

clings to the mean skirts of the rich, while Catholicism and the Salvation Army are drenched with cash from the working classes.

'Let us go to the very fundamentals, and declare that clergy celibacy is the main explanation of the superior progress, in certain new countries of the Catholic Church. The married man cares for his wife, the single clergyman is absorbed in his Church. He has a great deal more influence, and is received with a great deal more confidence, in family life, because there is always more or less dread of the clergyman's spouse, be she good, bad, or indifferent. The married clergyman is always huddling and hustling for a rich city billet. Then look at the horrid poverty endured by most clergymen's wives, while the luxurious ones are contemptuously indifferent, and the public says. "It is just a trade with the doctrine adapted to what will take."

Archbishop Carr and Bishop Moore are very similar men, but Moore, although it was impossible for him to accomplish a tithe of what the Archbishop has done, had the more pleasurable task of building right up from the foundations. He was the constructive ecclesiastical statesman, not only in his fine Cathedral and numerous churches which he made out of nothing, except generous souls, mostly Hibernian, but also in launching off young men's clubs, with his St. Patrick's Hall, which gave the impulse to Archbishop Carr for his plucky establishment of the Melbourne Cathedral Hall, and our suburbs are well following suit in a determination to have the Catholic young men for God, while the Protestant efforts in that line are miserable trickles in comparison.

Archbishop Carr, one of the greatest men of his generation in the Catholic Church, dropped upon the Melbourne archdiocese in succession to the timid but sufficiently dogged Goold, who required to have his hands held up by such laymen as O'Shanassy and Duff. Carr has towered above every layman in bold initiative, and triumphantly breasting the adverse current of one of the most terrible financial crises in the world's history, a cyclone centred upon Melbourne. Out of this nettle of danger what a flower of safety he has plucked, not merely holding his own, but easily beating all the other denominations put together in church building, with such a maze beside of stone, brick, and wooden edifices, the outward and actual denoting the inward and spiritual, as Carlyle would say.

Nor has Sydney lacked a general of high capacity in Cardinal Moran. It was a mistake to place an Englishman there, even such a noble one as Vaughan. The Irish rose to Moran like trout jumping out of the Liffey, and he has not been afraid to declare himself an Australian Republican, while Archbishop Carr leaves Caesar alone.

NEW ZEALAND GENERAL

We have received an anonymous communication from Wairoa, which, according to our rule, we are unable to publish.

A return furnished to the Inspector of Mines for the southern mining district by the five banks doing business in the Colony, and by one private gold buyer, shows (says the 'Mines Record') that 181,378oz of gold were purchased, the value of which is set down at £698,416, during the year 1904. That is nearly as much as the whole Colony produced in 1890, when only 193,193oz, valued at £773,438, was exported.

The programme submitted at the meeting of the Hokitika Catholic Literary and Debating Society on Tuesday evening, June 6 (writes a correspondent), consisted mainly of musical items. There was a large attendance of members and their friends. The following was the programme presented:—Overture, orchestra; song, Mr. Burger; song, Miss A. Dowell; recitation, Mr. O. Johnstone; song, Mr. Hills; song, Miss L. Harker; violin solo, Miss Burns; song, Miss Pfeifer; song, Mr. Geaney; Irish jig, Mr. Morrissey; selection, orchestra. All the performers met with a hearty reception, encores being frequent. For the remainder of the evening games of all kinds were indulged in. During an interval the president thanked the audience for their attendance, and also the performers for their kind assistance.

Interviewed by a 'New Zealand Times' reporter regarding the statement that it was intended to complete the Midland railway in 18 months to a point beyond the Broken River, Mr. Hall-Jones stated that the department wanted to get through to the Cass as soon as possible, so as to render that part of the line reproductive. The heaviest part of the work was at the beginning of the section, but that is now almost completed. 'I am anxious to get the rails laid through to Cass,' said Mr. Hall-Jones, 'so as to enable passenger traffic

to get through to the Coast in one day from Christchurch. The railway will bring passengers out on the road at Castle Hill, which will be the first meeting place of the railway and the main road.' The five-mile tunnel which is to debouch at Otiira, and so avoid Arthur's Pass, has not yet been commenced.

