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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

### Dr. Gibb as Political Opportunist

We learn from the 'Outlook' that a letter was sent to the Premier the other day by Dr. Gibb on the subject of the Referendum Bill, from which we make the following extracts.—

I am instructed by the executive of the Bible-in-Schools Conference to express their earnest hope and desire that notwithstanding Wednesday night's voting in the House, the Referendum Bill may become law this session. You are of course aware that the interest felt by the Executive and the very large number of citizens whom they represent in the fate of the bill is due almost exclusively to the fact that it makes provision for submitting, by simple resolution of both Houses, the question of Bible-lessons in schools to the decision of the electors. It seems to us a thousand pities that our clear-cut and definite issue should be complicated by being mixed up with the variety of issues in the bill now before the House. We would have held our peace about this, however, if the bill had gone through without a hitch. For the sake of the matter which we have so much at heart, we shall be thankful if the Legislature accepts the bill in the form in which it was submitted by the Government.

In other words, Dr. Gibb and his party are prepared to support a bill—quite apart from the religious education issue—will have most momentous and far-reaching effects and which will, in fact, alter the very constitution of the country, on the single solitary ground that it will give them what they want in the matter of Bible-teaching in schools. There is some sort of consistency in the party which supports the Referendum on broad democratic principles and as part of a general body of democratic policy, but a party which is prepared to alter the constitution and to support a measure without the slightest regard to its merits or demerits simply for the sake of getting its way on a particular question, shows a very inadequate sense of its political responsibilities.

### The Dogger Bank Trouble

The reference of the claims arising out of the Dogger Bank outrage to arbitration—obviously the most sensible and satisfactory solution of the difficulty—is rather an interesting illustration of the 'bread cast upon the waters returning after many days.' The International Court, or Commission, of Arbitration, under whose auspices the inquiry is to be conducted is practically the creation of the Czar, inasmuch as it is the direct outcome of an appeal made by him to the Powers some six years ago with the view of promoting

peace. In August of 1898 Nicholas II. sent a formal and earnest letter to all the Powers drawing attention to the crushing burden imposed on the peoples of all countries by the necessity, which every nation at present labors under, of keeping up heavy armaments and suggesting that a Conference should be held at the Hague for the purpose of considering whether the Powers could not agree to take some step towards disarmament and make some arrangement for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration. The Conference was held in the following year and was attended by 101 representatives of all the leading nations of the world. Eight proposals were submitted to the Conference for discussion, of which the most important were a proposal not to increase the present effective armaments, and to provide for a reduction of them in the future, to prohibit the use of new arms and explosives, to prohibit submarine torpedo boats and the use of projectiles or explosives from balloons, and to accept in principle mediation and facultative arbitration in cases lending themselves thereto.

The difficulties in the way of disarmament proved insuperable and it was found impossible to devise any practical measure in that direction. The real work of the Conference was accomplished in the elaboration of a project of arbitration, which provided for the establishment of a permanent arbitration court. After much discussion the project was adopted, the following conditions being laid down: that each signatory Power was to nominate not more than four members of the court; Powers desiring arbitration were to choose any number of arbitrators out of the list of members so appointed; and non-signatory Powers were to have the right to make use of the court under certain prescribed conditions. An International Arbitration Court was then organised, with a Permanent Bureau, and the Court was declared duly constituted on April 14, 1901. The only States which at that time had not ratified the proposal for such a Court were China and Turkey. The British members of the Court are Sir E. B. Malet, Sir B. Fry, Professor Westlake, and Sir John Ardagh. The majority of the members are, of course, foreigners, but the cables make it clear that England and Russia have come to an agreement as to the particular arbitrators to be selected in the present case. As we have said, settlement by arbitration is undoubtedly the proper solution of the difficulty, but Russia seems likely to benefit most by the proposal. England cannot get more from the Court than she had already demanded from Russia, and there is a distinct possibility that she may get less.

### Dill Macky Dished

The efforts of that notorious and inveterate bigot, the Rev. Dill Macky, to have the scalp of a brother cleric for having committed the heinous offence of visiting the Pope have given rise to some rather entertaining proceedings in the Sydney Presbytery. The delinquent was the Rev. John Ferguson, minister of St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, and the case is of special interest here from the fact that Mr. Ferguson is an ex-New Zealander, having been born and brought up at Milton and having for some time had charge of a church at Invercargill. Mr. Ferguson, who declared that his visit to the Pope forms one of three episodes in his life which he will keep in memory until his death, evidently stands well with his brethren on the other side as the sequel clearly shows. The Moderator of the Presbytery bears the historic name of Bruce, and he and the other 'Scots' whom Bruce had attended deliberately set themselves to outmanoeuvre the Derry man. The first skirmish took place some months ago when Dr. Dill Macky got up at a Presbytery meeting and solemnly proceeded to move a motion anent the sad and unexpected lapse of Brother Ferguson. The Moderator was on the watch, however, and promptly ruled that such a motion could not be moved without notice being given and that it was therefore out of order at that stage. Dr. Dill Macky protested but had to submit and he thereupon gave formal notice that at the next meeting of the Presbytery he would move that the Rev. John Ferguson be asked whether it was a fact that he had paid a visit to the Pope when in Rome, whether he did so in his official capacity as minister of St. Stephen's; and whether, in being presented to the Pope, he kissed his hand or any part of his vestment. Should these questions be answered in the affirmative, the inquisitor notified that he would further move to the effect that, while not going so far as to pronounce judicial censure in connection with Mr. Ferguson's visit to the Vatican, the Presbytery nevertheless expressed its deep regret that the visit should have been made.

The Derry man had safely negotiated his first hurdle and the prospect of a 'fair go' between two such gladiators as himself and the minister of St. Stephen's attracted a great crowd to the following meeting of the Presbytery. The clerk of the Presbytery was about to read the notice of motion, when Dr. Dill Macky objected; but the Moderator decided that the notice should be read. This was a very neat move as it gave the Moderator an opportunity of giving a ruling regarding the motion before Dr. Dill Macky got a chance of even opening his mouth on the matter. The Moderator then ruled the motion out of order on the ground that no member of the Presbytery could put questions to another member who was not at the bar of the Presbytery, or against whom there was no accusation, with a view, in the event of certain answers being given, of passing judgment upon him. Of course the dithered Derry man objected to the ruling and called for a division but was badly worsted, the voting being, 27 for, and two against the Moderator's decision; and the representative of 'No surrender' had to retire, out-generalled at every point.

In the course of a subsequent personal statement Dr. Dill Macky explained that he really loved his brother Ferguson and his only desire was to keep him on the straight path of Presbyterian rectitude and virtue. The true explanation, however, of Dill Macky's fatuous folly on this and on other occasions, is that the rev. gentleman has a very bad bee in his bonnet. He is like a brother minister, whose case, if we remember rightly, is recorded in Dean Ramsay's well-known 'Reminiscences.' This minister had become so much addicted to drink that the Presbytery interfered and got him to sign the pledge. The sudden reaction proved too much for him, and he became so ill that a doctor had to be sent for. The doctor said he must begin and take

his toddy again. Thus the minister said he could not do, as he had taken the pledge. The doctor replied that he might get a bottle or two quietly, and that nobody but himself, the minister, and the housekeeper would know of it. 'Man,' said the minister, 'my housekeeper is worse than all the presbytery put together.' However, it was arranged that the doctor was to bring in the whisky and sugar, and that the minister was to make up the toddy in his bedroom with the hot water that he got for shaving purposes in the morning. The result was that the minister got speedily well, and one day, on going out, the doctor said to the minister's housekeeper, 'Weel, Marget, your maister is quite himself again.' 'There's nae doubt about that, sir,' she replied; 'he's weel eno' in body, but there is something gane far wrang wi' his heid.' 'What's wrong there, Marget?' asked the doctor. 'Weel, sir, I dinna ken, but he calls for shaving water six or seven times a day.'

Dr. Dill Macky, so far as we know, does not share this hero's weakness for 'shaving water,' but there is not the slightest doubt that, like him, he has something 'very far wrang wi' his heid.'

### A Labor Leader's Tribute to the Irish Members

Will Crooks, the one-time work-house boy and now Mayor and M.P., is one of the most popular and most loved of present-day Labor leaders—one whose star is in the ascendant and who will, in a very few years, be as widely known and as universally respected as John Burns or Keir Hardie. A short time ago this gentleman was holiday-making at Killarney and, before he left, the people prevailed on him to deliver an address, in the course of which he paid the following splendid tribute to the Irish members—a tribute which shows that they are not only solid and united on purely Irish questions but that they are equally true to the interests of the great body of English workers. Speaking of the Irish Party, he said: 'They were united, they were always at their posts, and whenever they wanted any help in the interests of the workingmen of England they were sure of the support of the Irish Party (applause). He remembered well the sacrifice they made to support the Trades Disputes Bill. They had to cross over to Ireland to attend a National Convention in Dublin; they travelled all night to London again to support the interests of the working classes (applause). He did not really know what the House of Commons would be only for the Irish members. They were a grand example of unity and hard work. Sometimes, when he went down to a workers' meeting in England, they said to him, why don't you work like the Irish Party? He replied to them that they could do so when they returned as many working members as the Irish Party for labor constituencies.'

The miser sat amongst his gold.  
"I would not part," he said,  
'With half-a-guinea, tho' my life  
Were to be forfeited.  
But influenza got him down,  
His breaths grew short and few—  
'Take all I've got,' he cried, "but give  
ME WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE."

Mr. J. Hutchison, the well-known Pastrycook and Confectioner, Dowling street, Dunedin, has taken over the baking business carried on for many years by Messrs. Searle and Eberhardt, which he will continue in connection with his present business. Mr. Hutchison has had an extensive experience of the trade both in Glasgow and London, and his practical knowledge, gained in such large centres, should serve him well in his new undertaking.

Mr. J. O'Rourke, Pareora Buildings, Stafford street, Timaru, has secured the services of a first-class cutter, and is now prepared to carry on a first-class gentlemen's outfitting and mercery business in all its branches. During his recent trip to the Old Land he made special arrangements with some of the leading manufacturers to send regular monthly supplies of the latest novelties in men's mercery, hats, caps, etc. A first-class range of Irish, English, Scotch, and Colonial tweeds kept in stock. He guarantees the best workmanship at moderate prices, and solicits a trial.

**Hancock's "BISMARCK" LAGER BEER.**

NEW ZEALAND'S  
NEW INDUSTRY

## THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

On Tuesday evening of next week nearly every citizen of the United States will know whether he is to live under a Republican or Democratic regime for the next four years. The government of the United States is intrusted to three separate authorities—the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. The executive power is vested in the President, who holds office for four years, and is chosen, together with the Vice-President, by electors appointed by the several States of the Union. The President chooses a Cabinet of eight members, each having charge of an administrative department, but none of them having a seat in Congress, which comprises a Senate and a House of Representatives. Senators are appointed, two from each State, by the several State legislatures, and hold office for six years. The Senate has the power of confirming or rejecting treaties with foreign Powers. The House of Representatives is composed of members elected biennially by the citizens of the several States. Usually the electors are all male citizens of 21 years of age and upwards. The representatives for each State are in the proportion of one for 173,000 inhabitants.

No person except a natural-born citizen of the United States is eligible for the office of President, and he must at the same time have attained the age of 35 years. This accounts for the legend that the late George Francis Train, in expectation of an increase in his family, hastened from London to New York so that his prospective heir might have an equal chance with all males born in the country of being one day appointed Chief Magistrate of the land over which floats the Stars and Stripes. There is no rule debarring Catholics from filling the highest office in the country, but no Catholic has ever been a candidate. The highest political position given to an American Catholic was that held by Roger B. Tansy, who was at one time Chief Justice of the United States. The elections for President and Vice-President are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, every leap-year, but the President-elect does not assume office until the following 4th of March.

The average citizen of the United States takes his pleasures sadly, and it is only when he has amassed the necessary amount of dollars, which permits him to rank as a millionaire, that he lays aside business cares for a time and takes a holiday abroad. His tour through Continental Europe is at express speed, and in direct contrast to the leisurely Englishman. After having 'done' the sights, assimilated the contents of guide books, and impaired his digestion by hastily-eaten meals on the line of travel, he hurries back to his beloved business, which has the first place in his thoughts until perhaps the next Presidential election, this being the only event that is allowed to interfere with his money-making pursuits. From July to November every leap-year the country is plunged in a vortex of excitement over the question, whether a middle-aged American citizen of the Republican or Democratic brand shall occupy the White House for the next four years. Other parties, also, nominate candidates, but the contest lies between the two chief political factions. There is a great difference in theory between the Republican and Democratic platforms, especially during an election contest, but the reality is not so apparent to those who view the campaign from a neutral standpoint. The result of the election, however, is of very immediate interest to the party leaders and active politicians on either side, for a change of government means a change of office holders in many instances, and it, therefore, very often resolves itself into a fight on the part of those who are in to stay in, and those who are out to get in. This is, perhaps, one of the worst features of political life in the United States, not that office holders are paid princely salaries. The President, who has to represent the nation at the White House and dispense hospitality to distinguished visitors, receives a salary equal to about half of that paid to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, whilst the Vice-President draws just about what we in New Zealand allow our Premier. The members of the Cabinet have each a salary of £1600 a year, not an extravagant amount when we consider that the Ministers in this Colony draw from £1000 to £1600.

The Republican candidate is Mr. Roosevelt, who was elected Vice-President in 1900, but succeeded to the Presidency on the death of Mr. McKinley on September 14, 1901. He is a strong man of broad-minded views, who speaks his mind freely, this latter characteristic attracting many friends and also making many bitter enemies, especially in the South, where his sympathy with the colored people has been keenly resented. In past times the majority of Irish voters and those of Irish descent supported the Democratic candidate, but on this

occasion many of the leading men have cast their lot with the Republicans, whilst the 'Boston Pilot,' an influential paper, has adopted a similar course. Although Mr. Roosevelt's avowed intention to tackle the trust problem has come to little or nothing, still his opinions on the subject have brought him into conflict with many of the leading financiers of the country, whose money and influence are of great weight in such a contest. And, furthermore, they control a large number of newspapers, which are not at all particular as to the methods they employ to damage the reputation of a political opponent. On the other hand Judge Parker, the choice of the Democrats, has no political past to be attacked, and not being much of a speaker, he keeps pretty silent as to the future. It is said that he has the support of many financiers interested in trust and combines, and as he has never shown any marked predilection for the negro race he is sure of a solid vote from the white population of the Southern States. His address on accepting nomination was what might be called colorless. He advocated prudent tariff reforms; trust legislation, if the existing laws dealing with that question were found to be inadequate; and the avoidance of entangling foreign alliances.

The importance of the election to the people of the United States can be gauged by the fact that the President during his term of office has greater executive powers than most European rulers. He is commander of the national forces, and has a veto on all laws passed by Congress, although a bill may become law in spite of his veto, on being afterwards passed by a two-thirds majority of each House of Congress. The administration is conducted under his immediate authority by eight ministers chosen by him, and holding office at his pleasure. The members of the Supreme Court, which has power to interpret the constitution and decide all disputes between the Federal Government and the individual States, are nominated by the President. He is independent of the two Houses in many vital and important matters. Under such circumstances, it is not a matter for surprise that the election creates great interest and excitement, and that for some weeks prior to the polling day the press and the people are almost wholly engrossed in the question as to who will be their Chief Magistrate for the next four years.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 29.

The picnic, which the Catholic Young Men's Society intended to hold on the 9th of November, has had to be abandoned, as no concessions could be obtained from the Railway Department.

Among the students successful at the recent Victoria College terms examinations are the following Catholic young men: Messrs. J. Eccleton, F. P. Kelly, J. Hannan, and H. O'Leary.

A social was held on Wednesday evening in the Victoria Hall for the purpose of providing funds for the purchase of a piano for the school in the parish of Wellington South. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss M. Murray and Mr. S. Parkinson.

A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Brother Mark was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Basilica on Tuesday morning by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, with Very Rev. Father Lewis as deacon, and Rev. Father Soulas as subdeacon. The Rev. Father Lewis said a few words concerning the great loss sustained through the death of Brother Mark.

The Catholic Young Men's tennis court was opened on Saturday last. There was a good attendance of players, and the court was in fine order. Unfortunately during the week, owing to the heavy rains, a large slip occurred in the hill above the court. As a result about thirty tons of earth were deposited. Men are at present engaged in removing the debris, and the court should be ready for play again next week.

