.)

Dear Anne.—I now wish to become one of your new friends, and a member of the Little People's page in the Tablet. I am cloven years old and I am in Std. 4. I go to the public school as we have not a convent here. Orari is only a small place. I think this is the first letter you have had from Orari. Ah! Anne. I know your riddle; a man sitting on a three-legged steal with a leg of mutten on his lap, along comes a dog and ran away with the mutton the man picked un the stool and ran after the dog and made him bring it back. Well Anne I will conclude. Your unseen friend, Eileen Clark, Orari.

(Yes Eileen, you are my first hit of Orari, and you guessed my riddle. Poor "Anne" will have to hunt up something much harder next time if she hopes to catch her Little People.—Anne.)

something much harder next time it she hopes to catch her Little People.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—This is my first letter to you. I go to the Convent School here. The Sisters are St. Josenh's Order. I have five sisters—one is at the Wanganni Convent. I am eight years of age and I am in Sid. I. Ohakune is not a very large place but has beautiful scenery. Now dear Anne I must close now.—Edith York, Ohakune.

(Yes, the scenery is pretty round Ohakune. I have been there and have seen the convent and beautiful Ruapolar guite close. Anne.)

pehn quite close.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—I wish to be one of your new friends.
I am ten years of age. I have two brothers and five sisters.
I go to St. Joseph's Convent School. I am in Std. IV.
We have twenty heus and two roosters: Mummie gets the Tablet every week. My two sisters are writing to you. My sister Eileen goes to the Convent in Wangamii and she is coming home on June 22. I like reading the Little People's page. Well, dear Anne, I must say good-bye.—

My sister
is coming home on June 2...
People's page. Well, dear Anne, I must say
May York, Ohakune.

(Eileen is home with you to-night and I'm sure you are all very happy. Have you had some snow? Think you very likely did.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—It is a long time since I wrote to you; but I have not forgotten you. I learn music and go to my lesson twice a week. I like reading the Little People's page. You said you wanted names for your birthday book—well mine is on the 9th July. There is beautiful scenery round here. One of the best is Mt. Ruapehu, 14 miles from Ohakune. We have two pet cats—please give me two

names. I must close now.—Patricia York, Ohakune.

(Yes, it is a long time since you wrote, glad you are well. Why not call your cats "Rua" and "Pehu," or "Oha" and "Kune."—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—Just a line to show you that I am still interested in the page. We are having fine weather up here just now. I have three brothers and a sister going to school. My brother and I milk the cows. We have about

two hundred hens and about ten ducks. We had frost up here last week. I am thirteen years old, and I am in standard V. My brother has three guinea pigs. Our nearest church is about seventeen miles from our place. We are living at a farm about seventeen miles from Balclutha. I think I will bring this to a close. Your loving friend. Ivy Cuttance. Ururua. clutha. I think I will bring t friend, Ivy Cuttance, Ururua.

(Glad to hear from you again Ivy, how are you all? You must be busy with all the cows. hens, and ducks, not forgetting the guinea pigs and school.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—This is my first letter to the L.P.P. and I think it is the first from Woodlands. I am in Std. 4 and I go to the State school, but I hope to be able to go to the Marist Brothers' next year. I go to the Rakahouka Church and my friend Johnny and I serve Holy Mass every Sunday and I like it very much. We have two factorys in our district and one is a Stilton Cheese Factory and it is the only one in New Zealand. I will close now so as not to take up too much space. With best wishes from your new friend, Patrick James Dominic Concannon, Woodlands

your new friend, Patrick James Dominic Concannon, Woodlands.

(Do von know Patrick I had no idea that Stilton cheese is made in New Zealand. See what you've taught me. Yes, you are the first from Woodlands.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—This is my first letter to you, and I think mine is the first from Frankton Junction. I am seven years of age, and in standard I. I have a little brother named Leo, he is five years old. We both go over in a motor 'bus every morning to the Hamilton Convent School. We have not got a church at Frankton. We have Mass in the Town Hall and Sunday-school in the afternoon. I have a little baby sister named Lucy. She is fourteen months old. Here is an answer to your riddle: Two legs sat on three legs with one leg in his lap. Two legs is a man sitting on a three-legged stool, with a leg of mutton in his lap. Along comes four legs runs away with one leg, up jumps two legs picks up three legs, chases four legs and makes him bring one leg back. Four legs is a dog running away with the leg of mutton, two legs is the man who picks up three-legged stool chases the dog and makes him bring back the leg of mutton. Well, dear Anne, I must say good-bye. Your new friend, Monica Ronayue, Frankton Junction, Waikato.

(Yes Monica von are me first friend in Frankton and say good-bye. Your new (1444).

Junction, Waikato.

(Yes Monica, you are my first friend in Frankton and
You Make guessed my riddle

(Yes Monica, you are my first friend in Frankton and I am pleased to welcome you. You have guessed my riddle too. I'm afraid it was too easy.—Anne.)

Dear Anne.—Just a few lines to let you know I haven't forgotten you. I am II years old and I am in Std. V. at school. I have two sisters and one brother. My birthday is on the 26th of January. There are 276 children at our school. I play hockey at school and I think it is a very nice game. Do you like it Anne? I like living in Wyndham and Anne if you were to come here, will you come to our place? We would take you to the bush and I think you would like it as it is great fun when you get lost, or if you do not like the bush we would take you to Fortrose Beach. Well, dear Anne, I must close now, but I will write again. With love from your friend, Zita Traynor, Wyndham.

(Of course I'll come to see you if I visit Wyndham, but you must promise not to lose me in the bush. Yes, I like hockey, but "Anne" gets very little time for play.

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Anne.)

My dear Anne.—As this is June, the month of the Sacred Heart, and the month of many of your Little People's birthdays. I must write again, as my birthday is this month too. It is on 26th, so that will be another one for you to put in your birthday book. I saw in to-day's Tabirt where you are having a competition for your Little People. I am going to go in for it. Why Anne, that riddle is so easy. Two legs sat upon three legs with one leg, up imps two legs, picks up three legs, chases four legs, and makes him bring one leg back—is: A man sat upon a stool with a leg of mutton in his lap, along comes a doy, runs away with the leg of mutton, up jumps the man, nicks up his stool, chases the dog and makes him bring the leg of mutton back again. Anne, I wish you would always give us a riddle. Dear Anne I have taken up too much space, but I forgot something that I really can't miss out, and that is to thank you for that nice Easter Eng you sent me. The parcel first came from Wangamii. Was it you that sent it or was it somebody up there? I must close now Anne as I am taking up too much space. With love from your friend, Tessie McMahon, Cronadun.

