

vance in religion, not even to tonsure. He was finally expelled for irreligion, as before. After two years' study he gained a very inferior degree in medicine, and no patients. He then proposed marriage to a virtuous and well-to-do young lady, who refused him at first on account of his irreligious tendencies, but allowed herself in the long run to be persuaded to the union, the irony of the situation consisting in the fact that her persuader was an ecclesiastical dignitary. She died after eight years, leaving two sons, one of whom was that Edgar since notorious in connection with the bribery affair of the Grand Chartreuse. After the death of his wife, Combes began his rabid career against the Church, the sure path which mediocre Frenchmen tread to place and power.'

The Catholic Congress

For a week after next Sunday the Second Australasian Catholic Congress will be in full swing. The Catholic Hierarchy of New Zealand will be represented by the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan. A number of priests and laymen from New Zealand will also take part in the proceedings, Dunedin diocese contributing three of each. A great number of New Zealanders have taken out membership cards directly from the General Secretary, Dr. Kenny, of Melbourne. In addition thereto the Very Rev. P. Power, of Hawera, Congress Secretary for the Archdiocese of Wellington, has enrolled a total of no fewer than 102 members from the following parishes: Hawera, 36; Thorndon, 14; Patea, 9; New Plymouth, 7; Wanganui, 7; Te Aro, 6; Stratford, 5; Kaponga, 5; Opuake, 4; Meapee, 2; Napier, 1; Hastings, 1; Takapau, 1; Otaki, 1; Upper Hutt, 1; Blenheim, 1; Westport, 1.

Up to last Monday 108 members were enrolled by the Rev. H. W. Cleary, Congress Secretary for the diocese of Dunedin. The following are the particulars: United States, 2; Ireland, 3; Victoria, 3; New South Wales, 1; Canterbury, 4; Greymouth, 2; Maori Missions, 2; Reefton, 1; and the parishes in the Dunedin diocese as follows: Dunedin, 47; Oamaru, 5; Lawrence, 5; Milton, 4; Queenstown, 4; Mosgiel, 4; Invercargill, 3; Gore, 3; Riverton, 3; Palmerston South, 3; Riversdale, 2; Wreys Bush, 2; Port Chalmers, 2; Naseby, 1; Cromwell, 1; Ophir, 1; Winton, 1. Up to and including next week's Australian mail by Hobart intending members in the diocese of Dunedin who desire to possess the great Memorial Volume of the Congress may send applications to Rev. H. W. Cleary, with money order for 10s 6d, payable at the G.P.O., Melbourne, and enclosed in envelope addressed to him at the Sacred Heart Presbytery, St. Kilda West, Melbourne.

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The Rev. Father Coffey, Rev. Father Cleary, and Messrs. C. A. Shiel and E. T. O'Connell were passengers by the 'Moeraki' for the purpose of attending the Catholic Congress which opens at Melbourne on Sunday. The 'Moeraki' left the Bluff for Hobart and Melbourne on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. E. Prendergast, of Otautau, was also expected to be a passenger from the Bluff.

We desire to remind our readers of the sacred concert to be given in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday evening, October 25. This is the first of the kind ever given in the sacred edifice. Mr. Vallis will play three organ solos, the choir will give three selections, including the 'Credo' from Haydn's Imperial Mass, and the Christian Brothers' boys will contribute an 'Ave Maria.' The soloists will be Mrs. Power, Miss G. Meenan, and Messrs. T. Hussey and J. McGrath. The proceeds will go towards the liquidation of the debt incurred in the renovation of the Christian Brothers' School.