On June 1 (says the Greymouth 'Star') the Convent pupils assembled in St. Patrick's School to offer their congratulations to Mother M. de Pazzi on the occasion of her silver jubilee, the twenty-fifth anniversary of her religious profession. There were also present a large number of the friends of the Sisters. A congratulatory address was read by Miss Norah Trowland, in which, on behalf of the pupils, she thanked Mother M. de Pazzi for her many years of devoted service, and begged her acceptance of a statue, which will henceforth adorn the Convent grounds. Then followed a musical programme as follows:—Chorus, 'Jubilee greetings,' pupils; pianoforte duet, 'Tancredi,' Misses Guthrie and O'Reilly; recitation, 'Flo's letter,' Miss May Kilgour; pianoforte duet, 'Goldfinch quadrilles,' Misses E. O'Reilly and R. Hannan; vocal duet, 'The meeting of the waters,' Misses Matheson and C. Yarrall; recitation, Miss Aileen Campbell; clarinet solo, 'I Lombardi,' Master B. Peterson; chorus, 'Ten little servants,' junior pupils; recitation, Miss Gussie Rogen; pianoforte duet, Misses M. Clarke and L. Higgins; song, 'Oh! I love you, Doll, I do,' Miss V. Hannan; pianoforte solo, 'Scherzo,' Miss L. Guthrie; chorus, 'Harvest moon,' pupils; dumbbell drill, senior pupils. At the conclusion of the entertainment Very Rev. Dean Carew, on behalf of Mother M. de Pazzi, thanked the pupils for their good wishes and generous presentation. It was now twenty-one years, he said, since that good teacher had come to Greymouth, and he referred in eulogistic terms to the great work she had done during that time. The Dean concluded by expressing a wish, on behalf of all present, that Mother M. de Pazzi would live to see her golden jubilee.

OBITUARY

MRS. JAMES O'MALLEY, IKAMATUA.

A highly respected resident of Ikamatua, Grey Valley, in the person of Mrs. O'Malley, wife of Mr. James O'Malley, passed away on April 26, after a brief illness, the immediate cause of death being heart failure. The deceased was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, and her husband and family have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends in their bereavement. The deceased was a native of Waterford, where she was born in 1845. She came to the Colony and was married in 1868, and immediately after settled down at Little Grey, where she had resided until her death. In addition to her sorrowing husband there are left to mourn their loss two sons and four daughters. A sad coincidence was that Mr. Thomas Phelan, of Blackball, her brother, died a few hours before her. The funeral of Mrs. O'Malley and Mr. Phelan was the largest seen in the district for a long time, and was attended by mourners from Hokitika, Greymouth, and Reefton. The Rev. Fathers Hickson and Leen officiated at the interment in the Auhura cemetery.—R.I.P.

MRS. A. HILL, ROSLYN.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Annie Hill, who passed away at her son's residence, Church street, Roslyn, on June 13. The deceased, who was a native of Thurles, County Tipperary, arrived in Tasmania about 45 years ago, and shortly after came to New Zealand, settling in Tokomairiro district, and later on came to reside in the Kaikorai. The late Mrs. Hill, who was predeceased by her husband, the late Mr. Charles Hill, was mother of Messrs. James and Thomas Hill, and sister of Messrs. Thomas and Edmund Carroll, of Mornington.—R.I.P.

We have received from Messrs. Nimmo and Blair, Duredin, their catalogue of ornamental trees, fruit trees, agricultural and garden seeds, plants, garden and greenhouse requisites, etc., for the current season. The catalogue is a very comprehensive publication, beautifully illustrated, and contains a great deal of information which will be found most useful to amateur and also to practical horticulturists. The catalogue will be found most useful to residents in the country, who will thus be able to order what they require through the post. The firm of Messrs. Nimmo and Blair has a long-established and well deserved reputation for the excellence of their goods, and any orders entrusted to them will be filled to the entire satisfaction of their clients.