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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

History Epitomised

'The most successful legislators,' says Disraeli in 'Contarini Fleming,' 'are those who have consulted the genius of the people.' The neglect of this sane principle of statecraft epitomises Irish history and Irish discontent from the days of Strongbow to the present hour. And Disraeli and his party have been, in recent times, the worst sinners against 'the genius of the people' whom they tried to rule.

Sounding Brass

'An outstanding feature of the R.C. Church,' says a writer in the N.Z. 'Outlook' (Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregationalist), 'is the thoroughness of the way in which they secure the education of their children. We know how in this Colony they have taken the education of their children into their own hands, at their own expense, rather than hand them over to the free, but secular, schools.' We add the following comment, borrowed from a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Lorimer, a New York Baptist preacher: 'If Protestant Churches were as interested in the education of their children as the Catholic Church is, there would be no religious problem in our country.' This outspoken declaration holds as good for New Zealand as it does for home-land of Uncle Sam. Instead of teaching children the way to life—and leading them thither—your average Bible-in-schools cleric sprains his arm welting the political tomtom and dislocates his tongue beseeching electors to throw his chief duty as a Christian minister upon the reluctant shoulders of overburdened State officials. For noise he is a miniature Niagara. For spiritual effort or personal sacrifice, for the little ones he has no more snap or energy than a pound of putty. The good man persists in reminding us of his resemblance to a kettle-drum: sound galore, but empty of effort. The self-congratulation of that party at the supposed success of their political drumming reminds one of a caustic 'wisdom' of Mark Twain's: 'Noise proves nothing. Often a hen which has laid merely an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid.'

Bible-in-Schools Threats

The law has neither heart nor soul. Yet it allows every dog one bite. In an analogous way, we suppose, the world will allow every journalist (ourselves included) the privilege of rashness of utterance once in a lifetime without spiking his head upon the city gates.

Our friend the 'Outlook' has lately been exercising this prerogative far beyond all title to immunity. It recently perpetrated a whole series of blazing indiscretions of statement against 'Papists' and 'Popery.' For some of these we got upon its trail, and (so far as they are concerned) the 'Outlook's' present lodgings are up a tree. All this is, in part, 'along of' certain fabulous charges against the Catholic Hierarchy of New Zealand and Victoria in regard to 'bargains' with political parties. Our readers will in due course be in a position to judge of the matter for themselves. Our Bishops are (so we are informed) up to the eyebrows in the evil-smelling game of party politics. And we are given to understand, by implication, that the parson holds severely aloof therefrom—that he is, so to speak, an aureoled bottle of eau-de-cologne placed upon a spotless pedestal outside the glue factory of our parliamentary life—an odor of unpolitical sweetness to all New Zealand. And yet, somehow, Bible-in-schools clergy (whose press exponent the 'Outlook' is) have contrived to make sufficiently clear the measures which they mean to adopt in order to influence political parties and to bring spaniel candidates to heel. In Victoria their brethren of the Scripture Instruction Campaign Council have also, like Ah Sin, taken a hand in the game which (as we suppose we must assume) they 'do not understand.' They are trying to force through the State Parliament a measure that was introduced by Mr. Watt, is styled The Scripture Instruction in State Schools Bill, and was down for its second reading on Wednesday of the present week.

In order to induce, cajole, or intimidate members to support the Bill, three official circulars (as we learn from the 'Age' of August 8) were sent out by the Scripture Instruction Campaign Council. The first was forwarded to Members of the Legislative Assembly, to all Protestant organisations, and to the local secretaries of the Bible-in-schools movement. The second was sent to the local secretaries, 'to the heads of Protestant organisations, and the friends of the Bible-in-schools movement.' It requests all 'Campaigners' to urge 'influential electors' to 'persuade' (mark the word) Members to vote for Mr. Watt's Bill. The circular then runs on as follows:—

'From what can be gathered in Melbourne, it appears that some of the Members (even those in whose electorates there was a majority on the plain second question) are anything but settled in their minds as to the way they intend to vote. In other words, they ignore the fact that their constituents have told them unmistakably by their answer to this second question that they wish the Bible lessons introduced into the

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State schools. Such a situation is intolerable, and should not be borne by the electors at any price. The matter must be faced, therefore, and all members should be definitely informed that if they act contrary to the expressed wish of those who elected them (whether it be in contradiction to the answer of the second question, or of the analysis of the whole voting), they do so at the peril of losing their seats and the confidence of their constituents.

We commend this 'elegant extract' to the attention of our friend the 'Outlook.' Our contemporary must steel its heart, for there is more to come. The painted warrior-chiefs of the Bible-in-schools party sent out a third official letter with a view to the more effective 'hands-upping' of recalcitrant politicians. This letter (says the 'Age') was 'forwarded by the heads of the Protestant denominations represented on the Council to clergymen throughout the State.' It urges each of the reverend 'Campaigners' to 'see the Members for the district in both Houses of the State Parliament, and obtain from them, if possible, assurances of support in carrying the Bill this session.' On top of this black-coated campaign, a petition was to be presented; public meetings were to be held, and the clerical agitators (says the 'Age') arranged to 'interview all Members of the Legislative Assembly who are considered "doubtful"—presumably after the above means have been tried on them—before the vote is taken' (on Mr. Watt's Bill on August 23).

We have no hesitation in saying that, in all its varied history, Australia has never before witnessed such a shameless and nauseating exhibition of organised and wholesale clerical intimidation in the arena of politics. And yet it is from this very quarter—from the clergy of the Bible-in-schools party and from their organs in the press both in Australia and New Zealand—that we hear the raucous cry, the ungrounded accusation, of 'bargaining,' bullying, and undue pressure by Catholic prelates and clergy upon the freedom of action of the country's chosen legislators. If the Catholic Hierarchy of Victoria had signed and issued circulars such as those from which we have quoted, they would be ordered by their Bible-in-schools opponents to step off the earth, and we greatly fear that the perusal of such threatening documents would land our esteemed contemporary into a fit of apoplexy. Now—in view of this Bible-in-schools pronouncement, and the action of the secularising party in New Zealand—what becomes of the principle apparently adopted by the 'Outlook,' that 'the clergyman who directs his people how to vote insults their intelligence'? We are forwarding the Victorian Bible-Campaigners' extracts to our Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregationalist contemporary, and shall await its editorial comment with more than ordinary interest.

'Fainting by the Way'

A gifted mother, whose chief wealth is a crown of sorrow bravely borne, writes to us: 'If I were a great person, I would above all things try to help the mothers. I would give them all the kindness and sympathy I could possibly spare. It is quite wonderful how much a little kindness and sympathy can do for those who are heavily burdened. The "fainting by the way" is terrible. If one could do it once only, die right off, and be done with it! But (as some one has remarked) the slow struggling back to life is awful, and then the hanging in mid-air—like Mahomet's coffin! . . . Those who have reached the summit by their safe, mossy path, straight and sure, little know what it is for those who get glimpses of the Great Light in the immeasurable distance, which they never can reach. One evening I set out to walk along the sea-shore, to be alone with God. After I had gone a long way I found the strand barred by tumbled rocks. The tide was coming in. I tried to climb the bank to the road above. The rocks were steep and smooth and slippery, but by dint of great exertion I managed to get half-

way up. Then I had to stop, almost exhausted. There was no use in trying to get any higher; so I had to go back by the shore. Fortunately, the tide was not quite in. But the other attempts to climb are so sadly like that! How hard it seems at times that we have not the little human helps which would so effectually prevent us from wishing to climb! How easily and smoothly and comfortably some people travel along the shore! They happen on the right time, when the tide is out and the beach washed smooth and clean. But for us who are caught between the waters and the rocks, it sometimes seems to our frail sense that it would be better never to see the Light that shines above the banks, when we cannot reach it.'

Thus far our correspondent. But—'no cross, no crown' is the common lot. For many it is true that

'By the thorn road, and none other, is the Mount of Vision won.'

To those who find the road to the delectable mountains hard and rugged, and are ready to 'faint by the way,' we commend the thought that runs through the following majestic stanza from a recently published book by that gifted Catholic mother of a gifted Catholic son, Madame Rayner Belloc:—

'Oh, looked we clearly on the sharp ascent
So many elder pilgrim-feet have trod,
Seeing the end, we should not dare to faint,
Nor speak of loneliness—alone with God!
Help of the Faithful! my full heart to-day
Was sad and weak.

I said: "Before some altar I will pray,
And He will speak."
And Thou hast spoken! All Thy words are true
And surely give.

I will more bravely all henceforth endure,
More humbly live.'

Three women once stood under the Cross on Calvary,
bearing the pitiless pelting of a storm of affliction—

'Undaunted by the threatening death,
Or harder circumstance of living doom.'

But, 'seeing the end, they did not dare to faint' by the way. No querulous fretfulness with Providence was there. They learned the swiftest cure of every ill—to thank God for the mercies and blessings that still remained.

A Flimflam Tale

Some gay romancer has been spinning to a Southland inquirer some of the kind of 'tall tales' that, in Rabelaisian English, would fall under the designation of 'flimflam stories and pleasant fooleries.' On Rabelais' principles, 'an honest man, and of good judgment, believeth what is told him.' But our correspondent politely, though firmly, draws the line at the solemn flimflam 'fact' that there are in Ireland five policemen to each inhabitant! The unregenerate would call this a jim-jam, rather than a flimflam, tale. It would burden the most distressful country with a standing army of over 22,000,000 'peelers'—enough to 'make Dungarvan shake' and plant the British flag in every capital from Tokio westward to Lima. Knowing the infinite capacity of some people for padded-cell assertion, we are not surprised at this Munchausen tale. It is merely a good average sample product of that incurable form of folly which (as a Spanish proverb has it) does not itself think, and thinks that others do not think. The battled millions of armed Irish constabulary exist, of course, only in the mind's eye of the narrator; for the total population of the country in 1902—including the p'leccemen—was only 4,434,000. The number of police in Ireland in 1896—the latest date for which we have returns ready to hand—was 13,140. This gave a ratio of 29 to every 10,000 inhabitants, or one to about every 345. The Irish police force has been largely used as a landlords' garrison. Its chief function has long been the forcible collection of rackrents and the carrying out

of evictions and those wholesale 'clearances' that have left wide tracts of the country almost bare of population. The partial settlement of the land question and the rapid sale of estates under the recent Purchase Acts have to some extent deprived the Royal Irish Constabulary of their chief traditional occupation. During the past two or three years the force has, therefore, been considerably reduced—except in the portions of Ulster that are infected with the virus of the Yellow Agony and convulsed by the annual revolution that takes place in the dog-days of July.

As we have shown from time to time, there are practically no criminal classes in Ireland, grave crime is comparatively little known there, and (according to official statistics) the prison population is proportionately less than in England or Scotland. In 1903, for instance, there were 59,962 committals to prison in Scotland, and 32,669 in Ireland—the population of both countries being practically equal, that of the Land o' Cakes numbering 4,507,000 in 1902, and the Green Isle 4,434,000. In Great Britain the police are a peace force; in Ireland a military coercive one. The 'Royal Irish' have little to do with the prevention and detection of crime. Their days are filled in with drill, patrolling country roads, fishing, cycling, and other forms of sport, and prosecuting the owners of wandering donkeys and unlicensed dogs. For the rest (as Teufelsdröck puts it in 'Sartor Resartus') they dress and digest and talk articulate words; other vitality show they almost none. The sleepy monotony of these occupations among an almost crimeless people is occasionally broken by such fits of 'divarshun' as breaking the faces of Members of Parliament that dare to address their constituents without the high sanction of the Lord Lieutenant, disturbing or dispersing peaceful assemblies of the people, paying illegal domiciliary visits at unseasonable hours of the night to law-abiding cottagers' homes, giving 'the butt-end of the law' to nine-year-old rebels caught whistling 'Harvey Duff,' escorting to gaol older desperadoes convicted of sneezing at a policeman on duty, or of 'smiling at him in a threatening manner,' or (as recently at Swords) 'blowing their noses disrespectfully towards' a constable who was on the opposite side of the street. Chesterfield tells of a man who hanged himself for lack of occupation—for sheer weariness of putting on and pulling off his shoes and stockings every day. Ireland is enormously over-policed by a costly constabulary. Dublin Castle finds great difficulty in giving it enough occupation to keep the blue devils away. But one way or another it endeavors to give the idle, handsome, well-fed fellows enough amusement and exercise to make digestion wait on appetite and health on both.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Wellington

At St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, Wellington, on Sunday afternoon, August 13 (says the 'New Zealand Times') there was a large and representative attendance at the annual meeting of parishioners to receive the report and balance sheet of the trustees of the St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral Building Fund. His Grace Archbishop Redwood presided.

The balance sheet for the year ending April 30, 1905, was read. It showed funds in hand at that date of £8894 6s 8d, being an increase for the year of £2123 4s 1d, which was derived from subscriptions and interest on invested funds. The trustees reported that with the subscriptions and interest since received the total funds now in their hands amounted to £9522 15s 2d, all of which was, bearing interest at an average rate of 5 per cent per annum.

His Grace, in speaking to the report, mentioned that it was now his intention not to proceed with the erection of more than about half of the edifice of the proposed Cathedral, as a commencement, and that he desired to have in hand three-fourths of the sum required for the erection of such portion before actually entering on the work. It was anticipated, he said, that the fund would increase by at least £2000 a year by means of collections throughout the archdiocese, and

the interest on the investment of the funds, and at that rate of increase there was reasonable hope that the portion of the Cathedral he referred to would be commenced at no very distant date. His Grace concluded by saying that they had to thank Mr. Martin Kennedy for his very generous offer to vest in the trustees, as a portion of the Cathedral site, a property in Buckle street, when they had £10,000 in hand, which would, he hoped, be by the end of the present year. The property, when acquired, would bring in about £150 a year, and that would further help to augment the funds.

The meeting re-elected Messrs. R. J. Collins and R. O'Connor (the retiring trustees). The hon. treasurers (Rev. Father O'Shea and Mr. R. O'Connor), the hon. auditor (Mr. W. J. Miller), and the secretary (Mr. B. J. Devine) were also re-elected.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 19.

The Rev. Father Holley returned from his visit south on Friday morning. I regret to report that the condition of his father has in no way improved.

The Rev. Father Ainsworth left on Thursday en route for Sydney. Father Moloney will have charge of Wellington South during his absence.

His Lordship Bishop Lenihan of Auckland is still in town. During his stay in the city he has been accorded the privilege of a seat on the floor of the House of Representatives, beside the Speaker—a privilege of which he has more than once availed himself.

At the examinations conducted by the Education Board Inspectors at the Wellington South and Dixon street Convent schools, the pupils have proved highly successful. The detailed reports on the various classes and subjects of instruction are not yet to hand.