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society devoted Monday evening to recitations and readings from English and Australasian authors. The following members contributed:—Mr. L. Reichel, 'Death of Paul Dombey' (Dickens); Mr. J. Fitzgerald, 'Not Understood' (Bracken); Mr. J. McGowan, 'Paradise and the Peri' (Moore); Mr. Harrington, 'Dr. Samuel Johnson'; Mr. Cronin, 'How we beat the favorite'. The season is to be concluded on November 7, when a

mock parliamentary election will take place. The period is supposed to be A.D. 1950, and the candidates' addresses are to be framed accordingly.

A meeting, called by the executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club, was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday evening to consider what steps should be taken to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. Brother Mark. The chair was taken by Mr. J. J. Callaghan. After several suggestions were considered, it was decided on the motion of Mr. P. J. Nolan, seconded by Mr. D. Ryan, that subscriptions be canvassed for throughout the Colony, and that, if possible, a scholarship be founded. The executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club were appointed a committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of making the initial arrangements. A report is to be furnished to a general meeting of friends, etc., about a month hence. About £20 were collected in the room. It is expected that there will be a liberal response to the appeal throughout the Colony.

### Carterton

(From an occasional correspondent.)

October 28.

A very successful concert under the auspices of the Catholic Church was held here on October 18. The programme was contributed to by local vocalists, as suggested by performers from Greytown and Masterton. Miss H. E. Tansley, of Dannevirke, who is a most accomplished vocalist, was a great attraction. Miss H. France, of Wellington, danced an Irish jig, and Mr. Donald Scott, of Gladstone, played a very stirring march on the bigpipes. All the items were very well rendered, and much appreciated by the large audience. The ladies of the congregation provided a liberal supply of refreshments. Mr. P. Hurley made a capable hon. secretary.

On the following night (Wednesday) a concert was held in Greytown for the same object, and was even more successful than that at Carterton. The performers were Miss Annie Gallagher, Mr. Sheehy, Miss H. France, Miss H. E. Tansley, Mr. H. E. Cameron, Mrs. Welch and Mr. Andrews. The great feature of the entertainment was the staging of an Oriental comedy, 'The Crystal Heart,' written by the 13 year old daughter of Dr. Deamer, of Featherston, and formerly of Christchurch. The writer took part in its production, the other performers being Mrs. Deamer, Miss Deamer, and Miss Williams. Undoubtedly, Miss Deamer possesses literary ability and histrionic talent of a high order. The Greytown orchestra kindly gave their valuable services. A farce entitled 'Oysters, a Shilling a Bucket,' staged by Mr. H. E. Cameron, brought the second part of the programme to a close. The ladies of the congregation treated their guests in a very hospitable manner. Miss Maguire was a most energetic and successful secretary.

The next night (Thursday), a concert was held at Martinborough. The performers were the Martinborough Glee Club, Miss W. J. Martin, Miss O'Brien, Miss Tansley, Mr. Hickson, Miss C. Gibbs (Wellington), Miss May Sullivan (Wellington), and Mr. Cutayne. The newly-formed brass band kindly offered their services. Every item was encored, the programme being very highly appreciated. It was the unanimous verdict that it was the best concert ever held in Martinborough. The Catholics of Martinborough are naturally very delighted with the success of their efforts. Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Pain, Mr. Kiely, and Mr. Cutayne (hon. secretary) did all that was possible for its success, and they were well supported by the generous non-Catholics of the town and district, amongst whom Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin deserve special mention. The Rev. Father Cahill briefly thanked the audience, the performers, the press and the hon. secretary (Mr. Jas. Cutayne). The Carterton Catholic Church will benefit by these three entertainments to the amount of about £70.

A very handsome pair of iron gates was recently presented to the Carterton church by Mr. Humphrey O'Leary, of Masterton, and Mr. M. Riley, of Carterton, has presented the gate posts.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

October 31

The Rev. Father Mahony is at Waimate temporarily relieving the Rev. Father O'Connor, who is taking a brief holiday in the city. Father O'Connor assisted in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday.

The Christchurch 'Truth' writes thus on the address delivered by his Grace Archbishop Carr at the opening of the Catholic Congress: 'At the R.C. Congress in Melbourne Archbishop Carr, a venerable prelate of a venerable Church, delivered an inaugural address in which the following sentence occurred:—"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 who differed from them." That is a sentiment that ought to be printed in gold letters, framed in a diamond and ruby frame, and placed in the most conspicuous position in every Bethel, big and little, throughout the length and breadth of this controversial country. Live and let live is a good motto for every parson to paste in his hat, but it is regarded with deep aversion by the average New Zealand cleric. The dogmatic denominations who imagine that theirs is the only creed worth considering, and that the other 291 brands of doctrine are pernicious and evil doctrines, which shall get their believers into great trouble hereafter, are the most striking feature of the colonial landscape. There is always an indiscreet and narrow-minded parson of some faith or another making rude interjections about the beliefs of the rest of the public in some part of the Antipodes. What is wanted is a parsonical Inague Conference, and articles of international religious law, the foremost of which shall read: 'Any priest, rabbi, clergyman, or other religious teacher found heaving scornful remarks at anybody else's religion shall be marooned on a desert island until he learns tolerance'."

A number of musical friends are this week tendering a benefit concert in St. Mary's School Hall, Manchester Street, to Mr. R. Petersen, who is slowly recovering from a severe and protracted illness. Mr. Petersen has always been to the fore in Catholic and charitable entertainments, and it is safe to anticipate that the efforts of those who are now giving him a helping hand will be successful.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

October 27.

Rev. Father McGuinness is, I regret to say, in indifferent health.

After Benediction at St. Patrick's last Sunday evening the Dead March from 'Saul' was played in memory of the late Rev. Brother Mark.

The principal topic of conversation here last week was the 'Order of the Good Shepherd,' a community of women established under the control of the Anglican Bishop of Auckland. Its constitution is a vow of celibacy, yielding obedience to the Bishop, who alone has power to release the members from their vows. The Order was fiercely assailed by a motion of censure proposed by a layman and supported by Canon Beatty at the meeting of the Anglican Synod.

Last Thursday evening the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association held a most successful euchre party, the proceeds of which are to be handed to the Marist Brothers. Fully 100 players took part, and two hours were devoted to play and the remainder to music, social intercourse, and refreshments. The gentlemen's first prize, a very handsome pair of gold sleeve links, kindly presented by Mr. Maurice O'Connor, was won by Mr. Sherry, Mr. Lunning being second. For the ladies' first prize three drew—Misses Staunton and Flynn (2). On playing off the Misses Flynn secured both first and second, which comprised a very handsome gold medalion and a silver pin-box. The ladies' prizes were donated by the Electric Tramway Company, and Mr. Walsh gave one of the gentlemen's prizes. The following ladies successfully carried out the arrangements: Mesdames Mahoney and Dunn, Misses Donovan, Reidy, Grace, Mahoney, Bryant, Koelord, Melhorne, and Knight.

At St. Benedict's Hall last evening a very fine concert was given in aid of the organ fund for St. Benedict's Church. The attendance was excellent. Miss Mary Cooper sang nicely 'Waiting' and 'It was a dream.' Miss M. Somerville contributed 'Maori canoe song' and 'Sleep.' 'Let me like a soldier fall' and 'There is a flower that bloometh' were capitally rendered by Mr. Walter Whyte, who, with Mr. E. Farley, took part in the duet, 'The moon hath raised.' Mr. Farley gave 'The tempest of the heart' and 'Qui vive.' Mr. J. P. Whelan was successful in his bass solos. Two violin solos were given by Mr. Herbert Bloy. 'The happy Jap' and 'Alhambra Club march' were contributed on the banjo by Mr. Chas. Macfarlane. Two pianoforte solos 'Alice' and 'Minuet celebre' were capitally played by Mr. H. A. Lamb, and an item by the pupils of Misses Knight was heartily applauded. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. S. Jackson, Miss A. M. Sayers, Messrs. G. K. Shorland, and H. A. Lamb. The entertainment was in every way a success.

### Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

October 24.

Though the success of any function held in Waihi under the auspices of St. Joseph's Church Committee

is always a foregone conclusion, the results of the four nights of the annual bazaar, which concluded last Saturday night, exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. Prior to the official opening on Wednesday night the pupils of the convent school gave a short musical programme, after which the Mayor declared the bazaar open. In the course of his remarks he said he had great esteem for Father Brodie, an esteem he felt that was general throughout Waihi. As chairman of the Hospital Committee Father Brodie was invaluable, and his retirement, which was the outcome of ill-health and pressure of church work, was felt even now. Personally, he regretted very much losing the help of so earnest a worker on the Hospital Committee, and there was a want in the ranks of the Hospital Trustees which he would like to see filled by Father Brodie. In concluding he thanked Father Brodie and the ladies for the honor they had conferred on him in asking him to open the bazaar.

Mr. Simmons, on behalf of the assemblage, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor, who, he said, was a sort of father of Waihi. He was one of those who had brought the Waihi mine to a payable stage. Father Brodie, during his residence in Waihi, had achieved great work by his strenuous efforts. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

At this point of the proceedings Miss Katie Murphy, on behalf of the convent school children, read an address of thanks to the Mayor for presiding that night, and presented him and Mrs. Gilmour with a pair of prettily carved and painted panels.

The ladies in charge of the stalls were as follows:—

Jubilee Stall.—Mesdames Simmons, Cullen, Pilling, and Dixon; Misses Garvey, Power (2), Simmons, Sullivan, Cullen Naughton (3), and Forter. Work Stall.—Mesdames Hatton, Parkes, Huett, and Donnelly; Misses Ryan (2), Geary (2), Boggs (2), Colebrook (2), Johnson, Newth, Delaney, Rogers, Farley, Quinlan, Lolly. Doll Stall.—Misses Davidson and Garvey (2). Refreshment Stall.—Mesdames Sullivan, Toomey, Buelach, Misses Dunn, Huett, Toomey, Sullivan, Berryman, Maroney, Henderson. Produce Stall.—Mesdames May, Sibley, Wilson, Misses Quinlan, May, Henderson.

The receipts in connection with the opening night totalled £103, which may be considered as a record. On the second night there was again a good attendance. To the excitement of the bazaar work was added the attraction of the lazy stick pulling contest, in which there were 17 competitors. After some very good pulls, Mr. W. Gaynor and Mr. Bert Power were left to contest the final, which resulted in a victory for Mr. Gaynor. The receipts on this night amounted to £86. The bazaar was continued on Friday night, and for what is called the slack night good business was done, over £51 being taken. During the evening a dance took place in the supper room, at which there were nearly 50 couples. The lazy stick contest again proved very interesting. Eight competitors were engaged, Piacum and R. Hooker being left to contest final honors. Hooker proved to be too good for his opponent. Hooker then pulled with Thursday's winner, Gaynor, for first prize, and by a very neat pull secured the victory. On the last night (Saturday) the hall was so packed that it was scarcely possible to move about in it. All the most valuable prizes were drawn for, but the drawing for several others had to be postponed to Monday night. The receipts on this night totalled £150, making a grand total for the four nights of £390, and it is expected it will be made up to £400 next week. This is very creditable to the Very Rev. Father Brodie, whose anxiety and energy to reduce the debt on the church and convent buildings were crowned with well-merited success.

The total entries for all classes, except implements, for the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association's show are 1537—an increase of 11 on the record established last year. Sheep number 651; cattle, 218; horses, 171; pigs, 50; dogs, 16; dairy produce, 128. The implements exceed last year's.

During the quarter ended September 30 the revenue of the Post and Telegraph Department was £117,956, against £109,717 for the corresponding period of last year. During the same period £1,129,911 was deposited at the Government Savings Banks, and £1,111,857 was withdrawn. Discount stamps to the value of £855 were sold during the quarter.

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## THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS

### THE OPENING CEREMONIES

(From our own correspondent.)

Melbourne, October 18.

Interest in the approaching Congress runs higher and higher. The eagerness of members has been manifested this week in a rush made on the office at the Cathedral Hall on its opening on Monday morning, when badges were issued to all who presented receipts signed by the general or local secretaries. The badges have been very neatly produced, in shape something after the design of a Maltese cross. Each bears the name of the particular member, and those of the president, Most Rev. Dr. Cair, and the hon. secretary, Dr. A. L. Kenny. They are made of cardboard and in color are of a greenish tint, bearing in black letters the title and dates of the Congress. Provision has been abundantly made for perpetuating the memory of the Congress by means of the photograph art. The principal picture will be that of the members in a body, which will be taken on Tuesday forenoon, 25th inst, outside St. Patrick's Cathedral. Smaller groups, variously associated, will also be photographed. Copies of all will be obtainable.

#### Exhibits and Papers.

An exhibit of special interest will be a collection of Bibles containing the earliest editions procurable. An appeal was made on Sunday in the several churches by the clergy, requesting members of the congregations who had in their possession Bibles of old-time publication to send them in for the occasion, so that they might go to increase the number that his Grace the Archbishop had already secured. The significance of this exhibition will be evident, and it is unnecessary to dwell on it.

Of the papers to be read not the least interesting should be that of Dr. De Borsmen, who, as I mentioned last week, comes from New Guinea. The scene of the missionary labors of this prelate derives a special interest just at present from the terrible massacre that has recently been reported. The locality concerned, indeed, was in German territory, but the disposition of the natives can hardly be affected by the particular flag under which they live, and in one part of the country as well as in another the missionary must carry his life in his hands. A fact significant of the standing of the men who, nevertheless, devote themselves to the work of these missions of the Sacred Heart, may be noted in the selection of one of their number—Rev. Father Genocchi—to serve at Rome on the Biblical Commission appointed by the late Pope. A scholar of such eminence does, indeed, descend in a degree little, if anything, less than heroic, when he devotes himself, as in the case of which I speak, not only to instructing the mind of the savage but even to personally tending his diseased body. The natives of New Guinea are specially liable to sores and ulcers which they expect the missionaries to handle and heal. A paper of a different kind but also of deep interest may be anticipated in that on the Gaelic revival, to be read by Dr. N. M. O'Donnell, who is an enthusiastic promoter of the movement in question. Such headway as the revival of the language has made in Melbourne is due to the Doctor's efforts. And now that the movement is worldwide and forms an international bond, as witnessed, for example, the other day when the Pan-Celtic Congress was held at Carnarvon, and the Stone of the Nation, representing the six Celtic nationalities, was laid, there are valid reasons to advance in support of it. It seems at least rightly characteristic of any body claiming the name of Celtic that one of their objects should be the revival of the national language. There is in Melbourne a body bearing the name of

#### The Celtic Club

and consistently filling the place suggested in their title, of which also, by the way, Dr. O'Donnell is a member and committee-man. The Club have recently moved their quarters to a position in Elizabeth street, facing St. Francis' Church, their whereabouts being notably proclaimed by the words, 'Cuideachta na nGaedheal,' inscribed in gold letters, of Irish type, on the front of the building above their rooms. The rooms consist of a suite of seven, and are sufficiently spacious and convenient. There is a reading-room well supplied with newspapers and containing a glass case in which is a well chosen selection of books, those of a national character being prominent; a fine billiard-room, with two excellent tables; a card-room, and other snuggeries and accommodations. The official staff is—Mr. O'Sullivan, president; Dr. Maloney, M.P., and Mr. J. Hughes, J.P., vice-presidents; and Mr. R. F. Rice, secretary. That Gaelic good-fellowship, which may be taken as implied in the Gaelic title of the Club, is a distinctive characteristic of the body has been made plain in

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the fact that all gentlemen in attendance at the Congress have been invited for the time being to become honorary members of the Club—of whose rooms they will have full use, finding there a thorough Celtic welcome. The invitation will, no doubt, be gladly accepted, and due appreciation will attend upon the advantages thus made available.

