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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.

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

'A Faithful Saying and True'

An old saw runneth thus: 'Take home one of Satan's relations, and the whole family will follow' Our young men might paste this inside the crown of their hats.

A Motto

The Bible-in-schools party seem to be getting farther and farther away from any agreement as to a definite plan for turning the public schools into institutions for the propaganda of some brand of 'Reformed' sectarianism. Josh Billings's descriptive phrase is a skin-fit for the present plight of the League: 'A house so divided against itself that it don't know which way to fall.' We notice that the League has been, thus far, without a motto. We therefore take the liberty of suggesting to Dr. Gibb and his co-leaders, as the motto of their organisation, the title of Arthur Roberts's song (which is 'wrote sarkastic'): 'We Are a Happy Family, We Are, We Are, We Are'

Two More Mottoes

It is, we think, Livingstone who put on record the following mottoes of some tribes of blacks in the heart of the Dark Continent. 'Put off till to-morrow what you do not care about doing to-day', and 'Constant labor kills a man, but strengthens a woman.' The first of these two mottoes, and the first part of the second, might be blazoned, underneath Arthur Roberts's song-title, upon the banner of the 'Bible-in-schools 'Referendum' League. The reverend black-coats in whose interest the organisation is being worked, put off till to-morrow the unwelcome duty of the religious instruction of youth which that chronic 'tired feeling' disinclines them to do to-day. And (like the unrepentant Lope de Vega) 'when the morrow comes, they answer still, To-morrow.' They volley words like a battery of machine-guns to show what other people should do for the souls of the little budding men and maids at school. But the reverend politicians seem satisfied that any attempt to do their own proper work themselves would be as deadly to their constitutions as a hosing of Paris green would be to the potato-blight in Auckland or Taranaki.

The Mikasa

Last week Admiral Togo lost his battleship and Japan the best-known unit in its conquering fleet.

'It was not in the battle;
No tempest gave the shock;
She sprang no fatal leak;
She ran upon no rock.'

She went to the bottom in still waters and in the piping times of peace. Her disappearance leaves Nippon the poorer by some three hundred trained veterans, and (unless she is raised) by a fighting machine worth about a million and a half sterling. This is the third Japanese battleship that has gone to the floor of the sea since the war began. The sudden calamity that came upon the 'Mikasa' recalls the disaster to the British fleet when the 'Royal George' sank in the harbor at Spithead on August 29, 1782. She was the hardest-hitting and the most famous ship at that time in the King's navy. Some small repairs were needed near her keel. A number of her 108 guns were accordingly shifted in order to make her 'heel over' sufficiently for the purpose. But the work was overdone. The famous old battleship 'heeled' more than her crew had bargained for; the water poured in cataraacts through the open port holes, filled her with shifting ballast,

'And she was overset;
Down went the "Royal George,"
With all her crew complete.'

And with them went into the water some three hundred women and children who were on board as sightseers. Of the eleven hundred that were on board when the ship heeled over, nearly nine hundred were carried with her to the bottom, including the great fighting sea-dog of the day, Rear-Admiral Kempenfeldt, in whose veins ran the blood of the old sea-rovers of the North. Cowper's well known monody has surrounded the loss of the 'Royal George' with a setting in naval fame that has been denied to the 'Vanguard' and Admiral Tryon's great flagship, the 'Camperdown,' which was rammed by the 'Victoria,' sank in ten minutes, and took three hundred and twenty men to the bottom of the sea. The 'Royal George' furnishes one of the instances in which the poet engraves in bronze what the historian writes upon sand.

Good Advice

By an easy association of ideas, the fate of the 'Mikasa' reminds us of the old Spanish proverb which, being interpreted, runneth thus: 'Bacchus has drowned more than Neptune.' (Be it known to those who own not an acquaintance with Lempriere, that Bacchus is the god of wine, and Neptune the god of the sea). The Executive of the Nelson Licensed Victuallers' Association deserve commendation for the stand that they have

taken in order to reduce the number of the victims of Bacchus. They urge the strict observance of the civil law and the canons of respectability in the conduct of their business and threaten with a Vigilance Committee the scallywags of the trade who supply drink to the partly intoxicated person and to the heady toper who (in the words of the old English ballad)

'Gets on a spree,
And goes hobbling around.'

All this is commendable, provided that it represents a serious and permanent crusade against the grave abuses which it professes to combat. We have said full many a time—and here repeat—that the real leaders of the Prohibition-without-compensation movement are those licensed victuallers who defy the laws of God and man in their sordid hunt for shekels. Such guilty gold can never bring a blessing. And the heaviest blows of 'the butt-end of the law' are punishment all too light for the itching palm that closes on the coin of the swiller who has laden himself with more of the flowing bowl than befits his manhood.

It matters little in principle here whether the alcohol that constitutes the chief element of attraction in the toper's swill is or is not a poison. Every controversial Johnny Raw can decide this knotty scientific question out of hand. But the doctor and the chemist cannot—just yet. So we'd better bide a wee before we dogmatise upon the point. Dr. C. M. Douglas holds the non-poison theory. But, in 'Public Opinion' of August 4 he urges people to look upon alcohol 'as a doubtful luxury, to be used sparingly and moderately, and under exceptional circumstances as a medicine to supply the want of, or the inability to assimilate, nourishing food.' And he entreats 'that girls should never or hardly ever drink alcohol, even in a comparatively mild form, and that distilled liquors should never find a place amongst a young man's beverages. To youthful blood and brain it is,' he adds, 'as poison, destructive as vitriol to steel.' 'It has its place,' says 'Mr. Dooley,' 'but its place is not in a man's head.' For some, total abstinence is a precept of necessity, for others, it is a counsel of perfection.

Some New Zealand Wit

In former days Kings made war and peace. The kings—of finance—do it still. Sidonia, in Disraeli's 'Coningsby,' never troubled about international crises and rumors of war in newspapers till Governments began to negotiate for heavy loans. Then he knew they meant blood-letting. But the monarchs of the Stock Exchange are those who, by the opening and the closing of their purse-strings, practically determine the opening and the closing of a war. And they know abundantly how to guard as well as how to place their treasured millions. Quaint and humorous expression was given to this idea by Mr. John Barrett, of Christchurch, in the course of a recent interview with our San Francisco contemporary, the 'Monitor' 'How is your country defended against foreign aggression?' the 'Monitor' queried. Mr. Barrett's reply was both witty and wise 'England,' said he, 'has a South Pacific Squadron which calls once every six months, but our main defence is the fact that we owe the Jews of the world forty million pounds sterling, and intend to borrow more money from them. In their hands we consider ourselves pretty safe against aggression.'

Biography of a Lie

On the twelfth of July—auspicious date!—the cable-demon sped to New Zealand and the other ends of the earth a circumstantial account of an Irish agrarian 'outrage.' The story—which smelled of the Walls of Derry—told of a gallant defence made by one Mr Edward Magennis, near Boyle, against a large body of men who surrounded and besieged his house, volleying

shots into it for three hours, until the noble little garrison beat them off. Last month, in the House of Commons, Chief Secretary Long admitted that the whole story was a cowardly calumny and an invention from start to finish. Mr. Magennis and others had testified before a special police investigation committee that no such attack had taken place, and that, in effect, the romantic story of the defence of the Roscommon Plevna had no more of sober truth in it than the eastern tale of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. It was merely part and parcel of the campaign of falsehood instituted, for an obvious political purpose, by the Coercionist Irish press. But, true to his coward traditions, the cable-fiend never withdrew or corrected the envenomed romance. The calumny was spread on the wings of the lightning; far in its wake the refutation jogged along in a leisurely way in the hold of an ocean liner. Which gives a point to the mixed but well-meant metaphors of the Philosopher of the Sandwich Islands: 'Slander is played on a tin horn, while truth steals forth like the dying song of a lute.' The ruffian who concocted, or first sang, this slander is well known to the police in Boyle. But the rawhide of the law has never crossed the catfiff's back; for was not the calumny bred and spread in the sacred cause of Coercion?

Mountebank 'Prophets'

'Since knowledge is but sorrow's spy,
It is not safe to know.'

For our benefit God has hidden the future from our eyes. He can lift the veil, for all things past and present and to come are open and naked to His eyes. But we must not suppose that He is going to do so by means of tea-leaves or packs of playing-cards, or glass balls, or the other paraphernalia of the fortune-teller or 'futurist' who plies her (or his) trade at as much per head as the credulous are prepared to part with. We in New Zealand could afford to export a big brigade of those professional charlatans. India is apparently not so heavily infested by them. But it has some 'famous' seers, all its very own, whose 'forecasts' add to the gaiety of life in that land of temple and jungle. One of these is Pandit Rammarayan Yogshastri. Thus far all his predictions for 1905 have failed to 'materialise.' Here is one of them, taken from a list of fourteen published early in the year in the 'Bombay Gazette':—

'From the 17th March next Russia will begin to achieve victory over the Japanese, and from the 25th March next Russia will obtain decisive victories. Within June Manchuria and Port Arthur will be in full possession of Russia. Russia will be victorious in land and sea fighting within the above-mentioned period.'

This is a good average sample of the work of the self-styled 'prophets' who (for a consideration)

'Make fools believe in their foreseeing
Of things before they are in being,
To swallow gudgeons ere they're caught,
And count their chickens ere they're hatched.'

But your professional seer seldom commits herself (or himself) to definite statements regarding future events. Their oracles more frequently relate to a 'dark man' and a 'fair woman,' and a 'letter from over the sea,' or to such homely platitudes as that which Madame Crompton addressed with ungrammatical lips to Artemus Ward: 'If you ain't keeful when you git your money, you'll lose it, but which otherwise you will not.'

The wise astronomer foretells
The date of each eclipse,
The racing man at fingers' ends
Has all the latest tips.
But we can vouch a fact more true—
Can give a tip more sure—
If you would of a cold be rid
Take WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

THE FAMOUS VICTORY AT SALE PRICES Easy Terms

BISHOP BRINDLE & OTHERS v. FATHER HAYS**IMPORTANT DECISION ON CHURCH PROPERTY**

English Catholic and secular papers to hand by last week's mails contain a final report on the most important case in the various lawsuits in which the Rev. Father Hays—well known in these countries as a temperance lecturer—was engaged as a principal shortly before his departure from England for Australia. In the present instance the Rev. Father was defendant, and, as in the other cases (in which he was plaintiff), the decision was against him. The case now under consideration involved very important issues in regard to property held upon trust for church purposes, and was watched with close interest by Catholic ecclesiastics and laity all over Great Britain. An opinion elicited by us from an eminent lawyer, and printed, as to its substance, at the close of the following report, shows that the case, and the decision thereupon, have a practical bearing upon ecclesiastical trusteeships in New Zealand. The following report of the case of Bishop Brindle and others v. Father Hays appeared in identical terms in the London 'Tablet' of August 5, the 'Catholic Times' of August 4, and in several secular papers:—

The Case.

The adjourned trial of this action was heard on the 28th July at Market Rasen County Court. It will be remembered that the first hearing took place at the same court on August 19, 1904, and that his Honor, Judge Sir G. Sherston Baker, found a verdict for the defendant, Father Hays, on the ground that he (the judge) had no jurisdiction to try the action. The action was brought by Bishop Brindle and the other Trustees of the Catholic Trust Property at Market Rasen, whereby they sought: (1) A declaration that they were the legal owners of this property as such trustees; (2) a claim for mesne profits, and (3) an injunction to restrain the defendant from exercising acts of ownership over the property, such as the collection of rents from the tenants, etc. The necessity for the action arose out of the fact that Father Hays set up a claim to collect the rents and deal with the property as if he were the absolute owner, and in defiance of the wishes of the trustees, in whom the property was vested, he having gone to the length of suing one of the tenants for rent which she had been requested to pay to the trustees as owners, and the disbursements of which they deemed they were entitled to control.

The refusal of Judge Sir Sherston Baker to try the case on the first occasion came as a complete surprise to the plaintiffs, their legal advisers, and Counsel, and it was felt that, in view of the extreme importance of the case, the matter could not be allowed to rest there, as it was a question immediately and most materially affecting Catholic Trust Properties, and the relationship of trustees and priests in charge of missions all over the country.

The plaintiffs thereupon decided to appeal against the judgment of Sir Sherston Baker, as they were advised his decision was incorrect, and ultimately the Divisional Court, consisting of Lord Chief Justice and Justices Kennedy and Ridley, made an order on the 17th January, setting aside the judgment given on August the 19th, and directing that a new trial should be had.

This restored the parties to their original position, and the case was again entered for trial on March 17 last, but, unfortunately, had to be adjourned by reason of the defendant's absence in Australia. The plaintiffs offered no objection to the adjournment, although it was a matter of considerable inconvenience to all the witnesses in attendance, because they did not wish that the slightest advantage should be taken of the defendant in any way, or that an absolutely fair and impartial trial of the matters at issue should not be had.

It should be mentioned, in order that there may be a proper appreciation of the seriousness of these issues, that the defendant's solicitors had on the 10th of March filed a notice that the defendant intended to rely on the following grounds of defence, namely, that the claim for which he was summoned was barred by the Statute of Limitations. This claim requires a little explanation. The effect of it, if successfully pleaded, would mean that, assuming that Father Hays was not able to establish a title in himself to the property, he might still show that there was no title in the trustees; in other words, that some person or persons had acquired a possessory title such as would in law oust the trustees' ownership. It requires only a moment's reflection to show how

grave the issue was, and, therefore, it is not a matter of surprise that the case had excited an amount of interest considerably more than local.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. H. Maddocks, barrister-at-law (instructed by Messrs. Walmsley and Reid, solicitors, of Derby) and the defendant was represented by Mr. G. L. Haslehurst, of Messrs. Toynbee, Larken and Co., solicitors, of Lincoln.

Mr. Maddocks, in opening the case for the plaintiffs, explained very fully the position of matters in relation to the Trust Property, the claim of the trustees, and why it had been necessary to bring it into Court, and, further, that the plaintiffs in doing so were animated only by a desire to establish their right to the property, a right which had been disputed, and which, as trustees, they were bound to enforce. It was also explained that there was no intention to divert any of the revenues of the trust estate to any other purpose, and that necessity alone had compelled them to take proceedings which were amply justified by the plea which defendant had put on record.

Monsignor McKenna gave evidence, proving that he and Monsignor Tasker, the survivors of the original trustees, had held part of the property since the year 1860, and the remainder since 1864, and that the same had devolved on the present trustees, the plaintiffs, by conveyance in 1903, and he further gave evidence as to the management of the trust property in the past.

Evidence was also called in support of the plaintiffs' case that they had never, in any way, relinquished the ownership of the property.

