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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.
Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.
April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.

Current Topics

Reform or Revolution in Russia?

The heavy strain imposed on the patience, patriotism, and pockets of the people by the war is producing its natural effect in Russia. The spirit of unrest and disaffection, which has for so long formed part of the normal condition of the country, has of late been fanned into a blaze of irritation, and the bureaucracy and ruling men, feeling their position growing weaker, are making something like a serious effort to conciliate opinion. The first instalment of reform was embodied in an important manifesto issued on the occasion of the recent christening of the Czar's son and heir. According to the cabled summary of its provisions the manifesto grants a general amnesty in the case of all political offenders except those charged with murder, abolishes corporal punishment among the rural classes, and for first offences among the sea and land forces; remits arrears owing to the State for the purchase of land and other direct imposts, sets apart £300,000 from the State money for the purpose of forming an inalienable fund for the benefit of landless people in Finland, grants amnesty to those Finlanders who have emigrated without authorisation, remits the fines imposed upon the rural and urban communes of Finland which refused to submit to military conscription in 1902 and 1903, and remits the fines imposed upon the Jewish communes in the cases of Jews avoiding military service. The manifesto also provides for a general reduction in sentences for common law offences. This has been followed up by an announcement made by the Czar himself that he will deal with the 'subordinate nationalities'—i.e. Poles, Finlanders, etc.—with a greater lenity than has ever been before displayed, and as a further guarantee of his earnestness and good faith he has appointed as a successor to M. de Plehve as head of the police as well as Minister of the Interior, Prince Svetopolk-Mirski, who belongs to the moderately liberal party and who was very popular at Wilna, where he was Governor. The new Minister has already announced his policy, the key-note to which is greater leniency of administration. He will abstain from persecution, will grant to the Jews everything except equality with Russians, and will treat rebellious students with lenity, as persons who are young enough to repent.

These reforms are considered as being unusually generous concessions and are received in Russia with a

considerable amount of gratitude. It is still very much open to doubt, however, whether they will prove sufficient to avert a revolution in the event of a disastrous ending to the present struggle. It is to be noted that in all these palliative measures the Czar has not parted with one iota of his power nor given to the people in the slightest degree any increased say in the government of the country. Moreover the recent reforms do not so much as touch the two points on which the disaffected in Russia feel most sorely. These are the despotism, which crushes out the right of free discussion, and the tyranny of the 'administrative order' system. In spite of the remedial measures now announced it is still a serious offence for the press in Russia to discuss the war freely, to hint that it has been mismanaged, or to ask for inquiry into the corruptions the existence of which even the great officials admit. Still more hateful is the grinding injustice of the 'administrative order' system. In many cases the law in Russia is in itself satisfactory enough, but 'an administrative order' is independent of law, and a man who is suspected of having progressive ideas, or who has offended a great official, may find himself, without trial of any kind and without opportunity of defence, packed off as a convict to Siberia. Under this system, hundreds even of the educated and respectable classes, who were not only not guilty of crime, but were not even suspected of anything but disaffection, were sent off by M. de Plehve to wear out the remainder of their lives as prisoners in Siberian towns. On these two specially sore points the new reforms, as we have said, afford no measure of relief. The concessions granted will probably serve to appease present irritation and to induce all classes to wait until the war is finished, but should the struggle end in final defeat the position of the great Empire will be critical in the extreme.

Caricaturing Irish Brogue

The only consolation that an Irishman can extract from the nauseating parodies on Irish brogue that are being continually perpetrated in the press and on the stage is the reflection that there must be something particularly good about the original when the imitators are so numerous. And truly the Irishman needs some consolation to enable him to endure the infliction. The Apostle exhorts us to 'suffer fools gladly'; but to bear patiently with this particular brand of fool—the fool who thinks he is giving an exhibition of Irish dialect and Irish humor by filling his talk or his writing with

'Begorra' and 'Bejabers' and 'Be Hivins'—would tax the capacity of Job himself. A happily-written article in our vigorous contemporary the San Francisco 'Monitor' gives some entertaining illustrations of the grotesque gibberish that is palmed off on the public as 'Irish brogue' and at the same time administers a much needed castigation to the perpetrators. The dialect spoken by the long procession of Dooleyites is, says the writer, in most cases a thing to shudder at. 'They don't believe—they "belave." They don't read—they "rade." They don't send for a priest—they send for a "praste." They don't sleep—they "slape." They don't rise in the morning—they "rorze." For them the fragrance of the Irish hedges and meadows is not sweet—it is "swate." They don't know what's what—they only know "phwat's phwat." For them a cailin improves her lover's ardor with "gwan ouer thot," accompanied by a few pounds of rock. For them a Shelmalere farmer says "O! know iv a neighbor who has a poike that wuz at Oulart" instead of saying "I know a neighbor who have a pike, etc." They make a man from the Glenties use the slang of the music halls translated into Anglo-Irish dialect, ignoring the fact that in nine cases out of ten he expresses himself only in Irish and not in any dialect of a foreign language.'

'In one Dooleyized production we have a County Clare priest allying to God not as the Supreme Being, but as the "Shooprame Bayin'." In an alleged "Irish" tale with which I was favored some weeks ago I read a dastardly libel on that intelligent, patriotic, and self-sacrificing body of men, the National Teachers, a sample passage of which was as follows: "The school-master, with the typical bumptiousness and ignorance of his class, is trownd at his rival and said, 'Littthera schripta manish ducks monday seculaa sacalorum There, yer sowl, put that into English if you can.'" And this goes down with many as the "Irish touch," "the Celtic note," or "Irish humor." It is vile burlesque, and it is an insult to the intelligence of the Irish reader.'

It is not easy—on the principle of seeking to 'make the punishment fit the crime'—to say exactly what is the proper penalty for these literary manglers, but the 'Monitor' article's suggestion is near enough:

'It is so difficult to write dialect as it is spoken and so difficult to use it with judgment that unless a writer has heard it in childhood and youth and learned all its variations of pronunciation and the different shades of thought expressed by words and terms apparently the same it were better for him or her that a mill, including the millstones and mill-stones (not toiles), were tied around his or her neck, and that he or she were cast headlong into six or seven thousand fathoms of salt water than to be allowed to go around loose on the earth trying to make people "belave" that she or he "wrotles Oirish diolect."'

What to do with the Orangemen

Although the day is doubtless still far distant when the Orange and the Green will be found floating peacefully together there is daily increasing evidence that the old-time virulence of feeling, if not weakening all round, is at least being more and more confined to one side in the faction. Thus a late issue of 'Reynolds's Newspaper'—a thoroughly impartial authority—has the following pointed observation in answer to a correspondent: 'Have you noticed that when Cardinal Vannutelli visited Armagh the Protestants created a most disgraceful riot; that the Orangemen in Belfast and other northern towns are always attacking their Catholic fellow countrymen, who happen to be in the minority, whereas in the middle, south and west of Ireland, where the Catholics are in the majority, you never hear of attacks upon Protestants?'

A further illustration of this spirit of greater tolerance on the part of the Catholic Irish is furnished by a noteworthy utterance made by Mr. J. Redmond at the great convention held recently at New York. After expressing his respect for those who honestly differed with him, and his readiness to concede to them the same freedom of opinion which he claimed for himself, Mr. Redmond continued thus, as reported in the 'Catholic Press':

While I would cut off my right hand before I would do anything to attack or to weaken such men, I claim in the name of Ireland that no attempt should be made to thwart or to weaken me and my friends. (Applause.)

A Voice: To hell with the Clan-na-Gaels and the Orangemen.

Mr. Redmond: No. 'To hell with' no honest Irishman. (Great Applause.) My friend here says, 'To hell with the Orangemen.' No. No. Far be it from me to tolerate such an expression. (Great applause.) No. (Great cheers, the audience rising, cheering and shouting 'No, no, no.') The Orangemen are Irishmen. They are mistaken Irishmen. (Applause.) They are, to a large extent, uneducated Irishmen. I admit they are intolerant Irishmen. What is our duty? What is and what should be our mission? To drive these men from Ireland? No. (Applause.) Educate them. (Great applause.) Enlighten them. Teach them the history of their own forefathers, when Belfast was the centre of the United Irish movement. (Great applause.) And when Nason and Henry Joy M'Cracken—(applause) and the other gallant Protestants of the North made their efforts. (Applause.) No. Parnell never said a grander word than when he said: 'Ireland cannot afford to lose a single son.' (Great applause.) Let us in God's name, be tolerant to one another. (Applause.) Intolerance has been the curse of Ireland. Let us give one another credit for honesty of intention and of motive. Let us turn our guns against the common enemy, and not against one another. (Applause.)

That is at once magnanimous and patriotic—a sentiment, in fact, to use a hackneyed expression, alike creditable to Mr. Redmond's head and to his heart. The soundness of the advice is beyond question; but as in the case of most good advice, there may be some difficulty in carrying it out. Thanks partly to heredity and environment, and thanks also to steady practice, the Orangemen have become particularly good haters. Consciously or unconsciously they have for years been acting on the lines of philosophy laid down by the genial Dooley. 'I've been thinkin' it over,' says the sage, 'an' I've argued it out that life'd not be worth livin' if we didn't keep our inimies. I can have all the hinds I need. Anny man can that keeps a liquor sthore. But a rale stharing mimy—wan that hates ye ha-ard, an' that ye'd take the coat off yer back to do a bad tur-rn to—is a luxury that I can't go without in me ol' days.' It may be possible to educate and enlighten the Orangeman, but the luxury of having someone to hate is one that he will certainly never part with without a pang.

Gentlemen are invited to inspect the summer stock of hats, shirts, ties, collars, etc., at the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Princes street, Dunedin. Heads of families will also find the newest styles and novelties in boys' and youths' clothing at very moderate prices....

I own a friend in every man
(This ain't a lie I'm telling);
Coughs, colds, etc., all take wing
When I come nigh a dwelling.
An enemy to, every ill
(Now, don't mistake, I ain't a pill),
But concentrated, perfect, pure,
And known as WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

MYERS & CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee the highest class of work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous-oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—***

THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS

(From our own correspondent.)

Melbourne, October 11.

Practical proof that the prediction of brilliant success, uttered in connection with the Congress, will not meet with contradiction may be discerned in the fact that the members' fees, received by the central secretaries up to the end of last week, amounted in number to 800. This, let it be noted, does not include returns from secretaries in outlying places. Members, too, will receive the full worth of their money. Not only will they be admitted to all the meetings and entertainments of the great week, but each of them will be presented, free by post, with a copy of the handsome volume containing a report of the proceedings, the addresses delivered, and the papers read.

For those who have any knowledge of the volume issued as a result of the Congress at Sydney, it is of pregnant meaning that that now in process of preparation, 600 of its pages being already in type, is reliably promised to excel the other. This other volume, nevertheless, is of admirable merit. The Catholic household in which it finds a place possesses in it a source of information on most subjects that are of interest and importance to Catholics, and on many that non-Catholics also consider of concern to themselves. It is a publication that does infinite credit to the Catholic people, manifesting, as it does, the deep learning, high intellectual standing, and practical good sense by which not only their hierarchy and clergy are distinguished, but with which also many members of their laity are endowed. In several instances profound and difficult questions are explained in a manner so clear and simple as to make them almost incredibly comprehensible to the ordinary, or even to the dullest, understanding. Of particular interest appear to be the papers on matters relating to education or moral training, read at the Congress on the part of several communities of nuns. Who, for example, can be better qualified to offer advice and suggestion as to the training of girls on their leaving school than the community of the Good Shepherd at Abbotsford, who have had so much personal experience of the miserable results of a want of such training, and to whose devotion, endurance, and skill, reclamation from these results has, in countless instances, been due, and that almost beyond belief? The Dominican Nuns at Ashfield, near Sydney, had also contributed an admirable paper, well supporting the world-wide renown gained of old by their Order in the work of education. The Loretto Nuns, the Sisters of Charity, the Good Samaritan Nuns, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, and the Sisters of Mercy are each and all of them likewise most creditably to the fore. The cloister, in thus taking advantage of the opening afforded it and making its voice heard, nobly vindicates itself, and testifies to the world in a manner that cannot be gainsaid its sterling worth and the power it wields for good. But to enumerate in anything like detail the contents of the volume referred to and their significance would need far more space than I have at command. On every important subject something has been said, and well said—not in a mere ephemeral dealing, to be glanced at and thrown aside, but so as to deserve lasting and repeated attention. Those who do not possess this volume should try to obtain it. It is no doubt destined to form the first of a series that hereafter in itself will make no contemptible library and which will besides periodically furnish an instructive and convincing note of Catholic progress.

Catholics who cannot attend the approaching Congress should, nevertheless, avail themselves of the opportunity of securing the volume now in preparation, to be sent free of postage to everyone who enters himself as a member and pays his fee to the local secretary. The book, an improvement, as I have said, on the preceding volume, will be alone well worth the money. As a token that

The Importance of the Congress

is duly recognised by the outside world, I may quote the fact that the Postmaster-General has arranged for opening, for the week, at the Cathedral Hall a post and telegraph office, where all the business of the departments may be transacted. Arrangements have been also made for a news-agent's stall, where the various papers of the States and their capitals shall be obtainable. These, it is needless to say, will be details of much convenience to members attending from a distance. But is it not of infinite honor to the Catholic body that when their members come in their hundreds to a fixed place of meeting their object is no light or frivolous undertaking or passing amusement, but the religious, intellectual, and social advancement and elevation of the

community at large? Non-Catholics as well as Catholics are welcome. No finer manifestation of Catholic worth is imaginable.

Encouraging accounts of success continue to be received from local secretaries. In this respect your own Colony ranks particularly high, and expressions of acknowledgment on the part of the Central Committee to Rev. Father Cleary are fervent and sincere. Hardly a more telling proof of sincerity can be recorded than that given in the fact that the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Kenny, a busy professional man and a specialist, does not hesitate, as a mark of his gratitude, to receive your correspondent during the hours at which his patients are attending on him at his rooms in Collins street, so that you may have the latest details to hand. The Doctor is, indeed, an enthusiast, and enthusiasm, when supported and directed by practical ability such as Dr. Kenny's, is a certain earnest of success.

Expectation runs particularly high with respect to the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd inst., when the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney and a large number of prelates and dignitaries, including also Monsignor Boismenu, Coadjutor Bishop of New Guinea, will be present. The music will be exceptionally grand, a sum of £10 having been expended alone on the orchestra, and the function generally will be one of great solemnity and magnificence. Of special interest, again, will be the performance in the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, 30th inst., of Perosi's oratorio, 'The Transfiguration.' This will be the first performance of the work in Australia. Indeed, although two others of his compositions have already been performed in Melbourne, the composer still remains a stranger to many. They will now have a favorable opportunity of becoming acquainted with him. Those good New Zealanders, in short, who cross the Tasman Sea with the intention of being present at the Congress will run no risk of disappointment.

THE CONGRESS OPENED.

A Press Association cable message received on Tuesday morning says: The second Australasian Catholic Congress, representative of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, has been opened, Cardinal Moran presiding. The Pope cabled his blessing, wishing the Congress success.

Archbishop Carr, in the inaugural address, said they must be careful to give offence to none. While they defended their own belief and gave reasons for the faith that was in them, they would not use the occasion to insult the beliefs of those different from them.

You have all seen, I have no doubt,
How many people go about
With puffed up eyes and noses red,
A heavy feeling in the head.
'Tis wondrous strange to me that these
Should not endeavor to appease
These ills, which they so oft endure,
By using WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., Sydney and Melbourne, offer a 'Library of Irish Literature,' consisting of 14 books, for 10/-, postage included.