Melbourne, October 26

Although the General Communion of the Catholic Young Men's Society of Victoria, which took place at 8 a.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, is not, properly speaking, to be included among the events of the Congress, it, nevertheless, may fitly be mentioned in connection with them. The sight of the great building filled with the united body of our Catholic youth was very beautiful. Three Masses were celebrated, respectively by his Grace the Archbishop at the high altar, the Bishop of Rockhampton at the altar of the Sacred Heart, and the Bishop of Armidale at the altar of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards a breakfast was held in the Cathedral Hall. His Eminence Cardinal Moran, Archbishop Carr, and the visiting prelates were present. On the conclusion of the meal a toast list appropriate to the occasion was proposed and duly honored, his Holiness the Pope, coupled with the name of Cardinal Moran, taking precedence. His Eminence made an eloquent response. It will be of particular interest to many readers of the 'Tablet' that one of the principal toasts, that of the visiting prelates and clergy, gracefully proposed by one of the hon. secretaries, was in the hands of a gentleman who, for many years, took an active and useful part in Catholic movements in Dunedin, namely Mr. R. A. Dunne. The Bishops of Maitland and Rockhampton responded. The Catholic Young Men's Society was proposed by the Cardinal, Mr. B. Hoare, one of the first vice-presidents, responding.

At 11 o'clock the Cathedral was again thronged. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, who is especially distinguished as the first native-born Australian to attain to episcopal dignity, the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton, being the second. The ceremonies were grand and solemn in the extreme. The long procession in which the Cardinal, Archbishops, Bishops, and clergy entered the church and on the termination of the ceremonies left it was most imposing, and the sanctuary, in which were present so many prelates, was a scene of great magnificence. The members of the hierarchy in attendance were the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney, the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, the Bishops of Maitland, Sale, Christchurch, Rockhampton, Wilcannia, Sandhurst, Auckland, Armidale, the Coadjutor-Bishops of Maitland, Hobart, and British New Guinea. The music of the Mass was performed by a choir assisted effectively by an orchestra of strings. In the evening Pontifical Vespers were sung, the preacher on the occasion being Archbishop Kelly. At 10 a.m. on Monday

#### The Formal Opening

of the Congress took place in the Cathedral Hall. The inaugural address was delivered by Archbishop Carr, who prefaced it by reading a cablegram from Rome in which the Benediction of the Pope was conveyed, and also a letter from the Archbishop of San Francisco expressing his Grace's sympathy, and dwelling on the blessings and advantages of Catholic union. Dr. Carr's address was terse and vigorous, couched also in the graceful and polished style exceptionally characteristic of the illustrious writer. As, however, the address will appear in the published volume and has already appeared in that excellent monthly, the 'Austral Light,' it is not necessary for me to make any attempt to give your readers an idea of it. Such an attempt on my part, moreover, must result in failure. His Grace was followed by the Cardinal, who read a paper on devotion to the Blessed Virgin in the ancient Irish Church. Last week I acquainted you with the comparison that had been made between the volume of the Sydney Congress and that now to be published. Comparisons, they say, are odious, but to compare a writer with himself may perhaps be held less invidious. His Eminence's paper seemed to many to surpass anything they had so far heard from him. But again it is said that it was in turn excelled by that read by him on Tuesday forenoon on the relations that, throughout the nineteenth century, had prevailed between the Irish priests and the Irish people. His Eminence, in short, has the happy and somewhat rare gift of always expressing himself to the best advantage. A photograph, lent by the Cardinal for the purpose, of the Blessed Virgin as represented in ancient Irish illumination will be included in the published volume, and will form a most valuable and interesting addition to a valuable and important work.

In the afternoon sectional meetings were held, at which various papers were read, one or other of the prelates presiding at each. In the evening at 8 o'clock

the Archbishop of Melbourne received the members of the hierarchy and clergy, and the members generally in attendance—in number exceeding 1800—in the Cathedral Hall. The hall is, in fact, a noble apartment and one of which the Catholics of Melbourne may well be proud. It is seen to perfection in the blaze of the electric lamps with which, in most tasteful arrangement, it is provided. On the occasion in question the floor was carpeted throughout. Seats were confined to one line against the wall, running from end to end. On the side opposite was a buffet provided with refreshments. There was, however, little time allowed for the contemplation of the carpet. The members came pouring in until not a vacant spot could be discerned. A babel of tongues also arose and filled the building with an almost overwhelming hum, but the tone was that of an orderly, though rejoicing, multitude. The prelates took up a position on the floor in front of the platform, the Cardinal occupying a central place. Here his Eminence received the immense company present, who, one by one, approached him, a long row making its way through the surrounding crowd, all of whom in turn formed part of it. The members were permitted to kiss the Cardinal's ring and his Eminence, instead of betraying weariness or fatigue, had a gracious word for each. On the conclusion of this ceremony the Cardinal with the Archbishops and Bishops ascended the platform, which had been duly prepared and adorned for their occupation, where also they were visited by some of the more distinguished among the members. A principal business of the evening was afterwards performed in the photographing by flash-light of the assembly. All the arrangements of the evening were directed by the energy and skill of the hon. secretary, Dr. Kenny, whose ability and unsparing efforts in promoting the successful working of this great and important gathering cannot be too highly applauded. Among the duties devolving on the secretary on the occasion referred to was that of overcoming the modesty which, he said, kept the company back from the buffet. I must not forget that a very capable orchestra, strings and piano, had been provided for the evening. The music of the human voice, however, as heard in conversation, was evidently preferred, and the musicians hardly succeeded in making their instruments audible. Among the announcements made by Dr. Kenny was that at noon next day a photograph of the members would be taken on the outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and that in the afternoon a special train would convey the members to Kew, where they had been invited to visit the college of the Jesuit Fathers. There was a large attendance in the Cathedral grounds on Monday, and the photograph taken must give a very good idea of

#### The Important Character of the Congress.

A notable feature in connection with it is the large proportion of men present, more especially at hours when it is difficult for them to make attendance convenient. This alone shows the importance attached to the matter. The special train for which Dr. Kenny requested particular patronage was crowded, many passengers being obliged to stand. The company on arrival at the college were conducted to a spacious hall capable of conveniently accommodating them. In an address delivered in Latin the Very Rev. Father Superior welcomed the Cardinal, his Eminence replying in the same tongue, but continuing in English for the benefit of his less learned hearers. The subject of the meeting was education on which it was proposed that five papers should be read. Two were actually read and criticised by Archbishop Kelly and Bishop Murray. Friends and admirers of the venerable Bishop of Maitland, of whom there are many, would rejoice to see him still so full of vigor and so bright in humor. Dr. Kelly is a powerful speaker, every word he uttered being deliberate, well chosen, and to the point. The Cardinal and the Archbishop of Melbourne had been unable to remain for the reading of the papers, and when two out of five had been read and criticised, fairly and candidly, a telegram was received from Dr. Carr directing that as the afternoon was close, the reading should be cut short so that the company might walk out into the fresh air and enjoy the beauty of the college grounds. A thoroughly pleasant afternoon, in a word, was spent.

So far this is the extent to which the business or entertainment of the Congress has gone. Much more remains to be chronicled, and then, too, in the space allotted a newspaper correspondence, a mere outline can only be given. There are other meetings of various kinds to be held, including one of special interest at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford. I have not attempted to give a list of the clergy present. They are very numerous, and to obtain their names must involve a work of time. Those from Dunedin, however—Fathers Cleary and Coffey—have been welcomed by many friends. Many more are gladly expecting Dean Burke, who is on his way hither, via Sydney.

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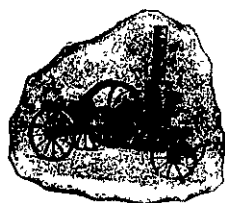
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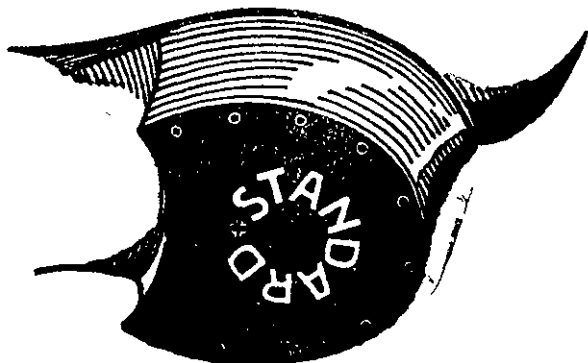
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## Irish News

### ANTRIM.—A Catholic Hospital

In a letter to the faithful of the diocese the Bishop of Down and Connor appeals for funds in aid of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast. His Lordship says an idea of the useful work for the alleviation of pain and suffering which is being done in the hospital may be formed from the number of its patients. Last year there were no fewer than 1508 intern patients. The number of extern patients during the year was 19,987, being almost double the number of the preceding year, while during the last ten months 2520 accident cases received treatment in the hospital. The expenditure for the year amounted to £5,008 9s 3d. The Sisters of Mercy exercise the strictest economy consistent with efficiency in the administration of the funds. They appeal with confidence for a continuance of generous support.

### CARLOW.—A Memorial

The design of Messrs. Walshe and Son, Carlow, has been approved of for the Father John Murphy memorial at Tullo, subject to some minor changes and alterations in the figure of the memorial.

### DONEGAL.—How a Plantation Originated

Just now, when forestry is receiving attention in many quarters (says the 'Farmers' Gazette') special appropriateness attaches to any interesting reminiscence relating to tree planting. Mr. Charles Dawson, who was Lord Mayor of Dublin in the early eighties, tells of some interesting experiences during his term of office in the Mayoral chair. It was about the period that the late Dr. Lyons, the great forestry enthusiast, was at his height, and whenever any dinner or social function took place at the Mansion House, the good old Doctor invariably kept his hobby well before the public by bringing with him several saplings, and placing them on the table in front of Lord Mayor Dawson. One day his lordship, when sitting in his private office, received, unexpectedly, an invoice from a well-known Scotch firm intimating the despatch to Mr. Dawson of 75,000 saplings. To use Mr. Dawson's own words, he had no where to put them except in the back garden, and never having ordered them, he was placed in a nice predicament as to what was the best thing to do. While cogitating over the matter, the arrival of a prominent northern bishop was announced, and to him the situation was explained, with the result that his Lordship offered to take charge of the young saplings. To this Mr. Dawson agreed, and so they passed out of his possession. Time went by, and three or four years afterwards Mr. Dawson was asked down to perform the opening of some local function by the prelate, who afterwards said to him, 'Come out and see your forest.' On going a few miles from the place, a leading Donegal town, there, sure enough, were the 75,000 saplings. About 75 per cent had prospered and were estimated to be worth about 10s each.

### DOWN.—A Windfall

A farmer named Joseph O'Hare, residing at Maddy-drumbrist, Glen, near Newry, and a number of other members of the same family, have, it is reported, become heirs to a big American legacy. It appears that early in life O'Hare's sister, Margaret, emigrated to the United States, where she was adopted by a family named Magowan, from whom she inherited wealth. Her death recently took place, and as she is believed to have died intestate, her relatives come in for her riches, which represent thousands of pounds. Mr. Hunter Moore, solicitor, and a number of her relatives have gone to America to establish their claims to the estate.

### DUBLIN.—Death of a City Alderman

Sir Henry Cochrane, for twenty-five years a Dublin Alderman, and who was the unsuccessful Unionist candidate for College Green Division in '92, died at Bray, Wicklow, about the middle of September.

### A Reminiscence

The statement (says the 'Freeman's Journal') that Dr. Ellis, of Dublin, the inventor of pepsine, who is in his 95th year, is the oldest member of the Irish medical profession, may render it of interest to know that Dr. Ellis' father, who lived till the late fifties of the last century, and was till the closing hours of his life in full possession of all his faculties, was likewise an octogenarian. Mr. Ellis had a strange and thrilling experience in the troublous times of 1797-1798. He was in the County Donegal at this period and rowed out from Killybegs to visit a ship of war, which he, a fervent loyalist, took for granted was a ship of 'good King George.' Great was his consternation and amazement to find himself under the guns of a French man-of-war, to which he was quickly transferred as a pris-

oner. The French ship left the Irish coast with Mr. Ellis on board, and was itself eventually captured by the English. Mr. Ellis was, notwithstanding his protestations of loyalty, suspected by the commander of the English ship of being a 'treasonable person' in amity with the King's enemies. It was only on the assurance of the French captain, on which he pledged his honor as a gentleman, that Mr. Ellis had been captured through mistaking his ship for a King's ship, that he escaped the fate of being hanged as a rebel.

### GALWAY.—Loughrea Cathedral

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert, has written a letter to Fathers Fallon and Joyce, two of his priests who have undertaken the heavy task of collecting funds in America for the completion of Loughrea Cathedral in which he points out that the debt on the building already reaches £2000, and that a further sum of £10,000 will be required to complete it. His Lordship adds he cannot hope to raise so large a sum in a diocese which has been more impoverished and denuded of its population by eviction and emigration than any other diocese in Ireland.

### Death of a Carmelite

At the Abbey, Loughrea, on September 10 the Rev. Elias Nolan, O.D.C., died after a brief illness. A native of Galway, he joined the Order of Discalced Carmelites at an early age. In the year 1865 he was ordained, and was at once appointed to the house of his Order in Clarendon street, Dublin, where he spent the greater part of his missionary career. He was an ardent advocate of the Irish language revival; indeed, he was for many years the most widely known worker in the movement. Father Nolan was one of the founders of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, to which he introduced Dr. Douglas Hyde and many other distinguished men. About 20 years ago Father Nolan published a prayer book in Irish, which had a wide sale. He was a frequent contributor to Gaelic League publications. His obsequies were attended by a large number of priests and laymen. The business houses of the town were closed during the day as a mark of respect to the deceased.

### A Lady Doctor

At a recent meeting of the Ballinasloe Asylum Committee the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert presided. The committee had to elect a junior assistant medical officer to the asylum. On the motion of Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, it was decided by a large majority to appoint a lady doctor to fill this post. The choice of the committee fell upon Miss Ada English, a young Mullingar lady, with a most distinguished career in the study and practice of medicine and surgery, particularly in reference to asylum practice. There were three candidates, but one—Dr. Downey, Killarney—withdrew. Dr. M. Lee was the other candidate. Miss English was the only lady candidate for the position.

### KERRY.—Drowning Fatality

Mr. James Donnelly, a farmer, of Gortawillin, County Kerry, was drowned while attempting to cross the Flesk at Currans.

### MONAGHAN.—An Active Centenarian

A novel feature of the show held in Monaghan about the middle of September was an exhibition of spinning given by an old lady who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Upon ascending the platform, which feat she accomplished with surprising suppleness, she sat down at the wheel, a most picturesque sight, but finding the wind in her face, rose again immediately, and, facing about, lifted the wheel, which was of considerable weight, and sat down to her work. Having started the thread, which was of woollen yarn (and it appears this is more difficult of manipulation than flax), she went neatly about the spinning of it. One person told her she looked like one who would spin for another 100 years, but she deprecatingly shook her head. When asked her name she vouchsafed the following particulars in a broad Northern accent—She belonged to Ballymoney, County Antrim, she is 100 years old, has all her faculties, is at present living in Rossmore gate-house, and her name is Rachel Graw.

### ROSCOMMON.—Grazing Farm Sub-divided

The Aughappwla grazing farm, convenient to Corrigrooe, Roscommon, has been split up amongst the tenants adjoining by the Estates Commissioners. This farm is on the estate of Major French.

### TIPPERARY.—Driving Accident

Mrs. O'Riordan, wife of Colonel O'Riordan, Army Medical Corps, Clonmel, died at her husband's residence, Clonmel, from injuries received in a carriage accident.

### WATERFORD.—Fatal Accident to a Priest

Father Murphy, home from Australia, was spending a holiday at Luany, near Waterford. While riding he

got a fall from his horse at Rathkeen, sustaining a fracture of the skull, and he died a few hours afterwards.

#### A New Industry

A new shirt and collar factory has been opened at The Glen, Waterford, by the local Industrial Committee.

#### WEXFORD.—Death of a Franciscan Priest

The death of Father Hanway, O.S.F., Merchants' Quay, Dublin, which took place at the residence of his sister, near Wexford, is widely regretted. Deceased was born in Wexford forty-four years ago. He spent his novitiate at the Franciscan Convent, Ennis, whence he went to St. Isidore's, Rome, where he was ordained. The last three years of his life were spent at the Merchants' Quay church, Dublin.

#### GENERAL

#### Spoils to the Victors

Yet another legal appointment in Ireland has gone to a Protestant lawyer. This time it is Mr. Wakely, K.C., who has been appointed County Court Judge of Roscommon. The County Court Bench now numbers fifteen Protestants to six Catholics in a country where the vast majority of the people are Catholic. The Superior Court Bench is even more exclusive.