Father Hays, the defendant, did not appear, being still abroad, but Mr. Haslehurst argued on his behalf that during the late Canon Dwyer's charge of the mission from 1875 to 1900, the trustees had so acted as in fact to deprive themselves of the ownership of the property, and that, although such ownership might not be in Father Hays, yet it was not in the plaintiffs, and evidence was called in support of this contention.

Mr. Maddocks replied to the legal argument, on behalf of the plaintiffs, and his Honor, Sir G. Sherston Baker, in giving judgment, enlarged upon the importance of the case, and after reciting the facts as to the devolution of the trust property from 1860, said it was argued that Canon Dwyer had received the rents as tenant at will, and that the plaintiffs were barred by reason of the Statute of Limitations. He proceeded to consider, in the light of the evidence that had been given, Canon Dwyer's position, and concluded by stating that he found distinctly and emphatically that both Canon Dwyer and the defendant, Father Hays, were agents merely of the trustees, and that, thereby, no title adverse to them had been acquired by any person, and that, therefore, the legal ownership of the property was in the trustees. Under these circumstances he would grant the declaration of title asked for, and make an order that the defendant should account for mesne profits. The plaintiffs' counsel having intimated earlier in the case that, if the declaration were granted, the injunction would not be pressed for, he would make no order in respect to that, but there would be judgment for the plaintiffs with costs against the defendant.

This (says the London 'Tablet') concluded a case which has excited a considerable amount of interest, and as to which there has, in certain quarters, been great misapprehension of the action of the trustees. We think the foregoing facts, and the result of the case, amply justify such action in the view of all fair-minded people.

How it Affects New Zealand.

An eminent lawyer, to whom we submitted the report that appears above, writes us as follows:—

'I have perused the article headed "Bishop Brindle and Others v. Hays," in the "Tablet." The report is rather meagre—that is, wanting in detail. The object of the defence was to prove that the trustees (the plaintiffs) had lost their right to the property at Market Rasen by reason of Canon Dwyer having been in adverse possession thereof for 20 years. Under the Act 3 and 4 William IV., C. 27, such possession gives the claimant a title to land as against the original owner. I would infer that the trustees had not for many years actively interfered in the management of the property, but left everything in the way of management (including the collection and disbursement of rents) to the local clergyman.

'Counsel for Father Hays seized upon this point to show that the possession by the local clergyman was adverse to the trustees. If the judge had agreed with this contention, the trustees (judging from the "Tablet" report) would have lost their right to the property. The Judge, however, held that Canon Dwyer and Father Hays had been, in relation to the property, merely the agents of the trustees, and therefore the Statute did not apply.

'This Statute of William IV. applies to land in this Colony which has not been brought under "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," the 57th section of that Act being as follows: "After land has become subject to this Act, no title thereto, or to any right, privilege, or easements in, upon, or over the same, shall be acquired by possession or use adversely to, or in derogation of, the title of the registered proprietor."

The writer then draws a distinction between property directly used for church purposes (such as sites for churches, convents, and schools), and church property which is not so used, and from which a revenue is or may be derived.

According to telegraphic reports in last week's daily papers, Father Hays has announced his intention of remaining in New Zealand till next year.

Consecration of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Rarely, if ever, in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia has there been witnessed such impressive ceremonies as took place in Sydney in connection with the solemn consecration of St. Mary's Cathedral and the opening of the Third Plenary Council. With the exception of the venerable Archbishop of Hobart, all the prelates of the Australian Church were present.

The consecration of the altars and altar stones was performed on Friday, September 1, by his Lordship Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Moynagh, deacon; and Rev. J. Egan, subdeacon; the Rev. W. Barry and Rev. J. Sheehy were masters of ceremonies. Bishop Dwyer consecrated 153 altar-stones, which is, perhaps, the greatest number ever consecrated at one time in Australia, the next largest being at the Rockhampton Cathedral, where 150 were blessed. The most essential part of the rite consists of the anointing with chrism (to indicate the richness of grace) and the placing of relics in the sepulchre or repository made in the altar-stone, and afterwards sealed up.

The ceremony of the solemn consecration of the Cathedral took place on Saturday morning at seven o'clock. It was performed by his Grace Dr. Kelly (the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney), assisted by the Rev. J. P. Moynagh as deacon, and the Rev. J. Egan as subdeacon. The ceremony comprised the procession of the relics, the chanting of the litanies and psalms, in which a large number of the clergy took part; and while the consecration rites were being carried out the edifice was closed to the public. The ceremonies extended over five hours. The edifice was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, under the title of 'Our Lady Help of Christians.'

On Sunday, September 3, there were fully 5000 persons present at Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral. Long before the appointed hour the sacred edifice was crowded in every part, and hundreds had to be denied admittance. The prelates who had stayed overnight at Manly College were brought by special steamer to Sydney, and arrived at the Cathedral grounds a little after 10 o'clock.

The following is a list of prelates who were present at the day's celebrations, and whose names are given in the order of seniority by consecration: His Eminence Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney; his Grace Thomas Joseph Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne; Most Rev. Robert Dunne, Archbishop of Brisbane; Most Rev. John O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide; Most Rev. Michael Kelly; Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney; Right Rev. James Murray, Bishop of Maitland; Right Rev. Stephen Reville, Bishop of Sandhurst (Vic.); Right Rev. Matthew Gibney, Bishop of Perth (W.A.); Right Rev. John Dunne, Bishop of Wilcannia; Right Rev. Francis Corbett, Bishop of Sale (Vic.); Right Rev. Jeremiah Doyle, Bishop of Lismore; Right Rev. Joseph Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat (Vic.); Right Rev. Patrick Delany, Coadjutor-Bishop of Hobart (Tas.); Right Rev. John Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn; Right Rev. James Maher, Bishop of Port Augusta (S.A.); Right Rev. P. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland; Right Rev. J. D. Murray, Vicar-Apostolic of Cooktown (Queensland); Right Rev. William B. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton (W.A.); Right Rev. John Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst; Right Rev. P. J. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale; Very Rev. W. Walsh, Diocesan Administrator, Rockhampton (Queensland); Very Rev. Fulgentius Torres, O.S.B., Abbot Nullius, New Norcia (W.A.).

Punctually at half-past 10 the prelates, clergy, and other members of the Plenary Council assembled at the presbytery. They were marshalled in procession, proceeding to the Cathedral by the eastern steps, thence round the building, entering by the main door in College street. The order of the procession was—Catholic Knights, followed by the cross-bearer and priests, acolytes, Monsignori, Bishops, the Archbishops, and finally Cardinal Moran. The procession proceeded along the main aisle to the sanctuary, the choir, assisted by the orchestra, meanwhile singing 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus.' It is said that a more notable ecclesiastical gathering has not been seen inside the halls of a Catholic church in the Commonwealth, as there were seated in the sanctuary the representatives of every diocese in Australia. Among the historical figures in the sanctuary there might be noted the Very 'Rev. Dr. Sheehy, who, as Vicar-General, blessed the corner-stone of the Cathedral in September, 1882, and Bishop Murray, of Maitland, who was present at the laying of the corner stone in 1868.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Kelly celebrated Pontifical High Mass, the Venerable Archpriest Sheehy being assistant priest. The Rev. Father J. O'Gorman was deacon, the Rev. J. M. Kelly, subdeacon. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haram (Adm. of the Cathedral) was master of ceremonies at the throne, the masters of ceremonies at the Mass being the Rev. Fathers W. Barry and P. Sheehy, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stephens (St. Patrick's College, Manly). His Eminence the Cardinal presided, having as assistants at the throne the Right Rev. Mgr. Carroll, V.G., and the Right Rev. Monsignor Beechinor (Launceston). The occasional sermon was preached by the Very 'Rev. Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., Superior of the Redemptorist Order in Australia.

Among the laymen who occupied seats in the sanctuary were the Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., K.C.S.G. (Vice-President of the Executive Council), Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., K.C.S.G., Dr. Donovan, K.C.S.G., Mr. T. J. Dalton, K.C.S.G., Sir William P. Manning, Colonel Freehill, and Mr. J. Lane Mullins (Papal Chamberlains), Messrs. E. O'Farrell and Tighe Ryan (Order of the Cross of Leo XII.), Brigadier-General Gordon (State Commandant), and Baron Otto von Hoenning-O'Carroll (Consul-General for Austria-Hungary).

Immediately after Mass in the Cathedral the Third Plenary Council was formally opened by his Eminence Cardinal Moran, the remaining sessions being held during the week at St. Patrick's College, Manly.

Later in the afternoon the Cardinal, visiting prelates, and clergy, and others were entertained at luncheon at Baumann's Cafe, by the Catholic laity, Mr. Justice O'Connor presiding. Speeches were delivered by his Eminence the Cardinal, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Archbishop of Brisbane, and others.

The present St. Mary's was begun in 1866. The cost, so far, has been £200,000, half of which has been expended since the advent of his Eminence Cardinal Moran. There is no debt on the Cathedral, which, however, is not by any means finished. The principal dimensions are:—Length outside when completed, 350ft.; length of part complete, 208ft.; general width, 80ft.; length of transepts, 124ft.; height of nave from ground, 98ft.; height of groined ceiling from floor, 74ft.; height of completed central tower, 127ft.; height of front towers and spires to be, 232ft.

Two venerable members of the Ursuline Order celebrated the 50th anniversary of their profession at the Armidale Convent recently. The jubilarians were Mothers M. Ignatius and M. Xavier. His Lordship the Bishop of Armidale presided over the religious ceremonies in connection with the occasion, and he was assisted by several of the local clergy.

All persons interested in the study of the Irish language will be pleased to know that Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., of Melbourne and Sydney, can supply them with the necessary books. Prices and other particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., Dunedin, are now making a splendid display of high-class and seasonable goods in all departments, and will be pleased to send their new, illustrated catalogue, containing pictures of their new millinery, blouses, dresses, etc., with price lists, to any person asking for same....

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

September 16.

The Rev. Father Ainsworth was unfortunately laid up with influenza on his arrival in Sydney. He is now convalescent and feels confident that with rest he will be restored to the full enjoyment of his previous good health.

The Austrian warship, 'Panther,' arrived during the week, and the Admiral has been busy receiving and making the usual official calls. He has already paid his respects to his Grace the Archbishop, and has invited him to dine on board his vessel. All the officers and men with one exception are Catholics. High Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday morning, at which the officers and men will be present.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, who is well known throughout the Colony, was recently created a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. Mr. Kennedy has for many years taken a very practical interest in Church matters, and has shown himself a generous benefactor to the cause. He thoroughly deserves the honor that has been conferred upon him, and his fellow-Catholics throughout New Zealand will join in offering their congratulations.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Literary Society was held on Monday evening. Members discussed the banishment of Napoleon to St. Helena in an interesting and able manner. The majority decided in favor of his banishment. Reference was made to the success achieved in the competition for 'The Plunket' Medal by Messrs. Fitzgibbons and Kelly. The society placed on record their pleasure at and appreciation of the success of these gentlemen, and the secretary was instructed to write them accordingly.

A meeting of the executive of the Catholic Young Men's Federation was held on Thursday evening. The secretary was instructed to write the various parish priests with a view to the formation of affiliated societies at Hawera, Wanganui, Westport, and Palmerston. The executive also decided to give each affiliated society a diploma of merit to be awarded to the best orator in each club. The subject is to be the life of some man or woman of history, and rules to govern the competition are being drawn up by Messrs. Casey, McKeown, and Fitzgibbon.

The gallery of the Town Hall was well filled on Wednesday evening, when a *conversazione* was held in aid of the schools of Te Aro parish. A capital concert programme had been arranged by the Rev. Father Moloney. His Grace the Archbishop and many of the clergy were present. The concert programme was as follows:—Vocal solo, 'A brigand am I,' Mr. J. F. Jones; vocal solo, 'Il Bacio,' Miss Amy Hyde; cornet solo, 'Angels guard thee,' Mr. J. Parker; vocal solo, 'Sunshine and rain,' Miss W. Birch; violin solo, 'Bolero,' Miss Julia Moran; vocal solo, 'I trust you still,' Mrs. R. Ryan; vocal solo, 'Oft in the still night,' Mr. J. F. Carr; vocal solo, 'The Better Land,' Miss Nora North-Barrett; vocal solo, 'In the cathedral,' Miss Amy Hyde, with violin obligato by Mr. J. Woodward; comic song, 'Wait till you see what I leave,' Mr. C. Zachariah. The accompaniments were played by Miss Moloney and Mrs. C. Zachariah. Refreshments were as usual provided by the ladies of the parish.

Otaki

The funeral of the late Hoani Taupe M Heteikia took place on September 17, when a large assemblage of both Maoris and Europeans followed the remains to the Catholic Church and back to the cemetery. The service in church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Melu, who referred to the many good qualities of the deceased, especially his fervent and practical faith. As the cortege passed out of church, the Dead March in 'Saul' was played. The ceremony at the graveside was a most impressive one. There were a great many wreaths forwarded, including one from the Tainui Football and Cricket Clubs, and Otaki Golf Club, of which deceased was one of the most popular members.—R.I.P.

The obsequies of the late Sister Cecilia of the Otaki Convent (says the local 'Mail' of September 8) took place last Wednesday afternoon. In the

morning a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased religious was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan (Wanganui). The altar and church were suitably draped for the solemn occasion. The funeral service was conducted in St Mary's Church by the Rev. Father Melu, assisted by the Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan, De Lach, and Vibaud. The attendance was very large, including a number of Maoris; indeed, the funeral was one of the largest seen at Otaki. The remains were taken to the Catholic cemetery by ten stalwart young natives of the Ngatiraukawa tribe, who wore mats and had a band of greenery round their heads, in token of their mourning. The concluding service was conducted at the graveside. The whole ceremony was a most impressive one, and those present were greatly moved, showing the love and respect towards the departed Sister, who was a great favorite with all. The deceased had resided at Otaki on two different occasions, for a period of some seven years in all, during which time she was greatly beloved. As a teacher of music she was particularly successful, her pupils doing remarkably well at their various examinations.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 18.

His Lordship the Bishop left on Saturday for Darfield, where on Sunday last he conducted a pastoral visitation. From there the Bishop is to go on to Westland to continue his episcopal visitation of the diocese.

Last week a convert of his Lordship the Bishop received at his hands no less than five Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, and Matrimony—a rather unique distinction, and a somewhat uncommon episcopal experience.

As a memento of the temperance pledge administered by his Lordship the Bishop at Confirmations, he now presents a handsome card, cabinet size, a feature first introduced at Rangiora recently. One-half is occupied with a beautiful engraving, 'Ecce Homo,' and neatly printed on the remainder are the words, 'My temperance pledge. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I..... solemnly promise, in honor of the Sacred Thirst of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, and to prevent as far as I can the abuse of the same in others. Name. Witness. Date.'