Johnstone's Headache and Neuralgia powders are reputed to be very effective, and have proved so in numberless cases. They can be procured from Messrs. Johnstone and Hazlett, chemists, Manse street, Dunedin.

Messrs. Duthie Bros., the well known drapers of George street, Dunedin, call the attention of our readers to their seasonable novelties in the way of white, cream, and ecru lace curtains, linoleums and floorcloths in newest patterns, also hearth rugs and door mats in large variety....

As this is the season of the year when good housewives are engaged in what is known as spring cleaning, Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., of Princes street, Dunedin, call attention to their superior stock of curtains, floor coverings, linoleums, carpets, table-covers, etc., all of which are in the latest style, and will be sold at the very lowest cost prices...

The McCormick Reaper and Binder is the machine to buy, it is the machine that can be depended upon to harvest your grain in the best possible manner. Everything about its construction shows that it has been correctly designed, substantially built, and embodies all the modern improvements in binder building. Working in all conditions of grain it is easily handled by the driver, easily drawn by the team, in every way it takes the palm of excellence by reason of its splendid work. You make no mistake in pinning your faith to the McCormick. MORROW, BASSETT & CO...

Hancock's "BISMARCK" LAGER BEER.

NEW ZEALAND'S
NEW INDUSTRY

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 22.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Club are arranging to hold an art union for the purpose of raising funds to procure furniture for their club rooms. Their annual picnic will be held on the 9th of November, if suitable train arrangements can be made.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society held their usual weekly meeting on Monday evening. The subject for debate was 'Home Rule.' The speeches were of a high order, and the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic yet held. The affirmative side was taken by Mr. P. J. Moran, who traced the history of the movements made by the Irish Party to effect Home Rule. Mr. Baker opposed in a very able speech. The following gentlemen also contributed to the discussion: Messrs. P. J. Nolan, O'Brien, J. Fitzgerald, E. Cassin, G. Dee, J. McGowan, Madden, Ryan, Cronin, McKenna, and Reichel. On a vote being taken a decision in favor of the granting of Home Rule was carried by a large majority.

The news of Brother Mark's sudden death in Auckland caused widespread regret here among all classes of the community. The deceased had charge of the Brothers' School, Boulcott street, for nearly twenty years, and the successes achieved by the pupils of that institution and the high and important positions occupied by many of the ex-pupils in the various walks of life speak eloquently of the splendid training imparted. About a year ago Brother Mark was transferred to the charge of the new Marist College at Auckland, and his departure was keenly felt here. An address, an account of which has already appeared in the columns of the 'N.Z. Tablet' was prepared for presentation, but owing to his repeated indispositions of late, Brother Mark never received it. One can hardly realise the great influence exercised by Brother Mark as a teacher. His pupils loved him, and carried that love with them when they left the old school. Latterly the members of the Catholic Club entertained the Brothers each year before the Christmas vacation, and the scene, when Brother Mark rose to respond to the toast of his health, was always a memorable one. Even in non-Catholic circles deceased was well known and highly respected. By his death the Church loses a faithful and valuable servant, whose services in the cause of Catholic education will be sorely missed. He was animated by a lofty sense of duty to all, and he never spared himself in the faithful discharge of his duties. He has finished the good fight, he has finished the course, he has deserved the eternal crown. A Solemn High Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Basilica on Tuesday. The Very Rev. Father Keogh, Rector of St. Patrick's College, will preach the panegyric of the deceased. The executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club has called a public meeting for Tuesday evening to consider the erection of some suitable memorial to perpetuate the memory of deceased.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

October 11.

The Forty Hours' Adoration began in Wanganui on Sunday last. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Keogh (Rector of St. Patrick's College), Very Rev. Dean Grogan being deacon and Rev. Father O'Sullivan subdeacon. Very Rev. Dean Grogan, in addressing the large congregation, said he was pleased to note the large number of communicants that morning, and thanked the Very Rev. Father Keogh for coming from Wellington to assist at the devotions. At the conclusion of the Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which the school children, the Children of Mary, and members of the Sacred Heart Confraternity took part. Throughout the afternoon until Vespers there was a constant coming and going of worshippers. After Vespers the Very Rev. Father Keogh preached a highly instructive sermon on the Blessed Sacrament. On Monday evening Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, preached a fine sermon on the Blessed Virgin. The devotions were brought to a close on Tuesday morning. High Mass was sung, and the Forty Hours were concluded as they had been begun by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A word of praise is due to the choir for their valuable services during the devotions, and also to the Sisters who were responsible for the beautiful decorations of the altars.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 24.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M. (Provincial) is on a periodical visit to Canterbury.

An outing for the Pro-Cathedral parish boys' school is being organised for the early part of next month.

The Rev. Father Mamane, of St. Mary's, returned to town last week much improved in health after a sojourn at the Hammer Springs.

The Redemptorist Fathers are expected to give missions in Christchurch about the end of the year, as a preparation for the opening of the new Cathedral.

A benefit entertainment for the relatives of the late Mr. E. T. McNamara is being promoted by the Hibernian Society, Catholic Club, Orpheus Society, and choirs of the two city churches.

The numerous friends of the Very Rev. Dean Foley will be sorry to learn that he is laid up at the presbytery, Barbadoes street, suffering from an acute attack of sciatica.

A lady correspondent at Hammer writes thus of the new Catholic church recently blessed and opened at the Springs: The building, with its buttresses, its colored glass windows, and its dark red roof, and standing as it does in neatly laid-out grounds, is decidedly a pretty sight.

A visitor from Feilding informs me that at a meeting of the congregation of St. Bridget's Church, held in the presbytery on last Sunday week, it was unanimously resolved to establish a convent school in the town. A subscription list was opened and a sum of £250 contributed. The Order of Our Lady of Missions, the mother house of which is in this city, may very probably be asked to found a community in Feilding and take charge of the projected schools.

The exterior work on the Cathedral is now practically completed, and the great dome, surmounted with a gilt Latin cross, forms a conspicuous landmark and can be seen from all parts of the city and suburbs. A commencement is to be made to-day in the removal of the costly stained glass windows from the Pro-Cathedral to the new building. During the week the interior scaffolding is to be removed, after which will be revealed probably the most beautiful ceiling in this part of the world.

On last Monday, in delightful weather, the children of the Pro-Cathedral girls' schools, combined with the Addington and Halswell Catholic schools, were given their annual outing, picnic, and excursion. Special tram cars conveyed the large party, comprising upwards of 500, to Summer. The church grounds there were utilised as a common centre for the picnic, and on the beach games, races, etc., were indulged in by the juveniles. The Very Rev. Vicar-General distributed prizes to the successful competitors. The Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Kerley were also present. A few friends assisted the Sisters of the Mission in the supervision of the children, and all returned about 5 o'clock after a thoroughly enjoyable time.

I learn from the officers of the local H.A.C.B. Society that the branch is making excellent progress both numerically and financially. The members' roll totals 110, and the accumulated funds amount to £1318 odd. Every effort is being made to induce more of the young men to join. Social amusements of a varied nature are provided during the year as a means towards this desirable end. From Bro. Doolan, who was mainly instrumental in its establishment, I learn that the Ashburton branch is in a flourishing condition. One hundred members have been initiated since the opening in January last, and 10 are nominated for membership, which evidently shows a keen enthusiasm on the part of the ouicers, and a sustained interest by the branch chaplain, the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell.

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society celebrated its 31st anniversary on last Thursday evening by a social gathering in the Alexandra Hall, the event having been postponed from an earlier date owing to the lamented death of Bro. E. T. McNamara. The branch was established as far back as 1872, and for a number of years afterwards annually celebrated the event. Latterly, however, owing to various causes these celebrations were allowed to lapse, and the re-union on this occasion was the outcome of an effort to again make such an event a yearly one. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a committee consisting of Mrs. W. Rogers and Mrs. Doolan, Misses Garty, Courtney, Donald, Wall, Barnett, Doolan, and Harrington, Bros. Hynes, Pearce, Evans, Courtney, Ryan, O'Brien, Hendron, Haughey, and F. J. Doolan (hon. secretary). There was an attendance of about 200 members and friends, including many ladies, who spent a most enjoyable evening. Music was provided by Mr. Doherty's band whilst a progressive euchre tournament,

games, etc., were indulged in. The prizes won in progressive euchre were presented by the president, Bro. J. P. Hynes, as follows: Miss O'Connell and Mr. M. Hoban (1st), Miss Pearce (2nd), and Mr. E. O'Brien (special).

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 21.

Mr. Timothy Pearce, second son of Mr. John Pearce, was joined in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Frances Gertrude Morgan, fifth daughter of Mr. A. Morgan, of Waimate, on Tuesday, 11th inst. The ceremony took place in the Sacred Heart Basilica, Wellington, Rev. Father Lewis, Adm., officiating. The bride looked very pretty in a grey travelling costume, and was attended by Miss M. Pearce, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. D. Pearce, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the breakfast the happy couple left by express for Wanganui.

A good deal of local interest is being shown over the municipal drainage scheme lately adopted by the Borough Council. The 'Timaru Herald' criticised the Council's action in the matter as hasty and ill-considered, and this led to a stormy protest by the Council, which was followed by the inevitable newspaper correspondence.

The many friends of Mr. W. Fitzgerald will be sorry to hear that his condition is still very serious.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

Rev. Fathers Cahill and Dignan, recently ordained priests for this diocese, left England for New Zealand on September 3, and are expected to come across from Australia after the Congress with his Lordship the Bishop.

A very successful entertainment was given last Friday evening at St. Mary's Convent High School, Pen-sionby, by the pupils, under the direction of their gymnastic instructor. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the large audience who attended.

The members of the local branch of the H A C B. Society approached the Holy Table in a body at St. Patrick's last Sunday morning. They mustered at the Hibernian Hall and marched thence to the Cathedral. There was a fine muster, the largest for some time. The members were welcomed by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. (chaplain). After the first Gospel the rev. chaplain alluded to the presence of the members of the Society, and expressed regret at the absence of his Lordship the Bishop, who would have been pleased at such a manifestation of their faith. Father Patterson then referred at some length to the good work of the Society, which looked after the spiritual and temporal welfare of its members, and recommended every young man and young woman in the parish to join it. During the Mass the children's choir sang 'All Praise to St. Patrick' and 'Faith of our Fathers.' Miss Julia Rist accompanied on the small organ. At the conclusion of the Mass the members marched to St. Patrick's Hall.

The Holy Father and Ireland

The Holy Father has been pleased to address the following gracious letter to his Eminence Cardinal Logue:—

To Our Beloved Son, Michael Logue, by the title of St. Mary of Peace, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church,

PIUS X., POPE.

Our Beloved Son, Health and Apostolic Benediction. Although not many days since We have addressed to you a letter, in which We congratulated you on the dedication of St. Patrick's Temple, which has been most happily celebrated, it pleaseth Us, however, to write to you again for the purpose of giving more ample expression to Our wishes. For Our Venerable Brother Vincent, Bishop of Palestrina, whom We sent to Ireland as Our Legate 'a latere,' to preside in Our name at the aforesaid dedication, on his return related so many and such signal things regarding the splendor of the celebration, the religion of the people, the kindness of you and of the other Bishops, and your united devotedness to Us, that his report filled Our mind with pleasure. We, therefore, in the first place, give thanks for the honor shown to the aforesaid Legate, which We regard as if it had been bestowed upon Ourselves,

whose person he represented. Then We likewise congratulate with you on that constancy and ardor of faith which Our same Venerable Brother Vincent saw manifested among you, by so many proofs, and admired so much during his whole stay in your midst. For not only did he visit churches, at every stage of its progress, and bestow, in Our name, a blessing on the multitudes by which they were so closely thronged, but he beheld schools for the education of youth, hospitals for the solace of the sick, and divers associations devoted to every kind of religious and charitable works, thus everywhere witnessing the active industry of the Irish in promoting the welfare of religion. To your endeavors, Our Dearly Beloved Son, and to those of the other Bishops, we freely attribute the credit of this consoling state of things, desiring from Our heart that God may daily grant more ample fruits to your efforts. Which that He may vouchsafe according to Our wishes, and that you may be encouraged by the testimony of Our benevolence, We most lovingly, in the Lord, impart the Apostolic blessing to you, to the other Bishops, and to the whole clergy and people in Ireland.

Given at Rome at St. Peter's, the XXVIII day of August in the year MDC'CC'IV, the second of our Pontificate.

PIUS X., POPE.

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✠ MICHAEL CARDINAL LOGUE.

The Church in the United States

Monsignor Gabriels, Bishop of Ogdensburg in the United States, sends an interesting article to a Belgian paper on the progress of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The facts he gives prove the marvellous workings of Providence, for, at the very moment when religious persecution is unchained in France, our attention is forcibly drawn to the conquests of faith in continents where a century ago it was scarcely known.

It was in 1789 that Pius VI. created the first Diocese in Maryland, when a Jesuit Father, one John Carroll, who had been ordained in England, was made Bishop of Baltimore.

The extension of the Catholic religion coincided with the increase of the population of the United States. At the end of the eighteenth century the Catholics there were not more than 1 per cent. of the population; in 1850 they already numbered 1,700,000 out of a population of 25,000,000, or nearly 1 in 13 inhabitants. To-day they number 14,000,000 out of 79,000,000, or about 1 in 5.50.

The Catholic episcopate and clergy have increased in the same proportions. In 1808 there were only 5 bishoprics and dioceses; in less than a hundred years these have multiplied till they have reached the present figure of 11 Archbishoprics, 72 Bishoprics, and 3 Vicariate-Apostolies, administered by a Cardinal-Archbishop and Bishops, while the 30 priests of 1785 have reached a total of 13,267, of whom 3330 belong to various religious Orders.

Monsignor Gabriels examines into the causes of this magnificent spread of Catholicism in the United States, and finds that it is attributable to the religious liberty that all enjoy there; to the superior birth-rate of Catholic families as compared with that of Protestant ones; to emigration from Europe; and last but not least to the thousands of conversions which add every year to the number of the faithful.

The principal obstacles to the propagation of the Faith are, he thinks, the insufficient number of priests, schools, churches, the neutral teaching in the State schools, mixed marriages, divorces, and the intrigues of the various Protestant societies formed to work against the Catholic Church, and more especially to Freemasonry, which numbers innumerable adepts in the United States.

Nevertheless, Catholic zeal shows itself in the multiplication of schools, which already count over 4000, with 1,000,000 scholars; unfortunately, however, this list is inadequate to the necessities of the people. The Bishop of Ogdensburg pays homage to the zeal of the clergy for the propagation of the Faith in the vast American Republic, especially to the Paulist Fathers, who have organised special missions to non-Catholics, and have founded an institute at Washington for the education of missionaries. He also speaks in terms of high praise of the admirable way in which the people fulfil the duty of supporting their clergy, schools, and churches; and amongst other benefactors, whose generosity knows no bounds, he cites the name of the

Rev. Mother Catherine Drexel, foundress and Superioress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who has consecrated her fortune of 40,000,000 dollars to charitable works, and more especially to the progress of civilisation amongst the negroes. What an eloquent reply are these facts to the attacks of the free-thinking press, which tells its readers every day that Catholic Faith is dead and dogma on the eve of disappearing from the earth.