(You guessed right, Tessie. Glad you liked your Easter

(You guessed right, Tessie. Glad you liked your Easter Egg. Goodness only knows how Wanganui came to be on your parcel, it must have travelled a long way before you

—Anne.)

got if.—Anne.)

Dear Aune,—This is my first letter to you. I am in standard 3 and I am nine years old: my brother is 12 years old and he is in the fifth standard and I have 4 sisters one of them is 12 and she is in standard 5. I have one big sister working at home and another one at St. Mary's College, Westwort. I saw in this week's Tablet where you are having a competition. I am going in for it, so I am going to join the Little People's page first. My birthday is on August 8, so you can put it in your birthday book. Good-bye now, from your friend, Leonard McMahon, Cronadum. book. Good-bye now, nom...

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(That's right Leonard, get busy with the competition.

I have put your birthday in my book.—Anne.)

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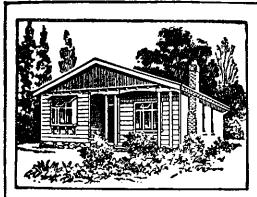
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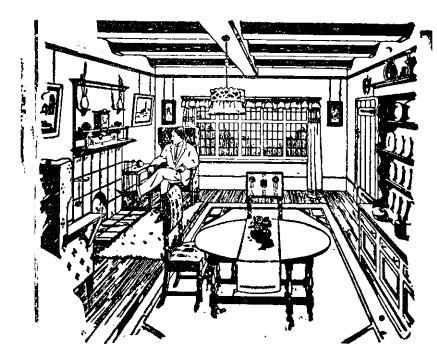
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3. The Height of the Love of God.

Q. 5. What is meant by the height of the love of God? A. By this is understood the inconceivable excellency and sublimity of those supernatural effects of His love, which He bestows upon us in this world by His grace, and has prepared for us in the world to come, in His eternal glory; which are so far superior in value and dignity, to all those goods which He bestows on us in the order of nature, that they will not admit of a comparison with them; and have this further advantage also over them, that whereas Almighty God in giving us all kinds of natural goods, gives us only the use of them, reserving to Himself the full power of taking them from us again when He pleases; He has, on the contrary, bound Himself by His sacred promise, that when once He bestows His supernatural goods on a soul. He will never deprive her of them again in this world, unless by her own fault in the abuse of her free will, she forfeits them and throws them from her, and in the world to come, when in possession of His eternal glory. He will put her under the happy impossibility of ever having it in her power to forfeit it.

Q. 6. Wherein does the sublimity of these supermutural goods consist?

A. It consists in this: that by communicating His Divine grace to our souls. He gives us a new manner of existence -a supernatural being a spiritual dignity, by which we are exalted from the low condition of our native dust, and servile state, to the sublime and eminent dignity of being really and truly the intimate friends of God, yea, of being His adopted children- partaking, in a most admirable manner, of His Divine nature, and united to Him by the strictest ties of union. St. Peter, speaking of this effect of Divine grace, says, "He has given us great and precious promises, that by these you may be made partakers of the Divine nature" (2 Pet. i. 0. And the wise man says of it, that "it is a vapor of the power of God, and a certain pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty, and therefore no defiled thing can come near it-that it is the brightness of eternal light . . . and conveyeth itself into holy souls, and maketh friends of God" (Wisd. vii. 25). Hence our blessed Saviour says, "I will not now call you servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doth. But I have called you friends, because all things whatsoever I have heard of My Father, I have made known to you" (John xv. 15). Here He not only shows the dignity of being His friends, to which He raises us, but also the intimate manner in which He treats us as His friends. by communicating His heavenly truths to us. But the effects of His love do not stop here. By this participation of Himself, which His grace communicates to our souls He exalts us to that inconceivable cignity of being His adopted children. "Behold," says the beloved disciple "what manner of charity the Father bath bestowed upon us, that we should be called, and should be the sons of God" (I John iii. I). Now what human understanding can frame any idea of this most exalted dignity that we, who are by nature dust and ashes, and of ourselves nothing and vanity, should be so highly honored as to be not only allowed, but even entitled to address ourselves to the great, eternal, incomprehensible Being, before Whom the pillars of heaven tremble, with the confidence and affection of children? "for you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons whereby we cry Abba, Father" (Rom. viii. 15).

Now this dignity of being sons of God, is not an empty title of honor, which brings no solid advantage to our souls, but it is a dignity which carries along with it a full and perfect right to the greatest of all good—to the only real good—the possession of God Himself, and of His eternal glory in His kingdom; "We are the sons of God," says St. Paul, "and if sons, heirs also: heirs indeed of God, and joint heirs with Christ" (Rom. viii. 17). Heirs of that eternal kingdom, in which God Himself is our reward exceeding great! Heirs of that happiness which so far exceeds everything in this world, that it cannot enter into the heart of man to form any conception of it! A

happiness the possession of which can never be taken from us, and which will never cloy! a kingdom that will never end, where "we all, beholding the glory of the Lord with open face, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the spirit of the Lord" (1 Cor. iii. 18); and where "we shall be like to Him, because we shall see Him as He is" (1 John iii, 2). So that what David says shall then justly be applied to us, "I have said, You are gods, and all of you the sons of the Most High" (Ps. lxxxi. 6); but what human mind, yea, what angelical understanding, is capable of forming any adequate idea of such an extraordinary favor-such excessive liberality-such singular magnificence-such sublime benefits as the infinite love of God has here bestowed upon us? It has gone so far, that His omnipotence can go no further; for what can God Almighty give better or more excellent than Himself? What return of gratitude and love are not we bound to make for such unparalleled goodness? Is there any obedience we can give Him, which can bear the smallest proportion to what we owe Him? And shall we refuse that little which we can do? What shocking ingratitude would this be!

