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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

Bible-in-Schools.

The Bible-in-schools Conference are arranging to employ an organising agent at £300 a year to aid in their political campaign for sectarianising the public schools.

'We are most of all led to
Men's principles by what they do.'

The Conference leaders recently pelted the Premier with hand-grenade charges of 'insincerity.' This is precisely the charge which the general public have been, year in year out, flinging from all quarters at the Bible-in-schools clergy. The electors of New Zealand will be prepared to believe in the sincerity of the black-coated enthusiasts when their reverences shall have begun to expend upon their proper duty—the religious instruction of youth—at least a tiny fraction of the febrile frenzy and of the precious bawbees which they are investing in a political agitation that is a forlorn hope. Their notorious and flagrant neglect of this elementary duty of the Christian ministry well deserved the pointed rebuke administered to them by our hierarchy and based upon official returns: 'No section of the Christian clergy has done more than those of the Bible-in-schools movement to impress the public with the belief that religious education is not a matter worth personal effort or sacrifice.' Religious instruction means personal sacrifice. Political agitation does not. It is vastly cheaper, and has, besides, the coveted advantage of being carried on in the full glare of the footlights.

Money not Everything.

Byron describes ready money as Aladdin's lamp. But hard cash does not achieve everything, even in our dollar-worshipping day. Mrs. Hugh Fraser, in the latest edition of her work, 'A Diplomatist's Wife in Japan,' gives, for instance, a pleasant record of the admirable works of charity and religion which Catholic missionaries are doing upon the slenderest resources in far Japan. 'Do you know,' says she, 'what our priests have to live on in Japan? Fifteen yen (thirty shillings) a month. Out of this they must pay house rent if there is no dwelling-house attached to the chapel, food, clothing, the expenses of getting from one part of their parish to another, and (do not laugh) their charities! I cannot make out that any one of them has any private income; if they had, it has all been given "pour les œuvres," and thirty shillings a month is what they receive—and live, or die, upon!'

The gifted authoress continues: "'Why—why?' I cried in indignation, when I first learned of this. Because there is no more to give; the Church is in the straits of holy poverty.. The class who, especially in France, used to contribute so generously to mission work has been obliged to devote those moneys to voluntary schools since the name of God has been eradicated from all the public ones; and missionary work would be paralysed if the priests could not live—like paupers: dear, kind, clean, holy paupers, but just that. I have heard it said that the sum spent by different sects of Protestants in Japan equals that which the Holy Father has at his disposal for missionary work throughout the world. I do not know how true this may be; but watching the two systems at work, close beside me, I have come to the conclusion that in these matters money is of secondary value—of next to no value—as compared with prayer, self-sacrifice, and the heaven-taught discipline of a holy life. It is impossible for the most hardened scolder to make the acquaintance of one of our priests or Sisters of Charity here without feeling that he is in the presence of a power for good. As I heard one man say: "Well, people don't do this kind of thing to amuse themselves! 'Pon my soul, the poor chaps deserve to succeed.'"

A Lecture on Cromwell.

The wildest and worst vagaries of human character and conduct will find eccentric or ill-informed or partisan or fat-witted apologists here and there. Froide, for instance—whose 'history' was generally indistinguishable from his hysteria—set himself the strenuous task of whitewashing, or gilding, the barbarities practised by Oliver Cromwell in his Irish campaigns. And a few days ago Mr. Bedford, M.H.R., painted the dour old Protector to a Dunedin audience as a sort of glorified Bayard, a 'chevalier without fear and without reproach,' whose strength in battle was a reward specially bestowed by high heaven upon him for his exalted piety.

'De mortuis nil nisi bonum'—say nothing of the dead but what is good. So the motto runs. Dean Swift paraphrased it thus:

'De mortuis nil nisi bonum':

When knaves are dead let all bemoan 'em.'

Mr. Bedford carried much too far a principle of limited application. The Oliver Cromwell of his lecture was not the Oliver Cromwell of history, but a transfigured Oliver, decked out in the tawdry tinsel and flashing gewgaws of the panegyrist's warped fancy. A reference

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BONNINGTON'S CARRAGEEN IRISH MOSS

to say, the 'Oliver Cromwell' of Mr. Samuel R. Gardiner, the eminent English Protestant historian, would show that the Protector—who was described in Dunedin as a champion of religious liberty—was a vindictive tyrant and persecutor. He piously declared that he would not meddle with any man's conscience. 'But,' said he in reply to the Irish Catholic bishops' declaration at Clonmacnoise, 'if by liberty of conscience you mean a liberty to exercise the Mass . . . I shall not, where I have the power, and the Lord is pleased to bless me, suffer the exercise of the Mass, where I can take notice of it.' The callous massacres committed by Cromwell during his Irish campaigns must for ever hang like a millstone around the neck of his reputation as a soldier and statesman. The Irish Protestant historian of the Civil Wars (iii., 21) says, for instance, that 'though quarter had been promised by his officers (at Drogheda), Cromwell refused to ratify the agreement and ordered the garrison to be put to the sword.' Unarmed men, women, and children fell a prey to the fury of Cromwell's soldiery, and Leland (another Irish Protestant historian, and Prebendary of St. Patrick's, Dublin) tells how 'for five days this hideous execution was continued with every circumstance of horror.' Green, in his 'History of the English People,' states that this was merely 'the first of a series of awful massacres.' The barbarous and promiscuous slaughter of unarmed men, women, and children in Wexford was another of the 'crowning mercies' for which the sanguinary hypocrite thanked the Lord. Donegal, Monaghan, Kilkenny, Galway, Dublin, Kildare, Tipperary, Clare, and other countries were also stained with non-combatant blood shed by the order of Cromwell or his fanatical officers and bedewed with the tears of the thousands who were torn from home and kindred and consigned to a far more dreadful fate—to the savage toil, the lash-torture, the forced perversion or martyrdom that awaited them in the physical hell-of-the-damned of Barbadoes slavery.

We might apply to Cromwell the following lines by the Rev. Robert Pollock :

He was a man
Who stole the livery of the court of heaven
To serve the devil in.
In holy phrase he transacted villainies
That common sinners durst not meddle with. . .
In sermon style he bought
And sold and lied ; and salutations made
On Scripture terms.'

It is just as well for decent people to leave the panegyric of Oliver Cromwell to fanatics of the type of Froude, who (as Lecky points out) gave his warm approval to a project of legislation which proposed that Catholic ecclesiastics found in Ireland after March 25, 1724, should be half-hanged, cut down, disembowelled while still living, and then quartered as a butcher quarters a carcass of mutton, and their severed members stuck on poles for the carrion crows to feed on. Mr. Bedford should study history, and when he next professes to give a faithful portrait of the Protector, he should at least indicate the blood-splashes and not forget the warts.

A Sensation that Failed.

Sexby, the pamphleteer, like his modern counterpart, Mazzini, was an advocate of the doctrine of political assassination. When he wanted to urge the departure of Cromwell to a worse or better land, he wrote the notorious tract entitled 'Killing no Murder.' It pleaded that it would be no crime to plant a curved dagger between the fifth and sixth ribs of the Protector and cut his soul adrift. 'Calumny no Crime' would seem to be the motto of some of the journalists of our day who are the modern representatives of the scurrilous pamphleteers of the seventeenth century. We refer in particular to a class of English and Australian gutter-journals that are the organs of certain religious bodies or associations. Some of these appear to regard Cath-

olics as 'outside the pale of truth, justice, or common decency of treatment. They go snuffling and nosing like unclean animals among the world's tip-tits and midden-heaps of no-Popery rubbish for shrieky or salacious tales about the 'abominations of Rome.' As a rule—but not invariably—they contrive, by the suppression of names and other particulars, to keep out of the grip of the law of libel ; and the proven falsehood of an evil tale never extracts from them so much as a syllable of explanation or withdrawal. The anti-religious and socialist press of France supplies them with a good deal of journalistic asafetida ; but we gravely suspect that they sometimes—like Giovanni in 'Arden Massiter'—fib occasionally on their own account by instinct, in order to keep their hands in.

Some time ago those snappers-up of no-Popery tit-bits made a fine buzz about a 'painful yarn' that was spun to a French court by a female creature that answers to the name Lesdaneurs. Briefly told, the story runneth thus : The Carmelite nuns kidnapped this good woman's little daughter, forced her, under all sorts of nameless terrors, to become a nun, concealed her address from the sorrowing and distracted mother, and kept the poor child in close confinement. Such, in summary terms, was the woman's tale. The French atheist newspapers and their 'religious' echoes in England and Australia accepted the ex-parte tale as true in every particular, broke out into profuse and noisy headings, and poured cataracts of boiling abuse upon the nuns—while the case was still sub-judice. The story was reproduced in the Saturday's brimstone columns of two New Zealand daily papers—but, we are glad to say, without the whoops and shrieks and epileptic fits of the atheistic and 'Christian' organs from which it was copied. In due course the case came before the French courts. Those specimens of journalistic 'honor-bright' and 'British fair-play' were then afforded an opportunity of marking how plain a tale did put them down. The plain facts, devoid of arabesque ornaments, are these : The distracted mother is an incorrigible criminal. When she told her story to the court she had just completed a sentence of ten years' penal servitude. Her 'little daughter,' who is twenty-seven years old, stood upon the witness-stand and declared that, in order to avoid associating herself with the shame of an irreclaimable criminal's life, she entered a religious house and remained and still remains there of her own free will. The case thereupon suddenly collapsed. That was some time ago. The judicial decision was a dire blow to the French atheist newspapers and their English-speaking religious allies. So far as we are aware, not one of the latter has ventured to tell the sequel of the sensational tale which they placed before their readers with such a fine flare. They clearly hold, with Dr. Martin Luther, that the end justifies the means. 'Against the Papacy,' said he, 'I deem all things lawful.' Plain Christian folk, however, fail to see how the cause of the God of truth can be advanced by the art of Ananias or by buttressing up proven calumnies.

By the 'Omrah,' which moored at Port Melbourne on Wednesday morning, 30th ult. (says the 'Advocate') the Rev. M. J. Hayes, from the famous foreign missionary college of All Hallows, Dublin, was a passenger for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Rev. J. C. Meagher (diocese of Maitland, N.S.W.) ; the Revs. E. Bergin, J. Bower and J. Kelly, who are from St. Kerin's College, Kilkenny, Ireland, and are proceeding to the diocese of Wellington, New Zealand, were also passengers by the mail steamer.

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

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

The annual Catholic picnic will be held on Boxing Day in the Belle View Gardens, Lower Hutt. Special arrangements are being made to eclipse all previous records in this event. The proprietors of the gardens have this year granted special facilities and privileges, and a thoroughly enjoyable picnic may be expected.

The mission at the Sacred Heart Basilica was brought to a close on Thursday evening in the presence of a crowded congregation. Rev. Father Clune preached an eloquent sermon on the Blessed Virgin and imparted the Papal blessing. The services throughout have been largely attended, and the mission has been a very great success.

It is also my sad duty to record the death here on Thursday of the wife of Mr. W. Holley, of Leeston, and mother of the Rev. Father Holley, of the Thorndon parish. The deceased lady, who was about 73 years of age, only came to Wellington a few days ago on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. O. McManaway. The interment will take place at Leeston, where the deceased had resided for the last twenty years. On Thursday evening the Rev. Father Clune made a sympathetic reference to the sad event, and expressed the heartfelt sympathy of all to the Rev. Father Holley in his bereavement. A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of deceased's soul was celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Friday morning.—R.I.P.

The executive of the Catholic Young Men's Societies' Federation met on Monday evening to arrange the business to be transacted at the Conference to be held in Dunedin on Boxing Day. The various societies have signified their intention of sending representatives, and unaffiliated societies have also been asked to do the same. The Wellington Society will probably be represented by Messrs. McKeown and Fitzgibbon, the latter of whom, as president of the executive, will preside at the Conference. Among the many matters to be considered are the extension of the 'Catholic Magazine,' the co-operation of the young men with the clergy in parish matters, the adoption of some medal or badge as a mark of distinction, the issue of yearly certificates in recognition of valuable services to a club, approaching in a body the Holy Table each year on the first Sunday in Advent, the promotion of visits between the various clubs, the appointment of a special day on which the clergy would be requested to preach a special sermon with reference to the societies, the consideration of the report of the Catholic Young Men's Conference in Melbourne, the addition of more members to the executive, the revision of rules.

On Monday evening the yearly entertainment given by the pupils of the Brothers' School took place in St. Peter's Schoolroom, Ghuznee street. A number of glees were rendered by the boys, and Master B. Ryan, the school medalist for 1903-4, gave 'Ben Bolt' in good style. A humorous quintette was given by Masters E. McArdle, C. Tandy, P. Hopkins, P. Sharnahan, and G. McGrath. Miss Amy Hyde presided at the piano, while Mr. F. J. Oakes' orchestra helped to enliven the proceedings. The farce, 'A forged will,' was played in a very creditable manner. The various characters were sustained by Masters R. Fahy, C. Meacham, J. Lwyer, J. Scott, J. Devlin, T. Davis, and H. Corrigan.

Mr. Thomas Bowden, Jun., for many years on the staff of the Railway Department, died on Sunday evening. He had been unwell recently but his death was wholly unexpected, and the news came as a shock to his numerous friends. He was at work as late as 6 p.m. on Saturday. The cause of death was inflammation of the kidneys. The deceased was about 34 years of age and unmarried. He was the second son of Mr. T. Bowden, formerly of the West Coast, and a brother of the Rev. Father Bowden, M.A., of Palmerston North.—R.I.P.

Lower Hutt.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Petone, a few days ago, by the Rev. Father Maples. Mr. James Smith, manager of the Hotel Cecil, Wellington, was united to Miss Mary Turnbull, of Sydney street, Petone. The popularity of, and respect felt for, the bride and bridegroom were shown by the numerous attendance of friends and well-wishers at the ceremony. The Rev. Father Maples de-

livered a most impressive address to the contracting parties. The bride looked extremely handsome in a magnificent dress of creme voile, trimmed with chiffon and lace, wearing the orthodox veil and orange blossoms and carrying a shower bouquet. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. James Turnbull, and was attended by Miss Williamson, and little Miss Turnbull, a niece of the bride. Mr. James McParland acted as groomsmen. The happy pair left Petone in the course of the afternoon for Palmerston North, where the honeymoon will be spent.

A very successful week's mission has just terminated at the Lower Hutt. The Masses and devotions were very well attended, the church being crowded on all occasions. The Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., conducted the mission, and both he and the Very Rev. Father Lane, the parish priest, express themselves as being most highly gratified at the results.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

There was First Communion of the children at St. Mary's, Manchester street, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the young people being afterwards entertained.

The Rev. Father Pidgeon, C.S.S.R., commenced a week's mission at Temuka on Sunday. A mission at Ashburton is to be commenced on Christmas Day by the Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and O'Brien, C.S.S.R.

A meeting of the ladies of the congregation is convened for next Tuesday afternoon at the presbytery to arrange a suitable reception for the Sisters of Nazareth on their arrival, and to provide requisites for the Nazareth House.

On last Sunday week members of the Catholic Club in a body approached the Holy Table in the Pro-Cathedral at the 7 o'clock Mass. On the following Tuesday evening, at a specially convened meeting, Messrs. W. S. Malaquin and J. A. Shanley were deputed to represent the Club at the annual session of the federation in Dunedin at Christmas.

Speaking in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday morning on the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass, the Rev. Father O'Brien, C.S.S.R., contrasted the apparent apathy of many in regard to assisting at Mass on Sundays and holidays and the trivial excuses advanced for absence with the almost superhuman efforts made by the people in the penal days to assist at the Holy Sacrifice.

The people of the Pro-Cathedral parish are manifesting great fervor in the mission of the Redemptorist Fathers, and at most of the services the accommodation is all too small for the crowds which throng the church. Great numbers daily approach the Holy Table, and on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception besides the missionaries, his Lordship the Bishop and all the resident clergy were engaged until a late hour in the confessionals.