The fourteenth half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Club will be held on Tuesday next. The report and balance-sheet disclose a highly satisfactory state of things. The annual supper given by the club will take place on the following Thursday.

The football match between the Wellington and St. Patrick's College teams is always looked forward to with interest by the many votaries of the Rugby game. The match on Saturday last was a fine display of the scientific game. The Wellington College boys, though lighter than their opponents, managed to secure a victory by 16 points to 6. The victors displayed a better knowledge of the finer points of the game, and were quicker in seizing opportunities. The boys from St. Patrick's seemed to be suffering from the lack of proper coaching. The game was most interesting, and was played in the best possible spirit.

The usual cry of preference to Catholics was raised by a constable at the police commission of inquiry just held here, and received the same convincing refutation. It was alleged that Inspector Cullen, of Auckland, had used his influence in favor of men of his own creed. Commissioner Dinnie, however, submitted a return that was a sufficient answer to this contention. The return showed that out of twenty of the Inspector's recommendations, only four were Catholics. Three had been recommended for promotion as sergeants, and all were Protestants. These facts clearly put—as Mr. Bishop (one of the Commissioners) expressed it—a different complexion upon the affair.

The ladies and gentlemen of Wellington South have decided to do something to raise funds for the assistance of the various works undertaken by the local Sisters of Mercy. With this object a meeting was held on Sunday evening, at which it was decided that a monster social gathering should be held in the Victoria hall next month. The ladies undertook to make the necessary arrangements, and Mrs. Casey was elected to the position of secretary. The gentlemen decided to make a canvass for subscriptions, and I understand that a considerable sum has been already secured. The good Sisters are deserving of the best endeavors of the parishioners, and it is hoped that as a result of their united efforts a goodly amount will be raised.

On Thursday evening St. Patrick's Hall was crowded on the occasion of the lecture on 'Daniel O'Connell' given by Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon. The lecturer, who dealt with his subject in an interesting and able manner, gave an account of O'Connell's life and character, and showed his connection with the various social and political movements of his time. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer at the conclusion. The chair was occupied by Rev. Father Kimbell, who

made an appeal on behalf of the Literary Society. A programme of Irish music was also arranged to which Miss Segrief and Messrs. D. Twohill and R. Sievers contributed. Mr. O'Connor gave an Irish jig, and Father Kimbell played the various accompaniments.

Some time ago the Department of Agriculture decided, on the recommendation of the Dairy Commissioner (Mr. J. A. Kinsella), to appoint two lady instructors who could visit the various small dairy farms of the Colony, and instruct those engaged in the art of butter making. Miss Nora Breen, formerly of the Munster Dairy School, Ireland, who has had several years' experience in the working of creameries and private dairies at home, has just been appointed to fill one of the positions. Miss Breen's qualifications are of a very high order. Her appointment should certainly result in attaining a higher standard of excellence for the private creamery butter which at the present time forms such an extensive portion of the total output of the Colony. Miss Breen has already entered on her new duties, and the officers of the Department are highly pleased with her abilities.

Nelson

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 17.

Mr. O'Brien has presented a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor to the Convent of Our Lady of Missions. Old pupils will regret to hear that Sister M. St. Leo lies dangerously ill.

The Rev. Father Mahony is busily engaged at present in re-organising the Stoke Orphanage. Until now he has been heavily handicapped, being obliged to travel to and from the orphanage so often. Now that we have the Rev. Father O'Dwyer to replace him in town he will be able to devote more of his time to the management of the institution.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

His Lordship the Bishop was on an episcopal visitation of the New Headford (Lincoln) parish on Sunday last. On Monday it was his Lordship's intention to visit the Lincoln Agricultural College and Burnham Industrial School.

A suitable site has been secured and steps are being taken for the erection of a church, which will also serve as a Catholic school, at Woolston, a rising suburb of the city. This is a work in which the Very Rev. Vicar-General has taken a deep interest.

The annual appeal for funds in aid of the Cathedral Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to be made in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 3. The usual charity sermon will be preached at the eleven o'clock Mass, and special references will be made at the other Masses and at Vespers.

At the Cathedral on the Feast of the Assumption eleven children who are attending the Sunday school at Woolston made their First Communion. They were instructed by the Sisters of the Missions, who very kindly accommodated them at the convent during a preparatory retreat, given by the Rev. Father Mahony.

The executive committee of the Catholic Club met on last Tuesday evening, when Mr. J. R. Hayward, vice-president, occupied the chair. The recent character entertainment realised over £10 profit, and at the request of a deputation of the Christian Doctrine Confraternity, which waited upon the executive, it was unanimously resolved to repeat the entertainment at an early date in aid of the Sunday school prize fund. Instructions were given to cable the congratulations of the club to the president, Mr. R. O. Duncan, who was recently married in Sydney.

Leeston

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

His Lordship the Bishop made an episcopal visitation of the Leeston parish on last Sunday week. Arriving on the previous Saturday evening, his Lordship celebrated early Mass in the church of St. John the Evangelist, and subsequently carried out the ceremonies proper to the occasion and preached on the object and significance of a canonical visitation. The Bishop then drove to Southbridge, and at eleven o'clock blessed the enlarged church of St. Joseph, the extension and improvement of which were recently effected, and consist

of a lengthening of the main building and the additions of new sacristies and sanctuary. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Holley. His Lordship the Bishop examined the children presented for Confirmation, administered the Sacrament, and preached before and after the ceremony. Returning to Leeston, the Bishop, at three o'clock, proceeded to examine the candidates for Confirmation. He was particularly well pleased at the result. The way in which the children answered gave ample proof of the careful training they had received. Bright and even brilliant were the terms used by the Bishop in expressing his satisfaction and appreciation of the proficiency attained. The total number confirmed during the day was forty. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. Father Goggan, pastor of the Ellesmere district, and the Rev. Father Holley.

On Monday his Lordship visited the convent of the Sisters of the Missions, a pleasing entertainment being provided by the pupils attending the schools. His Lordship praised the pupils for their singing, and said he had rarely heard a large number of children acquit themselves so efficiently. He had great hopes that in the near future they would be sufficiently proficient to carry out the wish of our Holy Father in regard to Church music. The Bishop returned to Christchurch during the day.

Hokitika.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

August 16.

The Catholic Literary and Debating Society held their second social on Wednesday evening, August 9, in St. Mary's Schoolroom. The Rev. Father Aubry presided, and there was a very large attendance. The programme presented was a pleasing one, every item being encored. Vocal solos were contributed by Misses Mallroy, White, Stapleton, Hyams, Doherty, and Mr. Kalfe, pianoforte duets by the Misses Sullivan and Misses Bock and Daly, recitations by Messrs. M'Cullough and Sellers, and a step dance by Mr. Morrissey. A farce concluded the programme. During an interval refreshments were handed round by the ladies. Before the gathering dispersed Rev. Father Aubry thanked the audience for their attendance and the performers for their services.

There was a fair attendance at the weekly meeting of the Catholic Literary and Debating Society held last evening, Mr. St. George being in the chair. An interesting debate took place on the question, 'Have we too many local bodies?' The affirmative side was led by Mr. Moloney, whilst Mr. McKay championed the negative. A number of members took part in the debate which proved very instructive, and at the conclusion a vote was taken which resulted in favor of the affirmative side. The chairman complimented the junior members on their marked progress, the number who took part in the discussion showing that the good work of the Society is bearing fruit.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

Owing to the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy being unable to reach Temuka for Sunday next, there will be but one Mass on that day, and that will be at 8 a.m.

At the meeting held on Sunday in connection with the completion of the presbytery, Mr. W. Barry introduced the subject of erecting a memorial to the late Father Fauvel. The suggestion was eagerly taken up, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at an early date for the purpose of carrying out the suggestion.

The plans laid before the meeting on Sunday last showing the presbytery when completed, point to Temuka having a residence for their priests which will be in keeping with their beautiful Church and handsome convent. The building will be of brick, two storeys in height, and have a balcony running from the front right round to the end of one side.

The usual weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club was held on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and one new member was elected. The programme for the evening was the ever popular 'Editor's box,' a considerable number of instructive and amusing questions being asked and answered. Members are eagerly looking forward to the 29th inst., on which evening the Rev. Father Regnault, of Waimate, has promised to deliver a lecture on the 'South and West of Ireland.'

In my notes of last week I notice you refer to the donor of the banquet to the Young Men's Club as a gentleman. This is incorrect, as those responsible for the excellent spread were lady friends.

The meeting, called for after the last Mass on Sunday, for the purpose of considering ways and means of raising funds for the completion of the presbytery, was very largely attended. Mr. W. Tarrant, who presided, said that there was in hand already a sum of about £400, and that they would require to raise a like amount in order to have the work carried to a successful issue. It was eventually decided that a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Dwyer, J. M'Auliffe, W. Barry, W. Fitzgerald, jun., D. Enright, H. Wareing, J. Gaffney, T. Brosnahan, W. Moore, J. McCabe, P. Mitten, and J. P. Kalau-gher be appointed to draw up and lay proposals for raising funds for the work before another meeting to be held in a fortnight's time. Rev. Father Kerley was appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. Moriarty hon. secretary of the committee. At a committee meeting, held after the general meeting, it was decided to make a house-to-house canvass of the parish for subscriptions, and to arrange an art union to be drawn on St. Patrick's night.

Lyttelton

St. Joseph's Catholic School, Lyttelton (writes a correspondent), was examined on July 19 by Mr. Foster, M.A. The following is the report as sent in to Rev. Father Cooney (manager):—Organisation, satisfactory; reading, good; composition, well taught, a wide choice of subjects in upper classes; spelling, good; recitation, a good selection of poems well known; arithmetic, a satisfactory average of proficiency attained; drawing, good, singing, a pleasing selection of songs well rendered; physical instruction, suitable extension exercises; geography, satisfactory knowledge of a good syllabus in courses A and B; history, a programme of moderate length well known; moral instruction, religious exercises daily; nature study and elementary science, profitable use made of nature study in New Zealand; handwork, plasticine modelling with boys; needlework, well taught; instruction of Class P, two upper classes tested, progress satisfactory; order, discipline, and tone of school, good; efficiency of the school, very satisfactory. Of the six pupils presented in Standard VI., three obtained certificates of proficiency, and three certificates of competency. Percentage of passes, 100..

Waimate

(From our own correspondent.)

August 21.

The Waimate Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. C. J. Goldstone (the popular choirmaster of St. Patrick's church), is busy rehearsing for the Temuka contest, at which it will compete.

The Friendly Societies' card tournament was brought to a close last week, when the Hibernians met and defeated the Foresters by seven games. The tournament was won by the Oddfellows, the H.A.C. B. Society being second.

The members of the Altar, Literary, and Hibernian Societies entertained the Rev. Father Regnault at a social gathering on Monday evening. During evening the Rev. Father O'Conner, on behalf of the societies, presented Rev. Father Regnault with an easy chair and travelling bag. The Rev. Father Regnault, in returning thanks, gave his hearers an interesting account of a trip through the Otira Gorge in a snowstorm.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 17.

Rev. Father Furlong is now in full active work in his first parish charge—Devonport.

Inspector Goodwin, Government Inspector, has inspected the Marist Brothers' parochial school, and his report is very satisfactory.

The new bronze railing for the front of the baptistery at St. Patrick's has arrived, and is in course of erection. It is ornamental, and folds up most conveniently.

The Very Rev. Father A. J. Marion, S.M., Provincial of the Marist Order in Oceania, and Rev. Father J. de Fenoyl, of Noumea, arrived from the Islands last evening. They visit Napier and Wellington, and go thence to Sydney.

A progressive euchre party was held last evening in St. Mary's Hall, Onehunga, in aid of the local presbytery building fund. It was a great success. Mr. J. O'Sullivan was hon. secretary. Rev. Father Mahoney was present during the evening. The committee worked hard. Plans for the new presbytery are in preparation by Messrs. E. Mahoney and Son, architects. It will be constructed in brick.

At St. Benedict's on Tuesday, the Feast of the Assumption, special services were held. During the day a splendid set of vestments was presented to the Rev. Father Gillan as a recognition of his great zeal and sterling work in the parish generally, and in behalf of the children specially. The Rev. Father heartily thanked the donors for their valuable and serviceable present, which he would always treasure. At St. Patrick's Masses were at 6.30, 8, and 10 a.m. At the former an immense number attended, including the Children of Mary, who sang appropriate hymns. In the evening 21 aspirants were received into the sodality, being consecrated by Rev. Father Cahill. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. After service the members assembled at the convent, when a musical programme was gone through. Rev. Fathers Buckley, Cahill, and Holbrook, Adm., being present. Instrumental solos were given by Misses J. Rist, Fairweather, M. Corrigan, M. Thorne, and M. Sheahan, vocal solos by Misses C. Rist and H. Rogers, duets by Misses Duffin and Rist and Miller and Sheahan, and a recitation by Miss A. McGuire.

The following comments upon our recent distinguished visitor, Mr. W. H. K. Redmond, M.P., appeared in last Saturday's 'New Zealand Herald':—'The warm welcome accorded him in Auckland was characteristic of the race to which he belongs, but those who met him recognised not only the work and the cause, but also the man, for above all William Redmond is a Man. Cosmopolitan, a citizen of the great British Empire, of courtly, kindly manner, he impresses one at once as a strong man and a tower of strength to whatever cause he chose to champion. But there is a subtle something behind the courtly manner, some reserve force which is still apparent when in quiescence; he is a born fighter. It is in the speech that the true man is revealed; in quiet, even tones, yet with forcible eloquence, clear as a bell, though rapid to a degree, his thoughts find expression in beautiful English, and his words charm by their sound alone. His oratory is even brilliant at times, and marks him at once as the skilled debater and the practised politician. Easily enough that great reserve force behind might burst its bonds and pour forth in hot, tempestuous eloquence, leaping the barriers of conventional terms of speech like a flood of lava when the man is stirred to anger in defence of the rights of the land he loves and serves so well, and then one can imagine the scathing, bitter, fiery sentences, shaped on the white hot anvil of a terrible anger, hurled across the floor of the British House of Commons. But it is that quaint old world courtliness, that generous chivalry, that natural Irish kindness, that Irish, frank, open, generous, honest character which attracts the personal love of his fellow-countrymen the world over, and the admiration and respect of thousands whose misfortune it was to be born elsewhere than in the land of St. Patrick. Not only is he a Home Ruler, but his views are essentially Liberal, and he ever remembers that he is a citizen of the great British Empire. The strongest argument he put to colonial hearts was that Ireland only sought the same privileges so much cherished by the British self-governing colonies. As was said of a certain Father O'Flynn, he "had a way wid him," and if there was a man at that gathering on the "Ventura" who didn't know what Home Rule meant, he's an ardent Irish Nationalist now. If that gathering did nothing more it emphasised the love of country inherent in every Britisher's heart, and the sentiment of it must win the hearty respect and fellow-feeling of all men of "the bulldog breed," for England has never had better soldiers or colonists than those from "the tight little Isle," more power to them!'