Venerable Bellarmine Beatified: Vatican Council

The last of the three Beatifications announced for this spring (says America) took place on May 13, when the Venerable Robert Bellarmine, of the Society of Jesus, was proclaimed Blessed. Cardinal Merry del Val pontificated at the ceremonies of Beatification which were carried out with unusual pomp. An unusually large number of Cardinals took part in the sacred functions, among them the two Jesuit Cardinals, Billot and Ehrle, Cardinals Vannutelli, Granito del Belmonte, Vico, Gasparri, Secretary of State to his Holiness, Bonzano, lately Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Van Rossum, Frühwirth, Scapinelli, and others. The Armenian Patriarch was also present and with him, a delegation of ecclesiastics and laymen from Bellarmine's archiepiscopal see of Capua, as well as the Bishop of Montepulciano, the diocese in which the new Blessed was born. With these there assisted representatives of the Bellarmine family on the paternal side, as well as of the Siennese Cervinis from which Bellarmine's mother, a sister of Pope Marcellus II., was descended. The General of the Jesuits, with his official family, was also present. At the afternoon ceremonies, when the Pope came down to the Basilica of St. Peter's to pray before the picture of the newly-beatified, the archdiocese of Capua was especially honored when the Archbishop of that See pontificated at Benediction.

It will be recalled that in his Christmas Encyclical, the Hoiy Father hinted that the sessions of the Vatican Council, interrupted in 1870, might be continued at some not distant date. He intimated also that there were many difficulties in the way. The hint given five months ago has, it now seems, eventuated in a rumor that the Pontiff intends to reconvoke the Vatican Council in the autumn of 1925, and that some 2200 bishops and prelates will be summoned from all parts of the world. It will be remembered that it will be just 1600 years since the first Eeumenical Council, that of Nice in Bithynia, assembled under Pope St. Sylvester.

Catholic Action

Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State, assisted at the opening of the new headquarters provided in Rome for the Central Council of the "Italian Action and the Federation of Catholic Men." The Catholic Action and the Federation of Catholic Men has lately been extremely active, taking a strong and salutary initiative in every social, educational and religious movement that aims at the formation of an enlightened and zealous Catholic Inity. In the ceremonies, the Cardinal was assisted by Mgr. Pizzardo and the President of the Catholic Action. After the ceremonies of the blessing of the building, and a discourse of welcome to the Cardinal from the President of the Catholic Action, the Secretary of State to his Holiness stated that the Sovereign Pontiff had the fullest confidence in those at present at the head of the Catholic Union, and declared that whatever their political preferences might be as citizens, as leaders of the Cathelic Union they had no particular obligations to any one political party.

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IRISH NEWS

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

An election atmosphere (says the Irish Weekly Independent) has already been created in many parts of Ireland in preparation for the coming contests in September. The Farmers' party and the Labor party are displaying great activity in organising their respective forces, and public meetings are being held to secure the public ear. It is fairly evident that both parties are determined to fight as many constituencies as possible.

GALWAY PROPOSED AS TRANSATLANTIC PORT.

Galway has one of the finest harbors in the world. Unfortunately it is not utilised. Local bodies are agitating for the establishment of a trans-Atlantic port there. This port, if established, would shorten considerably the sea voyage between Europe and America. Another result would be a considerable accession of traffic to Ireland.

A deputation representing the Galway Chamber of Commerce, the Galway County Council and the Midland Great Western Railway recently put the claims of the port before the Free State Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The Minister admitted the unrivalled natural facilities of the harbor, and told the deputation that there was no barrier to future development if local interests in the project became aroused and active.

THE LAND QUESTION.

 A_t question which must be tackled by the Northern Government in due course has been faced in Dublin by the introduction of a Free State Land Purchase Bill in the Dail Eircann this week (says the Irish Weekly, Belfast, for June 2). It is a big measure--involving a total expenditure of £25,000,000. The Minister of Agriculture had some interesting figures. Within the Free State there are still about 70,000 tenant farmers who have not become "peasant proprietors." How many "unpurchased tenants" are in the Six Counties? When Mr. Hogan said that "as a result of the operations of previous Land Acts, about 400,000 homesteads had been set up as the property of their owners," he probably included the Six Counties; there are not 470,000 landowners in the Free State. The Minister paid a cordial tribute to the Acts of the British Parliament which made that wonderful revolution possible; the men who effected that beneficent revolution after years of patient struggle-but without any cost to the country worth reckening, either financial or moral-will not be forgotten when Time, the greatest of Accountants, strikes his balance in the light of ascertained facts.

FREE STATE LOAN TO BE MADE BY IRISH PEOPLE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

General Mulcahy, Minister of Defence, addressing a meeting in Dublin recently, referred to the approaching Free State loan. He said there was work to be done today and to-morrow; and he, personally, was satisfied to shoulder whatever burden they wished to place upon him. There were things to be done to-day and to-morrow that were connected with the fevered atmosphere around them. Financially, they were £25,000,000 on the wrong side. That was simply because they were dealing with circumstances that called for a very great expenditure on the part of the Government, that was not normal expenditure, and that was not recurrent expenditure. The Government had to get a loan, probably during the current twelve months, of £25,000,000.

The thing that they had to do in that situation was to face their financial problem fairly and squarely, and to say to themselves that the Irish people had that money. Ireland was not a debtor nation. Ireland was a creditor nation, able to lend to other people, he was sure, anything up to £100,000,000. And what they had to set before themselves was that Ireland would not become a debtor nation, and that the Irish people must not go to outside

peoples to borrow money from them. (Applause.) That £25,000,000 had to be lent to the Irish Government by the Irish people, and the interest that was to be paid on that money by the Irish Government had to be paid back to the Irish people.

ANCIENT IRISH DIRGES AND LAMENTATIONS: LECTURE ON NATIVE MUSIC.

Mr. Arthur Darley, a prominent Dublin musical authority (says an exchange), delivered an interesting lecture recently before the members of the Dublin National Literary Society, on ancient Irish dirges. During the course of his remarks, he gave admirable renditions of some lamentations he had collected amongst the peasants of Kerry and Donegal. These airs were charged with intense feeling and melancholy. The practice of the "caoine" was still continued in many remote parts of the country. In such localities, proceeded Mr. Darley, it was usual for the old and young women to go to the graveyards before Mass on Sundays, and pray and caoine over the graves of their relatives.

Making reference to other forms of old Irish music, he said that it was fashionable now for some people to decry the work of Thomas Moore, but although he was dead 71 years his name has been very well preserved, and notwithstanding those who carped at his artistry his name is still holding on, and becoming more and more respected. (Hear, hear.)