A large audience gathered on Friday evening in the Lyttelton Oddfellows' Hall, where an entertainment was given by the pupils of the Convent school. The young people and their instructors deserve much credit for the very pleasing programme presented. Vocal duets and quartets were sung and instrumental selections were played by the pupils. The farce, 'Cherry Bounce,' a chorus, action and coon songs, floral drill and dance, and a comic cantata, 'Soot and the Fairies,' were very creditably given.

The following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions, Sacred Heart Convent High School, Ashburton, were successful at the Trinity College examination in musical knowledge held on June 10 last:—Preparatory division, pass, Katie Daly, Jane Moreland, Mary McCormack, Monica Muller, Mary Nealan, Kathleen Nealan, and May Walsh. Intermediate division, pass and honors, Madeline Brick, Ellen Cullen, and Hannah Langley. The following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions, Rosary Convent, Leeston, were successful in the Trinity College examination in musical knowledge, held also in June last:—Intermediate grade, B. McCormack, 85. Junior grade, M. Maddock, 97, A. Stapleton, 96, D. Bohan, 94, A. McEvedy, 85. Preparatory grade, M. Duick, 95, M. Coe, 92, M. McCormack, 90.

Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president) occupied the chair at the ordinary meeting of the Catholic Club executive committee held on last Tuesday evening. The date of the projected entertainment in aid of the Sunday school prize fund was fixed for Thursday, October 5. Two new members were nominated. A letter of thanks was received from the Rev. Father Marnane for the successful entertainment recently given by the club on behalf of the parish funds of St. Mary's, Manchester street. Regret was expressed that Mr. J. F. Shanly, one of the executive, and a very energetic member of the club, was about to leave for Wellington, to carry on business there for a Christchurch firm. It was decided to give him a send-off on Tuesday evening. It was resolved to hold the annual meeting on September 26. The chairman said as this was the last meeting of the present executive, he wished to thank the members for assisting him generally while acting as chairman.

The Rev. Father O'Connell is temporarily doing duty in the parish of Hawarden, and was at Cheviot on Sunday last.

The Rev. Father Rockliffe has been appointed to assist the Rev. Father Kerley at Temuka for the present.

Reference is made in the personal notes from the London correspondent of the 'Press' regarding two well known Catholic citizens of Christchurch now on tour.—Mr. John Barrett (Christchurch) left London on Wednesday morning for Ireland. He will go first to Dublin, and will be there during the horse show week. He will also visit Cork, Kerry, and the Irish lakes. Mr. Barrett came Home via San Francisco, starting from Auckland at the beginning of June. He went on to Louisiana and New York, but he found the weather so tryingly warm that he soon came to Liverpool and London. Mr. J. M. Madden (Christchurch), who came Home by the s.s. 'Gothic,' is at present staying at Dorking, in Surrey, with relatives, but he leaves England tomorrow for Norway, a trip which will occupy him a month. Landing again in this country, he will go direct to Scotland and finally work his way back to London, via the English lakes. He hopes later to spend some time in Switzerland, and in the autumn he will visit France before making a tour in Italy, staying respectively at Venice, Rome, and Naples. At the termination of this tour he will join at Naples one of the steamers for Australia on his way back to New Zealand. It is Mr. Madden's intention to obtain sketches of English and Continental scenery; indeed, this is the main object of his trip. Mr. Madden, it may be remarked, is one of this Colony's most successful landscape painters, and a fine collection of pictures from his brush will shortly be disposed of in the interests of St. Mary's, Manchester street, by art union.

Greymouth

(From our own correspondent.)

September 14.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes is expected to arrive in Greymouth next Wednesday, and will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Church on the following Sunday.

There has lately arrived a beautiful baptismal font, which will adorn one of the porches abutting on the tower. The font is an excellent piece of workmanship, a smaller design to that set up in the Christchurch Cathedral. Both are of Oamaru stone, shaped by the hand of the same skilful artist.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Columba Club was held last Monday evening. The balance sheet showed the club to be in a very good position financially. The assets exceed the liabilities by £316 12s 1d. The principal items of expenditure during the half-year were piano £50, library case £13 10s, and secretary's desk £5. The club members have every reason to be proud of their position.

At St. Patrick's Church last Sunday the Very Rev. Dean Carew referred in highly eulogistic terms to the valuable services of Mr. M. Guthrie who, for the past eighteen years, has been choirmaster and one of the foremost workers in financially assisting the parish. After evening devotions a meeting of the congregation was held and a committee appointed to take measures to fitly recognise his good work. It was decided to tender Mr. Guthrie a complimentary social at the Opera House prior to his departure for Wellington. At the social the guest of the evening will also be the recipient of valedictory presentations from the congregation, choir, and other Catholic institutions of Greymouth.

Hokitika.

(From our own correspondent.)

At the meeting of the Catholic Debating Society on August 29 the programme consisted of a debate on the question, 'Should the Hokitika Harbor Board sell their reserves?' Mr. Maher led on the affirmative side and Mr. M. Daly supported the negative contention. The debate was a most interesting one, very strong arguments being brought forward on both sides. The negative side won by a narrow majority. One new member was elected. The question discussed at the meeting of the society on September 5 was, 'Which was the better route for a road to the Wilherforce reefs, that of Arahura or by the Styx?' Mr. Sellers, sen., spoke for the former, whilst Mr. H. Bock supported the latter. A

very keen and instructive debate was the result, and the meeting decided in favor of the Arahura route on the casting vote of the chairman.

The usual meeting of the Catholic Debating Society was held on September 12. The evening was devoted to discussing questions submitted to members through the medium of the 'Question Box.' The topics embraced the leading questions of the day. It was decided to close the session with a social at the end of the present month, and a special committee was appointed to make all arrangements in connection with same.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

September 14.

An 'At Home' will be held about the end of October in aid of the orphanage funds.

The large mission cross, the gift of the late Miss Tole, has been removed from its old position on the northern wall of the Cathedral, and placed upon the pillar, close to the pulpit.

The Cemetery Board has laid down in grass the large plot of ground fronting Symonds street, near the main entrance. When this is grown up it will enhance considerably the appearance of the cemetery.

Next Sunday morning the Hibernians and Marist Old Boys' Association are to approach the Holy Table at the 7.30 o'clock Mass, after which they will attend breakfast, presided over by the Bishop, when Rev. Father Clune will address them.

Lieutenants Hodgson and O'Dowd of H.M.S. 'Prometheus' entertained on board the warship the Rev. Fathers Furlong and Holbrook. Rev. Father Hodgson, of the Oratorian Order, is a brother of Lieutenant Hodgson, and was in the College at St. Edmunds with Rev. Father Furlong. Both officers attend the mission services, and his Lordship the Bishop has extended to them an invitation to visit him at the palace.

A very successful social was held a few evenings ago in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, in aid of the presbytery fund. There was a large attendance, a large number being from the city. Rev. Father Furlong, the newly-appointed parish priest, was present, and thanked all who had assisted to make the function a success. Musical items were given by Misses Graham, Rogan, Ormond, and Messrs. Lanigan and Adeane.

The mission conducted by the Redemptorists, Rev. Fathers Clune, McDermott, and McGrath, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, is very successful. The early Mass at six o'clock is remarkably well attended, the same can be said of the seven and nine o'clock Masses, while in the evening the sacred edifice is crowded. This has been the case since the opening of the mission, nearly a fortnight ago. I remember no more successful mission in the annals of St. Patrick's parish. The Bishop attends every evening. The sermons are eloquent, and impressive.

Friday, September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the third anniversary of the Rev. Father Holbrook's ordination, was marked by similar tokens of respect and admiration as on the two previous occasions. The convent school children and the societies presented the Rev. Father with an address and fine rug, and gave a complimentary concert in his honor. The children and teachers of the catechism classes presented a beautiful serviette ring, and the Society of the Sacred Heart, of which he is spiritual director, many other presents prominent among which was a point lace surplice. At a large gathering of Father Holbrook's friends in St. Patrick's presbytery, Miss Shanaghan read an address which expressed the highest appreciation of the Rev. Father's labors in the parish, and hoped that he would long be spared to continue his good work. Mrs. Lennardo then presented the Rev. Father with a handsome travelling bag. Father Holbrook suitably thanked the donors for their unexpected kindness. He assured them that he would always deem it to be a high privilege to labor in God's holy cause, and for the parishioners with whom he was now associated.

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Irish News

ARMAGH—Attacked by Bees

While a man named James M'Clelland, Middleton, County Armagh, was working in a field adjoining the Ulster Canal, a swarm of bees alighted on him. With much presence of mind the man ran down the field and plunged into the canal. Being an expert swimmer he dived a few times and thus rid himself of his dangerous and unwelcome visitors.

CARLOW—A Memorial of '98

A monument to Father John Murphy and his faithful friend, John Gallagher, was unveiled at Tullow, County Carlow, on Sunday, July 30, on the spot where they were murdered in 1798. Speeches were delivered by Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O.S.F.; Michael Davitt, and others.

CAVAN—Charitable Bequests

Mr. Peter Murphy, late of Rathgar Road, Dublin, J.P., formerly of Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan, who died on May 2 last, left estate valued at £8783 4s. The testator left the following sums for charitable purposes:—£200 for clothing the poor and destitute children attending school at the Convent of Poor Clares, Castlerahan; £200 for clothing poor and destitute boys attending the Catholic male schools of Ballyjamesduff; £100 each to St. Mary's Asylum, Drumcondra, Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook; the Home for the Dying, Harold's Cross. He also set aside money for founding a bursar in All Hallows' College and in Maynooth College, for deserving Cavan students preparing for the priesthood.

CLARE—Distinguished Visitor

Among the distinguished visitors in Ireland during July was Alderman Gallery, M.P. for the St. Ann's Division of Montreal, who emigrated from the County Clare 35 years ago.

Death of a Canon

The death is announced of the Very Rev. Canon Carey, of Barefield, which took place at his residence, Cappa. Canon Carey was a native of Kiltush, where he was born 58 years ago. His first studies were prosecuted at the old Jesuit school in Limerick, the Killaloe Diocesan College not having seen the light at that time, and he subsequently passed into Maynooth, where he went through a distinguished course. His first curacy was Ruan, and at later periods he ministered in Carrigroholt, Kilmurraymacmahon, Mulloughquin, and Ennis. After some years he was appointed by the late Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond to the spiritual charge of the parishes of Barefield and Doora. When the ancient Chapter of Killaloe was re-established by the late Bishop, two years ago, Father Carey was made a member of the Chapter, and was created a Canon of the diocese of Killaloe.

CORK—An American Bishop

After having spent a very pleasant and agreeable holiday of over a week's duration in his old native spot at Cloyne, the Most Rev. Dr. Scannell, Bishop of Omaha, left for Middleton prior to returning to his diocese in the United States. His Lordship keenly enjoyed his brief sojourn at Cloyne as the guest of the Rev. John O'Riordan, P.P., amidst friends and companions of his schooldays there.

DUBLIN—Successes of Catholic Colleges

It is gratifying to learn (writes a Dublin correspondent) from the Honors lists of the recent Arts Examinations of the Royal University that the undenowned Catholic colleges more than held their own against their wealthy rivals. University College, Dublin, heads the list with a total of 15 distinctions; Loreto College, Stephen's Green, comes next with 31, exactly the number won by the Queen's Colleges of Belfast and Cork added together. This is a wonderful record, and shows what the Loreto Nuns are doing for the higher education of Irish girls in Dublin. St. Mary's College, Dublin, also did excellently, actually tying with Belfast Queen's College. Blackrock College, County Dublin, so widely esteemed as a successful teaching institution for Catholic boys, won 11 honors and exhibitions at the Arts Examinations, in addition to 18 gained at the Matriculation. The success of this old-established College is a matter of legitimate pride not only for the Fathers of the Holy Ghost who conduct it, but for the past students who glory in the achievements of their alma mater.

Golden Jubilee

At the mother-house of the Order of Mercy, Baginbun street, Dublin, was celebrated on July 31 the golden jubilee of Mother Mary Xavier, daughter of the late Mr. John William Spain, of Dublin, and sister of Mr. John William Henry Spain, Pembroke Road, County Dublin. Mother Xavier entered the Order 53 years since, and during that time has occupied many important positions in it. She acted as Mother Superior of two of the largest hospitals for twelve years—Jervis Hospital, where she personally ministered to the maimed and dying, and subsequently the Mater Hospital. After the celebration of High Mass and Benediction there was a suitable entertainment. The jubilarian was surrounded by brothers and sisters, grand nieces and nephews, and many devoted friends.

LIMERICK—Tenant Reinstated

During the month of July the Estates Commissioners had a staff of mechanics rebuilding the out-offices and repairing the dwelling-house of Mr. P. Noonan, Cappa, Rathkeale, who was evicted 15 years ago, and who has now been reinstated. The estate was recently sold at 20 years' purchase of second term rents, and at the time all arrears were wiped out.

A Doctor passes away

The death took place recently at Sheerness, in the prime of life, of Dr. James Curry. Deceased, who was the fourth son of the late Mr. Michael Curry, C.P.S.; Galin, had a distinguished collegiate career.

MAYO—Church on Croagh Patrick

Beautiful weather (writes a Dublin correspondent) favored the pilgrims who climbed the steep and rugged sides of Croagh Patrick on Sunday, July 30, in order to attend the solemn dedication of the new church which has been erected on the summit of the mountain, made sacred by the footsteps of Ireland's National Apostle. His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam dedicated the church, after which the Rev. M. M'Donald, Adm., Westport, to whose zeal its erection is due, celebrated Mass in the sacred edifice. The ceremonies in the church having concluded, Dr. Healy addressed the vast gathering of pilgrims in the open air. His Grace said in the work they had accomplished that day the people of the West had given yet another proof of their undying devotion to the patron saint of holy Ireland. His Grace having concluded a very eloquent address, introduced the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, of Melbourne, who came as the representative of the Most Rev. Dr. Carr. He had travelled in many lands, he said, but he doubted if on his return any record of the places he had visited during his absence would afford such pleasure to his people as his recounting to them the story of that day's experience. That church would unquestionably be for all time linked with the name of the illustrious prelate who presided over them that day. Their pilgrimago in such enormous numbers and their devotion showed their unbroken fidelity to the Faith St. Patrick planted in their midst, and their love for the country that gave them birth. He was happy to report that the Irish exiles in Australia had carried the same spirit with them. As an instance of it he mentioned the great Cathedral of Melbourne, which cost £260,000, and was now free from debt.