Death of Rev. Brother Mark, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

Shortly after nine o'clock on Tuesday morning Rev. Brother Mark, Director of the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby, died suddenly. A little more than a fortnight ago he had a very sudden attack of illness, and was convalescent when he met with this second and fatal attack. He had risen early in the morning and had had breakfast with the other Brothers. On going upstairs to his room after breakfast he fell, and in a very short time was dead. Dr. Bedford, who attended him in his recent illness, was telephoned for immediately, but on arriving a few minutes later found that his patient was no more. The students were in school when the sad event occurred. The Brothers conducted them to the college chapel immediately, and there the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, in a few touching words, told them what had happened, and asked them to join with him in praying for the repose of the soul of Brother Mark.

It is close on a quarter of a century since Brother Mark joined the Order of the Marist Brothers. He was born in County Waterford, Ireland, his family name being Lemhan. As a youth he thought he had a vocation for the priesthood, and after undergoing a collegiate training, went to Mount Melleray Seminary to pursue his higher studies. Many of his class-mates there are now engaged in their priestly labors in different parts of Australia, and, in the person of the Ven. Archpriest Walsh, of Westport, we have in New Zealand one who always held Brother Mark in the highest esteem. After spending two or three years at Mount Melleray, he became convinced that God had not called him to the priesthood, and, leaving the Seminary emigrated to New South Wales, where he settled down to teaching, having previously fitted himself for the profession in the great training school at Fort street, Sydney. He entered the service of the New South Wales Education Department, and soon rose to be head of a school. After he had been some years engaged in teaching he entered the Marist Brothers' Society, and, after undergoing the customary training in the Novitiate, was appointed Director of St. Francis' school, Haymarket. In 1886 he was appointed to the Directorship of the most important Brothers' school in New Zealand then, that of Wellington. Who can tell the amount of good he accomplished during the many years he spent there?

On the afternoon of his death and the whole of the following day numerous telegrams were received at the College from Wellington, expressing the sympathy of the senders with the Brothers on the loss they had sustained. One of the first telegrams received was from one of Brother Mark's oldest friends, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. Messages of condolence were also received from the Very Rev. Father Lewis, Rev. Father Holley, Very Rev. Father Keogh (Rector of St. Patrick's College), Rev. Father Kimbell, Rev. H. Van Staveren (Jewish Rabbi), and many others. Cables were received from his Lordship, Bishop Lemhan, from Melbourne, and from the Rev. Father O'Shea, at present in Sydney.

About six years ago Brother Mark was appointed Visitor to the Brothers' schools in New Zealand. All the Brothers in the Colony, who have known him, will long treasure his memory. He was the most self-sacrificing and self-forgetful of men.

In him the Marist Brothers have lost one of their most successful teachers, one of their ablest administrators, and one of their best and most zealous members.

After Requiem Mass, which was celebrated in the College Chapel by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, the funeral left on Wednesday morning for Panmure. The procession was headed by the pupils of the Marist Brothers' parochial school, Pitt street, followed by the College boys, and vehicles containing the local clergy, the Brothers, and friends of the deceased. At Panmure the funeral was met by the Rev. Father O'Hara. The Very Rev. Dr. Egan read the burial service, and the remains of the late Brother Mark were laid to rest beside those of his late confrere, Brother Joseph, whose sudden death in Auckland some ten years ago caused similar expressions of deep sympathy as were received on this occasion from different parts of the Colony. Among the

clergy present at the grave were the Rev. Fathers Patterson, Holbrook, McMilian, Duffy, McGuinness, Buckley, and Sheridan.—R.I.P.

The Growth of Insanity in Ireland

In his annual report Dr. William Graham, Medical Superintendent of the Belfast Lunatic Asylum, gives some interesting facts in connection with the unpleasant problem of increasing insanity in Ireland. He says: 'No explanation of this terrible growth has ever been offered by the advocates of accumulation. It is obvious that the source of the evil must be sought outside the asylum walls. Turn the matter as we may in our minds, we are driven by the sheer force of facts to the conclusion that the mass of the increase is real and absolute, not apparent and relative. When all fair deductions have been made, insanity is increasing about 30 per cent. faster than the population in England, and with us is increasing in spite of a diminishing population. And this position is corroborated by experts whose outlook is not bounded by Ireland, but extends to the civilised world. Allow me to quote a few words from a recent article of Professor Lombroso:—'Insane persons have multiplied a hundredfold with civilisation to such an extent that where a few years ago one madhouse was enough now 100 are needed.' In the United States, while the population doubled in little more than 30 years, the insane increased sixfold; so in the last decade the increase in population was 30 per cent. and that of the insane 155 per cent. In France there were 131 insane per 100,000 inhabitants in 1883, 133 in 1881, 136 in 1888.' This sounds appalling.

But Facts are Facts,

and once observed an effort must be made to trace the cause. Dealing with alcoholism as a predisposing cause, according to many, the view of Dr. Graham is that 'the curious fact remains that amongst savage peoples alcohol does not produce that ultra-demoralisation of the nervous system known to civilised men. There must be some other cause at work to account for it. In other words, alcoholism is not merely a cause, it is an effect as well; a symptom of an already existing degeneracy of brain and nervous system. It is not denied that continued drunkenness may set up such changes which, gradually increasing from generation to generation, will issue in insanity. But cases of this order are probably exceptional. In the majority of instances there is already a weakness of brain and nerve which leads to a want of self-control, and this in turn issues in intemperance. The fact, then, on which emphasis is to be laid is not the craving for drink, but the degeneracy of which it is most frequently the symptom.' Turning to the more complicated problem of heredity, his view is that heredity causes nothing, brings nothing into existence; all it does is to take up and perpetuate tendencies which from whatever cause have been originated and developed. The blameworthiness of heredity is not to let die certain phenomena once they have been brought into the field of being. The exhaustion which is coming on the country through the drain of emigration was also dealt with in this connection by Dr. Graham in his paper. Speaking of the past forty years he says: 'Not only are the gentry the people who, with whatever faults, set a higher standard of culture before the nation disappearing, but the great middle class, the professional men, the educated artisan, the brainy farmer, have had to go elsewhere in order to find adequate scope for their talent and energy. The lamentable result is that Ireland to-day is depleted of her best and strongest elements, retaining the weak and the unfit. In the past forty years we have lost about four millions of the physical and mental flower of the country. Is it any wonder, then, that

Mental Degeneration is on the Increase

amongst us?' A possible predisposing cause of the mischief, too, is the change that has taken place in the dietary of the people, whereby their physical and mental stamina is physically affected. As Dr. Graham points out, the laborer and the artisan used to make porridge, milk, and potatoes, with an occasional piece of fish, their staple food. Now, instead of these, they try to do their work by the aid of stimulants, such as tea, stout, and other artificial drinks; not only so, but the utter ignorance of cooking which prevails in the country, even in its simplest forms makes the people easy victims to all kinds of canned or concentrated meats. To make matters worse, the tea that is consumed so abundantly is not China, but Indian, or, as it is popularly called, 'Assam.' This is often boiled, kept on the stove or near the fire. The result is a poisonous concoction, destructive to the nerves and ruinous to the digestion.

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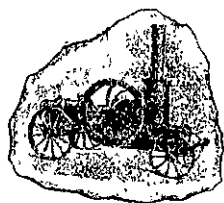
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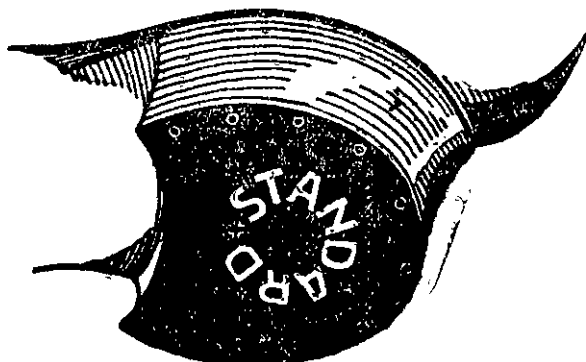
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Irish News

CLARE.—The New Bishop:

The consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Fogarty, late Vice-President of Maynooth College, as Bishop of Killarney, took place at the Cathedral, Ennis, on Sunday, September 4. The Archbishop of Cashel officiated, and twelve other Catholic Bishops were present, besides nearly 200 clergymen. The Bishop of Kildare preached the sermon, and paid a high tribute to the qualities of the new Bishop, to whom several addresses from the priests of the diocese and public bodies were subsequently presented. His Lordship, in reply, expressed the belief that the sure way was being prepared for the realisation of Ireland's supreme need, the recovery of National self-government. He also touched upon the university education question. The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty is a native of the diocese over which he is to rule. Born at Kileeghan, County Tipperary, in October, 1859, he was sent at an early age to the Christian Brothers' Schools, from whence he passed into the Diocesan College, Ennis. He had as fellow-students the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert, and the Very Rev. Dr. Hogan, and the three distinguished students subsequently worked together on the staff at Maynooth. Dr. Fogarty graduated for Philosophy on his entrance to Maynooth, and at the end of his college course he was elected Student of the Dunboyne establishment, and for two years held the position of Lecturer in Theology. From the Dunboyne he proceeded, on the invitation of the late Bishop of Kildare, to Carlow College as Professor of Philosophy and Canon Law. At the Concursus in Maynooth for a vacant Chair of Dogmatic Theology, the trustees appointed Dr. Fogarty, and later on, when Dr. O'Dea was named Vice-President of Maynooth, he was requested to take charge of the Senior Class of Moral Theology. Last year, on the appointment of Dr. O'Dea to the Bishopric of Clonfert, Dr. Fogarty succeeded to the position of Vice-President of Maynooth College.

CORK.—An Important Discovery

In the water of the thermal springs at Mallow, County Cork, once celebrated as a Spa, traces of the existence of radio-activity have been discovered by Mr. Thomas Farrington, M.A., a leading Irish analyst. It is the first discovery of radium in Ireland.

DERRY.—Death of a Prominent Catholic

The death occurred recently of Mr. James Campbell, of Derry, after a lengthened illness. One of his sons is the Rev. A. Campbell, now at Malin, County Donegal, and a brother of deceased, the late Rev. Patrick Campbell, was for a length of time at the Waterside, and was a professor in the Irish College, Paris, where he died some years ago. Another brother of deceased, the late Rev. Andrew Campbell, C.M., was also professor in the Irish College, Paris, and there is still living a third brother, Rev. George Campbell, in St. Patrick's College at Drumcondra.

A Centenarian

The death has occurred at Greysteel, Londonderry, of Mrs. McClelland, at the age of 104 years. Born in 1799, her life bridged three centuries. She was a young woman of twenty when George III. died; she therefore lived in the reigns of five sovereigns. Mrs. McClelland was the only daughter of a family remarkable for longevity. Her mother, Mrs. Leah Caldwell, who took a keen note of political affairs, and well remembered the Irish rebellion of '98, died as recently as 1878, at the age of 99. Three of her brothers were over eighty at their decease, while a surviving brother, a well known tenant farmer in the North of Ireland, has already passed that age. The deceased lady had been a widow for fifty-two years. With the exception of a slight deafness, she was in full and complete enjoyment of her faculties to the last. So good was her sight that she could easily read, write, or sew, and could clearly discern the large liners as they entered Moville—a port some ten miles distant, across Lough Foyle—from her residence.

DONEGAL.—Dedication of a Church

The new Catholic church of Kilarc, County Donegal, was dedicated to Divine worship on Sunday, September 4, by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. High Mass was celebrated by Canon MacPadden, of the Glenties, the preacher being Father Murray, C.S.S.B. Dr. O'Donnell also addressed the congregation, congratulating it on the termination of an important work. It is just twelve months since the building was begun.

DOWN.—Drowning Fatality

On Sunday afternoon, September 4, a boat containing four men capsized in Lough Neagh, and two of the

occupants—James Coyle (married) and James Cassidy (single)—were drowned. Police Constables Kiernan and Smith pluckily swam to the upturned boat and saved one of the party who was clinging to the keel.

Orange Rowdies

At the Petty Sessions Court held in Banbridge early in September, two men, named Hawthorne and Purdy, were charged with having assaulted and beaten two Catholic lads at Scarva on the 15th August last. The victims of the attack—Hugh Gourley and Arthur Lavery—gave evidence to the effect that on the way home from the Newry Feis that night they passed a crowd close to the canal bridge. No remark was made by anyone. After they had passed, however, they were attacked from behind. Lavery was knocked down and kicked; he had given no provocation, and had only arrived from America four weeks before. Gourley was struck three times from behind with a stick, the third blow felling him to the ground. He, too, was kicked and bruised about the body, and was incapacitated from work for some time afterwards, having, in addition to other bruises, sustained a severe wound on the back of the skull which bled profusely. The police who came to the rescue told Gourley who his assailants were. Constable McIlwaine said he observed the two men passing the Protestant group, which numbered about forty persons. Seven or eight of the crowd rushed after the two Catholics, the police followed, and then the remainder of the crowd rushed at the two men. He observed the two accused committing the assault, but an arrest at the time would have been injudicious. Constable Durken, the only other policeman in the village at the time, corroborated. Several Orangemen, however, swore that the two accused did not take any part in the assault, and the case was dismissed on the evidence led. The utmost dissatisfaction prevails in the district.

DUBLIN.—Concursus at Maynooth College

The Concursus for the Chair of Theology, rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. Mannix as President of Maynooth College, opened on August 31. The candidates were Rev. Patrick MacKenna, of the diocese of Clogher, and the Rev. P. Toner, Armagh. Father MacKenna, after a brilliant course in Maynooth, held the appointment of lecturer in English for two years. Afterwards he was appointed Professor of Dogmatic Theology in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, where he has spent more than five years. Dr. Toner, having finished his Dunboyne Term, was selected by Dr. Ireland to lecture on Dogmatic Theology in St. Paul's, Minnesota, and returned only last June. The Concursus comprised a series of oral and written exercises, and lasted four days. The votes of the judges will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the forthcoming meeting.

KING'S COUNTY.—The Oldest Medical Man

Quite recently it was stated that Dr. Woods, who has just resigned his position as medical officer of the Birr Union Workhouse, can claim to be the oldest practitioner in Ireland. This statement was doubted, and a claim was set up in the person of Sir John Banks, of Merrion square, Dublin. Dr. Thomas Woods, of Birr, is undoubtedly the oldest doctor practising in Ireland. From the Medical Register, it appears that Thomas Woods became M.R.C.S.E. in 1838, graduating M.D. of Glasgow University in the following year, and was L.R.C.S.I. in 1840. On turning to the name of Sir John Banks, that well-known physician did not take his degree (M.D. of Dublin University) until 1843. Thus Dr. Woods has been over 66 years in the medical profession, whilst Sir John Banks is but 61.

WATERFORD.—An Appointment

The Rev. Brother Murray, Superior of the Mount Zion Christian Brothers' Schools at Waterford, has been appointed Inspector, and transferred to Dublin. He will be succeeded in Waterford by the Rev. Brother Mullan.

Cheap Gas

The City of Waterford Gas Company has reduced the price of gas to 4s 3d per 1000, which allows a dividend of £5 7s 6d per annum. The directors' fees have been raised from £250 to £350, and the secretary's salary from £80 to £100.

WESTMEATH.

The death has occurred rather suddenly of the Rev. W. Kearney, P.P., of Kinnegad, County Westmeath.

GENERAL

The Tide of Emigration

It would seem that the tide of Irish emigration is gradually slackening. According to the latest returns, there will probably be a reduction for the current year

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of some eight or nine thousand emigrants. This result is partly due to the more hopeful conditions held out by the Land Purchase Act and partly to the efforts of the Anti-Emigration Society, an organisation which is doing its best to stay the continuous stream of able-bodied labor which is enriching America and further impoverishing Ireland. The inducement to immigration comes from the other side of the Atlantic. It is stated that from forty to fifty per cent. of Irish emigrants have their fares paid at the other side—in other words, sent over to Ireland by relatives.