Moore and Sir John Stevenson had not a great deal of respect for ancient Irish music, and if they took the idea into their heads of making a change in any of the airs in the Bunting collection they had no hesitation whatever in doing so.

People Unreceptive.

But even if they had had a correct knowledge of the old Irish airs very little success would have attended the efforts. The musical ear of the people, attuned as it then was, would not have listened to those old examples of Irish music, and in any case Stevenson could not have harmonised those airs, because he had absolutely no knowledge of the old forms of Gregorian music in which their ancient music was written.

But nevertheless Moore and he did very good work for their national music, for they were largely the means of making known in their day to thousands of people, what otherwise would then have been unknown, that an ancient Irish music really existed.

Further exemplifying the national airs, Mr. Darley played a large number of airs picked up by himself from the natives in different parts of Ireland, and preserved by others who had taken an enthusiastic interest in the preservation of the native minstrelsy.

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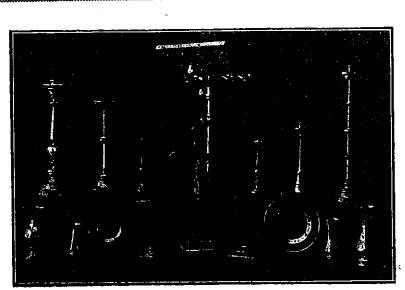
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The Early Days of the Church in Tasmania

At a recent ceremony of blessing and opening a new school (St. Joseph's), at Hobart, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, in the course of an address to the assemblage, said (as reported in the Catholic Standard):—

It has been repeatedly said that Father Therry founded the Catholic Church in Tasmania, and that St. Joseph's School was one of his foundations. I wish to correct a false impression to which this report may naturally give rise. Not Father Therry, but Father Conolly founded the Tasmanian Catholic Church, and it was Bishop Willson, not Father Therry who started the first school at St. Joseph's. I feel it to be a duty of my position to say this. Some years ago a certain English Benedictive priest published a book dealing with the early history of the Catholic Church in Australia and Tasmania; very recently a young priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney likewise published a book on the life and work of Father Therry. The Benedictine was unjust both to Father Therry and Father Conolly, and that I am satisfied was due to his ignorance of the field of their labors. He relied on documents alone. The later writer has been no less unjust to Father Conolly, and for the same reason. Now I am in a position to appraise Father Conclly's work more justly. I know all the ground over which his apostolic labors extended, and that, single-handed, for fourteen years. All that time Wather Therry was meritoriously employed on the mainland, but not in such isolation nor beset with conditions at all so discouraging as those which opposed Father Conolly without a break. Social conditions for the priests were far pleasanter in Sydney and New South Wales than they were in Hobart. A most intense antipathy to the Catholic Church raged during the 'twenties of that century. The fight sustained in Ireland especially on behalf of Emancipation from the disabilities under which Catholics were ostracised where ever the British Flag waved, aroused a storm of virulent No Popery. But when at length in 1829, the Emancipation from at least the most odious exclusions against Catholics was carried through, when O'Connell at the head of is compact body of Catholics entered the House of Commons, and Catholic Peers were no longer excluded from the House of Lords, the new spirit of the time also passed a Reform of such a far-reaching nature in parliamentary representation, that in a few years the entire system of administration in these colonies became fair to Catholies. Eather Conolly having lived through the dark days, was, I regret to say, harshly and unjustly treated by the new men who came out to rale the Church, and that, when they had friends, not enemies in the places of power. But it is to Father Conolog we owe the possession of more than thirteen acres of Church land in the heart of Hobart. All that Father Therry secured here or elsewhere is only one rood and a few perches -the site on which are crowded St. Joseph's Church, and Convent and School. If he planned a school, and raised some portion of a wall a few feet above the ground, it was not he but Bishop Willson who had to bring the building to completion. It was the Bishop who appointed to its charge a man whose memory is not likely to fade from the present or immediate generation of Hobart Catholics. I refer to Mr. William Roper. For many years Mr. Roper formed the minds of hoys and girls in that old school at St. Joseph's, and although he was paid as teacher by the Government he ceased not to teach and defend the religion he had embraced and in which he reared up a large family, all of them sound Catholies and educated men and women. It was Bishop Willson, too, who introduced a small band of Sisters of Charity from Sydney. He brought them to Hobart, not to teach in his school, which was, as I have said competently staffed, but to aid him in the great and urgent work to which Providence had so signally called him, the instruction and salvation of the convlct prisoners. And in that blessed field of his great endeavors the Sisters of Charity made a name for themselves.

Later on, when Mr. Roper's advanced years seemed to call for other provision in the School, the late Archbishop, who had succeeded Dr. Willson felt that it was vain to expect many Mr. Ropers, who would work at once to satisfy State requirements, for which they were paid, and devote time to religious instruction for which they were not paid.

He boldly resolved to have good Catholic teachers even without State assistance rather than uncertain teachers with such assistance. Then he found in the Sisters of Charity and in the Presentation Sisters the loyal helpers whom he needed. In his declining years when I was sent to his aid his first request to me was to take charge of the Diocesan Catholie Schools. After a while the prospect was darkened by the passage of the Teachers' and Schools' Registration Act. Nearly all the so-called private schools went down under its operation. We were anxious. We turned once more to our Sisterhoods and to the Christian Brothers, and we turned to our Catholic people. It was a great test of their loyalty to Church and Faith. Well, the result as you see in this magnificent school before you, shows we did not appeal in vain. And it is the same throughout the diocese. Of the entire Catholic population, including the "nominals," of Tasmania one tenth is represented in the children who attend our Catholic Schools. And the spirit and the courage which have achieved this show no sign of weakening. Priests and people in many quarters are calling out for the Catholic School and are prepared to meet the cost.

Pope Creates Two New Cardinals

At the Whitsun Consistory (says Catholic News Service, London, for June 2) Pope Pius XI, created two new Cardinals, and imposed the Red Hat on two of the Cardinals who were created at his first Consistory.

The new purparati are Mgr. Naselli-Rocca, Archbishop of Bologna, from which See Benedict XV. came, and Mgr. Sincero, who is Assessor of the Consistorial Congregation.