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We understand that the Catholic schools in Lawrence were examined during the week by the Education Board Inspector.

The two comedies which the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club have under preparation will be staged in St. Joseph's Hall on August 30. Judging from the rehearsals, the productions will be of more than ordinary merit, and an enjoyable evening's entertainment is assured.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held a sealed handicap race on Saturday. Fifteen members faced the starter, and left Cargill's for about a four-mile run, finishing at St. Clair Baths. The first man home was H. Munro, who wins Mr. J. J. Dunne's trophy. H. Jay, who was second, won the sealed handicap, the trophy for which was also presented by Mr. J. J. Dunne. T. Quelch was third. Nine seconds only was the difference between the first three men.

The Month's Mind for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Father Sheehan (Riverton) took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The cantors of the office were the Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary and Father Cleary. The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay was celebrant of the Requiem Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. P. O'Donnell (deacon) and Rev. W. A. Macmullan (sub-deacon). Rev. J. Coffey, Adm., was master of ceremonies. There were also present the Very Rev. J. O'Neill (Milton), Rev. J. J. Lynch (Palmerston), Rev. P. Murphy (Riverton), Rev. P. O'Dea (Ophir), Rev. M. Howard (South Dunedin), Rev. P. Hearn (Port Chalmers), Revs. J. P. Delaney, M. Ryan, and D. Buckley (Holy Cross College, Mosgiel), Rev. J. Geary (Lawrence), Rev. J. O'Malley (Cathedral), and Rev. W. Corcoran (South Dunedin). The music of the Mass was rendered by the Dominican Nuns, and the absolutions at the catafalque were given by his Lordship the Bishop.

MOSAICS

THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ART

The use of mosaics in an artistic way is interestingly discussed in a recent issue of an American magazine. The Asiatics (says the writer) seem to have taught the Greeks and they in their turn transmitted their knowledge of this art to the Romans. At first mosaics were used as pavements, much the same as in the halls of many of the stately dwellings in America. The Romans made the art practically their own, and used it in such a way that improvements in mosaics corresponded with their advancement in civilization. With the introduction of Christianity a new impetus was given to the art, for the Church then as now used all the arts to express the beauty and goodness of the religion of Jesus Christ. Mosaics were then elevated from the floor to the walls, to use a crude form of expressing a fact. As early as the last of the fourth century mosaics were used for decorating the walls and ceilings of churches, and there exist to-day some fine productions of this period in the mural decorations in buildings in Europe. In the churches of Rome, Venice, Florence, and Pisa there are mosaics of the fifth century which are excellent representations of the Blessed Virgin. The Byzantine mosaics, with the gold ground, may be seen in a number of the churches in the old Italian cities. In the Sta. Maria Maggiore, in Rome, and the San Vitali, in Ravenna, there are some of the finest mosaics in the world. Those used for decorating the church of St. Sophia, built about the middle of the sixth century, have never been excelled. When the church was taken by the Mohammedans, the Christian symbols and decorations were destroyed, but it is said there still remain traces of one figure of the Blessed Virgin.

In St. Mark's, in Venice, there are about 40,000 square feet of mosaics. The greater part of this decoration was done between the eleventh and the fourteenth centuries, but those of the sixteenth century were made after designs by Titian, Tintoretto, and other artists. As early as the twelfth century the artists of Italy gave considerable attention to this art. They made the designs, and in many instances supervised carefully the whole decoration. To Giotto in particular, the world owes a debt for a number of the famous existing mosaics. Ghirlandajo, also, is as well known for his mosaics and work in silver as for his oil paintings.

The traditions of what is best in the methods of work are preserved to-day in the mosaic workshops of the Vatican. There may be seen artists copying with careful attention to detail the famous paintings of the masters. The mosaic, although a mechanical art, is an art which requires for its proper expression the skill and taste of the master artist. The delicacy in color, the lights and shades, hues and tints, must be so arranged at first as to produce the desired effect, for no brush can remedy errors as in the case with an oil painting.

The Methods of Work in the Vatican

have varied little in centuries. The design to be followed is usually a painting which stands on an easel. The artist is to work out with his stone material every detail in form and color to his pattern. The smalti, or small cubes, or what appear to be glass or natural stones, have been prepared from clay or from a variety of minerals colored with different metallic oxides. When the cubes are vitrified they have the appearance of stone or glass or enamel. They are of different sizes, from about the head of a small pin to an inch square. The process of soaking them in the color ingredients and of baking them in ovens renders them more durable than china. The smalti are assorted according to size and color, and arranged convenient to the hand of the worker, much on the same principle as the arrangement of type for the compositor.

The slab or table on which the mosaic is to be made is of stone, generally Tibertine or Travertine stone. The frame for the picture is made usually of iron or some strong material. The bed into which the smalti or cubes are to be placed is composed of a paste or cement, which is used as the work progresses. The mosaic, or pasty cement, is made from calcined marble and Travertine stone powdered and then mixed with linseed oil. Into this paste are placed the smalti. The smalti manufactured at the Vatican are of the form of long slender rods, somewhat resembling wire of different degrees of thickness. They are cut into lengths to suit the needs of the artist. To make

A Perfect Picture

of many colors and shades of colors with large cubes is considered more of an art than to accomplish the same results with small pieces. Some of the mosaics in the Vatican, copies of large pictures by Raphael, Domenichino, Angelo, and others, have occupied from twelve to twenty years in the making. Thousands of shades and tints have been used. It is said by competent critics that the workers on the mosaics in the Vatican must have been able to distinguish at least 30,000 different shades of colors.

In the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, outside of Rome, there are a series of medallion portraits of the Popes done in mosaics. The eyes of Pope Linus are made of diamonds. Some of the Vatican treasures have several times been loaned for exhibit in America. In 1853, Pope Pius IX. loaned for the Crystal Palace Exhibition in New York a mosaic copy of the picture of 'St. John the Baptist' by Guercino. This picture was valued at \$60,000. The same Pontiff sent valuable tapestries and oil paintings to the World's Fair held at Philadelphia.

The Federal Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) completed his 49th year on August 3. On Sunday, August 6, Rolfe Boldrewood, author of 'Robbery Under Arms,' was 79.

Sir Henry M. Jackson, K.C.M.G., Governor of Trinidad, has just been honored by Pope Pius X. with the Order of Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. His Excellency wore the decoration for the first time, including the scarlet and gold collar of the Order, at the prize distribution at St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain. Sir Henry Jackson is son of a former Protestant Bishop of Antigua, and is a convert to the Catholic Faith. His brother is Rector of Exeter College, Oxford, and his son (an old 'alumnus' of Stonyhurst) is a Scholar of Lincoln College.

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Irish News

OUR IRISH LETTER

(From our own correspondent.)

Dublin, June, 1905.

In the present session of Parliament, one announcement has been made that brings unmixed rejoicing to all Irish men and women who truly love their native land—so sweet now in all the beauty of one of the most glorious months of June I have ever seen. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had to announce a big falling-off in his Budget, owing in a marked degree to a decrease in the drink bill both for this country and for England. The Chancellor considers that the increased number of public holidays, the early closing already adopted by many trades, the enormously increased facilities for public amusements of a legitimate description, especially cheap and easy transit to the seaside or to the country, have all conduced in a large measure to swell the wave of temperance that is setting for our shores. Certainly on public holidays now it is delightful to see the thousands, respectfully and neatly attired, who throng out by rail or tram, a couple of shillings taking a whole family out a good distance into the lovely country and seaside districts that make the suburbs of Dublin so peculiarly attractive. It is delightful, too, to note that a drunken man or woman is scarcely to be seen save in the very lowest quarters.

The Catholic clergy and what we call the National Movement have had much to do with this happy result, especially as the clergy work heart and soul in the Gaelic revival that is making not alone the study of the Irish language, but national games, national amusements, national historical research, and national use of home manufactures (save and except whisky) points of honor with us all—things to make us think, to make us self-reliant and self-respecting, and things to make us joyous too, in the proper spirit of joyousness. Temperance seems just now to be the one platform upon which all the inhabitants of this small island can join hands and hearts, so a monster fancy fair, 'The All Ireland Temperance Bazaar,' has just been held in Dublin, worked by Catholics and non-Catholics. I do not exactly understand what is to be done with the £10,000 realised; I doubt if anybody does, but at all events, the moral effect of the demonstration is supposed to be very sobering.

An Alleged Outrage

The Guinness family has risen to vast wealth and political influence through porter, and are now members of what Sir William Harcourt wittily called 'The Beerage.' The Persse family is anxious to attain the same ends through whisky. It came to pass that Mr. Persse's country house in Galway was alleged to have been attacked of a dark evening at least an account of a terrifying attack appeared quickly in the Unionist press, and at once a posse of policemen was despatched to protect the threatened household, while hundreds of extra police were quartered in the district, at the expense of the local ratepayers. True, when representatives of the people held an inquiry and demanded Mr. Persse's proofs and proofs from the constabulary, it turned out that no one saw any signs of an attacking party. The one only thing that could be brought forward was that a stone—one stone—was fired into the hall through the fanlight above the half-door; but whose hand threw that stone? A young English lady, who was staying with the family, rushed into the hall, picked up the dangerous missile, and raised an alarm. Mr. Persse flew with his men to shoot down or otherwise capture the moonlighters, but not even the fiends of any of the attacking party were seen—nothing but the stone—the Stone of Destiny—as it turned out to be for the young lady who captured it. The country rang with the reports of the awful deeds committed by those invisible moonlighters, and amongst other important steps taken was the despatch of an official to inspect the country, the stone, and—the young lady. He took the young lady first, and went no further. They are married now, that precious stone is to be the foundation stone of their future happiness, an heirloom in their family.

The Late Canon O'Hanlon

We who knew him, and all lovers of true literature, are mourning a saintly Irish priest who has just passed away, Canon John O'Hanlon, parish priest of 'The Star of the Sea,' Sandymount, Dublin. The name of Canon O'Hanlon is known throughout the world, and his literary work for Ireland is an imperishable monument raised by the indefatigable labors of over fifty years, the last

stones only laid a few months before his death at the ripe age of 86. Canon O'Hanlon was a man of singular beauty and simplicity of character, that simplicity that is so often the great charm of true genius. He was most winning and graceful in manner, humble in his opinion of his own work, generous in his esteem of the gifts of others. I can speak these few but strong words in all sincerity, for I was proud to count him as a friend.

The fruits of his pen are many and varied, but the great work of his life is a monumental one, 'The Lives of the Irish Saints,' a series of volumes which form in themselves a library of reference for the student of Irish history, the value of which can only be estimated by those who understand the minute, careful research necessary for these who would write truthfully of Ireland's golden age. To the student and writer, Canon O'Hanlon's great work will prove a mine of reliable information for all time to come. Verily, his works will live after him and will keep his memory green. One of the last books upon which he was engaged was a labor of love and a tribute to the memories of his boyhood: the collection of the poems of his countryman, Keegan whose most touching poem, 'Caoch O'Leary,' will recur to the memories of all lovers of the ballad poetry of Ireland.

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COUNTY NEWS

CARLOW—The Brigidine Order

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart the foundation stone was laid of a new novitiate in connection with the present house of the Brigidine Order in Tullow, County Carlow.

CLARE—Silent as the Grave

In declaring the County Clare Feis open at Ennis recently, his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, having referred at length to the language and industrial movement, said money was not everything. We should try not only to bring money to the Irish home, and neatness and comfort and industry, but the brightness also and the enlightenment that come from the revival of our Irish customs and music and language. He drove the previous night, coming to the feis, through sixteen miles of the most charming country, studded with those numerous white painted cottages which were such a feature of the County Clare. It was evening, and the hour for the day's labor being over the people would naturally turn to relaxation and enjoyment, but that lovely country was as silent as the grave—not a note of music or a voice was heard—and he felt for our people and said, 'God bless every man or woman, young or old, Catholic or Protestant, who is doing his best, however little, to bring back to this lovely country and to its dear people the sound of music and contentment and prosperity.'

CORK—Disappointed over Waterloo

A farmer named John O'Shea, who had attained the remarkable age of 107 years, died at Killoogh, near Dursc. Sound, Castletown, Berehaven, on June 30. Being born in the year 1798, the veteran could boast the unique record of having lived in three centuries. Up to within a few years ago O'Shea frequently walked to Castletown, which is sixteen miles from where he lived, in order to attend fairs and markets. He possessed the use of all his faculties up to the last, and his memory was so good that he could recall incidents which occurred in the early dawn of the 19th century. O'Shea had two pigs for sale at the June fair at Castletown in the year 1815, and in consequence of the great war farm produce and live stock were obtaining very high prices, but O'Shea didn't accept what he was offered, and held on to the pigs, thinking that as affairs were getting more critical he would get more money. On the evening of the fair, however, tidings arrived of Wellington's victory, and prices fell so considerably that the pigs eventually sold for almost half the amount offered at first. In telling this story, the old man generally concluded with the remark that Napoleon was not the only man disappointed over Waterloo.

DERRY—Scholarships

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, addressing the students of St. Columb's College prior to the summer holidays, said that £500 left by the late Mr. Hugh McLaughlin, supplemented by diocesan funds, would be devoted to establishing scholarships in the college for students preparing to enter Maynooth.

DUBLIN—Death of a Priest

Father Bradley, C.M., of Phibsborough, died recently at Los Angeles, San Francisco, whither he had gone in search of health. The announcement of his death was re-

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Scholarships

The authorities of Blackrock College, assisted by past students, are evidently determined that the institution shall retain the high position which it has so long occupied in the educational world. Active steps are being taken to found scholarships on the lines laid down by the Irish Hierarchy. Seven have already been provided, and doubtless many more will be given in the course of time. The College Union has established a £50 scholarship; the College itself another, two of £25 each, and one of £40. Two scholarships of £15 each have been provided by a past student.

PERMANAGH—Landlord and Tenant

At Enniskillen Quarter Sessions Judge Craig awarded £10 compensation and a guinea costs to Hugh Mackel, who sued Lord Enniskillen for damages to his potato plot, caused by his Lordship's agents in entering and cutting turf. The plot had been previously the subject of legal proceedings, and Judge Craig commented strongly upon the defiance of legal decisions in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

KERRY—Sad Occurrence

Mr. H. S. Mahony, the world-famous Irish tennis player, was killed in a cycling accident at Caragh Lake, Kerry. He was forty years of age, and resided at Dromore Castle, Kenmare.

KING'S COUNTY—Satisfactory State of Things

Judge Holmes, in opening the King's County Assizes, said he had often the pleasure of congratulating the Grand Jury on the state of the county, and that occasion was no exception to such a satisfactory condition of things.