Mr. Davitt on the Reform Association

Mr. Davitt was the principal speaker at a recent meeting in Connemara. Mr. Davitt, referring to the Irish Reform Association, said Lord Dunraven was the successful inflator of the price of Irish landlord property, and an astute gentleman who had developed a nice talent for humoring emotional opponents. If the Irish Reform Association was going to try to convert the landlord class to some kind of pro-Irish sentiment that would be a good thing. But there was no evidence of that. It would rather appear that Lord Dunraven was attempting to induce or seduce Nationalist Ireland from the growing position of strength of the National movement to the gas and water level of his new proposals.

The Land Act

The Press Association has been officially supplied with a statement in reference to the working of the Irish Land Act from which it appears that applications have been made to the Estates Commissioners for advances for the sale of estates, exceeding ten and a half million pounds, and that the Commissioners have already sanctioned advances amounting to more than three millions, and expect before the first of November next to have sanctioned the balance of two millions available for expenditure during the first year of operation of the Act of 1903.

'Home Rule'

The inventor of the popular term of Home Rule was the late Rev. Professor Galbraith, one of the Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, who was the late Mr. Isaac Butt's most zealous associate in the revival of the Irish National Movement. It was at a meeting of the Convention of the old Home Rule Association, in Wicklow street, Dublin, in the summer of 1870, that Mr. Galbraith coined the expression which is now one of the most familiar terms in the English-speaking world. At the Home Rule Conference in November, 1873, Mr. Butt, in his great speech in explanation of the Irish demand formulated at that Conference, thus spoke of 'the magic words Home Rule': 'Over a torn and distracted country—a country agitated by dissension, weakened by distrust—we raised the banner on which we emblazoned the magic words, "Home Rule." We raised it with feeble hand. Tremblingly, with hesitation, almost stealthily, we unfurled that banner to the breeze. But wherever the legend we had emblazoned on its folds was seen the heart of the people moved to its words, and the soul of the nation felt their power and their spell. Those words were passed from man to man along the valley and the hillside. Everywhere men—even those who had been despairing—turned to that banner with confidence and hope.'

The Progress of Home Rule

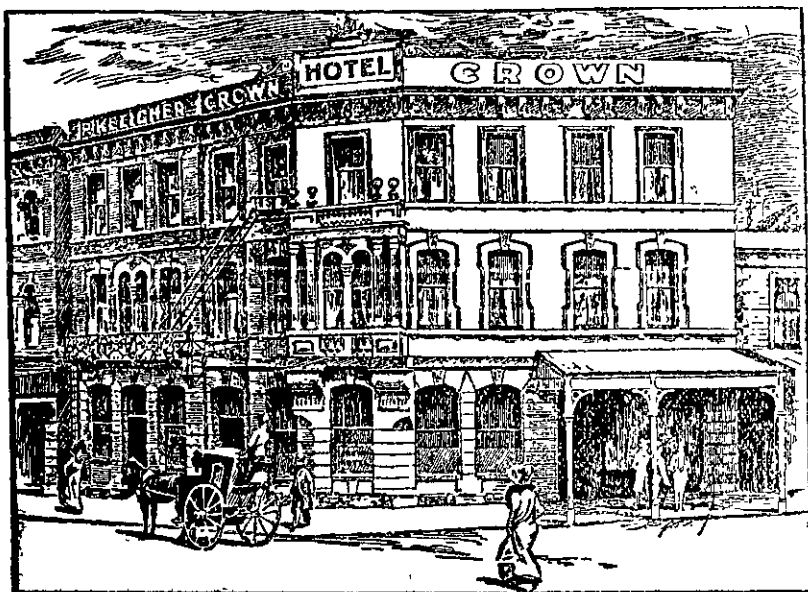
In an article entitled 'The Progress of Home Rule' the London 'Speaker' comments on the significance of Irish landlords forming an Irish Reform Association, observing: 'Irish politics are necessarily saturated with suspicion, and it is not unreasonable for the Nationalists to believe that an Irish landlord is, like Pope, unable to take tea without a stratagem. But the Nationalists have been wise to welcome this advance, and the 'Times' has been wise to condemn it. For this means another stage in an important development of forces. In the eighteenth century almost all unbridled Irishmen and a small minority of generous Englishmen wanted to see a National Parliament in Dublin with a responsible Cabinet. Those aspirations were conquered. The Irish Parliament was destroyed, and instead the system of privilege and ascendancy was still further organised and developed. The history of a century has been a record of the severities by which that system has been protected and the concessions by which the revolutions it threatened to excite have been averted. For Liberals the moral of this latest incident is that if their reverses and disappointments and constant failures have sometimes taken all the heart out of their struggle, events have only confirmed the truth and the power of their ideas.'

People We Hear About

A London evening paper gives some biographical particulars of the leaders of the Irish Reform Association, the new organisation of landlords in Ireland, who follow Lord Dunraven rather than the Kildare Street Club and Lord Barrymore:—Lord Louth, who took a prominent part the other day in the formation of that remarkable new movement in Ireland, the Reform Association, promoted by the progressive landlords, is one of the Plunketts who spell the name with the double 't.' Like his kinsman Lord Fingall, he is a Catholic. Lord Dunsany is a Protestant Plunkett, as is Sir Horace of that ilk. The barony of Louth was under an outlawry from the time of Cromwell till 1798, for the reason that the holders of the title fought stoutly for Charles I. and James II. Of Mr. Crosbie the writer says:—Mr. Talbot-Crosbie, who proposed the resolution in favor of the formation of the Reform Association, has also a piquant Jacobite tradition in his family. His ancestor, the Crosbie of Ardfert—the Talbot is a recent introduction—was a member of the Irish Parliament of James II., and he refused to take the oath of allegiance to William III. At last Crosbie was made Earl of Glandore, and it is from the only daughter of the last earl, who died in 1845, that Mr. Talbot-Crosbie has derived the name and estate.

Lady Herbert of Lea (says the London 'Daily Chronicle'), the latest victim of a jewel robbery, is a life-long friend of Florence Nightingale. It was at the instance of Lord Herbert, then Mr. Sidney Herbert, and at the head of the War Office, that Miss Nightingale organised a staff of nurses for the Crimea. Lady Herbert worked indefatigably in forwarding the scheme, and after the departure of Miss Nightingale for Scutari, she got together a second party of nurses and despatched them to reinforce the first company. Lady Herbert also promoted the emigration of poor women to Canada, and was with her husband actively engaged in philanthropic work in the vicinity of Wilton House, the family seat near Salisbury. Fifty years ago Lord and Lady Herbert were regarded as the handsomest couple in society, and to-day Lady Herbert remains a woman of singular charm and fascination. Another London newspaper gives the following interesting particulars regarding this venerable, philanthropic Catholic lady: Lady Herbert of Lea is the mother of the present Earl of Pembroke, and is over 80. She is a daughter of the Hon. Charles Ashe a Court, and in 1816 married the Right Hon. Sidney Herbert, whose statue stands outside the War Office in memory of his tenure of the Secretaryship. Mr. Sidney Herbert, who was the second son of the eleventh Earl of Pembroke, was raised to the peerage as Lord Herbert of Lea in 1861, during the lifetime of his father. He died in the same year, and a married life of singular happiness has been succeeded by a long widowhood devoted to good works. Cardinal Manning had been her husband's oldest school and college friend, and he described him to her as 'the holiest man I ever met.' After her bereavement, Lady Herbert of Lea turned to religion for consolation, and was admitted to the Catholic Church, in which she has ever since been very active.

The Duke of Norfolk, the premier duke of England, is noted for his unpretentious manners and characteristic kindnesses to those about him. A correspondent who has been staying near the Duke's Sussex home states that he recently heard many instances of these traits. When he arrives by himself at Arundel railway station from town the Duke rarely troubles his coachman to meet him with the carriage, but prefers to walk up to the castle. His unassuming manners often mislead strangers as to his ducal rank. On one occasion he was passing through Arundel when a butcher's boy who had sustained a puncture to his bicycle demanded the Duke's assistance. 'Hi! mister,' the lad called, 'give us a hand with this bicycle.' Without demur, the Earl-Marshal went to the boy's assistance, and held the machine while the latter repaired the puncture. At another time, the Duke (the correspondent says) was driving to an appointment at Littlehampton, when he overtook an old woman laden with a bundle. Stopping his carriage, he invited her to ride with him. Glad for a lift, and unaware of his identity, she entered the carriage. 'Which way are you going?' the Duke asked her, and found that her home branched off in a different direction from his own after they had covered a considerable distance. Therefore, getting down at the nearest point to his own destination, he walked the remainder of the way and sent the coachman and the carriage to convey the old woman to her home!



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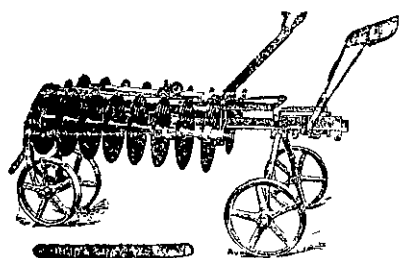
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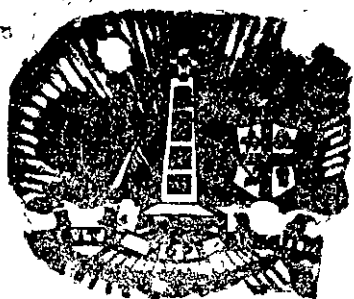
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PRODUCE.

London, October 21.—The wheat markets are dull, and in buyers' favor, owing to heavy shipments to Russia and India and the increased estimates of spring crops. American and Canadian cargoes are neglected. Those near at hand are offering at 32/6 to 33/-, September and October shipments, 34/6.

Parcels of Algerian oats on passage are quoted at 14/3; New Zealand beans, 29/- to 30/-; Victorian peas, 26/6.

Butter.—Quiet. Danish unchanged. Choicest Victorian, 104/- to 106/-; New South Wales, 100/- to 104/-; Queensland, 88/- to 94/-; best stored New Zealand, 96/-.

Rabbits.—Dull. Victorian and New South Wales, 7½d.

Wellington, October 24.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received a cablegram from the Agent-General dated London, 22nd inst.:—The sale for all qualities of mutton is dull. Average price to-day for Canterbury mutton, 4½d per lb; Dunedin, Southland, and W.M.E. Company's brands, 4½d; other brands North Island mutton, 4d. There is only a small demand for lamb at quoted cabled prices last week. Small supplies of Australian lamb are on the market. The average price to-day is 4½d. The beef market is overstocked and depressed, supplies of River Plate beef being very heavy. Average price: Hindquarters New Zealand beef, 3½d; forequarters, 2½d. The butter market remains very flat. Average price for choicest stored New Zealand butter to-day is 9½/- per cwt, and for Danish and American, 105/-; the cheese market is firm, with an upward demand; Canadian, 46/-. There is a better demand for hemp in all positions at about £33 per ton. There is no alteration in the cocksfoot seed market.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only.—Oats: Milling, 1/6½ to 1/8½; feed, 1/2 to 1/6. Wheat: Milling, 3/2 to 3/7; fowls, 2/8 to 3/1. Potatoes, £1/10/-; seed, £2/10/- to £3/10/-; chaff, £2/15/- to £3/15/-; clover hay, £2/10/- to £3. Straw: Pressed wheat, 40/-; oat, £2, loose, £2. Flour: Sacks, £10; 100lb, £10/10/-; 50lb, £10/15; 25lb, £11. Oatmeal, £9/10/-; Pollard, £4. Bran, £3/5. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d, factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 4½d; dairy, 4½d. Eggs, 9½d. Onions: Melbourne, £9.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale.—Butter farm, 6d; separator, 8d; butter, factory, 11½d. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £1/15/- per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £2/5/- per ton. Flour, £10/10 to £11/10. Oatmeal, £8/10/- to £9. Bran, £3/15/-; Pollard, £5. Retail.—Farm butter, 8d; separator, 10d; butter, factory, 11d; cheese, 6d to 8d. Eggs, 10d per doz. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 3/6 per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 23/-; 50lb, 6/6. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5/3; 25lb, 2/9. Pollard, 8/6 per bag. Bran, 4/6. Chaff, 1/6.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was a small one, and, with the exception of oats, for which there was little competition, it was cleared at prices on a par with late quotations. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—The past week has been a quiet one, only small lines of good feed oats being quoted locally and for coastal orders. Prime milling sorts have been almost neglected, and no export business of any importance has been passing. Quotations: Prime milling, 1/6½ to 1/8, good to best feed, 1/5 to 1/6, inferior and medium, 1/3 to 1/4½ per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The few lines of prime milling wheat in local stores continue to move off slowly at quotations. Stocks consist chiefly of medium quality, for which there is practically no demand. Fowl wheat has fair attention, and is firm at late values. Quotations: Prime milling, 3/7 to 3/10; medium to good, 3/3 to 3/6; best whole fowl wheat, 3/1 to 3/2; broken and damaged do, 2/9 to 3/- per bushel (sacks extra).

Barley.—Prime malting samples have some attention, but of this quality there is little offering. Medium malting and milling lines are not in favor. Feed barley is inquired for, but at prices below vendors' opinion of value. Quotations: Prime malting, 8/- to 3/5;

medium, malting, and milling, 2/3 to 2/9; feed, 1/9 to 2/2 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Stocks are now somewhat reduced, but price shows no improvement. Freshly picked lots are in slightly better demand, but lines which have been for any time in store are not readily quoted. Quotations: Best Derwents, 27/6 to 30/-; others, 20/- to 25/- per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—The market has been more fully supplied with chaff of good to prime quality. The latter class maintains its popularity with local buyers, and has been little affected by the increased supplies. Medium to good lines, although not so much sought after, are being quoted at satisfactory prices. Quotations, Prime oat sheaf, £3/7/6 to £3/10/-; medium to good, £2/15/- to £3/5/-; inferior and light, £2/5/- to £2/10/- per ton (bags extra).

Pressed Straw.—The market is bare. We quote best at 30/- to 35/- per ton.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Wheat.—The demand has not been any better during the past week, and prices may be quoted the same as last report, namely: Prime milling, 3/7 to 3/10; medium, 3/3 to 3/6; Best whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/2, broken and inferior, 2/6 to 2/10.

Oats.—Prime remain much about the same, the demand being about equal to the quantity offering. Prime milling, 1/6½ to 1/8; good to best feed, 1/4½ to 1/6; damaged and inferior, 1/2 to 1/3.

Chaff.—Prices are slightly easier than last week, although we have sold prime this week as high as £3/12/6. Quotations for this description are £3/2/6 to £3/10/-; medium to good, £2/15/- to £3; light and inferior, £2/5/- to £2/10/-.

Potatoes.—Prime Derwents, 25/- to 30/-; others, 20/- to 23/6.

WOOL.

London, October 21.—The Bradford wool market is quiet, and there is only small business. Merinoes are weaker, crossbreds are firm, common 60's, 23½d; super, 24½d.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, when there was a good demand at prices rather better than those lately ruling. We sold winter does to 17½d, winter bucks to 14½d, and blacks to 25d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday, when all submitted met with very keen competition at the extreme prices lately ruling. To show the value of sheepskins at the present time, we may mention that we sold cross-breeds as high as 10/- each. We can confidently recommend consignments being sent in at present.