Cardinal Reig, who now goes to Toledo as its Archbishop and the Primate of Spaih, was raised to the Purple last December, as also was Cardinal Locatelli, who has just relinquished the Nuncioship at Lisbon. Both their Eminences received the scarlet zuchetto at the hands of the Head of the State—Cardinal Reig from the King of Spain, and Cardinal Locatelli from the Portugese President. But the reception of the Red Hat was deferred until last week.

The Holy Father's Allocation at the Secret Consistory has attracted a great deal of attention, not only in Rome and Italy, but in outside countries as well.

After declaring that the Holy See would persist in upholding the Church's claims in regard to the Holy Places of Palestine, the Holy Father made a wide reference to world conditions.

"Our paternal eyes," said his Holiness, "see in the crowds of combatants some of the best of Our children, for various reasons beloved by this Holy Apostolic Sec. We see the children of the Island of Saints, also the children of the Island of Angels, the children of the Church's Eldest Daughter, and also children of that Catholic Germany who, in spite of her defection, four centuries ago, has always known, even during the terrible war, or during the present tribulation, how to reward Us with such studious fervor and such solid and industrious organisation of Catholic life. We must specially remark the immense loss which all religious institutions and works are sustaining among all these Our sons, whose sufferings only make them more dear.

In touching on religious conditions in Russia, his Holiness spoke by name of the Catholic and Orthodox clergy who had, in spite of the protestations of the Holy See, been made to suffer for their religion at the hands of the Bolsheviks. From the blood which had been shed, the Holy Father declared, would spring the seeds of a renewed and vigorous growth of Christianity. Nor, continued the Holy Father, would recent events in Russia lessen in the least the solicitude of the Holy See for the starving and suffering people.

In commemoration of Leo XIII.'s great Encyclical Revum Nordrum, a delegation of the organisation of Christian Co-operatives waited on his Holiness and was received in private audience. Before the audience the delegates were permitted to assist at the Pope's private Mass, when they received Holy Communion from his Holiness.

Signor Chiri, who leaded the delegation, read a little address, to which the Pope replied very affectionately, and afterwards the delegates presented a souvenir in the shape of some very fine study furniture, which had been made specially for the Pope by the Union of Carpenters of Brianza.

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Catholic World

A NEW NUNCIO FOR BELGIUM.

The departure of the Nuncio, Mgr. Nicotra, who goes to Lisbon to succeed Cardinal Locatelli, is regretted by all classes in Belgium (says Catholic News Service, London).

The departing Nuncio, who has been in Belgium since 1920, has not always had an easy task. Not, however, that his presence has at any time been anything but welcome; but situations have arisen from time to time in national affairs when only the most delicate tact would have made the position of the papal representative at all possible. That the Nuncio leaves with the good wishes of all is a tribute to both his diplomacy and his tact.

Mgr. Nicotra's successor is already named. He is Mgr. Micara, who has made good as Papal Nuncio at Prague. His appointment is a loss for the Czechs, but a matter of congratulation for Belgium.

Mgr. Micara is one of the younger of the Vatican diplomatists: but his rare skill is shown in his successful filling of his office at Prague during a time when the position of the Church has been extremely difficult, owing to the proposed separation of Church and State in the Republic.

The new Nuncio will not come to Belgium as a stranger. He was in the country on diplomatic service during the war, and he knows a great deal about Belgian conditions at first hand.

MARTYR OF CONFESSIONAL IS VENERATED.

The bridge from which St. John Nepomucene was flung to his death by a tyrannical ruler, rather than betray the secrets of the confessional, still exists in Prague, and here pilgrims from all parts of the Republic found their way on the occasion of the national festival of the saint.

The fine Cathedral was the rallying place of the visitors. First to arrive were the Moravians from Illucinsko, in Northern Silesia. These were welcomed to the city by the Minister of Agriculture. Then came in an enormous group of Slovaks, gaily attired in their national costume; then other groups, all showing a wonderful variety of national and traditional attire.

The great religious function took place at mid-day, when the Auxiliary of Prague, Mgr. Podlaha, led some 15,000 pilgrims to the Church of St. Ignace across the town from the Hradeauy Palace. This great procession was brought up by Cabinet Ministers, Senators and Deputies of the Popular Party, and people of all ranks and classes. Even the Army was not left out, and in these days it requires no little courage for an army officer to manifest publicly and in such a manner his religious convictions. Particularly interesting was the procession of the clergy, the secular and the regulars, and then the Canons of the Metropolitan Chapters, wearing mitres which is their special privilege. Then followed the bishops, and last of all the venerable Archbishop of Prague, close to the feretory on which were placed, the relics of the Martyr.

It was an inspiring manifestation, as well as an eloquent proof that in spite of all their present troubles, religion has a strong hold on the majority of the people.

CHICAGO SELECTED FOR NEXT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

On the authority of a special cable which he received from Rome (says the *Catholic Bulletin*, of St. Paul), Archbishop Mundelein has announced that the 20th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Chicago in June, 1926.

The coming of the International Eucharistic Congress to Chicago will mean the drawing to that city of at least 1,000,000 visitors, including cardinals, archbishops, bishops, monsignors, priests and members of religious Orders, from all the Christian parts of the world.

It means also the attendance of the entire Hierarchy of the United States, together with hundreds of Catholic laymen and women, to whom the holding of this first congress in the United States indicates new recognition by the Vatican of the Catholic people of America.

The first information to reach Archbishop Mundelein of the probable acceptance of his invitation to bring the International Congress to this archdiocesan seat, came in a report a short time ago that the standing committee of the International Congress meeting in Paris had voted in favor of Chicago, and had dispatched an emissary to Romo to secure the approval of Pope Pius XI. of their choice.

The congress is essentially a religious affair, and the programme will be wholly religious in its significance, including besides the larger gatherings, meetings and religious services in every one of the more than 250 Catholic churches of the city and suburbs.

Among the more distinguished of the visitors will be the Pope's own representative, and the officials of the congress. Many of the most distinguished of the cardinals and church leaders in Europe, Christianised Asia, South America, Australia, the Philippines and Hawaii, Mexico, Central America and Canada will attend.

"I look forward to one of the greatest gatherings Chicago has ever witnessed, not excepting the World's Fair." said Archbishop Mundelein. "It will present a great problem in transportation, but the transportation authorities have three years' notice to prepare for it. It will also create some problems in caring for the visitors, but all of the resources at our command will be utilised to that end. It will be a great event for Chicago, and for the entire United States."