LEITRIM—Absence of Crime

Mr. Justice Wright, in opening the Leitrim Assizes said the state of the country was excellent.

LIMERICK—Sale of an Estate

The terms of sale under the Land Act for the large property of Copeswood, near Pallaskenry, County Limerick, have been agreed upon between the landlord, Mr. George Caulfield, and the 116 tenants. The terms are 20 years' purchase of first term and 21 years' purchase of second term rents.

LONGFORD—A Light Calendar

Lord Justice Madden opened the Longford Assizes. There were only three criminal cases, and these of an ordinary nature, on the Calendar.

LOUTH—Peaceable State of the County

The Lord Chief Baron presided at the Louth Summer Assizes, held at Dundalk, and, in his address to the Grand Jury, said there was only one very small case to go before them, in which the accused was charged with burglary. He was happy to know from the County Inspector that the state of the County Louth was peaceable and satisfactory. There were only five specially-reported cases since last assizes, as against seven for the corresponding period last year.

TYRONE—Illness of the Bishop of Clogher

When the last mail left Home, the Bishop of Clogher, the Most Rev. Dr. Owens, was lying seriously ill in a private hospital in Dublin.

WATERFORD—Death of a Doctor

The death is reported of Dr. Peter Cutler, who passed away after an illness of a few hours' duration. The deceased had been for over twenty years one of the dispensary medical officers to Waterford Union, and resigned his position a few months ago owing to failing health. He leaves a widow and young family to mourn his loss.

GENERAL

Rewards for Bravery

A recent list of awards issued by the Royal Humane Society contains the following cases from Ireland—Bronze medal to Daniel Geary and testimonial to Andrew Murphy, fishermen, Cork, for their gallant action in rescuing two youths who had fallen into the river at Lavitt's quay, Cork. Testimonial to Michael Mahony (Constable R.I.C.) for his plucky rescue of an old man from drowning in the river Fina, at Ardnaganna, County Donegal. Testimonial to Mary McGrath, a plucky school-girl of ten, for her heroic action at Clonamieclair, Tipperary, in attempting to save two little boys (one of them successfully) from drowning in a quarry. Testimonial to Richard Lonergan, of the Waterford Fire Brigade, for rescuing a boy named Duggan from the river there.

People We Hear About

Mr. Joseph A. Glynn, brother of Mr. P. McM. Glynn, M.H.R., has been elected chairman of the Galway County Council for the fourth time. His predecessor in the office was Captain Nolan, the well known Home Ruler.

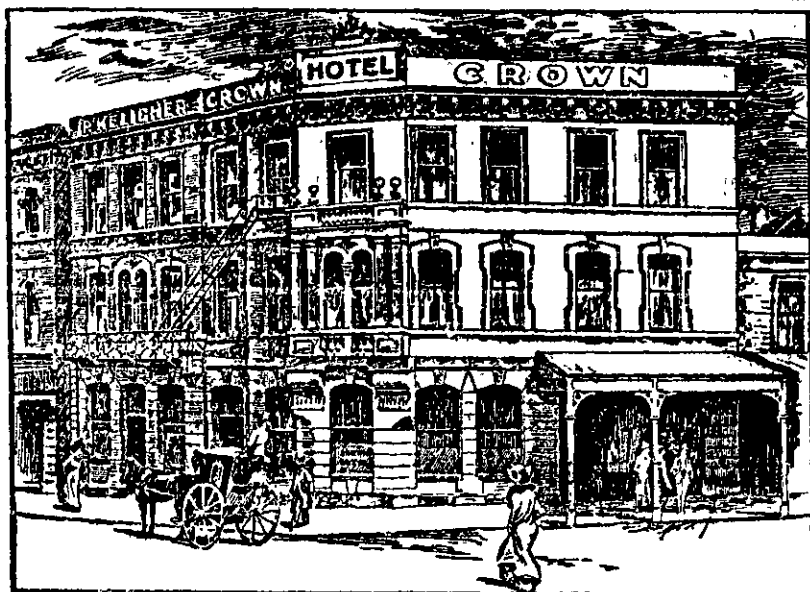
The occupations of the members of the South Australian Ministry and their Whip are—Mr. Price, a stonemason; Mr. Peake, an auctioneer; Mr. O'Loughlin, a farmer; Mr. Kirkpatrick, a compositor; and Mr. Coneybeer, a saddler.

Lord and Lady Denbigh have no less than seven daughters, as well as three sons. At an audience which they had with Pius X. last year, Lady Denbigh showed a photographic group of her family to the Pontiff, who was delighted with it, and wrote a few words of benediction signed with his name at the foot of the photograph.

The Marquis of Bute, who was married on July 6 to Miss Bellingham, daughter of Sir Henry Bellingham, County Louth, may well be described as a favorite of fortune. He has eleven titles, is a Baronet of Nova Scotia, and Hereditary Keeper of Rothesay Castle. He is the wealthiest peer in Scotland, and one of the richest men in the three kingdoms. He possesses nearly 120,000 acres of land, and the total value of his late father's estate was over £5,000,000. Cardiff is chiefly responsible for this happy state of affairs, though he owns much land also in Bute, Dumfries, and Wigtownshire. Lord Bute succeeded to the titles of his father in October, 1900, and came of age in June, 1902, when there were festivities in Scotland and South Wales which lasted the autumn. One feature of the Bute estates in the Cardiff district is the vineyard which the late Marquis planted, and where he triumphantly demonstrated the possibility of producing the most excellent wines. Mount Stuart, Lord Bute's principal seat in Scotland, is an immense Gothic structure, built of red sandstone, and rich in marble, situated some miles along the coast from Rothesay, the construction of which cost fully £1,000,000.

Mr. Wm. Dillon, brother of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., has just been appointed Master in Chancery by Judge Mack, of Chicago. According to a Chicago journal, Mr. Dillon stands in the front rank of Chicago lawyers. He has been 'strongly urged by the Democracy for judicial honors,' says this paper, 'and he would certainly grace the Bench.' William Dillon, the writer goes on to say, 'was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 10, 1850; went to Ireland with his parents when about 7 years old; received his general education in Dublin and London; was called to the Irish Bar in 1874; practised as a barrister in Dublin till 1880, when he was obliged to give up practice owing to ill health; came to Chicago in 1880, and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in that year; went to Colorado in same year, and after living 'on a ranch for some years resumed the practice of law, and was County Attorney of Douglas, County Colorado, for some years; came to Chicago again in 1893, and has since practised law in this city. Is a member of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple, London, and the Honorable Society of the King's Inns, Dublin.

Mr. Augustine Roche, the new member for Cork City, is not the first of his name to represent that part of Ireland in the House of Commons. The late Edmund Burke Roche, first Lord Fermoy and father of the present peer, was elevated to the peerage of Ireland by the Liberals in 1855. Lord Derby objected to the creation of the Fermoy peerage, not on personal, but on legal grounds. His contention was that the clause in the Act of Union requiring the extinction of three Irish peerages before a new peerage could be created was violated by the issue of the patent to Lord Fermoy. Political considerations were really at the root of the objection, for at that period the election of Representative Peers for Ireland was carried on as between Conservatives and Liberals, a distinction which has since disappeared. The point was discussed in the Lords in 1855 and 1856, and the end of it was that the peerage dates from 1856, and not from 1855, when it was really created. Sir Boyle Roche was, of course, the most famous Parliamentarian of that ilk. Towards the close of the eighteenth century he represented several constituencies in the Irish Parliament, where he indulged in those famous 'bulls' which seem destined to survive for a long time to come. There are few 'bulls,' perhaps, destined to a longer existence than that of Sir Boyle Roche's bird which was able to be in two places at the same time.



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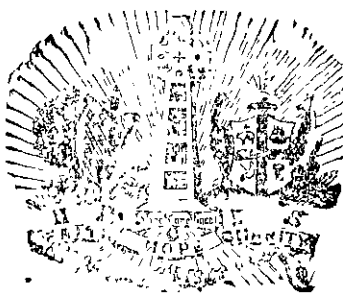
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PRODUCE.

London, August 19.—Wheat: The markets are inactive, and cargoes very quiet. Holders are asking 31s 10½d for Australian afloat and 32s 2d for Victorian off the coast.

Butter is firm and unchanged. Danish is slightly in buyers' favor. Australian has all been cleared. Weddel's annual report states that prospects point to a higher level in prices, probably on an average 7s 6d above last season.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter, (factory), pats 1/0½; butter (factory) 1/-. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 6d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £2/10/- per ton. Flour, £9 to £10. Oatmeal, £9/10/- to £10. Bran, £4/5/-. Pollard, £7. Potatoes, £6 per ton. Retail—Farm butter, 10d; separator, 1/-; butter, factory, pats, 1/2. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1/- per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour: 200lb, 20/-; 50lb, 5/9; 25lb, 3/-. Oatmeal, 50lb, 6/-; 25lb, 3/-. Pollard, 10/6 per bag. Bran, 5/-. Chaff, 1/6. Potatoes, 9/- to 10/- per cwt.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. There was good competition throughout, and almost the entire catalogue was cleared under the hammer at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—There is a good inquiry from shippers for lines of A and B grade, Garbons or sparrowbills, and these find ready sale on arrival here. Other sorts are also in fair demand, either locally or for export, and seed sorts have more attention. We quote: Choice seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d, medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s, prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—For milling qualities there has been little demand during the past week, and only moderate sales of these sorts have been made. Fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d, good do, 3s, whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d, broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—For Monday's market there were several consignments of Derwents and white sorts, both of which met with strong competition. Best Derwents sold at £10 to £10 10s, white sorts, £9 15s to £10 5s; small and medium quality, £7 to £9 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market has been more fully supplied. Prime oaten sheaf is still most popular with buyers at prices a shade below late quotations. Medium quality has little attention, and is more difficult to quit. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s, extra choice, to £3 7s 6d; good do, £2 15s to £3; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Best oaten straw, 32s 6d to 35s; wheat, to 30s per ton (pressed).

Turnips.—The market is again glutted, and in order to clear consignments prices had to be accepted which cannot be regarded as satisfactory to sellers. We quote: Best swedes, 10s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Hay.—We quote: Best clover and ryegrass, £2 15s to £3; medium, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—Business has been quiet during the past week, millers not caring to operate to any extent. We

quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; best fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—A good demand exists for all lines. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Supplies of the past week have been most regular, and in consequence values are a shade easier. We quote: Prime well-cut oaten sheaf, from £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Potatoes.—Few consignments are coming forward, and prices are advancing steadily. We quote: Prime Derwents, from £10 to £10 10s per ton.

Eggs are coming forward in plentiful supply. Today's price is 9d per dozen.

Pigs.—Not in such good demand. Prime baconers, 3½d per lb.

Butter.—Good demand. Dairy, 8d; prime milled, 8d to 9d; separator in half and one-pound pats, 9d to 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Firm inquiry. Hens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; roosters, 3s to 4s; ducks, 3s to 4s per pair; turkeys, hens, 5d to 6d; gobblers, 7½d to 8d per lb (live weight).

Note.—We receive consignments of produce for sale on commission, which has our best attention at all times.

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

Oats.—There is a good demand for A and B grade sparrowbills and Garbons, and seed lines are having more attention. Quotations: Choice seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s; prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d.

Wheat.—The milling demand is slack, but fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; good do, 3s; whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Chaff.—The market has been better supplied during the week, but the demand is still good for prime samples. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s (extra to £3 7s 6d); good do, £2 15s to £3; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

Potatoes.—The market continues very high, best Derwents bringing from £10 to £10 10s; white sorts, £9 15s to £10 s; small and medium quality, £7 to £9 10s per ton.

WOOL.

London, August 19.—The Bradford wool market is very firm, and good business is being done in all classes. Common sixties, 25½d; tupers, 26d; forty-sixes, 18½d; forty-sixes, 16½d.

At the sheepskin sales 3000 bales were offered and sold. Compared with June rates, merino clothing combings declined ½d and crossbred ¼d.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue on Monday to an average attendance of buyers, late prices being well maintained. Winter does made up to 20½d, winters (mixed) to 18½d, blacks to 34½d, and horse hair to 16½d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday to a good attendance of buyers, and prices, although they had an easier tendency, were very satisfactory. Of an average catalogue we obtained up to 9½d per lb for half-breds, 9d per lb for crossbreds, and 8½d for merino. We can recommend consignments being sent in at present.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

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Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co., report as follows:—

The entry for Saturday's sale was small, and consisted mainly of aged and stale sorts, with one or two exceptions in the draughts. There was a full attendance at the sale, but the inferior quality of most of the horses caused buyers to conceal their intentions. Our top price this week was £55 for a rising five-year-old gelding. We quote: Superior young draft geldings at from £50 to £55; extra good, do, (prize horses), £56 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £75; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged do, £17 to £30; up-standing carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

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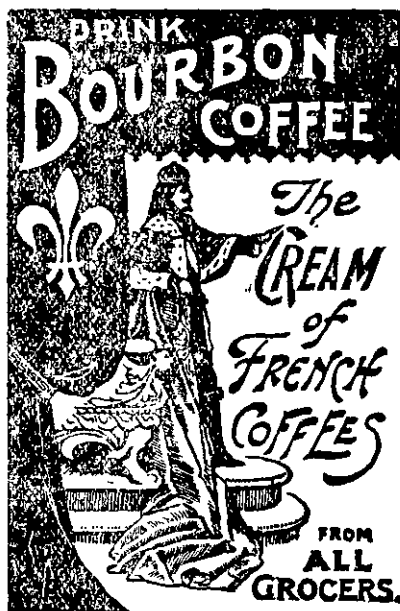
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Sheep.—1946 penned, among these being a few pens of extra heavy wethers. Prices were about on a par with last week's. Best wethers, 24s to 26s; extra heavy, 28s; light, 19s to 22s 6d; best ewes, 20s 6d to 24s 9d; medium, 17s to 19s.

Hoggets.—62 were yarded, all of which were sold at satisfactory prices. Best hoggets, 18s to 19s; others, 17s to 18s.

Pigs.—150 yarded, the majority being suckers and slips. For these sorts there was a good demand at last week's rates. Porkers and baconers were in short supply, and prices were firmer. Suckers, 7s to 10s; slips, 11s to 15s; stores, 16s to 20s; porkers, 22s to 34s; light baconers, 36s to 40s; heavy do, 42s to 46s; chop-pers, up to 50s.

WEDDING BELLS

KINNEY—MCCHESNEY.