ROSCOMMON—Another Bogus Outrage

The following cable message, under date London, July 15, appeared in the New Zealand newspapers: 'A gang of moonlighters fired revolvers through the windows of the house of a Protestant grazier named King, on Colonel Harman's estate at Boyle. An attempt to rush the house was repelled, one assailant being shot.' In answer to a question in Parliament with reference to this alleged outrage, the supposed victim being a man named Magennis, not King as cable, Mr. Long, the Irish Chief Secretary, said: 'I have received a full report of the special police investigation into this matter, conducted by Mr. O'Connell, a County Inspector attached to the Headquarters Staff in Dublin, and by Mr. Pearson, the County Inspector of Roscommon, and the conclusion arrived at by them is that no attack was made on Mr. Magennis's house. That gentleman asserts that no one has asked him to give up his farm. . . I have myself gone into the report as carefully as I could, and I have satisfied myself that the investigations of the police have been complete. The result of their inquiry is as I have stated, and there is no foundation whatever for the suggestion that there was an attack on the house in question, as was alleged.' In conclusion Mr. Long said: 'No one regrets more than I do that libellous reports of this character should be inserted in the public press, when it was easy to ascertain beforehand whether the reports had any foundation.'

Vandalism

Intense indignation has been caused in and around Athlone by the discovery that the great Cross of the Scriptures at the Seven Churches at Clonmacnoise has been the object of a most wanton outrage. A portion of the left arm of the Cross, about 3½ inches long and 2½ inches wide, has been broken off and carried away. The cross stands in the centre of the magnificent pile of ruins which attract antiquarians from every country in Europe. It is about 15 feet high, and is covered over with the most exquisite sculpture work representing different incidents mentioned in the Scriptures. It was made in the year 909 by Colman, the then Abbot of Clonmacnoise, for the tomb of King Flann, and it has stood through all the centuries untouched by the ravages of time. At the present moment almost every line of the delicate tracery used in its ornamentation can be distinctly followed.

TIPPERARY—Blessing a New Bell

On Monday, July 31, in the presence of a very large congregation, the ceremony of blessing the new bell in Cloughjordan new Church of St. Michael and St. John took place. The sacred ceremonies were presided over by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe. It was announced that the Veey Rev. Canon Scanlan, P.P., V.G., Birr, gave £200, and his Lordship £25, towards the cost of the new bell.

Archbishop Ryan

His Grace Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, who, it was said, has come to take his last glimpse of Erin (writes a Dublin correspondent), is receiving everywhere he goes a cordial welcome. At Killybegs, County Donegal, he was presented with an address of welcome from the priests and people of the district, to which he replied in simple yet eloquent words so characteristic of the great orator. Later on he visited his native county of Tipperary, where, needless to say, a hearty greeting awaited him. In every corner of the land which Dr. Ryan can find time to visit, he will be greeted with a genuine Irish welcome, for the name and fame of the distinguished Archbishop of Philadelphia are dear to his fellow-countrymen. Dr. Ryan was born at Cloneyharp, near Thurles, in 1831, and received his early education from the Christian Brothers of the town.

WATERFORD—After Twenty Years

Some twenty years ago Mr. M. Power, of Dromore, County Waterford, was evicted with his large family from his holding on the Hargreave estate. They subsequently settled down in Youghal, where they have since resided and where the father of the family died a few years ago. After the passing of the last Land Act his representatives made due application to the Estates Commissioners to be reinstated in their own or some other holding. The result of the correspondence is that they have just been put in possession of a substantial farm at Dunbulloge, in Cork.

WEXFORD—A Link with '98

The Rev. Thomas Walsh, who was ordained in Rome about two years ago (says the 'Wexford People'), and who is still resident in the Eternal City pursuing a course of special studies, is expected to arrive in Bodelavogue during the first week of August. The young priest is an American by birth, being the son of Mr. Robert Walsh, of Joliet, in the State of Illinois. The latter gentleman, writing to his elder brother, Mr. William Walsh, of Ballyorley, says: 'Rev. Thomas Walsh, my youngest son, . . . intends to pay you a visit about the 1st of August. It is his desire to celebrate Mass in the church of Bodelavogue, where his great-grand-uncle, the Rev. John Murphy, was curate in 1798.'

WICKLOW—Sale of an Estate

Negotiations for the sale of the Hon. Mrs. O'Grady's estate, situated about two miles from Arklow, on the borders of the County Wicklow and County Wexford, to the tenants, about ten in number, have been concluded. The tenants have signed agreements to purchase at a reduction of 5s 6d in the pound off first term rents (22½ years' purchase), and 3s 6d in the pound (25½ years' purchase) off second term rents.

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People We Hear About

Mr. William O'Brien, M.P. (says a London weekly), is busily engaged in writing his reminiscences, which are likely to prove exceedingly interesting reading when they are published. From the age of 17—that is since 1869—when he became a junior reporter on the 'Cork Daily Herald,' he has been behind the scenes in Irish politics, and an active participant in some important events, the secret history of which has never been published. His prison experiences, for instance, should make a piquant chapter.

The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, the Hon. A. Deakin, has just entered on his 50th year. He is eleven years younger than Mr. George Reid. Mr. Deakin was born poor, became a law student and a journalist, and then a Parliamentarian. He was a Minister of the Crown at 27, and was offered knighthood at the age of 33. He declined the distinction twice. Mr. Deakin is a tall, thin, bright-eyed man, with youthful manners and enthusiasm, but has very poor health.

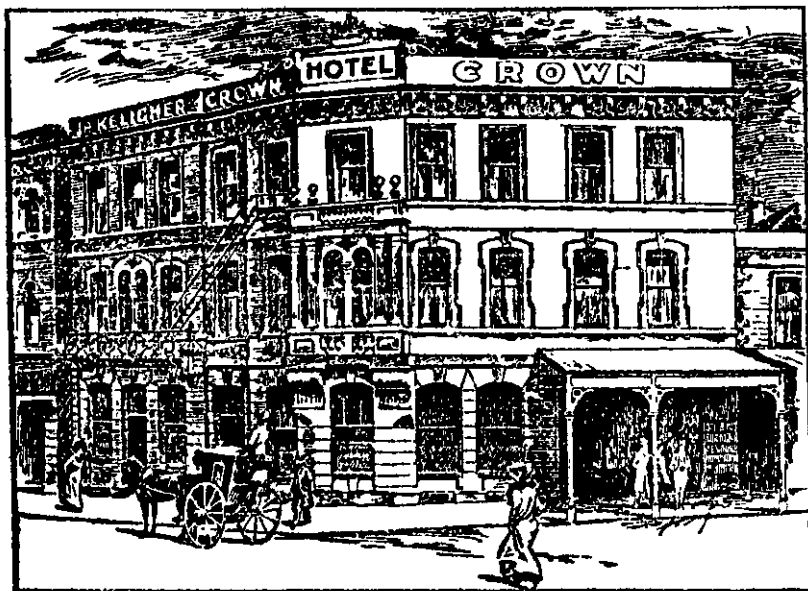
Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, the distinguished American Catholic, who was recently appointed by President Roosevelt Secretary of the United States Navy, has decided not to accept free passes on the railways as has been the custom of his predecessors in office. 'My declining,' said he, 'to avail myself of the free passes sent me was not intended in any wise as a reflection either on the railroads whose officers tendered me this courtesy or on other public officials whose opinion on this subject may differ from mine. I recognise fully that many highly estimable men altogether upright men in public can see no objection to the acceptance of free passes. I think otherwise, and without criticising others, must act for myself, on my own convictions.'

There are few more notable personalities in the Army than Sir William Butler, whose striking report is now being discussed on all hands. Alike physically and mentally he is a man of mark. Standing over 6ft. high, his bearing and presence attracts attention to him anywhere, while, though he is now getting on for sixty-five, he seems still as active and vigorous, both in mind and body, as ever he was. Hard work and exciting experiences in many lands have had only the best effects on Sir William's splendid constitution. Sir William is the author of several books of travel, the best known and most popular of which is 'The Great Lone Land,' the outcome of a special mission to Saskatchewan territories of Canada, which he undertook in 1870.

The legal position of Queen Alexandra is very curious. So far as her private business is concerned, she is not regarded by the laws and customs of England as a married woman at all. She is the only woman in Great Britain who does not come within the scope of the Married Woman's Property Act. The idea of the law is that affairs of State consume all the time of the King, and, therefore, no responsibility for the Queen's private business rests upon him. If the Queen contracted debts in her husband's name, he would not be responsible for them as any other husband would. The King cannot be sued for debt, but the Queen can be. Should the King die, some authorities hold that the Queen could not marry again, in case she wished to do so, without the special license and commission of the King's successor.

The modesty and amiability of the Duke of Norfolk are well known, these characteristics giving rise to many anecdotes of the Premier Duke and Earl Marshal of England, the following being the latest:—A Brighton woman, it seems, took her little girl on an excursion to Arundel. They had third-class tickets, but as the train was crowded they were put into a first-class carriage. The little girl at once made friends with the only occupant of the compartment, a gentleman who had been reading a paper, but put it away to talk to the child. They became so friendly that she opened her basket and gave him a banana. He accepted it, and amiably ate it, so the little girl became more chatty than ever about what she meant or expected to do at Arundel. He asked whether she would like to see inside the castle, and as the train pulled up at the station he gave the mother a card, telling her that it would admit them to all parts of the castle. The kind gentleman got out and quickly disappeared, and the astonished mother discovered from the card that he was the Duke of Norfolk.

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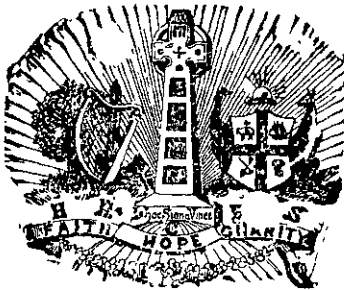
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Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a full catalogue, most of which found favor with the buyers present, nearly every lot being cleared at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Small supplies are coming forward, and only limited quantities are offering, ex store. These are barely sufficient to supply the local demand and a few export orders from shippers. All sorts are saleable at quotations. Prime milling are worth 1s 10½d to 1s 11d, good to best feed, 1s 9½d to 1s 10d; inferior to medium, 1s 7d to 1s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Prime milling lines have more attention, Tuscan being in most favor. Medium quality is not in request, except as fowl wheat, and, owing to the scarcity of the latter, these classes realised at present practically the same price. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d, choice Tuscan, 10s 3d, good, 3s, whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11½d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There has been a falling off in local sales and, although consignments are not coming forward so freely, values have suffered a slight decline. At Monday's sale good Derwents sold at £10 15s to £11; prime are probably worth 5s to 7s 6d per ton more, best white sorts, £10 to £10 10s, medium, £9 to £9 15s; small and inferior, £6 10s to £8 per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Fair supplies of good oaten sheaf were forward, and realised prices on a par with late quotations. Medium and discolored lines are not in request. We quote: Best oaten sheaf, £3 5s to £3 10s, medium to good, £2 15s to £3 2s 6d, inferior, light, and discolored, £2 5s to £2 12s 6d per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We offered several trucks of oaten and wheat. These sold at 35s for oaten and 32s 6d per ton for wheat (pressed).

Turnips.—Supplies have now slackened, and the few coming forward find buyers at 11s to 15s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—There is no marked appreciable change to report. We quote: Milling wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; good fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—Since our last report there has been strong inquiry for all grades of oats, both locally and for shipping, and values in consequence are very firm. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d, good to best feed, 1s 9½d to 1s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The only call is for prime oaten sheaf, inferior and medium being difficult to quit. We quote: Prime heavy oaten, from £3 5s to £3 10s per ton (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Supplies are coming forward more freely, and with a marked falling off in local sales the market is slightly weaker. We quote: Prime Derwents, from £10 15s to £11; white sorts, up to £10 10s per ton (sacks in).

Eggs.—Our to-day's supply we placed at 9½d per dozen.

Butter.—Market decidedly firmer. Dairy prints, 9½d to 10d; prime milled, 9½d to 10½d; separator in half and one-pound pats, 10½d to 11½d per lb.

Pigs.—Prime baconers of suitable weights, up to 3½d per lb; porkers, 3½d per lb.

Poultry.—In splendid demand. Hens, 2s 9d to 3s 9d; roosters, 3s 6d to 4s 9d; ducks, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per pair; turkeys, hens, 6d to 6d; gobblers, 12lb and over, 8d; light weights, 7d per lb.

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

Oats.—Prices remain firm, although business passing has been small. Quotations: Seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d; prime milling, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 9½d to 1s 10d, inferior and medium, 1s 8d to 1s 9d per bushel.

Wheat.—Business passing has been small, but late prices are maintained, prime Tuscan, in fact, showing an advance of 1d per bushel. Quotations: Seed lines, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; medium milling and whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Owing to the high prices lately ruling the demand has fallen off considerably, and prices show a further drop this week of quite 10s per ton. We quote: Best Derwents, £10 15s to £11; extra choice, £11 5s, best white sorts, £10 to £10 10s; others, £8 to £9 per ton.

Chaff.—Consignments have been light during the week, and there is a good inquiry for prime quality, which brings from £3 5s to £3 10s per ton, and £3 to £3 3s 6d for medium quality.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Monday to the usual buyers, and prices were quite up to last week's, viz., winter does, to 20½d, winters (mixed backs and does) 17½d, second winters 14½d, blacks to 3½d, fawn to 15d, and horsehair made up to 17d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday to a full attendance of buyers, and prices were again very high, as the following will show: Merinos to 8s 6d, crossbred to 8s 10d, fine do to 8s 9d, and halfbred to 8s 8d.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—All coming forward readily disposed of at late rates.

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Sheep.—2010 head yarded. Of these a good proportion were heavy weight wethers, and the balance medium to good ewes and wethers. Prices were somewhat easier than those ruling last week, there being a drop of from 1s to 2s per head. Heavy wethers, 25s to 27s 6d; medium to good, 21s to 21s; small, 19s to 20s 6d; best ewes, 22s to 21s; others, 19s to 21s.

Lambs.—Eight of this season's lambs were forward, and ranged in price from 18s 6d to 23s 9d.

Pigs.—200 forward, most of these being porkers and baconers. The latter met with a good sale, but porkers were slightly easier, whilst suckers and slips were dull of sale. Suckers, 5s to 10s; slips, 12s to 15s; stores, 16s to 20s; porkers, 22s to 32s; light baconers, 33s to 36s; heavy do, 38s to 46s, choppers, up to 60s.