THE RECENT ENGLISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Something like the ages of Faith (says an exchange) was revived in London, when one of the greatest pilgrimages of modern times in England left the Victoria railway station for Lourdes; one train consisting of sick cases, and the second of those either well or able to look after themselves.

English Protestantism was very much in the background as, to the strains of a popular hymn in honor of the Blessed Virgin, the "pink" train left the platform carrying its load of sufferers on the way to the French shrine. The concourse of the station was crowded, many non-Catholics being present. Yet the scene was one of great reverence, and heads were bared as the hymn sounded out from the train with its pilgrims.

Formerly rather cynical about such things as Catholic pilgrimages, the secular press of England has published the most sympathetic accounts of this pilgrimage, describing the incidents as if England were a Catholic country, and a pilgrimage to seek the help of the Blessed Virgin the most commonplace and everyday event.

Nominally English, since it was under the auspices of English ecclesiastical authorities, the pilgrimage was representative of the British Isles. London was perhaps most largely represented; but pilgrims and sick cases had come from so far off as Cork and Dublin, while other pilgrims arrived from Cardiff, Aberdeen, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.

The same reverent interest awaited the pilgrims when they embarked on the Channel steamer at Folkestone. Crowds of spectators fined the pier, and hats were off when the pilgrims struck up the hymns "Hail Queen of Heaven" and "Faith of Our Fathers."

A later report stated:-

Lourdes has just been visited by two remarkable pilgrimages. The one, composed of 750 Belgians, comes from Tournai, under the direction of Mgr. de Croy. The other is a very wonderful English pilgrimage. Conducted by M. Carton de Wiart, brother of the former Premier of Belgium, and by the Bishops of Cardiff, Brentwood, and Northampton, the English pilgrimage has 800 pilgrims. including many sick persons. This pilgrimage is remarkable for its recollection and fervor. Each day the ascent to Calvary has been made by large numbers of English pilgrims walking barefoot, and for several days the prayers, invocations, and sermons at Lourdes have been regularly alternated in English and French. There are several Protestants in the English pilgrimage who declare that they came to Lourdes to learn what takes place there. There is an English woman doctor among the physicians who accompanied the sick persons of the pilgrimage.

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Wnite Soup.

2 small onions, I turnip. Hb of poratoes, I stalk of celery, 2 small parsnips, 3 pints of water, ½ pint of milk, I tablespoonful of flour, 2 tablespoonsful of butter, and salt to taste. Cut about 2lb of any white vegetables, previously washed and peeled, into pieces, or preferably , everal kinds mixed, and boil them until soft in the water with salt and butter. Rub them through a colander, put them back in the stewpan with milk, and let boil. Put in flour, mixed smoothly with a little cold water or milk, let the soup boil for ten minutes, and then serve.

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Allspice. The herry of a small tree growing in the West Indies. Gathered when green and dried in the small The berries combine the flavor of cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg, hence the name. Also called himeuto or Jamaica pepper. Used for flavoring somps, stock, sames, stocks.

Cloves. The unopened flower buds of a tree growing in the Tropies. Much used in both sweet and savory dishes.

Cinnamon. The bank of a spices of laurel. Comes chiefly from Ceylon, Java, and Bardbay. Much used for flavoring both sweet and savory dishes and employed medi-

Coriander.—The fruit of seeds, so called, of an Eastern plant, used by confectioners and in the making of curry powders.

Aromatic Spice.—A mixture of pepper, salt, cinnamon, mace, powdered bay leaf, thyme, marjoram, nutmeg, and cayenne. Used for flavoring ragouts, braises, game pres, vol-au-venits, galatines, and so on.

Nutmeg.—The seed of the nutmeg tree. Used for flavoring sweet and savory dishes.

Mace.—The outer shell of the nutmeg. Used whole or powdered for sweet or sayarz dishes.

Mustard .- Seeds of a plant of two kinds, black and white. These are ground and mixed. Used as a condiment and for flavoring,

Pepper. The seeds or berries of an Eastern shrub, The berry has a dark brown skin. Black pepper consists of the dried berries ground whole. The same berries aro ground finely after the dark husks have been removed to make white pepper.

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ON THE LAND

MARKET REPORTS.

At Burnside last week 214 head of far catile were penned-a small yarding-which included several pens of wellfinished cattle, prices for these being firm at the previous week's rates, but lighter cattle showed a rise in values to the extent of 10s to 15s per head. This was most noticeable at the end of the sale. Extra prime heavyweight bullocks realised from £16 15s to £17 10s, prime heavyweight bullocks £14 12s 6d to £15 5s, medium from £!1 17s 6d to £12 10s, lighter kinds from £9 2s 6d to £10 15s. best cows and heifers to £8, medium from £6 10s to £7.5s. others from £6 upwards. Fat Sheep: A small yarding was brought forward for last week's sale, only 1774 being penned, consequently a fairly spirited sale resulted. Prices for prime heavy-weight sheep opened equal to these ruling the preceding week, and remained firm throughout, medium sheep were easier to the extent of 1s to 1s fid, Extra prime heavy-weight wethers brought 55s 9d to 62s 6d, prime heavy-weight wothers 48s 6d to 50s, medium 38s 9d to 44s, light kinds from 30s upwards, extra prime heavyweight ewes 35s to 39s 3d, prime 30s to 32s 3d, medium 26s to 28s, others from 22s 6d upwards. Fat Pigs. Pigs were forward in fairly large numbers, all classes being represented. Competition was brisk, and prices were about equal to those realised at the previous sale. Best baconers realised up to 7d, and best porkers from 8d to 81d per 4b.