More than ordinary interest (writes a correspondent) was taken in a very pretty wedding that was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Queenstown, on August 8, when Miss Margaret McChesney, only daughter of Mr. J. McChesney, Arthur's Point, and Mr. A. Kinney, Omatapu, were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The Rev. Father O'Donnell celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very stylish costume of silver grey cloth, an accordion-pleated chiton vest, and a pretty white hat. The bridesmaid was Miss May Kelly (cousin of the bride). Mr. James McMullan, Arthur's Point, was best man. After the ceremony the guests, who numbered over 100, drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Rev. Father O'Donnell presided, and several toasts were proposed. In speaking to that of the bride and bridegroom, Father O'Donnell referred to the many good qualities of both, and hoped their married life would be one of happiness and prosperity. Speeches were also made by Messrs. P. Kinney, M'Bride, and others. After the wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Kinney left for Christchurch, where the honeymoon was to be spent. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome gold chain and cross, and to the bridesmaid a gold bangle set with rubies. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents.

The wedding guests were taken for a drive to Arrowtown during the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. McChesney, who also entertained them in the evening, and as it was their host's birthday, some of his friends presented him with a barometer on a carved oak stand, and Mrs. McChesney with a greenstone cross. Mr. Pavletich made the presentation in a suitable speech. Mr. McChesney in replying thanked Mr. Pavletich and the donors on behalf of Mrs. McChesney and himself for their kind wishes, and said they would ever treasure the gifts as mementoes of the day.

'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1905.

THE PLEBISCITE BILL



ACCORDING to Sydney Smith, the Troglodytes bore with their old people till these began to bore their auditors with long and uninteresting tales. Then the weary tribesmen of the cave arose, strangled the garrulous ancients with stranded cow-tail, and planted the corpses where the lilies blow. The people of New Zealand have long borne with patience the dreary loquacity of a group of clerics whose zeal for the souls of children—if it ever existed—has fallen into senile and inglorious decay. 'There never has been,' says our local evening contemporary, 'a public question in which so little interest is shown, or in which so little popular feeling is evinced, as in that of the Bible-in-schools.' Even Mr. Sidey's Bible Lessons in Public Schools Plebiscite Bill failed to give the ancients of the League a grip upon the lobe of the public ear. A wearied House choked the measure off last week, and in all probability it will (in the opinion of our secular contemporaries) be allowed to lie embalmed for the present session of Parliament and for the year of grace 1905.

This was the foreseen fate of a Bill that aroused so much opposition both in Parliament and in the country. Even if the Bill had been committed, the chances of its ever passing were (says the 'Otago Daily Times') 'more than doubtful. The chances of the enactment of a private Member's Bill upon a controversial subject always are exceedingly slight. Private Members' days are few, the opportunities which a private Member has for securing discussion of his Bill are limited, and frequently he is indebted to sheer good fortune rather than to anything else for them when they do occur, and the opportunities which opponents of the Bill, and those who are afraid to record an opinion regarding it, have for burking discussion are many and various.' Mr. Sidey's Bill was blocked by unappreciative Members till the fatal hour struck after which the Standing Orders of the House made it impossible to take fresh business. A modern Parliament's polite substitute for the stranded cow-tail had done its work, and strangled a Bill that was intended to affirm for New Zealand the evil principle of old-time persecution that questions of conscience and religious liberty should be settled by a count of noses.

Our local morning contemporary has pointed out that, with many Members, the opposition to Mr. Sidey's Bill arose 'not from the existence of objections to the principle of the referendum so much as from the existence of an uncertainty respecting what lies behind the referendum.' We have full many a time set forth the tangle of incompatible schemes that are favored by various sections of the movement for introducing 'an emasculated caricature' of the Protestant version of the Bible, at the public expense, into our State schools. Mr. Sidey's Bill provided for 'lessons from the Bible'—an obvious misdescription. 'Giving Bible lessons,' 'teaching Bible lessons'—these are some of the various pro-

posals that rend 'the marvellous unity' of the sectarianising party. One of the block-lights of the League, Mr. Flux, 'described the present agitation in effect,' says the 'Otago Daily Times,' 'as one for securing one-half of a loaf of which the whole was ultimately desired. The famous text-book,' adds our contemporary, 'was rather severely ignored by the speakers (at the recent Wellington meeting), but Dr. Gibb, clinging to it, said the League would be delighted to have the plebiscite taken upon it.' It was not so much as hinted at in Mr. Sidey's Plebiscite Bill. We hold, with the Dunedin 'Times,' that 'it does seem desirable that the ground on which the League stands should be cleared of some of the present obstacles to the possession by the public of a precise knowledge of the eventual aims of its leaders.'

Notes

They Scored

In the middle seventies a mania of spelling-bees seized a goodly portion of the English-speaking world and got it down and worried it. But it wrought much educational good among both young and middle-aged and old—for they were all smitten; and, incidentally, it led to a movement for that spelling-reform which the English language needs as sorely as Chinese needs the abandonment of its hieroglyphic (or rather ideographic) writing. Over in Bendigo (Victoria) the spelling-bee was recently revived. A public competition took place in the local Masonic Hall. The 'Advocate's' correspondent reports that 195 competitors entered for the two prizes from the various schools in the city. 'Out of that number,' says our Melbourne contemporary, 'after the first round of examination, seven were selected as having specially distinguished themselves.' The seven children were from the two local Catholic schools. Surprise was (says the 'Advocate') expressed at the result, and it was all the greater as 'the words selected for competition were all taken from the State school books.'

Misther McCarthy, Esquire

In his 'History of Our Own Times' Justin McCarthy says: 'The dramatic instinct—if we may be allowed to call it so—which enables a man to put himself for the moment into the condition and mood of men entirely unlike himself in feelings and conditions, is an indispensable element in real statesmanship, but it is the rarest of all gifts among politicians of the second order.' It is as indispensable to the writers of history as to statesmen, and is just as rarely found among them. Our old No-Popery friend Michael McCarthy is one of those who furnish the most crying examples of the way in which history should not be written. To Carlyle, on one of his 'livery' days, the population of the world was mostly composed of fools. To the slipshod 'literary' pet of the Orange lodges mankind (or at least the Irish portion of it) consists of Michael McCarthy (in an aureole); the adherents of the Reformed creeds (who are mostly saints); and Catholics, who are fools, or knaves, or both. There are only two colors in his palette—shimmering gold, with the sun of heaven upon it, and pigments that are as black as Erebus. These latter have been hitherto reserved for 'Rome.'

The imaginative soi-disant 'Roman Catholic' has, in a recent agglomerate of printed paper, divided the Protestant aureole with the Japanese and poured out upon the Russians the tarry tints of Tophet which he usually keeps on tap for the exclusive benefit of 'Papists' and 'Popery.' The Japanese are wingless angels in petticoats and bifurcated continuations; the Russians are demon-savages in human shape; and

neither Nippon nor Muscovy appears to be inhabited by mere human beings. 'For our own part,' says a reviewer in the 'Otago Daily Times' or August 14, 'we incline to the belief that the historian, like the poet, is born, and not made, even by circumstances which may at times fashion a good imitation of the real article. That Mr. McCarthy will ever be mistaken for a born historian we have not the slightest fear; nor do we feel very sanguine that any efforts on his part will bring him within measurable distance of that literary summit, for he lacks the first essential quality of the historian, an unbiassed, analytical, and introspective cast of mind. History must be absolutely impartial and dispassionate, but Mr. McCarthy's Celtic temperament betrays itself in all that he writes, and his feelings run away with his judgment to such an extent that he becomes, instead of a faithful recorder of events, a special pleader for Japan, which, in his eyes, can do no wrong.' After having touched upon McCarthy's 'undisguised contempt for everything Russian,' the reviewer dismisses the book-maker with the contemptuous remark that, 'having made the pretensions of a writer of history, his prejudices are inexcusable.' But prejudice is the shadow that ever follows little minds.

PRESENTATION TO Father Murphy, Riverton

A large and enthusiastic gathering, representative of the priests of the diocese and the Catholics of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish, was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of making presentations to the Rev. Father Murphy, recently appointed successor to the late Very Rev. Father Sheehan as pastor of Riverton, and who had acted as Administrator of the Cathedral parish for some eight years past. The enthusiasm of the gathering, the number of presentations, and the generous response to the appeal for subscriptions were in themselves significant and forcible illustrations of the bond which exists between priest and people in this diocese, and an undeniable testimony to the esteem in which Father Murphy is held by his fellow-clergy and by the Catholics in Dunedin. When it became known that Father Murphy was appointed to Riverton the priests of the diocese decided to acknowledge the many kindnesses they had received from him during their visits to the city by making a special presentation. The laity of the city, on their part, felt that the severance of the close ties that had bound pastor and people for so long a period should not be allowed to take place without some tangible token of the warm place which he won in their hearts by his singleness of purpose and self-sacrificing zeal. A few weeks ago, at a general meeting of the parishioners, it was decided to take steps to make a presentation to Father Murphy, and a committee (of which Mr. J. B. Callan was chairman, Mr. T. J. Hussey hon. secretary, and Mr. P. O'Neill hon. treasurer) was set up to carry out the wishes of the meeting. It is almost unnecessary to say, considering Father Murphy's great devotion to the spiritual welfare of the people and his open-handed generosity to the needy, that the committee had the most willing co-operation of the Catholic people of the city. As a result of their labors they were in a position on Tuesday night to present him with an illuminated

Address and a Purse

containing a very substantial sum. Many of the societies and confraternities of the parish, who owed their success, and in some cases their existence, to Father Murphy's zeal and guidance, decided also to show their appreciation by making special presentations. Accordingly the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Joseph's Ladies' Club, the Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, and the Children of Mary were to the fore on Tuesday night with practical evidence of their esteem, and of recognition of what Father Murphy had done for them. In addition to all this, on yesterday

(Wednesday) evening a social was tendered to him by the Ladies' Club and on this (Thursday) evening entertainments and presentations in his honor take place under the auspices of the Cathedral choir and the Children of Mary, and on Friday evening by the St. Joseph's Men's Club.

The presence of Father Murphy in Dunedin, in connection with the Month's Mind of the late Father Sheehan, was taken advantage of to make the presentations referred to at the opening of this report. As already mentioned, these functions took place in the presence of a crowded gathering of the clergy and laity in St. Joseph's Hall. The arrival of Father Murphy in the hall was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. Mr. J. B. Callan presided. On his right was the Rev. Father Murphy. The platform was also occupied by the following clergy: The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru), Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence), Very Rev. J. O'Neill (Milton), Very Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore), Rev. P. O'Dea (Ophir), Rev. W. A. Macmullan (Ranfurly), Rev. J. J. Lynch (Palmerston), Rev. P. Hearn (Port Chalmers), Rev. J. Coffey, Adm. (Cathedral), Rev. J. Geary (Lawrence), Revs. J. P. Delaney and M. Ryan (Holy Cross College), Revs. J. O'Malley, W. Corcoran, and H. W. Cleary (Dunedin). The members of the committee also occupied seats on the platform.

Mr. Callan, in opening the business of the meeting, said they all knew the object of the gathering, which was to bid Father Murphy farewell and wish him God-speed in his new mission. They deeply regretted his departure from Dunedin for the simple reason that his name had become a household word amongst the people and was associated in their minds with all that was worthy of a devoted Catholic priest. (Applause). It was to show their respect and attachment that they invited him there that evening to make him a presentation, for Father Murphy had the respect, esteem, and affection of the Catholic laity of Dunedin. (Applause). He had gone to a new parish, and although they regretted his departure, they should remember that he will in the future have the opportunity of exercising those many admirable qualities which endeared him to the people of this city. He (Mr. Callan) was sure that he echoed the sentiments of all that Father Murphy would be highly successful in his new sphere of labor and that God would bless him. (Applause). Mr. Callan then read the following address from the laity of Dunedin:—

Reverend and Dear Sir,—

We, the Catholic laity of Dunedin, learned with unfeigned regret that you were leaving us.

During your long residence here, extending over a period of fourteen years, you have gained the respect and esteem of us all. As Administrator of the Cathedral, you have always labored in an unostentatious manner, but we wish to assure you that your unselfish and unwearied devotion to your sacred duties, especially to the care of the sick and poor, is well known and highly appreciated by the entire congregation.

Indeed, you have been so long amongst us, that we had come to regard you as inseparably connected with the Cathedral; and it is impossible for us to part with one so intimately associated with the work of the parish, and so dear to us all, without a deep feeling of pain.

We recognise, however, that the needs of the diocese demand the separation. We know that you are being transferred to a large and growing parish which requires for its head a pastor of experience and tried worth, and this knowledge helps us to bear the parting more easily.

We cannot, however, allow you to leave St. Joseph's without expressing our deep sense of your valuable services, and we would ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse of sovereigns as a token—however inadequate—of our gratitude for your past services, and of our appreciation of your sterling character.