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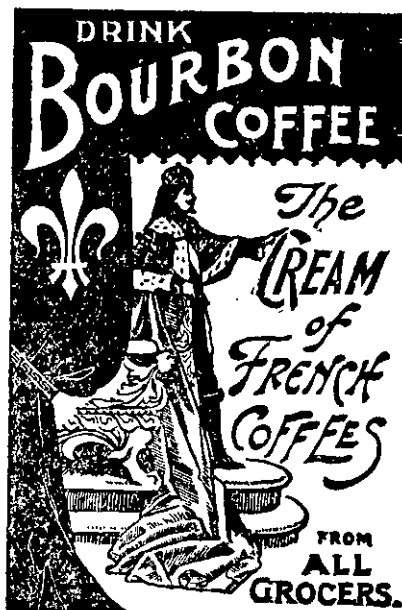
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ments in this matter. At the close of his Majesty's great tour through Ireland a little while back, when he was accompanied at a respectful distance by as many newspaper correspondents as would be sent out to a big war, the King took the exceptional course of sending a message out to the delighted journalists, saying that he had read most of their special accounts, or at least as many of them as he could, and was greatly pleased with the way in which the work had been done.

There appears also to be in modern times only one occasion on which the Sovereign has publicly used the press for his personal convenience, and this was by King Edward in September of last year, when he thus showed his realisation of the value of the press as the surest and speediest vehicle for the transmission of a message to his people. His Majesty had just been to Doncaster races, where he had been accorded a specially enthusiastic reception, and when he came back to London again he sent the following message to the newspapers: 'The King desires that it should be made known through the press how grateful he was for the splendid reception he received at Doncaster.' This was a small thing in its way, but it marked an epoch.

His Majesty is a Great Newspaper Reader, and even an up-to-date journalist would have difficulty in exhibiting greater knowledge of the salient features not only of the English papers, but of those of the Continent also. He can tell you the names of the daily papers published in all the big towns and cities of the Continent, and in most cases the details of their policy and the names of the editors. When in England he goes through at least one daily paper every morning, often through several, and frequently a Continental journal is submitted to a short scrutiny. He is usually attracted by special articles concerning himself and his doings, and he rarely fails to read the report of any really big political speech which has been delivered the night before.

The King always tries to make certain of never missing seeing anything in the papers which he thinks he ought to see, either about himself or about any of the numerous objects and movements in which he is interested, such as different charities, the visits to him of his foreign friends, and so forth.

It would, however, be plainly difficult for either him or his secretaries to make a sufficiently close examination of the whole of the press every day to ensure this being done with any degree of thoroughness and therefore his Majesty many years ago resorted to the great Press-cutting agencies for assistance. He subscribes to two of them, and they send him in the usual way each day every line of printed matter that has appeared in any paper concerning him, each paragraph or article being pasted upon a separate sheet of paper with the name of the journal from which it was taken and the date of publication.

All these cuttings are glanced through by his secretaries, the less important weeded out, and those which it is considered his Majesty ought to see are duly shown to him. The King keeps many large cutting albums, and whenever he desires to preserve any of these extracts orders are given for them to be pasted up in one of them.

WEDDING BELLS

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A very pretty wedding took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Allanton, on August 19, when Miss Jennie Black, third daughter of Mr. J. Black, Allanton, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Michael Nolan. The Rev. Father Liston celebrated a Nuptial Mass at which a large number of the congregation attended. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome gown of soft cream silk. She wore the customary wreath and veil, and a gold watch and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold studs. The bride was attended by her two sisters, Misses Rosie and Mary Black. The bridegroom's gift to the former was a gold brooch and to the latter a greenstone brooch. Messrs. J. and F. Schimanski acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's father, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The Rev. Father Liston presided, and several toasts were proposed. In the evening a large number of guests were entertained in the Allanton Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, who were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents, left the following morning for Queenstown, where the honeymoon was to be spent, after which they proceeded to Oamaru, their future home.

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3.—The examinations will be conducted in writing, and will be held early in December, 1905, at centres to suit the general convenience of candidates.

4.—Candidates will be examined in (a) The New Zealand Catechism, No. 2; (b) Writing, Spelling, English Grammar, Essay, and Arithmetic. The questions will be of the same grade of proficiency as the Sixth Standard Board of Education.

5.—The Scholarships will be allotted in the order of merit to those candidates who obtained the highest aggregate of marks.

6.—A Scholarship will be forfeited unless the successful candidate shall have lodged the sum of £20 with the College Procurator on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year of tenure, and unless he shall be present in the College on the first day of each session.

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MARRIAGE.

McCURDY—TOOMEY.—On August 9, at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, Daniel, eldest son of the late John McCurdy, Peninsula, to Anastasia Toomey, of Dunedin.



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LEO. XIII, to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1905.

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA



WITH happy appropriateness, the National Council in Sydney was this year made memorable by the solemn consecration of St. Mary's Cathedral, the mother-church of Australasia. That noble building was (as Cardinal Moran said at its solemn dedication five years ago) 'erected on the site where the first foundations of the Church were

laid in the southern continent—foundations which for many a long year were destined to be cemented with the tears and sanctified by the toil of heroic men, exiles for religion, and confessors of the Faith.' That beautiful story in chiselled stone brings us back to the days when the barbarities of the convict system made early life in Australia a hideous nightmare and the country's history a Newgate calendar, and

'Pale Anguish kept the heavy gate,
And the Warder was Despair.'

It was only in 1820 that regular ministrations of religion were permitted—and even then under severe restrictions—to the thousands of Irish Catholic convicts and the few free settlers of our Faith in Australia and Tasmania. The illustrious Dr. Ullathorne, the second Prefect-Apostolic, arrived in 1833. At that time the Catholic body in New South Wales numbered 17,179 in a total population of 60,794, of whom some 36,000 were free. There was at that time no roofed church on the Australian mainland. There were four Catholic schools. Four churches were, however, in course of construction. In Tasmania there was no school, and its solitary church, in Hobart, was described by Dr. Ullathorne as 'a mere temporary shed.' In 1831 Australia, Tasmania, and the adjacent islands were formed into a Vicariate-Apostolic, John Bede Polding, an English Benedictine, was appointed its first Bishop—a strange fulfilment of the prophetic ratiology which styled him, in his schoolboy days, 'the Archbishop of Botany Bay.' His vast diocese contained, in 1841, 35,690 Catholics, ministered to by twenty-eight priests, and scattered through a territory over twenty times more extensive than the British Isles. In 1812 and 1843 the dioceses of Hobart and Adelaide were created, and in the following year (1844) the first Synod of the Church in Australasia was held in Sydney. The Catholic population had risen to 56,899 in 1851, the year of the gold-fever. There are now nearly a million adherents of the Ancient Faith within the boundaries that marked the jurisdiction of Australia's first Bishop in 1835. In the birth-year of the nineteenth century there was no priest exercising the sacred ministry in Australasia. As late as 1824 there were only two. In 1833 there were only four. In the present year of grace they number more than a thousand in the seven colonies over which Dr. Polding's spiritual sway once extended. Just seventy years ago the first Catholic Bishop set his foot upon the shores of these great South lands. There are now six Archbishops (one of them a Cardinal), sixteen Bishops, three Coadjutor-Bishops, three Vicars-Apostolic, and one

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Notes

Catholic Young Men

A gratifying proof of the educational value of our Young Men's Literary and Debating Clubs is furnished by the striking success achieved by two of their members against all comers in last week's oratorical contests in Wellington for the Plunket medal. We tender our cordial congratulations to Mr. Fitzgibbon and Mr. Kelly, and commend their example of persevering application, for imitation, to young Catholic manhood all over New Zealand. We commend it in particular to those young men who are inclined to treat their intellect like a boarded-out child, or to feed it upon the mere husks of cheap and nasty romance. We can understand a young man occasionally—as on a journey—swallowing a dose of novel-trash for want of something better—just as the Laplander in a time of scarcity will eat blue clay, or a South Australian aboriginal turns to Nardoo when opossum is scarce and kangaroo at a premium. In a famine even grass is not a bad standby. But there is something amiss with the intellectual appetite when it devours earth and husks for choice, and loathes honest and wholesome food. And there's something amiss with the young man who prefers the bar of a public-house and the street-corner to the opportunities for self-improvement which are offered to him, generally under pleasant conditions, in our Young Men's Literary and Debating Clubs.

A Star of Hope

The later history of the Catholic Church in Brazil holds out a bright ray of hope for the future of the Faith in lodge-ridden and persecuted France. Up to 1889 the Church in Brazil had been chained and fettered to the State. In that year there broke out a short but emphatic revolution. It lasted just two days (November 15 and 16), but things moved so rapidly that the Empire was abolished, and the scholarly Dom Pedro II. and his family were deported to Europe. A Republic was proclaimed. One of its first acts was to rob the Church and deprive it of State support. But it had at least the saving grace (not yet accorded in France) to leave the Church free of State control. The sequel is told in a recent issue of an English contemporary: 'The Catholics met the perils of poverty with courage. Parochial associations were founded, money for every good cause continued to flow in, and now the Church is stronger, religiously and financially, than at any time in the past. She has excellent schools and colleges for higher education; the clergy are better trained and instructed; the religious Orders from Europe have given new life to the Faith; a good Catholic newspaper press is growing; and the public spirit is active and zealous among the Faithful. Only recently, the Parliament tried to introduce divorce into Brazilian legislation, but the Catholics and their deputies raised such an outcry that the Bill was rejected. The Church in Brazil has begun a fresh career, and presents one more proof of the advantage of keeping religion free from the golden chains of servitude to the interests and schemes of tricky politicians. The Faith finds its best support on the Sacraments; they will keep it alive.'

Peace-Compellers

Russia and Japan seem to have pretty nearly bled each other white. Both put a bold face upon their increasing exhaustion and valiantly bluffed to the very last. A sum of £200,000,000 is, for instance, a serious

item for a country like Japan, where the lowness of daily wages gives a high value to the pound sterling. Cultivation, too, was seriously restricted by the death of so many workers and the absence of so many others at the front. And the feeding of the families of the fighting men was becoming a serious charge to the exchequer. The main causes—apart from its long succession of defeats and disasters—which made Russia keen for peace were foretold with remarkable accuracy by M. Bloch, a subject of the Tsar, in his 'Modern Weapons and Modern War,' published some years ago. Among the first he instances the low rates of wages in Russia, the smallness of the savings of the people; 'the disorganisation caused by the destruction of ordinary relation and by the fall of values,' and the increased price of the necessities of life. 'All this,' he adds, 'leads to the conclusion that, nolens volens, Governments will be forced to take on themselves the care of feeding the families of those serving with the army. The result of such an undertaking cannot be foreseen. If we suppose that Governments will be forced to interfere in the regulation of prices, and to support the population, we must ask: Will it be easy after the war to abandon this practice and re-establish the old order? And will not this moment of transition to the normal order of things be characterised by events similar to those which took place in France after the war of 1870-71? The destitute position of the population in time of war may be extremely dangerous to social order if war be prolonged, and, in the opinion of every authoritative military writer, this is more than probable.' Most of these forecasts were verified in the case of Russia.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration begins in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday morning, September 29, and ends on the following Sunday.

We understand that after paying all expenses there will be a sum of £200 on hand as a result of the recent bazaar held at Port Chalmers in aid of the convent building fund.

The following is the result of the examination in musical knowledge, in connection with Trinity College, London, held at Rosary Convent, Oamaru, on June 10.—Intermediate division, May Simpson, 89 (honors). Junior division, Kathleen O'Donnell 100 (honors), Margaret McAnulty 97 (honors), Cecily Rowland 91 (honors), Pricilla Falconer 81 (honors), Amy Gilligan 75, Imelda Sweeney 75. Preparatory division, Dore O'Leary 96 (honors), Mollie Dore 90 (honors), Annie Lynch 85 (honors), Eily Cartwright 82 (honors), Ahs Molloy 75, Eily Kelly 69, Myrtle Garrard 61.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, South Dunedin and Mosgiel, were successful at the musical examinations (Trinity College, London) held in June last.—Junior honours, Winifred M. Marlow (97), Margaret Cunningham (81). Junior pass, Irene Carmody (76). Preparatory grade: Agnes Brown (96), Violet Leary (95), (Mosgiel), Katie Walsh (93), (Mosgiel), Katie Robertson (87), Gertrude Carmody (86), Rubina Heward (85) (Mosgiel), Winifred Choque (85) (Mosgiel), Dora Heward (81) (Mosgiel).

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Fox, who had been for many years a resident of Central Otago, and latterly of this city, who passed away on September 17, at the age of 76 years. The remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday morning, when a solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated by the Rev. Father Cleary, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. being deacon, and Rev. Father O'Malley sub-deacon. The interment took place in the afternoon in the Southern Cemetery, when the Rev. Father Coffey officiated.—R.I.P.

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and abounds in dramatic situations and humorous incidents. The piece has been most successfully played in all parts of the world, and was included in the repertoire of the late Chas. Arnold, whose death was recently recorded. The cast on this occasion is composed mostly of professionals. Mrs. John Fuller, jun., has kindly volunteered her services for the title role. Mr. John Fuller, jun., is to play the broken-down sport, Joe Shotwell; Mr. Percy James, the comedy dude, Dudley Harcourt; Mr. Joe Stoyale, the farmer; Miss Tot Brennen is to represent the adventuress, Mrs. Fleeter; Mr. King (a prominent member of the Wellington Dramatic Company), Doctor Oliver; Mr. J. Dee, the villain, Harold Bartlett; Miss Addie Heley, Mrs. Hatzell; and Mr. Ben Stevens, Tony Faust. The scenery has been specially painted for this production by Messrs. Beck and G. Hoskings, and the training of the children is in the hands of Mr. J. Stoyale, who was for many years the stage manager for Pollard's Opera Company. The whole is to be produced under the direction of Mr. Percy James, and the business management, as heretofore, is in the hands of Mr. J. Marlow. The success of the performance from an artistic point of view, considering the first-class talent engaged in its production, is already assured, and it remains with the public to make it a financial success. We feel confident, judging from their actions on previous occasions, that they will do their part with the same spirit of generosity that they have always displayed. The object, assisting the orphans, is a most laudable one, but apart from this the play will be well worth the charge for admission. The initial performance takes place on Wednesday evening, September 27.

St. Patrick's College Scholarships

Four scholarships of the yearly value of £25 each, tenable for four years, will be offered for competition next December in connection with St. Patrick's College, Wellington. These scholarships are open to all Catholic boys attending the parochial schools of the Colony. Candidates must be under the age of fourteen on the first of January, 1906, and applications to be examined must be forwarded to the Rector before November 10, accompanied by an entrance fee of 10s. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

Home Rule for Ireland

To the Editor.