At last week's Addington market the yardings were smaller in all classes, except in lat sheep, and there was an improvement in both beef and mutton values. Fat Sheep .- A sligthly larger entry and an improved market for wethers. Ewes were about the same, and there was a keen sale for extra prime wethers, which realised from 41s 6d to 43s. A few special 46 prime wethers brought from 38s to 41s, medium from 34s 6d to 37s 6d, light from 29s 6d to 34s, extra prime ewes from 35s 6d to 37s 6d, a few special 39s 9d, prime from 32s 6d to 35s 6d, medium from 28s 6d to 32s, light from 24s 6d to 28s 3d. Fat Cattle. A small yarding of 305 head. The market was slightly better than it was on the previous week for good beef. Extra prime 32s per 100th, and from 27s 6d to 29s 6d, medium from 24s 6d to 26s 6d, extra prime steers from £14 15s to £16 17s 6d, prime from C11 to C11, medium from £8 5s to £10 15s, inferior from £6 5s to £8, extra prime heifers £11 5s, prime from £7 5s to £9 5s, ordinary from £5 12s 6d to £7, extra prime cows £9 5s, prime from £6 to £8, ordinary from £3 15s to £5 15s. Vealers. A small entry and a rise in values. Runners £5 5s, good vealers from: £3 5s to £5 7s 6d, fair from £2 to £3, small calves from £1 to £1 75s. Fat Pigs. A small entry and no alteration in values. Choppers from £3 10s to £7 10s. light baconers from £3 15s to £4 5s, heavy from £4 12s 6d to £5. Average price from 7d to 73d. Light porkers from 40s to 50s, heavy from 55s to 65s. Average price from 8d to 9d.

At the fortnightly sale of rabbitskins held on July 17. another large offering was placed before the usual attendance of buyers. Bidding lacked spirit, and an irregular sale was the result, consequently lower values had to be accepted. Best winter sorts showed a decrease on an average of about 2d per lb, spotted winters 4d per lb, incoming winter 11d, and autumns 2d per lb. Lower grades were firm at last sale's rates. Quotations: Prime winter does 91d to 971d, first 70d to 83d, second 48d to 51d, sported 39d to 44d, prime winter bucks 80d to 85d, first 66d to 781d, second 48d to 53d, spotted 36d to 41d, spring bucks 28d to 33d, spring does 30d to 35d, early winter 60d to 65d, incoming winter 54d to 58d. Into autumn 13d to 47d, early autumn 33d to 37d, prime racks 30d to 311d, light 26d to 28d, summer 25d to 27d, small 16d to 184d, first broken 36d to 411d, second 30d to 341d, autumn broken 24d to 29d, summer 18d to 22d, first winter black 72d to 89d, second 45d to 55d, autumn 30d to 37d, first winter fawn 60d to 65d, hareskins 20d to 30d.

SOME NOTES ON FARM WORK.

In an interesting address on the work of the Otago Farm School, recently delivered by Mr. O. E. Neiderer (says the Southland Weekly Times), the following useful information was given:—

Liming and Manuring.

The soil might be regarded as the chief asset in the husiness of agriculture, and there are ten elements necessary for plant growth. Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, mirogen, sulphur, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and iron. Seven of these elements were plentiful in New Zealand soils. The three in which our soils were deficient were nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorous, and consequently the manures required acre divided into three groups accordingly and high grade manures contain these three elements. The practice of liming as a soil sweetener and for correcting acidity is very important. Lime was used not so much to supply plant food as to correct certs a deficiencies or irregularities in the soil. The first essential was draining, which must go hand in hand with liming. Lime not only promoted plant growth, but made the fodder more palatable to stock and bindered the progress of plant diseases. The enormous amounts of phosphorous, lime, etc., that are taken off our land annually by cropping and what goes off the farm in beef and milk showed the great necessity of putting something back into the land in the way of fertilisers; especially top-dressing pasture land. Basic slag for this purpose can be most profitably used, from lewb to 10cm) per acre. A good paddock of grass is like a good cow, it pays to expend money on it.

New Zealand Grass Lands.

The farmer should aim at a mixed pasture, which is preferable to pure sowings, because the growth was more uniform throughout the year. Variation of feed was offered, which stock appreciated, and piant companionship was Leneficial to the individuals. Particularly valuable were clovers in the pasture. They should be looked on as one of the vital elements in any pasture association. The nitrates clover gather become available to the other grasses. They also keep the surface of the ground cool and moist, which in the case of eacksfoot and crested dogstail, the new surface mots can grow. This is one of the reasons why permanent pastures should not be caten too bare, as some of the best grasses get killed out. Cockshoot makes new root growth each year, but cannot do so unless the new shoots of grass can get away. Also grasses and clovers obtain some of their food from the air; this is absorbed through the leaves. If kept caten bare they cannot get the necessary food. This shows the necessity of having small paddocks, so as each portion can be spelled systematically, It is also a mistake to cut hay crops off permanent grass paddocks, as by letting the stronger grasses come away to cut for hay the finer grasses are smothered out. This leaves have pateless for weeds and poorer grasses to get a hold and so ruin the pasture. The chain harrows should be used frequently, for the rank growth round stock droppings tends to smother out the finer grasses. Scotch thistles are also bad for the same reason, as stock cannot graze close up to the thistle stalk, with the result that you have the rank growth of the stroager growing grasses. Crested dogstail is not appreciated as it should be. Three or four pounds should be included in all permanent grass mixtures, whether for catile or sheep. It is such a good bottom grass.

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Oh! our merry boyhood days,
When the heart is young,
And through wood and winding ways,
Hope's glad bells are rung;
Then on hill and smiling lea,
Nature's kiss is fair,
Wayward wills go laughing free,
With joy everywhere.

Oh! our blissful boyhood days,
Bright as mountain rill,
That Dawn's fairy-wand arrays,
In gay robes that thrill.
What are hours, or days, or years,
When the skies are blue?
When smiles are undimmed with tears.
And all hearts are true?

Oh! our happy boyhood days,
When time is a dream,
Tinged with brightest rainbow rays.
Fringed with pleasure's gleam;
Then the mountain heights look grand,
Far-off vales smile fair,
And on Life's wide fairy-land.
Falls no shade of care.

Oh! our hopeful boyhood days,
Spent 'mid dreams and flow'rs,
Fancy's castles then we raise
With cloud-piercing tow'rs.
Though the world has gone all wrong.
Right yet might shall smite,
With our laughter and our song,
We will set all right.

Ah! our bless'd boyhood days.
On Time's true, stern hands,
All too soon we sadly gaze.
At their last gold sands.
Yet those days—best of our years!
Were not lived in vain,
If they through our manhood fears,
Cheer us on again.

--C. John Faber Callen.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH TO LAST FOREVER.