Wishing you every happiness and success in your new sphere of duty,—

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Reverend and Dear Sir,

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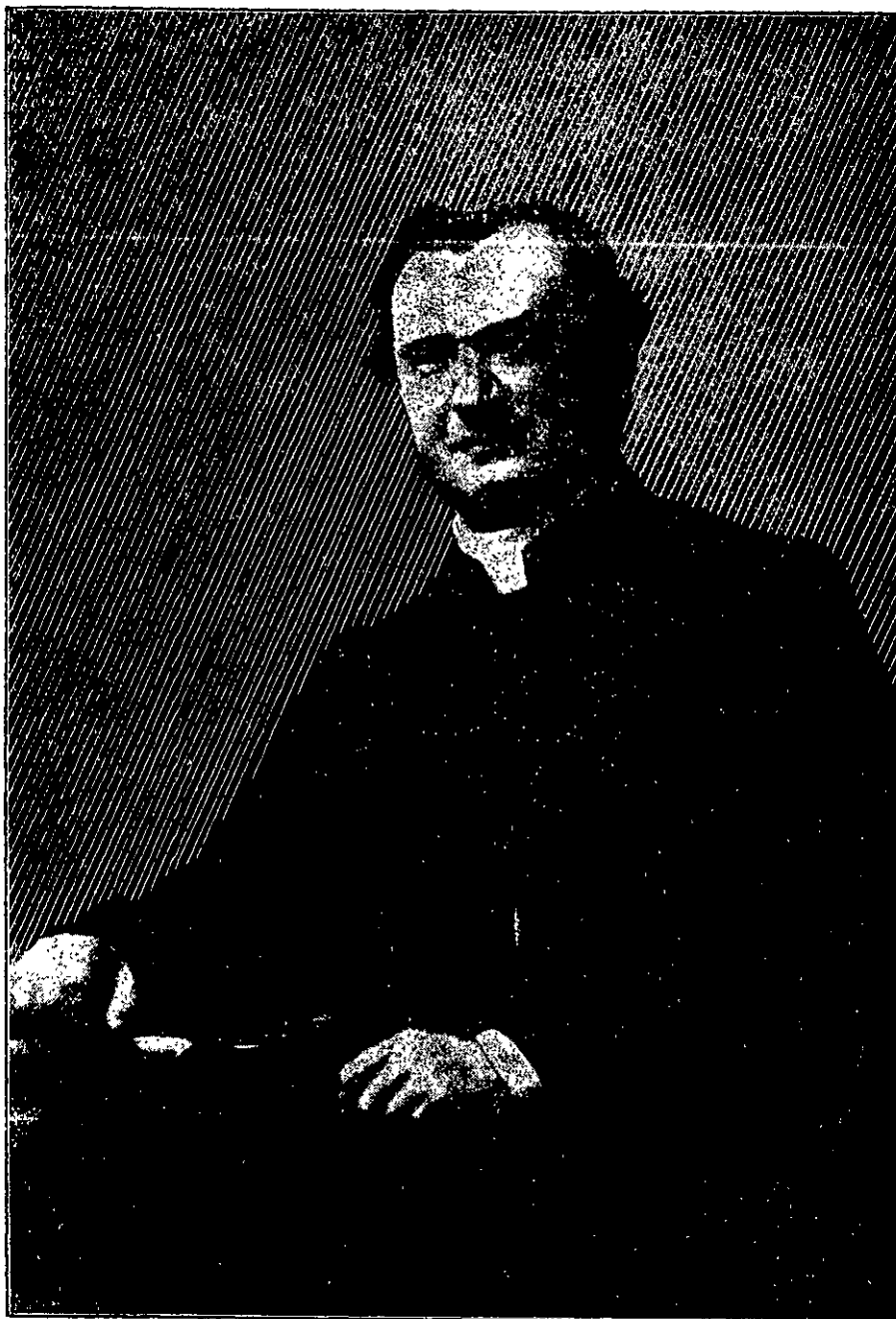
The address was accompanied by a purse of £130.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay said he had been deputed by

His Fellow-priests

of the diocese of Dunedin to present Father Murphy with a little token of their appreciation on the occa-

his time for the convenience of clerical visitors from the country, no matter how busy he was. In saying this he spoke from experience, and his was the experience of every priest who visited Dunedin. He had to congratulate Father Murphy on his transference from the administration of the Cathedral to an important parish of his own, and no man was better deserving of the honor thus bestowed upon him. (Applause). He (Monsignor Mackay) wished him every success; he hoped that Father Murphy would have length of days to enjoy the fruits of his labor; that he would have the pleasure of seeing before long those vast plains and mountain-sides dotted with farmsteads and cottages; and that he would see many years of happiness in his present home. (Applause). In conclusion he had much pleasure in presenting Father Murphy with a gold



REV. P. MURPHY, RIVERTON

sion of his leaving the Cathedral to take up parish work. (Applause). Priests read in their office that it is only when life's work is over that a man's work is to be praised. If they were to follow that course in the case of Father Murphy many of them would not be present to see bestowed upon him his meed of praise. The priests had not had as close opportunity of seeing the good wrought by Father Murphy, as the people of Dunedin had, but still they (the clergy) had ample opportunities of judging of his many admirable qualities of mind and heart. (Applause). The people were aware of the fruitful work he had done for souls during the many years he was amongst them. It was, therefore, not necessary to recapitulate them there. The priests of the diocese had a warm appreciation for Father Murphy. (Applause). He was always ready to sacrifice

chronometer watch and chain on behalf of the priests of the diocese, as a mark of their esteem and regard. (Prolonged applause).

Other Presentations.

Mr. T. Hussey read an address from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It was signed on behalf of the Society by Mrs. Jackson (president), Mrs. J. B. Callan (vice-president), and Miss Purton (secretary), and was accompanied by the presentation of a handsome easy-chair. The members of the Society expressed their sincere regret at Father Murphy's departure, paid a well-deserved tribute to his valuable services as spiritual director, to his many acts of generosity, and to his kindness and encouragement when the Society was working under very disheartening conditions.

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An address from the Ladies' Club was read by Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who explained that the members had forwarded a dinner-set to Riverton for Father Murphy. The address was signed by Miss Staunton (president), and Miss Purton (secretary). The members in their address said that their good wishes and prayers would follow Father Murphy in his new sphere of duty.

The members of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor presented an address which was accompanied by a handsome set of vestments. The address was read by Mr. T. Hussey and was signed on behalf of the members by Mesdames Haydon and Heley and Misses M. Murphy and E. Johnson. In their address the Confraternity expressed sorrow at his departure and appreciation of his untiring zeal and kind-hearted charity in the discharge of the duties of Administrator of the parish. His noble spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty would be an incentive to members to reproduce those virtues in their own lives.

Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., read an address from the Children of Mary, which was accompanied by another handsome set of vestments, and was signed by Miss K. Falkner (president), Miss E. Johnson (vice-president), and Miss A. Brady (secretary). The members begged to assure Father Murphy that, owing to his removal, they would miss his wise counsel and inspiring example, and that he would have their good wishes and prayers.

The addresses from the societies were illuminated and nicely framed.

Father Murphy's Reply.

The Rev. Father Murphy, on rising to reply, was received with long and continued applause. He said they were present there that evening to say good-bye. For fourteen years they worked together in sunshine and suffering, but at the call of duty he had, as the Sacred Scriptures said, to go forth from his country and his kindred, and out of his father's house. He was grieved to leave them, for he had always experienced the greatest kindness from the people of the Cathedral parish; they were to him father and mother and kindred. (Applause.) Since his arrival in Dunedin he had never felt himself a stranger amongst them, and whatever he had done was only reciprocating those cordial feelings which had always been shown him, and the many kindnesses which he had received at their hands. In the addresses they had referred to what he had done in connection with the various societies. His only regret was that he had not done more, for he regarded Catholic societies as the very best means of promoting a good, sound Catholic spirit amongst the people. (Applause.) They were living in an age of organisation, when men banded themselves together for various purposes. No exception could be taken to that when the means or the objects were justifiable, and the Church expected them to be united and organised in the spiritual interests of her children. There was nothing he could inculcate more strongly than that they should be affiliated with those societies, for by joining such societies they were helping on the cause of Jesus Christ. Such societies, like charity, blessed the givers and the receivers. They blessed those who taught and blessed those who learned. He desired to thank them for the many kind words said that evening and for the magnificent gifts presented to him. As to the money, he said he would not devote a penny of it to his personal use. (Prolonged applause.) In receiving it he took it for the children of his parish. (Applause.) There was as yet no Catholic school in his parish, and he thanked the donors for a good beginning towards the establishment of a convent school. (Applause.) That night would be a memorable one in his life, because their kind words and gifts indicated what their hearts felt towards him. It would be memorable to him in a special way because of the honor which his fellow-priests had done him. (Applause.) It was truly a great thing to be thus honored by the most honorable body of priests in the Australian Church. (Loud applause.) This was an honor he would never forget, and the only thing he would ask would be that with God's holy grace he would follow in the footsteps of the grand pioneers of the diocese of Dunedin. (Applause.) When he decided to come out to New Zealand two inducements were held out to him by their late revered Bishop, Dr. Moran (applause): that he would come to labor amongst a devoted people and a self-sacrificing priesthood. The longer he lived the more he was convinced of the truth of those words, which he had heard in his college on that occasion. He could say that the kind words were deserved, and he hoped that as long as he lived he would do nothing to bring discredit upon the honorable body who were engaged in ministering to the spiritual wants of the people. By way of conclusion he expressed his thankfulness for the kindness he had received during his stay in Dunedin from those outside the pale of the Church. (Applause.)

He thanked the clergy and laity for their kindness, and trusted he would one day have the pleasure of repaying them for the honor they had done him. (Prolonged applause.)

Another Presentation.

The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary said that he had to add an item which was not on the programme. At a meeting of the clergy who had been present at the Month's Mind of the late Father Sheehan it was decided to testify their friendship for Father Coffey by making him a presentation. The Very Rev. Monsignor then went on to say that his Lordship the Bishop deserved to be complimented on having selected Father Coffey as Administrator of the Cathedral parish. Father Coffey, he had no doubt, would be very successful in his new sphere of labor. During his residence in South Dunedin Father Coffey had always a warm welcome for visiting priests, and his house was always open to them. The country priests were deeply indebted to him for his hospitality. He had much pleasure, on behalf of the assembled priests, in handing Father Coffey a cheque.

The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who was taken completely by surprise, said if he had the slightest idea that such a matter was in contemplation he would have stopped it. With regard to Monsignor O'Leary's reference to the hospitality extended by him (Father Coffey) to visiting priests, he thought it was only from a sense of duty that he had entertained them, for if they were to do their work well it should be as a united body and not as separate individuals. He trusted it would still be in his power to continue such acts of kindness, so that as a united body they might all work together in the cause of religion and for the extension of the Kingdom of God. (Applause.) He had been brought from South Dunedin to fill the place of Rev. Father Murphy, and the longer he was here the more he felt how difficult it was for him to be so successful as his predecessor. He trusted, however, with the hearty co-operation of the laity, to follow at least in the footsteps of Father Murphy. (Applause.) This presentation was a great surprise, and he sincerely thanked his fellow-priests for their gift, their kindness and consideration, and also Father Murphy for many kindnesses shown him (Father Coffey) ever since he had come to South Dunedin. (Applause.)

On the motion of Rev. Father Murphy, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Callan for presiding.

Before the meeting dispersed three hearty cheers were given for the Rev. Father Murphy.

Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R.

Just before going to press we received a telegraphic message from Mr. D. Lynch, Wellington, to the effect that he was in receipt of a cable message from Limerick, stating that the Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., formerly of Dunedin, had completely recovered from his recent accident, and was once more engaged in the duties of the sacred ministry.

A meeting was held in the rooms of the Queensland Irish Association in Brisbane on July 30, with the object of raising funds to erect a suitable monument over the grave of the late Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty, and of founding, if necessary, a pension for his bereaved wife and daughter. Many leading citizens, including several members of the medical profession, took part in the proceedings. A large and representative committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the resolutions passed by the meeting. A sum of about £110 was subscribed in the room.

The drawing of the art union in connection with the Akaroa Convent building fund has been unavoidably postponed until December 7. Holders of books of tickets are requested to forward blocks and remittances as soon as possible.

The expectations that the second number of 'The Red Funnel' would even surpass in every way the first issue of that monthly, have been more than realized. The September number has not alone come up to the standard of that for August, but has reached even a higher plane both from a literary and artistic point of view. The contents are varied, instructive, and entertaining, and all good tastes are catered for. The illustrations are numerous and even here also a marked improvement is noticeable. So long as 'The Red Funnel' maintains its present high standard, it need not fear comparison with the best illustrated magazines of older lands.

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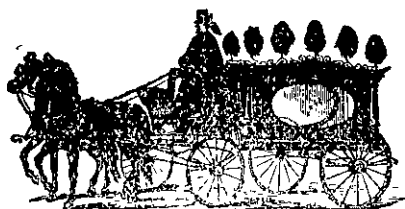
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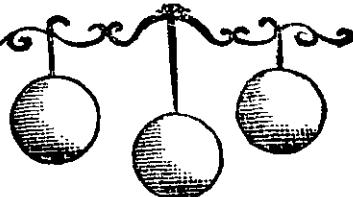
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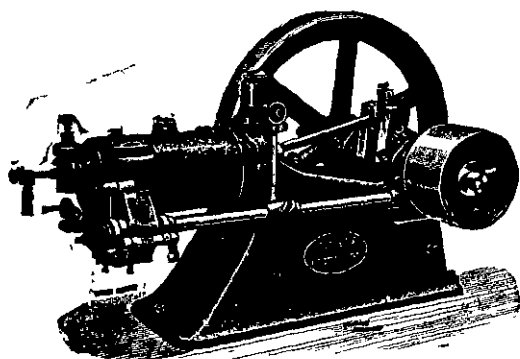
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The Storyteller

MY LADY HOPE

(Concluded from last week.)

'My good woman,' he began.

'My good sir!' she retorted gaily, and as she spoke she linked her arm in his. 'Let us have a little chat, dear. You are late to-day; it is almost time to go home, and then grandfather will want you to play dominoes with him, and I shan't have a chance to say another word to you. Let us talk of when you and I shall be married—yes, dear—and of how we shall travel. All through Europe, remember, you have promised me. And you are going to be famous, oh, so famous!' She looked up into his face and laughed merrily, so that Dr. Morrison marvelled at the melody, the sweetness of it. He did not know that in the old days Herbert Satterlee had told her that her laugh was the prettiest he had ever heard. And all the time her heart was praying ('Mother of Christ, give him to me,' she pleaded. 'Just this one soul, my Mother; just this one soul. Mother of the Infant God Who sat upon your knee, give me this, give me this!')

'Famous!' her lips were saying, blithely. 'Oh, what a famous sculptor you will be! You will put me into marble, won't you, Herbert? Do you remember the last work you finished: "My Lady Hope?" Can you remember?'

'No,' he muttered, 'I cannot remember, Eleanor.'

Her heart seemed to stop beating suddenly. Dr. Morrison leaned forward, a long breath parting his lips, his intent gaze on that pathetic scene. The room swam before her dazzled sight. One moment of weakness now might spoil all, one false word. But she was a woman, therefore she was brave, a woman struggling for more than life.

'You cannot remember?' And again she laughed, and again her heart ached with its prayer: 'Oh, Mother Mary, help me now!' and her little hand trembled. 'Do you want to see it, dear? It is just behind this curtain. It is glorious, Herbert. Let us look at it together, husband mine.'

'Where is it?' he asked. 'Where is it, Eleanor?'

He was trembling and his eyes were shining and his breath came in hot gasps. She moved quickly to the alcove, and drew aside the red curtains. The electric light was turned on full, bathing in its brilliant brightness the magnificent figure he had created. The dazzling light after the semi-darkness of the room startled him. He bent forward, fascinated. The marble image seemed to Eleanor's straining sight as if it were endowed with feeling. Her lips were moving piteously. And the patient, beautiful, sculptured face looked down on the man who had fashioned it, and on the woman who was fighting for so much. Just a second they stood so, but to that living, loving woman the moment seemed almost like eternity; it was a whole century of torture, agony inexpressible, anguish and fear. Then a shout ran through the room. Herbert Satterlee rushed forward, falling on his knees at the base of his statue, sobbing like a little child.

'My statue!' he cried. 'My hope—my Lady Hope! Eleanor! Eleanor! Where are you, Eleanor? O God, Eleanor, where are you?'

She was there, kneeling beside him, clasping his dark head to her breast, soothing him as its mother would a frightened infant. Clothed in his right mind she clasped him to her, and he looked up at her, questioning her in piteous silence.

'You have been ill, sweetheart,' she answered faintly. 'Very, very ill. But it is all right now, dear; it is all right now. Here is the doctor coming. Dr. Morrison, my husband is much better. We are going home.'

And oh, the joy, the proud, exultant happiness that looked up at the physician from the woman's eyes!