#### The Irish Martyrs

Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli has informed the Congregation of Rites that the Archbishop of Dublin has completed the diocesan process for the canonisation of the Irish martyrs, with the exception of the evidence of Cardinal Moran, which is expected shortly. Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, is hastening the diocesan process for the canonisation of Oliver Plunkett, so that both will soon be presented for the examination of the Congregation of Rites.

#### A Parallel

The London 'Daily News,' commenting on the Beck case, says:—Mr. Beck's case is a hard one; but he was honestly convicted by an honest English jury, and when his innocence was discovered he was promptly pardoned. But in the case of the victims of Sergeant Sheridan they were tried for crimes committed by Sheridan himself, and not alone was the evidence perjured, but the juries were 'packed.' To make matters worse, one of the victims of a deliberate police plot died in prison. And what happened to Sheridan, avowed incendiary and perjurer? He was allowed to sail away from Queens-town a free man, while his accomplices—vide admissions of Ministers in the Commons—ate at this moment either compensated, or wearing the King's uniform in Ireland. Cases of miscarriages of justice—deliberate miscarriages leading to the scaffold, the transport ship, and the penal cells—could be enumerated by the hundred in Ireland. But there has never been a committee, as in the case of Mr. Beck.

#### The Reform Association

The changes in the Irish political horizon (says the 'Catholic Times') are astonishing. The latest phenomenon is the appearance of Irish landlords as advocates of Home Rule. True, the demand is for a very modified form of self-government, yet the movement, under whatever aspect it be regarded, is a most noteworthy sign of the times. Probably Mr. Dudley S. A. Crosby correctly interprets the aims of its promoters when he asks in the 'Westminster Review' whether it is not possible for all parties, whilst the Land Acts of recent years are being given a fair trial, to put their heads together so that they may discover a central platform on which all can agree—a platform 'resting on a broad, generous, and comprehensive basis of nationalism in its best sense, which shall gain the support of every earnest Irishman.' That such a proposal should come from the landlord class is an indication of the steady development of an educative influence in Ireland. Will the Government listen to the proposal? It is not unlikely that it will. The extension of local government in Ireland—for that is what the claim amounts to—would be rather popular as an election cry in many English and Scotch constituencies.

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## People We Hear About

Mr. Edward Martyn, of Tullyra Castle, Ardahan, County Galway, is one of the very few Irish landlords who are Nationalists. He has talent of a high order, and is the author of several interesting plays and books as well as of a number of articles on literary and political subjects.

Father Sheehan, who is henceforth to be known as Canon Sweeney, is about to publish a new volume entitled 'A Spoiled Priest'—a name given in Ireland to ecclesiastical students who do not persevere in their ecclesiastical vocation. Maynooth College is the scene of the story, and Father Sheehan, in his description of the college life, no doubt draws on the experiences of his own student days.

The news of Sir Nicholas O'Connor's illness has been received with great regret by his many friends throughout the United Kingdom, who trust it is only of a temporary character. Seldom in the history of diplomacy has there been a more brilliant career than that of Sir Nicholas. Lady O'Connor is one of the gifted daughters of the late Mr. Hope Scott and Lady Victoria Howard, sister of the late Duke of Norfolk.

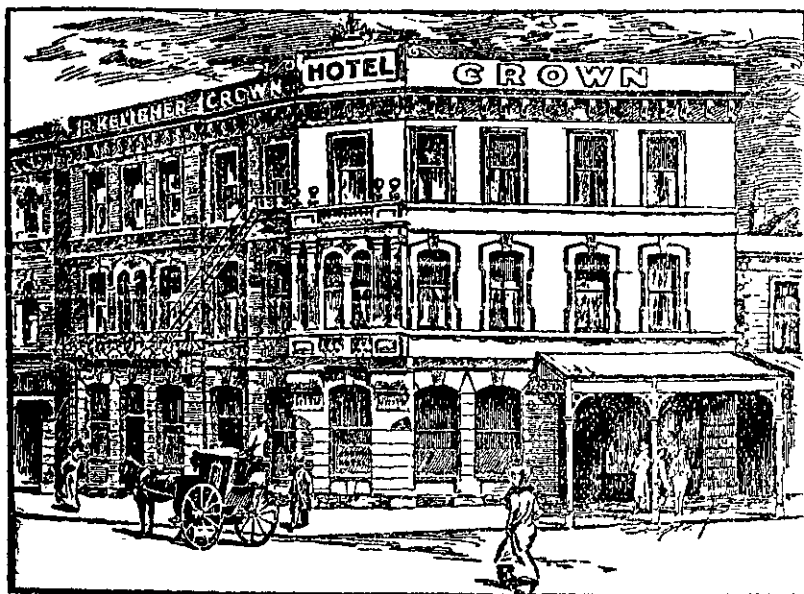
The unconventional habits of the Pope are still troubling the traditions of the Vatican. Visitors find that his Holiness has a great objection to the practice of kneeling in his presence. He takes care to settle them promptly and comfortably in chairs. Discussing with his Chamberlain the details of some ceremony, Pius X. was reminded that his two sisters, who live in Rome, would like to be present. What seats should be assigned to them? 'Seats!' said the Pope with a smile. 'Oh, dear no! Send them tickets of admission, and let them take their chance.'

In an article on 'The Boy-King of Spain' which he contributes to the 'London Magazine' Mr. Frank Banfield, M.A., says Alfonso XIII. is resolved on winning the affections of his subjects. He is very fond of coming in personal contact with the people, and to do this he is disposed to throw entirely on one side the past traditions and conventions of Spanish Royalty. Last summer in the journey he made through the different provinces of Spain his love for the people was as manifest as their enthusiasm for the person of the King. His popularity was marvellously increased, and the striking demonstrations of loyal affection which accompanied that remarkable progress proved beyond cavil how deep and strong is the monarchical sentiment in Spain.

The Right Rev. Dr. De BoisMENU, M.S.H., Coadjutor-Bishop of British New Guinea, who is attending the Catholic Congress, resides at Port Leo, Yule Island, New Guinea, the episcopal centre. He is, indeed, a very young Bishop, being only 31 years of age, having been raised to the Bishopric when in his 29th year. He was born in St. Malo, Brittany—the birthplace of the late Father Le Reunetel—of which province the De BoisMENU family is one of the oldest, and at the present time many of its members occupy prominent positions in the army and navy of France. He was ordained only ten years ago, and was afterwards a professor for three years in one of the Sacred Heart Houses in Chozeau-Benoit. He then went to British New Guinea as Superior of the Mission there, and, after the lapse of one year, was elected Coadjutor to Archbishop Navarre, the consecration taking place in Paris on March 18, 1900.

It is stated that John O'Donnell, of Salt Lake City, has put several years of labor into a piece of wood-carving, which represents the life and death of Christ from His birth to the Ascension, and which he has donated to be sold for the benefit of Salt Lake Cathedral. The carving is called the Crib of Bethlehem, and was begun when in Brooklyn, N.Y., by Mr. O'Donnell sixty years ago. It has over 150 figures, three to nine inches high, each one carved by hand out of a solid block of wood. The frame of the carving represents a church measuring three feet high, two feet wide, and four feet long. The first group of figures is in a small church on the inside, and portrays the manger, surrounded by the Mother, foster-father, and three wise men. The flight into Egypt, the Last Supper, Calvary, and the Descent of the Holy Ghost are all shown.

Mr. S. Gardham, proprietor of the Cafe Cecil, Princess street, Dunedin, has extended his business by opening up a fish and poultry department. Mr. Gardham guarantees fresh fish every day. A feature of the establishment is the patent salt-water spray, which keeps fish as fresh as when in their natural element. Fish suppers a specialty....



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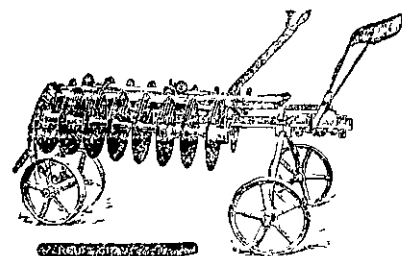
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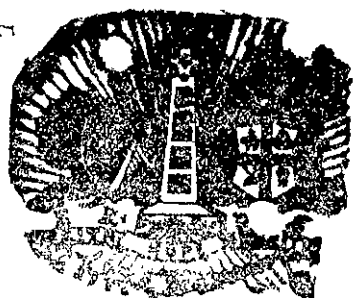
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# Commercial

For week ending Wednesday, November 2, 1904.

## PRODUCE.

London, October 28.—Wheat: The European markets are steady, but inactive. Caigoes are neglected. Australian September-October shipment, 34/-; October-November, 31/3; new crop, December-January shipment, 31/6.

The butter markets are dull. Danish is unchanged. Choicest Victorian, 102/- to 104/-; New South Wales, 102/-; Queensland, 90/- to 94/-; stored New Zealand, 92/- to 94/-; Australian, 80/- to 81/-.

Wellington, October 31.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, October 29—'The mutton market is depressed. Average price to day: Canterbury mutton, 4½d; Dunedin, Southland, and W.M.E. Company mutton, 4½d; for brands other than North Island mutton, 4d (weak). The average price to-day for River Plate mutton is 3½d. Australian mutton is small of supply, and realising 7½d. There is a dull sale for all descriptions of lamb. Average price New Zealand lamb—Canterbury brands, from 5½d to 5½d; brands other than Canterbury, 5½d. The beef market has suffered a further decline. Average price to-day: Hindquarters New Zealand beef, 2½d; fores, 2½d. The butter market is quiet, and prices are rather unsettled. Stored New Zealand is selling at from 90/- to 94/- (irregular); Australian, 103/-; Danish, 115/-. The cheese market is steady at the quotation cabled last week. Good business has been done in hemp, but the market closed dull. The average price of New Zealand hemp, good fair Wellington grade, on spot to-day, is £30/10/-; January to March shipments, £30. The price of Manila hemp, fair current grade, on spot to-day, is £38/10/-. There is scarcely any demand for cocksfoot seed. Average price to-day for bright, clean New Zealand, weighing 17½b per bushel on spot, is 51/- per cwt. New Zealand long-berried wheat, on spot, ex granary, per quarter of 496½b, 33/6; short-berried wheat, 32/6. The wheat market is quiet, but firm. New Zealand oats: Short (sparrowbills), ex granary, on spot, per quarter of 384½b, 11/-; Danish, ex granary, on spot, per quarter of 320½b, 16/9. The oat market is steadier.

Invercargill prices current—Wholesale—Butter farm, 6d; separator, 8d; butter, factory, pats, 10½d. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £1/15/- per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £2/6/- 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, pats, 1/-; cheese, 6d to 8d. Eggs, 10d per doz. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 3/- per cwt. Flour: 200lb, 23/-; 50lb, 6/6. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5/3; 25lb, 3/9. Pollard, 8/6 per bag. Bran, 4/6. Chaff, 1/6.

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, £2; seed, £2/10/- to £3/10/-; chaff, £2/10/- to £3/5/-; clover hay, £2/10/- to £3. Straw: Pressed wheat, 40/-; oats, £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.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a moderate catalogue to a small attendance of buyers. Nearly all the lots on offer were quitted at prices on a par with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—No export trade of any importance has been done during the past week, and almost the only sales effected have been moderate lines for local consumption. There is some little inquiry for B grade from shippers, but only at a reduction in prices which holders here are not disposed to accept. We quote: Prime milling, 1/6½ to 1/7½; good to best feed, 1/5 to 1/6; inferior and medium, 1/3 to 1/4 per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market shows little change. Millers decline to operate except in the case of choice lines, and for medium sorts there is therefore little sale. Fowl wheat continues to meet with fair sale, both locally and for export. We quote: Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/9;

medium, 3/3 to 3/5; whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/2; broken and damaged, 2/6 to 2/10 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Stocks are freshly picked. Derwents are now much reduced, and for these there is very good inquiry at improved prices. Derwents, which have been bagged for some time with white potatoes of all sorts, continue to move off slowly. We quote: Best freshly-picked Derwents, 35/- to 40/-; others, 25/- to 30/-; inferior sorts, 20/- to 25/- per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—For some days the market has been more heavily supplied with chaff of good quality. Prime, bright oaten sheaf is still inquired for, but medium and inferior lines have no demand. We quote: Prime oaten 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).

Straw.—The market is almost bare, and nearly all coming forward during the past week was quitted at 35/- to 40/- per ton.

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

Wheat.—The demand is no better this week, and prices may be quoted the same as last week, viz., prime milling, 3/7 to 3/10; medium, 3/3 to 3/6; best whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/3; broken and inferior, 2/6 to 2/10.

Oats.—Prices are if anything a shade easier, but the demand is still good. Prime milling, 1/7 to 1/8; best feed, 1/6; medium, 1/4 to 1/5; inferior (of which there is little offering, 1/1 to 1/3).

Chaff.—Prices are much easier than last week and there are large consignments still arriving, which indicates a still further drop. Prices all round are 5/- to 7/6 per ton easier.

Potatoes.—A lot offering for which there is little or no demand.

## WOOL.

London, October 28.—The Bradford wool market is weaker owing to possible complications with Russia. Forties, 14d, forty-sixes, 11½d, common sixties, 23½d; super, 24½d.

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

Sheepskins.—Our catalogue was an average one for this week. Prices were again very firm, especially for well-woolled skins, and we can confidently recommend consignments being sent to our care as soon as convenient. Halfbred made 7½d, crossbred 7½d, and merino 7d. Interior sorts in proportion.

Rabbitskins.—We had a large catalogue for Monday's sale, when we regret to report that they were down considerably in price. Well selected does made 16½d, bucks 11½d, autumn 12d, springs 10d, fawns 15d, black 21½d.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

## LIVE STOCK

### OTAGO FARMERS' HORSE BAZAAR.

The Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association of New Zealand (Limited) report:—

We held our usual weekly horse sale at our bazaar on Saturday last, when there was a splendid attendance of buyers from the country, and the bulk of the town carters and traders were present, all of whom were keen on business, and bid well for all young, good sorts offered. One entry was made up mostly of useful plough and spring-carters. We had no young heavy draughts in the yard, although we had plenty of buyers for this class, as well as for van and spring-carters. The following are a few of the prices obtained on Saturday:—Active spring-carters realised prices ranging from £27 to £37; lighter sorts, £22 to £26. A few hackneys brought good money up to £18/10/-; these were only medium sorts. A few draught geldings (light) brought from £27 to £35. We quote: First-class draught mares and geldings, £55 to £65; lighter sorts, suitable for farm work, active and fresh, £45 to £50; van horses, same description, about same value; spring-carters, £26 to £37; hackneys showing breeding and style, £25 to £30; useful buggy horses, £20 to £27; cobs, up to 15st, £25 to £30; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100.

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**Lambs.**—Only 64 were penned, keen competition resulting in increased prices. Best lambs brought 21/6 to 23/-; others, 18/- to 21/-; and a few sold at 15/9.

**Pigs.**—The entry was small, chiefly baconers and porkers coming forward, which met with good demand, but stores failed to find buyers. Baconers made 45/- to 60/-, equal to 4½d to 4½d per lb; porkers, 28/- to 38/-, equal to 5d to 5½d per lb.

## A Popular Expression

'A feather in his cap,' an expression signifying honor distinction, arose from the custom prevalent among the ancient Syrians and perpetuated to this day among the various savage or semi-civilised tribes of Asia and America of adding a new feather to their head-gear for every enemy slain. In the days of chivalry, the maiden knight received his casque featherless and won his plumes as he had won his spurs. In a manuscript written by Richard Hansard in 1598, and preserved in the British Museum, it is said of the Hungarians, 'It hath been an ancient custom among them that none should wear a fether but he who had killed a Turk, to whom onlie yt was lawfull to shew the number of fethers in his cappe.' In Scotland and Wales it is still customary for the sportsman who kills the first woodcock to pluck out a feather and stick it in his cap.

## Orange Blossoms

Orange blossoms are not the flowers that all brides wear when approaching the nuptial altar. In different lands various poses are supposed to be of good omen when a maid is beginning her wedded life. In Germany the bride wears myrtle; in Italy white roses. Red roses and carnations crown the bride of Spain. The bride of Greece wears vine leaves. Crowns of silver deck the brides of Sweden, Norway, and Servia. In Bavaria and Silesia pearls, glass, and gold wire are used. Orange blossoms were worn by Saracen brides, and since the time of the Crusaders have been worn occasionally throughout Europe as the emblem of marriage. Finally, French milliners introduced them definitely into the bridal outfit, and among French and English-speaking people the orange blossom has almost become symbolical of marriage.

