

of an Act of Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

'ELLA LAUGHTON.

'Declared before me, this 14th day of June, 1905, at Collingwood.

'T. A. R.—, J.P.

This, on the face of it, was such a palpable concoction of falsehoods that very little difficulty was experienced in exposing the miserable conspiracy of the 'Watchman' and its 'Orange' backers. Our representative waited upon Mrs. Goldspink, a Catholic lady of this city, whose charitable and philanthropic work on behalf of the abandoned and unfortunate females who are constantly brought before the city magistrates is well known. This lady, aided by the records which she keeps, and those of the police and gaol authorities, was enabled to identify Ella Laughton as a young woman whom she had taken from the Melbourne Gaol and placed with the Nuns of the Good Shepherd. We shall let Mrs. Goldspink give the details in her own words, as follows. Mrs. Goldspink says:—

'I first heard of the girl Laughton through a telephone message received from the Richmond police, intimating that a female prisoner was to be charged with some offence, and that the case was one which might be dealt with by some charitable reformatory institution. I was absent from home when the message came, and when I returned the girl had in the meantime been sentenced to seven days' imprisonment, and been sent to Melbourne Gaol. I was, therefore, unable to do anything further in the matter. Subsequently the girl's mother called upon me at my house, and begged of me to visit her daughter in gaol, whom she said was a Catholic, and try to get her admitted to the Abbotsford Asylum for Fallen Women. I said I could not do this unless by request of the girl herself, and by permission of the gaol authorities. Later on I received a message, intimating that the girl Laughton was about to be discharged, and that she desired me to take her to Abbotsford. I immediately went to the gaol, and there saw Laughton, who begged of me to take her to the Abbotsford Convent, and said that she was a Catholic. When leaving the gaol, her mother met her at the entrance. The girl Laughton then kissed her mother, and bade her good-bye, saying that she was coming with me to Abbotsford. I took Laughton to the convent, and she expressed her willingness to remain for a period of twelve months, in order to be taught laundry work. I visited the convent several times subsequently, but she never made any complaint, nor did she express any desire to leave the institution. I learned recently that she had absconded from the institution. I have read the statement in the 'Watchman' purporting to have been made by Ella Laughton with regard to her admission to the convent, and I declare it to be a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end.'

We ('Advocate') leave our readers to form their own opinion as to the foregoing facts, but one interesting circumstance remains to be mentioned. We have no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that T. A. R.—, J.P., who so modestly refrained from disclosing his identity in this unsavory case, is no other than T. A. Rogers, the accredited representative of the 'Watchman' in Melbourne, and whose name is so frequently mentioned in the paper in connection with several Orange functions. It is just possible that something more will be heard of this shameful conspiracy, which has been bolstered up by the usual Orange methods of falsehood, and, in this instance, gross perjury.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. James Shand and Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, and General Importers, Hereford St., Christchurch, which appears in this issue...

Those in quest of bargains in all kinds of drapery should not miss the opportunity of visiting the establishment of Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., Dunedin, whose sale is now taking place. The goods are of that first-class quality for which the firm is noted, and are placed at the disposal of the public at prices that are sure to meet with the approval of patrons...

Messrs. Laidlaw and Gray, Ltd., Rattray street, Dunedin, have on hand a very large and comprehensive stock of household and general ironmongery, including sewing machines, chairs, bedsteads, fenders, crockery, lampware, electroplated goods, grates, stoves, carpenters' tools, fencing wire, incubators, etc. This firm has been for many years in business in this city, and as the turnover is steadily on the increase, it is proof sufficient that the public are satisfied with the quality of the goods, and especially with the moderate prices

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

July 8.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood left on Thursday for Kaponga, where he will hold a Confirmation service. He is to return to town during next week.

In order to provide funds for the erection of a shelter shed as a means of protection for the school-children in the wet weather, the Rev. Father Ainsworth will hold a social in the Victoria Hall on the 19th inst.

The parishioners of Thorndon will hold their annual social in aid of the schools on Wednesday, the 19th inst, in the Sydney street schoolroom. Arrangements are now being made by an energetic committee under the direction of Mr. H. F. O'Leary, as secretary.

The annual social gathering of the St. Patrick's College Old Boys' Association was held in the Sydney street Schoolroom on Wednesday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the arrangements made by the committee left nothing to be desired. There were about two hundred persons present, and the evening was pronounced by all as a most enjoyable one. Mr. A. H. Casey carried out the duties of secretary.

Dr. Hugh St. Leger Gribben, the only son of Mr. H. Gribben, late superintendent of the Asylum at Hokitika, and now a resident of Christchurch, returned to the Colony by the 'Ayrshire' on Saturday last. Mr. Gribben is a native of Hokitika, and has been absent from New Zealand for the last nine years, during which period he was engaged in medical studies at Edinburgh, from whose University he has graduated as M.D. I understand that Dr. Gribben, who has devoted special attention to mental diseases, has accepted the position of assistant-superintendent at the Sunnyside Asylum.

Four marriages were celebrated during the week. On Thursday, at St. Joseph's, Buckle street, Mr. Walter F. Larkin, eldest son of Mr. James Larkin, of Auckland, was married to Miss Ethel K. Carroll, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Carroll, now of Manukau, and formerly of Lyttelton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Shea. Mr. R. P. Hood was best man, and Miss Dora Carroll, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. After the ceremony the party drove to the Island Bay Hotel, where the breakfast was laid. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents, among them being a handsome solid silver tea and coffee service and a cheque from the directors of Sharland and Co., in whose office Mr. Larkin occupies an important position.

It is my sad duty to record the death this week of Mr. John Walsh, son of Mr. Walsh, of Tinkari Road. The deceased was about twenty-three years of age, and was of a most genial disposition, and a general favorite with all. For the past few years he had resided in Wanganui, where he contracted a chill, the neglect of which sowed the seeds of the disease that caused his untimely end. His death was a very happy one, one of his last acts being a request to a friend, who had through carelessness neglected his religious duties, that he should promise to fulfil them in the future. The funeral, which was a very large one, took place on Wednesday. The Rev. Father Holley officiated at the graveside. He was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Walsh and Venning. The deepest sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Walsh and family, who are highly esteemed throughout the district.—R.I.P.

On Tuesday evening the stallholders and committee of the recent bazaar met at St. Joseph's presbytery, Buckle street, for the purpose of making a small presentation to mark their appreciation of the services of Mr. F. W. Crombie. The Rev. Father O'Shea, in a happy speech, testified to the able manner in which the secretary had carried out his duties. It gave him much pleasure to meet the ladies and gentlemen who were so prominently associated with a very successful undertaking, and he took advantage of the occasion to thank them one and all on behalf of the parishioners and the clergy for the good work they had done. It was very gratifying to find that the greatest harmony had prevailed in all their dealings—a fact that helped in no small measure to secure the grand results obtained. He asked Mr. Crombie's acceptance of a pair of gold sleeve links, suitably inscribed. Mr. Crombie, in a feeling reply, thanked the donors for their gift, which he said would ever remind him of an occasion on which all were united