Hides.—We offered a small consignment last Thursday, when values were on a par with those of a fortnight ago. Our top price for ox was 5½d, and for cow 1½d. Light hides were again in most request, and brought relatively higher prices than those of heavier weight.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in the market, all coming forward finding buyers at late rates.

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ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Fat Cattle.—230 head, very fair quality, were yarded. The sale opened well, but weakened, closing prices being lower than last week's. Good beef averaged 23/- to 25/-; secondary, 21/- to 22/6 per 100lb. Steers sold at £6/12/6 to £11/10/-; fat heifers, £5/17/6 to £8/17/6; cows, £5/15/- to £8/2/6; calves, 7/6 to 14/-.

Fat Sheep.—Moderate supply, good quality. They consisted almost entirely of wethers. Competition was keen, and recent high values were fully maintained. Prices: Crossbred wethers, prime, 25/- to 28/10; others, 21/- to 24/6; shorn, 17/6 to 21/-; crossbred ewes, 22/- to 25/7; merino wethers, prime, 22/- to 26/8; others, 17/- to 21/-.

Lambs.—About 150 were penned. The supply was rather too large for butchers, and prices weakened towards the close. Good made 16/- to 18/6, a few to 19/6; others, from 14/-.

Pigs.—The yarding was very large. Baconers were steady at last week's rates, and porkers were easier. Weaners were in demand, but large stores suffered a sharp decline. Baconers made 40/- to 57/6, equal to 4d to 4½d per lb; porkers, 27/- to 38/-, equal to 5d per lb, stores, extra, 30/- to 36/-; large, 25/- to 29/-; medium, 18/- to 23/-; weaners, 10/6 to 14/-.

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TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS, 1st NOVEMBER, 1904.

The present time-table will be cancelled after 31st October and the following substituted:—

EXPRESS TRAINS.

NORTH LINE. Dunedin dep. 8.0 a.m. and 1.27 p.m., Oamaru 11.10 a.m. and 5.6 p.m., Christchurch arr. 5.8 p.m. and 10.40 p.m.

The 8.0 a.m. train will connect at Lyttelton with steamer for Wellington.

On Saturdays a steamer will leave Lyttelton for Wellington after arrival of second express from Dunedin.

Christchurch dep. 10.10 a.m. and 1.25 p.m., Oamaru 3.47 p.m. and 7.3 p.m., Dunedin arr. 7.25 p.m. and 10.40 p.m.

Steamer from Wellington will connect with the 10.10 a.m. train from Christchurch.

These trains will make the same stops as the present express trains, except that the 8.0 a.m. train from Dunedin will NOT stop at Ochersey.

SOUTH LINE. Dunedin dep. 9.10 a.m., Balclutha 11.15 a.m., Invercargill arr. 3.2 p.m.

Invercargill dep. 1.25 p.m., Balclutha 4.56 p.m., Dunedin arr. 6.58 p.m.

These trains will make the same stops as the present express trains, with the exception of Up Trains, which will stop at Mosgiel to allow passengers from South of Milton to alight only.

Dunedin dep. 7.50 p.m., Balclutha 9.43 p.m., Invercargill arr. 12.55 a.m.

Invercargill dep. 8.0 a.m., Balclutha 11.12 a.m., Dunedin arr. 1.0 p.m.

These trains will stop at Milton, Balclutha, Clinton, Gore, Mataura, Edendale, and Woodlands only.

ORDINARY TRAINS.

DUNEDIN-OAMARU. Dunedin dep. 8.15 a.m. and 2.55 p.m., arriving Oamaru 1.34 p.m. and 8.0 p.m.

Oamaru dep. 7.40 a.m. and 1.5 p.m., arriving Dunedin 1.8 p.m. and 6.48 p.m.

DUNEDIN-PALMERSTON. Trains leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 5.45 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 1.50 p.m. (Saturdays only), 2.55 p.m. and 4.10 p.m.

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DUNEDIN-PORT CHALMERS. Dunedin dep. 7.8 a.m., *8.15 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.10 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.46 p.m., *4.10 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.12 p.m., and 11.30 p.m.

Port Chalmers dep. 7.8 a.m., 8.16 a.m., *9.41 a.m., 11.15 a.m., *12.38 p.m., 1.9 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 4.10 p.m., 5.15 p.m., *6.18 p.m., 7.10 p.m., 9.25 p.m., 10.50 p.m., and 12.10 a.m.

On Sundays trains will leave Dunedin 9.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., and 4.5 p.m., returning leaving Port Chalmers 10.10 a.m., 3.20 p.m., and 5.0 p.m.

* Denotes Upper Station.

DUNEDIN-CLINTON. Dunedin dep. 7.45 a.m. and 4.20 p.m., Clinton arr. 12.50 p.m. and 8.55 p.m.

Clinton dep. 6.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m., Balclutha 7.30 a.m. and 5.10 p.m., Dunedin arr. 10.50 a.m. and 8.15 p.m.

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D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 11th October, 1904.

Gisborne Convent Art Union

The Drawing of the ART UNION for the Convent, Gisborne, fixed for October 29, has been Postponed until further notice. All books, etc., to be returned to

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MARRIAGE.

DOOLAN—FRANCIS.—On 28th September, 1904, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, by the Rev. Father Murphy, John Edward Doolan, second son of John Doolan, Totara Flat, West Coast, to Nellie Francis, second daughter of Michael Francis, Leith street, Dunedin.

DEATH

SPILLANE.—On the 15th October, at his parents' residence, Lawrence, Timothy, the youngest son of Maurice and Ellen Spillane, aged 21 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.



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LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1904

“ROMANIZING” AT AUCKLAND



HERE is both a comic and a pathetic side to the so-called ‘Romanizing’ incident which has figured so prominently in the daily papers and caused such a flutter in the northern city. The facts in the case are sufficiently simple. Some four or five years ago a society was established in Auckland in connection with the Anglican Church and under a constitution drawn up by the Anglican Cathedral Chapter with the title of the Mission of the Good Shepherd. Its objects were stated to be mission work, rescue work, visiting of public institutions, and aid to parish clergy. In August of last year the Cathedral Chapter reorganised the ‘Mission’ and reported to the

Synod that they had approved of a new constitution, under the title of the ‘Order’ of the Good Shepherd. No hint was given that a radical change had been effected in the constitution of the Society, but in time it leaked out that instead of being a simple charitable and philanthropic organisation, it was now a quasi-Order whose objects, as set forth in the constitution, were ‘the cultivation and deepening of the devotional life amongst women associated together under control of the Bishop. Women wishing to enter this sisterhood must surrender their income to the Order during membership, or arrange for its disposition otherwise, in accordance with the directions of the Chapter; they must vow to remain unmarried while in the Order; they must vow to obey the Bishop, as head of the Order, “in all things lawful and honest”; and they must hold themselves bound by these vows until the Bishop shall “dispense” them from their declaration.’ The true blues at once scented a ‘Romanizing’ movement and in feverish haste brought the matter before the Synod, where, after a heated discussion in which the Bishop was flouted to the face, a resolution was duly carried requesting the Chapter to reconsider the terms of the constitution and providing that in the meantime no change should be made in the original rules governing the ‘Order.’

The comic aspect of the affair lies in the spectacle of a number of presumably sensible and well-meaning men making such a very great fuss over such a very small matter. These anti-Romanizers take themselves so very seriously—they imagine they have got a glorious mission to save the Church and keep Christianity pure, when all they have got is a mission to make themselves ridiculous. In the case in question we are gravely told that amongst Auckland Anglicans the matter has ‘created a great sensation’; that the institution of such an ‘Order’ is a ‘reversion toward practices and doctrines which the martyr founders of the Reformed Church died to overthrow’; and one paper supporting the protesting party goes so far as to say that the proposed ‘Order’ is ‘fraught with grave peril, not only to the English Church, but to the whole community.’ And all this because half a dozen harmless women—probably no longer young—wish to band themselves together in a religious community! It is perfectly true, of course, that there are not in the Anglican Organisation the same safeguards, and careful and complete provision for ascertaining and fostering vocations, as exist within the Catholic Church; but, allowing for all that, the statement that this poor pale copy of a religious Order is ‘fraught with grave peril to the whole community’ is either particularly hard on Bishop Nelson and his clergy or it is a very heavy indictment of the writer’s common-sense.

The pathetic side of the incident is in the fresh illustration which it affords of the wistful eagerness with which a certain section of Anglicans cling to the shadow of Catholicity long generations after their Church has completely lost the substance. They are to some extent Catholic-minded, have more or less Catholic sympathies, and are most diligent to frame their outward worship according to Catholic ceremony and usage. And all the time the one great Reality—the adorable Presence on the altar—that ever nourishes, sustains, and vivifies the Church, is not, and cannot be, theirs. Their position is truly pathetic, and the sentiments of tender sympathy which Catholics feel toward their Church could not be more delicately expressed than in the beautiful words of Cardinal Wiseman: ‘I cannot but look on her as I should upon one whom God’s hand hath touched, in whom the light of reason is darkened though the feelings of the heart have not been seared; who presses to her bosom the empty locket that once contained the image of all she loved on earth, and continues to rock the cradle of her departed child.’

Notes

A 'Gaelic Revival' Episode

A correspondent to an English paper records that he was being driven on a jaunting-car recently through the Donegal Highlands, and after a time the results of his observation came to the surface in the following query 'Driver! I notice that when you speak to your friends whom you meet on the road you invariably do so in Irish, but when you address your horse you do so in English. How is this?' To which came the retort: 'Musha now, thin. Isn't English good enough for him?'—an answer which probably gave the tourist a new insight into the Gael's idea of the mere Saxon.

Mr. Tom Mann 'Cets Home'

Whatever may be thought of Mr. Tom Mann's advanced political ideas everyone must give him credit for his honesty and fearless outspokenness. Speaking on a recent Sunday afternoon, he thus dealt it out to the jingo dupes who have been so badly fooled over the South African business:

The average man and woman wept over and cheered the fatheads who were willing to go to help slave-drivers in South Africa; but the fool of a man who was greater to blame was he who threw up his hat in favor of jingoism, and who was mean enough to throw stones at the men who honestly and openly declared what they believed to be true (cheers). How things came home to roost. But not often did they come home so quickly and so plainly. The South African business, if it had done nothing else, had enabled some people to get their eyes opened (cheers). Dr. Rowan said 'he Chinese were working in that country, but they were not allowed to work in the good places, and it was known why. Those 'in the know' knew that mineral wealth existed in abundance, and the 'chows' were not allowed to work in those valuable places. The mining companies were to have paid £30,000,000 towards the war, which cost £250,000,000, and now they wished to dodge their liability. They had dodged it so far, and were now working up an outrageous lie in regard to the 'chows,' whom they took there 'because there was no payable gold' (laughter). But it was not South Africa alone that was in the hands of the financiers; Australia was in the same hands, too (cheers).

A New Temperance Agent

While Mr. Seddon is growing grey trying to settle the liquor problem in this country a new and unexpected temperance agent has been unearthed in England. It is a sort of flying apostle, carrying reform at lightning speed into the highways and by-ways of the land. Its name is the motor car and its discoverer Mr. R. Kriming. The erst jingo poet thus explains the beneficent mission accomplished by the march of the motor: 'There are on the twenty odd miles,' he says, 'which divide me from the nearest town westward thirty-one or thirty-seven pubs. In front of each I used to find at least two unattended horses. Now there are fewer beasts outside, and those within are not so sodden. They keep one ear upon the road; they set down their tankards; they leap from the bar; they run to their horses' heads. They break, if it be but for an instant, the habit of ages. What has wrought the change in our midst? Tracts? Blue ribbons? The Fifth Standard? That would not be the Te-rewth. It is the car—the Unexpected Car round the corner.'

Messrs. Herbert, Haynes, and Co., Princes street, Dunedin, have just opened up a very choice lot of furnishing goods in the latest styles, such as art linens, Madras muslins, lace and applique curtains, cretonnes (in beautiful designs), table covers, door hangings, etc., also a shipment of improved sanitary linoleum. A visit of inspection will convince intending purchasers of the superiority of these seasonable goods...

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Little Sisters of the Poor will open a home for the aged poor in Dunedin on December 8. His Lordship the Bishop has purchased a very suitable property for the purpose at Anderson's Bay, consisting of a house and three and a quarter acres of land. The house occupies a fine, sunny position, and commands a beautiful view.

On Wednesday evening of last week his Lordship the Bishop gave a very instructive lecture on Palestine in St. Joseph's Hall before the members of the Ladies' Club and their lady friends. There was a very large attendance, who greatly enjoyed the interesting lecture and the beautiful pictures with which it was illustrated. The members feel under a debt of gratitude to his Lordship not alone for his instructive lecture, but also for the interest he has manifested at all times in the welfare of the Club. During the evening choruses were contributed by a number of the pupils of the Christian Brothers, and songs were given by Misses Bryant, Hannigan, and Brady. The accompaniments were played by Miss Clara Hughes.

St. Joseph's Cathedral was well filled on Tuesday evening when a sacred concert was given in aid of the renovation fund of the Christian Brothers' School. The recital was an artistic success, every one of its ten items being given in a manner which reflected credit on the respective performers. Mrs. Power's voice, of fine quality, was heard to the best advantage in 'Galilee' (Adams), whilst Miss G. Meenan gave a finished rendering of 'There is a green hill' (Gounod), her singing being a revelation to those who had not heard her for some time. Mr. T. Hussey always sings well, and his rendition of 'Nazareth' (Gounod) was remarkably good. Mr. J. McGrath was the soloist in Himmel's 'Incline thine ear,' and rarely if ever have we heard him to such advantage. Mr. Carolin, as the soloist in 'The Sanctus,' was at his best. The singing of 'O Maria' by the Christian Brothers' Boys' Choir was almost perfect, and was perhaps one of the most enjoyable items of a fine programme. The choruses by St. Joseph's Choir were all admirably given, the best perhaps being Gounod's 'Ave Verum,' which left little to be desired. The organ solos by Mr. Vallis—'Offertoire sur deux Noels' and a march by Hermann, were played with his well known ability. Mr. Vallis acted as musical director, and Mr. D. Cooke also assisted. At the conclusion of the recital Rev. Father Murphy thanked the performers for their services and the audience for their attendance, and said that on some future occasion a longer programme would be submitted.

Bible in State Schools

The following letter appeared in the Dunedin 'Evening Star' of Monday:—

Sir,—In your issue of the 21st inst. there appears a letter from the Rev. Dr. Gibb, in which the following passage occurs:—'I do not happen to have noticed whether any of the New Zealand papers have referred to the compromise which so noted a dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church as Cardinal Moran recently suggested to an Educational Conference in Sydney. He is reported as having proposed that the four Gospels in the Revised Version should be read in the State schools of Australia. Comment is superfluous.' Cardinal Moran never made any such suggestion. His words, as officially reported by him in the Sydney 'Catholic Press' of April 21, ran as follows:—'I would be most willing to supply the Catholic children with the four Gospels, according to a revised Douay version, the same as will be read in our Catholic schools.' A correction of the statement attributed to Cardinal Moran appeared in the 'New Zealand Tablet' of May 12.—I am, etc.,

Sub-editor 'New Zealand Tablet.'

October 22.

The Railway authorities notify that holiday excursion tickets will be issued on the Government lines in connection with the King's Birthday and the Christchurch Show and Races. The present time-table in the Dunedin district will be cancelled after Monday, 31st inst., and the new time-table, consequent on the running of the through express service, will come into operation on November 1. Our readers should note the alterations...