'Home!' said Herbert Satterlee. 'It seems so long since we were home, Eleanor. Let us go home now.'

'Allow me to accompany you to call a carriage,' said Dr. Morrison, courteously. 'A little wine, perhaps; you look rather shaky, my dear madam.' He smiled, bending gentle eyes upon her. 'You feel better, Mr. Satterlee?'

'I am quite well, I thank you,' he returned with fine dignity. 'You will tell me all about it, Eleanor.'

'Yes, dear,' she answered. Her heart was singing, throbbing, almost bursting with its gratitude and joy. Dr. Morrison, alarmed by the pallor of her face, went swiftly into the inner room, returning almost instantly with the wine.

'Every drop,' he said, peremptorily, and she obeyed him. Her eyes clung to his face, and he shook his head two or three times reassuringly. 'Everything is well—everything,' he said. 'Very soon, you will not have long to wait.'

She understood him and smiled happily. They passed out, the doctor preceding them. He had to push hard to open the door. The little dwarf had followed is only friend, and now when the door swung in, started forward with a joyous grunt. Eleanor heard his guttural 'yap, yap' of pleasure, and her nervous grasp upon her husband's arm tightened. She hurried him on fast, and he, unconscious, in his newly-regained senses, of the creature who had been his share, went with her undisturbed. Dr. Morrison laid his strong but not unkindly hand on the shoulders of the hapless being, and drew him aside.

'Poor little Prank!' he said, looking down at him, for his heart was very tender just then. 'Poor little chap, you have lost your only friend!'

And in his heart, his somewhat hardened, worldly heart, he said, 'Thank God!'

But Prank did not understand. He was staring, open-mouthed as usual, after his protector. The cry died on his lips. A blank, puzzled look shut down over his face. He struggled a little to free himself, but finding the struggle vain, gave up, and watched the form of Herbert Satterlee disappear. When he had gone, Dr. Morrison released him. He fell to the floor, inert and helpless, moaning like a stricken thing wounded to the heart.

'Whatever became of that handsome young sculptor?' asked an interested visitor some six months later. 'Did he die?'

'Indeed, no,' answered Dr. Morrison. He is as sound as ever he was. 'Splendid fellow, bright as a diamond. We always expected it, more or less, but his wife finally accomplished it. She—well, she is a superb woman.'

Dr. Morrison was a warm friend of both by this time. It was Eleanor Satterlee's simple trust that led him afterwards to the true faith, but that occurred a good many years subsequently, and it is not within the province of this little tale. He was apt though, ever and always, to wax enthusiastic when he spoke of her.

'And the little dwarf, is he still here?' went on the questioner.

'No,' said Dr. Morrison, and the pleasant light faded out of his eyes. 'No, he isn't here. He died a week after the young man left.'

'Died?' queried the visitor, sympathetically. 'Poor little fellow!'

'Poor little fellow!' echoed the physician.—'Rosary Magazine.'

THE WAY DOWN HILL

A wife sat sleeping before the library fire. She was dressed for the opera, the white of her neck and shoulders gleaming through the scarf which she had thrown about her, the ivory sheen of her trained skirt tinted by the firelight. Her cheeks and eyes were red and swollen with weeping and her lips quivered in her sleep.

And as she slept the wife dreamed that she stood upon a hill in the golden light of a summer day. All about her lay the roughness and wildness of a new country, but above her head the sky was clear and the sun hung in the blue. Away at the bottom of the hill the sky lowered black and threatening, shutting out every trace of sunlight, and the giant trees were bending to the earth in a mighty wind storm. A petulant laughing boy was tugging at her hand trying to drag her down hill.

'Come, come,' he cried impatiently, and pulled her toward him.

The wife awoke with a start. The front door had banged and someone was stumbling along the hall. She waited, tense and breathless, her whole face reddening with shame. Presently her husband lurched into the doorway and seated himself there, clinging to the case-ment. His clothes were dishevelled, his eyes bloodshot.

'Isn't it rather late for you to be up?' he demanded, thickly. He stood clutching the framework of the door, his face bent upon her in a maudlin scowl.

'I don't know,' the woman answered dully. She got up nervously and walked slowly, wearily away from him toward the other door. 'John will help you to bed,' she said. She lifted her silken train in fingers that were shaking and dragged herself from the room.

She prayed so long and so hopefully with all the faith of a pure young Catholic heart, and was this to be the end of it? Her married life had started in with happiness and prosperity. Was it perhaps that in her joy of life and love she had forgotten her God and

her duty to him? Often now in her hours of grief and trial she brought her mind back to those first sweet days and realised that that had indeed been her sin. And now God in His justice was punishing her for it. Her husband, already a drunkard and a gambler, without will or wish, seemingly, to fight against the demon of his passion; their fortune—for they had been rich—dwindling surely and steadily beneath an incompetent hand and leaving her, unfitted as she was, to face a possible future battle with the world; her child, the only fruit of their marriage—and here God's hand lay heaviest—a cripple from infancy. In his mad passion her husband had railed against his Maker and his 'luck,' but she in her woman's way sought solace and atonement in that religion which happily was hers. 'With Mary's help,' she was wont to say, and on her knees sought some aid, some consolation. It would all come right some day; perhaps not. As it had been before wrath had visited her and hers, but as she deserved, for her child's sake. She really believed and adored and repented for the forgetfulness of her too great happiness, and if the clouds were blacker than usual, as they were to-night, she hoped again that all would be well, and carried her aching heart to Mary's feet.

She had not slept well, and she greeted her husband at the breakfast table next morning with a pale face and heavy eyes. He was in none too good a temper, the result of his last night's brawl and a new business difficulty.

'I suppose you can ride out and look at it with me?' said he. 'It isn't worth hanging on to, and if I raise the taxes on that, something else will have to go. As I've told you,' he added, with sudden irritation, 'I'm in the devil of a hole!'

Mrs. Warner locked her fingers above the breakfast cloth. 'I know,' she answered, patiently. 'I understand how matters are, but the city is growing out that way, and your lawyer says that it is only a question of time—'

The man interrupted with a harsh laugh. 'Oh, yes,' he said, 'if I could keep that farm, say fifty years, maybe I'd get some money out of it. But what is to pay the taxes on it till then—will you tell me that?'

'I thought perhaps,' said his wife, hesitatingly, 'the house on the beach—I'm the only one who goes there, you know—and your lodge in the woods—you haven't been there for two years—if you throw both up, Vincent would have the farm to look forward to.'

Warner got up and kicked back his chair savagely. 'Oh, Vincent,' he said, bitterly, 'Vincent must be rich! Curse the luck! Why should our child be like that when other children—' He stopped, struck by his wife's white face. Then he added sullenly, after a moment, 'Come out and look at it, anyway. I don't think much of the place.'

They boarded a suburban street car, for their days of free-handed cab hire were over. Mrs. Warner was not a complaining woman; her very patience often nettled her husband, but her face of late had worn a tense, white look, pitiful in its hopelessness. Husband and wife were strangely silent during the ride, she because her heart ached too deep for words, he because his savage mood could have found utterance only in heaped-up complaining against the fate that he had brought upon himself.

An old couple sat opposite them on the car. The man's clothes were thin and poor, his white shirt was frayed at neck and wrists, and his old hat shone dully from much brushing; his companion wore an antiquated cotton gown, and her queer little bonnet was faded. They were nervous and ill at ease, but Mrs. Warner thought that they were having a very good time indeed. They exchanged frequent shy reassuring smiles, and once when the old lady's hand rested upon the seat the old man slipped his work-hardened fingers over hers.

The ride to the end of the line was not a long one. 'We get out here,' said Warner shortly. His wife arose and followed him without a word.

'Let's get out here and rest a spell,' said the little old man. He helped his wife from the car with elaborate care and took her arm as she picked her way through the dust of the road.

The wide stretch of highway, unshadowed by the young trees that had been planted along its edge, led up a gently sloping hill. This was the country, but houses of city aspect, with sloping lawns, stiff and bare in their newness, were scattered along here. Electric lights followed the street railway to its terminus, and a bright new firebox on the last pole stood out red and shining. Surely a lawyer was justified in saying that the city was growing out this way.

On the brow of the hill stood an old gray farmhouse, the fertile fields about it stretching away down the hill on the other side and to the distant woods, a dark line against the sky. Its barns and yard were

well kept and extensive. Mr. and Mrs. Warner made their way toward the farmhouse, walking apart at the edge of the road and still exchanging no word. The little old couple were going that way too. They trudged along, arm in arm, their peaceful pinched faces turned to the upper air, and both panted a little with the heat, for they were old.

'Sorry I can't pay the farm taxes with debts!' said Warner as they went in.

'God direct us what to do,' said his wife.

Warner turned on her with a feeble laugh. 'God has forgotten us!' he said.

'For shame!' cried Mrs. Warner, with a little sob. 'He is better to us than we deserve.'

She came out of the farmhouse first and stood at the gate, looking down the long stretch of sunny road through blinding tears. If only they could keep this farm. It was a fine piece of land. The doctors had said that much might be done for Vincent as he grew older, but they must have money to have it done. And the farm would certainly bring a big return some day. She clenched her hands and strove to calm herself. Surely God would not let them lose the farm—not for her sake nor yet for her unbelieving husband's, but for the sake of the little innocent sufferer.

The old lady was sitting on the weather-beaten horse block. Her husband was standing at the opposite side of the road, looking off over the fields. The summer wind blew the tails of his coat with a flapping noise and he held to his hat with both hands. He was a quaint figure in the dusty sunlight.

The little old lady stared shyly at the younger and more fashionable one. Then she drew aside her shabby skirt.

'P'raps you'd like to sit here?' she ventured.

Mrs. Warner took the proffered seat mechanically. 'It's a pleasant day,' she said listlessly.

She spoke without interest or animation, but the old lady was garrulous and needed little encouragement. 'Pa and me's had such a nice time,' she said. 'Sary is a good daughter,' she remarked. 'Law, yes,' cried the old lady, 'an' she's got a good man, too. He earns good pay an' he's awful good to us. He'd do anything for Sary and the children, an' he don't drink, neither.'

There was a note of reminiscent sadness in her voice. Mrs. Warner looked at her sharply. She sat hunched up in the way of old ladies, her folded arms upon her knees, her wrinkled face quivering with emotion.

'Me an' pa ain't been poor allus,' she hastened to explain. 'He used to be a carpenter, an' he earned good pay. That was when Sary was little. Then, I dunno, somehow he got to drinkin', an' he went down hill pretty fast. I had to go, too. There wasn't nothin' else to do,' she sighed. 'I never really give up believin' it'd come right, though sometimes it was pretty hard, God knows. I knew he knew best, an' though his ways are not our ways, he allus brings us out right in the end. Sary she grew up an' then she went to work, an' then she got married. We've had a nice home ever since, an' I ain't had to work. Pa's all right now now,' she added quickly, 'but he's too old to work. I dunno what we'd do without Sary.'

Warner came out of the farmhouse just then. Mrs. Warner got up blindly. 'I hope that you will enjoy the ride back,' she said. 'We—we must go now.'

She followed her husband down the road. The blood had come into her pale, set face and her eyes were fever bright. The old lady's story had affected her strangely.

At the car track she suddenly turned upon her husband. She was usually so calm and patient that her attack took him quite by surprise. 'Look at them!' she cried, pointing back up the road. 'They are old and poor. You and I will be like that some day. He drank and went down the hill, and she went too, even as I am going with you. But they have a daughter, Sara, to take care of them, and we—we have only Vincent!'

The man stared at her. 'What are you driving at?' he inquired testily.

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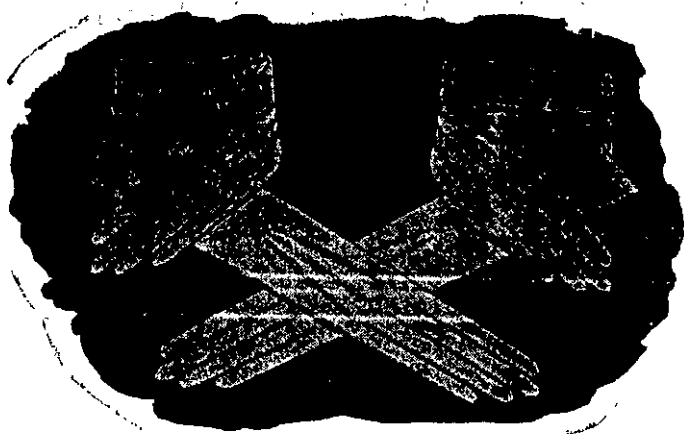
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Warner struck at the weeds with his cane. 'You are melodramatic,' he said, curtly. 'I cannot say that I follow you quite. The old parties went down hill, did they? Well, they look like it!'

'Yes,' she said, wearily, her passion spent, 'they went down hill. We'll look just like them some day, only worse, and Vincent won't have any nickels to give us for street car rides.'

They took the homeward trip in silence. In the lonely grandeur of their home that night Mrs. Warner went into her child's room. She had a bit of sewing in her lap, but her trembling fingers lay locked above it and her lips moved in disconnected prayer. Vincent's gentle breathing was mingled with the insistent rhythm of a small clock on the mantel, and outside in the distance the burr burr of the electric cars was borne to her ears. Only heaven knew how heavy her heart was. Early in her married life, when things first began to go wrong, she had learned that neither pleading nor storming brought her satisfactory results. Warner preferred his club to his home, and of late he was coming to count a night enjoyably spent only in gambling and debauchery.

He came into the room and stood before the fire, idly tapping his foot against the brass fender.

'Did that old lady tell you all that stuff this morning?' he asked abruptly.

'Yes,' the woman answered.

'Mighty strange dream you had,' he said, after a pause.

Mrs. Warner crushed her hands together. 'It was not strange,' she said. 'I told you that it was but a dream of what I think hourly and never cease to pray for strength to endure. It was myself and all that hurts me most. I have stayed with you so long only because I love you. The little old lady loved her husband and she stayed with him through thick and thin, but her child was strong. I know to-night that I am not made of the strength of which she was made. She stayed until the bottom of the hill was reached and after, but she had Sara. I have only Vincent, and I cannot stay—much longer—even for his sake.'

The face of the man had changed strangely. He was frowning, but he bit his lip nervously.

'Come, come,' he cried. 'What a state you are in! You are not yourself to-night. Down hill? It's not so bad as that. I know I've been pretty much of a devil, but we can pull together again. Didn't I tell you? I'm going to throw up the house at the beach and the lodge in the woods, as you suggested, and we can keep the farm. It will make Vincent a rich man some day. I will quit drinking! I will quit gambling! I will—there!' said Warner, with impatient confidence. 'Don't cry like that. God knows you have been an angel, and I do not deserve your forgiveness, but just trust me this time, dear wife, and help me to be a decent God-fearing man again.'