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## Tobacco Growing in Ireland

It has been demonstrated time and again that the tobacco plant can be grown in Ireland. Hitherto the industry (says the 'Farmers' Gazette') has not been attempted on a large scale owing to the want of proper facilities for the curing and manufacture of the leaf. The expense was also considered to be too great in the event of failure for an individual to launch out heavily. Now, however, an experiment on a considerable scale is being carried out by Colonel Everard, Ranelstown, Navan. The minimum quantity required to be grown by the Government was twenty acres, and Colonel Everard undertook to carry out the work. The twenty acres of tobacco plants are now (September) reaching maturity on the farm of Major Everard and others in the vicinity. Soon this crop will be harvested and then will come the test of curing, which should settle once and for all if tobacco is a profitable crop for this country.

Everything is being done on the most approved scale, so that the experiment will have a fair chance. The crop is, to all appearance, an excellent one. The seven acres grown in the vicinity of Ranelstown is a fair specimen of the whole crop. The ground is tenacious clay, and the crop has been grown after all sorts of ordinary farm crops. Some of it was grown after oats, two-year-old lea, cabbages, mangolds, potatoes, or wheat. The manuring consisted of farmyard dung, artificials of various kinds, and special manure compounded by Captain Everard, from information he received from growers in the United States. The ground was prepared as for a green crop, and every care was taken in regard to planting and hoeing. The plants were grown in frames from seed, and after they got to a certain height they were planted out in beds. Here they came on rapidly, and were at the right size transferred to the drills. The seed was procured from the State Company's farm in Virginia.

The plants were put in forty-two inches apart every way, and there are upwards of 3600 of them to the acre. The plant grows in a single stem which sends out leaves in every direction. When about ten leaves have made their appearance the upward growth of the plant is stopped by having the point broken off. The whole forces of development are then centred on the leaves formed previous to the breaking off, and these grow very large. Some of those we measured at Ranelstown were upwards of forty inches in length, by twenty-two inches at the widest point. The stems averaged four and a half feet in height, and besides having the top nipped off to prevent more leaves forming than would be fully developed, care has to be taken to pick off any suckers which form, so that the leaves will not be robbed of any nourishment.

The handling of the splendid crop in the curing process and quality of leaf are the things which count. As to quality much has to be left to chance, but no expense is being spared in having the curing carried out on the most approved principle. President Roosevelt has kindly placed at the disposal of those interested the services for a time of the United States Government expert from Kentucky. Meanwhile, the drying barns are nearing completion. These barns are perfect of their kind. They are divided into ten rooms each, twenty feet every way, and capable of holding the produce of one acre. The plants are split up to the butts and hung over spars to dry, supported by the small part or end not cut through. It is estimated that two tons of moisture will be evaporated from the produce of each acre, and this will be accomplished by means of hot air process. The building is a substantial one, composed of concrete foundations, six-inch walls up to a certain distance, iron columns, wood, and corrugated iron. The walls are packed with sawdust and the roof course covered with a non-conducting and fire-proof felt. The floors are concrete to avoid damp arising from the ground. The doors are also specially fitted with insulating material, and everything is arranged in such a manner that the temperature can be regulated with the greatest ease. The thermometers are fitted in such a way that they can be read without going into any of the rooms. Each of the apartments can also be regulated as to temperature independently of any of the others. Colonel and Captain Everard have entered into the labor in the most public-spirited manner, and the country owes them a deep debt of gratitude.

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Trains stopping at intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.15 a.m., 9.15 a.m., and 9.50 a.m., Upper Port Chalmers 8.48 a.m., 9.48 a.m., and 10.21 a.m., Purakanui 9.20 a.m., 10.15 a.m., and 10.48 a.m., Waitati 9.40 a.m., 10.40 a.m., and 11.15 a.m., Palmerston arrive 11.18 a.m., 12.20 p.m., and 12.55 p.m.

Return trains leave Palmerston at 3.34 p.m., 4.20 p.m., and 4.55 p.m., Waihouaiti 4.6 p.m., 4.57 p.m., and 6.0 p.m., Seachiff 4.55 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and 6.38 p.m., Waitati 5.30 p.m., 6.0 p.m., and 7.10 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.48 p.m., 7.10 p.m., and 8.20 p.m., respectively.

Special tram, stopping at intermediate stations, will leave Dunedin at 9.40 a.m., Abbotsford 10.3 a.m., Mosgiel 10.25 a.m., Henley 10.57 a.m., Waihou 11.16 a.m., arriving Milton at 11.44 a.m.

Trains leave Milton at 4.5 p.m., and 6.9 p.m., Waihou 4.10 p.m., and 6.41 p.m., Henley, 4.58 p.m., and 6.55 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.30 p.m., and 8.15 p.m. respectively.

The 10.55 a.m. Dunedin-Mosgiel train will leave Cattle Yards at 11.10 a.m., Burnside 11.15 a.m., and Abbotsford 11.20 a.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Mosgiel at 6.15 p.m. will leave at 6.0 p.m., Burnside 6.19 p.m., Abbotsford 6.23 p.m.

The usual 5.15 p.m. tram for Outram will NOT leave Mosgiel till 6.10 p.m., Outram arrive 6.50 p.m.

## TAHERI RACES.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel Township at 9.20 a.m., 10.20 a.m., and 10.55 a.m.

Trains will leave Mosgiel Township for Dunedin at 5.35 p.m. and 5.50 p.m.

Trains will leave Mosgiel Junction for Dunedin at 5.10 p.m., 5.48 p.m., 6.3 p.m., 6.41 p.m., and 7.32 p.m.

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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1904.

## THE DOGGER BANK AFFAIR



THE universal sense of satisfaction and relief at the prospect of the questions involved in the Dogger Bank outrage being settled by arbitration will be tempered by a subdued but unmistakable feeling that England has been rather out-manoeuvred in the interchange of diplomacy on the matter. The claim of the Russian press that their Government has beaten Britain in the negotiations is undoubtedly well founded. Russia has 'saved her face,' gained time, averted a conflict, and secured a good prospect of getting very much better terms than England at first demanded. It is the fashion to despise and ridicule Muscovite methods but the fact remains that the British representatives are not now, and never have been able to cope with the Russians in the matter of diplomacy. The British representatives bark very loudly but they do not bite. In their dealings with Russia they seem to be perpetually in the position of those who are 'willing to wound but yet afraid to strike.' We do not mean, of course, that the nation is afraid in any military or naval sense—the British navy would make very short work of the Baltic fleet if it was only allowed to get to work—but the British representatives, after writing scathing despatches about Russian cruelty or perfidy and making the most violent paper protests, almost invariably hesitate, palter, dally with the question, and finally decide that the point of difference is not serious enough to be worth fighting for, and Russia inevitably gets her way in the end in spite of British talk at the commencement of negotiations. It is so in the present case. It was certainly the wisest course to submit the dispute to arbitration but undoubtedly England stands to lose most by the transaction.

The turn which events have taken in connection with this dispute furnishes a striking illustration of the value, both actual and potential, of the International Court of Arbitration established by the Hague Conference of 1899. That Conference, as we have explained elsewhere, was called at the direct instance of the Czar in the interests of universal peace. To his bitter disappointment it failed utterly in its more immediate purpose—viz, the gradual disarmament of the Great Powers—but the tribunal of arbitration which it succeeded in setting up is a standing evidence that the Conference was not called in vain. The Court was fully organised and duly constituted on April 14, 1901. Five months later it was called upon to hear its first dispute—a case of compensation for the destruction of Church property in Mexico—and the dispute was fully and finally settled in 28 days. Shortly afterwards the Boer delegates sought its intervention for the purpose of adjusting terms of peace between the Boers and England, but the Advisory Council decided that unless both parties were willing to submit the case to the Court no action could be taken. The action of England and Russia in the present case is not only significant in itself but is particularly valuable as a precedent. If ever there was a case that seemed little likely to lend itself to arbitration the Dogger Bank affair was one. There was apparently no two

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sides in the matter. The British fishermen had been cruelly and wantonly attacked, and not the slightest provocation had been given. There really seemed to be nothing to arbitrate about, and it would appear as if all that England had to do was to frame her claims, get her guns in order, and call upon Russia to 'stand and deliver.' And yet, at a time when popular feeling in both countries was roused to its highest pitch, even this case was referred to the high court of the nations instead of being settled by the bloody arbitrament of war. There is, of course, no legal compulsion on nations to submit their differences of opinion to the league Tribunal, but the high moral obligation which has always existed since the Court was set up has been vastly increased by the splendid example of these two great Powers in the Dogger Bank affair.

Incidentally, the episode throws an interesting side-light on the extent and reality of the immunity which England is supposed to enjoy from all danger of attack or invasion by any foreign enemy. Here was the case of a body of fishermen, on a well-known fishing bank, outside a populous port, shelled by a foreign fleet for half an hour without bringing a single man of war to the scene or attracting the notice of even a passing vessel. A well-known writer, Mr. R. Blatchford, editor of the 'Clarion,' has been publishing lately a notable series of articles on the question, Can England be invaded? and the recent happening certainly tends to confirm the emphatic affirmative with which he answers the question. It is an open secret that Germany has been long and carefully preparing for an invasion of the English coast. There is practically no concealment about it. The German Press, German military writers, and German statesmen in their speeches, do not leave the matter in the slightest doubt; and after the Dogger Bank business it is evident that a German fleet could do much damage and effect a landing with scarcely any serious opposition if they only took reasonable precautions in their choice of time and place. And if that is the condition of things with regard to the English coast where they have a Channel squadron, a Mediterranean squadron, and a Home squadron to look after them, what is to be said for our prospect of safety or security in these distant Southern seas?

## Notes

### The Bishop's 'Dairy Farm'

A rather good story is being told just now at the expense of Bishop Nelson, the Anglican Bishop of Auckland. The good bishop is a Londoner, out and out, and is not exactly an authority on the subject of farming. He was speaking at the Synod the other day on the parable about the people who couldn't come to the feast 'because they had married a wife,' and so on, and he went on to say that people were just as trumpery in their excuses to-day. After casting about for an up-to-date illustration, the Bishop finally delivered himself of the following: 'Another man says: "I have bought a team of oxen, and am about to start a dairy farm."' The mental picture of a man setting out with a team of oxen to start a dairy farm was too much for the gravity of even a Church Synod and the assembled clerics smiled long and loud.

### A Practical Step Towards Reunion

By far the most practical step towards reunion that we have yet seen is the suggestion contained in a letter which appeared in a recent issue of the 'Lamp,' an 'advanced' Anglican paper published in America. The letter is as follows:

Dear Sir,—Would it not be possible for some organised system for the payment of Peter's Pence to be arranged by the 'Lamp'? Surely this would be a

most excellent step towards Reunion. Surely the time has come when we, who are dead in earnest about it, ought to take some definite step, and here is one we can take at once. When this has been fairly started others will suggest themselves. Yours very truly,

An English Reader.

Clapham, S.W.

The editorial footnote appended to the letter is also significant and worth reproducing. It is in these terms:

(Two appropriate dates for the semi-annual payment of Peter's Pence would be the festivals of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, January 18, and St. Peter's Chains, August 1. The proper person to send Peter's Pence to is the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry del Val, the Vatican, Rome, Italy.—Ed the 'Lamp'.)

Pious talk about reunion is very cheap and may mean little, but there can be no doubt about the earnestness of people who are prepared to put their hands in their pockets.

### Anti-Ritualist Inconsistency

The Sydney 'Bulletin' does not set up to be much of an authority on matters of theology, but it gets home rather neatly on the idiotic inconsistency of the English Kensington brigade. At the Liverpool (England) Anglican Church Congress the other day (the paper says) the Bishop of Madagascar appeared wearing a cross, and got a reception from the Dill Mackyite section of the meeting which nearly amounted to clods. He was called 'renegade' and 'apostate,' and told in an excited bellow to 'go over to Rome.' The Dill Mackyite uses a hymn-book out of which he sings hollow cadences, that sound like the wind moaning in a paper bag, about 'clinging to the cross,' and he also bids the sinner to 'fly to the cross,' and yet when he sees a cross he is more than half-inclined to spit on it, and he jumps and uses football language. There are recesses in the Dillite mind that take a great deal of exploring.

### An Unfinished Tragedy and a Timely Hint

A minister wished to ascertain what influence the hard times had upon his congregation, and said, at the close of his sermon: 'I would ask everyone who still is able to pay his debts to rise from his seat.' The whole congregation rose, with the exception of one man. The parson then asked that all those who were unable to meet their bills should rise. Thereupon the aforementioned solitary individual got up, a hungry-looking, poorly-clad man, whose features revealed the terrible struggle of one fighting hopelessly against the vicissitudes of this world. The minister regarded him attentively, yet kindly. 'How is it, my friend,' he said, 'that you are the only one among all these people who cannot pay his debts?' 'Sir,' answered the man, hesitatingly, 'sir, I publish a newspaper, and these my brothers who rose just now are all subscribers, and—' But the minister interrupted him hastily. 'Let us pray,' he said.

A Christchurch deputation waited on Mr Seddon at Wellington on Monday, and asked for a subsidy for a nursing home for consumptives at New Brighton. The Premier, in the course of his reply, said he would discuss the matter with the Minister of Public Health. It seemed to him that we ought to strike at the root of the evil, but that we were only playing with it. Not a steamer came to New Zealand now that did not bring consumptive patients. In one steamer that arrived the other day there were three or four, and two of them in a very advanced stage. Our Colony was now being made the dumping ground for Great Britain and even further afield. Were we going to spend our money in State hospitals and curative institutions for them? The matter was very serious, and should be dealt with in a comprehensive way, and at once, otherwise we should have New Zealand in the same position as Switzerland, where nearly all the families were tainted with consumption. Unless we took action we should be in the same position as some of the healthiest parts of Europe that had become saturated with phthisis. He had seen reports from the health officers, and they were something alarming. The disease was coming not from ourselves, and, he repeated, that it was alarming.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Tuesday, the Feast of All Saints, Masses were celebrated at 7, 8, and 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

In announcing at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday morning that a home for the aged poor would be opened by the Little Sisters of the Poor on December 8, his Lordship the Bishop expressed the hope that members of the congregation would assist in the furnishing of it.

All who have followed the unqualified successes which have attended the efforts of the Christian Brothers and their pupils at the Dunedin Elocutionary Competitions, since their inauguration three years ago, must feel very gratified with the results obtained during the present Competition. Of the three sections open to boys, the pupils from this school have carried off two firsts and two seconds. This is most creditable when we consider that only three candidates are placed in each section. In the recitation for boys under 14, 'The fall of D'Assas,' the judge gave well-merited praise to the winners of the first and second places, viz., Master T. Leyburn (1st) and W. Mulrooney (2nd). Both winners are pupils of the Christian Brothers' School. In the more difficult piece, 'Cardinal Wolsey's Soliloquy,' open to boys and girls under 16, Master Thomas Lahey took first prize, he being, in the estimation of the judge, the one who got nearest to the spirit of the grand soliloquy. Master P. Wilson obtained second place in the piece, 'Sheridan's Ride,' for boys under 21. Results like these plainly show that successes on the athletic field are not the only ones to the credit of the pupils of the Christian Brothers.