The feast and jubilee of the Immaculate Conception were honored in the evening by the fine Monastery of the Sacred Heart being illuminated rows of candles lighted each window, whilst the building, the cathedral and grounds were brilliantly illuminated with colored fire. At times the Cathedral assumed a beautiful rose color, the effect produced being strikingly picturesque. During the day the flag of the Marist Brothers' School was flown over that building.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was observed with befitting solemnity in the Pro-Cathedral. The usual mission Mass was celebrated at 6 o'clock, when almost the entire congregation approached the Holy Table. At 8 o'clock there was Solemn High Mass, the Rev. Father O'Connell being celebrant, the Rev. Father O'Donnell deacon, and the Rev. Father O'Brien sub-deacon. His Lordship presided in the sanctuary, attended at the throne by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G. In the evening the church was densely thronged. The Rev. Father O'Brien preached a powerful discourse on the Blessed Virgin and the subject of the day's festival, and at the conclusion consecrated the parishioners to the protection of our Lady. The high altar and altar of the Blessed Virgin were tastefully adorned and brilliantly illuminated.

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New shipments of goods, comprising all the latest and best in modern footwear, has just been opened up at the City Boot Palace, George street, Dunedin. The prices are very moderate, especially as Mr. McKay is known to keep only the best of goods, his motto being a boot for every foot at a price for every purse...

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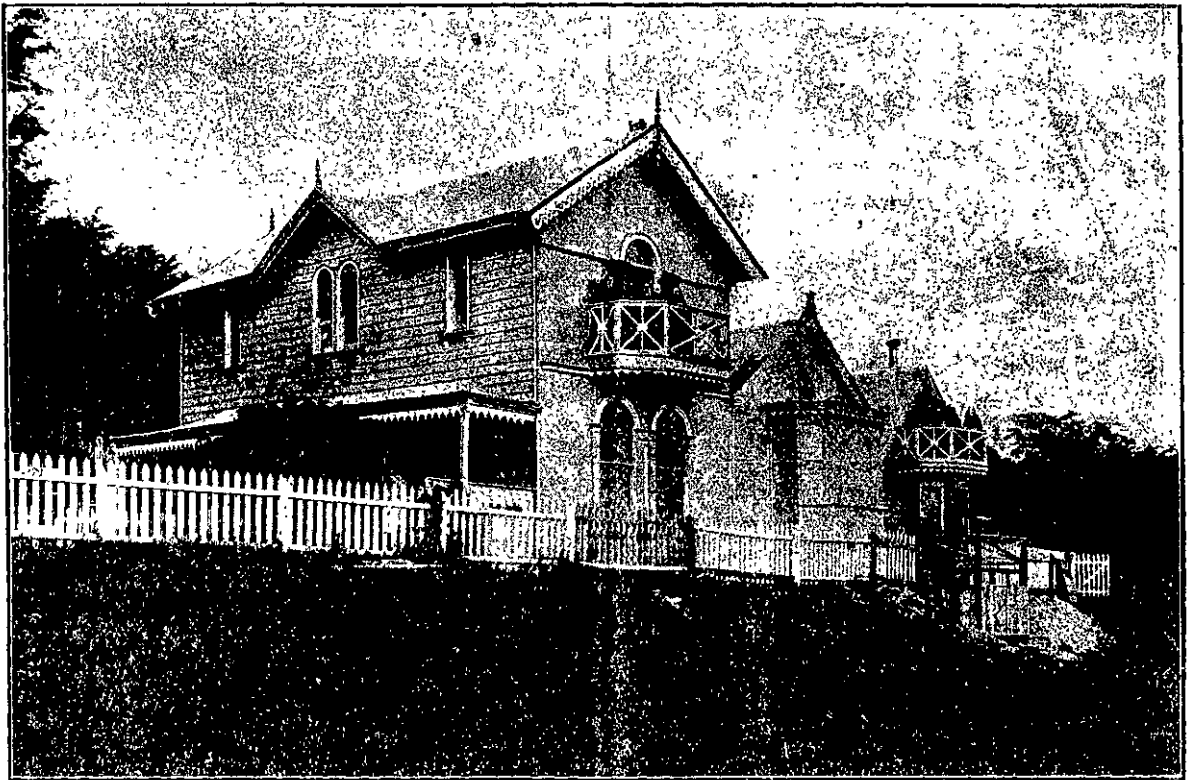
THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

OPENING OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED POOR.

Thursday of last week—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—saw the realisation of a hope that had for a long time engaged the attention of his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy, and Catholic laity of Dunedin—the opening of a home for the aged poor under the control of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Considerable difficulty had been experienced in selecting a site for such an institution, as many factors had to be considered. The cost of a suitable area within the city limits was prohibitive, whilst many of the suburbs were unsuitable owing to want of facilities of access. About two months ago his Lordship was extremely fortunate in securing for the purpose at a reasonable price a section of three and a half acres of land, with a large private residence, at Anderson's Bay. The property is situated about half a mile above the township on the upper road to Portobello, and can be reached from the city, as soon as the tram line is completed, in about twenty minutes. The land has an extensive frontage to the main road, but the privacy of the grounds is completely maintained by a belt of native bush and a plantation of European trees. In fact the section is sheltered all

During the past three or four weeks the building has undergone a thorough overhaul, so that now it is in a very complete state of repair, and presents a very comfortable appearance both inside and outside. Added to this it has been completely furnished with every requisite, thanks to the zeal and energy of Miss Mulholland, assisted by numerous generous benefactors—Catholics and non-Catholics—who have donated all kinds of household necessities, from beds and bedding to kitchen utensils. Detached from the main building is a compact wash-house with copper and tubs complete, and water laid on from the house tanks. At some distance from the Home is a commodious building, formerly used as a stable, coach-house, and fowl pen, which will be found very useful now for similar purposes. The grounds, after leaving sufficient area for the pasturage of a couple of cows and a horse, will be very suitable for the purposes of a kitchen garden and, knowing the aptitude which the Sisters are noted for in turning everything to account, it is safe to say that within a short time they will turn this to very good advantage in the raising of vegetables for the institution.

The Mother Superior—Mother Mary—accompanied the community from the parent house at Randwick, Sydney, and will remain here for a few days until all arrangements are completed. The community is to consist of seven, of whom the Superior is Sister Appoline, who had been for some years in Auckland, prior to which she spent about ten years in Calcutta.



THE NEW HOME OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ANDERSON'S BAY, DUNEDIN.

round by trees, principally native bush, and as it slopes from the Home towards the north it gets the full benefit of the sun all day long. The view from the grounds is very fine, commanding as it does the inner harbor, the city and the hills to the north and west of it, and the ocean out towards St Clair. It was the general consensus of opinion among those who were present at the ceremony that it was an ideal place for such an institution, and that it would be a very difficult matter, even at great cost, to get a better one in the whole of the city or suburbs. The house had been built as a private residence many years ago, but like all buildings that were put up in the early days its timbers are now in a better condition than those of much more modern structures. It is a two-storey building, somewhat irregular in shape, but having considerable accommodation, and all the necessary requisites for the purposes for which it is now intended. In the main portion of the building there are on the ground floor a large room, which if used as a dormitory, will accommodate fully a dozen beds; a chapel, which has been erected within the past few weeks; and another large apartment suitable for a dining room. In a one-storey wing are a large kitchen, with a fine range, scullery, and an apartment which could be used as a sleeping room for some of the inmates. The upper storey is reached by two flights of stairs, and here are a spacious dormitory, in which can be placed about a dozen beds, and three other rooms capable of accommodating three or four persons each.

The ceremony of blessing and formally opening the Home took place shortly after three o'clock in the presence of a large assemblage of the clergy and laity. His Lordship the Bishop officiated, and among the clergy present were the Rev. Fathers Murphy, Adm., Coffey, Cleary, Howard, O'Malley, Corcoran, Ryan, Liston, and Buckley, the laity present comprising many prominent Catholic and non-Catholic citizens.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of blessing the Home the visitors assembled at the main entrance, when several addresses were delivered. The Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral, read an apology from the Mayor of Dunedin, who was unable to attend owing to absence in Wellington. He had also received apologies from several of the clergy, who had given donations towards this very laudable object. Father O'Donnell, of Queenstown, had also sent an invitation to the Sisters to canvass his parish whenever they found it convenient to do so, and expressed his willingness to give them all the assistance in his power. Several other priests were willing to do the same. It was not expected that large subscriptions would be given on the present occasion, as those attending the opening of the Home had already contributed towards the good object, but should there be any kindly disposed towards the movement their donations would, of course, be gladly received. He himself would give a further donation of £10 towards the Home.

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IS OBTAINABLE

His Lordship said they were assembled there that day to give encouragement and to help the Little Sisters of the Poor, who had come to Dunedin for the purpose of establishing a home for the aged poor. The work of the Sisters was deserving of the warmest encouragement. Even in the most prosperous communities they found many who, after battling for years against adversity, were at length reduced to helpless poverty towards the end of their lives, and compelled to seek assistance. None were so helpless as the aged poor without friends, sympathy, or a home. It was for these the Little Sisters had provided a home. He might say a few words about the origin of the Order, which was founded 61 years ago—in 1840—by three highly pious, devout souls, who resolved to devote their lives to the work of assisting the aged poor in a little fishing town on the coast of Brittany. At first they met with a good deal of disappointment; their efforts were ridiculed and scoffed at, but they persevered, and after a few years others joined them. In 1851 they established homes outside of France, and during the time that has since elapsed wonderful progress had been made. At the present moment they had 300 houses scattered all over the world, and in these there are 43,000 poor people—helpless poor, who are watched over and cared for by the 5000 Little Sisters of the Poor. Was not this wonderful progress in such a short time? In 64 years 300 homes had been established, and in some of them 100, 200, 300, and 400 were provided for. It might be asked how such large

to the Little Sisters of the Poor who had come here and established the first branch of their Order. He was glad to say they had secured a really beautiful home. The place selected by his Lordship was admirably adapted for the Sisters' work. It was a beautiful place, and when the electric cars were running it would have all the requirements for a home. The only drawback to the situation was that the old people who came to live at the Home would be apt to renew their youth, so that there might be a danger of their going on living for ever. He had no doubt whatever that the old people would be very happy in the Home, and that they would receive the best of care and attention from the good Sisters. He desired to offer his congratulations to Miss Mulholland, who had been instrumental in bringing this movement to a successful issue. She had worked unceasingly for the Home; she had been endeavoring to secure the services of the Sisters for a long time, and her hopes being realised he had no doubt she was proud woman that day.

Mr. J. M. Gallaway said that those outside of the Catholic Church would fully appreciate this work that had been commenced, and should not hesitate for a moment to congratulate the Church upon the step it had taken. He had been connected with that other society that began at the other end—the St. Vincent de Paul Society,—and it had always filled him with the greatest admiration. He had seen the little children as they were brought into the Police Court ragged and uncared



THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ANDERSON'S BAY, AND THE FIRST OF THEIR 'GOOD OLD PEOPLE.'

numbers were provided for by the Little Sisters of the Poor, who had no fixed income or revenue whatever. They trusted entirely to Divine Providence and they had never been disappointed. They worked with courage; they went forth every day seeking the means of supporting those confided to their care, and exposed themselves to all kinds of troubles and inconveniences. They occupied themselves most earnestly during the day, and practised the strictest economy, and by good management and care were able to provide for that great number. They would, he was sure, receive great encouragement from the people. As an instance of how the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor was appreciated he might mention that Lord Aberdeen, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1888, invited the Little Sisters of the Poor and 200 of the poor under their charge to a banquet, and in the course of his speech on the occasion extolled their work, and spoke of them as benefactresses of the poor. In conclusion, his Lordship said that now the Little Sisters of the Poor were established in our midst he trusted they would have no reason to regret their coming, and that they would receive every encouragement from the people of Dunedin. They will give a good example to all by their virtues. Those of our poor and needy would find a good home there, where they would be cared for by the good Sisters, who sought only the honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Mr. J. B. Callan said he desired, on behalf of the Catholic laity of Dunedin, to extend a hearty welcome

for, and had afterwards seen them in the care of the holy women who devoted themselves to their care, and the sight had done him good. The other side, represented by the present home, must also appeal to them all. There was a great deal of charity in New Zealand that might be called statutory charity. That was right and proper; still, nothing could take the place of that charity that proceeded from the heart, and it was that the Little Sisters strove to provide. Whether people were Catholic or non-Catholic, the object must appeal to all, and there was one common ground upon which all met, and that was the common ground of the betterment of humanity.

Hon. H. Gourley, in the course of a brief speech, said he was very pleased to have an opportunity of visiting the Home and of expressing his appreciation of the efforts made by Miss Mulholland in collecting funds sufficient to purchase such a splendid property. He could not help admiring the beautiful site selected, and could only repeat the remarks of his friends, Mr. Callan and Mr. Gallaway. He quite endorsed every word they had uttered, and was quite sure that, with the energy the Sisters would put into their work, the undertaking would prove a great success. He sincerely hoped the work would be carried out to a successful end.

At the conclusion of the speeches those present were hospitably entertained, Miss Mulholland and a number of her lady friends from town waiting on the many visitors.

The proceedings concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the 'Te Deum.'

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

A large number of boys and girls made their First Communion at the early Mass this morning.

Rev. Father Carroll, of Collingwood (Victoria), preached after Vespers at St. Patrick's last Sunday evening.

Rev. Father Grace, of New South Wales, is at present here on a visit, and with Rev. Father Bridge, of the same State, is enjoying a quiet holiday.

Hon. John Meagher, M.L.A., of N.S.W., has been on a visit and was shown over our lovely suburbs by his Lordship the Bishop. Mr. Meagher is at present at Rotorua.

Rev. Father Kreymborg, in charge of Rotorua, met with a painful accident this week whereby his arm was fractured below the elbow. His numerous friends in the city and province of Auckland deeply sympathise with the good Father of St. Joseph, and hope for his complete and speedy recovery.

This morning—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Masses were celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral 6.30, 7, and 7.30, and Pontifical High Mass at 10 o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, deacon at the Mass, Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B.; subdeacon, Rev. Father Buckley; assistant priest, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly; deacons at the throne, Rev. Father Patterson, Adm., and Rev. Father Becker. There were also present in the sanctuary Very Rev. Mgr. Paul, V.G., Very Rev. Father Brodie, Rev. Fathers Grace (Sydney), Duffy, Tormey, O'Hara (Otahuhu), McGuinness, Meagher, Holbrook, McMillan, Cahill, and Dignan. Rev. Father Gillan preached on the feast of the day. The choir sang in fine style Mercadante's Mass. This evening Vespers, Pontifical Benediction, and a sermon by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett will bring to a close the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. During the novena the Children of Mary's Choir gave valuable service, their rendering of the music being praised by the Bishop.

Waihi

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 5.

On Friday evening the members of the Hibernian Society entertained the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church at a social gathering in the schoolroom. The first part of the entertainment consisted of a concert programme, the following items being contributed:—Pianoforte overture, Miss Garvey; song, 'The mighty deep,' Mr. McInteer; song, 'Call me back again,' Mrs. McWilliams; comic recitation, Mr. Astley; selection on English concertina, 'Killarney,' Mr. T. Kennedy; song, 'Queen of the Earth,' Very Rev. Father Brodie. The president then addressed the meeting, and said that the members of the Society invited the congregation to be present that night to show their respect and devotion for their parish priest, who was also past president of the Society. Everyone who had resided a short while in Waihi would know that it was necessary for every working man to be a member of a friendly society. Thanks to the efforts of the Very Rev. Father Brodie in having started a branch of the Hibernian Society in Waihi the Catholic young men could belong to a society which conferred equal benefits to other societies, and where they had the additional advantage of social intercourse amongst Catholics in a Catholic atmosphere. He asked him to accept a gift from the members of St. Joseph's branch of a missal and stand, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem. The rev. gentleman suitably returned thanks. He said that though the branch was not yet twelve months old its success was a matter for congratulation.

