

peaceful. However, the 'Swineherd' was considered in France as a good prize, and international law upheld the decision for the reasons already given, so that the case stands as a standard to the present time.

It is also held by international law that when peace has once been signed the late combatants are bound to look upon it as a fresh beginning, a point behind which neither side may look. There are not allowed to be officially any recriminations as to what took place before the war, and war cannot subsequently be renewed on the same grounds. If it were there would be international interference to support this principle.

The Law of Nations

pays particular attention to the interests of private and commercial persons, subjects of the Powers that were at war, in the new and happier state of things that arises when peace is agreed upon. Contracts entered into between business houses in the rival countries before war broke out were necessarily suspended during its progress, but the law has it that, unless they are of a kind that renewal is impossible, they are renewed after peace is signed just as if nothing had happened in the meantime.

Thus, Tchito of Japan, who five years ago agreed to sell rice to Plovski of Russia for ten years, will after the settlement of the treaty begin again to do so from the point where he left off when his country's torpedo-boats began operations on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. In the meantime Plovski may have forgotten all about the contract, and even, in these hard times in Russia, gone into another line of business, but Tchito can force him to keep on buying the rice.

Another Leading Case Shows an Odd Point.

During the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 the German Government entered into contracts with certain French persons for cutting wood in French forests. After peace was settled the Germans claimed that the French Government should allow them to complete the cutting, inasmuch as the German Government had acted within its rights in making the contract. The French Government held that the restoration of its authority over this territory had automatically concluded this contract and eventually Germany acquiesced that this was a correct statement of the international law upon the subject.

Diocesan News

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

Under the designation 'Festa Oriental,' a delightful evening's entertainment is being arranged for Thursday, September 21, in the Alexandra Hall, in aid of the girls' parish school renovation fund. There is to be a bright musical programme, a combination of specialties, novel and attractive. Quite a large and energetic committee of ladies are busily engaged in the detail work, and already success seems assured.

At St. Mary's School Hall, Manchester street, on last Monday evening, members of the Christchurch Catholic Club repeated, in aid of the local parish funds, their entertainment described as a 'Comical Karacter Koncert' to a large and highly amused audience. The musical arrangements were conducted by Mr. H. Rossiter. In numerous songs, novelty items, and the operetta, 'The Blind Beggars,' the performers acquitted themselves very creditably.

On last Tuesday there was an enjoyable 'At Home' given by the Catholic Club at their rooms. Songs were contributed by Miss Casey, Messrs J. Shanley and C. Potter, Mr. H. Rossiter acting as accompanist. The thanks of the club were tendered to the ladies for their valuable assistance in making the gathering a success by Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president). Mr. J. A. Shanley and Mr. J. Canavan, whose energy and capable management of details for this and other events are fully recognised, deserve the gratitude of the club.

At the Cathedral on Sunday last, the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, patronal Feast of the Society of Mary, was celebrated with befitting solemnity. At 11 o'clock there was Solemn High Mass. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., was celebrant, the Rev. Father Rockliffe deacon, and Rev. Father Peoples subdeacon. In the evening there were Vespers, an impressive sermon preached by the Rev. Father Rockliffe, and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the recent annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cathedral parish, the following were elected to the various offices for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. W. Holland; vice-president, Miss Mills; secretary, Miss Murray; treasurer, Miss Nelson; wardrobe-keeper, Mrs. Green; librarian, Miss Holland.

On the occasion of the Episcopal visitation at St. Mary's, Manchester St., his Lordship the Bishop announced that the boundaries between the two city parishes are as follow:—On the North—The Avon River to Armagh St. Bridge, across the Park and along the Riccarton road; North East—The Avon River and Canal Reserve to the ocean.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Particular Council of the Christchurch Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held on last Tuesday evening at St. Joseph's presbytery, Lyttelton. The Rev. Father Cooney acted as spiritual director. The president directed the business, and representatives were present from the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph's Conferences. The Rev. Father Cooney warmly welcomed the Brothers to Lyttelton. He expressed appreciation of the great work the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were engaged in, and the admirable manner in which they discharged their self-imposed task. In impressive terms he spoke of that ideal charity and love of our fellow-man so characteristic of St. Vincent de Paul, which one and all should ever study and always exhibit. It was decided to alter the time of meetings from the first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday, as being more convenient to the clergy, the next meeting to be held at the Cathedral. The president was urged to keep the matter of extension steadily to the fore, and at once open communication with other suitable centres with the object of having new conferences established.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

Mr. P. O'Connor, the young Irish-New Zealander, who won the Dunlop Road Race recently, and also put up fastest time, is a native of Cricklewood, in the parish of Fairlie.

The choir held a meeting last week to discuss the changes in Church music. Rev. Father Finnerty agreed to teach the liturgical chants, giving the members one lesson each week.

There promises to be a keen contest here next election between the Hon. W. Hall-Jones and Mr. Rolleston, the latter, being on the spot, is working very hard, and has got a strong committee of ladies making a house to house canvass. The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones arrived here by Saturday's express, and will soon have a counter movement started.

The Marist Brothers' football team are winners of the South Canterbury schools' banner for 1905. This is the first year they have competed for it, and although they were rather sharply treated by one or two schools, they managed to score 110 points against 3, in six games. The team deserve great praise for the fine spirit in which they played during the season.

In this issue Messrs. J. Rattray and Son, of Dunedin, proprietors of the popular 'Tiger' teas, announce the first of a series of unique and interesting competitions which they propose to hold at regular intervals. The contests, which are of an educational character, and on subjects suitable to young people, will be confined to children under the age of 18 years, and the age of each competitor will be taken into consideration when awarding the prizes, which, it may be remarked, are on a very generous scale. The subject chosen for the first competition is an original advertisement for 'Tiger' tea, and this should afford plenty of scope for the display of ability on the part of young folk. Artistic advertisement-writing is one of the coming professions, and the present competition will probably have the effect of bringing out in this direction some promising talent that otherwise might never have come to light.

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