

for the objects named by the Pontiff, but he has sown the seed, and good fruit is sure to follow in the course of the coming twelve months.

Socialism in Australia

Miss Helen Jerome, a Melbourne journalist, who is touring the world in search of copy and who recently had an interview with President Roosevelt on the birth-rate and alien immigration, failed to obtain an audience with the Pope on Australian Socialism. Dr. Hagan, Vice-Rector of the Irish College at Rome, wrote to her as follows:—"In the long run the question is not far removed from a doctrinal one. So far as I can judge, the social programme approved by Cardinal Moran is no more real Socialism as we understand the term here than Catholicism is Paganism. It is simply what we know as Christian Democracy, which his Holiness Leo XIII. and the present Pope have warmly approved.

RUSSIA—Death of the Metropolitan

Our Home exchanges report the death of the Metropolitan of the Catholic Church in Russia, the Most Rev. Count George Schembek, who died on August 8, at the age of 54, on his ancestral estate at Poremby, near Cracow.

SCOTLAND—New Church at Stirling

The very fine new Catholic church at Stirling, built by the generosity of Mrs. Colonel Murray, was opened recently with impressive ceremonies. About one hundred priests from all parts of Scotland attended and took part in the ceremony. Solemn High Mass was celebrated and a sermon suitable to the occasion preached by Archbishop Maguire. The church is of the late decorative Gothic style of architecture by Messrs. Pugin and Pugin, London, and is now the finest ecclesiastical building in the town. It consists of a handsome nave and aisles with chancels and side chapels and ample vestries, with sitting accommodation for 1000. It has been erected at a cost of £12,000. The church takes the place of the former chapel built in 1838, when it was the only Catholic place of worship between Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Perth.

UNITED STATES—Death of a Prelate

Among those who had been carried off by the yellow fever in New Orleans in the early part of August, was Archbishop Chapelle, one of best known members of the American hierarchy. Dr. Chapelle, who was born at Rhunus, diocese of Mende, in 1812, was at first Bishop of Santa Fe. In 1897 he was transferred to New Orleans. Having acted as Apostolic Delegate for Porto Rico and later for the Philippines, his advice was considered most valuable by the Holy See and the American authorities in dealing with the new conditions that arose. The Archbishop was exceedingly popular in New Orleans, and his demise has been the cause of intense grief.

Cardinal Moran's Record

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, September 8, being the 21st anniversary of the arrival of his Eminence the Cardinal on Australian shores, the 'Catholic Record' states:—"To-day he is the most prominent personality in Australia, and there is none who is more respected. Throughout the great archdiocese which he has been appointed to administer there are abiding memorials of his energy and zeal, and in every department of his sacred ministry he has worked with the enthusiasm and tireless activity of a pioneer. In purely secular matters his Eminence has given an example of vast learning, of patriotism, of prudence, and of statesmanship. And if there is one thing more than another for which his countrymen of Irish blood will gratefully thank his Eminence, it is that by his learning and patriotism and force of character he has insisted on the uplifting of every Irish cause in Australia, that the Irishman, be he rich or poor, has a noble tradition to be proud of, and deserves, equally with men of other nationalities, the respect of those who in the early days of the century affected to despise everything Irish.

The following statistics speak most eloquently for the work done by the Cardinal in the archdiocese of Sydney. In 1883 there were, besides the Archbishop, 100 priests, of whom 59 were seculars and 41 regulars. In 1905, besides the Cardinal-Archbishop, there are 186 priests—112 seculars and 74 regulars. In 1883 there were 78 teaching religious Brothers; in 1905 the number is 171. In 1883 the nuns were 252, in 1905 they number 1113. In 1883 the number of children attending Catholic schools was 10,936, in 1905 they are 23,171. In 1883 the chapels and churches in the arch-

diocese were 120; now they number 240. In 1883 there were 5 Catholic institutions of charity; now the number is 24. This is a noble record to look back upon, and we trust that his Eminence will be spared for many years to add yet more to his golden list of good works for religion and charity. With his Eminence on the occasion of his coming to Australia was associated, as private secretary, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran. As already stated, his Eminence has marked the occasion by handing to Dr. O'Haran a Papal Brief appointing him Prothonotary Apostolic.

Entertainment in Aid of the Orphanage

The production of 'My Sweetheart' at the Princess Theatre on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings was a great artistic success, taking professional not amateur acting as a standard. It was a finished performance from start to finish, and had not one weak feature in it. Many professional companies are made up of a couple of stars and several lights of very inferior brilliancy, but in the impersonation of characters in 'My Sweetheart' all shone with a brilliancy in proportion to what their respective parts demanded. Naturally the burden of the play fell on Mrs. John Fuller, who acted the heroine, Tina, and the natural, vivacious, and artistic manner in which she sustained that character was fully and generously recognised each evening by the highly delighted audience. The thankless role of the adventuress, Mrs. Fleeter, was admirably filled by Miss T. Brennan, her conception of the character being extremely natural. As the bustling Mrs. Hatzell Miss Addie Heley excelled herself, and made the most of the humorous situations which she was called upon to fill. A great deal was expected of Mr. B. Stevens as Tony, but even those who are best acquainted with his dramatic abilities were unprepared for the undoubted success achieved, both as a vocalist and an actor. Mr. Percy James filled the part of Dudley Harcourt to perfection, his portrayal of the inamities of the typical dude being productive of considerable amusement. Mr. King as Dr. Oliver did remarkably well, whilst the adventurer, Harold Bartlett, was faithfully impersonated by Mr. J. Dee. Mr. John Fuller had not much occasion to display his talents as Joe Shotwell, but he made the most of his opportunities, and gave a true-to-life impersonation of the broken-down sport. As Farmer Hatzell Mr. J. Stoyke had little to say, but what he had to do he did well. Little Miss Myers sang very nicely in the first act, 'Won't you come to my tea party?' and was admirably supported by a number of little ladies, who gave unmistakable evidence of the training they had received at the hands of Mr. J. Stoyke. An efficient orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Robertshaw contributed to the enjoyment of patrons. Appropriate scenery was the work of Mr. G. P. Hoskins, and the production, which reflected credit on all concerned, was under the direction of Mr. Percy James. It was an ambitious undertaking, and its success from the business point of view was solely and wholly due to Mr. J. J. Marlow, who, as secretary, spent much time and labor on it, and deserves the thanks of all interested in the welfare of the orphanage for the benefit of which the play was given.

The original intention was to have a season of three nights, but the attendance was so large on Friday evening that it was decided to stage the play again on Saturday. Mr. Marlow in making the announcement took the opportunity of thanking the public of Dunedin for the generous support given to the admirable institution conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

A cable message received last week announced the death at Glin, County Limerick, of Mrs. May Fitzgerald, at the remarkable age of 114 years. As the Knight of Glin is a Fitzgerald, it is probable that the deceased lady was one of that family.

As its name implies, the Benicia Disc Plough is a kind of combined plough and disc harrow, performing the work of both at the one operation. It may be had with anything from one to five discs, and is quickly converted into a two, three, or four furrow plough if required. The discs are 21 inches in diameter and are of great strength, being set at such an angle that they revolve and cut well under the soil, severing all roots, such as fern, rushes, manuka scrub—nothing can escape them. They throw the soil well over, pulverizing it in a manner quite foreign to the mouldboard plough, leaving a perfect seed bed.—MORROW, BASSETT, & CO., DUNEDIN....