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

The I. A. Dramatic Club has earned such an amount of popularity that demands for its service have been frequent. The Kensington people again appreciated a visit from the club on Friday night, when the drama, 'A Noble Outcast,' was staged with well merited success. The club's orchestra rendered some admirable selections. The Club performs at the Bluff on Wednesday.

The first annual meeting of the Southland Athletic Association was held in Invercargill, and attended by delegates from all parts of Southland. The Victoria League asked the association to send over a delegate to the Melbourne conference next month, and it was decided to appoint Mr. J. E. Hawkins (Major) to act. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Murdock; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. O'Byrne and John McGregor; auditor, Mr. T. P. Giffeder; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Woods. On the suggestion of Mr. M. O'Brien it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. George Mackley as delegate to the Orepuki sports' meeting, and Mr. G. W. Woods to that at Gore.

WEDDING BELLS

DOOLAN—FRANCIS.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral on September 28, the contracting parties being Mr. J. E. Doolan and Miss Nellie Francis, second daughter of Mr. M. Francis, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Murphy. The bride was beautifully attired in white silk, with wreath and veil, and was attended by Miss Francis and Miss Kathleen Bradley as bridesmaids. Mr. J. Ryrie, of Balclutha, acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's father, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Several toasts were proposed and responded to by old friends of the family. The presents were handsome as well as numerous.

BERRY—KIRWAN.

At the Pro-Cathedral on October 12 (writes our Christchurch correspondent) Mr. Richard G. Berry, late of Timaru, and Miss Mary Kirwan, daughter of Mr. Lawrence Kirwan, late of Hokitika, were united in the bonds of holy Matrimony. A Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Connell, who also officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely dress of grey voile, wreath and veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bride's niece, Miss Eileen O'Connell, was bridesmaid, and Mr. D. O'Connell filled the position of best man. After the ceremony the party were driven to the residence of the bride's father, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The Rev. Father O'Connell proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. D. O'Connell proposed the health of the visitors. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous and costly presents, including a purse of sovereigns given by the bride's father. Later on the newly wedded couple left for Invercargill, where the honeymoon was spent.

KENNEDY—HERRING.

On October 20, a very popular wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North. Mr. Matthew J. Kennedy, the local gasworks' manager, eldest son of Mr. James Kennedy, of Greymouth, being united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Mary Herring, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Herring, of Kairanga. The ceremony (says the 'Standard'), was performed by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Akaroa (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. Fathers Tymons, Bowden, and O'Mara, and was followed by a Nuptial Mass. As the party left the church the wedding march was played by Mr. Tomlin. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Fred Herring, and wore a pretty dress of white duchess satin, beautifully trimmed, and looked extremely pretty. She also carried a shower bouquet of roses and maiden hair fern, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Maggie Kennedy (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss May Fitzpatrick, Tasmania (cousin of the bride), who wore beautiful dresses of white silk, elaborately trimmed with chiffon, and carried shower bouquets with yellow streamers. The train-bearers were Misses Mary and Annie Scales. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. T. Kennedy, as best

man, and Mr. Joe Herring, as groomsmen. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond brooch, and to each of the bridesmaids gold brooches. The little train-bearers received very pretty initial brooches. The best man and groomsmen also received gold tie pins. In addition to the many valuable presents received from the relations and friends of the bride and bridegroom throughout the Colony were a set of entree dishes, presented by the directors of the Gas Company, also a beautiful marble clock and a pair of silver ornaments from the employees of the Gas Company, a pair of beautiful armchairs from the bridegroom's father, and a massive gold Albert from the bridegroom's mother. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Mr. Kennedy (father of the bridegroom), Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., and Mrs. Wood, and Mrs. Dr. Morice, sen., of Greymouth. The bride's travelling dress was a grey canvas voile costume, and a silver grey chiffon hat. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for Wanganui en route for Rotorua, where the honeymoon is to be spent. They have the best wishes of the community for their future happiness. A large number of friends were entertained by the bride's mother at the wedding breakfast and also in the evening. Numerous telegrams were received, including one from the Premier and Mrs. Seddon, and Archdeacon Devoy.

OBITUARY

MR. E. T. McNAMARA.

(From our Christchurch co-correspondent.)

It is my sad duty to record the death of Mr. E. T. McNamara, a member of the Pro-Cathedral choir, whilst singing a solo in the Pro-Cathedral he was taken suddenly ill, and was removed to his home, where he passed away after a short illness, having received the last Sacraments from the Rev. Father McDonnell. At a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul in the Pro-Cathedral the Rev. Father O'Connell referred to the many virtues of the deceased, who would be sadly missed by his many friends. At the conclusion of the Mass his Lordship the Bishop gave the absolution, and afterwards paid a touching tribute to the late Mr. McNamara. The deceased, he said, had been a good citizen and a good Catholic, and while his death would be deeply lamented it was consoling to think that his last public act had been the singing of God's praises in the church. The funeral was largely attended, the H.A.C.B. Society, Catholic Club, choirs of the Pro-Cathedral and St. Mary's, and Orpheus Society being well represented. The interment was in the Linwood Cemetery, the Rev. Father O'Donnell, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell, officiating at the graveside. The late Mr. McNamara was the sole supporter of his aged mother and young sister. He was only in New Zealand about two years, having come from Tasmania. The sincerest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved relatives.—R.I.P.

Publications

The illustrated weekly newspapers of New Zealand are a credit to the Colony and especially to the enterprise of their proprietors, considering that their circulation must necessarily be limited when compared with the large field which similar publications have in European countries. It is, however, in their Christmas numbers that the newspapers of the Colony excel, and we have no hesitation in saying that in no part of the world, with such a limited population, is there published such a number of high-class Christmas numbers. Among the many aspirants for public favor we are pleased to note that the annual issued by that progressive and popular weekly, 'The Witness,' occupies a foremost place. Nearly the whole of the annual is devoted to the history of the Maoris, in which the writer, Mrs. Wesley Turlon, deals in a very attractive manner with the story of the brave and interesting natives of New Zealand. The history, although necessarily brief, will be found most interesting for those who have neither the time nor the inclination to study the matter at greater length. It was a happy idea on the part of the editor to devote the principal portion of his Christmas number to such an interesting subject, which combines all the charms of a well told tale with the educational features of an impartial history. On this account the annual should find its way to every part of the Colony, whilst no more appropriate paper could be sent to friends in the Home countries. To add to its value it is copiously illustrated, the pictures

including numerous photographs of men—both European and Native—who took an active part in the Maori wars. Accompanying the annual is a presentation plate in colors, 'Highland Cattle,' which is really worth the price charged for the whole number. The annual is brought out in a style which is highly creditable to all concerned in its production.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 23.

A popular wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Mr. M. J. Kennedy, manager of the Palmerston North Gas Company, and Miss Mary Herring, eldest daughter of the late Mr. F. Herring, of Kairanga.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, 23rd inst., and preached an eloquent sermon at Vespers.

A ten days' bazaar in aid of the local convent will be opened on Saturday evening by the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. The Governor, Lord Plunket, has also signified his intention of being present during the week. Great interest is taken in the forthcoming event, and visitors to the Show will find an ample source of amusements in visiting the hall, with its ten busy stalls and other attractions.

NEW ZEALAND GENERAL

A very pleasant time was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening (says the 'Nelson Colonist'), when the Druids played the return cribbage match against the members of the Catholic Society, over sixty persons being present. The games were very interesting and even, the Society eventually winning by 18 games to 17 secured by the Druids. Cheers and counter cheers were given by the players. Refreshments were plentifully supplied.

The only candidates in the junior division, who secured honors at the recent examination of music in Wellington by Dr. Creser (writes a correspondent), were Ethel Williams, aged 10 (who was accorded the gold medal offered yearly by Mr. Myers), and Nellie Thomson, aged 10, both of whom are pupils of St. Francis Xavier's Academy, Seatown, and are under the tuition of Miss May Duggan, of Oamaru, a former pupil of St. Dominic's College, Dunedin.

On the motion of Mr. Hogg a return was laid on the table of the House of Representatives showing the amounts applied for the Advances to Settlers office and the amounts advanced respectively on Crown leaseholds and on freehold properties since the office was established, as follows:—Authorized on freehold securities on application—amount required £4,511,620; amount authorised £1,066,704; Authorised on leasehold securities—Amount required £812,932; authorised £655,516.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Mission, Taranaki, passed the practical examinations, held by Mr. Graham Moore, examiner of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, at the Monastery of the Presentation, New Plymouth, October 15:—Local centre (advanced grade), Amelia Smith, Alice Fischer, May Whitton; higher division, Mary Dolan, Bessie Godsell, Iris Dixon (violin), Helen Middelton (Opunake Convent); lower division, Mary Bachelor, Kathie Bennett, Elsie Bennett, Mary O'Rorke, Johanna Fleming; elementary, Mary Morris (Opunake Convent), Cissie Moroney, Rita Sole, Alice Scandalyn.

The following is a list of the successful candidates from the Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui, at the musical examination under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music:—Local centre: Senior grade (honors), Dora Carroll, 132; higher division, Annie Sullivan, 80; lower division (honors), Winifride Neylon, 84; lower division (pass), Emily Sullivan, 77; Lina Clapham, 74; Eileen Perrett, 72. Elementary division, Olive Oberg, 70; Pearl Cawood, 66.

The newly-discovered cave at Waitomo, near Hamilton, has been further explored. It is considered to be one of the greatest scenic wonders of New Zealand. The entrance is a natural arch in a perpendicular cliff, leading into a chamber 200 yards long; thence a passage 6ft wide and 120 yards long leads into another wide floor, where there is a roaring torrent. Beyond

this are numerous stalactite tunnels leading into great white chambers full of all sorts of stalactite formations resembling fleeces of wool, statues, white terraces, etc. Two chimneys, hundreds of feet high, lead up to the surface of the ground. This cave has hitherto been known only to old Maoris. It will now be opened to tourists.

A Christchurch architect informed a Christchurch reporter on Saturday that he believed next year would be an extraordinarily busy one for the building trade. He said that there was no manner of doubt whatever that the present slight depression would soon pass away. One day last week, he added, his firm had taken fresh business representing £16,000.

A fire broke out shortly before noon on Monday in the Grand Hotel, Rotorua, and in less than half an hour the building was a mass of flames, being eventually destroyed, with many of its outbuildings. One invalid was taken out after the flames broke through the top storey. Mrs. Lees, wife of the manager, threw her baby from the balcony to the onlookers, who caught it. General Buckle, a visitor, was rescued by Mr. Lovegrove. Very little was saved. The fire was said to have originated in a small recess used by the porter. It will take about £10,000 to replace the building alone.

Ireland at the St. Louis Exposition

'Concessionaires' Day, on Thursday, September 8, was one of the great special days at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. Among the various features of the day was a magnificent parade, in which all the nations and races of people represented at the fair participated, each concession being headed by a large brass band. Some of the musical organisations were very large, that of the Philippine Scouts aggregating more than 100 musicians. Some of the principal bands of the United States, as well as well as from foreign countries, were in line.

Ireland was represented by ten jaunting cars, beautifully decorated with artificial flowers and flags, drawn by splendid thoroughbreds and filled with the prettiest of colleens. The cars were preceded by Ireland's Own Band, of Dublin, which played Irish music exclusively along the line of march. The Irish section was universally conceded to be the neatest and damtiest portion of the parade, and was greeted by thunders of applause as it passed through the mass of sight-seers.

As the Irish contingent neared the reviewing stand their band struck up an arrangement of the 'Lament of the Irish Emigrant.' The trim, military appearance of the men and their clean-cut execution of the music brought a storm of cheers and applause from the tens of thousands of spectators who thronged the plaza, and the cars came in for their share, as they followed. It was a sight that made Irish hearts beat high, for in that three miles of procession, dazzling the sight with gorgeous Oriental color, there was nothing as beautiful as the simple display made by Ireland.

Immediately after the dispersion of the parade the judges met to decide the winners in the various contests. To Ireland's Own Band was unanimously awarded the first prize of 100 dollars in gold for the best appearance and performance of the day. The Boer War section, composed of 700 veterans of the conflict in South Africa, superbly mounted, carried off the first prize for appearance, but Ireland came in a close second, taking the second prize of £50 in gold.

A girl in the Paris section won the prize for being the most beautiful woman in the parade, but only after much discussion, as one of the Irish girls, Miss Josephine Collins, was named by several of the judges. Miss Collins was dressed in simple white, with a red Kerry cloak, and looked the ideal Irish beauty. She was awarded the second prize.

After remaining open for five weeks, St. Mary's Cathedral Fair (Sydney) was brought to a close on Saturday, October 8. During the closing days the hall was filled so that there was hardly standing room. It is said on good authority that £14,000 has been banked to the Cathedral Building Fund since the commencement of the appeal by his Eminence the Cardinal in February last. Of this amount a sum of £700 was received on the final day of the fair.

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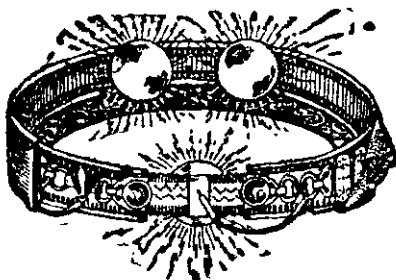
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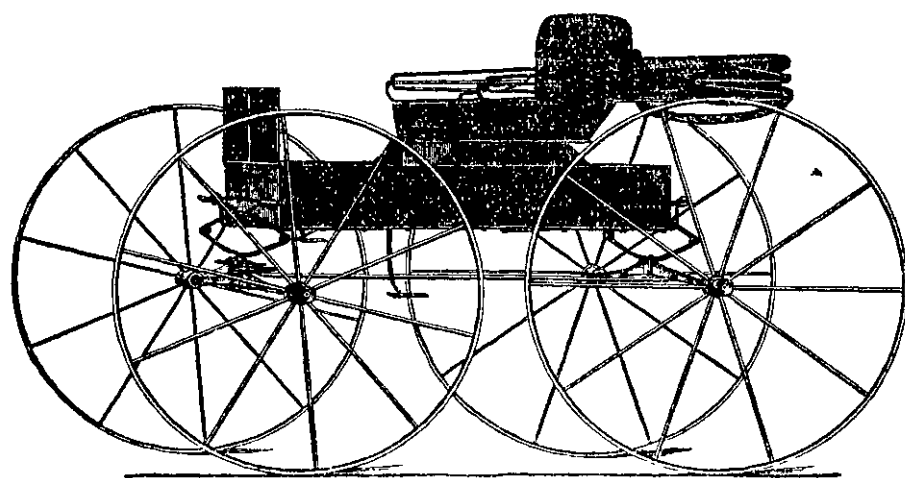
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WHICH SHALL IT BE?

I.

Robert Merton threw aside his pen, leaned back in his easy-chair and gave a sigh of relief. Had his mood been a gayer one, he would probably have smiled, but in the last few months he had had so little reason to smile that he could express his satisfaction only by a deep sigh. Perhaps the lines around his mouth and the furrows between his brows were rather less sharply defined than usual. Poor Robert! he had met with many disappointments of late.

The desk at which he was sitting was strewn with the sheets of a manuscript, the last page of which was not yet dry. The eye of the writer rested upon it with an expression of mingled pride and pleasure. After a moment's pause he once more took up his pen and wrote under the last line: 'The End, Robert Merton.' Then, glancing at an almanac that hung upon the wall, he exclaimed aloud: 'It is finished, thank God, and a week before the time!'

