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who assisted at the Jubilee—a most imposing celebration—were Canon John Bagshawe (brother), his Honor Judge Bagshawe, Q.C., and Mrs. Bagshawe, Mr. Clement Bagshawe, J.P., of Dover (a brother of Dr. Bagshawe), Lord Howard, of Glossop, Lord Gainsborough, and nearly 100 priests.

A Society of Lay Helpers.—A new society has been founded by Mrs. Nolan-Slaney in the Mission of the Sacred Heart, Birmingham. The society will devote its time to assisting the sick and reclaiming the negligent. It will succour the dying and console the unfortunate. The members will give lessons in cookery and other domestic subjects. In their charitable labours they will combine the temporal with the spiritual. Though the society is little more than a few months old it already numbers over 40 members.

FRANCE.—The Pope and Madame Loubet.—His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has sent a splendid rosary chaplet to Madame Loubet, wife of the President of the Republic. The gift seems to be intended as a souvenir of a short stay once made by the Sovereign Pontiff when he was Nuncio in Bavaria, at Montélimar, where he met some of the President's family.

GERMANY.—A Prince Enters a Monastery.—Prince George of Liechtenstein, youngest son of Prince and Princess Alfred of Liechtenstein, has entered the Benedictine Order as a novice, at the age of 19. He is a nephew of Prince Aloisius Liechtenstein, who married Miss Mary Fox, the adopted daughter of the late Lord and Lady Holland.

SCOTLAND.—Clerical Appointment.—The Rev. C. Callanan, from the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly, Ireland, has been appointed to the vacant curacy at St. Joseph's, Kilmarnock.

Presentation of a Chalice.—Mrs. McLaughlin has presented St. Bride's, Cambuslang, with an embossed gold chalice, set with precious stones, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Edward McLaughlin.

Presentation to a Priest.—A gold watch, albert, pendant and purse of sovereigns are the 'outward signs' by which the parishioners of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, have testified their affection for their late curate, Father Forbes, St. Peter's College, Bearsden.

Canon Donlevy on the South African War.—A number of the Catholic men of the Scots Greys and the Gordon Highlanders attended High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, October 22. The preacher, the Very Rev. Canon Donlevy, addressed them as follows: Since Sunday last, war in all its horrors has broken out. The distant roar of artillery, the clang of arms, the roll of the drum, and the shrill note of the trumpet, sound in our ears. Those sounds have entered every home in England, Ireland and Scotland, and brave youths are saying a hurried farewell to those they love best of all on earth, and hastening to join their standards. Already we stand by the open grave of hundreds of brave men who have done their duty. To us, more than our fellow-countrymen, is that grave dear, for it contains very many who, like us, were Catholic. Their noble charge and heroic death deserve our admiration; and as we place the well-deserved wreath, we join the fervent prayer to make amends for them before the Almighty. Well have they proved the Catholic soldier knows and does his duty. Men of the Scots Greys and Gordon Highlanders, who have ever been foremost in danger, we know you will do your duty. We pray the God of Armies to be with you, and, as we bid you God-speed, bear in mind that the eyes of your countrymen follow you. Our prayers are with you, and God hasten the day when you return to place the garland of peace on the altar of the Prince of Peace.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A Priest's Silver Jubilee.—The Very Rev. Father Fanning, of King Williamstown, has celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee.

Irish Jesuits at the Cape.—The Irish Fathers of the Society of Jesus, who are engaged in a missionary circuit in the Cape, have crossed the border and begun work in the Eastern Province of South Africa. Their mission has been throughout most successful. The diocese of the Most Rev. Dr. McSherry is at present the scene of their labours, being the first station of their return journey. The end of the year will, it is expected, bring their apostolic work in Africa to a close.

Mr Rhodes and the Salesian Institute.—Mr. Rhodes has been showing his sympathy with the Salesian Institute in Cape

Town (whose object is the training of orphan boys to a good practical trade) by a donation of £25. Previous to this, the Superior of the Institute had a private interview with Mr. Rhodes, who was made acquainted with the various works of the Salesian Institution. He has expressed himself a strong believer in technical education.

UNITED STATES.—Monument to the Late Bishop of Columbus.—The monument to the late Right Rev. John A. Watterson, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, O., is a canopy sarcophagus of classic design, one of the finest ever erected in Central Ohio. The design was selected from nearly one hundred competitive plans, and will cost 2700dol. It will be placed over the grave on a suitable foundation and will be erected about April next.

Death of a Great Irish Scholar.—The Rev. Eugene O'Growney died at the Sisters' Hospital, Los Angeles, on October 18. Father O'Growney went to the United States in 1894 for a change of climate, and for the past three years lived in Arizona. His death was due to an operation which was performed three weeks before with the hope of prolonging his life. Of all the leaders of the Gaelic movement there is hardly one who had done such valiant service in the cause as Father O'Growney, and none was more popular. The deceased was born at Ballyfallon, Athboy, County Meath, in 1863. Neither of his parents knew Irish, nor was any Irish spoken in the district; indeed it is related that he did not know anything of the language until he went to St. Finian's Seminary, Navan, in 1879. He got his first knowledge of it from a series of lessons which appeared in the *Young Ireland* magazine. In 1882 Father O'Growney entered Maynooth, where he studied for six years, and he had an opportunity of conversing with Irish-speaking students. He was ordained in 1889, and went as curate to Ballynacargy, near Mullingar. While here he became co-editor of the *Gaelic Journal*. In 1893 he, at the suggestion of Archbishop Walsh, commenced in the *Weekly Freeman* and *Gaelic Journal* the now famous 'Simple Lessons in Irish,' which have gone through several editions.

GENERAL.

Next Year's Pigrimages.—During Jubilee Year many of the Catholics of Great Britain will go in devout pilgrimage to the Eternal City to gain the indulgences offered by the Church. Besides a special pilgrimage of Catholics, there will be a working-men's pilgrimage, which is even now being prepared. It is the first of the kind which will go from England to Rome. Its organisers and promoters hope from what they see now to be able to bring to Rome no less than a thousand working-men—a very respectable number considering the feverish continuity of labour in England. The organising committee of this pilgrimage will only concern itself with English working-men, for other similar pilgrimages will go from Ireland and Scotland. If Scotch and Irish working-men, especially those who labour in English workshops, wish to take part in it, they will be admitted, and will thus increase very considerably the number of the working-men's pilgrimage.

Messrs. Hislop and Creagh, solicitors, Oamaru, have money to lend in large and small sums at lowest current rates.—*.*

The New Zealand Express Company, with offices in almost every important centre in this Colony, are prepared to forward parcels to all parts of the world. Persons having furniture to remove will do well to consult the Express Company, who are noted for the careful manner in which they do their work, and also for their moderate charges.—*.*

Holiday excursion tickets will be issued on the New Zealand Government Railways on the Hurunui-Bluff section from December 18 to January 2. These tickets will be available for return up to and including January 30. Special night trains will be despatched from Dunedin, Christchurch, and Invercargill on the nights of December 23rd and 30th. Particulars as to fares, etc., will be found elsewhere in this issue.—*.*

An important notice regarding the train service during the Christmas holidays appears elsewhere in this issue. From Wednesday, December 20, to Tuesday, January 9 (inclusive), fast passenger trains will run daily (Sundays excepted) between Dunedin and Oamaru and Oamaru and Christchurch. It is notified also by the Railway Department that several of the ordinary trains will have their time of departure and arrival altered during the above period. Further particulars regarding fares and other matters will be found in our advertising columns.—*.*