The ceremonies in connection with the Forty Hours' Adoration were commenced at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday. The Very Rev. Father Brodie was assisted by Rev. Fathers Bridge (Parramatta) and Mahoney (Auckland). Four Masses were celebrated on Sunday morning, and at the first three large numbers approached the Holy Table. At the eight o'clock Mass the members of the Hibernian Society received Holy Communion. They were invited to breakfast in the schoolroom afterwards, when the chaplain congratulated them on the good muster. All who possibly could had attended. At 11 o'clock a Missa Cantata was celebrated by Rev. Father Bridge. The soloists were Misses Power (2) and Mrs. Lawrence. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening the church was again crowded. A sermon on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by the Rev. Father Mahoney. Mrs. McWilliams sang an 'Ave Maria.' The soloists in the evening were Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. McInteer. All through the afternoon the church was well attended by worshippers.

Thames

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the annual meeting of deputy trustees for the Thames Hospital for the purpose of electing a trustee to represent the contributing bodies, there were present his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. Trenbath, representing the Thames Borough Council), the County Chairman (Mr. T. A. Dunlop, representing the Thames County Council), and Mr. George Crosby (representing the Ohiemuri County Council). Mr. Trenbath was voted to the chair. On the motion of Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Crosby, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly was unanimously re-elected trustee. Messrs. Dunlop, Trenbath, and Crosby all testified to the valuable services rendered by Monsignor O'Reilly in the past and to the fact that no better trustee could be chosen.

St. Francis's Church was crowded on Sunday morning, December 4, when his Lordship Bishop Lenihan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 60 candidates, amongst whom were a number of Natives. In the course of his sermon his Lordship referred to the good work which was being done in the parish by the Rev. Father Benedict, O.P., who was to bring his week's mission to a close that evening. Speaking of the zeal of the parish priest, his Lordship said that he had the greatest respect and veneration for the successful work done by Monsignor O'Reilly for the community and for the parish of Thames in particular. He had indeed labored faithfully, and was deservedly recognised as a factor for good. Years ago when he came to Thames Monsignor O'Reilly's ministrations lay between Thames and Waihi, taking in four districts, and now it must be a source of consolation and gratification to him to find there were four priests doing the work which he had started.

There was a crowded congregation in St. Francis' Church in the evening when the Rev. Father Benedict brought the mission to a close. At the conclusion of his sermon Father Benedict thanked all who had assisted him at the mission, specially Monsignor O'Reilly, for inviting him to undertake the work, the nuns, and the choir, who had rendered such fine music. At the close of the address Monsignor O'Reilly, who is a fluent Maori linguist, addressed the Maoris who were present in a few encouraging words.

MASTERTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 9.

A meeting of the executive committee of St. Patrick's Day Sports Association was held on Saturday night. The Mayor (Mr. J. A. Renall) occupied the chair and there were twelve members of the executive present. It was decided to be represented at the meeting of the New Zealand Association of Caledonian Societies at Wellington on December 14. A committee consisting of Messrs. M. C. O'Connell, T. Dwyer, J. McKillop, B. Chapman, F. Dupre, J. Pauling, and Haughey, were appointed to draw up a programme, the prize money to be not less than £100 or more than £150. It was decided to hold a social on the evening of the sports, and a sub-committee were appointed to carry out arrangements. Mr. B. J. Dolan and Mr. C. O'Connell were appointed to wait on the Borough Council and Employees' Association with a view of securing a public holiday on March 17.

Over 150 persons received Holy Communion on Sunday last, including the members of the Hibernian Society, who went in a body, and several children of St. Patrick's School, who made their First Communion.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday and Wednesday last. On Thursday special devotions concluded the ceremonies in commemoration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Large congregations were present at all the services, especially on Thursday evening, when the church was crowded. Dean McKenna was assisted in the ceremonies by the Rev. Father Walsh, of Lower Hutt.

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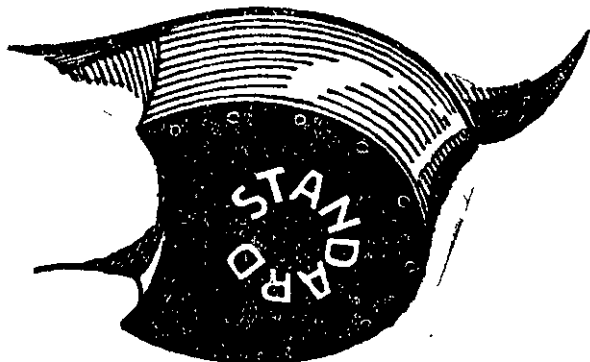
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Irish News

CAVAN—A Coalfield.

A coalfield has been discovered in County Cavan between Dowra and Blacklion. A company has been formed to promote it.

CORK—Death of a Medical Man.

The death is reported of Dr. Somerville, of Union Hall, County Cork, who passed away at the great age of 106 years.

DOWN—The Shelton Estate.

The tenants on Captain Shelton's County Down estate, which is situated about three miles from Downpatrick, and comprises the large townlands of Ballynagross and Ballytustan, held a meeting at Mr. Patrick McVeigh's, Ballynagross, for the purpose of considering an offer received from the agent to sell at a reduction of 17½ per cent. on second term rents. After consideration the tenants refused to accept the terms.

Sale of a Big Estate.

Final arrangements have been made for the sale of the Mourne portion of Lord Kilmorey's estate to the tenants under the Land Acts. The negotiations were conducted by the Rev. David Hadden and Rev. Father Murphy representing the tenants, and Mr. Hunter Moore, solicitor, Newry, acting for the owners of the estate. The terms of purchase and all details have been satisfactorily arranged, and it is expected the business will be completed by the Land Court at an early date. The area sold is over 18,000 acres, comprised in 42 townlands around Kukeel, and the purchase money will amount to about £220,000. The most friendly relations have always existed between the Kilmorey family and their tenantry. It is satisfactory to note his lordship and family will still continue to reside at Mourne Park, where, needless to say, they are most popular, and liberal supporters of the different local institutions of every denomination.

DUBLIN—Proposed Exhibition.

On October 24 a largely attended public meeting of the citizens of Dublin was held in the Round Room of the Mansion House in support of the project for the holding of a National Exhibition in 1907. Numerous letters from public men and prominent citizens intimating their desire to take shares in the company were read. The Lord Mayor, who presided, declared that the executive committee had the best possible grounds for believing that the exhibition would be a great success.

The 'Old House' in College Green.

The Bank of Ireland, Dublin, in which recently four persons were nearly killed by an explosion of cartridges, is, of course, 'the old house in College Green' of Nationalist perorations. The meeting-place for years of the Irish Parliament, Lords and Commons, the building after the Union was leased in perpetuity to the Governors of the Bank of Ireland for a sum of £40,000. One of the conditions imposed by the Government in the lease was that the building should be so altered internally as to destroy every indication that it was once the home of the Irish Legislature. The Commons Chamber is now the public office of the bank, where money is deposited and withdrawn. It is one of the finest buildings in Dublin.

A Presentation.

At Maynooth recently the Bishop of Killaloe (the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty) was the recipient of a presentation of silver plate from his friends in the town.

Precept and Practice.

Sir Horace Plunkett (writes a correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal'), whose economic ideas concerning industrial Ireland have found practical application in entrusting the plans of his town residence to a Danish architect still further emphasises his economic leanings by giving the commission for the stained glass windows of his residence to an English firm. Sir Horace, whose heart is bent on reviving Irish industries by the aid of imported instructors, must have a very poor opinion of the architects of Ireland, and, as for stained glass, he should know that he would have to travel farther than England to get better work than that which can be procured in Dublin.

Trinity College.

The statement (says the 'Freeman's Journal') that Sir Edward Carson, M.P. for Trinity College, Dublin, the English Solicitor-General, is 'assisting' Mr. Balfour in the preparation of his 'Redistribution Scheme' is deliciously comic, and suggests the hope that Sir Edward will not neglect the consideration of the anomaly

of the existence of his own constituency, which is a survival of the worst species of the old 'rotten borough.' Trinity College is, as Sir Edward Carson well knows, a 'nomination' borough of Dublin Castle, whose representatives, when they enter the House of Commons, adopt, in the words of Dr. Gwynne, the Regius Professor of Divinity in Trinity College, 'the position of King William III. on the equestrian statue in College Green, and put their backs to the College and their faces to Dublin Castle.'

The Irish Martyrs.

Distinctly and vividly does his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, in an interview accorded to a representative of the 'Freeman's Journal,' describe the steps taken for the canonisation of the Irish martyrs. Thanks in no small measure to the zeal of his Eminence Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, progress has been steadily made in the investigation of their lives and especially of the closing scenes. The Cardinal, even in the days of his early priesthood, began to search for contemporary documents in the different cases, and for over forty years he has been publishing edition after edition of works conveying the results of his enquiries. Gradually a list of names which it was proposed to bring forward was formed. And in an article which he contributed to the 'Irish Ecclesiastical Record' at the beginning of last year the Archbishop of Dublin named between two hundred and fifty and three hundred cases with which it was proposed to deal. From that list some few names were struck out, but a considerable number were added, and at the individual requests of the Archbishops and Bishops throughout Ireland, all the cases now on the list are subjected to examination in his diocesan Court. Amongst them are those of Dermot O'Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel, Cornelius O'Devaney, Bishop of Down and Connor, Maurice Kenraghty, a secular priest of the diocese of Limerick; Arthur MacGeoghagan, a priest of the Dominican Order; and Sir John Burke, or De Burgo, of Brittas. In the case of Oliver Plunkett the diocesan process was gone through in 1874 in London, where he suffered death, and with the sanction of the Holy See the Apostolic process, a later procedure, takes place in Armagh.

KILDARE—An Appreciation.

In the course of his speech acknowledging an address and presentation from the people of Maynooth the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty said it was his privilege to know nearly all the people of the locality; and it was a pleasure to meet them, for the poorest man that walked the road in Kildare had a spirit of untutored honor worthy of the educated gentleman. There was an indefinable charm in Kildare life. They had a glorious county and a noble people. The flag of the Geraldines that had floated for so many hundred years from the old Castle of Maynooth, and the Kildare man's proverbial fondness for the horse and hunting, had in addition to many material advantages done the county the greatest service of fostering and diffusing among all classes a broad-minded and enlightened spirit that judged every man according to his personal worth. In conclusion his Lordship said that it would always be a pleasure and a joy to welcome to his home in Clare any one of his well-beloved friends from the sporting and chivalrous county of Kildare.

MAYO—A Theory of Economics.

Speaking at the distribution of prizes in St. Louis Convent, Kiltimagh, County Mayo, the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster warmly congratulated the nuns on the sound, solid, and Christian education they were imparting to the future mothers of the province. He was well aware that the work done by convents of both sexes was oftentimes the subject of unfriendly criticisms. The recent carping criticism of a public man, whom his Lordship believed to be otherwise honest and broad-minded, surpassed comprehension. They were told that they were an uneconomic people and burdened with institutions conducted by an unproductive and therefore an uneconomic class. Sir Horace Plunkett of course referred to the religious houses. He also told them to abstain from studying Irish history. Well, he did not agree with Sir Horace Plunkett's theory of economics, nor did he subscribe to his dictum about Irish history. If they glanced back to the days of Henry VIII., they found that that monarch in a fit of economic rage put in practice the theory that Sir Horace Plunkett now so strenuously advocated. He suppressed the monasteries, and what did he give in their place? The workhouse, the worthless vagrant, and the importunate beggar.

Competitive Examinations.

The Mayo County Council has adopted a resolution in favor of filling all appointments under the County and District Councils by competitive examination, and of giving a preference to the candidate who knows Irish best in cases where two or more candidates secure equal marks.

MONAGHAN—An Orangeman on Orangeism.

Lord Rossmore has written a long letter to Mr. Campbell Hall, Deputy Grand Master of the Monaghan Orangemen in which he announces his intention to sever completely his connection with the Orange Society, of which he has been a County Grand Master. In the course of his letter his Lordship says:—'I need not state that the wicked and singularly bigoted attack made on you by some Orangemen, by reason of your having shown a just and broad-minded interest in a matter which vitally concerns Protestants of all classes as well as Roman Catholics, urged me to the conclusion that local Orangeism was coming to mean an organisation seeking to establish the worst mental slavery, and this on the part of men who profess no constructive policy of any character in what has relation to our country and to our fellow-Irishmen; their policy is solely negative—ever in opposition—ever seeking to sow dissension—a state of things I fancy to be directly at variance with the rules and constitution of the Society, as every intelligent member must clearly realise. It is a source of deep regret that individual moderate Orangemen do not think out such matters for themselves. To me they appear to be following blindly the lead of some few professional politicians and office-holders, whose advice seems invariably to be the result of a contemplation of their personal interests, and hardly ever the outcome of a desire for peace and prosperity of us Irishmen. Guides such as these feel that their positions and salaries depend in a great measure for their continuity on the divisions and antipathies of those who should work together to bring more prosperity to their homes and greater happiness to a common country.' In conclusion Lord Rossmore says:—'My parting word would be to invite the Orange Society to think for themselves, and to consider well and carefully their present position in their native land, and not to be blind to what must be the inevitable result of always opposing what wise and moderate people devise for the general good. Progress is going on all round, and if they be not up and doing they shall be left behind in their weakness.'

TYRONE—St. Eunan's College.

The Rev. John McCafferty and the Rev. Dominick Canning, of the diocese of Raphoe, who have been commissioned by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell to collect in the States for the new College of St. Eunan in Donegal, appear to be meeting with considerable success among the Irish of the great city of New York. Aided and assisted by the thousands of resident exiles from old Tyrone, there is no doubt that the support so generously given in this threshold city of the United States will be well sustained by the Irish citizens throughout the Union.

A Model Village.

A good deal is being done (says the London 'Star') to make Dromore, in Tyrone, a model village, a pattern to the rest of rural Ireland. Three years ago the Rev. M. Maguire started a lace industry there, and the girls and young women are now busily engaged in trying to execute more orders than they can cope with. The boys and young men have since been lured into carpentry classes, and Sir Horace Plunkett, visiting Dromore the other day, was delighted with the work shown. To increased material comfort, domestic culture is being added through a sort of Women's University Settlement. Miss O'Connor Eccles, an accomplished lady journalist, together with Miss O'Brien, B.A., are living in the midst of the people, and showing them how to improve the conditions under which they live, at little or no expenditure in money, but chiefly by the exercise of good taste and by skill in housewifery. Only since last July has this crowning movement been at work, but Sir Horace Plunkett, who promoted it, is already surprised at its results. The removal of unsightly refuse heaps, the whitewashing and painting that had been done, both within and without, the cleansing and polishing of furniture, and the neatness of the white-curtained beds in some of the houses called forth special praise. One of the houses elicited the remark from Sir Horace—'This would put many a rich home to shame!'

GENERAL**The Unionists and the Dunraven Scheme.**

The Ulster Unionists in Parliament met in Belfast to discuss the Dunraven Devolution Scheme. Colonel Sanderson was ill and could not attend, but his colleagues were present in full number. They passed a series of resolutions condemning the Dunraven scheme, and declaring that Lord Dunraven and his associates are 'in no way representative of Irish Unionist opinion.' Perhaps the resolution of the redistribution question was the most amusing. In a general way, the deadheads approved of redistribution, but refrained from expressing any final opinion, until it could be seen 'how far the Government proposals when made will affect the Unionists' representation in Ireland.'

People We Hear About

Mr. and Mrs. Donlan, of Lawrence, who had been on an extended trip to Europe, returned to New Zealand last week, coming via the Bluff and Hobart from Melbourne.

Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, rector of St. Mary's Church, St. Albans, Vt., has been re-elected by the Democrats as representative over Col. A. A. Hall, the Republican nominee. Father O'Sullivan's majority was 133, the total number of votes cast being 1135. This was the only fight in the local campaign, both parties putting forth their best efforts to win the election. Party lines were ignored, many Republicans voting for the Democratic candidate, and vice versa. Father O'Sullivan distinguished himself in the last Legislature by the part he took as chairman of the committee on temperance, and was influential in framing and in the passage of the high license local option law. He was also prominent in all the important matters, and was one of the leaders in the House. His majority two years ago was 260.