Rev. Sir,—In your 'Notes' in the last issue of the 'Tablet,' speaking of the deplorable state of Ireland, you say 'Over great areas of the country the right of free speech and public meeting is abolished. Members of Parliament dare not attempt to address their constituents, unless they are satisfied to have their faces broken by bludgeon-men in the uniform of the Crown, and the liberties of the subjects are at the mercies of packed juries, of judges who are appointed chiefly for their political leanings,' etc. This, though sketched in a few words, is, indeed, a melancholy picture of the state of dear Old Ireland. But what makes it more melancholy still is the fact that it falls short of the reality. Of course it would have been impossible in such small space for even the Editor of the 'Tablet' to give an adequate description of the conditions that now prevail in Ireland. With such facts before their minds, I think the Irishmen of New Zealand would be little better than renegades if they do not join their fellow-countrymen in the Australian Commonwealth, in Canada, in the United States, in England and Scotland—in the world all over—to obtain Home Rule for their native land. His Eminence Cardinal Moran, that distinguished Churchman and Irishman, initiated the most practical scheme to secure support for the Irish Parliamentary Party in its campaign. Speaking to 20,000 people last St. Patrick's Day in Sydney, his Eminence suggested an annual Home Rule Tribute from the sea-divided Gael of £20,000 to be forwarded to the Party and to be contributed as follows:—Ireland, £10,000; United States, £5000; Canada, £3000; Australia and New Zealand, £2000. Since then Cardinal Moran has carried out the part of his suggestion that relates to Australia. The bogey that Home Rule for Ireland would mean the dismemberment of the Empire is regarded as the merest myth by his Eminence. And, in this connection, who is more loyal to the Crown, or who better qualified to form a true estimate of what would be good or bad for the Empire, than the learned Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney? Nearly sixteen years

ago the present Chief Justice of New Zealand, Sir Robert Stout, stood side by side on platforms in Dunedin and Invercargill with John Dillon, advocating Home Rule for Ireland. Who will say that the Chief Justice is now, or was then, disloyal? Or who will deny that he has the ability to form a true estimate of what is good for the Empire? I hope you will pardon me for suggesting that you, through the columns of your paper, make an appeal to New Zealand for assistance to the Home Rule Tribute. You have only to ask, and I am certain you shall receive.—Yours, etc.,

J. F. O'DONNELL.

St. Joseph's, Queenstown,
September 18.

(According to Mr. W. Redmond, an Irish Parliamentary delegation to these colonies is among the possibilities of the near future. The only thing we are aware of that might stand in the way would be an early dissolution of the Imperial Parliament, which, judging by present appearances, is an unlikely contingency. In the meantime (as reported in our last issue) the H.A.C.B.S. are moving in the matter, and to them, and to all Irish organisations in the Colony, we commend the eloquent appeal of our esteemed and warm-hearted correspondent—Ed. 'N.Z.T.')

Teaching Gaelic in Catholic Schools

To the Editor.

Sir,—I desire to draw attention through your valuable paper to what I consider would be very much appreciated by the Catholics of New Zealand, especially the Irish Catholics, viz., the teaching of the Gaelic language in our colleges and high schools, as a beginning. I feel confident that our Bishops and clergy will agree with me that the move would be a good one. I specify our colleges and high schools as a beginning, feeling confident that in a very few years the Gaelic tongue would be taught in every Catholic school in New Zealand. Let me review briefly the advance of the Gaelic movement in Ireland.—The work has gone on by leaps and bounds, indeed, it is nothing short of a marvel the rapid and extraordinary success that has attended it. In ten years from now all Ireland will again speak Gaelic. I never knew an Irish man or woman but loved their faith and native land, and it is quite natural that this love of faith and fatherland will be handed down to our children, and say in ten or twenty years hence, if any of our young New Zealanders of Irish parentage should be fortunate enough to steer their barque to Erin's Isle, what a loss it would be to them; not to know Gaelic. 'I fear I will never look on dear Old Ireland again, but my heart is with Ireland and the Gaelic movement, as every Irishman's heart should be, and that is why I consider our grand old language should be taught in our schools.

Hoping that some abler 'pen will take up and champion this cause, and that in the near future Gaelic will be one of the languages taught in all our schools,—Yours, etc.,

BENJAMIN BURLAND,

Kaikoira.

THE PLUNKET MEDAL

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN TO THE FORE

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Wellington, September 16.

The members of the Royal Historical Debating Society at Trinity College (Dublin) prize very highly the medal for oratory given to perpetuate the memory of the first Lord Plunket, and to stimulate a desire to excel in that sphere of public usefulness in which he was such a brilliant star.

Some time ago his Excellency the Governor, desiring to establish a connection between: one of the oldest and one of the youngest universities of the Empire, generously endowed Victoria College with a medal for oratory to be annually competed for by the students. The first contest took place in the Girls' High School on Saturday evening, in the presence of an audience that filled every part of the hall. His Excellency, accompanied by Captain Bingham, occupied a seat on the platform. His Worship the Mayor, the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Baume, M.H.R., and the professors and lecturers of the College were also present.

The chair was occupied by Mr. H. P. Richmond

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His Excellency was briefly welcomed by the chairman, who referred to the boon conferred on the society by the gift of his Excellency.

The competitors (the number of whom had been reduced to ten by vote of the students at a previous meeting), were each allowed ten minutes to discourse on the life and work of any character of history. The following spoke in order named:—Mr. H. Banks, on William Pitt; Mr. J. Graham, on Napoleon; Mr. F. A. de la Mare, on Sir Peter de la Mare; Mr. R. Mason, on Sir George Grey; Mr. F. P. Kelly, on W. E. Gladstone; Mr. G. V. Bogle, on Joan of Arc; Mr. G. F. Dixon, on Lord Shaftesbury; Mr. J. A. Brailsford, on General Gordon; Mr. C. B. Collins, on Edward Gibbon Wakefield; and Mr. E. J. Fitzgibbon, on Daniel O'Connell.

The speeches were generally of a very high order, but those of Messrs. Fitzgibbon, Kelly, Graham, and Banks were far before the others. Mr. Fitzgibbon was received with enthusiasm, and delivered a really excellent oration. With his rich, melodious voice, and a most impressive manner, he had little difficulty in holding his hearers from his opening words, giving a simple narrative of O'Connell's life, and at the same time displaying in a tactful and artistic manner a general view of the Liberator's character. At times he reached the highest standard eloquence, and concluded with a peroration that electrified the audience. On his concluding he was enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. Kelly, too, made a very fine speech. He also possesses a very pleasing musical voice, and with a quiet, unassuming style, at once won the hearts of the audience. He dealt in a very sympathetic way with the life of Gladstone, and his effort was accorded most hearty applause.

Mr. Graham dealt with Napoleon as a man of action, but his oration was too much of the dramatic order and did not create such an impression as those of the speakers previously referred to. Many of the other speeches were far above the average, that of Mr. Banks on William Pitt being characterised by elegance of diction and fluency.

The medal was awarded on the votes of the students, and, while a scrutiny was being made, Mr. M. Richmond proposed a hearty vote of thanks to his Excellency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joynt, Registrar of the New Zealand University, and carried by acclamation.

His Excellency announced that the voting showed the placed competitors to be—First Mr. Fitzgibbon, second Mr. Kelly, third Mr. Graham. The result was received with extraordinary enthusiasm, the popularity of the verdict being manifested in hearty cheers by the students for the winner.

His Excellency, in making the presentation, congratulated Mr. Fitzgibbon on his victory, one which in his opinion was thoroughly deserved. He was pleased indeed that the son of an Irishman should win what was originally an Irish medal. There was another scene of enthusiasm, at the conclusion of which his Excellency thanked them all for the kind references to himself. He gave the medal for two reasons—First, to connect the name of Plunket with the college of which he had laid the foundation stone; and he considered that of all the debating societies existing in New Zealand there was none that deserved more encouragement than that one, placed as it was in the midst of Parliament and the law courts. The second reason—and one which was more to his heart—was that his ancestor owed a great deal of his success in life to the fact that, as a member of the Historical Society, he was permitted to attend the debates in the House of Commons whenever he wished. He was greatly pleased that so many had come forward to compete for the medal.

The result of the contest is of particular interest from the fact that the first and second men are well known members of the Catholic Young Men's Club in Wellington. Mr. Fitzgibbon hails originally from the West Coast, and has during his stay closely concerned himself with the doings of the local club. He was also instrumental in founding the Catholic Young Men's Federation, of which he has been president for the last two years. He has had a brilliant career at Victoria College, and is now studying to complete the final section of his LL.B. degree. Mr. Kelly, who is a Hastings boy, is also a popular and energetic member of the Young Men's Club, and one whose college career has been particularly bright. He gives great promise as a speaker, and is regarded as a likely 'Plunket medalist' next year. His performance on Saturday might well be characterised as brilliant. Their fellow-members are naturally proud of their success, and the Club, the Literary Society, and the Federation have placed on record

their great pleasure and appreciation. It is to be hoped that other Catholic young men will follow in the path on which Messrs. Fitzgibbon and Kelly are making such headway.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 17.

Mrs. T. White, of the Occidental Hotel, died on Monday last fortified by the rites of Holy Church, after a prolonged illness.—R.I.P.

The first issue of the parish magazine was in the hands of subscribers on Sunday last, and proves to be a very useful record of parish work as well as other local and useful information.

A benefit social was held in the Zealandia Hall on the 8th inst by the many friends and well-wishers of Miss Oulling, who was recently burnt out, amongst others, in the Cuba street fire. The proceeds realised all expectations, and should prove very useful to that enterprising young lady.

The social and concert held in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday last to reduce the debt on the new convent turned out a great success, notwithstanding the many other attractions the same evening. Patrons were well pleased with the evening's enjoyment and pronounced the concert portion of the entertainment well above the average. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed items to the programme. Mr. E. Higgins, 'The meeting of the waters'; duet by Misses 'Garrity and Clifford, 'Tell her I love her so' (encored), Mr. Preston, 'Terry' (encored); Mrs. Russell, 'Once'; Mr. McCarthy, 'The gallants of England' (encored); Irish jig by Mr. John Hurley and son; Mr. V. Dallow, 'River of years'; Miss Clifford, 'Going to market' (encored); Mr. J. Giorgi, 'The deathless army' (encored); violin solo by Mr. T. Kitchen; Mr. Russell, 'Boatswain's song'; Mr. Preston, 'Off to Philadelphia' (encored). The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Burke and Miss Hurley and Mr. J. Sidford. The refreshments were very generously supplied by the ladies of the parish, and were presided over by Messrs. Hickey and McWilliam.

CROMWELL

(From an occasional correspondent.)

September 16.

The annual concert of the convent pupils is always eagerly looked forward to by all classes of the community, on account of the excellent repertoire of singing, music, and exercises provided. On Thursday evening, the pupils faced the largest audience ever gathered in the Athenaeum Hall, it being densely packed to the doors. The girl pupils of St. John's School sang the part song, 'Bella Napoli, with fine effect. The goodnight drill was a treat to witness, the precision with which the little dots recited their respective pieces and went through their exercises being very creditable. A pianoforte duet by Misses Martha and Ivy Mitchell, and a pianoforte solo by Miss Maud Mitchell were excellent items, a pianoforte duet in the second part by Misses Ida and Master Morris being also very good. Mrs. Morris sang 'The beating of my own heart with fine effect. The gem of the evening was the vocal duet, 'The wild rose,' by Miss Ivy Barker and Master Clarence Barker. A perfect storm of applause greeted them at the finish, and they had to respond to an undeniable encore. Mr. John McKechnie danced an Irish jig and Highland fling in his inimitable style. 'Scarf fantasies' by Misses K. and C. Thomas, M. and T. Mitchell, S. and C. Scoles, and F. Hayes was a very artistic performance. A drama, 'The Carnduff Legacy,' was staged, the characters being sustained by Misses Cahill, M. Mitchell, K. Thomas, Maud Mitchell, Maggie Cahill, F. Hayes, K. Burnie, and Mr. D. Cahill. The performers were all letter-perfect, and displayed considerable histrionic ability. A farce, entitled 'Pranks,' followed in the second part of the programme, and created considerable amusement, the characters being impersonated by Misses M. and S. Cahill, M. Mitchell, S. and A. McNulty, K. and F. Thomas, D. McNulty, and Mr. D. Cahill, all of whom acted admirably. The chorus, 'The good-night of the jovious reapers,' by the pupils was splendidly rendered, and brought the most successful concert held here to a close. At the interval the door prize, consisting of a superbly painted firescreen, was drawn for, Mrs. J. Tizard proving the fortunate winner. Rev. Father Hunt in an appropriate speech thanked the Sisters of the convent, the pupils, and all who had so generously assisted in making the concert such a success, the sum of over £30 having been taken. The accompanists were the Misses Jolly, Cahill, and Mitchell, who acquitted themselves in their usually artistic style.

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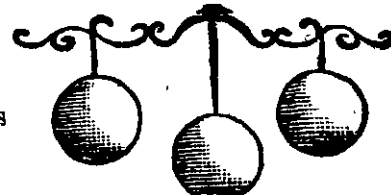
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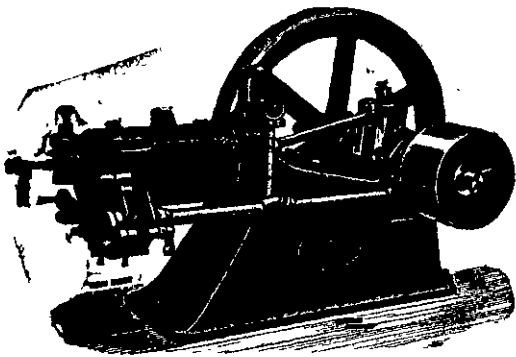
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The Storyteller

A TASTE OF SOCIETY

(Concluded from last week.)

Dale stood behind his chair—he had not been playing at all, having assumed the attitude of mentor to his friend before the game began. Macey looked up and saw him exchanging glances with the man opposite. Dale's look had meant, 'Do not be too hard on him; he is my friend; he is green.' At least Macey so interpreted it. While he felt a passing impulse of gratitude to Dale in that he was loyal, he was disgusted at the idea which thrust itself upon his mind—that he had fallen into a nest of gamblers. At the same time he became conscious of oaths, loud voices, and snarling imprecations at the other tables. The punch bowl had been replenished; it stood within easy reaching distance of all the players, who had recourse to it frequently. The atmosphere reeked of tobacco and hot whiskey. The dealer began to rake in the chips, preparatory to another game; but Macey rose.

'I will play no more,' he said. 'It is late and I must be going.'

'It is not much after one,' said Dale. 'The game is only beginning to get exciting. I was just about to take a hand.'

'Take mine, then!' said Macey, throwing a ten-dollar gold piece on the table—the amount of his losses. 'I have no more money, and must bid you all good-evening.'

'No, no!' cried the others; while one of them added, 'Dale will make you a loan. Don't go.'

'Certainly, you can have all you want,' observed Dale—rather coldly, Macey thought—as he stepped forward to the chair his friend had vacated.

'Thanks!' said Macey. 'I have no desire to play, even if Dale lends you twenty?'

'Under no consideration,' rejoined Macey, lifting his eyes in time to intercept an exchange of glances between two of the players. 'I would stand to lose in any case,' he continued rather sharply, 'as I am no match for such old hands.'