At the ordinary meeting of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, held on October 25, the balance sheet for the past quarter was read and adopted. The sick pay for the quarter amounted to £17 6s 8d, and the quarterage to the district funeral fund to £12 16s 6d, whilst the receipts amounted to £90 6s 9d, leaving a balance of £30 3s 7d to the sick fund on the quarter's transaction. During the quarter 11 members were initiated, and eight left—three by death, three by arrears, and two by clearance, leaving a membership at present of 200 benefit and nine honorary members. Sincere regret was expressed at so many deaths during the quarter. The auditors reported having examined the books, etc., and, finding everything correct and up-to-date as usual, complimented the secretary on the satisfactory state of his accounts. The secretary reported, according to instructions received at a previous meeting, that the amount of capital paid by present members to the Dunedin United Friendly Societies' Dispensary was £8 1s. The information was asked for with the view of returning it, but the meeting unanimously resolved to take no further action in the matter. During the evening four candidates were initiated and seven proposed. On Sunday afternoon the members turned out in large numbers in regalia to attend the funeral of the wife of Bro. W. McKewen, who died during the week.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's Ladies' Social Club was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. The committee in their annual report thanked his Lordship the Bishop and the clergy for the kind interest which they had at all times taken in the Club. The committee also thanked Mrs. J. B. Callan, who had at various times entertained the members with interesting and instructive readings. The season just closed was a very successful and enjoyable one. Many social gatherings were held, and everything was done to make the evenings pleasant for the members. The membership during the year stood at 70. The balance sheet showed the total receipts for the year to be £25 15s 8½d, made up as follows: Balance in bank, £6 3s; cash in hand, 12s; subscriptions, £9 12s; gross receipts of euchre party, £8; weekly collections, £1 8s 8½d. The following were the items of expenditure: Books, membership cards, etc., 9s 11; weekly supper, £1 2s 3d; expenses of euchre party, £2 8s; expenses of social evenings, £1 7s; handed to his Lordship the Bishop, £9 10s; leaving a balance in bank of £5, and in hand, £5 18s 5½d. The report and balance sheet, which were considered very satisfactory, were adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Staunton; secretary and treasurer, Miss Purton; committee, Misses O'Neill, M. Hannon, K. Hannigan, M. Bryant, and A. Clancy. In bringing the meeting to a close the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., congratulated the members on the success of the Club during the past year.

The Railway authorities have a notice in this issue with reference to the alterations in, and additions to, the time-table on the King's Birthday. The goods sheds at Dunedin, Port Chalmers, and Oamaru will be closed on November 9...

## OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL FITZGERALD, TIMARU.  
(From our own correspondent.)

October 31.

Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, one of the old Canterbury pioneers, passed away at his residence, Church street, on Thursday last, after a long illness, in his 64th year. He died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, of which he had always been a practical and devoted member. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was one of the largest that has left our parish church for many years, many friends being present from as far north as Geraldine and as far south as Waimate, the representative attendance showing the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held. He was one of the founders of the Hibernian Society in this district, and despite the threatening state of the weather the members turned out some 80 strong, and marched before the hearse, the officers acting as pall-bearers. Mr. Fitzgerald was a native of the parish of Cullen, County Cork, Ireland, and left the Old Land for the Colonies in 1858. He first visited the goldfields and then spent some time in Christchurch and Geraldine, and finally settled in Timaru, starting business as a nurseryman. He did most of the forestry work for the Mackenzie County Council, and other South Canterbury public bodies, in fact the future forests of this district were planted under his direction. He always evinced the keenest interest in parish matters and was for many years a member of the Catholic school committee. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters to mourn their loss, also two brothers, Mr. M. Fitzgerald, J.P., Arrowhenua, and Mr. W. Fitzgerald, Dirrah Farm, Pleasant Point Road.—R.I.P.

### Presentation to Father Servajean, Blenheim

An interesting and popular function (says the 'Marlborough Daily Times') took place at the social gathering held in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. Father Servajean was presented, on behalf of a large number of friends, with a mark of esteem, on the occasion of his forty-first birthday. Some time after nine o'clock a considerable number of gentlemen ascended the platform of the hall, and, in the presence of the large gathering assembled at the social, Mr. R. McCallum (president of the Exhibition Executive Committee) presented the guest of the occasion with a purse containing 11 sovereigns.

Mr. McCallum said that they all knew Father Servajean not only as a pastor of his own flock, but as a citizen worthy of all the honors of true citizenship. Father Servajean had always felt it incumbent upon himself to help on any movement that made for the social welfare and happiness of the community; and they were taking advantage of this public occasion to tender to him on his natal day some recognition of the broad-minded interest he had taken in public matters. Mr. McCallum then referred to the active part taken by Father Servajean in the work of the Exhibition, and pleasantly referred to him as the popular 'chaplain' of the Exhibition Committee. They wished to express their appreciation of his liberal desire and his energetic efforts to promote the interests of the people as a whole; and, mindful of 'La Belle France,' had brought the token up to the value of one thousand francs.

Dr. Anderson added a few words in appreciation of the public worth of Father Servajean.

Mr. G. W. McIntosh also wished the recipient of the testimonial many happy returns of the day. Father Servajean's heart was as generous privately as his head was able in matters affecting the general weal. He spoke of his services as a supporter of the A. & P. Association and the Acclimatisation Society, as well as an Exhibition worker.

Mr. F. Shaw (vice-president of the Exhibition Association) paid a tribute to the active interest displayed by Father Servajean in the progress of public institutions.

The Rev. Father Servajean, who was received with applause, said that he was very grateful for the handsome present, and the kind remarks with which it was accompanied. He felt that the gentlemen who had given him this testimonial had either been blind to his faults, or he had been very successful in concealing them. He had met the members of the Exhibition Committee not as a priest but as a citizen, and he had been proud to associate with them. They had throughout had the courage of their convictions, had pulled together for what they regarded as the common good.



What he himself had done he would always be prepared to do. He felt that everyone should try to be of some use to his fellow man, and that had been his object throughout. In no place in which he had ever lived had he been so happy and contented; and he had proved to himself that one only needed to come into contact with the people of this district to find their true worth. He could not find words to express his gratitude for the very kind feeling expressed towards him on this occasion.

Three hearty cheers with musical honors brought the interesting function to a close. Subsequently the gentlemen, numbering about twenty, who took part in the ceremony on the stage, were the guests of the Rev. Father Servadei at the presbytery.

### MASTERTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 28.

Inspector Bakewell, M.A., who examined St. Patrick's School last month, when 140 pupils were presented, has just furnished his annual report, which is as follows:—The teachers are both capable and hard-working, and were they not teaching under such manifest disadvantages I should expect good, all-round work from them. As it is the results in pass subjects on the whole were not less than satisfactory, but much of the work (writing and oral work in particular) suffers from the crowded condition of the room. However, I understand from Dean McKenna that the necessary additional accommodation will be provided before the New Year, in which case I confidently anticipate greatly improved results in those subjects requiring brisk and animated oral treatment. I again note the exceptionally good behaviour of the children during the examination.

The friends of Mr. J. Prendeville will be pleased to hear that he is sufficiently recovered to be about again, after his severe illness.

The committee who are organising the convent bazaar, to be held next February, are meeting with splendid support, so there is every prospect of the bazaar being a great success.

### NEW ZEALAND GENERAL

We have to thank the Registrar-General for a copy of the 'Official Year-Book' for 1904.

An Avon road ratepayer states that, while he had been poisoning hundreds of birds with grain supplied by the Avon Road Board, and paid for out of the rates, the children had been going round his paddocks collecting the poisoned birds and selling their heads to the Road Board.

Mr. Seddon will visit Christchurch next week, and during his stay will present a charter to the city branch of the Liberal and Labor Association. The Premier has also informed the Chatto Creek branch of the Liberal Federation that if he is present at the opening of the Ophir-Ida Valley section of the Otago Central railway he will then present the charter to the Chatto branch.

A proposal is afoot in Gore for the erection of a building combining a municipal hall, reading and waiting rooms, gymnasium, etc., for the use of town and country people of both sexes. The proposal is to be submitted to the Borough Council by its promoters, who have moved in the matter in order to meet the want of some public building where country and town people may meet together for the transaction of business or social intercourse.

Mr. Bell, the contractor for the erection of St. Patrick's Church tower (says the Greymouth 'Evening Star'), has made a start with the job. The time allowed for the completion of the contract is six months. The total height from ground to top of the spire will be 125ft, and as the church is on high ground, it will be a conspicuous object from a long distance.

A totara tree was recently felled at Mr. G. J. Denistoun's bush, Mt. Peel (says the 'Ashburton Mail'), which cut up as follows:—70 large strainers at 10s, £35; 307 large posts at 1s 3d, £19 3s 9d; 100 stakes £1; 8½ cords firewood at 10s, £4 5s; total £59 8s 9d. These are estimated values at Mount Peel. This is the more remarkable, as the tree in question has had its branches and top blown off some time previous to its being felled.

The executive of the Catholic Young Men's Club, Wellington, have decided to found a scholarship in memory of the late Brother Mark, whose work as an educationist is well-known. A preliminary meeting was held last week when a good beginning was made, and the gentlemen, who have the matter in hand, are sanguine that the many friends and admirers of the deceased Brother will assist them in bringing the proposal to a successful issue.

At a public meeting called by the Wellington State Schools' Defence League on Friday night, the following resolution was carried:—That this meeting protest against the question of religious instruction in the State schools being submitted to the referendum, because (1) it is outside the function of the State to deal with matters of religion, and (2) if such religious instruction is given it will imperil the existing system of State education, and must inevitably impose a religious test on teachers.

On Tuesday afternoon the Legislative Council killed the Referendum Bill by 22 votes to 7. The measure was very severely handled by the Hons. G. McLean, Louisson, and Carncross, the last-named remarking that it was entirely subversive of representative government. If it were passed members would no longer be representatives of the people, but hired delegates waiting to see what the people thought, and then recording their votes. It was not a democratic measure. Some members wanted to draw their money as representatives of the people and yet not accept the responsibilities of the position.

It is most gratifying (says the Greymouth 'Evening Star') to see the number of young men's clubs that have sprung into existence in our town during the past twelve months. One of the most enthusiastic of these is that in connection with the Catholic Church, known as the St. Columba Club. It is but five or six months since the informal meeting was held, and since that time the club has gone ahead by leaps and bounds, and to-day the members are the proud possessors of a beautiful building built on the grounds of St. Joseph's School. The dimensions of the building in question are 60ft by 30ft, and it consists of two rooms—a social hall 40ft by 30ft, and a billiard room 30ft by 20ft, each room being beautifully finished.

Mr. Alfred Saunders, ex-M.H.R., returned to Christchurch the other day after five years' sojourn in England. A great mass of people had, he believed, lost confidence in Mr. Balfour's foreign policy. One effect of the preference agitation had been to divert attention from the education question. The majority of the people had always been more or less indifferent about the question. Efforts to arouse interest had been attended with much success. New Zealand was attracting a very large share of attention at home, and Mr. Seddon was the most discussed of colonial politicians. People who had never heard of Barton or Reid, or even of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, appeared to know all about New Zealand's Premier, and most of them looked upon him as a very capable man. Newspapers were not always complimentary in regard to New Zealand, but they admitted the force and originality of Mr. Seddon, and many of them applauded his achievements.

Mr. T. O'Rourke, who has just retired from the police force after 21 years' service, 16 of which he spent in Otaki, was entertained at a banquet the other night and presented with an illuminated address by the residents of the district. There was a very large attendance at the banquet, its representative character being a testimony to the popularity of Mr. O'Rourke with all classes. Mr. Sincox, senior justice of the peace for the district, occupied the chair. After several toasts had been duly honored the chairman proposed that of the guest, and in doing so paid a high compliment to the zeal, ability, and impartiality displayed by Mr. O'Rourke in the discharge of his duties during his long residence in the district. As Clerk of the Court he had from time to time given very valuable assistance to the justices of the peace, who were often saved from making mistakes by his knowledge of the law. The justices of the peace of the district and the public generally felt that the present was a fitting occasion on which they should show their high appreciation of the services of the guest of the evening. The chairman then presented Mr. O'Rourke with an illuminated address, signed by fourteen justices of the peace, members of the legal profession, and several of the general public. Mr. O'Rourke suitably responded, and thanked the chairman and others for their flattering remarks. He believed he had the esteem of the public, and he had the pleasure of knowing that he was retiring with a clean sheet, which he mostly prized.

Report of social gathering held by St. Mary's Literary and Social Club (Milton), unavoidably crowded out, will appear next week.



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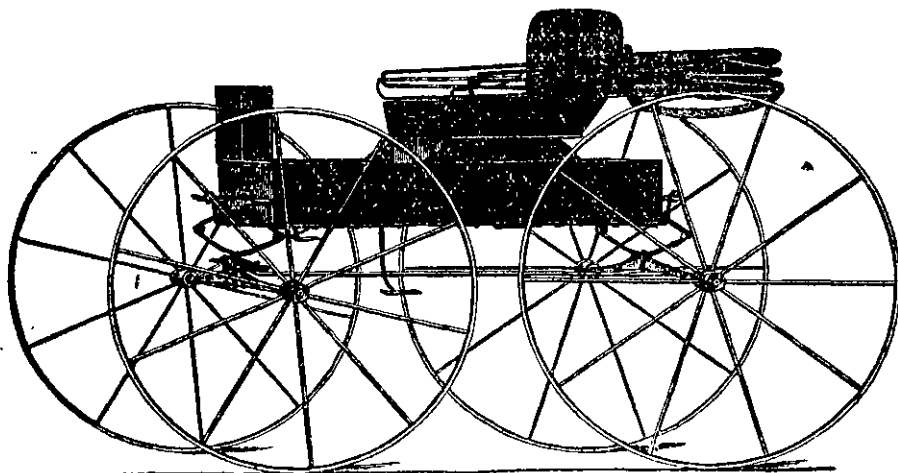
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# The Storyteller

## THE MASTER OF THE MILL

### I.

'What a picture that church spire with its uplifted cross makes against the sky!'

George Bryson smiled as, leaning forward in his armchair, he looked out upon the scene framed by the window of his little study. It was a typical New England landscape. In the valley lay a neat village, some of whose houses were quaint and old, dating from the Revolution; others aggressively modern and pretentious. Close beside the river rose an imposing pile of factory buildings—the Bryson Cotton Mills; Beyond the settlement, the woods and waters; and the fertile farms stretched away to the purple, mist-veiled hills.

The yellow belfry of the Unitarian meeting-house, almost embowered by the trees of the foreground, had been a familiar object to Mr. Bryson all his life. For he was born in the home where he now lived, and so much had his energy done for the development of his native township that it was now known by his name.

The lofty tower and grey walls of the church within a stone's throw of the mills were, however, a novel feature of the panorama.

'As I sit here sometimes, when the white wind-clouds drift pass the cross, it seems floating in the air; and again at a touch of the sunlight it becomes a cross of flame that sends my memory back to the legend of Constantine and his sign of triumph.'

As the elderly gentleman spoke, pleasantly, yet with the languor of one in ill-health, he turned toward his sister, who, flourishing the daintiest of feather dusters, stood at the reading-table, flecking imaginary dust from the magazines and newspapers and restoring order out of the chaos in which they were heaped together. Like her brother, Miss Bryson was no longer young. Against his sixty odd years she could count at least fifty-five; but she was still in the vigor of perfect health, and it might be seen at a glance that his strength was broken.

There was a striking resemblance between the two long, sallow faces. The eyes of both were light and keen; but while those of the man were calm and steady, betokening a nature that governed itself and was therefore capable of influencing others, the restlessness and fire of the woman's indicated an uncertain temper as well as an ardent disposition. George Bryson had always been considered handsome, but Miss Sarah's features were too masculine for beauty, and even in her teens she was called plain. Paris gowns, Gainsborough hats, and a certain savoir faire now gave her an air of distinction; yet she was, despite these accessories, a veritable Puritan spinster, who clung to her narrowness as tenaciously as if she had never been away from the village, and honestly believed that Dr. Holmes was right when he described Boston as the 'hub of the universe.'

On this morning, therefore, when her brother's gaze strayed again to the graceful spire that, like the hand of a missionary, held aloft the cross, her patience gave way.

'That Romish steeplespoils the view from this side of the house,' she said, sharply. 'How the mill hands built such a church I cannot understand. It must have a great debt.'

'The debt will be paid.'

'Well, if your operatives have funds to throw away, I advise you to lower your scale of wages, George.'

'And have a strike, with the mills idle when we are so rushed with orders that we can scarcely fill them all?' replied Mr. Bryson, quietly. 'You are an excellent housekeeper, Sarah, but I can still manage the mills—with Frank's assistance.'

His sigh as he concluded told that he had already been forced to delegate to another the larger share of the work he loved.

With a toss of her head, which presented a bewildering coiffure of curls and frizzes of the fashionable shade of 'Titian brown,' Miss Sarah went on with her dusting.

'I liked to go into the churches abroad,' continued her brother, amiably adhering to the topic. 'Their atmosphere attracted and impressed me with a mysterious peace. Until that illness two years ago which made it necessary for me to take a vacation, I lived for nothing but business and money-making.'