Mr. Robert J. Wynne has been appointed Postmaster-General of the United States. In appointing Mr. Wynne, the President did it with a desire to publicly seal with approval his work as Assistant Postmaster-General in ferreting out frauds in the postal department during the recent investigation. Mr. Wynne was appointed First Assistant Postmaster-General on April 17, 1902. For nearly a quarter of a century he had been a Washington newspaper correspondent, serving at various times some of the most important newspapers in the country. Mr. Wynne had not been in the office of the First Assistant many months before he became convinced that some of the affairs of the department were not being conducted honestly. Quietly he set about to determine for himself what foundation there was for the charges. He obtained definite information bearing upon the matter. This he laid before Postmaster-General Payne and the President. It was upon his first information that President Roosevelt ordered the inquiry, which is now a matter of history. Mr. Wynne is a Catholic and a member of Washington Council, Knights of Columbus.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the doyen of Irish journalists, who is now in his 78th year, is about to publish his reminiscences under the title of 'Recollections of Troubled Times in Ireland' (says the 'Westminster Gazette'). As the author of Ireland's National Anthem and the poet of the Parnellite Party, Mr. Sullivan is best known in England. Fifty years ago he joined the 'Nation' staff in Dublin, and it was as proprietor and editor of that journal, when he was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1886-7 and Member of Parliament, that he was imprisoned for Press offences under Mr. Balfour's Coercion Act. While immured for two months in Tullamore Gaol he wrote 'Prison Poems,' which forms one of several volumes of verse that he has published. His principal prose publication is a brief life of his brother, the late A. M. Sullivan, M.P., whom Mr. Gladstone described as 'the eloquent member for Louth,' a constituency appropriately represented in recent years by Mr. Sullivan's son-in-law, Mr. T. M. Healy.

Mr. Michael Davitt writes to the secretary of the Miltownmalbay Branch U.I.L. in response to an invitation to become the Parliamentary candidate for West Clare, stating that he has no intention of 'again submitting to the penal servitude of Parliamentary life.' Mr. Davitt's friends will be glad to know that his wife, an American, has inherited some property recently. The income from it is between three and four hundred per year, and its possession will relieve Davitt of the anxiety which, of late years, he has experienced in the effort to make ends meet. He was always comparatively poor, and the struggle had recently become acute.

It is twenty-two years since Professor Windle, the new President of Queen's College, Cork, became a convert, and since then he has taken a practical interest in every Catholic movement. When the Education Committee was formed in Birmingham under the new Act he was placed upon it as the Catholic representative. A paper of his was read at the last annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society which was held in that city. Until he came to England to take an appointment he lived all his life, from the age of two, in Ireland. He has always described himself as an Irishman, and is not a little proud of the fact that in Sir Jonah Barrington's list of members of the last Irish Parliament, his great-grandfather, Lord Chief Justice Bushe, is described as 'incorruptible.'

The death is reported of Mr. John F. Kelly, of Subiaco, Western Australia, father of the Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton.



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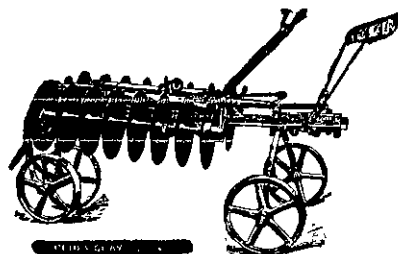
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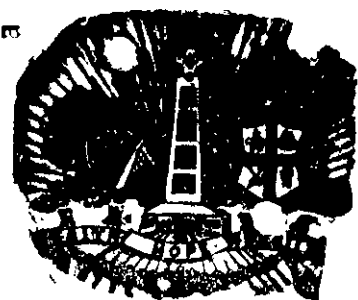
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PRODUCE.

London, December 9.—The wheat markets are quiet; American relapsing. Red winter, 118½ cents. cargoes are dull and holders less firm. Quotations: 33/- afloat; 33/3 to 33/6 for shipment.

Flour is dull owing to heavy arrivals. Glasgow quotations, nominally, 26/3 to 26/9.

Butter is steady. Trade prices are slightly easier. Danish, unchanged; Victorian, choicest, 102/- to 104/-, and occasionally 106/-; New South Wales, 100/- to 104/-; New Zealand, 104/- to 106/-.

Wheat: Owing to the advance in New York, 5000 quarters were shipped back there from Antwerp at 36/3.

Wellington, December 12.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-general, dated London, 10th inst.:—“Since cabling last week no alteration has taken place in the mutton market. The lamb market is quiet. Beef is in better demand. The stocks of New Zealand beef on hand are light. The average price to-day for hindquarters of New Zealand beef is 3½d; forequarters, 2½d. The butter market is firm, with a good demand. The average price of choicest New Zealand butter to-day is 106/-; Danish, 116/-. The cheese market is steady, Canadian is quoted at 49/-. The hemp market is quiet, but firm. Choice New Zealand hemp, of good fair Wellington grade, on spot to-day, is worth 31/10/- per ton; January to March shipments, 31/10/-.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale— Butter farm, 5d; separator, 7d; butter, factory, pats, 10½d. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese (factory), 6½d. Hams, 3d. Potatoes, £2/10/- per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £2/5/- per ton. Flour, £10/10 to £11/10. Oatmeal, £8/10/- to £9. Bran, £3/15/-. Pollard, £5. Retail—Farm butter, 7d; separator, 9d; butter, factory, pats, 1/-; Cheese, 6d to 8d. Eggs, 10d per doz. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Potatoes, 4/- per cwt. Flour: 200lb, 23/-; 50lb, 6/6. Oatmeal: 50lb, 5/3; 25lb, 2/9. Pollard, 8/6 per bag. Bran, 4/6. Chaff, 1/6.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a small catalogue to a fair attendance of buyers. Bidding for most of the lots on offer was well up to our valuations, and in consequence the catalogue was cleared at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Local stocks are now in small compass, and holders are disinclined to accept present values. Any sales passing are chiefly for direct delivery from country stations. Good to prime Gartons maintain their popularity with shippers, short oats being only occasionally inquired for. We quote: Prime milling, 1/7 to 1/8; good to best feed, 1/5½ to 1/6½; medium, 1/4 to 1/5 per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market shows no quotable change. Millers are only to be tempted with a few specially good lines for mixing, and under these circumstances medium milling sorts are scarcely saleable. Fowl wheat is in request, and commands ready sale at late quotations, despite the quantity lately put on the market. We quote: Prime milling, 3/6 to 3/9; medium to good, 3/2 to 3/5; whole fowl wheat, 3/- to 3/1, broken and damaged, 2/6 to 2/10 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Prime Derwents were in short supply, and for best sorts there was a decided improvement in values. These sold at £3/10/- to £4, others, £3 to £3/7/6 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Only small consignments of prime quality have come forward during the past week, and these have been readily quoted on arrival. At Monday's sales a further advance in prices was recorded, prime bright oaten sheaf realising £3/15/- to £4, medium to good, £3 to £3/10/- per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Best oaten and wheat, 30/- to 35/- per ton (pressed).

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

Wheat.—Milling lines are dull of sale, but fowl wheat keeps up to late quotations. Prime milling, 3/7 to 3/9; medium, 3/2 to 3/5; best whole fowl wheat, 2/11 to 3/1; inferior and damaged, 2/6 to 2/10.

Oats.—There has been a fair amount of business passing, and stocks in town are now very low. Quotations remain the same, namely, Prime milling, 1/7 to 1/8; good to best feed, 1/5½ to 1/6½; inferior and medium, 1/3 to 1/5.

Potatoes.—Best Derwents, £3/10/- to £4, others, £3 to £3/7/6.

Chaff.—Prices have risen during the week, and prime oaten sheaf is now worth £3/12/6 to £3/17/6; medium to good, £3 to £3/10/-.

WOOL.

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

Rabbitskins.—Sales are now held fortnightly, and there was no sale this week.

Sheepskins.—The market continues very high, and the large catalogue we offered to-day brought very full rates Merino, H, anything, being a shade higher.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report.

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THE ADDINGTON MARKET.

There was a large attendance at Addington, consisting chiefly of farmers, who are in town for the wool sales. With a small entry of fat sheep, these and lambs had a spirited sale. Beef and pork were in heavy supply, and prices were lower.

Fat Cattle.—The large yarding of 264 head was in excess of requirements, and prices were on the average 20/- a head below those of the previous week, while the last few pens were passed without a bid, the best beef making 23/- to 24/6, and secondary and cows 20/- per 100lb; Steers sold at £8/2/6 to £11/2/6; 28 North Island steers and bullocks at £8/5/- to £11/2/6; other steers, £6/15/- to £10/17/6; cows, £5/17/6 to £7/15/-.

Fat Calves.—There was a large entry, and prices fell considerably, good butchers' vealers selling at 20/- to 30/-, and the full range of prices being from 4/6 to 10/-.

Store Cattle.—The supply was large and comprised a good proportion of grown cattle, most of which were included in a line of about 200 from Kaikoura, not conspicuous for breeding. Business was rather better than lately, a fair proportion being sold at the following prices: Calves, 20/-; 15 to 18-month cattle, £2/13/6 to £3/5/-; two-year-old steers, £4/2/- to £4/10/-; heifers, £4, three-year-old steers, £6 to £6/17/6; heifers, £5 to £5/10/-; dry cows, 30/- to £4/5/-.

Dairy Cows.—A poor selection and a limited demand, the highest price being £7.

Fat Sheep.—The entry was again small, though larger than last week. It consisted chiefly of shorn ewes of a wide range of quality. The sale was very irregular, opening quietly, not advancing to last week's high values, and, after further fluctuations, closing at a slight decline. Butchers commanded the market throughout. Prices ranged—Crossbred wethers (extra), 30/-; prime, 22/- to 23/9; others, 19/10 to 21/9; ewes, prime heavy, 22/- to 25/9; medium to good, 18/- to 21/9; others, 15/6 to 17/1; merino wethers, 12/2 to 15/4.

Fat Lambs.—There was a fair entry, and all good sorts met a spirited demand at previous prices, but unfinished lots, of which many were penned, were in less request. Best lines made 17/6 to 20/-; other 14/6 to 17/6.

Pigs.—A large number of all descriptions came forward. The sale of fats opened badly, but improved as it went on, although the best rates were still lower than those of last week. A line of porkers and baconers from Lincoln College made 30/- to 62/-.

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The first prize of £2 2s in the essay competition promoted by the Wanganui Christmas Carnival committee (writes our Wanganui correspondent), was won by Master Patrick Lloyd, of the Wanganui Marist Brothers' School. All school children under the Wanganui Education Board were eligible to compete, so that Master Lloyd's success is all the more meritorious.

A very pleasing function took place on Monday morning in St. Joseph's Schoolroom (says the 'Paeroa Gazette,' November 30), when the pupils presented their much-esteemed pastor, Very Rev. Dean Hackett, with a handsome silver tea service. The presentation was made by his Lordship the Bishop, who, in a few appropriate words, complimented the good Dean on such a serviceable remembrance of his birthday, and the children on the good taste displayed on their very fine selection. The children of Karangahake also presented Dean Hackett with a valuable set of silver-mounted carvers. The genial Dean expressed his appreciation of the kind thoughtfulness of the pupils, and at his request the Bishop granted them a half-holiday.

The following (writes a correspondent) are the results of the musical examinations held during the year at the Sacred Heart High School, Nelson:—Trinity College examination in musical knowledge held last June—Senior pass, Constance Stewart. Intermediate—Beatrice Falkner (honors), Edith Frank. Senior pass—Ivy M. Crisp. Preparatory grade—Agnes Cassey, Gwendoline Frank (distinction), Eulalie McArtney, Eileen Arnold, Melanie Neilson, Louisa Taylor, and Dorothy Frank. Practical examination held in October—Senior division, Margery Muir. Intermediate division—Ivy M. Crisp (honors), Edith Frank. Junior division—Eileen Arnold, Dorothy Frank, Eulalie McArtney. Preparatory grade—Nellie Keeney (distinction). Associated Board of R.C. and R.A., practical examination—Lower school, Rena Roughton (distinction), Plassie Hailes, Ena Cruickshank, Agnes Cassey, Nellie Lodge. Elementary division—Mary Stephens, Mary Lodge (distinction), Ethel Saunders, Louisa Taylor, Norah Coghlan.

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The following alterations in, and additions to, the ordinary Time-table will be made in connection with the above.

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

REGATTA AT PORT CHALMERS.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers Lower at 7.8 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.10 p.m., 1.10 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 3.46 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 10.12 p.m., and 11.30 p.m.

Trains will leave Port Chalmers Lower for Dunedin at 7.8 a.m., 8.16 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 1.9 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 4.10 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.0 p.m., 7.10 p.m., 9.25 p.m., 10.50 p.m., and 12.10 a.m.

The 5.5 a.m., Palmerston-Dunedin train, the 5.45 a.m. Dunedin-Palmerston train, and the 2.10 p.m. Dunedin-Ranfurly will NOT run.

SPORTS AT OUTRAM.

Train will leave Outram for Dunedin at 6.0 p.m.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 26th and 27th DECEMBER.

Trains leave Dunedin for Palmerston and intermediate stations 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., Palmerston arrive 11.18 a.m., 12.20 p.m., and 12.53 p.m.

Return trains will leave Palmerston at 3.34 p.m., 4.20 p.m., and 4.55 p.m., Waitati 5.30 p.m., 6.0 p.m., and 7.10 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.48 p.m., 7.11 p.m., and 8.25 p.m. respectively.

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Special train stopping at intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 9.40 a.m., Abbotsford 10.3 a.m., Mosgiel 10.25 a.m., arriving Milton at 11.40 a.m.

Trains leave Milton at 4.30 p.m. and 6.9 p.m., Waitaha 5.2 p.m. and 6.41 p.m., arriving Dunedin at 6.45 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. respectively.

Train will leave Dunedin for Mosgiel at 11.20 p.m.

Train will leave Mosgiel for Dunedin at 8.8 p.m.

The train usually leaving Mosgiel for Dunedin at 11.40 p.m. WILL LEAVE at 11.25 p.m.

RACES AT WINGATUI.

Trains leave Dunedin for Wingatui Racecourse at 10.55 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.45 a.m., and 12.15 p.m. The 11.20 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. trains will NOT stop at intermediate stations.

Trains will leave Wingatui Racecourse for Dunedin at 4.50 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and 5.45 p.m. The 4.50 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. trains will NOT stop at intermediate stations.

Trains will leave Wingatui for Dunedin at 4.33 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 6.8 p.m., and 6.52 p.m.

TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

The 5.45 a.m. Dunedin-Palmerston train, the 2.10 p.m. Dunedin-Mosgiel train, and the 7.50 p.m. Dunedin-Invercargill train will NOT run.

SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS.

SATURDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER: Dunedin depart 10.40 p.m., Palmerston 12.52 a.m., Oamaru 2.42 a.m., Christchurch arrive 9.5 a.m. Sunday. Will stop at Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno to pick up or set down passengers; also at any station north of Oamaru to allow passengers from south of Oamaru to alight.

Christchurch dep. 10.35 p.m., Oamaru 4.52 a.m., Palmerston 6.40 a.m., Dunedin arrive 8.55 a.m. Sunday. Will stop at Palmerston, Waikouaiti, Seaclyff, and Waitati to pick up or set down passengers.

Dunedin depart 11.20 p.m., Palmerston 2.15 a.m., Oamaru arrive 4.30 a.m. Sunday.

Dunedin depart 11.22 p.m., Invercargill arrive 7.35 a.m. Sunday.

Invercargill dep. 11.20 p.m., Dunedin arrive 7.10 a.m. Sunday.

TUESDAYS, 27th and 3rd JANUARY: Dunedin depart 8.50 p.m., Palmerston 11.5 p.m., Christchurch arrive 7.15 a.m., Wednesday. Will stop at Palmerston, Hampden, Herbert, and Maheno to pick up or set down passengers; also at any station north of Oamaru to allow passengers to alight.