He next took up a letter which was lying among the sheets of paper, and read it through for the second time. It ran thus:

Dear Sir,—I am much pleased with the first chapters of your novel, as also with the plot. It appears to be quite superior to any manuscript which you have submitted hitherto. But there is no time for delay. The whole of your work must be in my hands by the 30th inst., so that, provided the remaining portion corresponds to the opening chapters, I may give orders to begin printing it at once. May I therefore request you to be punctual? It will not be difficult to come to an understanding as to terms.

Yours faithfully,

James Hayward.

'To-day is only the 23rd,' he said in a tone of triumph, regarding the closely-written pages with a look which was almost affectionate.

He carefully arranged them in order, according to the number on each sheet, and wrapped up the whole in brown paper. Then he once more leaned back in his chair, while his gaze wandered idly over the dull and dreary street until it rested on the chimneys of the opposite houses. He could not repress a feeling of pride at having been able to write as he had done, in spite of such mean and depressing surroundings. How easy it must be to give full play to the imagination in a comfortable home, amidst beautiful scenery!

A slight sound in one corner of the small room arrested his train of thought. The expression of his features changed and hardened as, without turning his head, he said in a tone of cold severity:

'Leonard, come here for a minute. I want you.'

A boy of about eight or nine years shuffled slowly out of the corner and timidly approached his father, doing so with evident reluctance.

'Dada!' he whispered in a voice that might have belonged to a child of two.

An impatient gesture of the parent, on whose nerves the shrill accents of his little son evidently had a rasping effect, checked all further utterance.

He gazed in silence at the boy—at the round, staring eyes, in which expression was totally lacking, at the half-open mouth, and the thin hair which hung sparsely about his prominent forehead. Such was the appearance of his son. What indeed was he but a hopeless idiot? And there were persons who firmly believed in the doctrine of heredity!

The door of the room was opened quickly—the rustle of feminine skirts caused the expression of Robert's features to change as if by magic.

'Dear Helen,' he said in a tone of affectionate reproach, 'how long you have been away!'

'So you have really missed me?' replied his wife. She had a large basket on her arm, and her dress was anything but fashionable or smart.

'Mummy, mummy!' exclaimed the boy in a plaintive voice, awkwardly stretching out his arms to his mother and clasping her round the knees.

She soothed and kissed the child—oh, so tenderly!

'Be quiet, darling!' she said. 'See, mother has come home to Leonard. Be quiet, darling!'

'Only think, Helen, I have finished my book! It has been accepted,' Robert announced, with shining eyes.

She hastened up to him and assured him that she had always known him to be possessed of no ordinary talents—to be, in fact, a real though undiscovered genius.

Encouraged by the success of some short articles of his had met with in periodicals, Robert Merton had been foolish enough to relinquish an appointment which, although the salary was small, afforded the family the means of livelihood, in order to devote himself to writing, which he deemed to be his vocation. For the past ten months, however, their sole source of income had been the modest allowance made to Helen by her father. It would have been much more liberal had he not disapproved of her union with Robert, on the score of the latter's inability to support a wife. As a matter of course, their circumstances had become exceedingly straitened of late; yet their mutual affection had not been diminished by the struggle they had found themselves compelled to wage with poverty.

An only child, Helen had quitted a home in which she had enjoyed every comfort and many luxuries in order to marry the man of her choice. The suitors for her hand had been numerous; for, although her features were not regular enough for beauty, their expression was charming, and she was altogether a very attractive person. Moreover, her father was known to possess a large private fortune. She had from the first endeavored to make herself acquainted with everything that the wife of a poor man ought to know; and, since they now had only her allowance to depend upon, she courageously dispensed with their one maid-servant, doing all the work, with the exception of the roughest, with her own hands.

On the present occasion she had just returned from a shopping expedition, and she proceeded to unpack the capacious basket she had brought with her into the room. Last of all she took out a brown paper parcel, saying as she did so:

'Look, Robert, I have bought a packet of manuscript paper for you, as I thought you must be wanting some more.'

'An excellent idea!' he rejoined. 'I have only a few sheets left. Now that the tide of our fortunes has turned at last, we must set about finding a more suitable place of abode. You must not resign your post as minister of finance, for it is only your clever little head that has kept the wolf from our door. Sit down and let me read you the concluding portion of my novel. I want to know if you think it ends well.'

Robert spoke with almost boyish eagerness.

'How impatient you are!' she gaily retorted. 'If you forget that it is tea time, Leonard certainly does not!'

The poor little fellow had been watching his mother's movements with fixed attention. She stroked his head and forthwith disappeared into the adjoining apartment, which did duty as kitchen. Ere long the clatter of cups and saucers announced that the preparations for their simple meal were going forward; and when the table was spread in the sitting-room, Leonard hastened to seat himself at it. The brighter mood of his parents had a sensible effect on him, though his clouded intellect could not have understood the causes of the change. He was extraordinarily sensitive as to the attitude of those about him in regard to himself; and was perfectly aware that his father disliked him, in spite of all that his mother could do to conceal the fact—which indeed was only too apparent.

The want of toleration evinced by her husband concerning the deficiencies of their only child often caused her the deepest pain, notwithstanding her constant and persevering efforts to find excuses for it—endeavors which were, however, generally unsuccessful, and more often than not only served to irritate her husband. On this particular evening her mother's heart went out more than ever to her boy, and her eyes were dimmed with tears while she undressed him (for he was as helpless as a very young child) and laid him down in his little bed in the attic where he slept.

'Alas!' she thought to herself, as she closed the door behind her, after imprinting a tender kiss on his cheek and commending him to the care of his guardian angel, 'would that I could do more for my boy! Would that I could teach him to say his prayers, to love and serve God! Is there no hope that the dormant intelligence will one day awaken—that the reason, the soul, will assert itself? O Mother of Mercy, look in pity on my poor boy, for the love of thy Divine Son!'

Leonard was not wholly an idiot. He was obedient and docile; and his fond mother fancied his features assumed an expression of reverence when she made him cross himself or kneel beside her while she uttered a short prayer on his behalf. She had also taught him to articulate a few words, but beyond this her efforts were fruitless. In the impossibility of any religious training she met with no sympathy from the child's father. He had always called himself a liberal Catholic; and since his marriage, to Helen's great distress, he had gradually abandoned the practice of his religion.

II.

In spite of the fortunate turn that affairs seemed to have taken, a vague sense of dread, an apprehension of something terrible about to happen, weighed upon Helen's mind as she descended the steep and narrow staircase which led from the attic to the floor beneath, occupied by the Mertons. She had so long schooled herself to appear cheerful in her husband's presence that he could detect no trace of the depression she felt when she opened the door of the parlor where he was impatiently awaiting her.

'What! two candles, you extravagant man!' she exclaimed, playfully threatening him with her forefinger.

'Well, well!' he said. 'On the strength of my success you must be somewhat more indulgent now. Besides, I really cannot see to read my manuscript by such a poor light.'

He had unwrapped the manuscript and now began reading the concluding portion of it, while Helen, seated opposite to him, industriously plied her needle. Now and then her hands dropped into her lap as some passage of thrilling interest arrested her attention. She was always a lenient critic, and not a very able one, it must be confessed; for her gifts were those of the heart rather than of the head. When he had got to the end he once more wrapped up the closely-written pages, sealing them with elaborate care.

An hour or two later stillness reigned in the house, the lower part of which was inhabited by the landlady and her son. Mrs. Perkins kept a grocer's shop on the ground floor.

Robert was still in his first sleep when he was suddenly aroused by a sense of breathlessness, a feeling of suffocation. A confused murmur of voices fell upon his ear; a few moments more and he distinctly heard the cry, 'Fire! fire!'—a sound which strikes terror into the stoutest heart. Through the smoke which filled the apartment he discerned the motionless form of his wife, who was already half suffocated by the fumes.

'Helen, Helen!' he cried.

There was no answer. Hastily throwing on his clothes, he snatched her from the bed, wrapped a coverlet round her, and bore his unconscious burden safely into the street; for the staircase had not as yet been touched by the flames. Friendly neighbors took charge of her, and no sooner did he know her to be safe than an all-engrossing thought took possession of his mind:

'My novel—my manuscript will be destroyed!' This one idea excluded every other.

Instantly he turned to re-enter the burning house, though restraining hands strove to prevent him from rushing as it seemed to certain destruction. With almost superhuman strength he wrested himself free from those who sought to detain him. Before he had reached the top of the stairs another thought struck him:

'The child, the child! My novel, my novel!' he repeated, this time aloud. 'How can I save them both? Which shall it be?'

It has been well said that when confronted with an unlooked-for emergency we are what we have made ourselves, since it is repeated action which prepares us for a sudden resolve. Neglect of religion had blunted Robert's moral sense; it could scarcely be expected that he would have a very strict sense of duty. And now some demon seemed to whisper in his ear: 'It is impossible to rescue both: surely you will save your manuscript, upon which your future and that of your wife depends, rather than a helpless, useless being, who is a mere encumbrance, and who has rendered your struggle for the means of subsistence all the more difficult.'

Robert had so often yielded to the suggestions of the evil one that he was unable to resist them now. With frenzied force he hurled himself against the sitting-room door, which at once gave way. The heat was well-nigh intolerable; for the oil and other inflammable materials which were stored behind the shop had fed the fire, and short tongues of flame were beginning to appear here and there between the boarding of the floor. Half blinded by the smoke, he groped about the room, until after several futile attempts he made his way to the side table where he remembered to have placed the brown paper parcel. Eagerly his hand closed on it. Now how should he return? In passing the window, the panes of which were already shattered by the heat, he paused a moment to draw breath; and a shout arose from the crowd assembled beneath as they caught a glimpse of him amid the volumes of smoke rising from the doomed building.

'He has gone to save his child! He is risking his life for the half-witted boy! Poor Leonard!'

'He has gone to save his child!' These words seemed to pierce him like a stab from some invisible dagger. He made for the door of the attic where Leonard slept, but before he could reach it a burst of

flame rendered further effort out of the question. With the instinct of self-preservation, he turned to leave the house. Where the staircase had been, now yawned a fiery abyss. He felt that he was lost—lost together with the precious parcel in order to save which he had sacrificed his child.

He felt himself lifted up by strong arms and borne, as it seemed to him, through the air. Then he altogether lost consciousness, and was not aware that he was being carried out of the burning house into that of the same kind neighbor under whose roof his wife had already found shelter.

III.

It was late on the following morning when Robert Morton awoke. At first his memory seemed to be a blank and he could not remember anything that had happened. Wearily he raised his hand to his aching head, and found that both it and his hand were bandaged. He sat up on the bed and saw his wife seated by the dressing-table, her whole frame shaken by sobs, which she vainly strove to repress. In an instant a flash as it were of lightning revealed the whole situation to him. He lived over again the agonising moments he had passed in the burning house; he recalled the awful alternative he had been obliged to face—the monstrous nature of the act he had committed in abandoning his own offspring for the sake of gaining possession of a manuscript. The grief of the bereaved mother overwhelmed him with remorse and self-reproach.

'Helen, O Helen!' he groaned in a faint voice.

In a moment she was kneeling at the side of the bed, while tears chased one another down her cheeks.

'Robert, my dearest husband, with all my heart I thank God that you at least are left to me!'

This was too much for the conscience-stricken man. He could more easily have borne reproaches, even taunts, than the sight of this overpowering sorrow, the sound of these words of tenderness.

'Our child, our Leonard!' he gasped.

'Oh, our darling boy!' she sobbed. 'But, Robert, you have the comfort of knowing that you did all in your power to save him; and he is far happier now than we could ever have made him.' She could say no more, but buried her face on the coverlet.

Helen distraught, her husband gazed at her. Should he tell her everything everything? No, that he could never do, he could not shatter her idol,—he could not rob her of her idol. For he was aware that she loved him almost before she knew what love really was; that her girlish imagination had made him into a hero; and that a hero he had remained in her eyes in spite of fretfulness and discontent which had made him no very pleasant companion.

He looked round the familiar apartment which he must soon quit, though where to find a refuge he did not know. The realities of life forced themselves upon his attention, putting an end to his gloomy meditations. He espied an object which he fancied he recognised, he held his breath and looked again,—yes, he was not mistaken: there lay the precious parcel!

'My manuscript!' he cried joyously, forgetful of what he had been guilty.

'It is quite safe, dearest!' said Helen, making an effort to control herself, and delighted to see that Robert's thoughts had taken a more cheerful turn.

'My novel!' he repeated, stretching out a trembling hand.

She rose from her knees and gave him the parcel.

'You had hidden it under your coat,' she said, as she watched him tenderly stroke the soiled, smoke-stained packet before attempting to unfasten the string. His hand shook so violently that he was obliged to abandon his task.

'Let me undo it for you, dear: you are very weak.'

He leaned back on the pillow and closed his eyes. He heard Helen go to the window, draw back the curtains, and remove the wrapper from the manuscript. For a few minutes there was absolute silence.

'Is it legible?' he queried at length. 'Read me a paragraph if you can decipher the writing.'

She hesitated to reply and he grew uneasy.

'Do please tell me to what extent it is damaged,' he entreated, sitting up on the bed.

She stood opposite to him with the packet in her hand, the expression of her features being so sad that his eyes were riveted upon her face.

'O poor Robert,—my poor, poor Robert!'

'What is it,—what is it, Helen?' he demanded, springing from the bed and staggering to her side.

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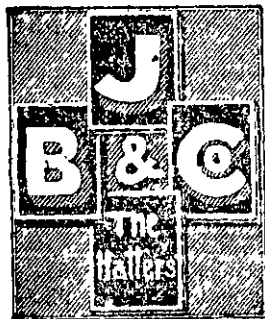
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glance he cast upon the pages—then there broke from his lips so terrible a cry of rage and despair that she shrank away from him and held her ears. What he had saved was blank paper; his manuscript had perished in the flames!

After the first outburst of disappointment and despair, Robert appeared to grow calm. Without uttering a word, he drew a chair to the table and sat down. Propping his head upon his hands, he stared vacantly at the sheets of blank paper before him. They seemed to mock his misery. Helen, alarmed at the expression of gloom and despondency which his features assumed, endeavored to console him. She rose and stood by him.

'Come, Robert,' she said, 'take courage. God, Who has allowed this misfortune to befall us, will help us out of it. As she spoke she laid her hand caressingly on his shoulder. He shook it off angrily.

'Go away!' he cried, 'Leave me alone!'

'Do not send me away,' she replied. 'Take this cup of coffee that the landlady has brought you.'

'You are to go away. I want nothing. I told you to leave me!' he repeated, raising his hand with a gesture of command.

Finding Helen did not quit his side, Robert suddenly sprang up and, taking her by the arm, put her out at the door. She heard the key turn in the lock; and though she knocked and begged to be readmitted, no answer was given. Hearing her name called at that moment from below, she descended the stairs, in the hope of finding a kindly neighbor to whom she could communicate her apprehension—the terror she felt lest her husband should commit some rash act; what that might be she dared not think.

Robert, left alone, stared wildly around the room. It was an apartment in a house near their former lodgings. The occupant happening to be away, it had been placed at the disposal of the Mertons on the night of the fire. Rage, self-reproach, despair filled the mind of the unhappy man; the evil spirit, to whom he had too often listened, now whispered in his ear: 'Why not put an end to this miserable life? Your newly-found hopes are all blasted; nothing but wretchedness, beggary, is before you. Why not take an easy way of escape?'

He looked round for some means of self-destruction. His eyes rested on a crucifix hanging on the wall. The pathetic expression of the sacred countenance arrested his attention and diverted him from his thoughts of suicide.