Mrs. Warner was trembling hysterically. 'Oh! I've prayed and prayed so,' she sobbed, 'and sometimes I have almost doubted that God would answer my prayers. I don't deserve this; I don't deserve it!'

'It is I who deserve nothing good,' said Warner humbly, with his arms about her. 'I have been so black and sinful and I have visited the fruits of my folly upon those nearest and dearest to me. We'll cure our boy by faith, little woman. God is as good as He is merciful. He will help us back to prosperity.'

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The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Golden Jubilee of a Church

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Consecration of a Bishop

The Most Rev. Dr. Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, on June 29, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, consecrated Canon Collins, of Newcastle, Bishop of Selinus, and Bishop Auxiliary of Hexham and Newcastle.

Funeral of Mgr. Nugent

The funeral of the late Monsignor Nugent was the largest ever seen in Liverpool. It was estimated that from 40,000 to 50,000 persons took part in the procession from the Pro-Cathedral to the Ford Cemetery, four miles distant.

FRANCE—A Sensible Step

The French Catholics (says the 'Catholic Times') seem to be now thoroughly alarmed. They have witnessed the destruction of their schools, the expulsion of the teaching Orders, and the dispersion of countless monks and nuns. And during it all they remained passive, apathetic. But the Separation Bill appears to have awakened them to a sense of their true condition, and to a desire of improving it. They have started a new organisation, which, it is hoped, will weld together all the forces in France that make for peace, patriotism, religion, and liberty. Already the 'Action Libérale Populaire' has met with a hearty reception and bids fair to command even greater success. It upholds a programme of social reform, and seeks to bring back into every domain of civil life a perception of those Christian principles which have so largely faded out of the modern French mind. Above all, it abstains from abuse of political opponents, devoting itself to convincing the population by its works for the benefit of the toilers. Its conferences, held in various populous centres, have been well attended, and we can only trust that it will continue its propaganda until it has reformed the parliamentary representation of the country. There are over 330 Masons in the Chambers! Until these men are dismissed, little good can be expected for Catholic France.

UNITED STATES—Aged Prelates

Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, is 82, having been consecrated as Bishop of Rochester in July, 1868. Archbishop Williams, of Boston, one of the most important of the Catholic dioceses in the country, was consecrated in 1875. He was born in Boston in 1822, and is now 83. Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville, was consecrated in May, 1868. The diocese over which he presides is known in Church designation as 'Ludovicopolitana.' Bishop Hogan, of Kansas City, was consecrated as Bishop of St. Joseph in September, 1868. He was born in Limerick in 1829, and is 76. Cardinal Gibbons was consecrated as Bishop in 1868. Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, was consecrated in 1872. He was born in Tipperary in 1831, and is 74. Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, who died recently, was consecrated Bishop in 1857 at Natchez, and became Bishop of Cincinnati in 1883.

GENERAL

The Poor Man Welcome

'I am not a Roman Catholic,' says a writer in 'Everybody's Magazine,' discussing the question why the workingmen do not go to church, 'but I venture the assertion, without fear of successful contradiction, that the Roman Catholic Church is the only Church in the land into which a poor, ragged, friendless man may go and feel that he is welcome. So far as outward appearances go, all are on the same plane in this Church, whether prince or pauper. This is one reason why this great Church has such a hold on the masses of the people, for it has always stood for the people against their oppressors.' Thus it happens that the Catholic clergy are never troubled by the question, 'Why do not the working men go to church?'

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British Inventions.

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Appendicitis.

While foreign bodies in the vermiform appendix are not rare, they do not seem to have the effects formerly attributed to them. In 1600 post mortem examinations Dr. L. J. Mitchell, a coroner's physician, has found one or more grape seeds in the appendix in eight cases, one or more shot in three cases, fragments of bone in two cases, and in single cases such objects as a piece of a shingle nail, a globule of solder, a piece of nut-shell, and bits of ash or stone. In no case was any evidence of inflammation of the appendix, past or present, to be found.

Classification of Woods.

Wood is classed as hard or soft, the main difference between these classes being that the soft wood tree has 'needle leaves'—slim, narrow, and almost uniform in breadth—while the hard wood tree has leaves of various shapes. Some soft wood trees bear cones—are conifers. Resin is more characteristic of soft than hard wood. To the class of soft woods belong the pines, spruces, and firs, and the most common examples are yellow pine, white fir, pitch pine, and spruce, or red fir. The commoner hard woods are the oak, beech, mahogany, ash, walnut, plane, elm, birch, and ebony.

Wonderful Silk of the Spider.

The astronomer after the experience of many years has found that the spider furnishes the only thread which can be successfully used in carrying on his work, writes Ambrose Swasey in the 'Scientific American.' The spider lines mostly used are from one-fifth to one-seventh of a thousandth of an inch in diameter, and, in addition to their strength and elasticity, they have the peculiar property of withstanding great changes of temperature; and often when measuring the sun spots, although the heat is so intense as to crack the lenses of the micrometer eye piece, yet the spider lines are not in the least injured. The threads of the silkworm, although of great value as a commercial product, are so coarse and rough compared with the silk of the spider that they cannot be used in such instruments. Spider lines, although but a fraction of a thousandth of an inch in diameter, are made up of several thousands of microscopic streams of fluid, which unite and form a single line, and it is because of this that they remain true and round under the highest magnifying power. An instance of the durability of the spider lines is found at the Allegheny Observatory, where the same set of lines in the micrometer of the transit instrument has been in use since 1859.

Why People Blush.

The blush is masculine rather than feminine. Such, at all events, is the opinion of an eminent French scientist, Professor Edouard Guyot, says 'Science Siftings,' who has made some quite elaborate experiments with a view to deciding the question. It is generally supposed that blushing is a symptom of modesty; but it seems that this is a mistake. Persons of little or no modesty blush as often as the most innocent and guileless, and men are much more given to the habit than women. In either sex, however, blushes are most frequent in youth, and they tend to become steadily more rare as age advances. A blush, explains Professor Guyot, originates in the brain, through the effect of some mental impression; the brain telegraphs through the sympathetic nerves to the muscles that control the small blood vessels which carry red blood (the blood when it flows through the veins is blue) and the crimson fluid rushes to the surface of the body. It is always an involuntary performance.

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The Home

By Maureen

A Simple Milk Test.

A simple method of testing whether milk has been watered is to take a well-polished knitting needle and dip it into a deep vessel of milk and withdraw it immediately. If the milk is unwatered some of the fluid will adhere to the needle, but if it has been watered in the least degree the needle will come out quite free of the milky fluid altogether.

Biting Thread.

Ladies who sew a great deal often complain of soreness of the mouth and lips and do not know the cause of it. This has constantly been found to be the result of biting off thread instead of using a pair of scissors for cutting. In the case of silk thread the danger is well recognised, for to harden it and give it a good surface it is very usual to soak it during the process of manufacture in acetate of lead. In some cases where seamstresses and dressmakers have persevered in this practice serious results have followed.

When to Shake Hands.

When to shake hands is a subject which depends somewhat on circumstances, yet a few general rules may be given. When a man is introduced to a woman she does not shake hands with him unless he is decidedly elderly or distinguished. If he is the husband or brother of the woman presenting him it is natural to receive him cordially by shaking hands; but it is not form to do so if he is a mere acquaintance. A hostess should shake hands with every guest who comes to her house, both on their arrival and departure. Women do not shake hands when introduced to each other, but merely bow. When, however, a young girl is presented by a friend to a married woman, the latter shakes hands with her, but the girl must not make the first advance. Men shake hands when introduced to each other as an expression of goodwill. When leaving an entertainment a man shakes hands with the hostess, and he may do so with friends who are near, but he must not go about shaking hands generally.

A Good Cup of Tea.

There are four rules to be followed in preparing tea, and the neglect of any one of them will render the article valueless. Nearly every housewife neglects at least one.

In the first place, the flavor of tea never appears unless the water is fresh drawn from the tap and is boiling furiously when poured on the leaves. Nine cooks out of ten never empty the kettle of water which boiled for breakfast when preparing the tea in the afternoon, and if they should avoid this fatality, they seldom, in their haste, wait for the water to boil thoroughly before pouring it on the tea.

It seems sufficient for them that the slightest curl of steam emanates when the water is promptly used, with the result that the choicest tea in the world tastes like cat-nip. If both these pitfalls are avoided, then the tea is permitted to draw hardly two minutes when the maid with a mad rush pours it off into the cups, and again the superb aroma of the rose is invisible, and a wild, weedy solution offends the palate.

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To have tea in perfection it is only necessary to follow the four following rules—

1. Let the water be fresh from the tap.
2. Let the water boil furiously five minutes before using.
3. Let the water remain on the leaves not less than five nor over ten minutes, and then pour off into another heated vessel.
4. Use one full teaspoonful of tea for every cup of water, and if too strong reduce the quantity.

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The Hibernian Society's £1000 tribute to Irish Parliamentary Funds is now being taken up in the New South Wales branches. One of the Society's medical officers (Dr. A. M. Johnson, of Sydney), has donated £20 towards the tribute.

A handsome new church was blessed and opened a few Sundays ago at Boonah in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In the unavoidable absence of his Grace Archbishop Dunne, Rev. Father Andrew Horan, of Ipswich, performed the ceremony.

At a meeting held in the Church of the Apostles, Launceston, a few Sundays ago, it was decided to take steps to celebrate Archbishop Murphy's diamond episcopal jubilee in October by raising funds to complete the diocesan college at Hobart.

The Marist Fathers in Sydney have received a cablegram announcing that the Rev. Father Rassin had been elected Superior-General of the Society of Mary in succession to the late Father Martin, who died in France on March 26 last.

The Silver Jubilee of Mother Mary Stanislaus, of Holy Cross Convent, Cooma, was celebrated in a befitting manner on August 2, when the esteemed and beloved Mother was made the recipient of a beautiful address and presentation by the past and present pupils.

The Rev. Father J. O'Dowd, the popular administrator of SS. Michael and John's Cathedral, Bathurst, has been appointed to the permanent charge of the Gulgong parish, which has been vacated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Long, the Vicar-General of the Diocese, who has been transferred to Bathurst. Father O'Dowd has been stationed in Bathurst for ten years past, and the announcement of his removal was received with deep regret by the parishioners. The Right Rev. Mgr. Long, will administer the diocese during the absence of Bishop Dunne, who intends visiting Rome and Ireland.

One of the most popular members of the Sydney police force, Sub-Inspector John McDonald, of Paddington, died suddenly on Sunday, August 6, whilst walking on the Bondi Beach. Deceased was born in Shoolhaven, County Cork, and came to Australia 40 years ago, and joined the police force ten years later. He was stationed for 26 years in the Gipps-Rock's division, there going through the various grades of the service until he attained the rank of senior-sergeant. Six years ago he was transferred to the charge of the Paddington district, with the rank of acting sub-inspector.

The Very Rev. Father Boylan, the Irish Provincial of the Redemptorist Order, who is on a visit to Australia (says the 'Catholic Press'), is at present at the Ballarat monastery, and it is understood that he is about to found a large monastery in the Philippines. It is said to be probable that several Redemptorists at present attached to Australian monasteries will accompany Father Boylan on his mission and will remain in the Philippines when the house there has been opened. The removal of the monks from Australia to the Philippines has been decided upon owing to their having been acclimatised in Australia to a semi-tropical climate such as that to which they are about to proceed. The vacancies in the Australian monasteries will be filled by the transfer of monks from England, Ireland, and Scotland. Father Boylan is a distinguished member of his Order, and is noted for his scholarly attainments.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 27, Sunday.—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.
The Most Pure Heart of Mary.
„ 28, Monday.—St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
„ 29, Tuesday.—Beholding of St. John the Baptist.
„ 30, Wednesday.—St. Fiacre, Confessor.
„ 31, Thursday.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.
September 1, Friday.—St. Louis, Confessor.
„ 2, Saturday.—St. Stephen of Hungary, King and Confessor.

The Most Pure Heart of Mary.

God, having selected Mary to be the mother of His Incarnate Son, bestowed on her with a lavish hand the graces which were necessary to fit her for her exalted office. On various days throughout the year, some one or other of the principal events in the life of the Blessed Virgin, or of the privileges which she received from God, forms the subject of our consideration. To-day we contemplate that interior perfection which made her heart a glowing furnace of divine love, and gave to her most trivial actions a spiritual excellence which none of the saints have equalled.

St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Augustine was born in Algeria in 354. In spite of the watchful care of his mother, St. Monica, he gave himself up in his youth to many excesses. When he was 33 years of age the prayers of his pious mother at length obtained for him the grace of a complete conversion. During the remainder of his life he endeavored to undo the evil which his teaching and example had wrought. He composed in defence of the faith a long series of treatises, which have rendered his name illustrious throughout the world as one of the most profound, ingenious, and prolific writers that have adorned the Church of God. During 35 years he governed the See of Hippo, in Africa, and showed himself endowed with all the virtues which form the character of a perfect Christian Bishop. He died in 430, at the age of 76.

St. Fiacre, Confessor.

St. Fiacre was an Irishman, who, having crossed over into France, lived for many years in a solitude not far from the city of Meaux. His life there was most austere—a continual exercise of prayer and heavenly contemplation, which he interrupted only to afford relief to the poor, or to attend to those who, led by the fame of his sanctity, came to seek his advice. After his death in 670, his tomb became famous for numerous miracles, and was resorted to by pilgrims from all parts of France.

St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.

According to the rule laid down by Christ that Christian proves himself His most faithful disciple, and gives the surest proof of his love of God, who most perfectly loves his neighbor for God's sake. Judged by this test of true sanctity, St. Raymond should rank high among the saints. Born in Spain in 1204, he gave not only his property but all his liberty, and even exposed himself to the most cruel torments, and risked his very life in order to promote the spiritual welfare and accomplish the redemption of Christians held in captivity by the Moors. After a life wholly spent in the service of his neighbor, he died near Barcelona in 1240.

St. Louis, Confessor.

St. Louis was King of France, and it may be truly said that country never enjoyed the blessing of a wiser or more virtuous ruler. Though his life in the midst of his court was that of a perfect religious, he never neglected the affairs of Government, the public duties of his position, or the wants of his people. His alms deeds were unbounded, and one of his greatest pleasures was ministering to the sick in the public hospitals. St. Louis died in 1270, at the age of 55.

The following clerical changes have been made in the Archdiocese of Sydney: Rev. Father P. Donnelly, from Pyrmont to the charge of Bungendore; Rev. Father J. Flahavan, from Bungendore to Balmain West; Rev. Father J. Kelly, from Balmain West to Moruya; Rev. Father P. Doherty, from Moruya to Parramatta. The Rev. Father T. Ryan takes charge of a parish in the Lismore diocese.

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