Christchurch depart 9.0 p.m., Palmerston 4.50 a.m., Dunedin arrive 7.5 a.m. Wednesday. Will stop at Maheno, Herbert, Hampden, Hillgrove, and Palmerston to pick up or set down passengers.

Dunedin depart 9.0 p.m., Invercargill arrive 4.0 a.m. Wednesday. Will stop at Mosgiel, Milton, Stirling, and Balclutha to pick up or set down passengers; also at any station south of Mosgiel to allow passengers to alight. This train will also stop at any station, where required, between Dunedin and Clinton to pick up passengers for south of Clinton.

Invercargill depart 9.0 p.m., Dunedin arrive 4.10 a.m. Wednesday. Will stop, where required, north of Clinton to allow passengers from South of Clinton to alight; also at any station between Clinton and Mosgiel to pick up passengers for Dunedin.

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DEATHS

FLYNN.—At Riverton Hospital, on December 1,
Philip Flynn, of County Limerick, Ireland, the dearly
beloved brother of Paul Flynn, Windsor, Mrs. Barry,
Pukeuri, and Mrs. McGrath, Deborah; aged 37 years,
deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

GRIMES.—At Kilkland, on December 5, Isabella
Grimes, native of Ballyshannon, County Donegal, Ire-
land.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1904.

STATUTORY AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY.



At the opening of the Little Sisters' home for
the aged poor in Dunedin on the Feast of
the Immaculate Conception, a non-Catholic
speaker, Mr. J. M. Gallaway, said: 'There
is among us a great deal of what may be
called statutory charity. And this is right
and proper. But nothing can take the place
of that charity which proceeds from the
heart, and it is that the Little Sisters of the Poor
strive to provide.' The one is the outcome of utilitarian-
ism or of a laudable but purely natural sympathy.
People by common consent give it the name philan-
thropy. The other—that of the consecrated daughters
of the Church—is the sweet charity which sees Christ
under the rags of the stricken beggar and the foetid
ulcers of the leper and wills to be anathema for the
sake of the least of God's poor. The difference between
statutory and Christian charity is thus a radical one.
It is not merely something external and accidental. It
lies in the very mainspring of action—the motive—and
thus gives a different character and complexion to the
whole substance of the good deeds that are done to
their neighbors by, say, Fathers Damien and Viander-
vuide and even the highest type of philanthropist.
Worlds apart were, for instance, the motives which
prompted the Sister of Mercy, in the weird and pitiful
story of 'Ginx's Baby,' to rescue the little one on Lon-
don Bridge, and those of the philanthropists who snatched
the wail from her sheltering arms, wasted money
on secretaries' salaries, etc., and let the little wanderer
drift to the chilling depths of a workhouse and finally
end its days in the dark waters of the River Thames.

A gulf separates Christian teaching and practice from
both the old paganism of Greece and Rome and the
neo-paganism of Mandeville, Hobbes, Turgot, Rousseau,
Proudhon, and their later echoes. 'Christianity,' says
the Rationalist Lecky, 'for the first time made charity
a rudimentary virtue, giving it a leading place in the
moral type. . . Besides its general influence in stimu-
lating the affections, it effected a complete revolution in
this sphere, by regarding the poor as the special repre-
sentatives of the Christian Founder, and thus making
the love of Christ the principle of charity.' The same
writer adds: 'When the victory of Christianity was
achieved, the enthusiasm for charity displayed itself in
the erection of numerous institutions that were alto-
gether unknown to the pagan world.' The charity of
Christ urges it. It is ever in the rank green leaf. It
knows no decay. It is trammelled by no boundary line:
its hold is the whole circle of human ills and woes, from
the foundling infant on London Bridge to the dying
leper on Lone Motokai, and its elastic and energising
eagerness adapts itself to every fresh form of misery
that altered times or climes or social conditions bring
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Julian the Apostate tried in vain to produce its counterfeit presentment among the pagan Romans of his time. Centuries ago a ruler of Japan took thought for the poor lepers of his land. It was a generous spasm, but it passed speedily, and to this hour—save where the Catholic missionary comes to his aid—the leper is an agonising outcast in Nippon, and 'the most ancient and most human of all diseases' is regarded as the worst social disgrace that can befall a home among the most cultivated pagan people of our day. Nor has charity any part in the neo-paganism that is invading some western lands. The French Revolution—the outcome of French philosophism—dragged through the streets and scourged at the cart's tail noble ladies who, as Edmund Burke said in the British House of Commons, were 'devoted to the most sublime duties of religion.' It closed orphanages and refuges for the aged and misappropriated legacies left for the poor. The bloodless French Revolution of our day is in great part a war against the poor and those whose lives are consecrated to their service. Statutory and personal philanthropy, arising, as it generally does, from natural human goodness and sympathy, may, even in pagan lands, effect a considerable range of good. This form of philanthropy is, perhaps, in Christian countries, seldom found in what we may term the crude state. Even where philanthropists of this class are not professed believers in Christ, they live in an atmosphere of thought, feeling, tradition, and sentiment which has been created by Christianity. Consciously or unconsciously they must, to some extent at least, be guided in their actions by motives or principles which are distinctively Christian. In this case philanthropy may be merely Christian charity in disguise, or adulterated. Mere philanthropy, in itself, proceeding on right lines, is good as far as it goes. But it does not go far. It has its own little sphere. But, judged by its roots or by its fruits, when compared with true Christian charity, it is as the gilded counterfeit compared with the mint-marked gold piece.

Notes

To the Clergy.

On page 31 we publish a calendar for January, which will, it is hoped, be of service to the secular clergy of New Zealand pending the arrival of the official 'Ordo.'

The Provincial Seminary.

'Let there be progress.' In the course of a speech at the distribution of prizes in Holy Cross College yesterday, an important announcement was made by the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon. 'In future,' said his Lordship, 'the course of studies in Holy Cross College will be so arranged that all students will have an opportunity of matriculating in connection with the local University and of subsequently taking out degrees.' This announcement will be received with much pleasure by our readers in every part of New Zealand.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual distribution of prizes took place at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, yesterday (Wednesday). The Mosgiel and Dunedin clergy were present. His Lordship the Bishop presided and presented the prizes and, in the course of an interesting speech, made the important announcement that in future the course of studies will be so arranged that all students will have an opportunity of matriculating in connection with the local University and of subsequently taking out degrees. In the afternoon an adjournment was made to the fine new college gymnasium erected some time ago, and the students went through a lengthy series of exercises of various kinds, in which they displayed a degree of efficiency that was greatly appreciated by the visitors, and speaks well for the training imparted by their gymnastic instructor.

At St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, on Sunday last there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The members of the Hibernian Society to the number of 82 attended the nine o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, and approached the Holy Table in a body.

The Rev. Father Brown, S.J., left on Saturday morning for the purpose of opening a mission in Wairoa in the Lawrence parish. Later on missions will be given in Roxburgh, Miller's Flat, and other portions of the same parish.

Encouraged by the success which had attended the first sacred recital in St. Joseph's Cathedral some time ago, the committee engaged in liquidating the debt incurred in renovating the Christian Brothers' School arranged for another on Thursday evening of last week. The programme was a lengthy one, and the undertaking on the whole was more ambitious than that attempted on the first occasion. From a musical point of view the recital was a decided success, and was highly creditable to all who took part in it.

Opening of a New Catholic Church at Kaitangata.

The Milton correspondent of the 'Otago Daily Times' supplies the following particulars regarding the ceremonies at the blessing and opening of the new Catholic church at Kaitangata, in the Milton parish, which took place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Up to the present members of the Catholic community at Kaitangata have labored under the disability of being without a building of their own wherein to hold service, and had recourse to the public hall. Now all this is at an end, thanks to the initiative of the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, to their own energy, and to the liberality of the community. Thursday saw the consummation of their efforts, and the opening of a handsome edifice occupying a prominent site overlooking the township. The ceremony was conducted by the Very Rev. Mr. O'Leary, the church being dedicated to St. Ita. Very Rev. Dean Burke (Invercargill) delivered an impressive sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) and Rev. Father Claffey, S.J., were also present, with the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, pastor of the district, while the combined Milton and Balclutha choirs rendered the musical portion of the service, Miss Scanlan (Milton) presiding at the organ. The church was well filled, a number of visitors from Milton, Balclutha, and intervening districts being present. The collection in aid of the building fund amounted to about £100, mostly contributed by friends outside Kaitangata, and Father O'Neill expressed his thanks to all who had so generously contributed. The building is built of brick in Gothic design, with roof of tiles, and is capable of seating 100—ample accommodation, it is anticipated, for worshippers for many years. The contractor was Mr. Middlemas, who is deserving of every credit for the satisfactory manner in which he carried out the work. The Kaitangata Company kindly gave free passes to the visitors on their line of railway to and from Stirling.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY McTAGGART.

Another old Canterbury resident and fervent Catholic (writes our Christchurch correspondent) passed away on last Thursday morning, in the person of Mrs. Mary McTaggart, widow of the late Mr. Andrew McTaggart. The deceased was one of the family of Lee-Nunan, well known in the County Limerick, Ballingarry being their native town. With her husband, they being at the time a newly-married couple, the deceased came out to the colonies over 40 years ago, first residing at Rockhampton, Queensland, for a few months. Widowed with a young family, a strenuous life was the consequence, but with energy and indomitable perseverance, apparently insurmountable difficulties were overcome. The strain of many years, however, asserted itself in a break down of a particularly strong constitution. The deceased was attended during her last moments by the Rev. Father Mahony, who with unremitting attention imparted all the sacred rites of Holy Church. Extreme kindness and attention were also shown by the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions. On Saturday Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral by the Rev. Father O'Connell, who also officiated at the interment in the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Dominic's College took place on Tuesday afternoon, his Lordship the Bishop presiding, there being also present the Cathedral clergy.

Prior to the distribution the pupils of the Kindergarten gave a very enjoyable entertainment, consisting of an opening address by Master V. Striel; an operetta, dumb-bells and Swedish exercises, and a chorus by the pupils, and a closing address by Miss Eileen Moritzson. The characters in the operetta were taken by Misses E. Collins, E. Moritzson, S. Collins, M. Thurston, Alice Norris, and Myrtle Crichton.

At the presentation of prizes to the older pupils the following report was read:—

The year now closing has been most satisfactory. During the second half there was a steady influx of both extern and resident pupils, and the promise of the future is hopeful, as only a very small percentage of the girls will be leaving this Christmas. A new classification has been adopted this year, in view of the Oxford local examinations, which will be held in June of the coming year, and will supplement the matriculation and civil service examinations, which are in the same working order as in past years. The value of the Oxford examinations is being proved by the ardor with which the subjects are being studied by the pupils of the various grades. The school has obtained the usual musical successes, which this year have, if anything, been emphasized by an increase in the number of honors certificates—11 for practical music and 4 for theoretical. A candidate in the advanced grade has secured the silver medal, and one the diploma of L.A.B. in the teachers' examination. The total number of successful candidates in the practical examinations is 47. Good work has been done by the art students. Much attention has been given to physical development, and the class (under the direction of Miss Mowat) has made very satisfactory progress. The large number of children admitted into the school during the year is proof sufficient that the general tone and conduct of the pupils is decidedly good.

After the prizes had been distributed his Lordship said that he had listened to the school report with very great pleasure, and he thought it was one which would reflect credit on any school in the Colony. A striking feature of the year's work was the large number of successes which pupils of the College had gained in public competitions, and he thought that they had acted very wisely in going in for such competitions and public examinations. The record which came to the College from musical examinations was nothing less than wonderful. At their school they were gaining solid, practical knowledge, and they were devoting themselves to studies which would be useful to them in after life. It was very gratifying to him to hear that the conduct of the pupils was excellent, and that they were paying attention to their holy religion. He most congratulate all—both those who had won prizes and those who had not—on the work done by them throughout the year, and he would conclude by wishing them all a very pleasant vacation.

The following is the prize list:—

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Class A.—Christian doctrine—Lena Maloney 1, May Burke 2; English—Nora King, arithmetic—Maggie Burke 1, Lena Nolan 2; French—May Burke, reading—Norma Naismith; politeness—Olive Jolly; application—Vera Bryant; order—Nellie Millar; general improvement—Maggie Nolan.

Class B.—English—Bessie Laffey; arithmetic—Ella O'Brien; regular attendance and good conduct—Annie Donovan; attention in class—Molly Coughlan; improvement in studies—Kathleen Sullivan.

SENIOR SCHOOL.

Preparatory Oxford Grade.—Class medallist—Rhoda Bowie; application—Intisel Jackson.

Preliminary Oxford Grade.—Class medallist—Sarah Drury; French—Bella Laffey; arithmetic—Gladys Mason; history—Annie O'Brien; general improvement—Mercedes McDonald.

Junior Oxford Grade.—Class medallist—Ethel Clark; next in merit—Margaret Bourke, Lily Flannery, Mona Waddell; French—Rachel Dey; arithmetic—Mary Flannery 1, Winnie Martin 2; Latin—Ethel Goldsmith; attention to studies—Lucy Wait.

Senior Oxford Grade (matriculation and civil service).—Class medallist and dux—Maude Collins; general knowledge (French specially mentioned)—Hilda Mackay; mathematics—Elsie Dey 1, Bridget Wright 2; physiology—Janie Roche, application and general improvement—Gladys Mellic; passed junior civil service—Hilda Mackay (thirty-fourth place), M. Herliffy.

General Prizes.

Religious knowledge: Patricia Geaney; hon. mention—Hilda Mackay, G. Mellic, M. Collins, J. Roche, Minnie Collins, M. Gawne, F. Byrne, L. Flannery, M. Carey, B. Wright, M. Mellic. Politeness: Lily Flannery; hon. mention—M. Gawne. Calisthenics: Rachel Dey; hon. mention—J. M. Carthy, M. Waddell, E. Clark, M. Jopp, B. Wright, M. Flannery, B. Laffey, K. Stewart, L. Wait. Painting: Special prize, Johanna M'Carthy; prize, Ethel Clark; hon. mention—R. Dey and M. Jopp. Needlework: Rose McQuillan medal, M. Jopp second prize. Regular attendance: Mary Murphy. Good conduct: Bridget White (awarded by the nuns). Wreath: Maude Collins (awarded by the votes of the pupils).

KINDERGARTEN.

Division III.—Mona Thurston (deportment and geography), Ida King (reading and observations), Myrtle Crichton (arithmetic and punctuality), Eileen Collins (brushwork and writing), Florence Millar (geometry and embroidery).

Division II.—Alice Norris (deportment and painting), Eileen Moritzson (geometry and drill), Ethel Adlaw (reading and embroidery), Totty Frewnan (spelling and observations), Agnes Caldwell (punctuality and neatness), Katie Anderson (catechism and politeness).

Division I.—Rosie Caldwell (writing and embroidery), Nellie Caldwell (writing and neatness), Katie Donovan (punctuality and politeness), Florence Cantwell (good attendance and neatness), Rosie Murphy (catechism and general improvement), Sarah Cole (music and spelling), Sarah Collins (arithmetic and recitation), Bella Collins (word-building and writing), Edie Coughlan (embroidery and paper-folding), Lily Foster (good attendance and writing), Kathleen Coughlan (writing and embroidery), Vincent Snel (arithmetic and drill), Rhoda Norris (recitation and deportment), Rosie Rogan (punctuality and mental arithmetic).

Upper Primer.—Gladys Cole (word-building and drill), Tasmah O'Brien (good attendance and drawing), Mary Lennon (catechism and plasticine), Mavis Grieve (singing and recitation), Grattan Shiel (plasticine and drill), Veronica Gawne (punctuality and prayers), Nora Cantwell (mat weaving and embroidery), Connie Millar (politeness and stick-laying), Rura Carter (drawing and counting), Winnie Salmon (catechism and paper-folding).