A non-Catholic correspondent who considered the condition of his own Church shaky recently asked the London Catholic Times what is the prospect that the Catholic Church will last for the guidance and instruction of man. "The Testimony of the Fathers on the point," said the Times, "is plain and abundant. 'Not for a brief period," says St. Augustine, 'was the Church to exist on this earth, but the Church will be here till the end of the world, . The Church shall not be conquered; shall not be rooted up; nor give way before any trials whatever till the end of this world shall come and out of this temporal dwelling-place we be received into that eternal one." " "Unbelievers think,' he says elsewhere, 'that the Christian religion will last for a certain period in the world and will then disanpear. But it will remain as long as the sun-as long as the sun rises and sets; that is, as long as the ages of time shall roll, the Church of God, the true Body of Christ on earth, will not disappear.' As to the perpetuity of the Catholic Church, our correspondent can make his mind easy."

FLOWERS OF THE DEVOUT LIFE.
THE SCRIBE WITH LIGHT-TIPPED FINGERS.

The lives of Irish saints are remarkably rich in wonders. These very wonders are themselves wonderful in

that they present features which are quite unknown, or, at least, are very rarely to be found in the lives of saints of other lands. A French writer, M. Henry de Varigny, referring recently to the voyages of St. Brendan—who once kept Easter on the back of a whale—says: "Let us take his legend not as being more or less an historical document, but as though it were a text in which is reflected tho thought and psychology of the period which gave it birth." These words are very applicable to several incidents in the life of another holy trish personage, Marianus Scottus, who ended his life at Ratisbon, and notably do they bear on the pretty story we are about to relate. Beneath the embellishments of the legend may be discerned deeds, traditions, habits of life which claim their place in the history of ideas and customs.

Like many another Irish monk, Marianus, who died about 1080, was a most industrious writer. If, even now in our own day, so many great libraries- not only in Ireland, and England but also in continental Europe—are possessed of numerous Irish manuscripts, it is the patient labor of these scribes from beyond the sea that this is due.

After many wanderings for the love of Christ, Marianus reached Ratisbon to stay for good, and there he became the guest of the nuns of the monastery of the lower fown (Niedermunster), who quartered him in a small cell where in peaceful seclusion he spent the rest of his days. For the use of the pious widows of the town he occupied his time in transcribing portable copies of the Psalms—the usual prayer-book of that day—as well as other Biblical texts and liturgical books for the poor clergy of the place.

He worked not only by day but far into the night, and it was the custom, when twilight failed, for a Sister to bring him a lamp for his night work. But once it fell out that the good nun forgot this duty. Marianus, who as a recluse never left his cell, could not go in search of a lamp himself, nor had he a bell or any means whereby he could communicate his plight to other inmates of the convent; but, far from being upset by his misfortune, he quietly went on writing in the dark. Suddenly it occurred to him to raise his left arm by resting the elbow on the table and to open wide his hand. No sooner was this gene than the divine mercy permitted three of his fingers to glow and to emit as much light over his workfable has three lamps could not have done," says his biographer.

The forgetful nun had already gone to bed before she bethought herself of her neglect. She at once arose, and, accompanied by two or three of the Sisters, hurried on tiptoe to the cell of the holy old man. But great was the surprise of them all when through the stit of the door they saw streaming bright rays of light. Still greater was their wonder when they had assured themselves that the light which flooded the cell more brilliantly "than the midday sun" proceeded from the very fingers of Marianus.

The hagiographer who relates this prodigy adds that the nuns, trembling with excitement, went hurriedly to the abbess to report what they beheld, and he further tells us that the news of the miracle spread rapidly on the morrow among the clergy and good townsfolk of Ratisbon.

In the Vienna Library is a very fine manuscript of the Epistles of St. Paul written by the hand of Marianus Scottus of Ratisbon. Let us imagine it was over the leaves of this very codex that fell the brilliant light from the scribe's improvised lamp.—L. Gougand, in the Catholic Bulletin.

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FACE TO FACE.

If to taste Thee, Lord, is so wondrons sweet.
Through the veils of Faith, as I kneel at Your Feet,
With a throbbing heart and a burning soul,
In the mystic vision of Love's great goal—
If the glimpsing flash of Thy tender grace
Ifolds me a captive before Thy sweet Face
And Thy glorious Presence so hidden and frail
Sends a flood of joy from the Host's pure veil,
O, how can I dream of the sweetness untold
When earth's mists have fled and Thy Glory behold.
When I open the arms of my love-thirsty soul
To drink and be filled—not in part, but in whole,
And Thy Smile and Thy Voice, once unseen and unheard,
Envelop me—shroud me—MY LORD AND MY GOD!
—Margaret L. Cunningham.

HER WAY OF KNOWING.

An old farmer handed in a telegram-form at the market post-office, containing nothing but the address and eight strokes. "But surely you are going to send a message?" said the counter-clerk. "No, that's all right, miss," he replied. "If them strokes comes out the same at the other end my missis'll know as I shall be home at eight o'clock. Her can't read or write, but her can count, so just see as you puts the proper strokes in."

SHENCED.

A newly-married couple were entertuining their friends and amongst the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him objectionable to the rest of the company.

His conduct, although almost unbearable, was tolerated for some time, until at suppor he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended humor remarked. "Is this pig?"

"To which end of the fork do you refer?" asked a quiet-looking man sitting at the other end of the table.

THE REASON WHY.

"This is George the Fourth," said an exhibitor of waxworks, pointing to a very slim figure with a theatrical crown on his head.

"I thought he was a very stout man," observed a

spectator.

"Werry likely," replied the man, sharply, not approving of the comment of his visitor, "but if you'd been here without wittles half as long as he has you'd be twice as thin."

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After a short pause a small boy held up his hand.

"Please, sir, I did."

"Ah, Tom Jones, and where did you lose it?"

"Please, sir, where you found it!"

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"How long have you lived in this village?" asked the man from the city.

The oldest inhabitant was tired of answering questions. "You see that hill over there," he said. "Well, when

A young woman of heroic build met a man who had known her father and mother. As he gazed at her the light of memory came into his eyes.

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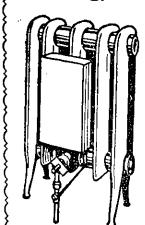
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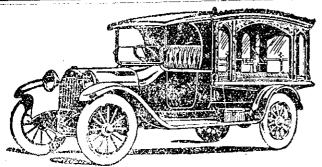
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