Notwithstanding the annoyance she naturally felt at being told, in effect, to mind her own affairs, Miss Sarah was not going to be silent and hear a Bryson depreciate himself.

'No one would dare say that of you, George,' she protested, restoring the feathered badge of her sphere

of authority to an embroidered case that hung on the wall and facing about, ready to sound his praises on the housetops if need be. 'No man in the township is so public-spirited as you are. Not only our local undertakings but almost every philanthropic organisation in Boston counts you among its benefactors. Why, I really believe you have given even to the Romish charities. There are the model houses, too, and the library you have built for the mill hands. Why, the mills are famous for never having had a strike but once. Then I must say, though, you surprised me; for you were as unyielding as adamant.'

'Yes, some new operatives held socialist meetings and tried to make trouble; but when they were discharged the matter was soon adjusted,' replied the mill-owner. 'But, my dear sister, all these enterprises of mine are but a proof to the world of my business and financial success. To be sure, I have tried to do some good to others; but I have been thinking lately that if we had learned a little more religion with our philanthropy in the yellow meeting-house yonder we should be the better for it.'

'Oh, the art and architecture of the European churches are, of course, magnificent,' conceded Miss Sarah, grudgingly. 'But how the beggars swarm in and out of them, and lounge on the benches of the porticos! Their presence is very obnoxious to sight-seers. I wonder the authorities do not drive them away!'

'Whom? The sight-seers?' laughed Mr. Bryson. 'Oddly enough, it was this very presence of the beggars that touched me. A Catholic cathedral seemed to me what it claims to be—the house of God to rich and poor alike. The rich come, look, sometimes pray, and then go; but the poor almost live in those churches; and occasionally an unwashed but beauty-loving vagrant of the streets may be found who knows the loveliness of an altarpiece of Guido or Sassaferrato better than the travelled connoisseur. The charitable institutions of the Continent were, moreover, a revelation to me. My own schemes of benevolence seemed petty enough when I saw men and women who had given up every natural tie and joy of life to devote themselves to the service of the unfortunate. We have indeed such heroes and heroines in this country also, only I never realised it before. Surely their religion must be something more than the breath of incense, the tranquility of Gothic aisles, or the majesty of Roman basilicas.'

'Well, no one ever heard of a Bryson being anything but a Unitarian, and I hope no one ever will,' declared Miss Sarah, emphatically, if with apparent irrelevance.

'No, Sarah; if you should happen to become a Theosophist or a Mormon even, we will keep it a dead secret,' replied her brother, with dry humor. 'By the way, I almost forgot to tell you Father Glenn is coming to dinner on Thursday.'

Miss Sarah raised her hands and eyes toward the ceiling.

'A Catholic priest coming to dine at the table of a Bryson!' she exclaimed, in horror. 'I shall not stay to see it; I shall go to Boston for a week's visit.'

'As you please, my dear,' rejoined Mr. Bryson. 'The gentleman, besides being a hard worker among his people, is, I am told, an enthusiast upon the subject of art and ceramics. I thought his conversation might entertain you as well as myself.'

Miss Sarah stared. A priest who was interested in rare old china, her particular fad! She wondered if he could decipher the mark on that piece she bought in Florence.

'Oh, well, George, of course I will not desert you,' she said, changing her tactics, and adding to herself: 'I will remain to protect my brother from this wolf in sheep's clothing, but it is very probable that I shall faint under the ordeal.'

### II.

All too soon, according to Miss Sarah, the day arrived that was to introduce into the Bryson mansion the visitor whose expected coming was, she said, enough to make her Puritan ancestors 'turn in their graves.' But had the lady known what the morning would bring, even she would not have worried over so small a matter as an unwelcome dinner guest. Mr. Bryson awoke so listless that he did not rise; and the physician, being hastily summoned, warned the family that the illness from which the patient suffered had made alarming headway during the last few weeks. 'However, with rest and quiet, he may be better again,' said the doctor, hopefully.

George Bryson had long been a widower. He had loved his wife as a man of his strong, reserved nature loves; and now his affection was centred in their only child, Frank, who, grown to manhood, was at present the acting manager of the mills.

When Miss Sarah was not travelling abroad she looked after the ways of the household. In her absence Margaret, a faithful servant, apparently did as well in keeping the domestic machinery running smoothly; but Mr. Bryson, considerably, never let Miss Sarah imagine that he thought so.

While she deplored her brother's indisposition, Miss Sarah also felt that the untoward circumstance had saved the name and fame of her people.

'Providence has cancelled the dinner engagement,' she soliloquised, and her air said as triumphantly that Providence was always on the side of the Brysons.

Had any other guest been bidden, she would have told Frank that hospitality forbade him to retract the invitation to a simple family meal. But even her curiosity in regard to her choice bit of falience did not counterbalance her dread of Romanism; and she sent a note to the priest, informing him of her brother's illness and consequent inability to receive him.

The first impulse of gentle, kindly Father Glenn was to pay a short call of sympathy upon the man whose sterling qualities had evoked his admiration. After second thought, however, he contented himself with writing a few lines to Mr. Bryson, expressing regret for his illness and the hope that his convalescence would be rapid. And then he forgot all about Miss Sarah's too apparent antagonism. For, unlike the young minister of the yellow meeting-house, the pastor of St. Patrick's cared not at all what the women of Bryson township thought of him, so long as he knew he was doing his duty. His tenure of office did not depend upon their whims and fancies.

Before the end of the month it became evident that George Bryson's useful life was drawing to its close. He had always loved the prospect of the valley that his house commanded, and, accordingly, his couch was placed near a window of his sleeping-room, which connected with the study. One night as he lay restless his mind ran upon many things. What a strange awakening it must be to find the intellect and spirit as strong as ever and the body nearing the point of dissolution! Do we need other proof of the immortality of the soul?

Frank, the active, clever business man of thirty, sat on the divan at the foot of the bed, his face buried in his hands. The electric light was shut off, but the moonbeams shone into the room.

George Bryson, turning on his pillow, looked out upon the calm autumnal sky, the distant hills that were as dark clouds at the horizon, the indistinct masses of the trees, the spire whose cross now seemed merged into the sky.

'Frank,' he said at length, 'all the village lies in shadow, but in that church down there a light is burning.'

Frank rose and gazed out of the window.

'I see no light, sir,' he replied.

Mr. Bryson smiled to himself.

'Neither do I,' he admitted; 'but I know it is there.' Last winter, boy, when you were away on that business trip, and before I was stricken down, I often went into Boston to the theatre. It was when I was coming home, frequently at midnight, that I noticed the light. The first time that I saw the faint glow like an incipient flame I thought the church was on fire and was on the point of ringing the door bell of the priest's house to arouse him. But not a puff of smoke came from the church. I walked around it and found all secure; yet I was not satisfied. The windows are not high above the ground, and several are still filled with plain glass. I stood on the stone coping beneath one of them, drew myself up to the sash, and looked in. What I thought to be the beginning of a conflagration was a steady light, like a star poised in mid air. As I let myself down to the ground again I remembered to have seen the same thing abroad—a golden lamp suspended from the roof of the chancel and kept burning by day also. Why is it kept burning?

'I do not know, sir,' replied Frank, indifferently; 'unless it may be a votive taper like the hundreds one sees before any legendary shrine of Italy.'

'No; this is a single lamp, and it hangs before the main altar. Who can tell me about it? Ah, yes, Margaret! What a woman she is for going to church! Winter or summer, rain or shine, she is off to "Mass," as she says, before seven o'clock every Sunday morning! I'll ask her about the light to-morrow.'

The next day, before Frank departed for the mills, Margaret was summoned.

'I would rather talk to her while you are here,' George Bryson said to his son. 'The very mention of the Roman Church "riles" Sarah, so to speak.'

Margaret came, prepared to render some domestic assistance. Mr. Bryson had always been considerate of his servants, if in a somewhat lordly way; and now in his last days she would willingly, as she said in her warm-hearted fashion, serve him with hand and foot and on bended knee, if necessary.

Indeed, it was on her knees that, perhaps, she served him best. That the family, so solicitous in all else, were so callous in regard to the spiritual welfare of the beloved one so fast slipping away from them, inexpressibly shocked her simple faith; and daily, in her plain little attic room of the luxurious house, with ardent Irish piety did she pour forth her prayer that God would deal gently with the master, 'because, poor man, he knows no better.'

Now, when the invalid put to her the query that had long haunted his thoughts, she was ready enough with her answer.

'It is the sanctuary lamp, you mean, sir,' she said, in her rich brogue. 'Sure it is kept burning before the altar to know that the Blessed Sacrament is there, do you see? The light represents the devotion of the faithful. Since we must go about our work, or to rest at night, it is put there that its flame may be as the prayer of our hearts, a perpetual act of adoration, sir.'

'A beautiful custom, Margaret,' acknowledged George Bryson. 'But what is the Blessed Sacrament?'

'The Lord Himself, sir, waiting there for us to go to Him with our troubles or our joys, or willing to come to us if we be sick or helpless.'

Frank, walking up and down the floor, tried to make a digression by which the woman might be dismissed. But George Bryson wanted to hear more. Uneducated in speech, and just able to read and write her name, Margaret, nevertheless, was not ignorant of her religion, and her explanations were clear and simple.

'Do you really believe this?' asked the mill-owner when she had finished.

'Faith an' I do,' she answered, fervently.

'Does Father Glenn really believe it?'

'Deed if he didn't he might as well be out of St. Patrick's,' was her energetic reply. 'But more nor the likes of me and him, the great Doctors of the Church, them that spins their lives in the study of the Scriptures an' all knowledge—they believe like the little children you see going to the altar for the first time. You have seen the children yourself, sir, maybe—the boys wearing a white badge over their hearts, and the girls all in white-like little fluttering doves?'

'Thank you, Margaret; you may go,' said Mr. Bryson, closing his eyes.

And Margaret, after straightening the counterpane and giving one or two orderly touches to the room, stole away with disappointment in her heart.

'Sure talking so to the likes o' him is worse nor casting pearls before swine,' she muttered to herself as she hurried back to the kitchen. 'Well, we are all in God's hands; and as the master has not been hard on others, may He be good to him.'

'Frank,' remarked Mr. Bryson during the following night (for his son watched with him during the hours when the world sleeps)—'Frank, what Margaret said was very consoling, don't you think so?'

All the prejudices of the younger man were aroused by the question. Bitter words of unbelief rose to his lips, but he suddenly checked them. His father was too ill to discuss this matter, therefore he answered evasively.

'It seemed to me quite mediaeval, sir.'

'Yet, if it is not true, then these Catholics think of God as being more merciful, more compassionate, more perfect than He is, and that would be impossible, whereas, if it is true, how different life, death, everything becomes when viewed from this standpoint! It is true! Frank, at daylight I want you to send for Father Glenn.'

'But, sir—'

George Bryson raised himself in bed with an effort.

'My son, I shall presently yield up to you, absolutely, the mills, my fortune, this house even,' he said in a clear voice, 'but to my last breath I shall cling to that possession to retain which our ancestors crossed the seas—liberty of conscience. If you interfere with my freedom to do as I will, may the Bryson wealth and the honor of the Bryson name shrink in your hands until they amount to nothing!'

He threw himself back exhausted; and the startled son, falling upon his knees beside the bed, sobbed as he strove to soothe the excitement he had unwittingly caused.

'Father, father, forgive me. Your every wish shall be obeyed.'

A few days later the Bryson Mills shut down for 36 hours, though the operatives were informed they would be paid as usual; the bells of the meeting-house tolled at frequent intervals; the flag on the library floated at half-mast; and, unknown to the village, early that morning Father Glenn had offered the Holy Sacrifice for a soul newly summoned to give an account of its stewardship. For George Bryson, the wealthy manufacturer, the public benefactor, was no more. The light

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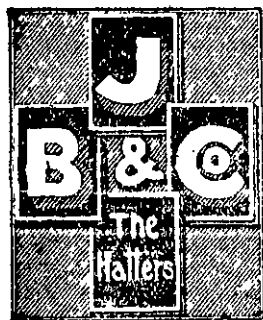
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All the township wished to turn out to do honor to the memory of the philanthropist, but like a rebuff came the announcement from the great house that the founder of the mills would be attended to his last resting-place only by his household—it was the desire of the family, and so on.

The Brysons had not the moral courage to bid their large connection to a public requiem service, nor were the relatives invited at all.

But Margaret and the other servants, thinking that no act of the master's life 'so well became him as his leaving of it,' saw no need for reticence.

Thus the rumor soon spread that he had died a Catholic; and Father Glenn, when interrogated, briefly stated what had happened.

The rich man's will had been made months before, so the parish of St. Patrick was no better off for its eleventh-hour convert.

After several years, however, Mr. Frank unexpectedly paid off the debt of its buildings, adding something more over and above to his donation—in performance of a duty,' he courtly said—or was it 'a promise'?

Neither the new master of the mills nor Miss Sarah has ever entered the church of the cross-crowned spire; but before its altar, as a perpetual prayer for the soul of George Bryson, hangs a lamp which is one of the most exquisite specimens of the goldsmith's art that the pastor could obtain in Europe.—'Ave Maria.'

## The Catholic World

### ENGLAND.—Mill Hill College

The Very Rev. C. Aherne has been appointed Rector of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, London, N.W., as successor of Father Henry, who was elected Superior-General of the Society at the recent General Chapter. Father Aherne has been a professor at the college since 1889.

### New Church at Walworth

The church recently erected in Walworth was opened on September 11 by Bishop Amigo. Father Westgate has been appointed Rector. An anonymous donor has borne the entire cost of the building, £6000. This is the fifth new church opened in South London during the past twelve months.

### An Old Church

On the 8th of September (says the 'Catholic Times') Captain and Mrs. Bartle Teeling celebrated their silver jubilee. His Holiness Pope Pius X. sent them a special blessing on the occasion in recognition of Mrs. Teeling's services to Catholic literature during a quarter of a century. Among those who sent presents or congratulations were his Grace the Archbishop of Trebizond, the Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Mr. John G. Kenyon, Knight of St. Gregory and Private Chamberlain to the Pope, Dom Gilbert Dolan, O.S.B., and others. Their marriage on the 8th of September, 1879, was the first celebrated since the Reformation in the historic Church of St. Ethelfreda, which was built in the year 1297, and is the only church in London at present in the possession of Catholics which dates from pre-Reformation times.

### St. Patrick's Day in London

On St. Patrick's Day a great Irish service will be held in Westminster Cathedral at which a sermon in Irish will be preached, most likely by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster has announced his intention of presiding, and another Irish prelate, the Most Rev. Dr. Fenton, Bishop of Amycla, will be the celebrant. So far as the rubrics will permit the hymns will be in Irish, and it is stated that in addition to the members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who will attend in full force, a number of Irish gentlemen, headed by the Hon. William Gibson, son of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, will wear ancient Irish costume. Notable Irishmen from abroad have already signified their intention of being present.

### Visit Postponed

The Rev. Father Hays, of Market Rasen, the well-known leader of the Catholic Temperance Crusade, and nephew of the Right Rev. Mgr. Nugent, of Liverpool, who was expected to be present at the Catholic Congress, found it was impossible for him to come to Australia this year, as the large amount of work devolving upon him in the United Kingdom demands his presence there. In answer to a query by a press representative regarding the probable departure of the great

temperance advocate for the Antipodes the secretary of the Temperance Crusade said: 'For ten years Father Hays has not had a holiday, and health and strength show signs of wear and tear, and we feel that such a voyage would build up his strength and enable him to do even greater things here on his return. In fact, the doctors have ordered him to do less work and to take a holiday rest.' 'Would not the combination of these facts induce the Father to visit Australia?' 'I cannot say.' In reply to a further inquiry, the secretary of the Crusade stated that Father Hays had given a definite promise to visit Australia and New Zealand next year. In 1900 Pope Leo XIII. spoke of Father Hays as 'a true apostle,' whilst the present Pope, Pius X., in November, 1903, showed his personal esteem and regard for Father Hays by bestowing upon him his highest commendation and Apostolic Benediction, and in a Brief from Rome said he took 'the deepest interest in his noble work.'

### FRANCE.—The See of Laval

In a letter addressed to Monsignor Geay, the ex-Bishop of Laval, accepting his resignation, Cardinal Merry del Val dwells on the spontaneous character of the prelate's act, thanks him on behalf of the Pope for its generosity, and informs him that the Holy Father will accord him an episcopal title, and will have no difficulty in granting the other desires expressed in his letter.