Infants.—James Lennon (stick-laying), James Caldwell (block-building), Welga Naismith (paper-folding and embroidery), Lily Moir (mat-weaving), Willie Coughlan (plasticine), Rosalba Cheroni (music), Eileen Reid (mat-weaving), Leonard Salmon (stick-laying and rhymes), Teddy Collins (plasticine and drill), Connie Collins (counting and observation), Gerie Meehan (punctuality and embroidery), Rura Taylor (singing and observation), Ivy Crichton (mat-weaving).

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

The following is the prize list:—

Class Subjects.—Standard VII: Florence Layburn. Standard VI: J. Black. Standard V: N. O'Connor, A. Meyer. Standard IV: R. White. Standard III: A. Skinner. Standard II: H. O'Sullivan. Standard I: H. Brown. Good conduct, Olive White; class singing, I. McDonald and J. Salmon; needlework, H. McQuillan and H. O'Sullivan; catechism, C. Monaghan, R. Wakelin, and I. Ross; bible history, O. White; Sunday school attendance, H. Brown; neatness and politeness, E. Salmon and A. Paton; attendance and punctuality, N. O'Sullivan and S. McQuillan; calisthenics, E. Salmon and J. Murray; drawing, V. Stevenson.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

First prize for music, Minnie Paton; hon. mention, Essie Fitzgerald; special music prize (presented by Mrs. Montague), Minnie Paton. Advanced Grade Local Centre Associated Board gold and silver medallists. Pianoforte—Myra Montague, Hannah Sweeney, Mildred Carey. Senior grade: Singing—Violet Fraser (silver medal). Improvement in music prize, Iris Reid. Intermediate Grade Local Centre Associated Board—Esma Levestan (silver medal). Intermediate Grade Trinity College and Higher School Grade silver medallists—Margaret Gawne, Rita Moritzson. Attention to music, Winnie Power. Second prize for singing, Maggie Jopp. Junior Grade Trinity College silver medal, Lena Maloney. Elementary Grade Associated Board silver medallists—Beryl Gillies (pianoforte), Margaret Burke (violin). Theory of Music, Trinity College.—Intermediate Grade prize—Minnie Collins and Essie Fitzgerald; Junior Grade prize—Frances Byrne, Mary Flannery.

The following candidates were successful in the practical music examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music:—Teacher's certificate for the diploma of L.A.B.—Miss Mary M. Paton. Local Centre: Advanced Grade—Myra Montague (silver medallist; honors) 144, Hannah Sweeney

(honors) 133, Mildred Carey (honors) 132, Rachel Dey (pass) 122, Iris Reid 119, Jeannie Miller 118, Maria E. Wood, 114. Intermediate Grade—K. Collins (pass) 124, Maud Sandilands (violin) 115, Winifred Martin 104, Agnes Knott 103, Esma. Hevestan (honors) 135, Ethel Clark 121.

School Examinations.—Higher Grade—Rita Morrison (honors) 81, Ethel Goldsmith 78, Ivy Bailey 77, Mona Waddell 75, Jane Rothe 72, Winnie Power 71. Lower Grade—Maggie O'Leary (pass) 76, Mary O'Leary 72. Elementary Grade—Beryl Gillies (honors) 99 (maximum awarded), Margaret Burke (violin, honors) 85.

The following candidates were successful in the practical music examinations of Trinity College, London.—Certificated pianists—E. Fitzgerald, M. Paton, M. O'Grady; Senior Grade—V. Fraser (singing; honors) 92, M. Collins (pass) 77, W. McTigue 75, J. Miller 68, L. Leslie 67, M. O'Sullivan (singing) 66; Intermediate Grade—Margaret Gawne (honors) 84, A. Jeffery (pass) 72, N. Angus 71, G. Taylor 70, E. Smith 68; Junior Grade—M. Walls (honors) 91, L. Maloney (honors) 82, B. Dwyer (pass) 70, E. Smyth (pass) 61, M. Flannery (pass) 61, M. Waddell (singing) 63; Preparatory Grade—M. Hopkins 79, M. Leslie 73, D. Hart 67.

Presentation to Miss Woods, Lawrence.

On Wednesday evening of last week (says the 'Tuapeka Times') a complimentary concert was tendered to Miss Woods, A.T.C.B., on the eve of her departure for Europe. There was a large attendance. The feature of the evening was unquestionably the extremely sympathetic rendering of that beautiful song 'Good-bye' by Miss Woods, who was in excellent voice, her enunciation of the words being all that could be desired. Doubtless the excitement of the occasion and the feeling that the words to which she was giving utterance were a reality rather than a mere sentiment were accountable for the keenness of the feeling infused into it. In response to a vociferous encore she graciously sang Knicker's 'Good night' in a similarly appreciative manner. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Mrs. Roscow, Misses Woods, Hay, and Robertson.

At the conclusion of the concert the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Lawrence, presented Miss Woods with a purse of sovereigns as a slight token of their appreciation of the very generous manner in which she had at all times given her services in musical matters for the benefit of the town. In making the presentation, he said he found it very difficult to find words in which to convey to Miss Woods the esteem and goodwill in which she was held by the people of Lawrence; indeed, by the people of the whole district. He had known her parents for the past 30 years. They had at all times during their residence here done an immense amount of good by organising concerts, etc., for charitable purposes and the various institutions in the town, and Miss Woods was proving a worthy daughter of such parents. As they were all aware, Miss Woods had reached the highest rung in the colonial musical ladder and was going to Europe for the purpose of qualifying for still higher honors, and they confidently believed that with the ability she possessed and her indomitable perseverance she would succeed in attaining further laurels, thus reflecting credit on New Zealand and on Lawrence in particular.

Mr. Woods, who returned thanks on behalf of his daughter, said she desired him to return her sincere and hearty thanks to the audience for their attendance that evening, to the committee for the trouble and pains taken by them in organising the entertainment, to the performers for the successful manner in which they had carried out the programme, and to one and all for the very valuable presentation made to her by his Worship the Mayor of Lawrence, her native town. As the first native-born musical delegate, so to speak, from the Tuapeka district, she was prepared to work her hardest to repay their generous send-off, and if successful in gaining distinctions she would accept them as honors for the Tuapeka district rather than herself.

Miss Woods was also presented by the Mayor with a travelling rug from her pupils.

Miss Woods leaves Dunedin on Sunday by the 'Warrimoo' for Melbourne en route for Europe.

Mr. R. S. Raymond, Pharmaceutical Chemist, who has had over 35 years' experience in his profession, has just purchased the business of the Pharmacy, Rattray street, where he hopes to merit a fair share of public patronage, his long experience being a guarantee that the greatest care and accuracy will be observed in the dispensing of physicians' prescriptions.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

The closing services in connection with the jubilee were held last week, commencing on Monday evening. Rev. Father Regnault, of Waimate, preached on three evenings to crowded congregations, and divided with our local clergy the labors of the confessional. On the closing day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the early morning Masses were well attended, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. A Missa Cantata was sung at 9 o'clock, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held for the remainder of the day. The sacred edifice was literally packed for the evening service. After the Rosary some postulants were received into the Confraternity of the Children of Mary. Then a procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held, in which the school children, confraternities, and the congregation generally took part. The procession proceeded down the main aisle, around the priory grounds, and back again to the church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the jubilee celebrations to a close.

A mission is being given in the Temuka parish by the Redemptorist Fathers this week.

A cricket match played last Saturday on the Athletic Grounds between the Waimate High School seniors and the Marist Brothers' boys resulted in a decided win for the latter. The local team after putting up 81 runs for 5 wickets closed their innings, and the Waimate team were disposed of for less than double figures, the fine bowling of J. O'Dowd, who took five wickets in one over, practically securing this result.

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated on the success which attended their annual concert, which took place in the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening. The programme was not unduly long, and the items, both vocal and instrumental, were well given. The programme opened with a pianoforte duet (two pianos), given by Misses Cremin, Slee, Flynn, and Bartos, followed by a part song by the girls. Two action songs ('Girls versus boys' and the 'Tall top hat') by the boys and girls were well rendered. A vocal trio by Misses Cremin, Bartos and Wedgell was one of the best items of the evening and received a well-deserved encore. Sword drill and song by the boys followed, and a part song by the girls. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by a song by the boys. During the interval the Mayor (Mr. John Manchester) distributed the medals to the pupils who were successful at the Trinity College musical examinations. The Rev. Father Regnault, in introducing the Mayor, thanked the large audience for the interest they manifested in Catholic schools, and congratulated the teachers on their splendid work. The following were the successful pupils: Practical—Misses E. Slee, N. Laane, N. Meehan, D. Delahant, K. Gough, M. O'Brien, E. Turner, N. Cremin, E. Beaton, Masters T. Twomey and J. Flynn. Theoretical—Misses O. Slee and Flynn.

Father Regnault thanked the Mayor for distributing the prizes, and said he had been a friend of the Catholic schools and his own for the last 12 years.

The Mayor referred to the effective training, and the up-to-date education, which had been manifested that night, and said that while there used to be doubts about the efficiency of education imparted, all those doubts had been set at rest, and the community at large had a good deal of sympathy with Catholics. For his own part he hoped that the day would come when the Catholic schools would be subsidised by the Government in proportion to the money expended by them.

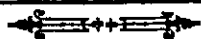
The second part opened with an instrumental item (piano and organ) played by Misses Meehan, Cremin, Flynn and Jones. An action song and dialogue by the boys and girls were well given. A vocal duet by the Misses Cremin and Bartos was well received. The concert was brought to a close with a drama, entitled 'A Runaway Student,' the characters being taken by Masters F. O'Brien, T. Cleary, M. O'Brien, Maurice, P. Hickey, Fitzgerald, Meagher and Mellor.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of communications.

The train arrangements on the New Zealand Railways for the Christmas holidays are notified elsewhere in this issue.

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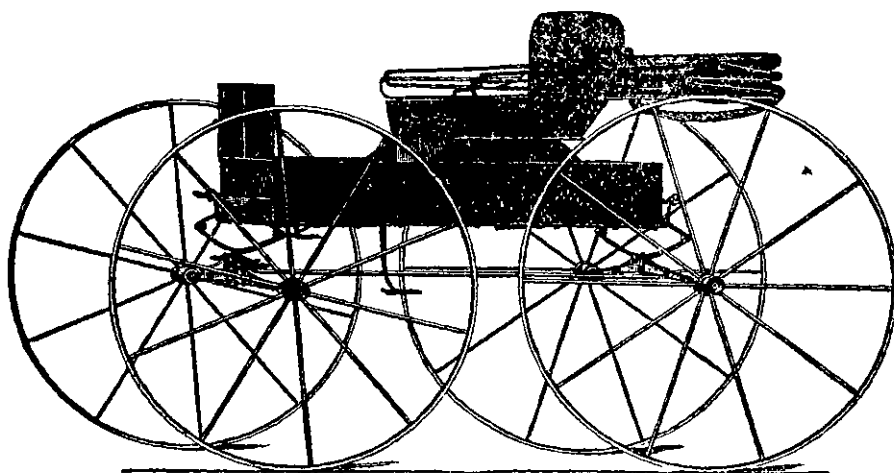
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Something about the good Padre Paul who ministered so many years in the beautiful Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Well, it was not so long ago, not more than twenty years, that this story I am going to tell you happened. I was seventy years old then, and the Padre was eighty.

Fifty years, summer and winter, he had said Mass in the little church that he loved so well, and it was there that he went to his reward. He was ready, the good Padre, and, thank God, through his end was cruel, it was without pain.

It was a time when feeling against the negro race ran high, when men thought nothing of lynching and hanging any black man whom they believed they had caught in an evil deed. It mattered not that he might be innocent; his skin was black and that was enough. You say it is much the same way now. Well, my little one, so it is—men's hearts do not change, and until some law is passed that will restrain the white man, the same lawlessness will prevail, and the innocent, as well as the guilty, will suffer.

It was one Sunday after the last Mass, and the Padre had not yet gone home. He moved slowly around the chancel handing me the books, for I was his sexton and deputy then, and had been for several years—ever since I grew too old to work in the fields. I had passed into the little vestry to lock up the paten and chalice with the other sacred vessels, when I heard the door of the church open in a hurry, and the sound of a heavy foot running across the hard, earthen floor. I dropped the key of the closet in my pocket and pushed open the swing door near the chancel, the Padre also had turned and I noticed that a shaft of light from the chancel window rested on his beautiful silver hair. The man who had entered was a negro, tall and gaunt, though just now he was crouching at the chancel steps. His breath came in gasps, as if he had run far and fast, and he was evidently in mortal fear.

'Mercy, Massa,' he said, 'de bloodhounds am after me! Sabe me, Massa, sabe me!'

The old priest came down from the sanctuary and stood near the poor, cowering wretch.

'My son,' he said, in the gentle, musical voice we all loved, 'tell me quickly what is the matter and I will try and help you.'

In hurried, broken tones, and with short, gasping sobs, the man told his tale. He had been accused of a crime of which he passionately declared he was innocent, and finding his accusers were without mercy, he had run away; he had been in the woods three days, almost without food, until he found the bloodhounds were on his track. He had run the last three miles without a stop, pursued by the dogs and a party of men bent on lynching him.

The Padre's mild blue eyes flashed. Yes, he had always been the enemy of disorder and riot. Many a time I have seen him, with no influence but his voice and presence, quiet the roughest set of men, Indians, Mexicans, or whites, it was all the same to him, and we all acknowledged his power over us.

In spite of his age the Padre could still act quickly. He opened the door at the foot of some narrow, winding stairs and turned to the black man, who seemed half senseless from fright.

'Go up in the bell tower,' he said, 'and stay there until you are summoned.' Then as the man ran rapidly up stairs, he shut and locked the door.

'Santos,' he said to me, 'the man is starving; go ask old Thomassie for some food and take it up to him. You can ascend from the little door in my study.'

I gave a last look at the Padre, the dear Senora Wentworth's son, who had gone to her reward this many a year. The fair hair of fifty years ago was now white as snow, the blue eyes were dimmed with age, the tall form was bowed, but in the Padre's breast beat the same true, loyal heart that had felt for us, our joys and our sorrows, all these years. Why did I not stay with him to guard and protect him with my arm that at seventy was still strong? I know not, little one, alas!

Left alone, Padre Paul went on with his work, and what followed was afterward told me by one of the men, a Mexican, less rough than the rest, who repented bitterly of his rashness in joining the maddened throng. It was only about three minutes after the negro had

found refuge in the tower when a howling mob reached the church door. Some of the men held the hounds in check while about a dozen of the ringleaders entered the church.

They were white men, most of them, and with all the white settler's hatred and contempt for the blacks. The foremost man addressed the Padre, who had descended from the sanctuary steps to the chancel rail.

'Father,' said the man, who, although a Protestant, was not without some respect for the Padre's age and office, 'we think a negro has taken refuge here. Have you seen anything of him?'

'Yes,' said the Padre, 'I have.'

'Then you must give him to us, Father,' said the man. 'We have hunted him for ten miles and are determined to give him the punishment he deserves.'

'My son,' said the Padre, 'have you given this man any fair trial, are you sure of his guilt?'

A murmur ran through the throng.

'Try a black devil by law?'

'Eat him up first!'

'Starve him out!'

'Lynch him!'

Some one had opened the outer and inner doors of the church, so that those outside heard all that went on in the building. The murmur was taken up by those without. It was plain that the crowd was becoming impatient and dangerous. The Padre heard and understood, but he did not flinch.

'Men,' he said, and his tones had the ring of authority, 'this man, hunted and hounded, deprived of law and justice at your hands, came here and found refuge in God's house. He appealed to me and passionately declared himself innocent of crime. I have placed him in safety and there he shall stay until I deliver him to the Sheriff to be tried by fair laws.'

The church was filling up now and the men pressed forward threateningly. It was something that they had been held in check so long. Suddenly there was a roar and commotion outside.

'Down with him!'

'Shoot the black devil!'

'Tear him to pieces!'