'Some people cannot bear adversity,' said one of the men with a sneer; 'especially when it reaches up into the tens.'

He placed strong emphasis on the last word. A smile went round the table—in which, however, Dale did not join. Nothing could have exceeded the insolent manner of the others.

'To lose one ten is far more than I can afford in any way, least of all at gambling,' said Macey nonchalantly; though he had calculated the effect of his words before uttering them.

'What do you mean, sir?' asked the sneering one.

'I mean what I say—always,' replied Macey. 'Playing for money is gambling, which, I have heard, generally goes hand in hand with cheating. I have never before played for money, and, so help me God, I never will again!'

'There is no occasion for heroics, Macey,' said Dale. 'Simply drop it, and we'll go.'

'Just as you please,' answered Macey. 'I am going presently, but I do not wish to take you from your friends.'

'Wait!—I shall be ready in a moment,' said Dale.

The other men rose, and, with Dale, drew a little to one side. As Macey stepped forward to the window he heard the clink of money. They were probably settling their accounts.

At both of the other tables the noise had grown less; but the faces of the men—all little more than boys—were flushed and sodden. From the window he could look down into the supper tent. Strains of music came from the ballroom—a languorous, voluptuous rhythm that sickened brain and heart, as he stood in the cool night air, resting his fevered cheek against the window-frame. Through the fumes of smoke filling the room in which he was, the crouching forms of the half-intoxicated players looked like animals black and bestial.

The broad flaps of the supper tent beneath the window were open to their full width, fastened back by heavy cords, to give entrance and egress to the crowd passing in and out for ices and champagne. Inside they were singing rollicking 'rag-time' songs—young men and girls; and Macey could see them dancing around the small circular tables whereon lay the debris of the feast which had looked so tempting and dainty two hours before.

As he gazed a couple came skipping down the aisle between the tables, to the accompaniment of whistling and a violent clapping of hands. The girl was dressed in silk of creamy white; her dark hair, falling almost on her shoulders in careless disorder, needed but a crown of grape leaves to complete the resemblance to the Barchante whom she emulated in the wild dance. Her companion, a large, red-faced, red-haired man, with difficulty kept time and step to her mad performance. There was neither grace nor agility in his remarkable movements; but the girl, holding up her long skirts with one hand, deftly balanced a brimming glass of champagne on the palm of the other, as she came swiftly along, beneath the blinding glare of the electric lamps above her head. They reached the open door of the tent, and then, with a sudden wild shriek, which sounded to Macey like the demoniac laughter of an abandoned soul, she threw the contents of the crystal goblet into her companion's face.

Macey paused to see no more. Turning from the window, he walked quietly to where Dale, just about to separate from the others, was buttoning his coat.

'I am going,' he said curtly.

'And so am I,' replied Dale, joining him immediately.

They left the room together, and, hurrying down the stairs, were soon on the sidewalk.

'I suppose I should have said good-night to the hostess,' remarked Macey, after they had taken a few steps into the cool, bracing night, now verging on the dawn.

'One never does,' rejoined Dale, who was accustomed to the manners of 'society.' It is bad form when there is a mob. Everyone is more or less muddled or cross at this time of night, anyhow. But I say, Macey,' he added, after a pause, 'why did you make that insinuation to-night—for it was an insinuation?' It was in very bad taste.

'Not any more so than all the rest that went on there,' said Macey.

'What do you mean, boy? It was positively fresh of you to tell them you could not afford to lose ten dollars at a little game of cards. Those fellows will only laugh at you. They're all swells, you know.'

'Swell-heads, I should call them, in each and every sense of the word, Dale,' said Macey bluntly. 'I see now where all your money goes. The game is not worth the candle, Dale. Stop while you can. I have had my first and last sip of "society champagne" to-night, and it has been well worth the ten dollars I left on the table. It seems to me now that I shall never get the taste out of my mouth.'

'You're a queer one, Macey!' said Dale. 'You had enough attention from Charlotte in the early part of the evening to turn any other young fellow's head. To be sure, she gave you the cold shoulder later for her Englishman; but, really, no woman would have done anything else.'

'They are welcome to each other,' said Macey heartily; and Dale knew that he meant what he said.

The two friends had come to the corner where their ways separated, and so parted with a brief 'Good-night!' After that time their lives seldom converged.

Dawn was breaking when Macey entered his own rooms. How sweet and clean and wholesome and delightful they seemed after the scenes he had lately left behind! Hastily divesting himself of his evening raiment, he donned a comfortable dressing-gown, lit a cigar, and, going over to his desk, opened one of the little drawers, from which he took the picture of a fair young girl, innocent, lovely, yet thoughtful and full of character. Pressing the lips to the pure white forehead again and again, he placed it in front of him; and then, late—or early—as it was, he sat down and wrote a long letter to—Margaret.—'Ave Maria.'

AFTER MANY DAYS

The forester and his wife had just returned from a visit to Berlin, where their nephew had been ordained a few days before. Prosperity had crowned the labors of these worthy people. They had only one drop of bitterness in their cup of happiness: it was their misfortune never to have been blessed with a son.

'What joy to have a son a priest!' exclaimed the forester's wife for the twentieth time, as she sat with her husband in the garden on this pleasant afternoon. 'We could have paid for his education; he would have been our offering to the Lord; and, who knows, perhaps in time he might even have come to serve the altar here in our own village?'

'What you say is true, Katherine,' replied the forester—that is, if it should all come to pass. But how many are there who have had sons who disgrace them and break their hearts! Perhaps it is better so.'

'O Franz, no son of ours would have done that!' cried his wife. 'How could such a thing be possible?' 'It has happened often before,' the forester answered gravely. 'Let us be thankful for the blessings we possess, for they are many.'

With these words he lit his pipe, took his stick, and went forth for a stroll, according to his daily custom.

At the same moment the pastor of the village issued from his garden, also for a little walk. Both men, from an opposite direction, entered the fringe of woods which skirted the village. Not far from the spot where the pastor was slowly walking stood a ruined cottage, which, however, had been recently occupied by a woodcutter and his little boy, a child about eight years of age. The poor man had died of a fever the week before, leaving the request that his child be sent to a brother of his wife who lived in the city. After the funeral, having satisfied himself that the brother-in-law was respectable, the priest sent the child, with his few belongings, to the home of his uncle, in care of a neighbor who was going to the city. The family were absent at the time; but a woman who lived in the house said the child might remain in her room until evening, when they would return. The villager had reported this fact, and it was supposed that everything would be right.

As the priest approached the ruined cottage, he thought he saw a face at the window. It disappeared, and when he arrived at the gate a little boy ran out to meet him.

'Why, George!' exclaimed the pastor. 'What has brought you here? I thought you were 'with your uncle.'

'The woman turned me out,' said the boy, beginning to cry. 'My uncle was absent, working on the river, and she said there was no room for me. So I came back here.'

'Did she turn you into the street?' asked the pastor.

'Yes, Father—the next morning.'

'And how did you get here?'

'I walked, Father.'

'Fifty miles?'

'Yes, Father. Good people gave me bread, and I slept sometimes under a tree, sometimes close to a hedge. Once a policeman wanted to put me in gaol; but I told him I was coming to you, and he let me go.'

'To me? But what shall I do with you, my boy?'

'I don't know, Father.'

'When did you arrive?'

'A few minutes ago, Father. I was so tired, I thought I would rest here awhile before going to you.'

The kind priest looked down at the innocent face, with its great blue eyes upturned to his, and his heart ached for the poor orphan, who stood so trustfully regarding him, his cap in one hand, all his worldly goods tied in a red handkerchief, in the other. Something would have to be done.

Presently the forester was seen advancing from the other side of the forest. The priest went to meet him, engaging him in conversation, while the boy stood patiently waiting at a distance. At length the two men came toward him.

'George dear,' said the priest, 'how would you like to go and live with Mr. Busch?'

'I think it would be very nice, Father,' replied the boy.

'Very well. Let us try it, in God's name,' said the forester. 'Come along, my little fellow. We will go home.'

'You will be a very good boy, George?' asked the priest.

'A very good boy, Father,' echoed the child.

Half an hour later the forester entered the living room of his own comfortable home, where his wife and two daughters were seated. The mother spinning, one of the girls sewing, and the other engaged in knitting a pair of stockings—for this, though not so very long ago, was before the days of machine work, at least in the Black Forest.

'See here what I have brought you!' exclaimed the big, burly forester, in a cheerful voice, as the child pulled the cap from his curly head and remained uncovered in the presence of the three women.

'Oh, what a pretty boy!' said the forester's wife. 'Who is he?'

'An orphan who has neither friend nor home,' rejoined the forester. 'I have brought him to you,

mother, for a son; and now, girls, you will have what you have always desired—a little brother.'

With one accord these good people arose and embraced the boy. Little Georgie had found a home and hearts to love him.

He proved to be all they had thought him. He was no trouble to anyone; on the contrary, he filled the house with sunshine, always willing to oblige and eager to learn. What he liked best, after the household work was done, was to sit on a stool at the feet of his adopted mother and her daughters, quite close to Lena, the younger girl, who had taken a great liking to him. He could already read well, and he delighted in taking up a children's Bible History, which Lena had won at a school contest, and reading aloud the beautiful narratives it contained. He also became quite proficient in drawing, never tiring of making pictures on his slate, and later, when he grew older, on paper.

'Georgie, you will never be a farmer or a forester. I see that already,' said his adopted mother to him one day, as he sat contentedly among them, his head bent over his drawing-book.

'No, indeed,' said Lena, pulling his curly hair. 'For my part I believe Georgie is going to be something great—perhaps a priest.'

'A priest!' cried the boy. 'I could never be good enough for that, but maybe I can learn enough to be a teacher some day.'

'If George continues to be an industrious boy, I shall not mind spending something on his education,' said the Forester. 'He may learn Latin if he wishes. I am going to speak to the priest about it.'

So it came to pass that at last Georgie went to the seminary, and, after the requisite studies, was ordained priest. It seemed to the good couple who had adopted him, and to their daughters—one of whom was now married—that the day on which they assisted at the celebration of his first Mass, in the village church, was the happiest of their lives. Their joy was moderated, however, when they learned that the young priest had offered himself as a missionary to the Chinese—something which would remove him from them forever. But, good Christians as they were, they made the sacrifices; and for several years they heard only at long intervals from their adopted son.

In the meantime misfortune had fallen upon this good family. Mr. Busch had grown old; he had been removed from his position as forester, and was thus obliged to give up the comfortable, pleasant house where all his married life had been spent. The husband of Martha, the elder girl, had a mania for inventions; he persuaded his father-in-law to lend him all his savings, in order that he might perfect a wheel on which he had been engaged for many years. It proved a failure, and the money was lost. The young man began to drink, and soon died. His wife did not long survive him, and a little later Lena, the younger girl, died of a fever.

The old people were left alone, their only subsistence being whatever Mr. Busch could earn by an occasional day's work. Farmers do not like to employ old men; thus their poverty became extreme. Their good friend the pastor was long dead. They had not heard from George for more than two years, and in their letters to him they carefully refrained from speaking of the change in their circumstances, as they did not wish to cause him pain, when they knew he could not assist them.

At last they realised that there was no refuge for them but the almshouse. The day came. Without saying a word of their purpose to their neighbors, they set out, hand in hand, for the town where henceforth they were to reside. Age and sorrow had dimmed their sight. With bent shoulders and feeble limbs they entered the forest which lay between the village they were leaving and the town to which they were going. Pausing beside a heap of stones, the old man said:

'Here, wife, once stood the cottage from which I led our Georgie by the hand.'

'I fear he is dead. He must have been murdered by the heathens, or he would not have been so long without writing to us,' replied his wife.

Just then a tall, slender man came out of the brushwood. He stated when he observed the old people, but saw that they did not recognise him, as he wore a beard, after the custom of missionaries in some parts of the Orient.

'Franz, he is dressed like a priest,' whispered the old woman.

'Yes, he is a priest,' answered Franz, glancing at the Roman collar.

'Father, your blessing!' said the old woman, falling on her knees, followed by her husband.

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'Thank God, that is all over now!' said the priest, when it was finished. 'My health could no longer stand the Chinese climate; the Bishop obliged me to return, and I have been given a very good parish in C., on the other side of the forest. There is also a school there, in which I shall help teach. My stipend is very good indeed. I was coming to tell you about it, little thinking that you had been so unfortunate. I stopped a few moments to look at the place from which you took me, a poor orphan; and it seems to me providential that we should meet here on this very spot. Come back now with me to the village inn, and tomorrow we will all set out again for my new home, and yours as well, dear father and mother—the home where you shall end your lives in peace and comfort.'

Weeping tears of joy, the old couple leaned upon the arms of their adopted son as they retraced their steps through the forest; happy in the thought that for the little time left them on earth they would not be forced to eat the bread of charity, but would be fed with that of gratitude returned to them 'after many days.'—'Ave Maria.'

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Monsignor John Vaughan

Mgr. John Vaughan has been obliged, owing to considerations of health, to abandon his hope of becoming permanently attached to the Carthusian community at Lucca. Most Catholics will (says a contemporary) rejoice in knowing that if the Monsignor is lost to the Carthusians he is saved to Catholic literature. Monsignor Vaughan was received in private audience by the Holy Father recently.

Degeneration, and the Remedy

The 'spiritual and medical doctors' (says the 'Catholic Times') are agreeing in the unpleasant conclusion that morally and physically the people of this country are losing ground. The Rev. Dr. Barry has been telling the readers of the 'Daily Chronicle,' in language as direct as it is vigorous, that there never was a generation so frivolous in this island as is now growing up, so little ready to deny itself anything that tickles its fancy, so heedless, or so incapable of long-continued tasks, mental or bodily. Speakers at the Medical Congress have been giving utterance to pretty much the same view. There can, we think, be little doubt that the decay of home life is due to the decay of faith. Men seem to think little of a future estate, and to take 'Eat, Drink, and be Merry' as their motto. Even when they feverishly apply themselves to money-making it is not from an earnest desire to benefit the community, but rather to gratify luxurious tastes. We need a reformation which will induce people to believe in the importance of self-restraint and the necessity of plain-living. But the idea of mortification in the Christian sense of the word has become so obsolete that it is questionable whether a St. Francis multiplied many times would make any impression here nowadays.

FRANCE—To aid the Lepers

Father Gabriel Martin, with three other missionaries and two lay brothers of the famous Order known as Picpucians, just expelled from France, are on their way to the lepers on the island of Molokai, where they will spend the remainder of their lives.

The King of Spain at Lourdes

The King of Spain on July 27 paid a visit to Lourdes. After having been in the Grotto, he was present at Mass in the Church of the Holy Rosary. Subsequently he inspected the Basilica, and was shown a chalice given by his father, Alfonso XII., whilst he was Prince of the Asturias. The King had an enthusiastic reception from the pilgrims and the local Catholics.