### The Separation of Church and State

Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, has sent to the 'Figaro' a letter in which he states that he considers the only possible solution of the present crisis is the separation of Church and State. He considers that the separation is bound to come sooner or later, and that it is unwise to rely upon temporary postponement. Both the clergy and the laity should be prepared for the worst, and should be ready to meet the crisis when it arises. He expresses very much the same views as the Comte d'Haussonville, in the letter published a few weeks back.

### French Interests in the East

The 'Osservatore Romano' contradicts the statement going the round of the European press to the effect that the Holy See contemplates transferring the protectorate of Christians in the East from France to Austria or any other Power. 'By the very force of circumstances,' remarks the Vatican organ, 'the traditional French protectorate in the Orient will necessarily grow weaker and weaker until it falls altogether, owing entirely to the policy of the Government, and without any responsibility on the part of the Holy See. And in a century which may well be called the epoch of the world-embracing policy, and in which nations are struggling to extend their influence throughout the globe, France will have sacrificed one of her most glorious and potent means of expansion, prestige, and moral influence to the insatiable claims of a disastrous anti-clerical policy.'

### Inconsistency of Anti-clericals

The American 'Messenger' points out some instances of inconsistency on the part of leading French anti-clericals: 'The Minister of War (Andre) decorated two nuns for their heroism, and M. Delcasse demands reparation for the killing of Catholic Belgian missionaries. M. Jaures, dictator of the Chamber, expressed his "entire thanks" to two Dominican nuns who cured his mother, Waldeck-Rousseau and Bourgeois had similarly employed the services of nuns whom they declared to be living in open violation of the laws of nature and of France. President Loubet's son was recently confirmed, and the leading Radical gentlemen who support and administer the Government have attended the Catholic funerals of their most intimate relatives. The 'Gaulois' reports that some one recently saw two kneeling benches beneath a crucifix in the bed-chamber of M. Andre and his spouse.'

### Vacant Sees

The position of ecclesiastical affairs in the two French dioceses of Dijon and Laval is peculiar, and it will prove difficult to provide a 'modus vivendi' without arousing fresh conflict with M. Combes' Government. The 'Temps,' usually well informed, discusses the question, and concludes that the Government will continue to recognise Monsignor le Nordez and Monsignor Geay as the legitimate occupants of the vacant sees. For it is under no obligation to accept the resignation of a Bishop, and in these instances may content itself with considering the Bishops as temporarily absent—a policy which need not be changed for any length of time. Only in the event of the Holy See regarding these dioceses as vacant, and proceeding to appoint new Bishops, would the State be compelled to intervene, with the sure result that a sharp conflict between the temporal and spiritual power would at once arise. Not

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### UNITED STATES.—Thanks the Pope

The Western Negro Press Association in session at Guthrie, Okla., adopted resolutions thanking Pope Pius X. for his expression of sympathy in response to the letter sent by the Press Association in 1903. In closing, the resolutions state that 'since the Catholic Church has taken such a bold and helpful stand against the outrages perpetrated against our race, we respectfully request Protestant bodies of this country to take similar action.'

## Japanese Surgery and Medicine

Down to the date of their recent severance of the bonds of Oriental conservatism, the Japanese (says the Dublin 'Freeman's Journal'), like their neighbors of the vast Celestial Empire, were decidedly peculiar—from the European point of view—in their notions of the theory and practice of the art of healing. In the department of medicine they practised largely, and with very considerable variation as to means and method; but in that of surgery, their range was exceedingly limited. Their surgical armamentarium, like that of their Chinese neighbors, consisted almost solely—if not wholly—of the needle and the cautery. The 'acupuncture needle' was made to penetrate the skin at certain prescribed points, in the treatment of the most various diseases; from cholera, dysentery, and the 'endemic colic' of the country, down to the most trivial local rheumatic or neuralgic pains. A candidate for a diploma in surgery was placed, needle in hand, before a bronze mannikin, on the surface of which the recognised therapeutic points were indicated by small holes. This mannikin was draped with paper, through which he was required to penetrate the masked orifices when a certain disease was named. Accuracy of aim was, of course, an infallible testimony of the requisite skill. The cautery was applied in the form of a cylinder, or cone, made of certain highly inflammable vegetable products—leaves or pith—rolled into conical or cylindrical form, and placed on the skin over the affected region. This was set on fire at the apex, and allowed to burn itself out.

### Their Medical Practitioners

were also druggists and botanists. Each was accompanied in his rounds by an attendant, who bore a small chest in which were twelve drawers. Each of the latter was furnished with 111 compartments, containing herbs and drugs. After examining the patient, the medical adviser selected the requisite remedies from this reservoir, and prepared and mingled them 'secundum artem.' Their science of the pulse was the most complex of any known to medical history—except, perhaps, that of their Chinese neighbors. An examination of the pulse required fully half an hour, at the conclusion of which the doctor professed to know all the conditions and the causes of the malady. As a rule they used but few remedies. They never let blood. They gave the patient none of the ordinary cooled form of diet—on the ground that the stomach in disease was unable to digest anything suitable to the healthy state. Otherwise, they gave the sick, as far as possible, what they wished for, relying on the view that nature was always the safest adviser, and never demanded what was likely to be hurtful to the constitution. The great object of their practice was the prevention of disease, and to this they believed that nothing contributed more effectively than

### The Frequent Use of the Bath

There were three varieties of smallpox recognised in Japanese practice. The first corresponded to the disease known in Europe by that name; the second appears to have been identical with our measles; the third was a special endemic disease of the country, characterised by an eruption of watery pustules, and which the famous Jesuit, Pere de Charlevoix, was disposed to attribute to the excessive use of cold drinks by the Japanese. None of the varieties appear, however, to have been regarded as a very fatal disease. Dr Koempfer, the early Japanese medical explorer, tells us that the only treatment considered necessary was to envelop the patient in cloths of a red color. He also states that when one of the family of the Emperor was attacked by smallpox, not only was his bed and the walls of the bedchamber curtained with red, but all the attendants were obliged to wear garments of the same hue. Such practice, which was declared to be of untold antiquity, forms an interesting anticipation indeed of the experimental practice of the English John of Gaddesden, and its recent resuscitation, on the most scientific grounds, by some European and American physicians.

What scientific physician, even in the opening years of this ultra-scientific twentieth century, can be absolutely sure that he has advanced a really new discovery?

## The Vatican Observatory

The demands of chronology and the necessity in the ecclesiastical year of regulating the various festivals of the Church with accuracy constitute the practical considerations (says the 'Glasgow Observer') which led the authorities at Rome to encourage the study of astronomy. The Rev. Dr J. A. Zahm, C.S.C., Professor of Physics in the University of Notre Dame, a well known writer and scientist, recently visited the observatory of the Vatican, and described it in a most interesting article. Rev. Dr. Zahm says:—

'As far back as the time of St. Polycarp, in the second century, there was a dispute as to the time when Easter should be celebrated. The question was taken up by Pope Leo the Great, and later on by Nicholas V., Sixtus IV., and Leo X., but without any satisfactory results. Not until 1582 was the controversy settled, when Gregory XIII. promulgated the reformed calendar, and made it obligatory throughout the Catholic world. The building in which the work of reformation of the calendar was executed forms a portion of the immense pile of buildings in Rome called the Vatican. The upper portion of the structure, in honor of its projector, is known as the Gregorian Tower. It is a large and massive structure, containing more than a score of spacious apartments. The room in which the calendar was reformed is preserved in essentially the same condition in which it existed in the time of Gregory XIII. In the centre of the floor is a large slab of marble, in which is executed the celebrated meridian of the noted Dominican, Ignazio Dante, one of the commission appointed for the reformation of the calendar. By means of this meridian and a small aperture in the wall, through which a solar beam was permitted to enter, he was able to demonstrate the necessity of reforming the calendar and the exactness of the system proposed by one of his associates, Luigi Lilio, of Calabria. The orifice through which the sun's rays were admitted appears as a minute white spot on the left-hand side of the picture. The calendar room is now used for the weekly meetings of the Vatican Astronomical Association, which are usually presided over by his Eminence Cardinal Moennig.'

The writer next proceeds to recount the history of the observatory, which has not been without its vicissitudes, down to the reign of the late Pope Leo XIII., in whom it found a cordial and most generous patron. He continues:—

'Pope Leo endowed the observatory with a sum ample to meet all current expenses, and set aside certain portions of the Vatican palace and gardens for its special use. Near the Gregorian Tower he gave a suite of rooms for the reception of a large heliograph and its appurtenances. This instrument, used for photographing the sun, is an exact duplicate of one employed by Janssen in his observatory at Mendocino. But by far the most important addition to the previously existing observatory was the famous Leonine tower on the summit of the Vatican hill. The two lower storeys are set apart for researches in terrestrial magnetism and seismology. In the upper storey is placed a large photographic equatorial, in size and design like the great instrument in the National Observatory of Paris.'

At the present time, Dr. Zahm says, the astronomers of the Vatican Observatory are busily engaged in executing their part of the colossal international chart and catalogue of the heavens, parts of which have also been assigned to the observatories of the United States. Photographs are also being made of the other heavenly bodies—the moon, planets, comets, and nebulae—and attention is likewise given to the photographing of stellar spectra and of cloud phenomena for meteorological purposes. Describing this feature of the observatory, Dr. Zahm says:—'The Gregorian Tower is singularly well equipped with instruments for investigations of all kinds. It is well provided with the latest patterns of automatic instruments, particularly in the departments devoted to meteorology. The library is already quite large, and is rapidly increasing in size and importance. It receives the published reports of more than three hundred observatories, in all parts of the old and new worlds, and in exchange for them it sends out to its correspondents the results of its own labor.'

The Rev. Father Maguire, of Lismore diocese, who has finished his studies in Rome, has returned to Australia. He has been appointed a Professor at St. Patrick's College, Manly.

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The Silver Jubilee of the ordination of the Right Rev. Dr. Delany, Coadjutor-Bishop of Hobart, took place on November 1. It was the intention of the clergy and laity to honor the event in a fitting manner, and to testify to the place which the Bishop of Laranda holds in the hearts of his people. Dr. Delany, on hearing that a movement was on foot to present him with a testimonial, requested the organisers not to proceed with the matter, as he felt that the Catholics of the archdiocese had already many other pressing calls for religious and educational purposes on their generosity.

Sincere regret was felt in Melbourne on the announcement of the death of the pioneer journalist, Mr. Samuel Vincent Winter, brother of Mr. Joseph Winter, proprietor of the 'Advocate'. He was born in the Goulburn district in 1813. When a lad he was apprenticed to the printing trade, which he learnt thoroughly, and in 1868 he established the 'Advocate,' of which he was manager for several years. With others he purchased the 'Herald,' of which he became manager in 1874, and afterwards assumed the position of editor. He held at the time of his death the post of general manager of the 'Herald' and 'Weekly Times' Newspaper Company, and editor-in-chief of the company's publications. Mr. Winter married early in life, and had been a widower over 20 years at the time of his death. He leaves three sons, all married, and a daughter. His mother, who is 86 years of age, survives him.

Following on the pronouncement of his Holiness regarding the general revival and cultivation of Gregorian Chant (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross'), his Grace the Archbishop has lately been very active and practical. Pending the arrival of the authorised texts of the music, his Grace has made appropriate selections from the books at hand, and is having them taught in most of the Catholic schools of the city. He has visited the schools himself regularly, and conducted some of the classes, and he expresses himself as highly pleased with the results. The tastes and attainments of the Archbishop in connection with music generally and the Gregorian Chant in particular are widely known, and it is only in the fitness of things that his Grace should be first in the field in taking effective action to carry out the mandate of his Holiness.

The Rev. John Ferguson, pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), has proved himself a man possessing a keen sense of humor as well as broad Christian views, so that it is not difficult to imagine his reflections just now on the discomfiture of Dr. Dill-Macky. The latter had talked a motion in the Presbytery, which placed Mr. Ferguson 'before the bar' to answer certain categorical questions concerning his recent visit to the Pope, and on the 12th inst. this motion came up for consideration, when the Presbytery took the very laudable view that the whole thing was 'beyond the order of leave'. All the naive Dr. Dill-Macky wanted, it appeared, was that Mr. Ferguson should state whether it was a fact (1) that he had paid a visit to the Pope while in Rome (2) whether he did so in his official or private capacity, and (3) whether, in being presented, he had kissed the Pope's hand or any part of his vestment. The motion was rightly regarded as a fishing inquiry which asked Mr. Ferguson to incriminate himself, and thus furnish the basis for condemnatory action, and with a few discontents the whole thing was ordered out of court.

The feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (says the 'Monitor,' Tasmania) was kept in the diocese as the 58th anniversary of the consecration of his Grace the Archbishop, the Nestor of the Catholic hierarchy. Congratulatory messages reached the Archbishop from priests and people throughout Tasmania, and references to the event were made in all the churches. On Sunday morning the Hobart Catholic Young Men's Society received Holy Communion from his Grace, and in the afternoon the officers of the Society called at the Palace and offered their good wishes and congratulations, and Mr. R. J. Meagher at the same time felicitated the Archbishop on behalf of the Hibernian Society throughout Tasmania. At the conclusion of the Mass in the Cathedral the choir sang the 'Te Deum.' On Tuesday afternoon his Worship the Mayor (Mr. T. Bennisson) and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. W. C. Hamilton) officially called on his Grace at the Palace and congratulated him on the attainment of the 58th anniversary of his consecration. His Grace, who was particularly gratified with the visit, warmly thanked the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

## Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- November 6, Sunday.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.  
 „ 7, Monday.—The Purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 „ 8, Tuesday.—Octave of All Saints.  
 „ 9, Wednesday.—Dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran.  
 „ 10, Thursday.—St. Andrew of Avellino, Confessor.  
 „ 11, Friday.—St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.  
 „ 12, Saturday.—St. Livinus, Bishop and Martyr.

## St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Martin was born at Sabaria, Hungary, in 316, and died at Candes, France, in 400. Martin became a Christian catechumen against his parents' wish, and at the age of fifteen he was, therefore, seized by his father, a pagan soldier, and enrolled in the army. One winter day, when stationed at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen. Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him half of it. That night he saw our Lord clothed in the half of his cloak, and heard Him say to the angels: 'Martin, yet a catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this garment.' This decided him to be baptised, and shortly after he left the army. He succeeded in converting his mother, but, being driven from his home by the Arians, he took shelter with St. Hilary, and founded near Poitiers the first monastery in France. In 372 he was made Bishop of Tours. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves, and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people, when he is known as the Apostle of Gaul.

## St. Livinus, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Livinus, an Irish Bishop, is called the Apostle of Brabant, Belgium. He suffered martyrdom about the year 656.

## A Notable Catholic Gathering

Caerlaverock Castle, the romantic old pile at the mouth of the Nith, a few miles south of Dumfries, was recently the scene of a very interesting celebration, when Lord Herries, the owner of the Castle, entertained within its walls a large gathering of his tenants, friends, and neighbors at luncheon. The object of the gathering was to welcome to the district his two married daughters, the Duchess of Norfolk and the Hon. Mrs. Eric Drummond, who, with their husbands, were visiting their parents in Galloway for the first time since their marriage. A few hundred guests sat down to luncheon in a large marquee which had been erected in the ruined banqueting-hall of the Castle, the company including Lord and Lady Herries, the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Hon. Eric and Mrs. Drummond, the Bishop of Galloway (the Right Rev. Dr. Turner), the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P.; Mr. Maxwell of Munches, M.P., Colonel Maxwell-Witham, C.M.G., of Kirkcubright; Hon. Walter and Mrs. Maxwell, and many others. There has been a fortress of some kind on the site of Caerlaverock Castle from time immemorial; but the present pile of buildings, which has been in a more or less ruinous condition for fully two hundred and fifty years, was erected somewhere about the end of the fourteenth century. It was the present Baron Herries' maternal ancestor who carried Mary Queen of Scots on his own horse, after the fatal battle of Laneside, to his Castle Caerlaverock, whence she crossed the Solway on her last journey to England. Lord Herries is, through his great-grandmother, heir-general to the historic earldom of Nithdale; but that title is at present dormant (if not extinct), as no evidence is forthcoming that the earldom was created with remainder to any but heirs-male.

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