Overcome by curiosity the negro had looked out from the bell tower and had been instantly seen and recognised by some of those in the crowd. The men in the church paused a moment, but their temper was up, and a second later they charged into the vestry and out of the covered gallery that led to the Padre's house. It took them only a moment to see they were on the wrong scent, and in a body they swept back in the church. In those few seconds the Padre had placed his back against the door that led to the bell tower, and there the now thoroughly maddened men found him.

Why did he not give in?

He must have seen that it was hopeless, that the men would conquer anyway, but there was no thought of self or surrender in the calm, fearless gaze that Padre Paul turned on the rough crowd that began to close in on him.

'Father,' said the first spokesman, 'if you do not stand aside and let us ascend to the tower we will have to remove you by force.'

'Look here, Father,' said another man, who seemed less swayed by passion than the others, 'why do you want to save this black trash, anyhow? One nigger more or less in the world don't matter.'

The Padre drew himself up to his full height, his eyes blazed, and his voice deepened.

'For shame, man!' he said. 'What did He say, the Crucified, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto Me."'

For a moment the men drew back abashed. Some of them there were who had not entered a church for years, but there was no doubt that all knew and recognised the application of the text.

'You tell me,' the Padre continued, 'that the man is guilty. Did any one see him commit the crime, and if crime has been committed are you sure it was this man who did it?'

'No, Father,' answered the ringleader, 'but he was found near the place, so we were sure it was he. No other black man was near, though we scoured the country for miles.'

'And because you could find no one else you take this man,' said the Padre. 'You would deprive him of the life God has given him. You would hurl him into eternity without a moment's preparation, if you could, and all without even the certainty of his guilt.'

I think the men were growing tired and were disposed to give it up. There is nothing like gaining time in such a crisis; and rough as they were the Padre's words had not been without effect.

It needed now only for some one of their number to lead them one way or the other, but, alas! the wrong one made himself heard. It was the father of the girl who had been robbed and beaten who would not yield.

He was the blacksmith of the county, a powerful, brawny man, with a terrible temper, they said, one who was feared by all who would avoid a fight.

He was on the very outskirts of the crowd, but began now to push his way right and left.

'Have you become cravens, men?' he cried, and then he hurled his words at the Padre in a voice of thunder.

'Stand aside, old man!' he said. 'There has been enough of this delay. Open that door or I will knock you down.'

'Never!' answered Padre Paul.

The men swayed back and forth, the smith tried to reach the Padre, but the crowd was now too closely packed for him to force an opening. With a terrible oath the man raised his right hand high in the air, and just as I, who had heard that the men were now beyond the Padre's control, and who had got out of the tower through the door leading into the Padre's study, dashed into the church, the smith let fly his iron bellows at the Padre's head.

There was only one second of pain, the doctor afterward told me, one moment only of agony, my little one, and then all was over. The good Padre had been struck on the right temple and fell to the ground like a stone.

I knew when I knelt by him that he was dead.

That put an end to the lynching. The men dispersed; all but the smith, whom I took into custody and handed over to the sheriff, who arrived at the church with his men a second after the Padre died. The smith was tried and paid the penalty with his life, twenty years ago, my little one, but we have never had another lynching since then.

We laid all that was mortal of the poor Padre beside his mother in the little burying-ground up on the hill.

Such a funeral as it was! His people turned out for miles around to follow him to the grave, and the Archbishop from the distant city said the Requiem Mass. He preached to us from the hill after the burial so that all might hear.

'This man has not died in vain,' he said. 'To many it will seem a poor exchange, the life of a great and good priest to be given for the life of an unknown, ignorant negro, but such was the teaching of the Master. None were too poor or too low for Him. Who recognised in man the universal brotherhood in the universal fatherhood of God, and what the Christ believed and taught, that also Father Paul sought to follow with all his heart. My brethren, let us return thanks for such an example and pray God to grant him eternal rest.'

That was all, little one; but how we missed him, alas! alas!

What became of the negro, you say? I let him out of the tower after dark and gave him money to leave the country.

It was some comfort to me that afterward the real criminal was caught and confessed his guilt and that the dear Padre had not died in vain for the poor soul, around whom he flung the mantle of his divine charity. — Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

JEAN-VICTOR.

The young Duke de Hardimont had just breakfasted at his hotel at Aix, where he was sojourning to take the water to remove the effects of a cold caught at the races. Before leaving the table he cast a careless glance at a morning paper and read there the news of the French defeat at Reichshoffen. He thereupon drained his glass of Chartreuse, ordered his valet to pack his boxes, and two hours later was on his way to Paris. On reaching that city he went at once to a recruiting office and enlisted as a private in a regiment that was to go to the front.

From the time he was sixteen the Duke had led a useless life, dividing his time between racing stables and opera singers; but he had never for a moment forgotten that one De Hardimont had died of the plague at Tunis on the same day as St. Louis, that Jean de Hardimont had commanded the Grands Compagnies under Du Guesclin, and that Francois de Hardimont had been killed at the charge of Fontenoy.

Enervated as he was by his dissipations, when the young Duke read that the French army had been defeated on French soil, the hot blood lashed to his head and he felt as if he should smother. This explains why, in the first days of November, 1870, having returned to Paris with his regiment, Henry de Hardimont, private in the Second, was stationed with his company in front of the redoubt of Hautes-Bruyeres, a position hastily fortified to protect the guns of Fort Bicetre.

It was a sinister spot. The road was obstructed by

young saplings and deep ruts; beside it stood an abandoned tavern, and here the soldiers had taken quarters. There had been fighting here some days before; many of the trees had been broken off by shells, and all were scarred by shot. As for the house, the mere sight of it would make one shiver; the chimney had been shot away and the moss-grown walls seemed dyed in blood. Battered wine casks, the rotting ropes of an old swing, the sign above the door—a rabbit over a pair of billiard cues tied together with a ribbon in the shape of a cross—suggested with cruel irony festive joys of Sundays in the past. Over the whole scene hung a wintry sky overcast with leaden clouds—a lowering, threatening sky, that seemed in sympathy with the foe.

The young Duke stood in the doorway of the old tavern, shivering under his sheepskin jacket. His cap was pulled down over his eyes and his hands were thrust deep into the pockets of his red trousers. He was a prey to the gloomiest of thoughts, and he glanced with an expression of poignant sorrow toward the line of hills where at every instant he could see white clouds of smoke belch forth from the great Krupp guns.

He suddenly remembered that he was hungry. He knelt down and took from his sack a large piece of army bread. As he had no knife to cut it, he munched it as best he could. After a few mouthfuls he had had enough. The bread was old and had a bitter taste; he knew he would get no better until the morrow's distribution—perhaps not then. He reflected that a soldier's life was a pretty rough one. He remembered how in the past, after a late dinner, he had often ordered what he termed a 'hygienic' breakfast—cutlets, new-laid eggs, a bottle of delicious wine—which he ate sitting in front of a window of the Cafe Anglais. Ah, those were indeed good days, and he felt that he could never learn to eat this bread of misery! With a gesture of impatience, he tossed the rest of the loaf into the road.

Just as he did this a private like himself came out of the inn. The man stooped down, picked up the bread, wiped it off with his sleeve, and, withdrawing a short distance, began to devour it greedily. The young Duke was already ashamed of his conduct, and he watched the poor fellow with pity as he gave proof of such an excellent appetite. He was a tall and lank, shambling and loose-jointed man, whose hollow eyes denoted recent illness, and who was so emaciated that his shoulder-blades seemed about to project through his shabby jacket.

'Are you so very hungry, comrade?' said the Duke, approaching the soldier.

'You can see for yourself,' answered the young man, his mouth full.

'If I had thought you wanted the bread, I wouldn't have thrown it into the dirt.'

'That didn't hurt it any,' was the calm reply.

'It wasn't the right thing to do, and I reproach myself for it,' said the Duke. 'I don't want you to think badly of me. I have some old brandy in my canteen: we will take a drop together.'

The two men then took a swallow of the liquor and their acquaintance was made.

'What's your name?' asked the hungry one.

'Hardimont,' answered the Duke, purposely suppressing his title. 'And yours?'

'Jean-Victor. I've just been sent back to the company from the hospital. I was hit at Chatillon. It was all right in the hospital; I got good soup made of horse meat. But I had only a scratch: the major signed my dismissal, and here I am, starving again. Believe it or not, comrade, but I tell you I've been hungry all my life.'

This statement astounded the voluptuary who but a moment before had been longing for the cuisine of the Cafe Anglais to tempt his appetite. He looked at his companion with unconcealed surprise.

The soldier smiled sadly, showing his wolf-like teeth, which were even whiter than his blanched face; then continued, as if he felt that an explanation of his extraordinary statement was expected:

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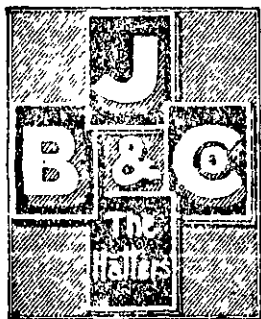
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The Duke was kind-hearted; and on listening to this terrible story of privation from a soldier whose uniform was exactly like his own, he felt deeply moved. It was well for his high-bred indifference that the evening breeze dried his eyes which were wet with tears.

'Jean,' he said, 'if we live through this dreadful war, I may be able to be of service to you. At present there is no place to get food except at our commissariat; but as I have more rations than my appetite craves, we will share them, won't we, comrade?'

The hand-clasp which sealed this compact was sincere; then, as it was getting dark, the two went into the tavern where about a dozen men were stretched out on heaps of straw, and, lying down side by side, they too soon slept the deep sleep of fatigue.

About midnight Jean-Victor awoke, roused by the pangs of hunger, doubtless. The wind had swept away the clouds, and a ray of moonlight, streaming in through a hole in the roof where the chimney had been, illumined the graceful blonde head of the Duke, making him look like an Endymion. Jean-Victor was looking at the sleeping figure with mute admiration, when the door opened and the sergeant called out the names of the five men who were to relieve the sentinels posted along the road. The Duke was of the number, but so soundly was he sleeping that he did not hear the call.

'Let me go in his place, Sergeant,' said Jean. 'He's tired out, and I'm his comrade.'

'As you please,' replied the officer.

Half an hour later near and rapid firing resounded through the night air. In an instant the men were on their feet. They crept out of the tavern, their fingers on the triggers of their guns, and looked cautiously up the road, which shone white in the moonlight.

'What time is it?' asked the Duke. 'I was to go on duty to-night.'

'Jean-Victor went in your place,' someone replied.

Just then a soldier came running down the road.

'What's going on?' all asked, as he halted to get his breath.

'The Prussians are coming! Let's get to the fort in a hurry.'

'And your comrades?'

'They're all coming—all but Jean-Victor.'

'Where is he?' cried the Duke.

'Dead' hit him in the head with a bullet. He didn't have time to think. He never knew what hurt him, poor fellow—'Ave Maria.'

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AFRICA—Return of a Missionary.

The Rev. Father McDermott, of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, who has done good work for the Faith in Nigeria, is returning to Africa after his visit to Great Britain and Ireland. He has not only succeeded in procuring for the Nigerian mission the services of several Brothers, but he has collected, especially in Ireland, a good sum of money. He is taking out five Sisters in addition to the three already determined on for Southern Nigeria. They are much needed for hospital duties, and the self-sacrifice of which the Sisters give proof in ministering to the afflicted makes a deep impression on the natives. Father McDermott, instead of going directly to Calabar, is proceeding up the Niger River to the new cotton fields, in which he has taken an earnest and practical interest. The work there is going on with every prospect of success.

ENGLAND—A Golden Wedding.

The golden wedding of Sir Percival and Lady Radcliffe was celebrated recently at Rudding Park, near Harrowgate. The Bishop of Leeds celebrated Mass, and a Brief from the Pope was read, enrolling Sir Percival a Knight of St. Gregory.

Catholics at Oxford.

Amongst those who were presented recently at Oxford for degrees were the following Catholics:—M. A., E. G. O. Vignaux, of Pope's Hall; B. A., W. H. Connolly, of Hunter Blair's Hall; C. C. Catter, R. J. S. Monteith, C. D. Plater, and I. C. Scoles, of Pope's Hall.

A Catholic Custom.

Following the custom common to Catholic countries, Mass of the Holy Ghost—the 'Red Mass,' because of the color of the vestments—was heard recently by the

Catholic judges, barristers, and solicitors. For the first time the Mass was said at the new Catholic Cathedral, the Church of SS. Anselm and Cecilia, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, having hitherto been used. The Cathedral 'was crowded, and in the front portion of the nave seats were reserved for barristers and solicitors, the former wearing their wigs and gowns. Chairs were set before the high altar for the use of the judges, and of these two were present, Lord Justice Mathew, who wore his robes of black and gold, and Mr. Justice Walton, who was in scarlet and ermine. Sir John Day, who retired from the Bench some years ago, also occupied one of these seats.

Catholic Mothers.

Nearly a thousand London mothers, many of them accompanied by their children, assembled in the nave of Westminster Cathedral one evening recently for Vespers and Compline. Archbishop Bourne, addressing the congregation, dwelt upon the powerful, penetrating, and permanent character of a mother's influence, and impressed upon his hearers that it was only by prayer and good example that they could fulfil their high function and discharge the grave responsibilities which attached to it. The service was concluded by a solemn Benediction, and the Archbishop then walked down the nave, blessing the mothers and their children.

FRANCE—Ministerial Action.

The Minister of Justice (writes a Paris correspondent) has taken advantage of the Long Vacation to have the famous Triptych of the Court of Cassation removed. When crosses and religious emblems were removed, early in the year, from all Courts of Justice, the Court of Cassation, the highest Court of Appeal in France, protested against the historic work of art, which dates from Louis XII., being taken from its possession, and for some time it looked as though the Government had given way. But as soon as the judges and lawyers left, M. Combes' workmen walked in, and the Triptych was removed to the Louvre. At their first meeting on the re-opening of the Courts, the judges unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the Government's action, congratulating the First President on the steps he had taken to prevent the removal of the Triptych, and appointing a committee to consider what steps should be taken to get back the Court's property.

Not a Matter of Principle.

The closing of clerical educational establishments (writes a Paris correspondent) is not in all cases purely a matter of principle. It implies also, sometimes, certain material advantages, of which the Simon Pures of the Bloc are not above availing themselves, as is shown by the following. One of the leading members of M. Combes' majority, Radical member for one of the Departments of Brittany, had secured the appointment of a friend and neighbor of his, a retired naval officer, to the post of Governor of a small group of islands which were lately declared a French colony. The officer hesitated, as he was a married man with a family and the salary was only 12,000 francs (£480). 'Take the appointment in any case,' said the Deputy to his friend. We shall see to your requirements. The Minister cannot give you a higher salary, and the credits do not allow of more being paid. But there is over there a Marist College which is paid a Government subsidy. We shall suppress it. This will leave you with some more money, and the business of the liquidation should bring you an important addition to your salary.' This instructive conversation—about which the officer made no mystery, and which he gave out in explanation of his acceptance of such a poorly paid post—is now the edification of Brittany.

ROME—Congratulations.

On the occasion of his name day Cardinal Merry del Val received many visits from Cardinals and high prelates, who offered greetings and presents. Monsignor Stonor, who was slightly indisposed, wrote a letter conveying his good wishes, at the same time sending his Eminence as a present a history of St. Anthony the Hermit. The Cardinal was very pleased with the present, which he has decided to place in the Vatican Library.

SCOTLAND—A New Church.

There was recently laid the foundation stone of St. John's new church, Portobello, by the Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, in the presence of over thirty priests, a large gathering of the congregation, and many lay friends from near and far, including several prominent Protestants of the town as well as many of the leading Catholics of Edinburgh and district.

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Death of a Priest.

Venerable in age, with the noble record of 56 years' arduous and incessant work as a Scottish priest in Lanarkshire, and surrounded by a number of his devoted clerical brethren, the Rev. John Black passed peacefully away on October 18 at St. Joseph's Chapel house, Cardowan. By his death the Glasgow archdiocese has lost one of its oldest and most notable priests. Ordained in Rome in 1848, Father Black served first in Lanark; then at Carluke; next at Wishaw; after this at St. Vincent's, Glasgow; subsequently at St. Andrew's Cathedral; and latterly at Cardowan, where he had been stationed for the past twelve years.