As briefly announced in our last issue the Rev. Father Brown, S.J., and the Rev. Father Roney, S.J., have arrived in Dunedin for the purpose of conducting missions and retreats throughout the diocese. The inaugural ceremony took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday evening, when his Lordship the Bishop, addressing a very large congregation, said that the Jesuit Fathers were about to commence a series of missions in the diocese, which would extend over a period of about six months, during which time they would visit every district and preach in every church, bringing their labors to a close about Easter by a mis-

sion in the Cathedral. The Jesuit Fathers were renowned throughout the whole world for their fervor and zeal, and he felt confident that their labors here would be crowned with success. He had much pleasure in extending to them a hearty welcome, and he prayed that their labors would bring down abundant blessings and favors on the diocese. The inaugural sermon was preached by Rev. Father Brown, S.J., who took his text from St. Luke xix., 41, and following verses,—'And when He drew near, seeing the city, He wept over it, etc.' The sermon was a very eloquent and impressive one, the principal point which the Very Rev. preacher impressed upon his hearers being the necessity of co-operation with the grace of God, if we would secure our eternal salvation. After Vespers the choir sang the 'Veni Creator,' imploring the blessing of Almighty God on the labors of the missionaries. The Rev. Father Roney left for Oamaru on Saturday, where he opened a mission on Sunday, and was joined on Monday by Rev. Father Brown. It is expected that Fathers Brown and Roney will be assisted later on by the Rev. Father Claffey, S.J.

New Publications

We are in receipt of the first number of 'The Australasian Accountant and Business Man's Journal.' The proprietor and editor is Mr. T. H. Thompson (Dunedin), whose special fitness for the duties of conducting this excellent monthly is sufficiently indicated by the fact that he is joint author, with a local solicitor, of the admirable 'N.Z. Manual of Accountancy and Commercial Law,' which has met with such well-merited success among business people in this Colony. There are in Great Britain and in some other countries publications covering the same ground, but this is the first of the kind in Australasia. Local conditions are specially catered for, and able writers have been engaged to deal with legal accountancy and other questions affecting commerce in these countries. The editor has contrived to lighten his various themes by the introduction of well executed heliogravures and, among other things, by quaint 'Ballads about Business,' in which humor and business acumen are happily blended. The publication carries a free accident insurance for £100. It is extremely valuable to business people and to colleges and schools where a commercial course is taught. (Rate of subscription, 10s 6d per annum).

From the publishers (Pustet and Co., New York) we have received 'The Mirror of True Manhood as Reflected in the Life of St. Joseph.' This valuable manual is translated from the French by the Rev. Dr. Mullany, and is enriched with a preface by the Right Rev. Dr. Colton, Bishop of Buffalo. It consists of some 340 pages of beautifully clear and legible type, and sets before the mental eye of the reader a series of devout meditations on the various aspects of the life of St. Joseph—the designs of God in his regard; as the husband of Mary, as the foster-father of the Holy Child; his place in the various incidents of the infancy, youth, private and public life, and death and resurrection of the Savior of the World; his various virtues, and the many roles which he fills in regard to those who are engaged in the pilgrimage towards eternity. 'The Mirror of True Manhood' is a book which should be in the hands of every layman, young and old. We specially recommend it for those in charge of youth, for colleges and schools, etc., as it cannot fail to strengthen their devotion to the great Patron of the Universal Church. (Price 3s, obtainable direct from publishers or through any of the booksellers advertising in our columns).

The following are timely and useful publications of the Catholic Truth Society (69 Southwark Bridge Road, London, S.E.): 'The Catholic Church in Japan'; 'A Tale of Mexican Horrors'—in which Father Thurston, S.J., dynamites the oft-recurring fable of the walled-up nuns; 'Rome's Appalling Record,' a withering statistical exposure of sundry bogus 'returns' of alleged French clerical criminality; 'the Motu Proprios of Pius X. on Christian Democracy and Sacred Music'; 'Are Indulgences Sold in Spain?'—an examination of the Bull of the Crusade which switches on a good deal of light to a familiar misrepresentation of Catholic practice; and, finally, the interesting story of Dona Luisa de Carvajal, a Spanish heroine who died and suffered much for the Catholic cause in England in the troubled days of the early part of the seventeenth century (Price 1d each).

A notice of interest to competitors for the Dominican Scholarship appears in this issue...