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Then Robert's better self awoke. 'I am a coward,' he muttered—'a selfish, godless fool. What would have become of me if I had perished in the fire last night, like the poor child I cruelly abandoned to his fate? A worse fire—the flames of hell—would have been my portion. I deserve the punishment that has overtaken me.'

At that moment hurried steps were heard outside. 'Robert, open the door! Let me in, for heaven's sake.'

It was his wife's voice that spoke; but other persons were with her, and Robert, in his newly-awakened shame and contrition, shrank from admitting strangers. But Helen repeated her anxious entreaties, and when a stronger hand than hers threatened to force an entry, he unlocked the door without further hesitation.

Helen threw herself into her husband's arms, hysterical laughter mingling with her tears. He felt as if in a dream, and could scarcely believe the evidence of his senses; for behind his wife towered the tall form of old Mrs. Perkins, the landlady, who was holding Leonard by the hand.

Hastily releasing himself from Helen's embrace, Robert darted toward his little son; he hugged him close, he kissed and fondled him as he had never done before. At first the boy was utterly bewildered; then an unmistakable look of pleasure overspread his usually inexpressive countenance—a look such as all his mother's tender wiles had never been able to conjure up.

She stood by in silence meanwhile, contemplating the unwonted spectacle. Ever prone to reproach herself, ever anxious to acquit her husband of blame, she was secretly saying to herself: 'Alas, how unjust I have been to him! How blind I was not to discover his affection for our child!' She proceeded to relate to Robert an account of Leonard's rescue.

Young Perkins, a lad about sixteen years of age, was really fond of the half-witted child. He pitied him, and often protected him from the attacks of boys in the street, who delighted to tease him and make him the butt of their rough and merciless jokes. He had seen Robert carry his wife out of the burning house, and, thinking he would not have time to save the child also, he had dashed up the stairs, guided by the terrified screams which proceeded from the attic, and was just able to snatch Leonard from his bed, carrying him across the little garden at the back of the house and out into a side street, where he confided his helpless charge to a woman who was a friend of his mother. William was sparing of his words, but always ready to act when occasion required. Like most people who perform heroic deeds, he was quite unconscious of having done anything remarkable on the night of the fire, and appeared somewhat ashamed when Helen lavished on him thanks and praise.

'All our sorrow is now at an end, since God has preserved our child to us in so marvellous a manner,' she said, as she finished the tale, and repeatedly kissed her restored treasure.

Robert listened without interrupting her. Then, after a short pause, he said, in a voice which trembled a little in spite of his efforts to steady it:

'My dear wife, you have always been my good angel hitherto: be my good angel still, and teach me how to return to God, who has been so merciful to us, and Whom I have forsaken so long.'

Her heart was too full for speech; she strove in vain to find words; a motion of the head was the only sign of assent she could give, while happy tears glistened in her eyes.

'We must now return to more prosy matters,' Robert resumed. 'There is still a week before the day when I have to send in my manuscript. If you will see that I am not interrupted, and if my memory does not play me false, I will write my novel over again.'

With feelings of pride, Helen watched her husband as he took his seat at the table and drew a sheet of paper toward him. With his right hand, which the flames had spared, he inscribed upon it in clear, firm characters the words: 'Chapter the First.—Ave Maria.'

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present Earl of Sefton, will be removed from their temporary resting place in Lower France, and re-interred with those of deceased's son in the cemetery adjoining St. Swithin's Church, the burial place of many famous Liverpool Jesuits. Hon Mr Molyneux was a convert to Catholicism. His widow, also a convert, takes a very active part in rescue work in Liverpool, where she has recently established a house for homeless babes.

Death of a Priest

The death is reported of Rev. Dr W J B Richards, well known in connection with educational affairs in England. Dr. Richards was an Oxford man intended for the legal profession, but becoming a Catholic, he left the University without taking his degree and entered the Congregation of Oblates of St. Charles at Bayswater in 1857. Two years later he was ordained priest, and since then his life work has lain in the direction of Catholic education. Cardinal Manning made him a Diocesan Inspector of Schools, and his association with the Catholic School Committee brought him into contact with Catholic clergy in all parts of the country, and also with non-Catholics connected with educational affairs. In 1889 a Papal Brief conferred on him the honorary degree of D.D. Dr. Richards was the author of many learned volumes, most of them being text books intended for religious instruction in schools.

A Summer School

The Summer School of Gregorian music at the Benedictine Abbey at Appuldurcombe, Isle of Wight, proved a remarkable success. Over fifty students in all attended, and everyone was delighted with the course of lectures delivered by Dom Rudine. Prior to the breaking-up of the school the Abbot of the community entertained the students at an 'At Home,' when some interesting speeches relating to the work of the school were delivered. Father Moloney, to whom the establishment of the school was chiefly due, speaking in French, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Abbot and his Community, on behalf of the entire body of students for the many kindnesses they had received. He desired to thank the Abbot, on behalf of the priests and students in particular, for the ample and ready facilities accorded them for the daily celebration of Holy Mass and the accompanying hospitality. Father Colgan, of Team, speaking in Irish, offered his meed of praise and thanks on behalf of the large contingent of Irish priests present. Mr. Goodman, of Dublin, as representing the large band of organists present, expressed his sympathy with the Community on being obliged to leave the land of their birth, and trusted that just as the Irish had often been instruments in the hands of Divine Providence in carrying and planting the true faith in the lands of their exile, so, too, the good Benedictine monks would turn their expatriation to good account, and diffuse far and wide a knowledge and love of the Gregorian chant.

FRANCE.—Dispensed from their Vows

Owing to the prosecution in France, great numbers of Christian Brothers have been turned adrift from their schools. In consequence the Pope has granted a special dispensation from their vows to all of them who wish to return to the world as laymen.

The Government Policy

At a banquet at Auxerre M. Combes made a speech, in which he said that the policy of the Cabinet was a fighting policy for the present. He referred to the Government successes in the recent municipal and departmental elections, and declared that the Government, acting on the mandate given by universal suffrage, desired all institutions to be subordinate to the supremacy of the Republic and lay State. He believed a concordat was impossible. In the course of an interview with a representative of the 'Matin,' M. Combes, speaking of the separation of the Church and State, for the vigorous initiation of which he claimed the sole responsibility, is reported to have stated that it would not be a pitiless proscription, but a rational, decent, and courteous divorce, upon the broad basis of the Briand Bill. He meditated himself placing another broader and more generous Bill, which would, for instance, give up to the Churches the temporal enjoyment of their buildings and of their budgets, and would also grant them full opportunity to create for themselves an autonomous life under the restricting aegis of common rights. This separation in principle, effected without shock or violence, would bring to Parliament, and even to the very bosom of his own Cabinet, the support of the most timid.

GERMANY.—Harsh Treatment

There are, or rather were, in Posen (says the 'Catholic Times') three young ladies' schools, which for

nearly half a century had provided educational facilities for the daughters of the better class Polish families of the town and neighborhood. The teachers were certificated and in every way met the Government's educational requirements. But some weeks ago, an official visit was made to the schools, and a strict investigation took place as to whether the Polish language and literature were being taught to the students. Such was the case in the lowest class of all, for no other language than Polish would have been intelligible to the pupils. But then, this was recognised as necessary by the educational authorities. A fortnight later came another official visitor, who seems to have convinced himself that Polish was spoken in the schools during the time appropriated to manual training. Of this, however, he found no proof. Nevertheless, the schools have been closed by decree, and 200 scholars turned adrift, not to speak of the teachers whose occupation is gone. Such are the ideas of liberty in Germany as respects the schools of Polish Catholics.

ROME.—Pontifical Audiences

Amongst the most notable of audiences given by his Holiness during the past week (says the Rome correspondent of the 'Catholic Herald,' writing under date September 4) were the following: That accorded to the 15,000 persons forming 'the large parish of Sta. Maria in Transpontina,' which took place in the Cortile della Pigna. Seventy young girls belonging to the various parishes received collectively on the day of their First Communion. On Tuesday his Holiness received his Eminence Cardinal Vanutelli, recently returned from Ireland, and Count della Faille de Leverghem, Minister of Affairs from Belgium to the Holy See. On the same day his Holiness gave audience to the members of the International Committee for Pilgrimages. They offered his Holiness an artistically-wrought lamp, on which are engraved the words: 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice,' and the sum of 5000 lire, the gift of various Italian families. The lamp is a facsimile of one which was offered at the Grotto of Lourdes by the Italian pilgrims and which is kept constantly burning. On Wednesday, his Holiness received privately Monsignor Gennaro Granito di Belmonte, Archbishop of Udessa and Apostolic Nuncio for Austro-Hungary.

SCOTLAND.—A Total Abstinence Society

The annual Convention of the St. Andrew's Catholic Total Abstinence and Benefit Society was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Edinburgh, under the presidency of Mr. John McCloskey. Mr. McCann, secretary, stated that the year which ended on the 30th of June might be safely considered the most successful the Society had yet had since its formation in 1899. At the date of last returns (31st December, 1902) the number of benefit members was 665. At 30th June, 1904, the inclusive membership was 1328, showing an increase of 663. At the 31st December, 1902, the accumulated funds of all the branches amounted to £250 9s 2d.

Ordination of a Convert

On September 8, in St. Patrick's Church, Edinburgh, his Grace Archbishop Smith, of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, ordained as subdeacon the Rev. J. C. D. Fraser. Mr. Fraser was for many years Rector of the Episcopalian Church at Ramhory, on Deeside. He was received into the Church in 1902, and early in 1903 entered the Scots College, Rome. He returns there soon to continue his preparation for the priesthood. In July he received tonsure and minor orders in the private chapel of Archbishop Smith. Mr. Fraser is a native of Edinburgh, and studied at the University there.

UNITED STATES.—The New Apostolic Delegate

Rev. A. Agius, who is to succeed Monsignor Guidi as apostolic delegate to the Philippine Islands, is a native of Malta, but was educated in England, his father being well known among the Catholics of London.

A Catholic Choir takes Second Prize

The Catholic Cathedral choir of Pittsburgh, under the directorship of Mr. Joseph Otten, won the second grand prize (£300) at the great musical contest held at the World's Fair. The choir has forty-five voices.

Lord Gormanston's state of health has been giving some anxiety to his friends. He is (says the 'Court Journal') the premier Viscount of Ireland, the title having been created in 1478, and having descended from father to son (with only two exceptions) during five centuries. The present Lord Gormanston was all through the Indian mutiny. He has a beautiful place between Dublin and Meath, which dates from the days of Edward III. The family is Catholic.

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At the annual meeting of Lewisham Hospital (Sydney) a donation of £1000 was announced as coming from the trustees of an estate through Mr. Mahinson, solicitor. It is understood that this is from the estate of Lady Macleay, and that £2000 has been allotted to St. Vincent's Hospital from the same estate.

The Very Rev. Father T. O'Connor, of Port Pirie, celebrated his silver jubilee the other day, and was presented with an address and a silver chalice by the clergy of the diocese of Port Augusta. The presentation was made by the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Maher.

Mr. Needham, the Fremantle (W.A.) Labor member, is only a few years in Australia. He got a job in the railway and became vice-president of the Labor Council at Fremantle. The Glasgow papers record the rejoicing of his friends, especially in Renfrew, where he was well known in Catholic and teetotal circles, and acted as correspondent of the Glasgow 'Observer.'

A representative meeting was held recently in Sydney for the purpose of raising funds to erect a public memorial to the late Very Rev. Father Le Rennelet, the Hon. B. R. Wise, M.L.C., presiding. Speeches, eulogistic of the lovable character of the deceased priest, were made by the chairman, Bishop Doyle, Sir William Manning, Dr. Warren, Major Frechill, and others, and a sum of £160 was subscribed. The chairman said he hoped that at least £1000 would be raised for a permanent memorial.

Seven nuns of the Order of St. Theresa have arrived at New Norcia (W.A.) On arrival the Sisters were received with great honor. The Sisters will have charge of the aboriginal and other children of the mission. The Lord Abbot, from the moment of his arrival, saw the great need of suitable female education. The white settlers, widely spread over Victorian Plains, were, until recently, without schools of any kind, except one that the Benedictine Fathers established some years ago, about three miles from New Norcia, but only a few of the people were able to avail of it and most of the settlers were not in a position to send their children to Perth, or engage private teachers. Their families grew up without a single member being able to read or write.

At St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, on Sunday evening, October 9, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, of Auckland, was the preacher. In the course of his sermon he paid a tribute to the memory of the late Father Le Rennelet. He wished, he said, to express his tribute of respect to the memory of 'this renowned priest, whose name was not confined to Australia, but who was well known throughout New Zealand. The many kindnesses he did me and my clergy I shall never forget. The respect in which he was held by all classes of the community amply demonstrated the greatness and goodness of the late Father's life-work, and we who are left now know how much we miss him. But I ask you to perpetuate his memory by loyally supporting those who are endeavoring to worthily succeed him.'

The annual meeting of Lewisham Hospital (Sydney) was blessed with all the elements of success. The State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) was on arrival received by the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary and the medical staff. Over £1350 was subscribed, including a bequest of £1000 from the estate of the late Lady Macleay. His Eminence Cardinal Moran, in welcoming the Governor, said that of £10,000 spent on the hospital since its foundation, there was a debt of £4600 remaining, and he hoped before that meeting was dissolved that a considerable part of the debt would be paid away. He thought from the manner in which the public supported the hospital they recognised in the fullest way the noble work of the Sisters and of the medical staff in charge. He might mention that he had read that day in a newspaper from Central India, where the plague was raging, that the patients refused to take their medicine in the belief it was poison, until the Sisters took charge of that public hospital, when the happiest results accrued. Such a day as this was not one for making a speech. On the part of the devoted Sisters, he thanked his Excellency for honoring them with his presence.

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- October 30, Sunday.—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor.
 „ 31, Monday.—St. Siricius, Pope and Confessor.
 November 1, Tuesday.—Feast of All Saints.
 „ 2, Wednesday.—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.
 „ 3, Thursday.—St. Malachy, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 4, Friday.—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 5, Saturday.—St. Columba, Abbot.

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St. Siricius, Pope and Confessor.

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Feast of All Saints.

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Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

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St. Malachy, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Malachy was born at Armagh, and was a disciple of St. Malchus, Bishop of Lismore. After he had built the great Abbey of Bangor, which by his care became a flourishing seminary of piety and learning, he was named to the bishopric of Down, and afterwards elevated to the primatial chair of Armagh. While in this high station, Malachy introduced many reforms, and, by his zeal and still more by his holy example, wrought a great change throughout Ireland. In 1137 he resigned his primatial dignity, consecrated Celasius in his place, another Bishop of Connor, and reserved for himself the small See of Down. To procure the Papal sanction for his reforms, and also to obtain the pallium for the metropolitan of Armagh and Cashel, St. Malachy undertook a journey to Rome in 1139. Pope Innocent II. received him with marks of the highest distinction, and appointed him Apostolic Legate for Ireland, but deferred the concession of the pallium to a future date. After his return, St. Malachy discharged his office of Legate with characteristic devotedness, which resulted in much fruit, visiting every part of the island and holding synods. With the aid of the monks who had taken the Cistercian habit at Clairvaux, he founded the Cistercian Abbey of Mellifont, in Louth, which was the first of that Order in Ireland. In 1148 he held the great Synod of Holmpatrick, and undertook a second journey to Rome, but got only as far as Clairvaux, where he died in the arms of his illustrious friend, St. Bernard.

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