Catholic Truth Society.

The initial function in connection with the general meeting of the Scottish Catholic Truth Society took place in the North British Railway Hotel, Edinburgh, where Archbishop Smith received upwards of 500 of the Catholic residents in various parts of Scotland. His Grace was immediately attended by Bishops MacFarlane, Dunkeld; Chisholm, Aberdeen; Turner, Galloway; Gaughran, Kimberley; and Casartelli, Salford. Among the laity were—Lord Ralph, Lady Anne, and the Misses Kerr Lady Bute, and Lady Lovat. The proceedings were characterised with the utmost possible sociability, and great interest was evinced at the programme.

UNITED STATES—Presentation.

The congregation of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Brooklyn, has presented the Rev. Dr. W. F. McGinnis, for some time its assistant pastor and who was recently appointed rector of St. Bridget's Church, Westbury, Long Island, with a purse of £300 and a typewriter. Dr. McGinnis is the president of the International Catholic Truth Society.

ANOTHER SLANDER NAILED.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

(From the International Catholic Truth Society.)

We have made arrangements with the International Catholic Truth Society, whose headquarters are in Brooklyn, New York, for the publication of foreign letters dealing with matters of Australian interest. We print therewith the first of the series, which deals with a coarse slander on the Catholic priesthood, and which was published in several newspapers in America, and eventually found its way into the echoes of the same both in Australia and New Zealand.

Brooklyn, N.Y., October 28.

On Sunday, July 3, of the present year, a remarkable article appeared in leading newspapers of all the big cities of the United States. It was headed in the 'Springfield Republican' 'Superstition in Switzerland', in the St. Louis 'Pioneer Press', 'Tortured for Superstition's Sake' and 'Priests Torture Swiss Girl,' 'Barbarous Treatment of Henriette Gay by the Catholic Church,' etc., in reputable journals of New York, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Detroit, etc.

At the time of its publication the International Catholic Truth Society, through its members in various places, questioned its truth, pointing out one or two apparent inaccuracies. However, unless authoritative information is at hand denials are unavailing against positive statements.

The International Catholic Truth Society is now in possession of such information, and although considerable time has elapsed the wide publicity given by the newspapers of standing all over the land to this correspondence, copyrighted by Curtis Brown, demands the publication of the real facts. When these are known, let us hope that the daily press of the United States will hesitate in future to print without verification a 'correspondence' so filled with statements derogatory to the Catholic Church.

The Lie.

Many of our readers will recall the article in question, for those who do not let us quote it in part, again reminding them that the article appeared in newspapers of the highest standing. We will quote from the 'Springfield Republican' :—

SUPERSTITION IN SWITZERLAND.

PRIESTS MALTREAT A GIRL.

To Exorcise a Devil, She Was Imprisoned, Starved, Forced to Walk Barefoot With a Cross on Her Shoulders and a Crown of Thorns on Her Head.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop Punishes the Priests.

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Correspondence of the "Republican."

Geneva, Switz., June 20, 1904.—Henriette Gay's case has provided striking proof of the almost incredible ignorance and superstition still existing in those countries in Europe which are commonly supposed to possess the highest civilisation. Henriette Gay is 18 years old. Until recently she lived in the tiny Swiss village of Fims-Haut, not far from Geneva. She is the daughter of a peasant possessing a few acres of land in the village, but at an early age Henriette showed signs of having been born for a higher station in life. Her father, however, was a coarse, rough agriculturist, who had no education and understood nothing but the tilling of his fields and the care of his cattle. The brothers were heavy, clumsy fellows, with huge, ugly hands and ungainly figures. The sisters worked in the fields and were devoid of every touch of refinement. . . . Though her sisters began to work in the fields at the age of 12, Henriette never soiled her long, thin, aristocratic fingers with instruments of out-door labor. . . . Nevertheless, not only the neighbors, but also her own brothers and sisters, and even her father and mother, hated her because they had themselves the unmistakable feeling that she belonged to a different sphere. . . . when she ventured to leave her father's hut to walk in the public roads the little boys and girls of the village ran after her and pelted her with stones. The girls of her own age shrieked abusive names when they caught sight of her, and the older women crossed themselves and muttered prayers when she approached them. Once when she trespassed on a small plot of land belonging to another peasant of the village the owner and his two sons drove her off with the help of their long, thin cattle-whips and many vigorous oaths. On another occasion when she went to church the other women of the village mobilized their forces to repel the invasion of the evil spirit and drove her away from the house of God with violence. . . . Henriette was placed in a prison improvised for her reception, and then the priests began their system of cure. First they subjected the girl to periods of starvation, keeping her without food for forty to sixty hours at a time. She was incarcerated in a lonely hut, and from this she was made to crawl on her hands and knees over rough, stony ground to the village church, where she had to kneel for hours at a time in front of the images of the saints. And when she fainted from the effects of this unique cure, the two priests, who personally superintended the tormented, brought her back to consciousness by slapping her face harshly and beating her back. After a time she was led barefooted on a pilgrimage to the convent of St. Maurice, a distance of sixty miles from the village. This journey of humiliation she was forced to undertake with a crown of thorns on her head and a heavy cross resting on her shoulders. All along the road she was the object of the mockery of the ignorant rustic population, and on arrival at St. Maurice her bare feet were covered with deep cuts and sores. At 2 o'clock the church was packed with an astonished, wondering crowd, and the senior priest, one Jean Paillet, ascended the altar steps and announced that he had summoned them all to assist in exorcising the evil spirit with which Henriette Gay was possessed. The doors of the church were locked, and punctually at 2 o'clock the priest began the process of exorcising the spirit. The process of exorcism lasted all Saturday evening, all through the long hours of Saturday night and all Sunday morning. For twenty-four hours Henriette Gay, the martyr, was subjected to every conceivable form of indignity and cruelty in the presence of a grinning mob of rustic barbarians. The girl was dragged by her hair round and round the church, while the priest stopped every few yards to beat her on the face and body, proclaiming all the while to the credulous congregation that it was not the girl but the evil spirit which he was thrashing. She was beaten with whips, with sticks, and with rods. The priests belabored her face with their fists and members of the congregation showered blows on her body. Her limbs were twisted in their sockets till they threatened to break, and burning candles were held close to her fair skin.

The Truth.

After much labor and delay the International Truth Society is able to present to your readers the following statement :—

We are informed by Professor Swindemann, of the Priests' Seminary in Lucerne, that he has received word from the Right Rev. Abbot of St. Maurice, Bishop

of Bethlehem, that while the usual exorcism of the Church was read over the young woman at her request, every other circumstance, cruel and painful, contained in the article, is absolutely false. All reports about ill-treatment of the sick person are malicious inventions.

The following letter will throw some light upon the case, written as it is by the director of the clinic of St. Ann, at St. Maurice, to Mr. Henry Boleley, Chief of Department of Public Instruction at Sion and one of the State Counsellors:—

'Sir,—As I do not know English well I cannot well follow all the details of this correspondent writing from Geneva on June 10, 1904, and giving as a remarkable piece of news a version of a case that was decided here in December, 1901. The photographs are false.* You may compare the portrait of the young girl with the photograph taken at the clinic, copy of which is in the hands of Counsellor of State Henri de Tonante. On the 28th of November, 1901, I went to Fins-Haut to observe the case of Henriette Gay. My report on the case and my conclusion that the young girl was suffering from hysteria major have been published in the 'Gazette de Valais' and 'L'Ami du Peuple,' of December, 1901. My article received the approval of the scientific press. I have nothing to add to the article except to say that it was confirmed by subsequent developments. Henriette Gay had a serious attack the day after her admission into the clinic, and a psychic treatment, joined to good nourishment, completely cured her in two months. She has never left the clinic since her arrival here. She is the most happy of young women, enjoying perfect health, together with the confidence of the Sisters. Deign, M le Conseiller d'Etat, to accept my sentiments of highest esteem, etc.

'S. BOURBAN.

'Director of Clinic of St. Ann.'

The following categorical questions were put to the director of St. Ann's clinic and your readers will see how they accord with the Curtis Brown correspondence:—

1. What is the age of Henriette Gay?

Answer—Am not certain, but believe she is about 20 years old.

2. Has she been, as described by the Springfield 'Republican,' etc., different in manners, cultivation, etc., from her brothers and sisters?

A.—She has always been an ordinary child (fille tout ordinaire), different from the other peasant children in nothing except her malady—nervous hysteria.

3. Is the picture in the American journal a photograph of Henriette Gay?

A.—It is not, as you will see by comparing it with her photograph, which we are sending you.

4. Is it true that she was treated cruelly by her parents and the population?

A.—Absolutely false.

5. Are there two priests at Fins-Haut (as stated in the article), and is the picture of Father Paillet a true picture?

A.—There is but one priest, and his name is 'Duillet,' and the picture in the American paper bears no likeness to him.

6. Was the exorcism performed?

A.—Yes.

7. Did she suffer the slightest corporal pain during the ceremony?

A.—Positively no. And let me add that the lying character of the article is apparent from the fact that it says that she travelled sixty miles to St. Maurice. Now, the distance to St. Maurice from Fins-Haut is 14 kilo., about ten English miles.

8. Was any priest suspended by the Bishop on account of this affair?

A.—No.

9. Where is Henriette Gay at present?

A.—She is at the Clinic of St. Ann, where she has remained in the capacity of a domestic. Permit me to add that the population of Fins-Haut is in rather easy circumstances, has a reputation for intelligence, is a charming place, and is much frequented by tourists.

* The real photograph of Henriette Gay is in the possession of the International Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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INTERCOLONIAL

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide, will pay his ad limina visit to Rome early next year. Ten years ago his Grace was excused from visiting Rome, owing to the poverty of the Archdiocese. The Archbishop has never been out of Australia since his arrival as a young priest 30 years ago.

The following clerical changes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne have been made by his Grace the Archbishop: The Rev. Father Jerome J. McCarthy, who recently arrived from Maynooth, has been attached to the Cathedral staff, and the Rev. Father P. J. Gibbons as assistant to the Rev. Father T. Collins, Northcote. The Rev. Father Mangan has been transferred from Collingwood to Mansfield. Of late his health has not been robust, and it is hoped that the bracing mountain air of Mansfield will help him to recuperate. The Rev. Father F. Merner takes Father Mangan's place at St. Joseph's, Collingwood.

The clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney (says the 'Freeman's Journal') have resolved to mark the celebration of the Golden Jubilee in the priesthood of his Eminence Cardinal Moran on Thursday, December 8. On that day, after High Mass has been celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, the clergy of the Archdiocese will assemble and present his Eminence with an illuminated address and a marble bust of his Eminence by the well-known sculptor, Mr. Nelson Illingworth. The mark of appreciation should serve to recall the long and honored career of his Eminence the Cardinal in the sanctuary. It will be remembered that the celebration of his Eminence's Jubilee was postponed so as to coincide with the rejoicing over the Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception, which, in the Sydney Archdiocese, has been so worthily marked by the liquidation of the heavy debt on St. Mary's Cathedral.

An ordination ceremony in connection with St. Patrick's College, Manly, was held at St. Mary's Cathedral on November 30 (says the 'Catholic Press'). The following were raised to the priesthood:—Rev. Fathers P. Murphy (Sydney), J. Lawless (Bendigo), S. Burchell (Manila) and W. Mullins (Manila). Four students from the Sacred Heart Fathers' College at Kensington were also ordained priests, viz., Rev. Fathers J. Graham, F. Morell, J. Lee and J. Roulier. The order of deacon was conferred on Revs. A. MacDonald (Sydney), P. Murphy (Brisbane), and T. King (Sydney), and the following students received tonsure:—Messrs N. Goldspink (Melbourne), J. Peoples (Sydney), M. Bannan (Rockhampton), T. Mahony (Armidale), V. Willis (Melbourne), M. O'Brien (Melbourne), J. Lee (Melbourne), W. Nehill (Ballarat), F. Gatzmeyer (Adelaide), T. M'Loughlin (Rockhampton), E. Brauer (Sydney). During the year the deaconate was conferred on Revs. S. Burchell, W. Mullins and W. Stevens (Sydney).

The many friends of Mr. Thomas Callery, Macraes Flat, Otago, will be pleased to know (writes a correspondent from Menzies, Western Australia, under date November 22), that his son, Mr. Thos. Callery, who for the last five years has been identified here with the firm of Messrs. Cogan Bros., also Maorilanders, left here for a return to his native land this morning, carrying with him the respect of all sections of the community. Mr. Callery identified himself with all sports, and has been a general favorite. It was not known until Sunday morning that he was definitely leaving to-day. The members of the committee of the Catholic Church at once set to work to present him with some token of their esteem, with the result that a representative gathering met last evening, presided over by Cr. Green, who had on his right the guest of the evening and on the left Mr. P. W. Glacken, J.P. The toast of Mr. Callery's health was proposed by the chairman, and supported by Messrs. Dillon, Mackay, and Lynch, all of whom thanked him for the good work he had done for the Church as secretary in connection with many undertakings. Mr. Chas. Cogan said he knew their guest ever since his childhood, and was pleased to state that the influence of the fields did not prevent him turning out a good man, and to their firm an honest and energetic employee. Mr. Callery replied in a very modest speech, and promised on his return to take up his old offices on the church committee and work as hard as he did before. After several toasts had been duly honored Cr. Green presented Mr. Callery with a gold Albert chain on behalf of the Catholic church committee, and Mr. Charles Cogan presented him with a valuable pair of razors on behalf of Cogan Bros. and his fellow-employees. Mr. Callery feelingly replied. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of 'Auld lang syne. No more popular young man than Mr. Callery has lived in Menzies during the last five years, and had it been generally known that he was leaving he would no doubt have received a very hearty send-off.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- December 18, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday of Advent. Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 19, Monday.—Blessed Urban V., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 20, Tuesday.—St. Joseph of Poland, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 21, Wednesday.—St. Thomas, Apostle.
 „ 22, Thursday.—St. Deusdedit, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 23, Friday.—St. Columbanus, Abbot.
 „ 24, Saturday.—Vigil of the Nativity.

Expectation of the Nativity.

This Feast has been instituted by the Church to commemorate the longing desires and fervent aspirations with which the immaculate virgin greeted the near approach of that happy day when she was to bring into the world the long-expected Messiah, Whose coming to redeem mankind had been the continual object of her sighs and prayers.

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

- January 1, Sunday.—Circumcision.
 „ 2, Monday.—Octave of St. Stephen, Martyr.
 „ 3, Tuesday.—Octave of St. John, Evangelist.
 „ 4, Wednesday.—Octave of Holy Innocents, Martyrs.
 „ 5, Thursday.—Vigil of Epiphany.
 „ 6, Friday.—Epiphany.
 „ 7, Saturday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 8, Sunday.—1st after Epiphany.
 „ 9, Monday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 10, Tuesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 11, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 12, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 13, Friday.—Octave of Epiphany.
 „ 14, Saturday.—St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor.
 „ 15, Sunday.—2nd after Epiphany. Holy Name of Jesus.
 „ 16, Monday.—St. Fursey, Abbot.
 „ 17, Tuesday.—St. Antony, Abbot.
 „ 18, Wednesday.—St. Peter's Chair at Rome.
 „ 19, Thursday.—St. Canute, King.
 „ 20, Friday.—SS. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.
 „ 21, Saturday.—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 22, Sunday.—3rd after Epiphany. SS. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.
 „ 23, Monday.—Espousals of B.V.M.
 „ 24, Tuesday.—St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 25, Wednesday.—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.
 „ 26, Thursday.—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 27, Friday.—St. Vitalian, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 28, Saturday.—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
 „ 29, Sunday.—4th after Epiphany. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor.
 „ 30, Monday.—St. Felix IV., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 31, Tuesday.—St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor.

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