Vanished Millions

When M. Waldeck-Rousseau first directed the attention of the French public to the religious Orders (says the 'Catholic Times') he gave out that the profits arising from confiscating their goods would suffice to establish old age pensions. Anti-clericals estimated the plunder at a thousand million of francs. Well, the Orders have been suppressed and their property confiscated, but where are the profits? The 'Revue Maconique' makes the sorrowful confession that not one penny so far has come into the coffers of the State, nor is there any likelihood of one coming. Indeed, the State, that is the taxpayers, has had to advance money to the liquidators and lawyers who are engaged in valuing and selling the property of the religious Congregations. 'Already a million and a half have gone in this way. And what has become of the property? What becomes of the carcass of an ox when the vultures gather upon it? The French anti-clericals had a great feast of plunder, and there are no remnants left for the State. If France obtains old age pensions, it will not be the monks and nuns who will find the capital; it will be the taxpayers.'

ROME—The Irish College

The Liverpool 'Catholic Times' learns on reliable authority that the Rectorship of the Irish College, Rome, vacant by the death of Monsignor Murphy, will be taken over by the Vincentian Fathers, who already have charge of the Irish College, Paris, All Hallows' College, Dublin, the Training College, Hammersmith, and other colleges, and who have been eminently successful as educationists and administrators.

SOUTH AFRICA—Reception and Profession

Recently at St. Dominic's Convent, Newcastle, South Africa, twenty postulants received the white habit of St. Dominic and three novices made their profession. Two were from Germany and 21 from Ireland. The young ladies who received the habit were:—Miss Abina Ford, Miss Helena Dill, Miss Lucy Coffey, and Miss Annie Cremin, from St. Finbar's City on the Lee; Miss Katie Roche and Miss Joan Hurst, from Waterford; Miss Kathleen Murphy, from Kerry; Miss Mary O'Sullivan, Miss Emily Lipper, and Miss Margaret Lynch, from Limerick; Miss Rose O'Brien, from Clare; Miss Margaret M'Nichols, Miss Lizzie Rogers, Miss Margaret Laven, and Miss Katie Reilly, from Mayo; Miss Margaret Walsh, from Sligo; Miss Anna Barnett, Miss Mary Toker, and Miss Elizabeth Hyland, from Dublin; and Fraulein Catherine Lehner, from Germany. The novices professed were: Sister M. Benedict M'Gaum and Sister M. Lucy Lipper, from Limerick; and Sister M. Teresa Peckler, from Germany.

The Hon. W. Moore, Chief Secretary of Tasmania, is probably the oldest Cabinet Minister in the world. He celebrated his 82nd birthday the other day. Hobart is the home of old men, for Archbishop Murphy is 90, and so is Sir Aylie Douglas.

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Membrane of Eggs in Surgery.

A simple agent in home surgery whose value seems to have been overlooked is the skin or membrane of eggs. Calling attention to this at a recent meeting of physicians in Paris, Dr. Amat cited two cases—a severe burn on a young girl's foot and a large ulcer on the leg of a man of forty—in which six or eight pieces of the egg membrane had been placed over a wound, which was then covered with tin-foil, fastened with dry antiseptic bandage. After four days the membrane had partially grown into the tissue, cicatrization being hastened and a good growth of new skin ensured.

A Destructive Insect.

The tiny tsetse-fly of Africa, so formidable as a destroyer of horses and cattle, is at last indicted for manslaughter. Col. David Bruce, who has been making investigations in Uganda, concludes that the parasite of "sleeping sickness," the mysterious and fatal brain disease that has depopulated a large area of rich country within ten years, has been brought from the Congo and is spread by the tsetse-fly. Where the fly does not exist there is no sleeping sickness. A very peculiar distribution of this disease is noticeable, as it is restricted to the numerous islands of the northern Victoria Nyanza and to a belt of shore a few miles wide, but only in localities of forest with high trees and luxuriant undergrowth.

Destruction of Penguins.

The penguins, of which about a dozen species still exist on the rocky islands and coasts of the southern hemisphere, are of unusual interest as the survivors of the great flightless birds. Human greed has been attracted to these rare creatures, and Dr. E. A. Wilson, an English naturalist, points out that within the last few years thousands of them have been slaughtered for oil on Macquarie Island and the Auckland Islands, not less than 100 tons of the oil having been recently placed on the market. A new scheme is to establish great oil caulkrons in the Auckland Islands. Thus far the 'rookeries' of these islands have suffered comparatively little from man, but the carrying out of the new project will bring speedy extinction to one of the most unique life forms of the world.

The Inventor of the Lightning Rod.

Almost everybody believes that Franklin was the inventor of the lightning rod, and in this one particular nearly everybody is mistaken. The first lightning conductor was not invented by the genius who is said to have 'caught the lightning wild and played with bolts of thunder,' but by a poor Bohemian monk who lived at Scuttenberg, who erected his lightning catcher on the palace of the curator of Preditz, Moravia, on June 15, 1754. The name of this inventive monk was Prohob Dilwisch. His apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod supporting twelve curved branches, and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore and enclosed with a wooden box-like cover. This was traversed by 27 iron-pointed rods, the bases of which were connected with the ore boxes. This entire system of wires was united with the earth by a large chain.

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The Home

By Maureen

Carrot Jam.

Now that the stock of jams is running low a good and wholesome substitute may be found in carrot jam, which both in flavor and color can hardly be distinguished from apricot. Boil some carrots till soft, strain, and pulp through a cullender, and to each pound of pulp add 1lb of sugar, the juice of 2 lemons and the grated rind of one, and six bitter almonds. Boil the whole for five minutes.

Orange Marmalade.

Take 3lb of Seville or poor man's oranges, 12 cups of water, and 9lb of sugar. Cut oranges, with peels, as thin as possible, rejecting the pips, soak in the water for 24 hours, then boil for 2 hours, add sugar and boil an hour longer.

Home-made Shoe Dressing.

A good home-made dressing for russet leather shoes, bags, or other articles is made as follows: Dissolve 2oz of soft soap in 8oz of water, and add 8oz of annatto solution (in oil form). Melt 3oz of beeswax in 3oz of linseed oil and 8oz of gum turpentine. Stir the two solutions together gradually until cold. The dressing can then be corked securely, and it will keep indefinitely.

The Care of Umbrellas.

Umbrellas will last much longer if, when they are wet, they are placed handle downward to dry. The moisture falls from the edges of the frame, and the fabric dries uniformly. If stood handle upward, which is commonly the case, the top of the umbrella holds the moisture, owing to the lining underneath the ring; it consequently takes a long time to dry, and injures the silk or other fabric with which it is covered. This is the main cause of the top of the umbrella wearing out sooner than the other parts. Umbrella cases are responsible for the wear of the silk. The constant friction causes tiny holes that appear so provokingly early. When not in use, the umbrella should be left loose, and when wet left loose to dry.

Cleaning Steel Fire-irons.

It may be useful to know that fire-irons, etc. which have become rusty or discolored, may be cleaned with ease, by rubbing them with a mixture of paraffin oil and emery knife polish. This should be applied with a piece of coarse flannel, and the steel afterwards rubbed with a wash-leather.

To Clean Smoked Lamp Globes.

Nothing looks more unsightly and untidy in a room, otherwise nicely appointed, than a smoked lamp glass, and yet how often do we see them, and if not actually smoked, they are so badly washed that the stain of the smoke is not absolutely obliterated, and so the glass appears thick and cloudy, and the brilliancy of the light is obscured. Now, if they were washed in warm soda and water and well brushed, and afterwards rinsed in warm water, in which a little powdered ammonia has been dissolved, brushing them again until the stains disappear, and afterwards rinsing them well in cold water, they will look beautifully white and clear.

To Keep Brass from Tarnishing.

To prevent brass from tarnishing dissolve half an ounce of shellac in half a pint of methylated spirit; cork tightly; leave tall next day; then pour off the clear liquid. Heat the brass slightly, and paint the solution over it with a camel-hair brush.

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INTERCOLONIAL

At Brisbane Exhibition, Mr. John Farrell, coachman to his Grace Archbishop Dunne, secured first prize for the best pair of buggy horses under 16 hands. This is the second year the Archbishop's horses have secured the blue ribbon.

A tender has been accepted for the Father Timoney memorial altar in St. Benedict's Church, West Sydney. The altar is to be constructed in Italy of alabaster, and at a cost of £315. It will be the first of the kind in New South Wales.

His Grace Archbishop O'Reilly of Adelaide was the chaplain to the settlement in which John Boyle O'Reilly and the Fenian prisoners were held in Western Australia, in the district of which Fremantle is now the centre. Father O'Reilly was so sea-sick on the voyage to Australia, when he first came out many years ago, that, when he became Bishop, he was relieved of the duty of visiting Rome. He has only just returned from his first visit to Rome since he joined the hierarchy.

Mr. Frank B. Kelly, who so generously donated, 'in his own quiet, unostentatious way,' to use the words of Dr. Gallagher, £500 to the new Kenmore Orphanage, is one of the best known and most popular merchants in Goulburn. He is a man of the most charitable disposition, and always does good by stealth; Mr. Kelly is an uncompromising Irish Nationalist, an enthusiastic Hibernian, and a worthy citizen whom the people of Goulburn hold in deservedly high esteem.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, of Coolgardie, who was chosen by the priests of the Perth diocese as their representative at the Plenary Council in Sydney, has been over fifteen years in the diocese. There are few priests in that diocese who possess a better knowledge of the country than Dean O'Reilly. When he was stationed at Greenough he used to make periodical trips up to Cue, camping for weeks in the open. As a friend of his observed, 'there are few sliprails in the vast areas that those districts once embraced which have not been taken down by Dean O'Reilly.'

Cardinal Moran's reference at the banquet given by the Catholic laity of Sydney to the visiting prelates and clergy to the necessity of asserting Australia's position in the world could hardly have been better illustrated (says the 'Freeman's Journal') than by his story of a post-card received from the Dublin Trinity College publishers a few days earlier, addressed to 'Cardinal Cullen, Sydney, United States of America.' The American postal authorities seem to have been better informed on geography as well as personality than the Dublin publishers. The cream of the joke lies in the fact that Cardinal Cullen was for many years Archbishop of Dublin.

The Plenary Council having been solemnly opened at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, September 3, held its first private session at St. Patrick's College on Monday and continued its sittings during the week. The first business of the Council was to despatch the following cablegram through Cardinal Moran: 'To Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State, Vatican, Rome. The Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney and the Australian Bishops, assembled at Sydney in Plenary Council, offer filial homage to the Holy Father, and earnestly beg his blessing on the Council, on themselves, and on their clergy and people.' The following message was also sent to President Roosevelt, Washington: 'The Catholic Bishops of the Australian Commonwealth, assembled in Plenary Council, heartily congratulate you on the triumphant issue of your noble efforts for peace.'

Dr. A. L. Kenny, K.S.G., Melbourne, was highly honored, on August 24, when a farewell was given him in the Cathedral Hall, prior to leaving on an extended European tour. The Cathedral Club presented a richly-illuminated address. In brief form, the wording recorded the leading works in which Dr. Kenny had taken part, notably the second Australian Catholic Congress. Eulogistic speeches were made by His Grace the Archbishop, Bishop Corbett, Hon. J. G. Duffy, ex-M.L.A., Mr. Benjamin Hoare, Senator Mulcahy (Tasmania), and the chairman, Dr. Kenny made a modest and feeling reply, the keynote of which was that his every action in Church and other works had been inspired by a deep sense of duty as a Catholic layman. The Bishops of Bendigo and Ballarat were also present, besides a large number of the clergy and laity. Dr. Kenny was the first president of the Men's Cathedral Club, which, with his Grace the Archbishop, he may be said to have founded.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- September 24, Sunday.—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of Our Lady of Mercy.
 „ 25, Monday.—Saints Eustace and Companions, Martyrs.
 „ 26, Tuesday.—St. Eusebius, Pope and Martyr.
 „ 27, Wednesday.—Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.
 „ 28, Thursday.—St. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr.
 „ 29, Friday.—Dedication of the Church of St. Michael, Archangel.
 „ 30, Saturday.—St. Jerome, Confessor and Doctor.

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy.

In the thirteenth century, when the Mediterranean was swept by Moorish pirates, a religious Order was instituted under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the purpose of collecting alms for the relief and ransom of Christian captives, of visiting them in their captivity, and restoring them when possible to their friends and families. In memory of the institution of this admirable Order, and of the tender Compassion of the Blessed Virgin, to whom it owed its origin, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy was instituted.

Saints Eustace and Companions, Martyrs.

St. Eustace, a Roman general, suffered martyrdom together with his wife and two sons, shortly after the beginning of the second century.

St. Eusebius, Pope and Martyr.

St. Eusebius, who succeeded St. Marcellus on the Papal throne, was banished by Maxentius to Sicily where suffering and privation soon caused his death, A.D. 310.

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.

These two saints were brothers, born in Arabia, and renowned for their skill in medicine. They were remarkable for their charity, and for the zeal with which they endeavored to propagate the Christian religion. They were both beheaded in the persecution of Diocletian, about the year 303.

St. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr.

St. Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, was remarkable for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. His zeal for the propagation of the true Faith led to his death at the hands of his brother, A.D. 982.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The dedication of the famous Church of St. Michael, on Monte Gargano, in Italy, gave occasion to the present Feast; but the Church also proposes to our devotion on this day the veneration of all the angels. To-day, therefore, we are called upon to give thanks to God for the glory and happiness which the angels enjoy, and to join with them in adoring, blessing, and praising Him.

St. Jerome, Confessor and Doctor.

St. Jerome was born at Stridon, in Dalmatia, in 340. His youth was passed in Rome, whither he was sent to complete his studies under Aelius Donatus, a celebrated grammarian. His thirst for knowledge caused him to visit foreign cities, among others Treves, where he translated for his friend Rufinus a commentary on the Psalms and a treatise on Synods by St. Hilary. In 381 Jerome went to Constantinople to study the holy Scriptures under St. Gregory Nazianzen, and thence returned to Rome. He was the intimate friend of Pope Damasus, who appointed him his secretary. At the Pope's request, Jerome began his revision of the old Latin or Italic version of the Bible. After the death of Damasus he set out for Palestine, where he founded and superintended several monasteries until his death, which occurred at Bethlehem in 420. He was buried amid the ruins of one of his monasteries, which had been destroyed by the partisans of Pelagius. St. Jerome, who is called by the Church 'the greatest Doctor raised by the Divine hand to interpret the Sacred Scriptures,' was the author of the Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Of all his writings this is the most useful and most widely known.

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